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## Ova Monroe Weaver

Ova Monroe Weaver, age 85, of Lake Isabella, passed away on January 27, 1995. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include five children, 19 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Private cremation under the direction of Neptune Society of Bakersfield.

## Dorothy Mae Kirkwood

Dorothy Mae Kirkwood of Woody, California, passed away January 22, 1995, in Kern Medical Center after a brief illness. She was 79 years of age. She was born June 22, 1915 in Los Angeles, California, to Vernon and Betty Robinson, who homesteaded in the Bodfish area in the mid-1930's to 1981.

She is survived by her aunt Marie Bixler of Bodfish; cousins Ann Jones of Woody, Stella Abercombie of Bodfish, Nevada Hand of Bakersfield, Hurley Robinson of Upland, California; and close friends Tom and Kim Chapman of Ridgecrest and Barbara Burk of Woody. She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Kirkwood in 1983.

Dorothy retired as a telephone operator from the Long Beach School District in 1971. She and her husband Bill then moved to Bodfish on 20 acres of land they purchased in 1943 to be near her mother, where they remained until 1982.

During the 1970's, Dorothy was responsible for starting the original chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Kern Valley, and was very active in that organization.

A private memorial service with family and friends was held in Woody on Saturday, February 4, 1995.

## Ellsa LaVerne Ferguson

Funeral services were held Friday, February 3, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Ellsa LaVerne Ferguson of Bodfish.

Officiating was Pastor David Snow. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California.

Ellsa was born November 1, 1911 in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and passed away January 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of Bodfish for the past 24 years.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Roger and Linda Ferguson of Lake Forest, California; daughter Eleanor Ivie of Barstow, California; 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters Ada Myers of Bodfish; Leona Kudlemyer of Oregon; Elizabeth Wright of Oregon; Artie Harris of Oklahoma; Sophie Ducan of Kansas; sister-in-law Dovie Nail of Oklahoma; and brother Velber Ducan, also of Oklahoma. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lon M. Dimick

Funeral services for Lon M. Dimick, age 45, of Kernville were held on Friday, February 3, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A 3-year area resident, Lon was born April 14, 1949 in Santa Monica, California. He was a self-employed carpenter. Lon attended Kernville United Methodist Church and enjoyed fishing. He was an accomplished guitar player who enjoyed strumming, blues and bluegrass. He had played at the California State Fair in Sacramento.

Survivors include his mother Mary Stokes of Ridgecrest; brother Wayne Dimick of Ridgecrest; sister and brother-in-law, Rebecca and Kenneth Richards of Kernville; step-sister Jamie Sorrels; his grandmother Lenora Stokes of Ridgecrest; nephews Kurtis Young and Joshua Dimick; and a niece Jessica Dimick.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## Lorraine "Lori" Rita Hebestreit

Memorial services for "Lori" are being held this morning, Wednesday, February 8, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Ewings on the Kern. Pastor Deryl Lackey will officiate. Lori was born October 25, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois, and left this life after a short but gallant battle with cancer on February 1, 1995.

Lori graduated from Madonna High School, an all-girls Catholic school in Aurora, Illinois in 1944. That was also the year Lori met William "Bill" Hebestreit, her husband of 47 years. They were both seniors at the time, but attending different schools, and by chance met while roller skating at the local skating rink. Four years later on June 26, 1948, Lori and Bill became "Man and Wife" and the next 47 years became history. Together they raised five children and enjoyed eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Lori was an extremely active lady in our valley. She was a real estate broker by career, served as the Kern Valley Women's Club President 1989-1990 year, served as a board member and treasurer for the local clinic (Clinica Sierra Vista), was an avid bridge player, and was active in volunteer work.

Lori had a great love for creative writing, especially poetry and recently was the recipient of first place honors from the California Federation of Women's Clubs for her poem "Seasons of My Life."

She is survived by her husband William "Bill" Hebestreit of Wofford Heights; daughter Blanche Jimenez of Ashland, Oregon; daughter Margaret Pettinari of Bakersfield, California; daughter Roberta Olivera of Nuevo, California; daughter Jennifer Miller of Bakersfield, California; son Charles Hebestreit of Flagstaff, Arizona; Lori's sister Patricia Jaques of Homewood, Illinois; 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Kern Hospice or the cancer society of your choice in Lori's name.

### SEASONS OF MY LIFE

What happened to the  
springtime?  
It was here just yesterday.  
Did I really spend those  
precious hours  
Just whiling the time away?

I remember summer.  
It came and then it went.  
Now I can't relive those days  
Not always wisely spent.

Now that it's fall

How wise I've suddenly  
become,  
No time to waste or hesitate  
For soon I'm going home.

Will winter find me wanting  
For just one more day,  
To do the things I meant to do,  
Say the things I meant to say?

Thank you, Lord, for all  
those days  
I have beyond this date.  
I'll try to use them wisely  
Before it really is too late.

*Lori Hebestreit*

Lori touched many lives and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing such a fine and gracious lady.

## Klida Berneice Wood

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 4, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mrs. Wood was born January 16, 1924 in Colcord, Oklahoma, and passed away February 1, 1995, in Weldon, California. She has been a resident of Weldon for 23 years.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years Charlie Wood; son Ron Wood of Puyallap, Washington; daughter Charlotte Bullard of Ridgecrest, California; four sisters, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Paul Lawrence Bayne

In loving memory of Paul Lawrence Bayne, a former resident of Wofford Heights, a memorial mass was offered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 124 Columbus Street, Bakersfield, on Saturday, February 11, 1995. He passed away on February 7, 1995.

Paul was born September 11, 1934, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Paul and Lillian Bayne. The family moved to Bakersfield in 1947, where Paul attended eighth grade. His high school years were spent at the Mont La Salle Novitate in Napa, as God had called him into service as a Christian Brother. He subsequently graduated from Saint Mary's College and earned a Master's Degree from Loyola University.

He remained a Christian Brother until 1971 when he returned to Bakersfield and taught for one year at Garces High School. This was followed by a 20-year teaching career at Camp Owen in Kernville. He was named to the 1992 "Hall of Fame" by the Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce as "Outstanding Teacher."

While residing in Wofford Heights, he was a member of St. Jude's Church, where he served as a eucharistic minister and lector. He belonged to the Knights of Columbus and was also a long-time member of the Kernville Lions Club, serving as its president in 1978/79. Paul also enjoyed his membership at the Kern Valley Golf Club for many years. In late 1992, due to ill health, he transferred to Bakersfield to be nearer the dialysis treatment center. He continued teaching in Bakersfield until very recently, when his illness forced him to retire.

Paul is survived by his loving wife, Darline; step-children Lori Mossi and Randy Stargill; and three step-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley, and her husband Chet Lucas of Bakersfield; brother Dennis Bayne and wife Patricia

of Anaheim Hills, California; brother Thomas Bayne and wife Mary Anne of Bakersfield; brother Michael Bayne and wife

Katherine, also of Bakersfield; as well as by numerous dearly loved nieces and nephews and their children. Paul also will be missed by Rose Cameron, his "special angel" who nursed him during his illness.

Paul was a very special person who was greatly loved as a husband, brother, uncle and friend. His kind and gentle nature, wonderful smile and stimulating conversation will be truly missed, but he will remain always in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Saint Vincent de Paul Society, in care of John Andre, 201 Oregon Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

## Jo-Anne Vann Simpson

Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, 1995, at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Jo-Anne Vann Simpson of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Jo-Anne was born February 5, 1938 in Poteau, Oklahoma, and passed away February 7, 1995 at her home in Kernville. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and a volunteer in probation at Camp Owen in the Reading Program.

She is survived by her husband Bruce Simpson of Kernville; daughter Patricia Taylor of Sky Valley, California; son Ron Taylor of Phoenix, Arizona; step-daughter Cathie Stevens of Kentucky; step-son Danny Simpson of Bakersfield; step-

daughter Elizabeth Francis, also of Bakersfield; step-son Tommy Simpson of Fairfield, California; and Magan and Daniell Taylor grandchildren; mother Gladys Moore of Wofford Heights and father Grady Vann of Altus, Oklahoma; also brother Don Vann of Bakersfield; and sister Jackie Vann of Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice or LOE.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lloyd Austin Williams

Lloyd Austin Williams passed

away in Mt. Mesa on February 5, 1995. He was 79 years old. Lloyd was born on December 14, 1915 in Sturgis, South Dakota.

He came to California in 1940 and lived in San Diego, then moved to the Los Angeles and Glendale areas. Before moving to the Weldon area seven years ago he lived for a brief time in California City, California.

Lloyd is survived by his wife of 33 years, Emilie Williams of Weldon; daughter Marguerite Williams of Glendale, California; daughter Claudia Awale of Seattle, Washington. He is also survived by many friends and neighbors who will greatly miss him.

He worked as an engineer in the aerospace industry as well as an engineer in the electronics industry. Finally while living in Glendale, he developed his own business called Fleet Service Company which repaired mobile equipment in the Los Angeles and Glendale areas.

Services were held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California, on February 14, where Lloyd was laid to rest in a Columbarium.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



## James R. Lostetter

Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 25, 1995, at Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery for Dick "Grandpa" Lostetter. Dick passed away at his home in Bakersfield. He was 77 years old.

Dick was born March 3, 1917 in Akron, Ohio. This is where he met Peggy, his wife of 52 years. He served in Germany during World War II. After returning home, he opened a market in the San Fernando Valley. In 1959, Dick, Peggy and their son Larry moved to Lake Isabella. Dick and Peggy opened and ran the Mt. Mesa Market for 30 years. After selling the market, he and Peggy operated Lostetter's Mobile Home Sales with the help of their son Larry. Dick's last job, working for the County Probation Department at Camp Owen, was his favorite. He truly enjoyed the boys he dealt with.

He was an original member of the South Fork Property Owners club, a member of the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. He was well known for his outgoing style and friendliness. Dick had an incredible ability to brighten people's day.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Peggy; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathy Lostetter of Bakersfield; granddaughter Lori and her husband David Wiggins of Tehachapi; grandson Richard Lostetter of Bakersfield; granddaughter Letty and husband

Ron Sparling of Mt. Mesa; grandson John Lostetter of San Jose; and Carolyn Lostetter. "Grandpa" is also survived by three very precious great-grandchildren Nicholas Sparling, Bayleigh and Maddison Wiggins.

Other survivors include his brother and sister-in-law Bill and Marion Lostetter of Ohio; sister and brother-in-law Maryjean and Dutch Ziegler of Ohio; and

several special nieces and nephews in Ohio; also Arlene Hibbard and Kristen Joslin, who are both very important to the family.

## Marlin Cluey Hall

Funeral services were held Friday, February 10, 1995, at 1 p.m. at Mt. View So. Baptist Church for Marlin Cluey Hall of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Visitation was Thursday, February 9, 1995.

Mr. Hall was born April 2, 1912 in Lone Oak, Hunt County, Texas and passed away on February 8, 1995 in Lake Isabella. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a member of the Mt. View So. Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his wife Doris in 1991 and sons Connie Mac Hall in 1986 and Roy Allen Hall in 1991.

Survivors include his daughter Norma Jean Hall of Lake Isabella; daughters-in-law Mary Hall of Lake Isabella and Mary Lubke of Bakersfield; six grandchildren: Chuck, Kenny, Keith Hall, Becky, Susan and Kandi and 12 great-grandchildren. He will greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Donald Hopkins Sr.

Donald Hopkins Sr., age 73, of Yuba City, died January 31, 1995, at his residence.

A native of Six Mile Run, Pennsylvania, he was a Yuba-Sutter resident for five years. He was retired after working 40 years with Operating Engineers No. 501. He served as a private first class with the United States Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Florence Mae Hopkins of Yuba City; two sons, Donald Hopkins Jr. of Wheatland and Ernest Hopkins of Live Oak; three step-daughters, Barbara Linkaus of Florida, JoAnn Thackrah of Westminster, and Mary Long of Northridge; two brothers, George Hopkins of Florida and Ernest Hopkins of Kentucky; four sisters, La Rue Hennessey of New York, JoAnn Jones of Virginia, Maxine Reed of Pennsylvania and Beverly Horne of Indiana; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were held. Burial took place at Sierra View Memorial Park.

## Cecil Dean Bell

Cecil Dean Bell passed away Wednesday, February 8, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. He was born December 3, 1903 in Dufur, Oregon. Mr. Bell was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 52 years.

He worked for Union Oil Company on the drilling crews for 20 years before retiring.

He is survived by his son Jack and daughter-in-law Thelma White of Kernville; daughter Rosemary Robinson of Weldon; son Ted White of Sparks, Nevada; also 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1995

## Alfred Lee Westwood

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake

Isabella Funeral Home on Friday, February 17, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. for Alfred Lee Westwood, age 74. Officiating was Reverend Duane Splawn, Pastor of the Kern River Valley Christian Church of Southlake. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. He passed away in Mt. Mesa on Tuesday evening, February 14, 1995.

Mr. Westwood was born in Tildon, Illinois on August 30, 1920. In 1927, he moved with his family to Colorado and in 1941 he came to Long Beach, California. Al was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He and Miss Betty Armstrong were married in Yuma, Arizona in March 1944. Following the war, Al worked for many years as a carpenter and was a member of the Carpenters Union local #710 in Long Beach. In 1976, he and Betty moved to Lake Isabella. Al loved hunting and fishing and being out of doors.

He was a devoted husband and father and will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Betty May

Westwood of Lake Isabella; his mother Wilma Lena Westwood of Lake Isabella; son Gary Lee Westwood of Long Beach, California; daughter Judy Darlene Hauge, also of Long Beach; brother William of Coarsegold, California; brother Clifford of Brunett, Texas; brother Winfred of Auburn, Washington; sister Shirley Barfield of Wichita Falls, Texas; five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Angelo Joseph Spencer

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Friday, February 17, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. with Monsignor Anthony J. Herdegen, Pastor of St. Judy's Catholic Church and the Lake Isabella Post #7665 officiating for Angelo J. Spencer, age 77. He passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Friday afternoon, February

10, 1995.

Angelo was born in Ardmore, Pennsylvania on January 28, 1918. He spent his early years there and in 1943 he entered the U.S. Navy where he served for 28 years rising to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was stationed all over the world and served on the USS Midway aircraft carrier. He served in Trinidad in the 1950's and came to California following an enlistment in Norwalk, Virginia in 1960. Following his retirement from the Navy, he worked for Michaelson's Laboratories in China Lake.

He loved the outdoors and enjoyed golfing. He was a member of the V.F.W. Lake Isabella Post #7665 and the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358.

Angelo is survived by his wife Jeanne of Bodfish; daughter Gerri Spencer of Southlake; brother Philip Spencer of Pennsylvania; sister Jo Spencer of Ardmore, Pennsylvania; several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1995

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## Jack Morriss

Funeral services were held Friday, February 17, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Jack Morriss of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Mr. Morriss was born March 4, 1929 in Salt Lake City, Utah, and passed away February 13, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for nine years and a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. He loved to fish and he also helped many people in the valley.

He is survived by his wife of nine years Fay Morriss of Lake Isabella; son Joseph E. Morriss of San Luis Obispo, California; daughter Leslie Morriss of Ventura, California; daughter Evelyn Morriss of Oxnard, California; brother Ed Wyman of Kelseyville, California; sister Marilyn Aswegan of Chula Vista, California; sister Bobbie Harvey of North Bend, Oregon; sister Joanne Edwards of Kelseyville, California; four grandchildren Joe, Jim, Jennifer and Daniel; and many other relatives who loved him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Building Fund at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Thomas Leslie Buhe

Visitation was held Friday, February 17, 1995 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Tom Buhe at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Tom was born June 8, 1916 in Chicago, Illinois and passed away at his home in Bodfish on February 16, 1995.

Tom and his wife have been residents of the Kern River Valley for 18 years since retiring from Rockwell.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence Buhe of Bodfish; son Thomas Charles Buhe of Tehachapi; daughter Arlene Mae Hannah of Chula Vista, California; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Emily Mary Elizabeth Berni

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. for Mrs. Emily Berni, age 95. Reverend Floyd

Castillo, Pastor of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiated. Committal serves were held in the New Auburn Cemetery in Auburn, California on Thursday, February 16, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Berni passed away in the local nursing center on Friday evening, February 10, 1995. She was born in Ontario, Canada on April 6, 1899. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella since 1983 coming here from Redondo Beach where she had resided for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Jean Harrison of Lake Isabella and Nellie Elizabeth Moran of Auburn, California; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1995



## Kathryn "Janie" Robey

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, February 22, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn "Janie" Robey. Janie was born on November 11, 1936, in Overton, Alabama and went with the Lord on February 18, 1995, after a long courageous battle

with cancer.

Janie attended grammar school and high school in Shafter, California and in Wasco, California. She also attended Bakersfield College. She was an accomplished writer, compiling numerous poems, as well as a wonderful novel.

During the last 10 years, her home was in Wofford Heights, which she loved so dearly. She touched so many lives with her unconditional love and selfless caring. That love was returned by countless family, friends and neighbors.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years Terry; son Mervin; son Gary and daughter-in-law Leatha; son Perry and daughter-in-law Angela; daughter Jill and son-in-law Steve Askew, all of Bakersfield; her sister Jeanie and husband Volly Sanford of Colorado; brother Jim Fulner of Bakersfield; brother Sam Fulner and wife Sharon of Santa Barbara; numerous nieces and nephews; six beloved grandchildren; and many of her "family" and friends on "Family Mountain." She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Remembering "Janie"

She was sunshine, love,  
laughter and tears.

She was strength and courage  
these past two years.

As she fought the gallant fight  
against an insidious foe.

Until finally exhausted, she had  
to go.

She didn't want to go and leave  
Her beloved Terry, friends and  
family.

Our "pretty girl" will always live  
in our hearts and memory.



## Norma Jean Dunham

Funeral services were held for Norma Jean Dunham on February 18, 1995, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. She passed away peacefully with two of her children at her bedside, February 15, 1995, at Mercy Hospital.

Norma Jean spent her childhood in Old Isabella and attended the first through eighth grades in the local one-room schoolhouse. Later she graduated from Bakersfield High School.

During the Depression years, she spent some of her childhood in the Keysville area, where her father, Lon Presnell, and her mother (formerly Anne Hanning) successfully mined the Kern River for gold.

She later worked as a practical nurse for Dr. Charles Barrows, in Old Kernville. Following her years at the hospital, she worked as an attendant for the V.F.W. Ambulance Service, the first ambulance service established in the valley. She finished her years in the medical profession as a hearing tester for the Beltone Company.

Norma Jean loved nature, hunting and gardening. Her sense of humor, her concern for others, and her strength in times of adversity endeared her to her family and friends. She will be missed but remembered with smiles and laughter. She is survived by her two daughters, Dreena and Linda, and her three sons, Robert, Mike and Pat.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Ollie E. King

Memorial services for Ollie E. King, age 70, of Bodfish were held on Sunday, February 26, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at the V.F.W. Post #7665 in Lake Isabella. A 10-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. King was born September 20, 1924 in Etowah County, Alabama and died at her home on February 18, 1995.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W., the Ladies of the Moose and a life member of Ward Memorial Presbyterian Chapel in Gasden, Alabama.

Survivors include her husband Harold King of Bodfish; her children's father and stepmother, Walter and Irma Hales of Gasden, Alabama; a son David Hales of Lake Isabella; daughter Annie R. Cameron of Bakersfield; daughter Linda K. Davis of Biloxi, Mississippi; daughter Rebecca Lembke of Bodfish; daughter Susan Westburg of Kernville; and a stepdaughter Carol Fox of St. Paul, Minnesota. She is also survived by her sisters Bobbie Brooks and Mary Taylor, both of Madison, Indiana; 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## James Franklin Dick

Graveside Funeral Services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Thursday, February 23, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. for James F. Dick. Reverend David Snow, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated. Visitation was held on Wednesday from 3:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

James was born January 27, 1934 in Christopher, Illinois, and passed away in Mt. Mesa on Monday evening, February 20, 1995.

At the age of eight, he moved to California settling in the Whittier area. In 1968 he came to Lake Isabella. He has been employed for the past 15 years by Ladd Ready Mix.

James was preceded in death by his parents Hon Dick and Virginia Dick in 1994. He is survived by two sisters and by special dear friends LeRoy and Donna Ladd of Lake Isabella and by many dear friends who will greatly miss him.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## In Loving Memory Randel Dean Stubbs

The son of Frank and Shirley Stubbs, Randel was born on December 20, 1955 and passed away on February 20, 1995.

He leaves behind his sisters Trudy Lee Stubbs and Teena Marie Stubbs; his ex-wife Leslie Stubbs; and his three children, Joel Evan Stubbs, Kyle Stubbs and Megan Gamer.

He will be missed greatly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Charles Elmer Wilyard

Graveside services were held Monday, February 27, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Charles Elmer Wilyard of Onyx. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Weldon Methodist Church.

Mr. Wilyard was born August 2, 1933, in Topeka, Kansas and passed away on February 22, 1995, in Barstow, California. He was a resident of Onyx since retiring from the Postal Service in Simi Valley in 1984. He was known

for his woodworking and he was a good father to his children.

He is survived by his sons Charles Wilyard, Jr. and David Wilyard of Barstow, California; daughter Diana Lee Kent of Anchorage, Alaska; three grandchildren: Charles Wilyard III, Amber Fox and Brandy Kent; two great-grandchildren: Ashley Fox and Hailey Mitchell; his brother Don Burse of Nebraska. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Doc DeWayne Jones

Memorial services were held on Friday, February 24, 1995 at 10 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Doc DeWayne Jones. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Doc DeWayne Jones was born into this world on February 8, 1946 in the state of Oklahoma. He spent his early childhood in our Kern River Valley. Although he moved away for a period of time, he came back to this area in 1973. During

the majority of his life (33 years), he worked in construction as an Operating Engineer Local #501 running heavy equipment and welding. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Union and a member of this church family.

