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Bernice May Winans

Private arrangements were made for Bernice May Winans.

She was born February 23, 1916 in St. Paul, Minnesota and passed away on December 26, 1996 in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years.

Bernice is survived by her son Michael McGee of Los Osos, California; her daughters Susan Martin of Wofford Heights and Karen Sowers of Virginia; also four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward "Ed" H. Brown

Edward "Ed" H. Brown, born in Silverton, Oregon on July 20, 1921, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, December 25, 1996.

Ed loved his home, the valley and the high country. He served in the U.S. Air Corps. He will be missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Florence. Other survivors include daughters Katherine Douglass of Rosamond, California and Lynn Rolfson-Brown of Huntington Beach; sons Eric Brown of Bend, Oregon and Robin Brown of Mt. Hood, Oregon; sister Marie Scovell of Quincy, Cali-

fornia. Ed had four grandchildren and many friends and loved ones.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ora Lee Craig

Private arrangements were made for Ora Lee Craig who passed away on December 21, 1996, in Onyx, California. There will be no services and her ashes will be scattered at sea.

Ora Lee was born November 14, 1910 in Cairo, Illinois. She moved to Los Angeles in 1944 and was employed at the San Fernando Veterans Administration Hospital as a personal secretary to the Chief of the Engineering Division. She retired in 1970 and remained in the Los Angeles area until 1978 when she moved to Onyx.

She cared deeply about the environment and wildlife. Ora Lee was an accomplished bird watcher and in her later years she made her yard into a virtual bird sanctuary.

Ora Lee made many friends in the Kern River Valley and she will be missed. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters. She is survived by her adopted family, Marie Koonce of Onyx, Linda Howe of Santa Cruz and Alyssa Howe of San Francisco.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ramon Keith Hinds, M.D.

Dr. Ramon Keith Hinds, M.D., was born October 16, 1930 in Guymon, Oklahoma and received his education in Oklahoma schools and Wentworth Military School in Missouri. He entered Tulane University Medical School and graduated. He did his residency in Kansas City, Missouri. He came to California and started his practice in Bakersfield in 1962.

He was a colonel as a medical doctor in the U.S. Air Force, and later affiliating with California Reserves. Dr. Hinds was a private pilot and was a F.F.A. Medical Examiner. He was a member of the F.O. Eagles Aerie No. 93, Frontier Days, the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 498, Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358, Kern County Sheriff's Mounted Posse Volunteers. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason in the Guymon,

Oklahoma Lodge and a member of the American Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and many other civic and fraternal organizations.

Dr. Hinds is survived by his beloved wife, Dee Ann Hinds; his sons, Ramon Keith Hinds, Leo Hinds, John Hinds, Robbie Lee Hinds, Daniel Hinds and Christopher Hinds; also four stepsons, all of Bakersfield; a sister, Fern Lane, of Amarillo, Texas; two grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

At Dr. Hinds' request, there is to be no services or memorials. Cremation will be held in the Mish Funeral Home crematorium. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations may be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital.

Eva Loretta Berg

Services were held in the Rose Chapel, Lake Isabella Funeral Home, on Friday, December 27, 1996, for Eva Loretta Berg. She passed away at her home in Long Beach, California, on December 21, 1996, with family members at her side.

Eva was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas on August 29, 1939. She married James Allen Berg in Las Vegas, Nevada. They resided in Garden Grove, California, and together they had planned to retire to Bodfish where they owned property and would build their retirement home.

She was an upbeat, caring, loving person who took great joy in her family and especially her grandchildren. She faced her long illness with dignity and faith that she would see her loved ones again in heaven.

Eva's husband, Jim, preceded her in death on July 19, 1995. She is survived by her son, James Jr., of Lakewood; daughter Loretta of Garden Grove; nine grandchildren; her mother-in-law Eva Berg of Bodfish; brothers-in-law Edgar and William; William's wife Marcia; many nieces and nephews, cousins and many, many friends. All who knew Eva will

remember her for her loyalty, faith, and loving nature. She will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Alton Lewis

Services were held at Conrad-Carroll Mortuary Chapel on Monday, January 6, 1997, at 2 p.m. for Mr. Alton Lewis of Wofford Heights, age 81. Officiating was Pastor Tracy Cook. Private inurnment followed.

Mr. Lewis was born March 18, 1915 in Mill Creek, Oklahoma, and passed away on January 1, 1997 in Oxnard, California, after a brief illness.

He served on the Oxnard Police Department from 1941 until 1950. Then he was the General Manager for the Chase Brothers Dairy for 36 years. After moving to the Kern Valley, Mr. Lewis was a volunteer worker at Camp Owen, a California youth authority. He was a Kern County resident for 20 years.

He was a life member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., U.S.A. and a member of the Oxnard Lodge No. 341.

Mr. Lewis is survived by his sons, Bill Lewis, and his wife, Carol, of Oxnard; Alton Lewis Jr., of his wife, Virginia, of Ventura; and Harold Lewis, and wife Alice, of Bull City, Arizona; daughter, Dolores, and husband, John Parker, of Oxnard; brother, Roy Lewis, and wife, Neva, of Camarillo; eight grandchildren, Bill Lewis II, and wife, Marie, of Port Hueneme; Bob Lewis, and wife, Leslie, of Idaho; Buddy Lewis of Camarillo; Rob Lewis of Maine; Keri, and husband, Peter Le Doux, also of Maine; John Parker of Oklahoma; Jony Parker, and wife, Christine, of Ventura; James Parker of Oxnard; also eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Conrad-Carroll Mortuary, Funeral Director.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1997

Margaret (Isabelle) A. Boyer

Margaret Alizabeth Boyer (Isabelle), age 76, passed away on December 28, 1996. A mass was held at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, 1997, and interment at Kern Valley Cemetery.