He was an avid collector of knives and lived to hunt with hounds. He was also active in the Senior Center doing whatever was needed from cooking to dish-washing.

Doc was taken from this life to be in the presence of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 18, 1995, just ten days after his 49th birthday. He will be greatly missed by all those who were privileged to know and love him.

He is survived by his mother Bessie, who resides in Oklahoma; three sisters Lahoma, Kay and Francina, also residing in Oklahoma; his daughter Janet and son-in-law Manuel Jimenez, of Lake Isabella; daughter Caryl, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren Justin Miller, Jesse, Cody and Elizabeth Jimenez.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Rose Marie Faygel Wallace

Private family services and cremation were held in Arcata, California, for Rose Marie Faygel Wallace, age 80. She passed away at the Mad River Hospital in Arcata on February 10, 1995. She was born on May 24, 1914, in Red Lodge, Montana.

Mrs. Wallace was residing in Santa Rosa, California, with her daughter Jean Lewis. She had lived in the Wofford Heights area for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Lorence E. Wallace and her parents Mark Faygel and Mary Homan Faygel. Survivors include her daughter Ellen Ione Reid of Eureka, California; daughter Margaret Rose Sims of San Diego, California; daughter Jean Marie Lewis of Santa Rosa, California; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving Mrs. Wallace are her sisters Mary Bohannon of Columbus, Montana, and Anne Boffert of Redding, California.

### Rose Marie Faygel Wallace Dearest Mother

In every way  
You made our home  
A warm and happy  
Place to come.  
We learned of love.  
And dignity  
And gathered  
Happy memories.  
We miss you so  
Now heaven knows.  
Your gentleness  
And sweet repose.

Margaret Rose Sims  
Jean Marie Lewis  
Ellen Ione Reid

## **Albert Edward Smith**

Albert E. Smith passed away at his home Saturday, February 25, 1995. He was born February 2, 1915 in New York City, New York, and came to California as a child and went to school in Bakersfield. He came to live in Kern Valley over 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Irene; brother-in-law Orville Welcher; nephews Kent Maxwell and wife Judy and their three sons and daughter who were very special to Al, Nona, Scott, Warren and Guy; nephew Bob Smith and wife Johnnie; niece Judy Hightower and husband Cliff; niece Chris Faircloth and husband Dave. A much loved grandson Glen Hough and wife Wanda and children of Orlando, Florida and many great nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren and very special friends Liz, Tim, Marilyn and Ken. There will be no services as requested by the deceased.

Arrangements were by Valley  
Mortuary.

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## **Gilbert G. DiSanto**

Gilbert G. DiSanto, a resident of Lake Isabella, passed away on February 18, 1995 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

He is survived by his two sons Gilbert J. and Ronald D. DiSanto and his granddaughter Lisa DiSanto. He is also survived by his sisters Rose Nolan, Mary Gillespie, Josephine Miller and his brother Frank DiSanto.

A memorial service was held on March 4, 1994 at 10 p.m. at the Weldon United Methodist Church.

## **Virginia Grace Raymond**

Private arrangements were made for Virginia Grace Raymond who passed away February 28, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. She was born November 12, 1908 in Escanaba, Michigan and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years. Virginia is a retired Army Nurse who served during WWII. She belonged to the VFW Post #7665 and the Eagles Lodge, also the Lockheed Rock and Miners Society. She was an avid rock hound and friend of flora and fauna.

She is survived by her sister Janet St. John of Wofford Heights; sister Margaret and husband Chris Henkel of Chatsworth; nephew Jan W. Raymond of Weldon; nephew Mark and wife Jan St.

John of Greedly, Colorado; niece Patricia and husband Larry Argabright of Canoga Park, California.

Interment will be at Ft. Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Frank Norwood Gates**

Private arrangements were made for Frank Norwood Gates, who passed away February 26, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. Frank was born July 17, 1907 in Ventura County, California and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 16 years. He loved fishing and hunting. He was well known in the valley and he and his tall tales will be missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Edna; daughter Bonnie Arnold of Simi Valley; daughter Betty Mylres of Lincoln, California; son Kenneth Gates of Goldfield, Nevada; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Etta May Chapman**

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 28, 1995, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Etta May Chapman. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Mrs. Chapman was born September 2, 1898 in Worthington, Minnesota, and passed away February 24, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 96 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 25 years and a member of the 55+ Club and the Grandmothers Club.

She is survived by her daughter Gene Ackerman of Lake Isabella and her son Bud Chapman of Huntington Beach, California; grandchildren Brad and Judy Armstrong of Lake Isabella and Brent Chapman of Huntington Beach, California; great-grandchildren Chris, Stephanie and Brandon Armstrong of Lake Isabella; George Ackerman of Portland, Oregon; and Alan Ackerman of Vancouver, B.C.; great-great-grandchild Alexander Ackerman of Vancouver, B.C. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Aaron Allen Horn

Aaron Allen Horn, age 22 years, passed away in Oak View, California, on Sunday, February 26, 1995, after a long and brave struggle with drug addiction and alcoholism. He was a special spirit, an avid outdoorsman and backpacker, pioneering many trails in the Sespe Mountains and in the Sequoia National Forest.

Aaron was born on July 19, 1972, and attended schools in Oxnard, California, where he was active in Scouting. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Aaron was an accomplished musician with various Celtic flutes and horns. He was a student of his Celtic Heritage and compiled various manuscripts recording the history of the Clans. His poetry and inspirational writings are a monument to his deep love of life. Always ready with a joke and a smile, Aaron was a true friend of the world and his happy, loving spirit was an uplifting and guiding beacon to all that knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Boyd and Pat, his brothers Hyrum and Chuck and his sister, Anna, all of the Kern River Valley. Also great-grandmother Clytie Allen; grandparents Jerry and Jean Obert of Southlake; numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at

Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th, with Pastor Mary True of the Unity Church of Petaluma. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Kern River Valley Alano Club.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Arthur Andrew Litke

Arthur Litke was born on July 27, 1922 in Erie, Pennsylvania. He moved at the age of two to Detroit, Michigan, where he grew up and worked during World War II for the Ford Motor Company. He was an aircraft mechanic at the Ford Company where he helped in the building of the B-17 bombers. After his stay at the Ford Company he worked for Revere Copper and Brass Company for 35 years in Detroit.

Arthur moved to Weldon from Detroit in 1987 where he remained until his death on March 8, 1995 at the age of 72.

He is survived by his wife Virginia of Weldon; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Bob England; granddaughter Heather England and his grandson Christopher England. Also surviving him are a great many friends and neighbors who will greatly miss him.

He will also be missed by the Moose Club of which he was a lifetime member.

Services are entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Ernest Fred Everett

Ernest Everett was born on October 9, 1900, in Gatesville, Texas. He moved to California in 1930 where he lived in the Los Angeles and Banning area. Ernest worked for 40 years for the Pacific Bell Telephone Company as an

Electrical Engineer. He was in the Navy during the latter part of WWI. He moved to Wofford Heights in 1976.

His hobby and the joy of his life was breeding and raising race horses. He raced his horses at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park and Del Mar race tracks. His most popular horse was Clown Prince.

Ernest passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on March 9, 1995, at the age of 94.

He is survived by his wife Hallie and daughter Evelyn Parke of Wofford Heights; a son Ernest Fred Jr.; and many friends who will greatly miss him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Albert Edward Smith

Albert E. Smith passed away at his home Saturday, February 25, 1995. He was born February 2, 1915 in New York City, New York, and came to California as a child and went to school in Bakersfield. He came to live in Kern Valley over 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Irene; brother-in-law N.L. Roberts and wife Julia; brother-in-law Orville Welcher; nephews Kent Maxwell and wife Judy and their three sons and daughter who were very special to Al, Nona, Scott, Warren and Guy; nephew Bob Smith and wife Johnnie; niece Judy Hightower and husband Cliff; niece Chris Faircloth and husband Dave. A much loved grandson Glen Hough and wife Wanda and children of Orlando, Florida and many great nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren and very special friends Liz, Tim, Marilyn and Ken. There will be no services as requested by the deceased.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1995

## James R. "J.R." Scott

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 17, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for James R. "J.R." Scott, 37, of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Calvary Cemetery in Petaluma, California.

J.R. is survived by his father, James E. Scott of Wofford Heights; a brother John F. Scott of Bakersfield; sister Michelle McElfresh of Clovis; sister Anne Bunnell of Petaluma.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## Martha Wokal

Martha Wokal, age 73, of Onyx passed away Tuesday, March 14, 1995, in Bakersfield after a brief illness. She was born in Sterling, Colorado, but lived almost all her life in California. She had lived in the Kern River Valley for over 20 years, had been the office manager for Dr. Ann Elconin, and was currently secretary for the South Fork Mosquito Abatement District. She was also active in the South Fork Women's Club. Because she was always ready to help anyone who needed her special talents or her friendship, she will be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Gene, to whom she had been married 54 years; her daughter Genel; sisters JoAnn Merry and Doris Pruett; brother Clifford Pritchard; and other family members and special friends who loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Melanie Rachelle Wilde

Melanie Rachelle Wilde passed away on March 10, 1995, in Loma Linda, California. She was born with a major heart defect. Melanie was 7-1/2 months old at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her parents, Steven Wilde and Barbara Wagner of Loma Linda, California; sister Tiffany Wagner of Kernville; sister Lacey Wilde of Loma Linda; sister Jessica and Andrea Wilde of Weldon, maternal grandmother Adele Heitman of Lake Isabella; paternal grandparents Elmer and Doris Wilde of Bakersfield.

Services were held on March 18, 1995 at Valley Mortuary.





## Aaron Allen Horn

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Aaron was born on July 19, 1972, and attended schools in Oxnard, California, where he was active in Scouting. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy. Aaron was an accomplished musician with various Celtic flutes and horns. He was a student of his Celtic Heritage and compiled various manuscripts recording the history of the Clans. His poetry and inspirational writings are a monument to his deep love of life. Always ready with a joke and a smile, Aaron was a true friend of the world and his happy, loving spirit was an uplifting and guiding beacon to all that knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Boyd and Pat, his brothers Hyrum and Chuck and his sister, Anna, all of the Kern River Valley. Also great-grandmother Clytie Allen; grandparents Jerry and Jean Obert of Southlake; numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th, with Pastor Mary True of the Unity Church of Petaluma. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Kern River Valley Alano Club.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Byron Leroy "Barney" Pate

Byron Pate was born in Kansas on May 7, 1920. He served in the Army during World War II.

He moved from Kansas to California in 1951 where he settled in the Maywood and Torrance area where he worked for Excellon Automation as manager of inspection.

Barney, as he was known by, moved to the Kern Valley area in 1974 where he lived until his death on March 4, 1995 at the age of 74.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Weldon; daughter Georgia Barrentine of Franktown, Colorado; daughter Frankie Biehahn of Saugus, California; daughter Elouise Richards of Fontana, California; son Kelley Byron Pate of Golden, Colorado; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Along with many friends he had here in the Kern Valley.

Services were held in the Kern Valley LDS Church on Friday, March 17, 1995 at 1 p.m.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## John Anthony Subee II

John Subee was born in Honolulu, Hawaii on March 22, 1926. He lived in the Monterey Park area prior to coming to make his home in Bodfish where he lived until his death on March 12, 1995 at the age of 68.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for many years. He also served in the American Merchant Marines in Oceangoing Service during the period of armed conflict between December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945.

John is survived by his wife Mary Subee of Bodfish; son John Anthony Subee III; daughter Jan Alexis Subee of Burbank, California; daughter Jacqueline Hunter; brothers Benny, John and Robert; sister Violet Akua; as well as four grandchildren. He will also be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him here in the Kern River Valley.

He was a member of the Men's Golf Club, Kern Valley Country Club, Elks and the American Legion.

Services will be held in Honolulu with burial in the National Cemetery of the Pacific.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 1995

## Alden Eugene Westergren

Memorial services were held for Al Westergren of Wofford Heights on Saturday, March 25, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge. Officiating were the officers of the Kern River Valley Lodge #827 and Kern River Valley Chapter 643 O.E.S.

Mr. Westergren was born on May 8, 1923 in St. Joseph, Missouri, and passed away on March 21, 1995, in Wofford Heights, California. He served in the Air Sea Rescue in WWII and the Los Angeles City Fire Department for 30 years as an engineer on the Fire Boats in San Pedro, California. He was a member of Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and the Past Masters Club, both in Los Angeles, California.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge #827, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Sequoia Scottish Rite, Royal Arch Masons - York Rite, Knights Templars, Order of the Eastern Star - Past Patron, and the American Legion of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Westergren of Wofford Heights; son Mark Westergren of Sacramento, California; daughter Diane Plante of Kernville; sisters Mary Comell of Wofford Heights and June Oberg of Wofford Heights; and his three grandchildren Jenifer, Jeffrey and Jaclyn Plante. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Jack Caldwell Briggs

Jack Briggs was born in Tippecanoe City, Ohio, on November 16, 1921. He passed away in Wofford Heights on March 19, 1995 where he had lived for the past 24 years. He was 73 years old. Services were held at the Elks Lodge #2358 on Thursday, March 23, 1995. Interment followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery. The Elks along with Pastor David Snow officiated.

Jack had served in the Navy during WWII having earned WWII Victory Medal, American area Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Campaign Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Medal as well as the Good Conduct Medal.

Jack left Ohio while in the service and came to California. After his stay in the service from 1941 to 1949 he remained in the Whittier area until 1971 when he came to make his retirement home in Wofford Heights. Jack was a member of the Elks.

For many years Jack was self-employed owner/operator of several service stations. He owned the Scovem Hot Springs Flying "A" station as well as the Douglas station in Bakersfield. Also several other stations in the area. Just prior to retiring he operated an Arco Station in Portland, Oregon.

Jack is survived by his wife Myrtle of Wofford Heights and three step-sisters Connie Heater, Judy Morton and Pat Stadut, all of Ohio. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Mandell Waldo Pitcher

Mandell Pitcher was born in Tyrone, New York, on April 9, 1896, and entered rest on March 23, 1995, in Bakersfield at the age of 98.

He left New York at the age of 16 and moved to Florida where he worked as a fireman. He moved to the Los Angeles area where he remained until 1965 at which time he moved to the lake area.

Mandell often told of his early years and the hardships of the time. On a New York farm, at six years of age, he fed the farm animals. He also recalled building fires in the school house heating stove for his teacher and other students. Mandell was known for being a home body. He was, however, a member of the Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife, Melba, of Lake Isabella; son Harland of Westminster, California; daughter Barbara of Hollywood, California; brother Kenneth of North Carolina; sister Irene Bennett of New York; and one grandson, Dale.

After spending nearly a century among his family and friends, he will be greatly missed by all.

Private services and interment were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1995**

## **Derrall P. Wells**

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Derrall P. Wells, age 81, of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Canon Winston Jensen of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, B.P.O.E. #2358 of Wofford Heights and the Kernville Lodge #872 F. & A.M. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Derrall was born March 18, 1914 in Lehigh, Oklahoma, and moved as a youngster to Sioux City, Iowa. There he met his wife, Glaytias and they were married in 1934. In 1945, they moved to Los Angeles where Derrall worked as a recreation director during the day and attended college at night to obtain his teaching degree. In 1954, they moved to Riverkern and built and operated a motel. He also taught school in Reseda and Johnsondale.

Mr. Wells was active with the Whiskey Flat Days and served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Early California Days. He was instrumental in starting the Masonic Temple and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

After retirement in 1977, Derrall purchased a boat and worked as a commercial salmon fisherman on the coast at Trinidad, California. He suffered a stroke while

fishing in 1985 and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on March 29, 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Glaytias of Wofford Heights; daughters Kay Wells and Jerry Lou Vance, both of Nevada; sister Alice Bess Chiles; brothers Oran D. Wells and Harold Wells; grandsons Leonard and Mark Vance; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## **Lorin Ann Strain**

Lorin Ann Strain passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on March 25, 1995, following a long illness.

She was born on December 10, 1934, in Lee Vining, California. She lived in California all of her life. She and her husband moved to Bodfish in 1983.

Lorin was a teacher of oil painting for the Cerro Coso Community College District and happily taught many seniors at the Community Hall in Lake Isabella. She loved her students and was very proud of their accom-

plishments. She taught there for approximately eight years, but was forced to resign because of her illness.

Lorin is survived by her husband of 23 years, Stewart "Bud" Strain, of Bodfish. Also two sons Mike and Randy Bewley; daughter Pam Anderson; three grandchildren; a brother and a sister.

Her wish was that no services be held.

## **Elsa Fischer**

Elsa Fischer, a German National, born in Sudentland, Czechoslovakia, passed away on Monday, April 27, 1995, in Gersthofen, Germany. She was 86 years old.

She is survived by her daughter Elisabeth Maroukas of Wofford Heights; daughter Ingrid Dunham of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren Greg Maroukas of Ventura, California; Karen Moles and Wade Dunham of Tennessee; great-grandchildren Kevin and Correna Maroukas of Ventura. There are also cousins, nephews and nieces in Czechoslovakia, Germany and Austria.

## Lois W. Pinckard

Memorial services for Lois W. Pinckard, age 79, of Riverkern, were held on Thursday, April 6, 1995 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. Lois was born on June 1, 1915 in the San Francisco Bay area and died on April 2, 1995 in Mt. Mesa.

A 19-year valley resident, Mrs. Pinckard was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and everyone knew her by the initials L.P. which stood for long playing. Before her health failed, Lois loved to play golf, dance and play poker.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Charles E. Pinckard of Riverkern; a brother, Wayne Reed of Ft. Worth, Texas; a sister, Jean Bevil of Ft. Worth, Texas; and a nephew, Gene P. Bevil, also of Ft. Worth, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Skilled Nursing Center, in care of the Kern Valley Hospital, 6412 Laurel Ave., Lake Isabella, CA 93240. Mr. Pinckard requests no sympathy cards, please.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Michael Hans Stites

Funeral services for Michael Hans Stites, age 48, of Lake Isabella, were held on Wednesday, April 5, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa. Bishop Steven Baer officiated and burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

A 16-year valley resident, Mr. Stites was born December 6, 1946 in Lynwood, California and died on March 30, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. He was a self-employed bartender and very involved in the L.D.S. Church. He was also active with the Clan Digger's genealogy group family history center.

Survivors include his daughter, Catherine C. Stites of Bodfish; brother Terry Haney of Lake Isabella; brother Randy C. Stites of Bodfish; two nieces and a nephew. Michael will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Elsa Fischer

Elsa Fischer, a German National, born in Sudentland, Czechoslovakia, passed away on Monday, March 27, 1995, in Gersthofen, Germany. She was 86 years old.

She is survived by her daughter Elisabeth Maroukas of Wofford Heights; daughter Ingrid Dunham of Nashville, Tennessee; grandchildren Greg Maroukas of Ventura, California; Karen Moles and Wade Dunham of Tennessee; great-grandchildren Kevin and Correna Maroukas of Ventura. There are also cousins, nephews and nieces in Czechoslovakia, Germany and Austria.

## Warren Elbert Read

Funeral services were held Monday, April 10, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Warren Elbert Read of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment was at Glen Haven Memorial Park in San Fernando, California.

Mr. Read was born September 3, 1909 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and passed away April 5, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He has lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 15 years, and he loved to tinker and was an expert fresh water fisherman. He was a meticulous craftsman, and he loved all his family and was there for anyone who needed help. He was a good friend to all and a lot of fun.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years Ada Read of Lake Isabella; sister Sylvia Brecket of Idaho; sister Jeri Shields of Ventura, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Col. and Mrs. Elwin Vernon of Washington; 13 nieces and nephews, 17 great-nieces and nephews, and 10 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Fred Joseph Broggio

Funeral services were held Friday, April 7, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for Fred Joseph Broggio. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Mr. Broggio was born June 18, 1925 in Bronx, New York and passed away April 4, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was 69 years of age. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past five years and was a retired iron worker.

He is survived by his beloved wife of six years, Micki Broggio; daughter Laura Calustri of Agura, California; daughter Dianne Hoey of Palmdale, California; son Joseph Broggio of Reseda, California; son Rev. Scott Moss of Indiana; five grandchildren; and his brother Frank Broggio of New York.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Garland Edward Rice

Garland Edward Rice, age 81, of Chico, passed away on April 9, 1995 at Beverly Manor. Memorial services were held for him on Thursday, April 13, 1995, at Brusie Funeral Home of Chico, California. Inurnment followed at Glen Oaks Memorial Park.

He was born on November 16, 1913 to parents Henry and Sarah Rice, in Las Animas, Colorado, where he received his education through high school. Garland served in the Navy aboard the USS California.

In 1948, he married Winola Chauffe in Las Vegas, Nevada. Garland was employed by the U.S. Civil Service for 37 years. A 40-year member of the Elks Lodge, he was a Past Exalted Ruler and Past DDGER for the Garden Grove Lodge.

Survivors include: His wife Winola of Chico, California; son Dan Rice, also of Chico; sister Cora Baldwin of Lake Isabella; sister Hazel Martin of Las Animas, Colorado; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Brusie Funeral Home.

## Joy Castro

Joy Castro, age 64, of Wofford Heights died on April 8, 1995, in Thousand Oaks, California.

She was born August 30, 1930 in Provo, Utah. Joy retired to Wofford Heights in 1982 after 20 years at the Daily News in the San Fernando Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Anthony W. Castro, Sr.; son Anthony, Jr. and his wife Janet; son George and his wife Linda; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother, sister Kathy; and two brothers.

Joy was an avid golfer who served as President of the Kern Valley Women's Golf Club for two consecutive terms.

Memorial services were held on April 13, 1995 at the First Baptist Church in Newbury Park.

She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

## Aliene Mildred Allard

Aliene Allard, age 70, passed away on April 14, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 18 years.

She was born in Wisconsin on April 7, 1925.

Aliene is survived by her husband, Edward, of Lake Isabella; son Mike Nelson of Michigan; daughter Jackie Vogel of Woodland Hills, California; brother Daniel Blitz of Wisconsin; and five grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and a host of friends.

Services and interment are private.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## James Emmette Scott

Funeral services were held Friday, April 14, 1995, at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James Emmette Scott. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Scott was born in Cuba, Missouri on October 31, 1927 and passed away at his home on April 11, 1995. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. He owned and operated the Kern River Distributors from 1974.

He is survived by his companion Jackie Anderson; his son and daughter-in-law Jack and Jennifer Scott of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Michelle and Craig McElfresh of Clovis, California; daughter and son-in-law Anne and Doug Bunnell of Petaluma, California; sister and brother-in-law Roberta and John Mason; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1995

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## Kenneth Eugene Ingle, Sr.

Kenneth Eugene Ingle, Sr., age 60, from Lake Isabella, passed away in San Fernando on April 20, 1995.

Ken was born in Hominy, Oklahoma, on May 12, 1934. He lived most of his life in the Buttonwillow and Bakersfield area. He had moved to the Kern River Valley nine years ago.

He is survived by sister Frankie

Marsh of Minors Oaks; sister Mary Burton of Clear Lake; sister Bertha Hoover of Hominy, Oklahoma; brother Carl Ingle of Bakersfield; four sons, Dan of Palmdale; Doug of Tehachapi; Kenneth, Jr. of Lake Isabella; and Curtis of Wofford Heights; two daughters Denise Ward of Hayden, Idaho, and Brenda Hutchings of Trinidad, Colorado; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 28, 1995, at West Side Cemetery in Taft, California.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995**

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## **Sybil Roberta Cariker**

Sybil Roberta Cariker passed away April 23, 1995 in Lake Isabella, California. She was born February 11, 1919 in Young County, Texas. She was 76 years old.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years and belonged to the Grandmothers Club, Shin Chapter of Eastern Star and the Hospital Auxiliary.

Sybil is survived by her daughter Carol Bergen of Mission Viejo, California; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella on May 20, 1995, at 2 p.m. Pastor David Snow will officiate.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## **In Loving Memory of Ginny Ledbetter**

When I think of you, I think of our friendship from beginning to the end, bonding as friends. When I think of our long talks, quiet moments, the secrets we shared, I think of love and friendship, knowing how much we cared.

When I think of you, I think of strength and courage, the laughter. Then I get lonely and feel so alone.

When I think of you, I have beautiful memories and here is the best part, deep in my heart I know you are thinking of me, too, when I think of you. Happy birthday in heaven, Ginny, my dearest friend. I'll be thinking of you always, from beginning to the end.

We love "U," Miss "U"  
Marty and Ed Alcom

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## Richard "Dick" Gledhill

Richard "Dick" Gledhill died in Santa Barbara, California, on April 18, 1995. He was born in Van Nuys, California in 1927. His parents were early ranchers in Van Nuys beginning in 1908. A school and street were named for the Gledhill family.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on Guam. He was in the first graduating class of Pierce College after WWII. Dick was in the wholesale and retail paint business since 1950. Moving to Santa Barbara in 1959, he was active in the standards of maintaining strict Santa Barbara Restoration and color design. He was a consultant on wood maintenance at Hearst Castle in the 70's and did early planning of Historic "Old Town" Santa Barbara.

Dick is survived by his wife of 45 years, Jo of Wofford Heights; son Scott (Darcie) Gledhill of Santa Barbara; daughter Sheri (Steve) Muir of Forestville, California; daughter Stacy (Todd) Emery of Kent, Washington; and daughter Shelley (Tim) Moore of Santa Barbara. There are seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; an identical twin brother Donald; sister Wanda Ketchum; and oldest brother Bill. He is survived by his sister Margaret Barmum of Phoenix, Arizona; and brother Gene Gledhill of Mississippi; and many nieces and nephews.

The beauty and friendliness of the Kern River Valley has brought him much joy. Exploring the historic areas here have continued to bring him great pleasure. His retirement was the chance to explore and see much of great beauty in the U.S. The Southwest Indian Country was of particular interest. Their last trip was a visit to the floor of the Grand Canyon in an Elderhostel program.

At his request, no service will be held. Donations may be sent to the American Heart Association, 212 West Figueroa Street, Santa Barbara, California 93103 or the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 1995

## Cecilia Mary Artman

Private arrangements were made for Cecilia Mary Artman who passed away April 26, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Cecilia was born November 22, 1922 in Wyoming and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 32 years and worked for Nelda's Restaurant, Dam Komer and the Spot Cafe. She also was a member of the Dam Dancers for many years.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years George Artman; her sons Robert Marcoes of Florida and Michael Misbrenner of San Diego; step-daughter Connie Romer of Fontana, California; six grandchildren and sister Tillie Myers of Mar Vista, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Howard M. Jensen

Private arrangements were made for Howard M. Jensen who passed away April 26, 1995. Mr. Jensen was born January 20, 1910 in Pennsylvania, and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jayne Jensen. He is survived by his daughter Marilyn Franklin of Weldon; and three grandchildren Don McKissick Jr. of Glendora, California; Debbie Walker of Weldon; Michael McKissick of Southlake; and six great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Jack W. McKean, Jr.

Private services were held in Santa Maria for Jack W. McKean, Jr., 50 years old. He was born on October 30, 1944 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He died on April 18, 1995, after a brief illness.

Mr. McKean has been a California resident since 1959 graduating from Lompoc High School and California State University in Long Beach. He was a state licensed surveyor and professional engineer.

He worked for the City of Long Beach for 25 years. For the past 18 months he was the owner of Golden Sight Land Systems in Santa Maria.

Survivors include his wife, Mary M. McKean; his father Jack W. McKean, Sr.; his brother Jim McKean of Santa Monica; his mother Kathy Chappell of Weldon; a sister Rebecca Winson of New York City; three nephews and one niece.

A celebration of Jack's life was held with friends and co-workers from Long Beach and family. Jack's paintings filled the large clubhouse. Personal writings of Jack and his poems were read by family members, as classical music was played from his music collection.

Many people stood and told what Jack had meant to them along with some very humorous things Jack did. His remains were scattered in the ocean according to his wishes.

## Elster "Al" Blankenship

Elster "Al" Blankenship, age 68, went to be with the Lord on April 28, 1995.

He leaves behind his loving wife of eleven years, Yvonne of Wofford Heights; brother Oliver of Pideville, Kentucky; brother Shirl of



Anaheim, California; brother Ottis of Paintsville, Kentucky; sister Mabel Blackburn of Pikeville, Kentucky; daughter Linda and husband Ken Gaynor; daughter Deborah and husband Bill Stovall; daughter Glennis and husband Jerry Spear; his son Michael and wife Holly Blankenship; step-children Chantel Virlet, John Tomcic, Richard Tomcic, Kathleen Garuti and Nadia Mormann; and a host of grandchildren.

Elster was born in Coal Run, Pike County, Kentucky to Alex Blankenship and Dollie McGuire on May 7, 1926. He served with the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1943, and retired in 1968 at CBN Port Hueneme. He was a veteran of the World War II, Korean and Vietnam wars. He also received numerous medals and ribbons. He worked and retired from Camarillo State Hospital as a welder and chief steward for the State Employees Association. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Shriners Club and the Elks.

Memorial services will be held at the VFW in Lake Isabella on Tuesday, May 2, 1995 at 10 a.m. Ashes will be scattered at sea. Directed by Mish Funeral Home.

## Anna Gertrude Sumrall

Services were held on Tuesday, May 2, 1995, at Lake Isabella Funeral Home in the Rose Chapel, at 10:00 a.m. for Anna Gertrude Sumrall, age 71. Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She passed away in her sleep at her home in Bodfish.

Anna was born in Denver, Colorado, on January 28, 1924. As a child, she moved to Sumrall, Mississippi, where she lived and met her husband, Ben Sumrall. They were married in 1941, the town of Sumrall was named after Ben's great-grandfather.

Along with her husband, she moved to Santa Barbara in 1983. After her children were grown, she attended college and got her RN degree in nursing. She worked at three hospitals. First, at Forest General Hospital in Hattisburg, Mississippi. Then, at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. And finally, she moved to Bakersfield where she worked at the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. She moved to Bodfish in 1989. Before becoming a nurse, she worked as a seamstress to help her children to go to college.

One of the lasting memories of Anna was her willingness to help people as they returned home from the hospital.

Anna loved flowers and was a top-notch gardener. She also had very strong political ties and if you knew her you would know what party she belonged to.

She is survived by her husband Ben; son Ben Jr.; a daughter Lynda Courtney; a granddaughter Shawn; four brothers and three

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family and the staff of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Harold Stanley Barnes

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at Kern Valley Cemetery for Harold Stanley Barnes, age 87, who passed away May 2, 1995 in Bakersfield. Harold was born in Trout River, Newfoundland. After spending years in Western New York and Long Beach, California, he moved to Kernville in 1952 where he operated the Kernville Hardware, worked at the Fish Hatchery, then became partners in Barnes Sporting Goods Store with his son, Wayne. As a child in Newfoundland, he worked on lobster fishing boats and continued to enjoy hunting and fishing throughout the rest of his life.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Barnes and grandson Bobby Barnes. He is survived by son Ralph and his wife Jean; son Wayne and his wife Ann; and daughter Lois and her husband Bob Crowder; 1 brother, Tom Barnes; 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their kind support and prayers and we know that he will be missed deeply by all.

## Dorothea Esther May

Graveside funeral services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Friday, April 28, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiating for Dorothea E. May, age 76. She passed away at the local hospital on Wednesday morning, April 26, 1995.

Dorothea was born in Redding, California on September 17, 1918. As an infant, she moved with her family to Santa Cruz where she received her education. Following graduation from high school she moved to the Los Angeles area and then for a short time she lived in Idaho and then returned to Los Angeles.

Following her retirement from Excelllo Plating, she moved to the lake area and had resided here for the past 15 years. Dorothea devoted her life to raising her son Ronald and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Besides her son Ronald Freeman of Bodfish, she is survived by one sister Frieda Solomon of Bodfish and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## William Scott Mullen

William Scott Mullen, age 33, was killed in a car accident Wednesday evening returning home from Bakersfield.

Scott will be remembered for his seemingly endless supply of generous and helpful gestures. His sunny and animated personality will be immensely missed.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie and five children, Tesha, Rachel, Sheena, Jacob and Ashley; his parents Bill and Nova (Joyce); and his brother Terry.

Arrangements by the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

*Dear Daddy,*

*I love you. I sure miss you. I hope and I'll pray that you go to heaven. Mom loves you. She cried a lot. I wish that you were alive. I want you to know I love you. Mom said you did not deserve what you got. Remember we love you and Ashley did not take it hard. As we did. Love you, Daddy.*

*Love, Sheena, Jacob, Ashley and Mom*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1995

## Frederic Jacob Funkhouser

Frederic Jacob Funkhouser was born on October 13, 1911 in Archbold, Ohio to parents John and Margaret Rice Fankhauser. (The two variations of the spelling of the family name are correct. Some members were incorrectly named Funkhouser by the old family doctor and they kept this spelling. Others go by the family spelling of Fankhauser.) As a young man he worked on the family farm, soon taking a job at a local ladder factory. He was married to Edith Shafer from 1941 to 1957. Shortly after their marriage, the newlyweds moved to California where Fritz worked as an aircraft mechanic during World War II. After the war, he began working for Hunter-Douglas, staying with the company when it became Bridgeport Brass and finally Alcan Aluminum. Fritz retired in 1976, remaining in Riverside, California, until moving to Ridgecrest in 1994. Following a lengthy illness, he passed away quietly on the morning of May 7, 1995 at the Beverly Manor Health Care Center in Ridgecrest, California.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; a brother, Marion Funkhouser; and sisters, Idella Mandy and Ruth Bundy. He is survived by sister Mae Miller of Archbold, Ohio; son Rick Fankhauser and his wife, Maria, and their daughters Beth, Stephanie, Jennifer, and Amber of Lake Isabella, California; son Larry Fankhauser and his wife, Eva, and their sons Glenn and Jeff of Bakersfield, California; and eight nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, 1995 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating. Interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the building fund of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

## Donald E. Poindexter

Graveside services for Donald E. Poindexter, age 76, were held on Thursday, May 11, 1995 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

A 19-year area resident, Mr. Poindexter was born June 19, 1918 in Bloomington, Illinois and passed away at his Kernville home on May 5, 1995. He was a disabled veteran of World War II having received his injuries during service with the Army in the Battle for Corregidor, the Phillipines.

Survivors include his brother Edwin C. Poindexter of Salton Sea Beach, California; and his sister Anna Lee Bussard of Lakeport, California.

## John Burlando

Memorial graveside services were conducted on Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the old pioneer section of the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights, for John Floyd Burlando, age 80, of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. The eulogy was given by John McNally. John Burlando passed away on Saturday, May 6, 1995 in the Kern Valley Hospital, Mt. Mesa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chris Smith Burlando; a sister, Betsy Burlando Esponda; and a brother, Claude Earl Burlando. He is survived by his brother, Bill Burlando; nephews, Claude Esponda and Matt Burlando; nieces, Kathy Burlando Wilson and Karen Burlando Woods; eight grand nephews, three grand nieces, two great-grand nephews and three great-grand nieces.

John was a pioneer born at Fairview on the Kern River in Tulare County on July 16, 1914. His father, Matt Burlando, was an Italian immigrant and his mother was Lupe Apalatea, a local girl whose family can trace their roots back to the original Spanish settlers and native American Indians of the Kern River Valley. At the time of John's birth, Matt and Lupe operated a pack station and boarding house, servicing the Edison Company construction workers bringing water and power to the San Joaquin Valley.

As a young cowboy, John operated the Burlando Ranch located on what is now the townsite of modern Kernville. He married Chris Smith in 1947 and they later opened and operated the first nursery in the Kern River Valley. John is loved and will be missed by his family and many friends.

Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## Maxine Rosalie Hughes

Private arrangements were made for Maxine Rosalie Hughes who passed away on May 9, 1995 in Lake Isabella. She was born April 16, 1911 in Nebraska and lived in the Kern River Valley for 29 years.

Maxine was a member of the Bodfish Beavers and Mountain Air C.B. Club and Kern River Valley Side Band C.B. Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of F.O.E. Aerie #3156.

She is survived by her daughter Jean Ostermire of San Carlos, California and her sister Babe Folden of Lincoln, Nebraska. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Alena Maryann Farr

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 10, 1995 at 3:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Alena Maryann Farr. Officiating was Pastor Randy Gallemore of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Lake Isabella. Interment was Friday, May 12, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California.

Mrs. Farr was born April 21, 1909 in Garland County, Arkansas and passed away on May 7, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. She has lived in California for the past 60 years and in Bodfish for 3 years. She worked for Starkist Tuna Co. for 20 years. She is a member of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by brother and sister-in-law Clyde and Virginia Kelley of Kernville; brother and sister-in-law Roy and Orleena Kelley of Calumasa, California; sister Daisy Curtis of Bodfish; and many nephews and nieces and great nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Johann Kay Werner

Private inumment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield with private interment to follow for longtime area resident, Johann Kay Wemer, age 75. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on

Monday, May 15, 1995. He was born in Germany on October 3, 1919, where he spent his early years.

At the age of 15, he moved to the Orient and lived there until he was 21. He came to the United States in 1940, settling in the San Pedro and Los Angeles. Johann entered the United States Army Airforce in 1942 and served until 1945.

He and Monica Heymann were married in 1946 and together they made their home in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles. In 1966, Johann moved to Kemville and in 1967 he opened Kemville TV, which he operated until his retirement in 1980. He loved the out of doors and was especially fond of horses and donkeys.

Johann is survived by his loving wife Monica of Kemville; by one son Tom Wemer of Reno, Nevada; one daughter Victoria Lee of Kemville; by four grandchildren and many friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Sidney Alfred Hatch

Memorial services were held for Sidney Alfred Hatch, age 64, in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Thursday, May 18, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. with Reverend Deryl Lackey, pastor of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church officiating. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Friday evening, May 12, 1995.

Sidney was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on November 28, 1930. He received his education and spent his early life there and in 1957 moved with his family to the Inglewood, California, area. He then moved to Columbia Heights for a short time before returning to Southern California

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settling in Hawthorne.

He came to the lake area in 1977 where he purchased the Paradise Mobile Home Estates. He expanded the mobile home estates several times over the years to bring it to the size it is today. Sidney was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 and the Loyal Order of Moose, Lake Isabella Lodge #498. He loved gardening and had a special hobby of raising orchids.

Sidney is survived by his loving wife Mary of Lake Isabella; one son Glenn Hatch of North Hollywood; one daughter Linda Pope of Ladera Heights; one brother Cliff Hatch of Canada; one sister Audrey Peters of Weldon; four grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Private inumment was held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## William Baxter Mobley

William Baxter Mobley, age 88, from Lake Isabella, passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital - Skilled Nursing Wing on April 13, 1995. He had been a resident of the Skilled Nursing Center for approximately three years.

Bill was born in Oklahoma on March 4, 1907. He came to California in the mid-20's and retired in the Kern Valley during the late 1960's.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Opal Love Parks.

Bill was cremated and laid to rest alongside his wife at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

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## Margaret A. Jackson

Graveside services for Margaret Adalaide Jackson, age 88, of Lake Isabella, were held on Friday, May 19, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. A 51-year county resident, Mrs. Jackson was born September 23, 1906 in Canyon City, Colorado and passed quietly from this life on May 16, 1995.

Margaret was preceded in death by her son, Merle Jackson, of Colorado. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Cathy Jackson of Lake Isabella; son Norbert Jackson, of Colorado; daughters Georgia Pollock of San Jose, Ethel Huffman of Yuba City, Charlene Richardson of Cerros, June Austin of Capistrano Beach, Margie Maples of San Marcos, Marlee Milam of Long Beach; many grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Charles B. "Charlie" Straight

Private inurnment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield with private interment to follow for Mr. Charles Berger Straight, age 73. He passed away at his residence in Weldon on Friday evening, May 12, 1995.

He was born in Iowa on October 15, 1921. Charlie received his education and spent his early years there. As a young man, he worked as a farmer. He was a World War II veteran having

served in the U.S. Navy. In 1957, he moved to Norwalk and lived there and in Simi Valley where he was employed as a truck driver hauling cars and freight. In 1980, he came to the lake area settling in Weldon. He was a member of the Lake Isabella Post #7665 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Charlie loved to frequent swap meets and was a collector of many items. He was a devoted and loving father.

Charlie was preceded in death by his brother Richard. He is survived by his daughter Barbara Norris of Sacramento; son Charles Straight of Simi Valley and Weldon; son Gregory Straight of Simi Valley; son Kent Straight of North Hills; sister Lila Mahn; brother Harvey Straight of Tulsa, Oklahoma; brother Lloyd Straight of Iowa; and brother Leo Straight of California. He is also survived by eight grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Norman Craig Barton

On April 28, 1995, Norman Craig Barton passed on with his family at his bedside. Born in Louisiana, he came to California in 1946, enlisted in the Navy for WWII, and was recalled for Korea.

Later he met and married his wife of 48 years Ginny. He made engineer in the L.A. County Fire Dept., did hardwood floors, and put himself through college while he made his way up to Vice-President of Engineering at Sweat and Crawford Insurance (Trans-america). They have two children,

Donna and Craig; a grandson Matthew. They retired to this area seven years ago after being weekenders since 1962.

He is also survived by his sisters Betty Dawson, Marolyn Pemberton, Carolyn Johnson, Gloria Barnett; sisters-in-law Jean Barton, Mary L. Boland, Mema R. Maxwell; brothers-in-law Johnny Peterkin and Mike Elefante.

## Betty T. Glosser

Memorial services for Betty T. Glosser, age 69, of Bodfish, were held on Saturday, May 20, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel with Reverend Marvin Moon of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church officiating.

A 9-year Kern River Valley resident, Mrs. Glosser was born January 5, 1926 in Decatur, Illinois, and entered into rest on May 15, 1995. A homemaker, she was a member of the Ladies of the Moose and loved the outdoors and fishing. She also really enjoyed people.

Survivors include her husband, Robert W. Glosser, of Bodfish; a son, Thomas Glosser, of Whittier; a daughter, Trudy Womack, of Fontana; and three grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Lung Association, 306 Chester Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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## Mollie Belle Clark

Private services were held for Mollie Belle Clark. She passed away in Bakersfield on May 20. Mollie was born on July 24, 1900. She was 94 at her passing. She was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mollie was the youngest of six children, all of which were orphaned and each adopted by different families. Mollie was the youngest of the six. She was only nine months old when she was adopted.

Mollie learned of her adoption and that she had five brothers and sisters when she was 29 years old. Even though they were adopted separately, they all got together after learning of their plight. The get-together was sponsored by the Bell Telephone Company.

Immediately upon her being adopted her new family moved to Sawtelle, California. At the age of four she moved to Gold Hill, Oregon where she lived until she met and married Frank B. Clark. Together they moved to Oakland in 1921 and remained there until 1945 at which time she moved to Merced, California where she and her husband opened a record store called "Record Rendezvous". Mollie wrote poetry and lyrics to which her husband put music to. In 1948 she moved back to the Los Angeles area and finally moving to the Onyx area in 1988.