Isabelle was born in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on January 27, 1920, to Joseph and Mary Blasik. She and her husband Edward married while still in Pennsylvania and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1943. She worked during the Second World War for Douglas Aircraft as a structural technician. She and Edward moved to the lake area in 1976 from Hermosa Beach.

She enjoyed the outdoors and loved to camp out and travel until her health prevented it.

Her friends will always remember her love for Bingo and hearing her yell out "Bingo!" She loved to win. She had a great sense of humor and was loved by all who knew her.

Isabella was a wonderful and loving mother to her two sons, Edward Joseph Boyer, Jr., of Washington, and Robert James Boyer, Sr., of Lake Isabella, with whom she lived; also a daughter-in-law Lorraine Boyer. She leaves 10 special grandchildren, Debra, Margaret, Maria, Teresa, Delores, Edward II, Michael, Tony, Paul and Mark, plus 15 great-grandchildren. She leaves many friends among whom are Josie Hearn, Anita Adams and Estelle. Her husband Edward Joseph Boyer, Sr., and grandson Robert Joseph, Jr., preceded her in death.

Ingram Harry Hoel

Respecting his request, no services were held for Ingram Hoel, age 79, who passed away on December 19, 1996. Ingram was born in Conger, Minnesota, on February 18, 1917, to Ingram and Marie Hoel. He completed his schooling in Minnesota and held various jobs as manager in markets.

On February 5, 1940, he married the love of his life, Elisabeth. The two of them enjoyed life and were married for 56 years. In 1954, they moved to the lake area and made their home in Kernville.

He was preceded in death by his son Jerry in 1981. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Louis Albert Bailey

Funeral services were held Friday, January 10, 1997 at 10 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church for Louis Albert Bailey of Wofford Heights. Mr. Bailey was born April 23, 1911 in Prescott, Arizona, and passed away January 6, 1997.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 10 years and a member of the Shepherd of the Hills. He loved to garden, do woodworking and was an avid fisherman.

Louis is survived by his wife of 41 years and family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Tommy Allan Harmon

Tommy Allan Harmon was born on March 11, 1954, in Bremerton, Washington. He passed away on January 6, 1997, in Kernville and is now present with the Lord. Tom grew up in Virginia and served his country in the Vietnam Conflict as a Marine. He drifted into Kernville in May of 1993, after many years of roaming the country in his van. He realized how tired he was (especially after meeting all the pretty girls at Cheryl's Diner) and decided to make Kernville his home.

In 1994, Tom made a commitment to the Lord and Pastor Jack Dilley had the privilege of baptizing him in Lanny and Cheryl Borthick's pool.

He always said, if he had ever gone anywhere else and someone asked him about Kernville, he'd say, "I met some pretty incredible people up there." We'll meet again, Tom.

The following is a letter Tom wrote and it was found after he passed away:

To All Hands,
Effective this date and time, Tom H. (wheelchair), for reasons of health, will cease all gardening at Cheryl's Diner. It's been fun most o' the time and highly enjoyable workin' with y'all. Learned a lot of plants and had great fun growing stuff, though getting eat up by the red ants warn't no fun, and I would just as well stay away from them. They kinda remind me of the big Alabama camp ants I saw back in my vodka drinkin' days. Well, anyway, it's been nice and fun and a great learning experience, not to be missed.

Thank you to the very nice owners for the kindnesses and helps, waitresses for same, cooks, dishwashers, bussers, the nice customers of whom I've found to be without peer. More gooder customers could not be found. Thank you for your many helps.

I will be "in" from time to time as a customer only. Once again, thanks to you all.

Love, Tom

P.S. Keep the ants.

10-10-96

Cora A. Langland, age 90, died December 29, 1996 at the Vitas Hospice Center in Riverside. Cause of death was advanced senile dementia of the Alzheimer type.

A native of Roland, Iowa, she came to California with her husband in 1927. They lived in Los Angeles, Torrance and Kernville. She lived in Kernville from 1965 to 1989 in the Sierra Trailer Lodge. She lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Highland/San Bernardino for the past seven years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Carrie (Jondal) Quam of Roland; her husband, Willie Langland who died in 1968; a daughter, Pat McClelland Rohrer; four brothers and three sisters; and two sons-in-law, M.W. (Mac) McClelland and William Rohrer.

Mrs. Langland is survived by her daughter, Jan Larsen and her son-in-law, Rev. Robert W. Larsen of Highland; two granddaughters, Cynthia Imel of Riverside and Karen Causey and her husband, Willie, of Idaho Falls, Idaho; two grandsons, Martin McClelland and his wife, Jane, of Festus (near St. Louis), Missouri, and Kelly McClelland and his wife, Pat, of Las Vegas, Nevada; four great-grandchildren, Wesley and Allison McClelland of Festus, and Thomas (TK) and Laci Causey of Idaho Falls; and many nephews and nieces including Judy Saxby of Elk Grove, California.

A lifelong Lutheran, she was an active member of Messiah Lutheran, Los Angeles; Shepherd of the Hills, Lake Isabella, and Grace, Glen Avon/Riverside.

A private graveside service for family members was conducted by her son-in-law on Friday, January 3, 1997, at the Ingelwood Park Cemetery with McNearney's Mortuary of Rialto directing.

Memorials may be sent to her church: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, P.O. Box "F", Lake Isabella, California 93240.

Harry L. Martin

Harry L. Martin of Squirrel Valley, age 80, passed away on January 5, 1997, at Kern Valley Hospital. He was born on July 4, 1915, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lucille; and daughters Jacqueline Millar of Sacramento, California; Janet (Mrs. Armando) Hernandez of Bakersfield; and Joyce (Mrs. Joseph) Kouba of Reston, Virginia. Also surviving are his grandchildren Sharon and Stuart Millar; Lisa Chavez; Armando Hernandez, Jr.; and Derek Tiffany.

A career postal employee, he retired and moved to the Kern Valley in 1970.

At his request, no viewing or formal service will be held. His family will cherish his love and memory forever.

The family deeply appreciates the assistance of the unknown motorist who summoned paramedics; the professional care of CARE Ambulance personnel; the hospital E.R. staff; and the compassion of Auxilian Jo Ann Fitting.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Joseph Rhodes

Services for Mr. Rhodes were held January 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the Magnolia Baptist Church in Anaheim, California. He passed away December 30, 1996 at his home in Anaheim after four months battle with cancer.

Joe was born September 29, 1928 in Hornbeck, Tennessee. He married Wanda Gettings of Hayti, Missouri on March 16, 1951 and later moved to Southern California where they began to fulfill their dreams. After several years of owning service stations and related work, they started Joe Rhodes Maintenance Company which is still operated by his family.

He discovered the beauty of the Kern River Valley 40 years ago and made this his second home, owning property here. He loved fishing on the Kern River and in the lake. Joe made many friends here in the valley. Joe's love of God, his family and the Kern Valley will be forever.

Joe leaves his loving wife, Wanda, of 46 years; and four children, sons Joe, Jr. and Ron, and daughters Linda Steed, Sherry Sharrett; seven grandchildren; one brother Wayne and sister Sherma Lewis.

The people of Kern Valley who lives you touched will miss you forever, Joe Rhodes. Rest in peace in paradise.

Lois R. Hicks

Memorial services will be held today at 3 p.m. in the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lois Roberta Hicks, age 68, of Bodfish. Interment services were held on Friday, January 3, 1997, in the Green Hills Memorial Park, Rancho Palos Verdes. She was born November 20, 1928, in Duluth, Minnesota and passed away on January 7, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

Lois has been a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1988. She enjoyed playing cards and bingo, making crafts, country music, fishing with her friends and trips to Yerington, Nevada.

She was married to Frank Hicks in 1946, he preceded her in death in 1971.

Lois is survived by her daughters, Linda Miller of Bodfish; Ida Borden of Whittier, California; and Sherie Lewis of Lancaster, California; nine sisters, Marge, June, Beverly, Diane, Jackie, Jean, Myrtle, Marian and Gladys; three brothers, Dennis, Noel and Jerry; five grandchildren, Larry, Steven, Paul, Denise and Tina, as well as five great-grandchildren. Lois will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

**Concetta
"Connie" Frances
Ponticello**

Concetta "Connie" Frances Ponticello, also known as the Goody Lady, passed away January 9, 1997, at the age of 64.

Mrs. Ponticello is survived by Nick L. Roghair, a companion of 14 years; one son, Albert Barlow; three daughters, Diane Barlow, Andrea Noot, Patricia Roghair; seven grandchildren; and one brother Harry Ponticello. Mrs. Ponticello was preceded in death by one son, John Barlow, and one brother, Andy Ponticello.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 16, 1997, at 1 p.m. at the New Hope Community Church. Interment will follow at Joshua Memorial Park.

Halley Olsen Funeral Chapel, Lancaster Directors.

Pearl Grace Keith

Pearl Grace Keith passed away in Merced, California, on January 14, 1997.

She moved to Wofford Heights in 1983 from the San Fernando Valley. She was a past president of the Ladies of the Elks and a member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Pearl was predeceased by her husband, Floyd Keith. She was loved and will be missed by her daughter, Gloria Blessing, of Mariposa, California; her grandson, Dennis Blessing Jr. and family, also of Mariposa; and her brother, Roy; sisters, Eleanor and Billie, all of Massachusetts.

No services are planned. Following cremation, Pearl will be placed next to her husband

at the Los Angeles Veterans Cemetery.

Margaret Genevieve Barber

A Mass for Christian burial was held Friday January 24, 1997 at 10:00am at St. Jude Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Margaret Genevieve Barber of Weldon. Officiating was Rev/ Father Charles Casale. Interment at KRV Cemetery. Mrs. Barber was born March 19, 1930 in Grand Island, Nebraska and passed away January 20, 1997 in Weldon, California. She was a resident of Weldon for the past 20 years. She retired from China Lake Naval Weapons after 14 years. She was known for her great sense of humor and she loved her family. She is survived by her husband, Thomas of Weldon and her daughters, Sandra Bokich of Bakersfield, Virginia Frenes of Weldon and Barbara Brennen of Washington, DC and her brother, Francis Mcmanaman of Oregon and 4 grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward George Loebrich, Jr.

Memorial services for Edward George Loebrich, Jr., 81, of Wofford Heights were held on Tuesday, January 28 at the Elk's Lodge, B.P.O.E. #3156 in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella and Officers of B.P.O.E. #3156. Ed was born on August 17, 1915 and passed away on January 23, 1997 in a

Bakersfield hospital. Ed has resided in Wofford Heights since 1983 after retiring with 30 years of service with Bethlehem Steel in Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved daughter, Carol Loebrich Sangster. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Elvire "Vi" Loebrich and 2 granddaughters, Dana Yasin of Lake Isabella and Deanne Lee of Independence and 2 great-grandchildren, Jessica Jean Yasin and Dustin John Lee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 306 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clayton Howard (Choppy) Gryde

Clayton Howard "Choppy" Gryde was born on August 17, 1914, in Saskatchewan, Canada to his parents Alfred Gryde and Tilda Carolyn Gryde of North Dakota. Clayton later moved to the United States in 1928. He began working for Southern Pacific Railroad in 1935. He progressed through the ranks and became a railroad engineer. On January 12, 1946, Clayton married Louise