She is survived by two sons, David of Sacramento, Ca, and Robert of Stanton, Ca; a daughter Martha Petersen of Onyx, Ca; 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, and a host of friends. Mollie was a real homebody and her family and friends will greatly miss her.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Charles L. "Buster" Clifton

Private services were held for "Buster" Clifton who passed away on May 24 with his family by his side.

Buster was born on January 12, 1914 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. He moved to Bakersfield in the mid 1930's where he owned and operated his own mechanic's shop in Lamont. In 1968 he moved to the Weldon area where he baled hay. Many of the ranchers in the valley called on him to fix their hay balers when they would break down. He was always ready and willing to help them fix their hay balers.

Buster is survived by his wife, Louise M. Clifton of Weldon; brother Fred Clifton of Needles, California; sister Lavola Stock of Bakersfield; son Kenneth "Butch" Clifton and wife of Weldon; son Jack L. Clifton and wife of Bakersfield; six grandsons, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Buster will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. Buster lived a full and great life and always had a story or two to tell. Stories that his family and friends will never forget.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Margaret Bina Fuller

Memorial services were held Wednesday, May 24, 1995, at the

Kernville United Methodist Church for Margaret Bina Fuller. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Mrs. Fuller was born in Venice, California on June 6, 1919, and passed away May 20, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Hugh of Wofford Heights; her daughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Kenny Buttrey of Acton, California and Chris and Michael Stettner of El Dorado Hills, California; granddaughters Cathrine and Katelynn Buttrey, and grandson Matthew Stellner.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Vivian Seay Smith

Private arrangements were made for Vivian Seay Smith who passed away May 25, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was born in Indian Territory, Oklahoma on February 22, 1905. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 12 years and has lived at the nursing center in Mt Mesa for the past 3 years. She was a member of the Eagles Lodge. She is survived by her daughter Pat Phillips of Southlake; daughter Dorothy Crowell and David Sanchez of Weldon; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Sharon Sennet of Laguna Beach, Ca; 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Joseph Charles DeMaio

Joseph Charles DeMaio was born on December 23, 1919 in Springfield, Massachusetts. He entered into rest on May 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa at the age of 75. Both of his parents were born in Italy and came to the U.S.A. before Joseph was born.

Joseph moved from Massachusetts in the late 60's to reside in Las Vegas, Nevada. Later he made his move to California settling in the Hawthorne area. He also lived in the Ridgecrest area for several years before moving to the lake area during the 70's. Joe was an avid baseball fan as well as having a great love for children. He spent many hours making children happy. He had a part in establishing the

Alano Club and held offices such as treasurer, etc.

Nothing pleased Joe more than hopping on his hog and heading out on a challenging bike ride with the Modified Motorcycle Association. Just last year he made a trip to Laughlin, Nevada and had an enjoyable trip. Joe loved his biker friends and considered each of them his family. It was said of Joe that he accepted everyone as they were. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Joe worked in Lake Isabella at John's Upholstering Shop up until the death of its owner, John.

It was discovered that Joe had Leukemia last October and had resided at the Kern Valley Hospital SNC since early in April.

Joe is survived by three brothers. Salvatore DeMaio of Agawam, Mass; Carmen DeMaio of East Hartford, Conn., and Althone DeMaio of Springfield, Mass; two sisters, Rosina Rubino of Springfield, Mass, Margaret Murdza of Chicopee Mass; several nieces and nephews and a great host of friends. Among the friends are Cynthia Frost and girls as well as Kenny and

Barbara Miller of Onyx.

Graveside funeral services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 6th, with Reverend Raffel, interim Pastor of St. Judes Catholic Church, officiating. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Nelda Jean Beaumont

Funeral services were held Wednesday May 31, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary for Jeanne Beaumont of Kernville. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Jeanne was born March 26, 1939, in Amarillo, Texas and passed away May 25, 1995 in Kernville. She lived in the Kern River Valley for 14 years.

She is survived by her mother Alice Yager of Mt. Mesa, her daughters Tracie Beaumont of Carson City, Nevada and Tiffany Edwards of Laramie, Wyoming; son Jon Beaumont of Carson City, Nevada; granddaughter Crystal Bolin of Carson City, Nevada; and two brothers, Dan Caussey of New Mexico and Charles Caussey of Havilah, Ca. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## In Loving Memory of Margaret Bina Fuller

Margaret was born June 6, 1919 to Clifford and Cleo Smith in Venice, Ca. She is survived by her husband Hugh L. Fuller, daughter Chris, and son-in-law Michael Stettner; daughter Liz and son-in-law Ken Buttrey, and three grandchildren, Matthew Stettner, Catherine Buttrey, and Katelynn Buttrey.

Before marrying, she was a stunt girl in many major motion pictures. She appeared in numerous movies, including "Gone With The Wind", "Stagecoach", "Showboat", and many Johnnie Mack Brown and Flash Gordon series. Later, she traveled the country as the first woman stage manager for the off Broadway production "Blythe Spirit".

Immediately following World War II, she married Hugh L. Fuller, First Lieutenant in the infantry.

Fishing, hunting, swimming and golfing were only a few of the activities they enjoyed together for nearly 50 years. She and her husband raised their daughters in Granada Hills, California before retiring in Wofford Heights in 1984.

Her family will remember her most for her selfless dedication to them. A humble lady, always reaching out to help others. Her life has truly made a difference and she will continue to live in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

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## William Wesley Alden

Graveside services were held Monday, June 12, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. William was born in Calhoun, Missouri, on May 31, 1925. He entered into rest in the Memorial Hospital of Bakersfield at the age of 70 on June 7, 1995.

William left Missouri to join the Army Air Corp at the age of 18. He spent a hitch of three years in the Air Force. Towards the end of his tour of duty, he became engaged to Dixie Boyles who lived in Clinton, Missouri. She later followed him to San Antonio, Texas, where they were married. After his tour of duty was over in the Air Force, he returned to Missouri for about a year.

In 1946, he came to California settling in Hawthorne. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Torrance, California, where he lived for 30 years and raised his family. In 1931, he moved to the lake area.

William loved the games of baseball and basketball and it was well known that he was not to be disturbed during a game.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dixie Alden; one daughter, Sharon Williams of Henderson, Nevada; son, William C. Alden of Cucamonga, California; sons David Philip Alder and Wesley J. Alden, both of Torrance, California; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. William will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Douglas Eugene Burnett

Private family services and visitation were held for Douglas Eugene Burnett, 66, of Lake Isabella on Saturday, June 10, 1995 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella.

A 1 year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Burnett was born May 3, 1929 in Glendale, California and entered into rest on

June 6, 1995 in a Bakersfield hospital. Before retirement, Mr. Burnett was a bus driver for the Orange County Transit District.

He is survived by his wife, Maureen Burnett of Lake Isabella; a son, Jess Eugene Burnett of Moreno Valley; two daughters, Brenda Burnett of Garden Grove, Susan Marie Clavet of Sun City; two grandsons and two granddaughters. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Lorene E. Yeargan

Graveside services were held on June 7, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial park in Bakersfield for Lorene Elizabeth Yeargan.

Mrs. Yeargan was born April 21, 1904 in Llano, Texas and entered into rest on June 3, 1995 at her home in Wofford Heights. She was 91 years of age. She has lived in Kern County for the past 51 years.

Mrs. Yeargan worked in the Wilmington ship yards during World War II as a welder and after moving to Bakersfield after the war, worked for Roundtree Studios and then in 1955, joined her husband, "Snowball" in his business, Coyco Oil Well Service until his death in 1973. She moved to Wofford Heights in 1990. Lorene was 50 year member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Barbara Yeargan of Onyx; a sister, Dorothy Cawdrey of Westlake Village; grandsons, Chris Yeargan of North Dakota, Russ Yeargan of Wofford Heights, and Dale Yeargan, Jr. of Onyx; granddaughters, Chrissie Lopez, Tina Yeargan, Janet Holbrook, Dawn Lorene Carlon and Cynthia Lee Peredoe, all of Bakersfield; her first cousin, Alice Frost of Yucca Valley; 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

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## Lulu AnnaMay Ruggles

Private arrangements were made for Lulu AnnaMay Ruggles who passed away on June 4, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California.

She was born May 28, 1916 in Jewell, Kansas. She was owner and operator of Lou's Coffee Shop in Santa Monica. Lulu has been in the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She worked at Miracle Hot Springs and The King Cow in Wofford Heights. She was a member of the Moose, the drill team of the Eagles, and IOOF Lodge since 1945. Her duties included fund raising and community service. Lulu also belonged to the Grandmothers Club. She loved fishing, traveling and dancing. She was a member of the Senior Citizens.

She is survived by her husband Ken Ruggles of Lake Isabella; her daughter and son-in-law Marlene and George Nichol of West Los Angeles; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Ted Martin of Bodfish; seven grandchildren, Christie, Deborah, Sherie, Virginia, George, Lance and Kathlene; eight great-grandchildren; step-daughter Sandra Moldenhaur of Hesperia, step-grandchildren Tammy, Corey, and Jamie and one step-great-grandson. Lulu is also survived by her brother Tommy and sister-in-law Pat Brokshire of Washington and brother L. Eugene Brokshire of Bodfish. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 1995

## Delbert Milton Vester

Private services and interment were held for Delbert Vester. Mr. Vester was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on June 4, 1924 and entered into rest at his home on June 14, 1995 at the age of 71.

Mr. Vester was self-employed as a painter for the past 48 years. He also spent a hitch in the Navy during WWII from September 28, 1942 to January 15, 1946 as a Seaman 1st Class.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Gloria of 24 years; three sons, Steven Vester of Wofford Heights, Vincent Vester of Ventura, and Raymond Vester of Oregon.

One of Delbert's greatest loves was to take Gloria and head for the fishing hole. Many hours were spent along the shore in togetherness.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Gretta Aleda Rice

Graveside services with immediate family members were held in memory of Gretta Aleda Rice at her interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on June 19, 1995. She was born July 18, 1902 in Storm Lake, Iowa, and passed away at the

Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center in Mt. Mesa, Ca, June 17, 1995.

Gretta and her husband Basil retired to Kernville, Ca. in 1964. She was widowed in 1977. During her 31 years in the valley she had participated in the Antique and Collectible shows; she was an avid button collector and member of the Presbyterian Church during her lifetime and a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son George B. Rice of Weldon, Ca. and daughter Babette DeMont of Litchfield Park, Az.; three granddaughters Charmaine Farmer of England, Ramona Guzman of Idaho and Juanita Hall of New Mexico; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Dorothy Barbara Clauder

Funeral services were held Saturday June 17, 1995 at 11:00 AM at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Dr. Marvin Moon. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Dorothy was born July 1, 1907 in Watsonville, California and passed away June 13, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 87 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years, and a member of the Women of the

Moose. She loved to dance and go to the beach. She also loved to crochet. She is survived by her daughter Barbara Carman Noel and Richard Smith of Simi Valley; son and daughter-in-law Gary and Charlotte Lackey of Kernville, son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Cathy Lackey of Lake Isabella and son Jaye Lackey of Downey, Ca. Also 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was loved by all, and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Creed (Sandy) Collins

Private arrangements were made for Creed (Sandy) Collins who passed away June 13, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, Ca. Sandy was born in Rice, Kansas on December 25, 1910. He has been a resident of Kern County for 53 years and worked for U.S. Borax for 27 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley. He was a member of the VFW and is survived by his nephew Robert Collins of Pacoima and his sister-in-law LaVina Collins also of Pacoima.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## William Wesley Alden

Graveside services were held Monday, June 12, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. William was born in Calhoun, Missouri, on May 31, 1925. He entered into rest in the Memorial Hospital of Bakersfield at the age of 70 on June 7, 1995.

William left Missouri to join the Army Air Corps at the age of 18. He spent a hitch of three years in the Air Force. Towards the end of his tour of duty, he became engaged to Dixie Boyles who lived in Clinton, Missouri. She later followed him to San Antonio, Texas, where they were married. After his tour of duty was over in the Air Force, he returned to Missouri for about a year.

In 1946, he came to California settling in Hawthorne. Shortly thereafter, he moved to Torrance, California, where he lived for 30 years and raised his family. In 1981, he moved to

the lake area.

William loved the games of baseball and basketball and it was well known that he was not to be disturbed during a game.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Dixie Alden; one daughter, Sharon Williams of Henderson, Nevada; son, William C. Alden of Cucamonga, California; sons David Philip Alden and Wesley J. Alden, both of Torrance, California; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. William will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## George (Bob) Goldbaum

George (Bob) Goldbaum of Bodfish, CA, passed away June 18, 1995, at Sherman Oaks, CA, after a lengthy illness. Bob was a native Californian, he

leaves his companion of 8 years, Bernice Hamilton. His father Milton Goldbaum of Van Nuys, CA; 2 sons George Goldbaum of Henderson, NV, and Joseph Goldbaum of Irvine, CA; 1 daughter Marian Heap of Corona, CA; 3 brothers Roy Goldbaum of Missouri, Danny Williams of Moreno Valley, CA, and Scott Jackson of Van Nuys, CA; 2 sisters Mary Sue Nelson of Ridgecrest, CA, and Marilyn Erlandson of Phoenix, AZ; his aunt Rose Marie Cloud of Weldon, CA; four grandsons, two granddaughters; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Cremation by Armstong family with ashes to be placed in Palm Mortuaries in Las Vegas, NV, in the garden of Moroni. There will be a Memorial Service at the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt Mesa, on Saturday, July 1, 1995, at 12 noon, followed by a luncheon at 1 p.m. at the Moose lodge in Lake Isabella. Everyone welcome.

## Margaret Jean Seeley

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Margaret Jean Seeley, 77, who died in Mountain Mesa on June 23, 1995. She was born in Massachusetts on September 28, 1917.

During World War II, she worked with TRW Systems. This was followed by nursing training, after which she worked for a while at St. Joseph's Hospital in Burbank. She later worked as a secretary in her husband's insurance business. After his death, she began a new career in real estate until her retirement about three years ago.

She married her long-time friend Henry Seeley on August 19, 1992 and moved to Lake Isabella. She was a member of the Highland Chapel and the Ladies of the Moose.

She is survived by her loving husband Henry; two sons, Darrel Turner, whose address is unknown, and Dana Turner of Artell, Georgia. She is also survived by a sister, Ruth, of New Hampshire. We will all miss her.

At her request, she was cremated and her ashes will be disposed of at a later time.

Immediately following the service, refreshments will be served at the Moose Lodge on Lake Isabella Boulevard.

## Peter Bernard Donohue

A recitation of the Holy Rosary was said at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Thursday, June 29, 1995 at 7:00 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Friday morning June 30th at 10:00 a.m. for Peter Bernard Donohue, 71. Committal services and interment were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Reverend Godfrey Raffel, interim pastor of St. Jude's, officiated at the services. Peter passed away in Mammoth Lakes, California, on Sunday, June 25. He was born in Tacoma, Washington on August 22, 1923. Peter was a World War II veteran serving in the Army Air Corps. He flew 255 combat missions in the China Burma theater. He and his wife Darlene were married on December 15, 1945. He was employed by the U.S. Government as a salvage specialist for thirty years. Twenty-four of

those years were spent at China Lake Naval Weapons Center. In Peter's younger years he was a boxer and he loved to follow the fights on television and would travel to Las Vegas for some of the bigger fights. He was also an avid gardener. Peter was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Darlene of the family home in Onyx; one son, Brian Donohue of Onyx; four brothers, Larry, John, Martin, and Edward Donohue all of Tacoma, Washington; three sisters, Betty Rosene, Mary Sager and Patricia Van Ryke all of Tacoma; two sisters-in-law, Marcella McGrath and her husband Mac of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Joyce and her husband Ted Tonkoshkur of Detroit, Michigan; one brother-in-law, Archie Plante and his wife Carol of Onyx; and by many nieces, nephews and friends by whom he will be greatly missed. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral

## Pete Grechowsky

Graveside funeral services and interment were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Saturday, July 1st, 1995 with Dr. James Lee, Pastor of the Valley Community Church officiating for Lake Isabella resident Pete Grechowsky. Pete was born July 1, 1917 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and passed away at his residence on Wednesday, June 28. He spent his early years in Pittsburgh and worked for over twenty-five years as a coal miner. He came to California in 1958 and worked for another twenty-five years as a cement mason. He had resided in Lake Isabella for the past thirteen years. Pete is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Helen Grechowsky of Lake Isabella; one son, George, and his wife Ruth Grechowsky of Saugus; one daughter, Jenny, and her husband Richard Brown of Somis, CA; one sister, Annabell Marunich of Van Nuys; and by four grandchildren, Kevin, Nicole, Cody, and Stephen and by several nieces, nephews, and friends who will greatly miss him. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Gloria Theresa Vester

Private inurnment was held ~~with interment in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Kernville resident~~ Gloria Theresa Vester, 65. She passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on June 26, 1995. Gloria was born in Mooresforks, New York on August 10, 1929. Gloria was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert on June 14th of this year. A joint memorial service will be held at a later date. Both Gloria and Delbert enjoyed sitting and fishing at the lake. The comforting thought is that the two of them are together again. Both will be missed by all who loved and knew them. Gloria is survived by three stepsons, Steven Vester of Wofford Heights, Vincent Vester of Ventura, and Raymond Vester of Oregon. She is also survived by special dear friends, Jack and Denah Timms of Kernville. The services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Evelyn Lorene Lindsay

Private family services and interment were held for Evelyn Lorene Lindsay, 72. She passed away at the local hospital on Tuesday, June 27, 1995. Evelyn was born in Santa Monica, California on February 18, 1923. She received her education there and resided in the Santa Monica area most of her life. Evelyn worked as a riveter during the second world war. She moved to the Lake Area in 1982 and has resided here since. Her favorite hobbies were gardening and crocheting and she spent many hours in these pursuits. She is survived by one son, Joseph Glasgow of Bakersfield; two daughters, Lorene Mitchell of Mt. Mesa and Virginia Davis of Corona; one brother, Bill Inglehart of Orange County; one sister, Dorothy Smith of Kernville; and by ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and friends. The services are entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Stanford C. Coleman

Stanford Clovis "Stan" Coleman was born August 12, 1916, to George and Esther (Rowe) Coleman in Cleveland, Mississippi. He passed away on Saturday, July 1, 1995, at the Good Samaritan Center in Kearney, Nebraska, at the age of 78 years, 10 months and 19 days.

Stan attended school in Mississippi and on December 31, 1942, he joined the United States Army serving in the Southwest Pacific until receiving an honorable discharge on July 3, 1945.

Stan and Cheryl Ann Bretz were united in marriage on November 19, 1977, in Lake Isabella, California.

During his lifetime, Stan worked as a garage mechanic for Southern California Edison.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beth Coleman; daughter Debra Coleman; son Calvin Coleman and five brothers. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl of Ainsworth, Nebraska; daughter Sharon Koncel of Wofford Heights, California; brother Travis Coleman of Saraland, Alabama; four step-children John Ditter of Grand Island, Nebraska; Jana Mitchell of Ainsworth; JoDee Saunders of Cleveland, Ohio and Julie Oseka of Cairo, Nebraska; 15 grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Wofford Heights. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family in his name. Hoch Funeral Home of Ainsworth was in charge of arrangements.

## Stella Marie Abercrombie

Graveside services were held Monday, July 10, 1995, at

11 a.m. at Blue Mountain Cemetery in Woody, California, for Stella Marie Abercrombie of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Abercrombie was born November 11, 1930 in Bakersfield, California, and passed away on July 5, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. She was 64 years of age.

Stella attended East Bakersfield High School and has lived in and around Kern County for 43 years. She was a member of the DAR and the Sierra Neighborhood Club in Woody, California.

Mrs. Abercrombie was preceded in death by her husband Jack Abercrombie. She is survived by her daughter Melissa McKinney of Lake Isabella; son Jake Abercrombie of Bodfish; son Patrick Abercrombie of Gilroy, California; son John Abercrombie of Arkansas; sister Nevada Hand of Bakersfield; and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Clarence DeWayne Grigsby

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for Clarence Grigsby, age 77, on July 11, 1995, at 10 a.m. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

DeWayne, as he was better known, was a native Californian. He was born in Orange, California, on October 29, 1917, and entered into rest on July 2, 1995, at the local hospital in Mt. Mesa.

During the early part of his life, he lived in Oregon, Kansas and Colorado. He returned to California in 1952 and settled in the Long Beach area where he remained until 1984 at which time he moved to the Lake Isabella area.

DeWayne served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a Sergeant. He had a great love for fishing and he followed all sports ardently. He attended Arizona Tech. for several years. His employment consisted of working in the oil fields for 20 years. He also was employed as a truck driver for several companies.

His hobbies were fishing and sports. He especially liked football and followed it very closely.

DeWayne is survived by two sons Raleigh of Bodfish, California, and Paul of Lemoore, California; one daughter Juanita Quinn, also of Bodfish; one brother Raleigh; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a great host of friends. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Paul Edward Traver

Private inurnment was held for Lake Isabella resident Paul Edward Traver, age 78. Mr. Traver passed away at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa on July 8, 1995.

Paul was born in Harvard, Illinois, on July 16, 1916. He served his country from 1943 to 1945 as a Sergeant in the Army. He served during WWII.

Mr. Traver left Harvard, Illinois, when he was 38 years old and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where he lived for five years. He then moved when he was 43 to Orange, California. He remained in Orange for 18 years. He came to the lake area in 1978 at the age of 61.

Paul worked as a barber. He also was an artist and a handyman. He boasted that he could fix anything. He also loved horseracing and frequented the track often.