Frances Young in Los Angeles, California. The two then made their home on Olanha Drive, Los Angeles near Highland Park. Clayton and Louise were blessed with two children, Gregory Howard and Tamara Ann. Clayton retired from Southern Pacific Railroad in 1975, where he had worked for 40 years. In 1976, Clayton and Louise moved to the Lake Isabella area where they have resided ever since. On January 14, 1997, Clayton Howard Gryde passed away and entered eternal life. Services were held for Clayton on Saturday, January 18th, 1997 at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Deryl Lackey officiated at both the church service and at the graveside service held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, where Clayton was interred following the church service. Clayton is survived by his wife of 51 years, Louise Frances Gryde, his son, Gregory Howard Gryde of Los Angeles and his daughter Tamara Ann Soss of Los Angeles. He also is survived by his grandchildren, Brandon Gryde, Brianne Gryde, Jeff White and Arend White. Clayton also has surviving sisters, Agnes, Gladys, Evelyn, Florence, and Rodna, and a surviving brother, Theodore Alfred Gryde. Clayton will be missed by all those who loved him and by all those of whose lives he had touched and influenced in a positive way through the years. Funeral arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Michael Thomas Schwass

Funeral services for Michael Thomas Schwass, 29, were held on Saturday, February 1, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating were Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Baptist Church and Pastor George Vazquez. Interment followed with full military honors at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Michael was born January 26, 1968, in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and passed away on January 27, 1997 in Temple, Texas, while on leave from the 52nd Aviation Regiment in Korea. Michael grew up and attended schools here in the Kern River Valley and after graduation from Kern Valley High School in 1986, enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for the past 11 years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. Michael had also served with the 1st Air Cavalry. His military awards include the Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Non-Commissioned Officer Personnel Development Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal with 2 stars, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Expert Rifleman (M-16) Award, Expert Hand Grenade Award, Driver-Mechanical Badge and Senior Air Crewmember Badge.

Michael is survived by his parents, Tom and Linda Schwass of Lake Isabella; his wife and son, Kristine and Cody Thomas Schwass of Copperas, Texas; his sister, Tracey Greek of Menifee, California; his brother, Chris Schwass of Clovis; paternal grandparents, Walter and Charlotte Schwass of Wofford Heights; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Margaret Daffron of Lomita and numerous other relatives and friends. Local arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Gene L. Wokal

Gene L. Wokal passed away January 25, 1997, after a brief illness. He was 80 years old.

Gene Wokal was born December 13, 1916, in Cuba, Kansas. He moved to California with his family when he was a child. In 1941, he married Martha Pritchard, and they were very happily married until her death in 1995. During World War II he was a pilot in the Army Air Corps. In 1952 he joined the Compton Police Department, and worked for many years as a juvenile officer and watch commander before retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1973.

He is survived by his daughter, Genel; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Jo and Loyd Merry, Doris and Robert Pruett, Clifford and Betty Prichard, and Betty Noble Pritchard; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was a very special person, and those who knew and loved him will miss him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Steven David Horgan

Steven David Horgan, age 44, a resident of Wofford Heights died January 25, 1997. He is survived by his mother, Georgia Cagle of Lake Isabella; a son, Bobby Horgan, of Corona, California; sisters, Donna Carlos of Washington State, and Billie Lofty of Lake Isabella; a brother, Bill Smith, Jr. of Los Vegas, Nevada; two grandchildren, Johnathan and Austin Horgan of Corona, California.

Services will be held on Wed. January 29, at 12 noon at McAulay & Wallace Fullerton Mortuary chapel.

Patricia A. Deaver

Patricia A. Deaver passed away January 20, 1997, in Oceanside, California, after five months of illness with cancer. Patricia is survived by her mother, Wanda R. Deaver and a sister, Shirley J. Deaver of Lake Isabella.

Pat also leaves a son, Michael Ray Bohon of Atlanta, Georgia and a daughter, Michelle and a two year old grandson, Austin, in Oceanside, California.

She is also survived by aunts Jenny Cluff and Helen Deaver of Mangum, Oklahoma. Also several nieces and cousins in different states and a host of friends in California and other states. Pat's dad, Loy E. Danny Deaver preceded her in death in September, 1991. Pat was born in Granite, Oklahoma in 1943 and moved with her parents to California in 1956. Pat attended schools in Tipton and Manitori in Oklahoma before moving to Southgate, California, where she attended schools and graduated from Dominques High in Lynwood, California and Cerritos College. Pat obeyed Gospel and was Baptized into Christ at the age of fourteen. Pat had so much love to give for every one of her friends and loved her family very much. She never had an enemy in her life. Everyone loved her and she will be greatly missed by all and especially her family.

She had a great love for sports and especially basketball in which she excelled. Funeral services were held in the Church of Christ in Vista, California, on January 25th with Brother Macs Brooks as the presiding Minister.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Jessie M. Shores

Graveside services were held on Thursday, January 30th, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Jessie Shores who passed away at her home in Weldon. She was a resident in the valley for the last eight years. She was born on January 13, 1908 in Salisbury, Missouri, to Wade Hood and Idella Hunsaker.

She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilber Shores in 1980, also by one brother and three sisters. She is survived by her son and his wife, Larry and Marsha Shores, four grandchildren (Brian, Shelly, Jeff, and Jolene), and by four great grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Carlos Rivera

Carlos Rivera, age 73, passed away Monday, January 27, 1997, of lung cancer. In addition to his wife, Celia, of 49 years, he is survived by eight children, twenty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. After being a "smoker" for many, many years, he encouraged all those around him not to smoke.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 5th, at 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel of Turner, Stevens and Edwards, 926 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena.