He is survived by his son Phil of Wofford Heights and his four children — Courtney, David, Rachel and Steven; one daughter, Paula Espiritu and her son George Wooley. Also surviving Paul are four great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## William F. Smith

Private family services will be held at a later date for William Franklin Smith, age 93, of Weldon. Born March 24, 1902 in Pocahontas, Arkansas, Mr. Smith was a 52-year area resident.

He was a retired construction worker and a resident of Weldon for over 35 years. He and his wife, Belvia, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on November 25, 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Belvia, of Weldon; son William F. Smith, Jr., of Weldon; son Billy Ray Smith of Fontana; daughter Vivian Short of Weldon; daughters Norma Hitchcock and Joyce Oliver, both of Rancho Cucamonga; and daughter Roxie Collins of Springfield, Oregon. He is also survived by two sisters, Dorothy Jaco and Thelma Friar, both of Stockton; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## James A. "Jim" Berg

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Saturday, July 22, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. for Jim Berg, 57. He passed away in a Lakewood hospital on Wednesday morning, July 19. Jim was born in Faribault, Minnesota on October 10, 1937. He has resided in Garden Grove for the past 29 years and has been employed by Coutts Heating and Air Conditioning for over 39 years. Jim enjoyed skeet shooting, fishing, drag racing, motorcycle racing and dune buggies and loved the outdoors. He and his family have been coming camping to the Lake Isabella area for years and they have owned property in Bodfish for the past six years. The following thoughts on paper entitled "Feelings" were written in loving tribute to Jim by Lena Distler on July 18, 1995.

You've heard the phrase "It's the beginning of the end", well that's the phrase I think about now sitting in the hospital

waiting for Grandpa to recover. Well, that's not really what I'm expecting I guess. I think of the beginning of the end; because it's the end of the rest of his life. But right now it's the end of the rest of his life. But why him, such a good man? He's never really done anything wrong. The pain he is probably going through; I am sure I can't even comprehend. Everyone is scared. He means so much to everyone; we're all just waiting and expecting. In his case we have need to expect the worst, but still why the worst for him? Such an honest decent person, you just wonder what he is thinking about and how much of this he really understands. It makes me wonder if I have really let him know how much he means to me. Will he die and never know how much I love him? Personal feelings have to be one of the hardest things to express, and now I don't think anyone really knows what the other person is feeling. The moans of his pain send chills down my spine, and the

coughing make my eyes flood with sympathetic and scared tears. The mumbling when he talks make me think he really would be better off dead. The way we love him makes it so hard to let go.

Jim is survived by his wife Eva Berg of Garden Grove, one son James A. Berg Jr. of Fullerton, one daughter Loretta Fay and her husband Daniel of Riverside, his mother Eva Berg of Bodfish, two brothers Edgar Berg and William Berg and his wife Marcia all of Bodfish and by nine grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## George Washington Candelet

George W. Candelet, 77,

died July 19, 1995 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, CA. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, July 17, 1918. An army veteran of World War II, George attained the rank of Sergeant with Battery A228 Field Artillery Unit. Battles included Central Europe, Normandy, Rhineland and Northern France. He earned EALE Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Soldiers Medal. He resided in Lambertville and Whiting, New Jersey until 1989, then moved to Lake Isabella. He was a member of the Lambertville, N.J. volunteer Fire Department for over 40 years. He also belonged to Leni Lanapi Lodge #15 order of Odd Fellows. He retired from Luggage Craft Corporation in Lambertville, N.J. after 36 years as a luggage assembler and sewing machine operator. Son of the late William

and Elsie Candelet, he is survived by his wife of 54 years; Josephine Colello Candelet; two daughters, Joanne Teeples of El Monte, CA and Jeanne Burd of Sciota, PA; five grandchildren and one great grandchild; two sisters, Elsie Poland of Philadelphia, PA, and Blanche Kelly of Zyrhills, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. George will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Covina, CA.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1995

## **Zeta Mae Hall**

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 21, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. at the South Fork Woman's Club for Zeta Mae Hall of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Weldon United Methodist Church. Zeta

on April 19, 1899 and passed away July 20, 1995 in Mt. Mesa, CA. She was 96 years of age. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 31 years and very active in community services. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Rebekah Lodge, South Fork Women's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club and Woman of the Year in the AARP in 1994. She was also president of the Jesters Band. She was preceded in death by her husband 20 years ago. She is survived by her adoptive daughter Ruth Johansen of Perth, Western Australia. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, Ca 93240. Proceeds will go to a plaque on the Tree of Life. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1995

## Travis Shane Whitehouse

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 29, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Travis Shane Whitehouse of Riverkern. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Travis was born July 21, 1981 in Northridge, California, and passed away on July 25, 1995 in Bakersfield following an accident. Travis was 14 years old and was a student at Woodrow Wallace Jr. High.

He was a good athlete in all sports and he loved chocolate. He was a member of the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights.

Travis is survived by his mother Jeannie Whitehouse-Pagan and brother Ricky Whitehouse, both of Riverkern; his grandmother and grandfather Richard and Jean Grzeck of Woodland Hills, California; grandfather Wilford Pagan of New York; great-grandmother Mary Ramos of Las Vegas, Nevada; uncle Rudy and aunt Linda Pohlert of Agoura Hills, California; and many cousins. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Mary Jane Wolf

Memorial services were held Tuesday, July 25, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for Mary Jane Wolf of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Mrs. Wolf was born on October 29, 1913, in Los Angeles, California and passed away on July 20, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years and belonged to various Masonic and philanthropic organizations here in the valley.

Mary Jane is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Donald Auwarter of Arizona; three grandchildren Kane Auwarter of Montrose, California; Todd Auwarter of Washington; and Jennifer Shelby of Westlake Village, California; four great-grandchildren Carrie, Amanda, Kathleen and Taylor. She is also survived by her brothers Albert E. Kirby of Washington and Jack Kirby of Nebraska.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Bum Center, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, California 90020, in memory of Princess Mary Jane Wolf, daughter of the Nile.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Estelle Hedges

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 25, 1995, at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Lake Isabella at 2:00 p.m. for Estelle Hedges of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge. Interment was Wednesday, July 26, 1995, at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Mrs. Hedges was born on May 10, 1887, in Oklahoma Territory, Oklahoma and passed away on July 22, 1995, at her home in Bodfish. She was 108 years of age. She had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years.

She is survived by her son Forest Hedges of Oklahoma; son Walter Hedges of Weldon; daughter Lorene Busby of Squirrel Valley; daughter Thelma Smith of Washington; daughter Lucille Shamblin of Bodfish; 27 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and three great-great-great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Marcelle E. Engel

Long an important figure on the local art scene, Marcelle Eugenie Engel died at age 95 on July 27, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Engel had a long, productive and eventful career.

Born in Paris, France, nee Launspach, on December 23, 1899, she passed her childhood years in that city during World War I. She attended several art schools, graduating from the Paris Philppon Art Institute. She worked as a fashion designer and critic for the "Daily Mail" and "Figaro." She married Oliver Butler, Commerce Attache at the American Embassy. After a sojourn in Spain, the couple held various diplomatic posts in Latin America and the Philipines. Recalled to Washington, Oliver served as advisor to President Hoover. Marcelle taught French in the Berlitz Institute for several years and became an American citizen in 1933.

Upon her husband's untimely death, Marcelle moved to San Francisco and attended the Rudolph Schaefer Art Institute and was self-employed as a fashion designer. She returned to the Philipines by herself in 1938, where she rejoined her friends in the international community. She established an art studio, designed fabrics for the British-American Textile Firm in Manila, designed furniture for local manufacture and taught French and drawing in her spare time.

Marcelle was captured by the Japanese in 1942, following the fall of Manilla. She was offered an opportunity to declare herself a citizen of Vichy France and thus remain at liberty. She flatly refused, declaring herself a United States citizen and a supporter of the Free French. Consequently she was interned in the prison camp at Santo Tomas University until released in 1945 when the United States retook the Philipines. During her stay in the camp, she taught art and French in a high school set up by her future husband, Dr. Rene L. Engel. She made numerous sketches of life in the camp, which she has disolved in San

Francisco and Los Angeles. Later she wrote a book about her internment and included many of the sketches in it. Upon release, General Douglas MacArthur awarded her the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, the Philipine Defense and Philipine Liberation medals for her contributions to maintaining morale in the camp.

In 1945, she returned to the United States, worked in the City of Paris Women's Store in San Francisco and continued with her drawing and painting. At a reunion of the prisoners of war, she met Dr. Engel again and they were married in December 1950. After a short time in Cuba, from which they were expelled by Batista, they settled in Wofford Heights. They established a tungsten mill on a hillside near Kelso Creek. In 1957, Dr. Engel began work in oceanography at the Naval Ordinance Test Station at China Lake and they moved there for a few years where she continued giving lessons in French and art. In 1966, Rene retired and they returned to Wofford Heights.

She continued her involvement with various art and historical groups and made many paintings of flowers and landscapes. Much of her earlier work was in portraiture, in micrographically detailed pen and ink sketches and paintings of scenes around the world. As she grew older and her eyesight began to deteriorate, she concentrated on floral studies. Although most of her earlier work was finely detailed, she became in the later years a neoimpressionist.

Marcelle was a member of the Cunningham Gallery in Bakersfield, Art Chairman, of the Kern River South Fork Womens Club in Weldon, a member of the Kern Valley Art Association in Kernville and of the Desert Art League in China Lake. When health permitted, she attended St. Jude Church in Wofford Heights. She spoke English, French and Spanish fluently. With her passage the area has lost a true citizen of the world and one of its cultural assets.

A memorial mass will be held at Saint-Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Thursday, August 3, 1995, at 11:00 a.m.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1995

## Max E. Chappell

Funeral services were held August 8, 1995 at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California, for Max E. Chappell, age 72. He passed away on August 2, 1995, at his home in Weldon, California, after a lengthy illness. Max was born March 14, 1913 in Lyman, Utah. He loved the Kern River Valley and especially the view of the lake from his home in Weldon where he had lived for 5-1/2 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Democrat Club and the American Association of Retired Persons.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Chappell; his daughter, Evelyn Glynn, of West Hills, California; his daughter Sandra Hopkins of Norco, California; his brother Neill Chappell of Salt Lake City, Utah, and his sister Mildred Wood of Lyman, Utah; his stepdaughter Rebecca Winson of New York City, and his stepson James McKean of Santa Maria, California. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Elijah Chappell; a daughter, Peggy Starn; two grandsons, Scott Bufkin and Billy Chappell and recently by his stepson, Jack McKean, Jr.

Max's funeral was a family affair, with his son-in-law Robert Hopkins officiating. The eulogy was given by his son Russell, and the grave was dedicated by his brother Neill. His grandson Joshua Chappell read his favorite poem, "It Takes a Heap of Livin'" by Edgar Guest. Pall bearers were grandsons, Don and David Starn, and Bruce Bufkin, grandson Marine Jeremy Chappell, friend Earl Melson, and stepson James McKean.

Max farmed and broke horses as a young man in Utah. Later, he worked in the Los Angeles area as a manager for garment cutting companies.

He is also survived by dear friends Gloria and Earl Melson who brought Kathy and Max to the Lake Isabella area for the first time in July of 1989.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Valley. They made a great effort to make his last days comfortable. Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary.

## Wanda Ruth Harrison

Wanda R. Harrison, age 67 of Bolivar, MO, died at 5:00 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 1995 at Cox Medical Center South in Springfield, MO, after a lingering illness.

She was born in Laclede County Missouri and was a retired waitress. She was a former resident of Kernville, CA and a member of the First Baptist Church of Kernville. She was also a past member of the Eastern Star at Jamesport, MO.

Surviving is her husband, Loomer Harrison of the home, two sisters, Mrs. Myra Erickson of Mission Viejo, CA and Mrs. Marilyn Stempel of Ottumwa, Iowa also two brothers, John W. Massey of Liberty, MO and Wilbert L. Massey of Springfield, MO.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 22, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. in the Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO with the Rev. Ray Leininger officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Rose Cemetery at Lebanon, MO with the Rev. Don Anderson officiating under the direction of the Butler Funeral Home of Bolivar, MO. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Agnes Lenoir Parker

Private arrangements were made for Agnes Lenoir Parker of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Parker was born October 7, 1908 in Perris, Texas and passed away July 31, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. She had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 5 years and a member of the Church of Christ in Mt. Mesa. She is sur-

vived by her daughter and son-in-law Margaret and Bo Williams of Lake Isabella and daughter Mary Lou Hensley of San Fernando Valley, 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Joyce Rose Jones

Funeral services were held for Joyce R. Jones on Wednesday, August 2, 1995 in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Joyce was born on August 9, 1927 in North Loup, Nebraska to Sidney E. Wilson and Rua Alice Lane. Joyce married Clifford "Casey" Jones on February 4th, 1945, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

They lived in Bakersfield until 1971 before coming to the Kern Valley. They opened the Kern Valley Auto Body shop in Wofford Heights and operated it for many years until his retirement in 1990. Joyce was very active within the local community. She and Casey were always among the first sponsors for any community or charitable event. As a result of her community involvement, she was the first woman ever elected to be mayor of Whiskey Flat Days.

She has been fighting the cancer battle for several years and after a brief stay in Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, she died on July 29, 1995.

She is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, Clifford "Casey" Jones; their sons, Clifford "Pug" Jones and his wife Norma; and Keith "Mick" Jones and his wife Lynda; their daughter Debbra R. Jones who predeceased her; four grandchildren, Michael Jones, Cliffie Jones, Carrie Valdez and Sondae Jones, and five great-grandchildren. Her mother, Rua Collett, lives in Lake Isabella. Joyce is also survived by her sister Margery and family and her many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary. Donations may be made in Joyce's memory to the American Cancer Society, 1523 California Street, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

## Forrest Byron Holmes

Memorial services were held Saturday August 12, 1995, at 11:00 A.M. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for Forrest Byron Holmes. Officiating was Dr. Marvin D. Moon. Mr. Holmes was born January 20, 1929 in Clovis, California and passed away August 8, 1995 in Bakersfield, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 5 years. He was a member of the Moose, California State Teachers Retirement Union, the Lake Isabella Symphony Orchestra and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. While in the Navy he played in the Navy band and he also played with several name bands during the Big Band era. He had a teaching career for 32 years in the Fresno and Big Bear areas. He is survived by his wife of 8 years Irene Holmes of Bodfish, son Zane Holmes of Cherry Valley, daughter Evette Rose of Big Bear Lake, step-son Steven Beck of San Diego, step-daughter Anne McColium of Lone Pine, 2 brothers Bill Holmes of Las Vegas and Jim Holmes of Clayton, Ca. Sister Mary Ann Smothers of Fresno and 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church or the Lake Isabella Symphony Orchestra. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Earle Stockman Parker

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Thursday, August 10, 1995, at 11:00 A.M. for Lake Isabella resident Earle S. Parker, 75. Private inurnment followed at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield. Earle was born July 19, 1920 in Fredrick, Wisconsin. He spent his early years in Dayton, Ohio and lived most of his adult life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Earle was a veteran of both the Second World War and the Korean War. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II and then in the Navy during

the Korean War. Earle worked for many years as an insurance agent. He was a very unique and special man and will not be forgotten by his loving family and friends. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past three years having moved here from Palmdale. He was a member of the Palmdale Lodge of the B.P.O.E. Earle is survived by his wife Gloria of Lake Isabella, by two sons Earle Parker of Palmdale and Brian Parker of Sylmar, two daughters Gale Gibson of Lake Isabella and Cynthia Moore of Lancaster, by one sister Cleo Law of Oregon and by seven grandchildren, three great grandchildren and by many friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Amy M. Nyhuis

Private inurnment was held for Mrs. Amy M. Nyhuis, 76. She passed away at the Ridgecrest Community Hospital on Saturday evening, August 5. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 20, 1919. She attended school in Glenellyn, Illinois where she met and married her husband Peter. In 1944 she and her husband moved to Westchester,

CA. In 1971 they started coming to their weekend retreat at Lake Isabella and in 1977 moved here. Amy loved to swim and enjoyed sailing. She was a member of the Wofford Heights Society of Christian Science, the Order of the Eastern Star, and Kaph chapter of Golden Slipper. She is survived by her husband Peter Nyhuis of Lake Isabella, by two sons Peter Andrew Nyhuis and Dean Allen Nyhuis, by three grandchildren, one great grandchild and by one great great granddaughter Malisa Marie Snyder and by many friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella funeral Home.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1995

## Edgar Austin Rucker

Memorial services were held Saturday August 12, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Edgar Austin Rucker. Officiating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church. Mr. Rucker was born March 16, 1914 in Dover, Tennessee and passed away August 9 1995 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of Barstow for over 40 years before moving to the Kern

River Valley in 1980. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, and instrumental in starting the Little League and was the district coordinator for the Boy Scouts, he was very involved in the community activities all in Barstow. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Jessie Rucker of Onyx, his daughters Carol Rabacker of San Bernardino and Alta Jean Richardson of Victorville and step-daughters Katherine Orton of Mt. Mesa, Linda Beacham of Meadow Valley, and Jane Hill of Ridgecrest, his brother Frank Rucker of Florida and 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Eugene Henry Stemper

Memorial services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Monday August 7, 1995, at 1:00 P.M. for Eugene H. Stemper, 79. He passed away at his Kernville residence on Friday, August 2. Private inurnment was held. Eugene was born in California on July 30, 1916. He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator and had resided in Kernville for the past fifteen years having moved here from Bullhead City, Arizona. He loved to travel, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. Eugene is survived by his brother-in-law Albert Morgan of Rosamond and by several nieces and nephews and many friends. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Edward G. McCrory

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, August 7, 1995 at 2:00 P.M. in the Valley

Mortuary Chapel for Edward G. McCrory, 74, of Wofford Heights. Mr. Ellis Mills, past master of the Kernville Masonic Lodge #827, F&AM officiated. The eulogy was given by Mr. Tom McKinney. Mr. McCrory was born March 12, 1921 in Ponchatoula, Louisiana and was a 19 year valley resident. He and his wife owned the El Vaquero Restaurant in Wofford Heights for 18 years. He was a member of the Kernville Lodge #827, F&AM. Mr. McCrory was also an avid bowler and a member of the Tournament Club. Survivors include his wife, Bea McCrory of Wofford Heights, his son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Sharon McCrory of Mandiville, Louisiana, daughters Laurie Kinney of Wofford Heights, Connie Peters of Valencia, Cindy Nelson of Gypsum, Colorado and Susie Burgos of Dallas, Texas, a sister Clara Lott and a

brother William McCrory, both of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and 13 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1995

## Tanya Carleen Pippenger

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 17, 1995, for Tanya Carleen Pippenger, age 19, of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. Marvin Flowers officiated at Holland & Barry Funeral Home, Lincoln, Illinois. Burial followed in Elkhart Cemetery, Elkhart, Illinois. Visitation was held on August 16, 1995, at the funeral home.

Tanya was born on July 14, 1976 in Lincoln, Illinois, the daughter of Jerry and Jan Johnston Pippenger. She passed away at 6:28 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 1995, in Sangamon Co., Illinois.

She was a 1994 grauate of Mt. Pulaski High School and was employed by Circuit City in Springfield, Illinois. Tanya was Best Model, Best Smile winner in the American Beauty Contest in 1987. She was Miss American Pageant Sweetheart runner-up only to her sister, Tiffani. She was also a member of the Outback Bungee Jumping Club.

She enjoyed sports - in and out of school - and was on many all-conference teams in various schools in California, Missouri and Illinois. She enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, the mountains, and the people she came in contact with. She left a good impression on all she met. Tanya loved life to the fullest.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Norman Pippenger and her uncle Mark Pippenger. Tanya is survived by her father and stepmother, Jerry and Caylyn Fuhrer Pippenger of Mt. Pulaski; her

mother, Jan Pippenger of Bakersfield, California; paternal grandmother, Marianne Pippenger of Springfield; maternal grandmother Dorothy Johnston of Lincoln; paternal stepgrandmother Irene Pippenger of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; sister Tiffani Pippenger of Bakersfield, California; stepsister Tami Rogers of Los Angeles, California; stepbrothers Todd Snyder of Plant City, Florida; Deron Powell and Eric Powell, both of Bloomington, Illinois; uncles, Rob Pippenger of Missouri and Jim Pippenger of Elkhart, Illinois; nieces and nephew, Carly Powell, Sarah Snyder and Patrick Zelnick.

**Memorials may be made to:**  
Riverton Fire & Rescue Squad,  
Riverton, Illinois, or to the Mt.  
Pulaski Ambulance, Mt.  
Pulaski, Illinois.

## Edward Fenton Allard

Private interment will be held at a later date for Lake Isabella resident Edward F. Allard, age 72. He passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Monday morning, August 14, 1995. Edward was born in Los Angeles on August 28, 1922. He received his education there and spent most of his adult life in the Los Angeles area.

He was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Army and in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He was retired from Ralph's Grocery Stores where he worked for many years as a truck driver.

Edward was a past commander of the Granada Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He loved the out of doors and enjoyed fishing.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife Aliene Allard, just four months ago. He is survived by three sons Tom Allard of Seattle, Washington; Mike Nelson of Commerce, Michigan; and John Allard of Tehachapi; by two daughters Charlen Tozier of Seattle, Washington; and Jackie Vogel of Woodland Hills, California; by nine grandchildren and many friends.

Private inurnment was held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Edward M. Alsop

Funeral services for Edward M. Alsop, age 79, were held on Monday, August 21, 1995, at

the 11:00 a.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel. Burial followed in the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. Officiating was Pastor Mel Rich of the Olive Knolls Church of the Nazarene in Bakersfield and the Kern River Valley Lodge #827, F.&A.M.

A 20-year Wofford Heights resident, Mr. Alsop was born October 27, 1915 in Brooklyn, New York, and entered into rest on August 16, 1995, in a Bakersfield hospital. He entered the U.S. Army in 1934 as a private and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1964. Mr. Alsop was a member of the Retired Officer's Association, the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and the Shriners.

Survivors include his wife Ethel, with whom he shared 12 really good years; a son Richard Alsop of Bakersfield; a daughter Margaret Clark of San Diego; a step-daughter Diannah Close of Ontario; a step-son Charles Weiss of Hacienda Heights; eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter Merissa. Mr. Alsop was a very giving man and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospital, 3160 Geneva St., Los Angeles, CA 90020.

Services under the direction of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Betty Marion Larsen

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Monday, August 21, 1995, at 1:30 p.m. for Mrs. Betty Marion Larsen, age 78. She passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Thursday morning, August 17, 1995. Betty was born in St. Paul, Minnesota on January 25, 1917, she spent her early years and received her education there.

In 1951, she moved to Los Angeles and resided there until coming to the lake area in 1972. Betty enjoyed the out of doors and loved to fish.

She is survived by her husband Arden of Wofford Heights; by one son Dave McVeety of Pocatello, Idaho; one daughter Kathy Stewart of Norco, California; by one sister Vivian Schutte of Santa Ana, California; by five grandchildren and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Raymond Boice Voyles

Graveside funeral services were held in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Thursday, August 17, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. for Mr. Raymond Boice Voyles, age 69. Reverend Robert Coy, Pastor of the Wofford Heights Assembly of God officiated. Mr. Voyles was born in Lucora, Arkansas on November 5, 1925 and passed away at his Wofford Heights residence on Tuesday morning, August 15, 1995.

He was retired from ITT Gilfillan where he was employed for many years as a security guard. Mr. Voyles had resided in Wofford Heights since 1988 having moved here from Van Nuys, California.

He was predeceased by his wife Rita who passed away in 1994. Mr. Voyles is survived by one son and his wife Raymond J. and Mar.a A. Voyles of Palmdale; by two daughters Mona and her husband Myles Allen of Wofford Heights and Jennie Jones of Bodfish; by two sisters Mae Decker of Lancaster, California, and Juanita Eckstom of San Bernardino, California; by five grandchildren Lisa Howard, Kevin and Patrick Voyles and David and Cindy Allen; and by one great-granddaughter Meagan Howard, several nieces and nephews and by a host of friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1995

## Lillian Pearl McVey

A visitation and wake service were held Thursday, August 24, 1995, at Valley Mortuary for Lillian Pearl McVey. A funeral mass was held Friday, August 25, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Officiating was Rev. Father Charles Casale. Interment and graveside services were Saturday, August 26, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at All Souls Cemetery in Long Beach, California.

Mrs. McVey was born in Sioux City, Iowa on December 21, 1916 and passed away in Mt. Mesa, California on August

23, 1995. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was an active member of the Moose, Elks, Eagles and Catholic Daughters and the Altar Society, prior to her illness she was past president of the South Fork Womans Club and past Kern District President of the SFWC.

She is survived by her son Harold McVey of Missouri; daughter Patricia Stickman of Temecula, California; daughter Mary J. Deese of Buena Park, California; daughter Sharon Lee McVey, also of Buena Park; daughter Christine Cheryl Middleton of Wofford Heights; 13 grandchildren, six step-

grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 11 step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was dearly loved by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

## Eleanor Harris-Sanders

Memorial services were held Saturday, September 2, 1995, at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella for Eleanor Harris-Sanders. She was born in Lankenshire, England on December 19, 1911 and passed away in Mt. Mesa, California, on August 31, 1995.

She has been a resident of Weldon and the Kern River Valley for 25 years. She was a member of the Eagles and past president of the Women of the Moose.

Eleanor is survived by her daughter Jennie Grey of Bakersfield; her grandson Che Harris of Weldon; granddaughter Michele Vanerli of Mississippi; two great-granddaughters Megan and Stephine Vanerli of Mississippi; also her niece Jean Galusha of Westminster and her nephew Harold Richardson of Seal Beach, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Gertrude Agnes Cunningham

Funeral services were held Thursday, August 31, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Gertrude Agnes Cunningham. Officiating was Pastor Jerry

Ruff. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Cunningham was born December 7, 1923 in Los Angeles, California, and passed away August 28, 1995, in Bakersfield, California.

She has been a resident of Weldon for three years and a member of the Family Life Center and the Historical Society. She and her husband were retired pastors in the Four Square Churches in and around the country and she played the piano. At 69 years of age, she took her first river raft ride down the Kern River with her son and grandson. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995

## Robert Wheeland Keith

Private services and inurnment were held for Robert Keith, age 86, who entered into rest in Bakersfield at Memorial Hospital on August 25, 1995, at 3:25 in the afternoon.

Robert was born to Walter and Emily Keith on April 16, 1919, in Freeport, Illinois.

His early years and schooling were spent in Freeport, Illinois. Robert came to California in 1931 at the age of 22. He worked on a farm in Paso Robles, California, as a cowhand. After several years he moved to Ames, Iowa, and joined the Navy Sea Bee's and served his country overseas. While overseas, he earned the Victory Medal in WWII, Philippine Liberation, 2 stars and the Asiatic Pacific 1 star.

After World War II, he stayed in California where he owned and operated a paint store in Los Angeles. Later he worked at Don Lee's Paint Store in Tujunga, California. Then he worked at the Mullins Paint Store in North Hollywood.

He came to the lake area in July of 1995 and really enjoyed his two months in Wofford Heights. He really loved the lake area. He is survived by his daughter, Dorothy Crothers, who is moving at this time to reside in Kernville with her husband, one grandson, Jeff Crothers, of Three Rivers, California, and a granddaughter Lonnie Whitten of Tujunga, California.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Jack Donald Kukura

Graveside services were held Friday, September 1, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. at the Historical Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, California for Jack Donald Kukura. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Kukura was born September 10, 1926, in Bell, California, and passed away August 28, 1995 in Ridgecrest, California. He has been a resident of Kernville for the past six years. He has been a member of the VFW Post #1732 in South Gate from 1945. Also he was an active member of the Gear Grinders Car Club #12 and the Kern River Valley Fish Hatchery and the Bakersfield Teamsters Retirees for 40 years and the Kern Valley Gun Club and the NRA.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years Helen Kukura of Kernville; son John Kukura of West Plains, Missouri; daughter Christine Kuduk of Wrightwood, California; sister Mary Klingensmith of Long Beach, California and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

## Ingeborg Charlotte Sanders

Private services and interment were held for Ingeborg Charlotte Sanders, age 59. She was born August 28, 1935 in Berlin, Germany and passed away at the local hospital on August 24, 1995.

Mrs. Sanders spent her childhood and early adult years in Germany where she met and married her husband who was a career Army man. In 1962 she moved with her family to the United States. She came to the lake area in 1980 from San Pedro and had been residing in Wofford Heights at the time of her passing.

She is survived by one daughter Barbara Sanders of Wofford Heights; one son Robert Sanders of Ridgecrest and by many friends.

Private inurnment was held. The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Louis Henry Lease

Memorial services were held Sunday, September 10, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella for Louis Henry Lease. Mr. Lease was born August 7, 1929 in Saranac Lake, New York, and passed away September 5, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California.

He has been a resident of Wofford Heights for four years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and was very active in the senior dances and he and his wife took line dance classes.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Marilyn of Wofford Heights; his sons Dean Lease of Lakewood, California; son Barry Lease of Lake Tahoe; son Scott Lease of Wofford Heights; son Dana Lease of Carson City and daughter Laurie Lease of Wofford Heights and eight grandchildren and his mother Mabel Lease of Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Arthur Thomas Martin

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Friday, September 8, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. for Arthur Thomas Martin, age 34. Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Lake Isabella Southern Baptist Church officiated. Committal services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Casketbearers were his three brothers Charles Martin Jr., Jeffrey Martin, and Bradford Martin and friends Jerry Allen, J.R. Hansard, and Wade Michau. Arthur passed away in Silver Springs, Nevada on Saturday, September 2, 1995.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 11, 1960. While still an infant, he moved with his family to the Sunland, Tujunga area where he resided until coming to the lake area in 1969, where he has resided since. He was self-employed doing mobilehome set-up and installations.

Arthur is survived by his parents Charles J. Martin Sr.

and Ethel Rosalie Martin of Lake Isabella; two sons Jacob Martin of Southlake and James Martin of Quincy, Washington; two daughters Charlene Martin of Quincy, Washington and Cheryl Martin of Southlake; three brothers Charles J. Martin Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jeffrey Martin of Bensalem, Pennsylvania; and Bradford Martin of Nashville, Tennessee; six sisters Jackie San Diego of Tehachapi; Deborah Baker of Ridgecrest; Pamela Allen of Ridgecrest; Catherine Smith of Ridgecrest; Tammie Lathrop of Tehachapi; and Patty Burke of Ridgecrest. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1995

## Alonzo Lee Dixon

Memorial services were held at the Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Saturday, September 9, 1995, at 1:00 p.m. for Alonzo Lee Dixon Jr., age 82. Officiating were the officer and members of Eagles Aerie

#3156, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #498, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665. Committal services and interment were held at Forest Lawn Sunnyside in Long Beach on Tuesday, September 12, 1995, at 2:00 p.m. He passed away at his Lake Isabella residence on Monday morning September 4, 1995.

Mr. Dixon was born in Butler, Missouri, on July 7, 1913. He was a veteran having served in the U.S. Army during the Second World War and again served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Mr. Dixon was a retired inspector for General Motors from which he retired after 32 years of service. He had resided in Lake Isabella since 1980. Mr. Dixon was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He is survived by his wife Jeannie Dixon of Lake Isabella; one son Steven Dixon of Westminster; three grandchildren and by many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Kurtis James Garrido

Services were held today at the Foursquare Gospel Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Kurtis James Garrido, age 1 year, 11 months, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Brian Polston officiating.

His short life came to an end early in the afternoon, Tuesday, September 12, 1995. His grandmother, Sharon Thompson, saw a runaway truck heading towards Kurtis. She made an attempt to rescue him, but was unsuccessful. In her attempt to rescue him, she too was run over by the unoccupied pickup, and remains in a Bakersfield hospital with a fractured back. Her motherly love forced her to endanger her own life in an attempt to save his.

Kurtis is survived by his loving parents, Jason and Tiffany Garrido, of Kernville. His maternal grandparents Jeff and Sharon Thompson of Lake Isabella; paternal grandparents George and Janet Kellogg of South Lake Tahoe, California; also several aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him.

Kurtis was born on October 4, 1993, in Layton, Utah and would have been 2 years old his next birthday.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Dawn Beam

A memorial service for Dawn Beam will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20.

Dawn passed away at her home on September 16.

Born in 1941 in Ormstown, Quebec, Canada, Dawn came to the Kern Valley in 1965.

She was employed as a supervisory district clerk in the business management section of the U.S. Forest Service's Cannell Meadow District Office for 22 years and retired this March.

During her tenure at the Forest Service, Dawn received several awards for her exceptional service and will be fondly remembered for her cheery personality and ability to keep everyone laughing.

Dawn was also known for keeping a gallery over her desk of all the children born to Forest Service employees over the years.

She leaves to mourn her mother, Margaret Friedmann of Kernville, her beloved husband Denton, her three children, Dorelle Wallace of Lk. Isabella, Michael Robidoux and wife Coleen of Bakersfield, Monique Alvidrez and husband Gary of Kernville, one grandchild, Shae Wallace of Lk. Isabella, two brothers Arthur Hunter of Ottawa, Canada, and Kirk Hunter, of Ontario, Canada. Numerous other relatives and all of her many friends will deeply miss Dawn.

Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

## William Herman Russell

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 14, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for William Herman Russell. Eulogy was given by Bob Salyer.

Mr. Russell was born April 20, 1915 in Pomona, California, and passed away in Wofford Heights on September 9, 1995. He was a resident of Wofford Heights for 18 years.

He was a retired Pipe Fitter and WWII Veteran. William was known very well at the Kernville Golf Course. He was past president and Corporation Director of the golf course.

William is survived by his wife of 43 years Frances and two sisters-in-law, Fern Allen of Torrance, California, and Faith Gold of Placentia, California. He will be missed by all his friends and family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1995

## Vera Jo Hoy

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, for Vera Jo Hoy at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Hoy was born July 27, 1932 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and passed away on September 9, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Weidon for 10 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Barney M. Hoy, of 28 years; daughter Robin Warino of Utah; daughter Carol Bak of Garden Grove, California; son Robert Corkhill of Hemet, California; son Kirk Hoy of Paso Robles, California; son David Hoy of Colorado; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother Ken Bledsoe of Weldon; sisters Mary Shanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Temecula, California. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Sharon Kay Castle

Services for Sharon Kay Castle, age 59, were held on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, at the Eagles Lodge #3156 in Mt. Mesa at 2:00 p.m. with the Eagles officiating.

Sharon was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 8, 1936 and entered into rest early in the morning on September 15, 1995, at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield, California.

She left Detroit and came to California in 1959, settling first in Canoga Park, then in Covina and finally in 1975, she moved to the lake area.

She is survived by her son Bryan Boggs and daughter Cheryl Bonner, both of the Lake Isabella area.

Sharon belonged to the V.F.W., and was Past Madam President of the Eagles Lodge and also a member of the drill team which is an extension of the Eagles.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

## Veva Jo Hoy

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 1995, for Veva Jo Hoy at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Hoy was born July 27, 1932 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and passed away on September 7, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She was a resident of Weldon for 10 years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bamey M. Hoy, of 28 years; daughter Robin Warino of Utah; daughter Carol Bak of Garden Grove, California; son Robert Corkhill of Hemet, California; son Kirk Hoy of Paso Robles, California; son David Hoy of Colorado; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brother Ken Bledsoe of Weldon; sisters Mary Shanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Temecula, California. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Elinor Lovell Hammond

Funeral arrangements were made for Elinor Lovell Hammond who passed away September 23, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Mrs. Hammond was born January 25, 1897 in Mayville, New York to Guy and Vesta Mills. Her brother was Leslie Mills and sister Isabell Hatsell. She has been a resident of Mt. Mesa for three years.

There will be graveside services on October 14, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, New York.

She was preceded in death by her son Theadore Baker in 1993. She is survived by her son Roger Baker of Port Charlott, Florida and daughters Roberta Angel of Bodfish and Mary Tenper of Talent, Oregon; 11 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1995

## Glen Brant Woodard

Private arrangements were made for Glen Brant Woodard, who passed away September 18, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Woodard was born May 4, 1918, in Torrance, California, and has lived 52 years in Kern County, the past eight years in Lake Isabella. He loved fishing here.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years Louise Woodard of Lake Isabella; sons Robert Lee Woodard of Bakersfield and Frank Louis Woodard of Sacramento; daughters Leta Mae Cox and Glenda Carter, both of Salem, Oregon and 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; also sisters Elizabeth Havens of Bakersfield, Betty Snapp of Bakersfield, Mary Cannifax of Texas and Hazel Tackett of King City, California and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Donald R. Grenier

Donald R. Grenier passed away at his residence in Bodfish early in the morning of Monday, September 18, 1995. Private inurement was held with interment to follow at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Don was born March 6, 1928, in Huntington, Massachusetts. He worked for the forest service in Massachusetts for 25 years coming to California in 1975, and to the lake area in 1987.

He and his wife Helen were married in 1978. Don was a World War II veteran having served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Disabled American Veterans.

Don was an excellent fly fisherman having won several awards in Massachusetts for his prowess. He had a hobby of making farm implements, wagons, horses, etc. from toothpicks and popsicle sticks.

He leaves his wife Helen of Bodfish; two stepchildren Robert Bratkovic of Ballwin, Missouri and Carol A. Dicks of Augusta, Georgia; one sister Arlene Ahlfors of Prescott Valley, Arizona; three grandchildren and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family, Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1995

## Ethor William (Bill) Singleton

Bill Singleton passed away in Delano early in the afternoon of September 28, 1995. Bill was born to Theopolis and Mary Singleton in Blacksprings, Arkansas, on August 2, 1922. He spent his early life there, but moved to Whitesboro, Oklahoma, where he attended grade and high school.

After graduation from high school, Bill joined the Air Force and served during World War II as a Captain. After his service time Bill moved to Van Nuys, California. Then he moved and lived in Wasco, California for a short time. He came to the lake area 40 years ago. While here he developed the Starr Drilling and Pump Company in Lake Isabella. Bill then became owner and operator of the Bodfish Water Company and remained so for 15 years. He sold the water company in 1992 at which time he retired.

Services were at the Church of the Nazarene at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 1995, with Pastor Jack Duitsman officiating. Burial followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Bill loved fishing and camping. He especially loved being a cattleman and horseman. He also loved to play dominos, especially when he won. He was a big framed man and it was said this was necessary to house the big heart that he had. He was a loving and kind father. He loved to help in community projects. He was responsible for the score board and announcer's booth at Kern Valley High School. He was a great booster of the Bronc's and Kern Valley F.F.A.

Bill is survived by his wife Diane of Bodfish; two sons, Leon of Visalia and Tony of Las Vegas; two daughters, Patricia Payne of Quitman, Texas, and Cynthia Barron of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Archie of Morenc Valley, California, and Ocus o

Davis, California; one sister, Wilma Guthrie of Davis, California; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Geraldine Edith Metten

Geraldine Edith Metten, known as Jeirie to her family and friends, passed away on September 12, 1995 at Kern Valley Emergency Hospital, of cancer.

She was born on December 12, 1927 in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Kathryn and Kyle C. Miller. She was married to Donald C. Metten on July 19, 1955 in Hollywood, California.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Metten of Lake Isabella; two sisters, June Clifford and Patricia Mazolla of Burbank; and a brother Donald Miller of San Francisco.

Jeirie was a retired supervisor for the Pacific Bell Telephone Company, where she had been employed for over 30 years.

## Thomas Joseph Whyte

Thomas Joseph Whyte passed away in Lancaster, California at 7:30 a.m. on September 25. For the past month, he was living at the Lancaster Health Care Center to be near his son Ted.

Private inurnment was held with interment to follow at Inglewood Memorial Park in Inglewood, California.

Thomas was born September 15, 1921 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to William and

Mary Whyte. Tom came to Salinas, California, in 1963 where he remained until 1965 at which time he moved to the Los Angeles area. In 1985 he made his home in the lake area. Tom married his wife Mary after coming to California. She preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Kernville Historical Society. He also served his country in the Army during World War II as an E-5.

He is survived by three sons: Theodore Whyte of Lancaster, California; Leonard Whyte of Covina, California; Thomas Whyte of Memphis, Tennessee; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



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## Vivian Elizabeth (Harrison) Wayne

Private service was held for Vivian E. Wayne, aged 74. Vivian was born to Andrew and Ivy Harrison on April 8, 1921, in Shinnston, West Virginia. She passed away Thursday morning, September 21, 1995, after a lengthy illness at her home with her family in Wofford Heights.

Vivian moved to the Kern River Valley with her husband Mel and son Michael from Mar Vista, California, in 1973. She was employed as the store

manager at Helen's Gift Shop in Wofford Heights and later joined Radio Station KVLI as their first radio announcer and was KVLI's first "Swap Shop Show" hostess. She had also worked at radio stations in West Virginia, Virginia, Illinois and California. Vivian met her husband Mel in 1950 at WRST Radio in Chicago. They were married in Paris, Illinois, November 18, 1951.

Vivian was a member of the Genealogical Society of Lake Isabella and a member of WHIGs. She was a past officer of the Emblem Club 154 of Elks Lodge 906 in Santa Monica,

and LOE - KRV Elks Lodge 2358.

She is survived by her husband Mel and son Michael of Wofford Heights and daughters Jean McHugh of Prescott, Arizona, and Carolyn Day of Cadillac, Michigan; and Michele Earley of Aliso Viejo, California; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Vivian is also survived by her brothers Bob and Richard Harrison and families of Shinnston, West Virginia, along with many, many friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Edward D. Norris

Graveside funeral services and interment were held on Tuesday, October 10, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for 42-year lake area resident, Edward D. Norris, age 81. He passed away at his residence in Bodfish on Thursday evening, October 5, 1995.

Edward was born in Boone, Iowa, on July 22, 1914. He met and married Elizabeth Fenner in Sturgess, South Dakota in 1940. Many will remember her as the Postmaster of Bodfish when the post office classification was changed from fourth class to third class. In honor of her, the Elizabeth Norris Road was named. It is the road between the two parks in Lake Isabella, and serves as an on-ramp to Highway 178.

Edward loved to hunt, fish and garden. He had a great degree on proudness when he would pick a carrot from his garden even though it may have cost him ten dollars to raise it. He drove a school bus for 23 years for the Kernville Union School District.

He is survived by one son and his wife Eddie and Dee Norris of Norris Sign Company of Bodfish; three grandchildren Carrie Lee Hunt and Stacie Lorraine Bohn of Lake Isabella and Justin Edward Norris of Bodfish; three great-grandchildren Kaila Lin Hunt, Nathan Lloyd Hunt and Morgan Lee Hunt, all of Lake Isabella and by many loving friends who will greatly miss him.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## William David Mershon

Graveside services were held on Thursday, October 5, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, for Mr. William David Mershon. Officiating were the officers of the Kern River Valley Moose Lodge #498.

Mr. Mershon is survived by his loving wife of 47 years Pauline E. Mershon; son Dave Mershon of Bodfish; sister Harriet Hunter of Portsmouth, Ohio; brother Dan Mershon of Salt Springs, Florida.