Charles Roy Watson

Charles Roy Watson was born on May 11, 1905. He resided in the Los Angeles area where he worked as a machinist. After 50 years of service in the field, he retired. In 1970, Charles moved to the Kern River Valley area, where he has happily resided in Onyx for the past 27 years amongst his family, many friends, and neighbors.

On January 21, 1997, Charles Roy Watson passed away at his home. He is survived by his sons, Charles R. Watson Jr. and his wife Teri of Bella Vista, California, and James Watson and wife Merlene of Sun Valley, California. He is also survived by one grandson, Charles R. Watson III, and by three sisters and by two brothers. Charles will be greatly missed by all those of whom he cared for and by all those who loved him dearly. We will miss you Charlie! Services were handled by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Nathaniel Stringer

On January 3, 1997, Paul Nathaniel Stringer passed away at his residence in Kernville, California. Funeral services were held on January 5, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, with Mr. Bud May of Kernville officiating. During the service, many friends and family members gave testimony to the strength, inspiration and good-heartedness of Paul Stringer, a resident of the Kern River Valley for years.

On February 11, 1916, Paul was born to his parents Charles and Jessy in Dallas, Texas. Paul later moved to California, residing in the San Fernando Valley where he worked as a technical painter by trade, and as a handyman on the side. He later moved to the Kern River Valley in the early 80's and became well known in his community. Paul received special recognition from the U.S. Forest Service for volunteering over 6000 hours of his time in their service. He also did volunteer work for the County Parks Department, and self-appointed volunteer work, in the field of weeding, all over Kernville. He was also very proud to have his name inscribed on the Bronze marker erected directly in front of the Fire Department in Kernville as a tribute to those who participated in the "Adopt-A-Tree" program organized by the chamber of commerce. Paul, in his humble way, has left his mark on the town of Kernville.

Paul is survived by his brothers David Stringer of Porterville, California; Daniel Stringer of Spokane, Washington; Joseph Stringer of Tule Lake, California; and Benni Stringer of Hebo, Oregon. His surviving sisters include Vashti Williams of Klamath Falls, Oregon; Debra Hall

of Fresno, California; and Alpha Ruth Glenn of Klamath Falls, Oregon. His sister Pauline Stacy preceded him in passing. Paul said recently that he had seven friends and would hold up seven fingers as he named them ... Linda Collins and John Kuttig, Tina Cargile, George and Lou Donoho, and Bud and Janet May his life-long friends. Paul will be missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Robert J. Boyer

Services were held for Robert J. Boyer, who passed away on February 3, 1997. The service took place at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Saturday, February 8, 1997, with Father Charles Casale officiating. Following the service, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, the V.F.W. conducted a memorial with full military honors.

Robert was born on July 31, 1940 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, to Edward and Margaret Boyer. He finished his schooling in Pennsylvania, and later moved to California where he worked at Hughes Aircraft. He was employed as a satellite technician, a position he held for over 20 years. He retired in 1996, and stayed in Southlake, where he resided.

Robert leaves behind his brother Edward Joseph Boyer Jr. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Jr., and his mother and father, Margaret and Edward. He will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Sidney Earl McCollum

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River

Valley Cemetery for Sidney Earl McCollum, age 74, of Kernville. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated. Born March 8, 1922, in Meridian, Mississippi, Sidney had been a 31-year Kern River Valley resident. He had worked for Southern California Edison for 33 years. Sidney was a World War II Army veteran and the recipient of the Victory Medal, the American Theater Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Before her death in 1988, Sidney and his wife of 43 years, Gladys enjoyed trips to Morro Bay. He also built a 4-unit rental property in Kernville and enjoyed taking care of this property after his retirement. Sidney is survived by his daughter, Sharon McCollum, the Onyx Postmaster, and his sister, Metter Lee Eddy of Carthage, Mississippi.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Grady Lloyd Haws

Memorial services were held Wednesday, February 5, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God in Lake Isabella for Grady Lloyd Haws. Officiating was Pastor Frances Edge. Mr. Haws was born April 7, 1934 in Lincoln, Arkansas, and passed away February 1, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella after a long illness.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past seven years and a volunteer in the Older Americans Program with the forestry service for the past six years. He was a member of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God. He also loved to fish.

Grady is survived by his wife of 31 years Billie Haws of Lake Isabella; his son and daughter-in-law Eric and LeAnn Haws of Pleasant Hope, Missouri; and four grandchildren, Joshua, Nathan, Daniel and Mariah. Also his sister, Jewelle Dean Jones of Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Grady's name to the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of God, 3730 Wagon Wheel, Lake Isabella, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Howard Underwood

Graveside services for Jack Howard Underwood were held on February 13, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Mr. Underwood passed away at his residence on February 9, 1997, in Havilah, California.

He was born on March 1, 1921 in McLean, Illinois to Floyd and Emma Underwood. At the onset of World War II, Jack entered the United States Army Air Corps, 9th Air Force Division, in support of his country. He faithfully served in the European-African-Middle Eastern theater, earning in his career several awards which included the Silver Battle Star Ribbon and the first and second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster medalions. During his service time, he met June Wookey and they married on June 5, 1942, in Pekin, Illinois. At the end of the war, Jack began working as an aircraft and powerplant mechanic for United Airlines. He retired in 1980 and then he and his wife then moved to the Kern River Valley, residing in the Bodfish-Havilah area.

Jack is survived by his wife of 54 years, June Underwood; and three children. A son, Dave Underwood and his wife Brenda, of Redondo Beach, California; another son, Stephen Underwood and his wife Rita of Vancouver, Washington; and his daughter, Laurie Sharr and her husband Weldon Sharr of Bodfish, California. Also by his grandchildren, Shaun Kennedy of Bridgewater, New Jersey; Russell Underwood of Long Beach, California; Elena Robles of Redondo Beach, California; Christopher, Marion and Rachel Underwood of Vancouver, Washington. And by two great-grandchildren, Brett Austin Kennedy and Brittany Nicole Kennedy of Bridgewater, New Jersey.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Kathleen Majorie Hetrick

Kathleen was born on June 4, 1920 in Tacoma, Washington, to Emerson and Maude Miller. She first moved to Kernville from Ridgecrest with her two sons in the early 1960's and was one of the early families who helped to start the Episcopal church. After a short while, she moved back to Ridgecrest where she worked as an office manager. She met Mike Hetrick and they were married on August 18, 1970. They moved back to Kernville in December 1970 and commuted to Ridgecrest until she retired in 1985. After a lengthy illness, she passed away at home on February 8, 1997.

She enjoyed being a part of the Order of the Eastern Star and served in various points. Services were held in the Masonic Lodge in Kernville on Tuesday, February 11, 1997.

Kathy is survived by Mike, her husband of 26 years; her sons, Charles Harkness, Sr. of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Sean Harkness of Newport Beach, California; her grandson Charles Harkness, Jr. and his wife, Dawn and their child, Kathy's great-granddaughter, Christian Lee. She is also survived by her stepchildren, Mike's son Michael Dean Hetrick, his wife Anna and three grandchildren, Michael David, Ashely and Kalyynn; and Mike's daughter, Karen, of Sacramento.

She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1997

Lillie Ann Blomgren

Lillie Ann Blomgren passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on February 5, 1997, at the age of 98. She had been in poor health since suffering a broken hip two years ago. Known to all her friends simply as "Lillie Ann," she was born in Semour Illinois, in 1898 and lived most of her life in Ottumwa, Iowa, before moving to the Kern River Valley in 1961. She is survived by her son, Richard, a local businessman.

Many local sportsmen and women will well remember her as the manager of Lake Isabella Boat & Trailer Storage, a business her son established in 1957. Plagued by poor managers, Lillie Ann came to Dick's rescue by moving to the Kern River Valley and taking over management of the RV storage business. Her personality and friendliness resulted in the RV storage lot being transformed into a booming business. When the business was sold in 1980, she retired to a new home in the Lakeland Estates. Due to declining health, she became a resident of the Kern Valley Nursing Center three years ago.

Lillie Ann will be laid to rest alongside her mother at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Funeral arrangements conducted by Valley Mortuary.

Clara "Ethel" Allen

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 18, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Clara Ethel Allen. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Clara was born June 10, 1915 in Bronte, Texas, and passed away February 12, 1997, in Bakersfield, California. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 29 years, she and her husband moved here after retiring. She was a beautician for 31 years and owned her own beauty salons. She was a member of the Eagles and loved fishing and camping.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Charles, of Bodfish; and 2 sons, Malcolm Allen of Hollywood, California, and James Edmond Allen of Anaheim, California; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Sally Chacon

A memorial service will be held Thursday evening at 5 p.m., February 20, 1997, in Corona, California, for Sally Chacon, wife of Philip Chacon, who were residents of Onyx. They were active in Kern River Valley and moved to Nuevo, California, after they left Onyx.

Sally was born on October 16, 1913, in Durango. She is survived by seven grandchildren; her twin daughters, Barbara Whittier of Corona, California, and Louise Shrier, who now resides in Washington. She was very loved by her friends all throughout her life, as she extended a kindness to everyone around her. Her friends in Onyx like Marjorie Rothbauer, Barbara Scrogam, Betty Owens and many more lovely friends in Onyx, whom her daughter couldn't recall their names, but the family in California wish to extend their sincere thanks to all of you that were in any way connected with Phil and Sally.

Mary Frances Eskew

Private arrangements were made for Mary Frances Eskew of Lake Isabella, California. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mary was born June 15, 1917 in Shelbyville, Indiana and passed away February 18, 1997 in Lake Isabella. She moved to the Kern River Valley after her husband Floyd retired in 1974. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981.

She was a member of the South Fork Womens Club and enjoyed her crafts and gardening. Also, she loved Bingo and taking trips to Laughlin with the club.

Mary is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Gene and JoAnn Eskew of Lake Isabella; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy Dennis, of Reseda, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1997

Lucille Muxlow

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 19, 1997, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Lucille Hannah Muxlow, age 83, of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor David Snow and interment was in the Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, California.

An 11-year Kern Valley resident, Mrs. Muxlow was born on January 30, 1914 in Phillips, Colorado, and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on February 14, 1997. Lucille was an active and faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella where she sang in the choir and served as the treasurer of the American Baptist Women's Association. Lucille loved people and was proud of her home and enjoyed taking care of it.

Survivors include her husband, Pat Muxlow of Lake Isabella; two sons, Edward Stapp of Anaheim and Gary Stapp of Corona; a daughter, Peggy Sekelik of Lake Isabella; stepchildren, David Muxlow of Burbank and Darlene Wimer of Washington, D.C.; 15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lucille's memory may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Erma Christine Depew

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Erma Christine Depew. Mrs. Depew was born October 14, 1906 in Glassco, Kansas and passed away February 28, 1997 in Bakersfield, California. She was 90 years of age and had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years.

Mrs. Depew was preceded in death by her husband, Kent, in 1995. She is survived by her grandson Mike Depew of Eureka, California; granddaughter Kris Depew of Lake Isabella; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Mabry, of Tulare, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thelma Nadine Hedges

Graveside services were held Friday, February 28, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Thelma Nadine Hedges of Mt. Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Hedges was born September 8, 1916, in Holden, Missouri, and passed away February 22, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

She loved to sew and read and she was devoted to her daughter, Judy.