William was born February 28, 1915, and passed away on September 30, 1995, at his home in Bodfish, California.

He was a member of the F.O.E. #935 of Redondo Beach, California, as well as F.O.E. #3156 of Mt. Mesa. He was also a member the Elks in Wofford Heights and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella.

William Mershon will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

## Vera Melgosa

Memorial services were held Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 11:30 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Vera Melgosa. Officiating was Rev. Father Charles Cadale of St. Jude's Catholic Church.

She was born November 28, 1911 in Mexico and passed away October 2, 1995 in Mt. Mesa. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. She enjoyed her family, her cactus garden and her Desert Tortoises.

Vera is survived by her husband of 63 years, Alfonso Melgosa of Weldon; her son Robert Melgosa of California; and three daughters, Lola Bonfield of Carson; Virginia Harmening of Bakersfield; Gloria Campbell of El Toro,

California; two sisters Ann Wyatt of Bend, Oregon and Jennie Espinoza of Hot Springs, South Dakota; nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1995

## Ryan Emery Loren Young "Burke"

Services were held for Ryan Young at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, at the Mt. View Baptist Church, with Senior Pastor Daryl Lackey officiating along with Associate Pastor Bert Simpson and Youth Pastor Jeff McCulty. Ryan was involved in an auto accident the day following his 18th birthday, on September 28th, and never regained consciousness. He entered into rest in Bakersfield on October 6, 1995.

He was born in Westminster, California, on September 27, 1977. He lived his early life in Long Beach, moved to Ontario when he was 1-1/2 years old. Then at age five, he moved to Bloomington, then to San Bernardino. At 12, he moved to Phelan, where he lived for two years before moving to the lake area in 1991. Ryan was baptized at the age of one as a Catholic. He made a commitment to the Lord and was baptized in a Baptist Church on September 15, 1989, while visiting in Georgia.

Ryan was a senior at Kern Valley High School where he was a member of the wrestling team. He also sang in the choir. He was a member of the FFA for two years. Ryan loved fishing, and was an avid swimmer. He also enjoyed dirt bike riding, as well as biking in general. He was very athletic and loved skiing and snowboarding. He also liked to go horse back riding and especially loved his animals at home. Ryan worked as a handyman and repair service.

He is survived by his mother Sherry Burke; grandparents Joe and Doralee Parkerson, of Georgia, and Wilmerith Christian; great-grandmother Una Butler; four brothers William Young of Seattle, Washington; Brad Burke of Houston, Texas; Howard Burke of Columbus, Georgia; and Brian Burke of Houston, Pennsylvania; six sis-



ters Emma Young of Macon, Georgia; Lillian Burke of Wolford Heights; Cindy and Charlene Burke, both of Houston, Pennsylvania; and Kathy and Tia Burke of Houston, Texas. Also surviving Ryan are several aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1995

## Walter Stille

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 4, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. for Weldon resident Walter Stille, age 53. Committal services and interment followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter passed away at his residence on Sunday morning, October 1, 1995. He was born in Grand Haven, Michigan, on December 22, 1941. He spent his early years and received his education in Michigan and at the age of 23 came to California, first settling in Torrance and then moving to Long Beach in 1980. Walter had lived in the lake area for the past seven years. Walter was a loving husband and father and enjoyed the out of doors and working in his garden.

He is survived by his wife Linda of Weldon; sons Allen Stille of Fruitport, Michigan; Donald Stille serving in the U.S. Navy; John Reyes and Manuel Reyes of Yucca Valley; daughters Susette Russel of Harbor City, California and Wendy Reyes of Lake Havasu, Arizona; three brothers Jim of Weldon; Steve of Reno, Nevada; and Rich of Michigan; two sisters Marlene Hampton of Dayton, Ohio, and Janet Stille of Ridgecrest; six grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and many friends.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Lloyd LeEarl Adams

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 11, 1995, at 11:30 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Lloyd L. Adams. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Mr. Adams was born April 21, 1918 in Lake Preston, South Dakota and passed away October 6, 1995, in Delano, California. He was 77 years old. He retired from McDonnell Douglas after 25 years. He has been a resident of Kernville for 12 years. And a member of the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. He was a Master Craftsman.

Mr. Adams was survived by his wife of 53 years Larene Adams of Kernville; sons Randy Adams of Echo Park, California, and Dennis Adams of Palmdale; daughter Sharon Murray of North Hollywood; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1995

## John Sabath

Graveside services were held Thursday, October 19, 1995, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Sabath. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Sabath was born on March 1, 1915 in Benld, Illinois and passed away on October 14,

1995, in Wofford Heights. A resident of the Kern River Valley for 16 years, he was retired from the Coast Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ann in 1993. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Penny Sabath of Red Bluff, California;

son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Elaine Sabath of El Centro, California; two sisters Marian Hemple of Chicago and Ann Komlose of Iowa; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1995

## Helen Lucille Moore

Memorial services were held in the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Helen Lucille Moore, age 85, of Mt. Mesa, on Saturday, October 28, 1995, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating. Order of the Eastern Star services were also conducted.

Lucille was born on February 16, 1910 in Rector, Arkansas, and passed away on October 26, 1995, in a Bakersfield hospital. Lucille took nurses training in Memphis, Tennessee and married Robert H. Moore on September 22, 1934 in Kennett, Missouri. They lived in Ridgecrest for 23 years before moving to Mt. Mesa in 1969.

She was a long-time member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church and an active member of the Eastern Star where she worked since 1958 with the Cancer Dressing Station at the Masonic Lodge. Many Kern Valley residents benefited from those dressings and any that weren't used in the valley were sent to the Cancer Society in Bakersfield. Lucille ran a day care center in her home at China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station for 18 years.

Lucille is survived by her husband, Bob Moore, to whom she was married for 61 years; her sister, Etola Shaw of La Mirada; her brother, Delbert

Harber, of Silver City, New Mexico; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to either the Cancer Dressing Station in care of the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge or to the memorial fund of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Ernest Klasen

Private services were held for Ernest Klasen, age 65, who entered into rest at his home in Weldon early in the morning, Saturday, September 21, 1995, with his wife and two of his sons by his side.

Ernest Klasen was born to Ernest and Senta Klasen on March 30, 1930, in Los Angeles, California. He spent his early years in Los Angeles and received his schooling in Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Ernest had various employers in the motion picture industry as a prop maker. He served his country in World War II in the Navy as a ship's cook.

He particularly liked anything to do with water. Fishing was

one of his favorite pastimes. He was also a member of the Drag Boat Association. He came and made his home in the lake area in 1994.

Mr. Klasen is survived by his wife Joan of Weldon; son Bill Moore of Rockford, Illinois; son Kirt Moore of Lompoc, California; son Steven Elliott of Rialto, California; daughter Patty Jo DeLong of Durham, California; daughters Barbara Watkins and Betsy Booth, both of Rosamond, California; daughter Susan Quinlan of Westlake, California. Also surviving him are 14 grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



## Arthur Freier

Arthur Freier, age 74, resident of Wofford Heights, died on Wednesday, November 1, 1995. He was hit by a motor vehicle while assisting as a Citizen Patrol Volunteer. He was born in Box Elder, Montana, on July 4, 1921, to John and Mathilda Freier. He attended Box Elder schools and graduated from Northern Montana College in Havre, Montana. He married Irene Fisher of Butte, Montana, in 1948 and moved to Los Angeles, California. He taught mathematics in the Los Angeles Unified School District for over 30 years and retired as Math Supervisor in 1981. Irene died in 1988. In 1991, he married Lois Whitman of Van Nuys, California, and the two retired to Wofford Heights.

—He is survived by four children: Elaine Cox of Anaheim, California; Gary Freier of Wofford Heights, California; Martin Freier of Agua Dulce, California; and Stacy DiRezze of Gardena, California; five grandchildren: Patricia Lynn, Laura Anne, Gregory Allen, Ruben Arthur, and Daniel James; two stepchildren: Carl Whitman of Simi Valley, California, and Sarah Stephenson of Marin County, California. Arthur is also survived by four brothers: Herbert Freier, Edwin Freier, Donald Freier and Adolph Freier, all of Montana; and one sister Anna Shelsted of New Mexico. He is preceded in death by brothers John, Ruben and Otto Freier.

His life was dedicated to community service to benefit the well-being of others. His family, faith and friends were foremost in his life. He was an active member in many organizations including: Citizen Patrol Unit of Kern County, Wofford Heights Improvement Group, Elks Lodge, VFW, Germans from Russia Organization, and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Services were held at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, on Sunday, November 5, 1995, at 2 p.m. He will be buried at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A memorial fund has been established by the Kern County Sheriff Department.

Arrangements by Valley Mor-

## Gladys Banks

Funeral services for Gladys Banks, age 75, were held at 12 p.m. on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at Miller-Jones Mortuary Chapel in Hemet, California. Officiating was Tom Hilterman. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in North Hollywood, California. She died of pneumonia on Saturday, October 21, 1995, at her home in San Jacinto, California.

Mrs. Banks, who was born on August 7, 1920, in Shellknow, Missouri, lived in San Jacinto for 10 years. She lived in Southlake, California, at least 10 years prior to 1985, and had many friends here in the valley. She was a secretary for McDonnell-Douglas for 20 years. She was a member of the Culver City Baptist Church.

Gladys is survived by two sons, Thomas L. of Huntington Beach and David L. of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; five brothers, Floyd Kimball of Hemet; Ireland Kimball of Kansas City, Missouri; Roland Kimball of Springfield, Missouri; Larry Kimball of Independence, Missouri; and Claye Kimball of St. Ann, Missouri; two sisters, Mary Sue Grant of Kansas City, Missouri, and Wilma Stringer of Elephant Butte, New Mexico; six nieces and seven nephews.

## Jack Bess

Private services were held for Jack Bess, age 78, who passed away early on Thursday morning, November 2, 1995, at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Jack was born in Eufaula, Oklahoma, to William and Emma Bess on May 28, 1917. He received his education in Eufaula and remained there until 1936 at which time he came to Bakersfield and ran a cotton gin until 1955. Jack then opened Von Bess Kennels in 1955 and operated it until his retirement in 1979. For the next 15 years, he and his wife traveled back and forth between Bakersfield and Oklahoma enjoying his retirement. For the past few years they lived in the lake area.

He served his country from 1940 to 1945 as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army where he received several decorations and citations. Among them was the Purple Heart, American Defense Service Ribbon, Eame Service Ribbon and Four Bronze Service Stars. He was wounded during the Eame Theater.

Jack is survived by his wife Mary of Onyx; sons Jack Bess Jr. and Stanley Bess, both of Bakersfield; one daughter Sherry Valadez of Los Angeles; sisters Jewel Godfrey of Oklahoma and Mary Jagow of Bakersfield; brothers Fred Bess of Bakersfield, George Bess of Oklahoma and Claude Bess of Weldon; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He loved to plant and grow plants as a hobby. Jack also loved to fish. Another of his favorite pastimes was to tease whoever he loved and held close to his heart. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1995

## Lupe Obregon

Private arrangements were made for Lupe Obregon of Lake Isabella. ~~Mr. Obregon was born~~ August 30, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas, and passed away on October 30, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. Mr. Obregon has been a resident of the Kern River Valley since moving here from Sunland in 1980.

He was in the Air Force during the Korean War. He is a member of the Eagles Aerie #3156 and the Moose #498 and the American Legion. He played in all the pool tournaments around the valley.

Lupe is survived by his wife of two years Connie of Lake Isabella; his daughters Melv Costa of Aqua Dulce, Lupe Bright of Canyon Country; stepdaughter Mary Aguilar of Corona; two brothers Santiago Obregon and Joe Obregon, both of Texas; sister Lena Cruz of Texas and nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services were held Friday, November 3, 1995, at 1 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Ethel Maude Read

Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 2, 1995, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ethel Maude Read. Officiating was Ken Bushling. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Read was born December 5, 1919 in Alpena, Arkansas, and passed away on October 30, 1995, in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years after moving here from Oceanside.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Ken Bushling of Lake Isabella; sisters Dena DeCapua of Oceanside; Vonda Tate and Alma Hulsey, both of Arkansas; brother Uri Widner of Arkansas; four grandchildren: Scott Haidze, Karla Cross, Kenny Bushling and Cindy Kuhar; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Margaret C. Boyd

Services were held on November 3, 1995, at Valley Mortuary for Margaret C. Boyd, age 82. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery. She was born on September 12, 1913 in Sinks Grove, West Virginia. She passed away at her place of

residence on October 28, 1995.

Margaret was a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years. She was a member of Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son Bill Boyd of Burbank, California; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1995

## Shaun William Liske

Services were held for Shaun Liske, age 16, on Tuesday, November 14, 1995, at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Kernville, with Pastor John Carpenter officiating. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Shaun was born in Lancaster, California, on January 10, 1979. Shaun passed away on November 7, 1995, in Weldon. He was truly an exceptional individual in keeping with family tradition. He was loved by his peers and respected by the entire community.

Shaun was an honored athlete, a tournament fisherman, and an outstanding young man. As a junior at Kern Valley High School, he lettered in cross country, track and basketball.

He is survived by his parents Mike and Renea Liske; two brothers Erik and Brian Liske of Weldon; grandparents Maurice and Shirley Corbisier of Lancaster; grandmother Betty Climer of Rosamond, California; and grandfather Raymond Climer, also of Rosamond. Other survivors include his aunts and uncles, Rod and April of Colorado; Debbie Liske of Seattle, Washington; Kim and Jeff Garcia and Stuart Noel, all of Lancaster, California; Mike and Barbara Noel of Redwood City, California; Gary and Jeanne Gomez of Palmdale, California; Vicki and John Hjelmstrom of Castaic, California; great uncle Mervin Landerman of Weldon. He is also survived by numerous cousins, fellow classmates and friends.

A trust has been established at ValliWide Bank, at 6100 Lake Isabella Blvd. in Lake Isabella, CA 93240, to help the Liske family at this time of great loss.

Shaun will be greatly missed by his family and all of his friends here in the valley.

Funeral services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Benton Ernest Webb

Private services were held for Benton Webb, age 78, who entered into rest in Bakersfield on November 7, 1995.

He was born in Redlands, California. Benton received his schooling in Redlands and Stockton, California. He lived in the Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica area from 1935 to 1984, when he moved to the lake area.

His work was that of construction in the building trade. It was like a hobby to him. Even at 72, he was helping put a roof on his grandson's house and he was in control of those who were working with him. One highlight of his life was when he got stuck in his attic in Bodfish and the fire department had to come and get him. He was often reminded of this by his family.

Benton is survived by his wife Minnie Mae Webb; daughters Romonia Chapin of Dalesville, Indiana; Janet Beaman of Las Vegas, Nevada; Carol Coan of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Susan Lambert of Malibu, California; brother Ray Webb of Colorado Springs, Colorado; sisters Marion Schimpf of Homeland, California; and Eathel Shea of Palmdale, California; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## LeRoy Chaffin

There will be a memorial service held for friends and family of LeRoy Chaffin at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Friday, November 24, 1995, at 11 a.m.

All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1995

## Birdie Blair Malahni

Birdie Blair Malahni, age 68, of Kernville, California, died on Friday, November 3, 1995, in Kern Valley Hospital, in Mt. Mesa.

She was born in San Pedro, California, on June 22, 1927, the daughter of Bertha and John Blair. She married Mike (Marco P.) Malahni in 1944 in South Dakota.

Birdie attended the Los Angeles Police Academy and served as a L.A. police officer from 1952 to 1957. She was recognized as the first female toll bridge collector on the Vincent Thomas Bridge. Birdie also worked as a real estate agent.

Mike retired from his position as a captain for the Los Angeles City Fire Department in 1974. Shortly thereafter both Birdie and Mike moved to Kernville. They built a house and she lived in it for over 21 years. Birdie enjoyed fishing, baking, dominos and cribbage.

Mike preceded her in death in 1990. She is survived by her three daughters, Jonni Ann Bruno of Camarillo, California; Donna M. Jackson of Kernville; Jean Malahni of Los Gatos, California; and seven grandchildren.

An intimate gathering was held on Sunday, November 5, 1995, in Kernville. She was well respected and admired by family and friends. Her humor and generosity will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Los Angeles Firemen's Widows and Orphans Fund or the Los Angeles Police Department's Museum Fund.

## Arthur Esponda

Services were held on Friday, November 10, 1995 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home's Rose Chapel for Arthur Esponda. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter, of the United Methodist Church of Kernville. Arthur passed away in Bakersfield on November 7, 1995, at the age of 80. He was born in Poso Flat, California, a small area north of Glennville, California.

Arthur, who was nicknamed "Chipmunk" has lived in this area all of his life. He was a Native American Indian. He became a cowboy at the age of 11 and worked at many of the ranches in the Weldon area. Some of the ranches where he worked were the A Brown Ranch, Rudnick Range, Peterson Ranch, Prince Range and the Kissack Ranch. He loved to fish and hunt in his spare time. Arthur was a member of the Eagles and the Moose.

He is survived by his son Claude Esponda of Kernville; brother Johnny Esponda of Bakersfield; sisters Luty Peterson of Kernville and Marcelene Ames of Pico Rivera; and two grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonnewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Clarence D. (Clem) Loy

Clarence D. (Clem) Loy, age 77, of Weldon, passed away on November 6, 1995, at San Joaquin Community Hospital. He was born in Los Angeles, California, on October 30, 1918, and married Barbara on August 10, 1940. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Clem retired from Pacific Telephone Company after 33 years, starting his career as a lineman and retiring as a communications engineer. He and Barbara moved to Lake Isabella in 1975 where they have enjoyed the last 20 years together.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Barbara; daughters and husbands Susan Loy and Allan Love; Mary Ellen Loy and Joe Stearns; daughter Eileen Zurek and partner Susan McAllister; grandchildren Lisa and Mark Morse, Michael Frick, Melanie and Brian Zurek, and Michael and Mark McAllister; cherished great-grandson Quinn Morse and special nephew David Smith; brother J. Milton Loy and sister Bessie Rogers.

According to Clem's wishes, no services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to: USC/Norris Cancer Center, P.O. Box 80220, Los Angeles, CA 90080.

## Calvin C. Lembke

Calvin C. Lembke, age 71, died suddenly of a massive heart attack on November 13, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa, California. Calvin was born to George and Ethel Lembke at the farm home on November 4, 1924, in Griswold, Iowa. He married Shirley James of Oakland, Iowa, on January 7, 1950. They lived in Griswold, Iowa, and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he started his career as a carpenter in the Omaha area. They then moved to California in 1968, where he continued carpentry and drywall, until he retired after some 30 years.

Services were held on Tuesday, November 21, 1995, at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Survivors, other than his wife Shirley of Bodfish, are their daughter, Roxanne Louise and their son-in-law Robert G. Ward of California City, California; one namesake grandson, Mick Calvin Doiel who resides in Lake Los Angeles, California. Other survivors include brothers, Virgil Lembke, and wife Helen of Cumberland, Iowa; Doyle Lembke and his wife Barbara of Carson, Iowa; sisters Charlotte and her husband Paul Woods of Emerson, Iowa; Dorothy and her husband Viril Liddell of Harland, Iowa and Verda Clayton of Pico Rivera, California; sister and brother-in-law, Eloise and Kenneth Elswick of Lincoln, Nebraska; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Ethie; three brothers, Orlan, Merle and Dwight Lembke; two sisters, Delphia (Dolly) Hughes and Velda Williams.

Calvin enjoyed traveling, but mostly, he loved to work outdoors, working with his woodcraft in and around the home. He was a very loving husband and father.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## LeRoy Chaffin

Loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away on November 1, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Services were held on November 7, 1995, at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

LeRoy was born on October 3, 1919, in Longmont, Colorado. In January 1990, he lost his loving wife of 49 years, Lucille Chaffin. They moved to Weldon 15 years ago, after residing in Downey, California, for 35 years.

He was a member of the Dam Dancers, the Eagles and the Moose Lodge. He loved the outdoors, camping, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Lewis and Della Chaffin of Paramount, California; Larry and Louise Chaffin of Hacienda Heights, California; daughters and son-in-law Lynn Streetz of Weldon; and Cindy and Alan Rowles of Weldon; four grandchildren Michael Chaffin of Paramount, California; Shannon Rowles of Weldon; David Chaffin of Hacienda Heights, California; and Jason Rowles of Weldon; one great-grandson Mikey Chaffin of Paramount, California; brothers Elwood Chaffin of La Habra, California; Warren Chaffin of La Mirada, California; brother-in-law George DeWald of Weldon; and his dear friend Delores Tillman of Onyx.

The pallbearers in Inglewood were Michael Chaffin, David Chaffin, Jason Rowles, Bob Thompson, Eddie Sanchez and Jim Gordon.

There will also be a memorial service held for LeRoy at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #3156 in Mt. Mesa on Friday, November 24, 1995, at 11:00 a.m.

He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

## Anthony Edward Coleman

A new star glimmers in the heavens following the passing of Anthony Edward Coleman, age 23, on November 11, 1995, in Glendale, California.

Born in Fontana, California, Tony brought joy to his mother's life on August 1, 1972. By junior high, computing had caught his imagination and he was writing and selling games to his friends. Following high school, he took up the challenge of applying his computer knowledge to the business world where he eventually became the On-Line Networking Systems Administrator for PBS MathLine for teachers, PBS Express, and KCET on-line at KCET-TV, Los Angeles. With a career but a few years old, he sat on the threshold of unlimited success when his life was so unexpectedly ended by a motorcycle accident.

Smart, funny and charismatic, Tony immediately won the hearts of those who met him: He loved life, country music, dancing, people and he would combine them as often as possible. His quick smile will live forever in the hearts of his mother and father Teri and Bill Vellutini of Bakersfield; the sparkle of his blue eyes are forever captured in the memories of his grandparents, Emily and Don Diggles of Bodfish and Leo and Jeanne Gorman of El Centro; his infectious laughter will echo in the ears of his sisters, Tina Coleman of Newport Beach and Almitra Vellutini of Costa Mesa; his passionate loving heart reached forever to his friend Erika Epes of Glendale; and, his gentle nature will forever caress and touch all his many friends and family.

A celebration of the joy that was his life was shared by family and friends at his Grandmother Diggles house in Bodfish on Saturday, November 18, 1995.



## Selma Opal Allemann

Funeral services for Selma Opal Allemann, age 73, of Wofford Heights, were held on Tuesday, November 14, 1995, at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella with Dr. Marvin D. Moon officiating. Burial followed in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. A 20-year valley resident, Selma was born on April 3, 1922 in Hermann, Missouri, to Minnie and Edwin Allemann.

Selma was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary where she had approximately 4,000 hours of volunteer work and had hoped to donate up to 5,000 hours. She also volunteered at the Kern River Valley Historical Society in the Gift Shop. She never missed a dance at the Senior Center and was an active member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and participated in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Armin and Raymond, and by her sister, Florence. Survivors include her brothers Elmer and Roy Allemann, both of Missouri; her sisters, Betty Baer of Missouri, Evelyn Davis of Anaheim and Viola Vehlwald of Wofford Heights; her godchild, Julia Dumke of Lancaster; 15 nephews and nieces and many great-nephews and great-nieces and a great-great-nephew, Chris Vehlwald, who always made Selma smile by calling her "Grandma Selma."

Memorial donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Memorial Fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Dorothy Dee Pate

Dorothy passed away on November 13, 1995, at the age of 70. Private service and inurnment. Burial at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

She grew up in New Mexico. She worked for her father in his small restaurant as a quick fry cook.

Dorothy was a seamstress and loved to make clothes for the dolls she collected. She also loved to play cards, and could have a few choice words for those who didn't concentrate on the game.

She was loved and will be missed by her family. Two daughters, Georgia Barrentine and Frankie Biehahn; her grandson Kelley Pate whom she raised; four other grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Betty Weber

Betty Weber passed away on November 13, 1995. She is survived by her sons Ron and Dick Weber, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a brother and three sisters. A memorial service was held Friday, November 17, 1995, at Holy Cross Cemetery Chapel in Culver City, California.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1995

## Thelma Marie Strobridge

Thelma Strobridge, age 75, passed away in the afternoon of Monday, November 13, 1995, in Mt. Mesa, California. Services were held on Friday, November 17, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. with Pastor Brian Palston, of the Four Square Family Life Center officiating. There was also a burial service at Green Hills Memorial Park in San Pedro, California, at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 20, 1995.

She was born to Joe and Mary Ramey on July 26, 1920. Most of Thelma's early years were spent in Brinkley, Arkansas. She received most of her schooling in Memphis, Tennessee. Thelma worked in Memphis at the Ford Motor Company for 20 years. The later part of that time, the Ford Motor Company transferred her to Ohio, where she remained until 1970.

Thelma moved to Torrance, California, in 1970, where she met and married George Strobridge in 1973. She has been a member of the Four Square Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for 11 years. Her hobbies were her active church work and tending to her yard.

She is survived by her husband George Strobridge and her brother, Bill Ramey of Las Vegas, Nevada; and many of her church family friends. Thelma will be missed by all.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Wallace Carl Pommerville

Wallace Carl Pommerville died November 10, 1995, at Kern Valley Hospital. He was born in Duluth, Minnesota, on April 22, 1913.

He is survived by his wife Ginger. Both were residents of Santa Barbara from 1950's to October 1979, when they made Lake Isabella their home.

Wally is also survived by a brother in Indiana and five of six children, two stepchildren and many grand and great-grandchildren.

In his younger years, Wally was a carpenter under the architect Richard Neutra who built the Crystal Cathedral in Los Angeles. He built several homes here and designed and built Dr. Lee Ho and Dr. Waggoner's offices.

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mitchell, Kern Hospice and the Kern Valley Hospital for all their loving care and the many thoughtful friends who have expressed their concern.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Curtis Lynn (Tex) Downey

Curtis Downey, age 84, entered into rest on November 20, 1995, at his home in Lake Isabella. He was born to John and Jessie Downey on December 1, 1911, in Ringold, Texas. Services were held at the Masonic Temple in Kernville on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

Tex, as most knew him, lived in the lake area for 35 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville; also the local Moose, Elks, V.F.W. and American Legion. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and bowler. He was Past President of the Kern Valley Golf Course, wrote sports articles and columns in the Kern Valley Sun newspaper.

He loved his family very much. He is survived by his wife Mary of Lake Isabella; children Patrick and Marlene of Huntington Beach, California; Dan and Davey Myers of Pacific Grove, California; Don and JoDee Myers of Fallbrook, California; brother Milas Downey of Las Vegas, Nevada; four grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Tex also loved his service time in the Navy. He achieved the rank of Commander and was very proud of his achievements.

Interment was Tuesday, November 28, 1995, at Riverside National Park Cemetery.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Jimmie Lee Goad

Jimmie Goad, age 71, entered into rest early on Thanksgiving morning, November 23, 1995, at his home in Wofford Heights. He was born to Edward and Dottie Goad on January 1, 1924 in Arkansas where he attended school.

He later met and married Georgia Lee McBride in 1942 at Galveston, Texas. He worked 45 years for International Harvest Company and various other companies as a produce truck driver.

At least three times a month, he and his son Jimmie R. would go fishing which he enjoyed. He also loved his home and always had a yard well kept.

Jimmie is survived by his mother Dottie Goad of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; sons Jimmie R. Goad of Wofford Heights; Eddie Goad of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Tommie Goad of Purcell, Oklahoma; sister Velma Williams, also of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Opal Francis Clark

Opal Clark, age 69, passed away early in the afternoon on Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 1995, in the San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield.

She was born in Antlers, Oklahoma, on March 19, 1926. Opal received all her schooling in Antlers where she remained until 1940 at which time she moved to California and resided in the Los Angeles area. Opal met and married William (Bud) Clark on September 2, 1945 in Huntington Park.

Many will remember Opal as a cook at the Kernville Elementary School for seven years.

She also was a member of the Elks Club #2358 in Wofford Heights. Her hobbies were fishing and she loved to walk in the Riverside Park. She also loved to see her granddaughter compete in sports events.

Opal is survived by her husband William (Bud) Clark of Wofford Heights; son James Clark of Long Beach; daughter Judy Clark of Wofford Heights; sisters Anita Harris of Modesto, California, and Ilene Willison of Mira Loma, California; brother Arthur Culp of Lawton, Oklahoma. Also surviving her are many friends and neighbors.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Patricia Fay McPherson

Patricia Fay McPherson, age 80, of Kernville, passed away on Monday, November 20, 1995, at 7:35 a.m.

Patty was born in Cokeville, Wyoming, on May 7, 1915. Her family moved to Reseda, California in 1921. She married Jim McPherson on December 6, 1935, and began a varied and interesting life with him. She traveled with Jim and his six-piece jazz orchestra, "Alamorio," on the touring circuit for a number of years. During this time, she won numerous trophies for her ballroom dancing.

Later, Patty and Jim moved to Elko, Nevada, with their infant son to manage a ranch she inherited from her father. Eventually, they settled back in Reseda, California, where they raised their three children. During that time, she and her family made numerous visits to her parents, Ruth and Jack Hinkey, who was the town barber in old Kernville.

When the dam was built, Jim and Patty bought the doctor's office in old Kernville and had it moved to its present location when "new" Kernville was formed. When Jim retired in 1981, they remodeled the cabin and moved to Kernville permanently.

Patty, her family, brothers and sisters all spent their summers in Kernville camping and enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Kern River Valley. As recently as two years ago, you could find Patty in the river with her family at "the curve."

Rockhound, artist, dancer, and reader, mother and wife, Patty died at home with her loved ones around her after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease and devoted care by her husband.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Jim; son Fredrick McPherson and wife Roberta of Boulder Creek, California; son Patrick McPherson and wife Julie of Ojai, California; daughter Kathy McPherson of Van Nuys, California; grandchildren Kusum McPherson of Boulder Creek and Amber and Duffey McPherson of Ojai; sister Peggy Jackson of Kernville; brother Ted Hinkey and wife Joyce of Loomis, California; brother Dennis Hinkey and wife Sue of Keyesville; and sister-in-law Georgia Hinkey of Sisters, Oregon.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County, Lake Isabella, California.

Funeral services were held at the Rose Chapel on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at 2:00 p.m.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Eddie H. Cox

Services will be held at the Oddfellows Temple, 425 30th Street, Bakersfield, California, on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 11 a.m. for Eddie H. Cox, who passed away on December 1, 1995, after a valiant struggle against cancer. Eddie was born on August 22, 1913 in Eufala, Oklahoma and moved with his family to Pochontas, Arkansas, where he grew up. He and his family came to California and settled in Walnut Creek, California, in 1935.

During World War II, Eddie worked for Moores Dry Dock. Following the war, Eddie was a self-employed auto mechanic, both in Concord, California, and in Bakersfield, where he moved in 1947. Upon his first retirement, he moved to Bodfish. He worked for the U.S. Department of Forestry from 1986 until his second retirement in 1991. In addition to camping and fishing, Eddie loved to travel.

Eddie was very active in all branches of the Independent Order of Oddfellows. He joined Bakersfield Lodge 440, in 1948, where he served as Noble Grand many times, and was District Deputy Grand Master five times. He joined Bakersfield Encampment 92 in 1950, and served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch three times. Eddie joined Bakersfield Canton 31 in 1950, and Bakersfield Rebekah Lodge 47 in 1966. Upon his retirement, he transferred his memberships to Kernville I.O.O.F. 251, and Rebekah Lodge 369. In addition to these memberships, Eddie was also an associate member of Mojave I.O.O.F. and Fresno Canton 30. He served as Department Commander, Patriarchs Militant, from 1978 to 1980. He also served as Grand High Priest, Grand Outside Sentinel and Grand Instructor for the Grand Encampment of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Albert; and son Edward Jr. He is survived by Louise, his wife of 56 years; mother-in-law, Helen Miller; daughter Fay Jennings and her husband, Ray; son Ray Cox and his wife, Jacque; grandsons, Raymond Jennings and his wife

Kelli; Steven Cox and fiancée, Isabel Flowers; granddaughters, Denise Clark and her husband, Gene; Jennifer Cox and fiancé, Steve Blackwood; great-granddaughters, Hollie, Sarah, Melissa and Taylor Jennings and Caroline Clark, and great-grandson, Garrett Clark. In addition, Eddie is survived by brothers and their spouses, Adolph and Melba Cox and Charles and Jean Cox, of Arizona; and E.J. and Joyce Cox of Walnut Creek; sister-in-law, Mary Cox of Martinez, and extra special friends, Doris and Paul Guerard of Murphys; brother-in-law Leonard Miller and spouse Shirley, of Fort Jones, and numerous nieces and nephews. In his travels to IOOF functions and conventions in both the United States and Canada, he made many friends.

Services will be conducted by members of the Department Council of Patriarchs Militant of California, the Grand Encampment of California and Rev. Ted Heier. Viewing was held December 5, 1995, at Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Lake Isabella Blvd., from 12 to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at the Oddfellows Temple, from 9 to 11 a.m. Pallbearers will be Swanie Coffman, Casey Christie, Will Schuyter, Joe Bozeman, Dick Reynolds and Hugh Fyfee. Interment will be beside his son in Greenlawn Cemetery. "In Friendship, Love and Truth."

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Albert Garcia

Private arrangements were made for Albert Garcia who passed away November 24, 1995, after a long illness in a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. Garcia was born June 26, 1912 in Spain and has been a Kern County resident for over 15 years. He worked for Vons Market for 40 years.

He is survived by his brother Joe M. Garcia of Dayton, Ohio; his sisters Christine G. Alarcon of Tuscon, Arizona and Josephine G. Bruno of Highland, Indiana; his cousin John Menendez of Tampa, Florida and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Eliza Pearl Cottle Johnston

Pearl Johnston was born on April 19, 1890, in Kirtsvill, West Virginia and passed away on November 30, 1995, in Lake Isabella, California.

She was a native of West Virginia, born in early pioneer days. She was raised in the country but has seen the inventions of the century. Her family did not have running water, electric service or natural gas and her mother cooked over a wood stove. Most of their foods and goods came from bartering or home grown out of the country garden. Canning of food allowed the family to have food year round. She attended a one room school house which had all grade levels. From an early age she was required to work in the kitchen or garden as was the case with all children of the time. Her father passed away when she was four years old and she was given to her Uncle Wiseman to be raised. While living with her uncle she met her husband to be David Emmons Johnston. They were married in 1912, in Beckley, West Virginia, in the Beckley Hotel.

Her husband was a Contractor/Carpenter building Coal Camp Housing for Coal Miners. While contracting and building houses and school buildings they moved in and around Beckley. In 1935, Pearl at age 45, was blessed with her one and only daughter Shirley Mae Blanton. Pearl and Dave retired in 1954 and moved to Orlando, Florida. In 1957, they moved to La Crescenta, California, to be with their daughter and son-in-law.

Pearl has survived all her six brothers and five sisters except one, Myrtle Stover, 95, of Beckley, West Virginia. Pearl has been a resident of the Kem Valley for six years. At 105 years of age, she felt blessed to have lived for the Lord and had a wonderful life.

She is survived by her daughter Shirley M. Blanton; son-in-law William Blanton; two grandchildren, Debra Caryl Smith of Lake Isabella and Denise Lee Maniscalco, of Lancaster, California. There are five grandchildren, Christine Blanton, Johnathan Bopp, and Sarah Smith, all of Lake Isabella and Anthony Maniscalco and Leeland Maniscalco, of Lancaster, California.

Services in Lake Isabella were scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 1995, 11 a.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 5, 1995, at 1 p.m., in the Hillside Chapel (enter Gate 17), Rose Hills Memorial Park, Whittier, California. A graveside service followed. A fellowship followed the graveside service at the Walnut Grove Church of the Nazarene in Rosemead, California.



## Gerald Stephenson MacDonald

Private family services were held Gerald "Jerry" MacDonald, age 68, who passed away on November 23, 1995, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. He was born on July 22, 1927, in Oakland, California. He had been a resident of Wofford Heights for 25 years.

A Naval WWII Veteran, Jerry worked for the lake patrol in the 1970s and then for Knudsen Distributor here in the valley before retiring.

He is survived by his mother, Winnie Johnston of Fullerton; daughter Stephanie Gardner of Cheyenne, Wyoming; daughter Julie Wilson of Cypress, California; daughter Marie Quick of Ft. Lewis, Washington; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995

## Dutch Henderson

### "Dad, Grandad, Old Friend"

He was a big, powerful man when he was young.

Could out work six men and still find time to have fun.

He raised his family during the hard times of the Great Depression.

When a man had to beg for a job and work hard to make an impression.

He was a farmer, a rancher, and a custom hay baler too.

That was his occupation, but there was nothing he couldn't do.

Everyone knew him as "Dutch", we knew him as dad or Grandad.

Though sorrow has gripped our hearts, he wouldn't want us to be sad.

For he lived life to the fullest with great joy and love.

Never forgetting his blessings and strength came from God above.

He never knew a stranger, everyone was his friend for life.

Gambling was his weakness and he had more than one wife.

He was known to drink whiskey and let the "good times roll."

But most of all he had a real love for people and was a generous soul.

When he got old, he never complained, he didn't give up the race.

Said no one wanted to hear it, so he kept a smile on his face.

But with God in His heaven, we'll see you again.

Your daughter,  
Phil

## Dutch Henderson

A.W. "Dutch" Henderson, age 86, passed away on November 25, 1995 at his home in Porum, Oklahoma. He was born to Nora Belle and Ernest C. Henderson on December 8, 1908 in Gatesville, Texas.

Mr. Henderson was preceded in death by one brother, Houston Henderson, one sister, Clara Reb and one granddaughter, Lujuanna Henderson.

He is survived by two daughters, Phyllis Clark and her husband Bob of Wamer, Oklahoma and Lou Sanders of Bodfish, California; sons Howard Henderson and his wife Bok Soon of Bremerton, Washington; Gerald Henderson and his wife Carolyn of Porum, Oklahoma; one step-son Dale Creighton and his wife Debbie of Weldon, California; one sister Gladys Alden of Grants Pass, Oregon; one sister-in-law, Florence Henderson of Anaheim, California; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Interment was Wednesday, November 29, 1995 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma City beside his granddaughter Lujuanna.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995

## Carl N. Alm

Born February 7, 1910 entered into rest November 29, 1995 in Kern Valley Hospital. Carl was born in Minot, North Dakota. After finishing high school he worked for his brother, Harold Alm, known as the Alm's Dairy in Minot, delivering milk. He moved to Los Angeles in 1940 was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942. He served 3-1/2 years, mainly in the South Pacific. After WWII was over in 1945 he came back to Los Angeles and continued his service with Southern Pacific Railroad, retired after 32 years of service.

Carl was a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, VFW Post 7665 and Eagles Aerie in Mt. Mesa and Eagles on Wheels and R.V. Club. He loved to camp, fish, hunt and to travel with many friends.

He is survived by his wife Charlene Alm, one son Douglas Alm and wife Candy of Garibaldi, Oregon; one daughter, Debbie Alm Harvatin and husband Steve of Vancouver, Washington; three grandchildren, Jill, Eric & Ryan of Vancouver, Washington; five sisters, Deloris Mostad & husband Kermit of Minot North Dakota, Mabel Ratzlaff of Tacoma, Washington, Ruth Baber & husband Forrest of Kent, Washington, Margaret Simica of Sun City, California, Osta Vermillion of Alta Loma, California.

Graveside service, Friday, December 1, 1995, 11:00am. Officiating pastor, Marvin D. Moon, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Interment Kern River Valley Cemetery. Soloist, Mrs. Debbie Peugh of Mt. Mesa.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1995

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## Lyndel Irene Fenton

Lyndel Fenton, age 80, passed away early in the morning of December 11, 1995, at her home in Southlake.

She was born to Olen and Flossie Leison on February 25,

1915, in Mason City, Illinois. She moved from Mason City to Peoria, Illinois, where she met and married James Fenton. They later moved to Redondo Beach, California, before moving to the lake area in 1973.

Lyndel is survived by her daughter Joy Spangler of Duarte,

California, and friends here in the lake area. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

### William (Bill) Wylie

Bill Wylie passed away at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 79. Bill had a history of heart problems for 27 years. He had two heart bypass surgeries. He suffered a heart attack on December 19, 1995, in mid-morning and died a short time later at the Kern Valley Hospital.

Bill was born in Whitney, Texas to Arthur and Eva Wylie on April 3, 1916. He spent his early childhood there. Received his high school education in Lubbock, Texas. He married Lena Averrett in Clovis, New Mexico, on December 12, 1936.

They moved to California in 1941 and settled in the Richmond area. In 1942 they moved to Santa Ana where they remained until 1972 at which time they moved to Lake Isabella.

Bill loved to collect antiques as a hobby, also loved to hunt and fish. He was known for his wit. Two of his favorite statements were: "When I was a boy I walked three miles to school in three foot of snow" and "When my grandchildren are as smart as I am they will be able to put their teeth in a glass."

Services are scheduled today, Wednesday, December 27, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Pastor James Lee of Valley Community Church will officiate.

Bill is survived by his wife Lena; two sons, Jerry Wylie of Lake Isabella and Dean Wylie of Lake Elsinore, California; one daughter, Wanda Wylie of Dana Point, California; one brother, Wayne Wylie of Roseville, California; three sisters, Margie Witherspoon of Lubbock, Texas; Thelma Jones of Arvada, Colorado; and Maxine Waltz of Anaheim, California; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Bill will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home.

### Richard Levi Cross

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 26, 1995, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Richard Levi Cross. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Mr. Cross was born May 31, 1902 in Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas, and passed away December 19, 1995, in Mt. Mesa. He has been a resident of Lake Isabella for the past seven years. He worked for Cessna-Aircraft for 26 years, and was very active in his church group where he taught Sunday School and was Church Secretary for many years. He also was very active in helping people in need before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lucy Cross of Lake Isabella; sons Lt. Col. John Cross of Las Vegas; Richard L. Cross Jr. of Lake Isabella; Robert Cross of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Victor Cross of Bahler, Kansas; daughters Maudee Akers of Burbank, California; and Helen Bright of Senica, South Carolina; 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Henry Trent Weldon (Black Bear)

Trent, a native American, was born on November 6, 1953, to Henry and Agnes Weldon. He passed away suddenly on December 3, 1995, at his home in Kelso Valley at the Weldon family ranch. He was a lifetime resident of Kelso Valley.

He had attended the Mojave school system. Later traveling and working as a carpenter, heavy equipment operator, miner and rancher.

Trent loved to party and enjoyed it all. Living each day to his fullest. His humor and spirituality touched many.

Please smile when you're reminded of him.

Trent was preceded in death by his father, Henry Weldon in 1975. He is survived by his mother, Agnes Weldon; sisters Judy Weldon, Corine Deupree and Rebecca Weldon; brothers Martin and Bryan Weldon; all of Weldon, California. Trent is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and aunts.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 13, 1995, in Kelso Valley. An Indian ceremony is to follow at a later date.

The family would like to express their warmest thanks to ministers John Carpenter and Chuck White of the Kernville and Weldon Methodist Churches. They were a great comfort to us all.

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