Mrs. Hedges is survived by her husband of 62 years, Walter Hedges; daughter, Judy, of Lake Isabella; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Bonnie Hedges, of Riverside, California; and John and Karen Hedges of Weldon; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edith J. Malone

Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 26, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edith J. Malone, 58, of Wofford Heights. Visitation was held on Tuesday, February 25, 1997. Edith was a member of the Apalatea family, Kern River Valley pioneers. She was born in Bakersfield on February 18, 1939, and passed away at her home on February 24, 1997.

Edith attended schools in the Kern River Valley and was a U.S. Air Force veteran. She had also worked for the International Red Cross and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. before moving to Los Angeles where she served as vice-president of California Federal Savings.

She returned to the Kern River Valley in 1987 and worked for the Kern River Valley Water Company, formerly Dominguez and Arden Water Companies. She retired in September 1996 due to ill health. Edith also served on the Board of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group.

Survivors include her mother, Marie Apalatea Malone, of Kernville; three sisters, Clara Anderson of Kernville; Patricia Henry of Wyoming; and Dorothy Denson of Bakersfield; five brothers, Harvey Malone of Kernville; Willard Malone of Wofford Heights; Stanley Malone of Upland, California; Loren Malone of Kernville; and Boyd Malone of Ridgecrest; her companion, Marge Elefante, of Wofford Heights; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Ray Malone and a sister, Joyce Crofton.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Billie Strain

On February 27, 1997, Billie Strain, 70, passed away at her residence in Lake Isabella. Billie was born on January 24, 1927, in Dillon, Montana, to her parents, Arthur and Pauline McAlpin.

After living in Montana for several years, she moved to East Palatka, Florida. There she worked as a Managing Field Representative for the Moran Meat Company. In 1992, she moved to the Kern River Valley area and made her home in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her son, Bob Blevins, and wife Nancy of East Palatka, Florida; two granddaughters, Stacey Baldwin and her children, Alex Rodriguez, AJ Baldwin, and Krystal Baldwin; Billie Blevings with her daughter, Courtney Page Blevins; many nieces and nephews, including Louise and Henry Elbrest of Helena, Montana, and their children. Billie is also survived by a sister, Ruth Harris, of Long Beach, California; as well as a very special friend, JoAnn John of Lake Isabella.

Of all the things that were mentioned most about Billie was her loving devotion to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Martha Clark Petersen

On February 19, 1997, Martha Clark Petersen, 74, of Onyx passed away in Mountain Mesa, California. Martha was born on May 26, 1922, in Salem, Oregon, to her parents Frank Bates Clark and Mollie Belle Thornbrye.

Martha was inducted into the United States Navy on July 16, 1943, and served her country faithfully until the end of World War II, where she received an honorable discharge in December of 1945. She attended college and later worked for Orange County Social Services as a case worker.

She met and married the love of her life, Donald Richard Petersen. Nearly nine years ago, Martha and her family moved to the Kern River Valley area and settled down in Onyx. She was very active with her family and friends.

Martha is survived by her husband Donald Petersen of Onyx; her daughter, Carolyn Suzanne Petersen and her grandson, Kelley Richard Petersen, both of the Kern River Valley. She is also survived by two brothers, David Clark, and his wife, Linda, of Sacramento, California; and Robert Clark of Orange County, California.

Martha will be missed by all those who loved her and by all those of whom she loved.

Services were arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997

Hazel Colleen McEwen

On February 20, 1997, Hazel Colleen McEwen, age 68, passed away at her residence in Weldon. Hazel was born on September 5, 1928, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to her parents, Arthur Davis and Edna May Easley. She completed her schooling in Missouri and then moved to the Los Angeles area. She worked in the accounting industry at various companies as a company controller. During that time, she met and fell in love with Richard McEwen. Not too long after, they were married in Los Angeles on June 16, 1944. Hazel moved to the valley and had been a resident of Weldon for over 20 years.

She leaves behind two daughters, Christina and her husband Bob Vess of Weldon; and Jinie Wood of San Diego, California. She also leaves three sisters, Velma Pratt of Utah; Nancy Nichols of Lone Pine, California; and Billie of Palm Desert, California; six grandchildren, Aaron Pulido, Lisa Hudnall, Bobby G. Vess Jr., Stephanie Wood, Samantha Wood, and Kathleen Wood, along with eight great-grandchildren. She will be deeply missed and forever loved by all whose lives she touched in her

own special way.

The following is a tribute to Hazel from one of her grandchildren:

"On Saturday, I rushed around all afternoon getting ready to come home. I finally had some time to relax on the plane and began to think about everything my grandmother meant to me. I remember her being strong-willed and independent. She raised her own family; and then raised my sister and me, for the most part. She had not only the responsibility of raising two of her grandchildren, but also of caring for her husband, who was physically disabled. She accepted these responsibilities without complaint and was devoted to caring for all of us. She taught me the basics to live by: Respect your elders, treat people as you would like them to treat you, always do your best.

"She taught me how to read before I ever started school. She taught me the importance of education and instilled in me an intense curiosity about the world around me. The gifts she gave to me are priceless and I hope to pass them along to my own children someday. She was mother, teacher, counselor, and friend. She was all these things and more, to me and to all the other people she touched in her life."

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gerard F. Passarelli

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date for Gerard Francis "Rod" Passarelli, 70, of Weldon. Mr. Passarelli was born June 16, 1926, in Brooklyn, New York, and passed away on March 2, 1997, in a Bakersfield hospital.

He moved to Santa Monica in 1936 and served with the U.S. Navy on LST's in the Pacific from 1943-1946. After World War II, he worked as a mechanic and was involved in the early days of drag racing in Southern California, including racing at the Dry Lakes which are part of Edwards Air Force Base, and was also involved in the construction of the San Fernando Drag Strip. Rod worked for Galpin Ford from 1957 until the early 1970's as an air conditioning and electrical specialist.

His hobbies included model trains, repairing electronics, and Nascar Racing (Ford teams, naturally!). He was a member of the pit crew for Galpin Ford's Racing Team in the early 60's, working on cars driven by Don Noel and Ron Hornaday, Sr.

Rod moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980 and served on the Board of Directors at Valley Estates Water Company.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marion L. Passarelli, of Weldon; granddaughters, Alicia of Bakersfield, California, and Jennifer of Mesa, Arizona; sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Gordon Taylor of Canyon Lake, California; brother and

sister-in-law, Jack and Doris Higgins of Oceanside, California; sister-in-law, Virginia Higgins of Santa Rosa, California; nephew, Tom Taylor, of Kernville; nieces Chris Brower of Santa Rosa and April of Oceanside, as well as many friends and acquaintances.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rod's memory to the American Heart Association, 404 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Arrangements under the direction of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Mary Ann Hill

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 11:00 AM at the Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville, California for Mary Ann Hill. Officiating was the Eastern Star Funeral Team and Sandy Mathieu-Worthy Matron. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mary Ann was born October 6, 1911, in Buffalo, New York, and passed away March 3, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a long illness. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 28 years. She worked as a tailor and seamstress for over 50 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her daughter, Diane Carson of Wofford Heights; and two sisters, Mimie Galiglio of Long Beach and Adlean Rodgers of San Diego; and two grandsons, Joseph and Scott; and one great-grandchild,

Joshua.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin "Mel" Richard Minor

Long time Kern Valley resident, Melvin "Mel" Richard Minor, passed away from a heart attack at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 8, 1997. Services will be held for him at Valley Mortuary at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 13, 1997. Mel's brother, Dr. James F. Minor, will officiate. A wake is to follow the services at Mel-O-Dee's Fashions.

Mel, along with his wife Dee, owned Mel-O-Dee's Fashions and Mel's Limo Service. They also owned and operated Northridge Electric.

Survivors include Mel's wife, Dee Minor, along with five sons and 14 grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association.

Reba C. Landrum

Graveside services for Reba Charlene Landrum, 57, of Weldon, were held on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Mike Splawn of the Kern River Valley Christian Church officiated. A 17 year Kern River Valley resident, Reba was born January 7, 1940 in Olney, Illinois, and moved to California in 1957 from Arkansas. She enjoyed camping and fishing, crocheting and making blankets. She was a homemaker and had also worked as a nurses aide. Reba is survived by her husband, Thomas Landrum of Weldon; son, Tim Landrum of Riverbank; daughters, Debra Austin of Modesto and Sarah Beth Landrum of Weldon; sisters, Jeannie Poindexter of Loomis and Betty Laubenstein of Stockton; brother, Harley Plumlee of Yellville, Arkansas; grandchildren, Amanda and Donnie Austin and Christine, Curt and Courtnie Landrum as well as many other relatives and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.



Romero Simon Martinet

Memorial services will be held Thursday, March 20, 1997 at 11:00 AM at the Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Romero Simon Martinet. Romero was born February 11, 1913 in St. Martinville, Louisiana, and passed away March 8, 1997 in Lancaster, California. He was 84 years of age. Romero was a retired painter for the Los Angeles Unified School District and a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 21 years. He was a member of the Elks and the Moose. He loved fishing and called Bingo at the Elks. He also liked traveling with the Elk Wheels.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth Martinet of Colorado; his brother Elmo J. Martinet of Wofford Heights; sisters, Maude Barr and Wanda Gerry, both of Wofford Heights; sister Louise Mayfield of Texas; his companion Melba Taylor of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin (Mel) Richard Minor

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 13, 1997 at 11:00 AM at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mel Minor who passed away Saturday, March 8, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California. Mel was born April 20, 1931 in Columbus, Ohio to John Oregon and Violet Denman Minor. Mel recently retired from the Los Angeles Dept. of Water and Power, a job he enjoyed. He served in the Marine Corps in the early 1950's. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Exchange Club. He was a licensed electrician. Melvin was a ready helper to any who needed his assistance. His interests were wide, including such things as stock car racing, water sports, and working on old vehicles. He had a tremendous sense of humor. The community will miss his active presence.

He is survived by his wife Dee; five sons, Melvin Wayne, Ricky, John, Robert, and James; a brother, James F. of Kansas City, Missouri; a sister, Betty Wolford of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and countless friends. His brother Dr. James F. Minor will be officiating the service.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Marshall DeVicariis

Graveside services were held Monday, March 17, 1997 at 1:00 PM at Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Marshall DeVicariis, who passed away Tuesday, March 11, 1997 in Bodfish, California. John was born May 24, 1961 in Northridge, California and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 21 years. John loved H.O. Trains and Quad running and camping. He was a loving father, son, and friend.

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Carroll and grandmother, Maxine Carroll, both of Bodfish; his father, Louis DeVicariis, of San Fernando; his son John Lee DeVicariis of Bodfish; sister and brother-in-law Tammy and Sam Feemster of Bodfish; nephew John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish; and brother, Louis DeVicariis Jr. of Colorado. He will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Eva Amsk

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa for Margaret Eva Amsk, 74, of Lake Isabella. Pastor Gary Nichols officiated and interment followed at the Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest. A 49 year area resident, Mrs. Amsk was born January 13, 1923 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and went to be with her Lord on March 7, 1997 at a Bakersfield hospital after a brief illness. Eva was a devoted Christian and a student of the Bible. She was an active member of the Full Gospel Fellowship, loved music and dearly loved being a homemaker, a mother and an example to her 11 children. Eva is survived by her husband of 12 years, Arthur W. Amsk of Lake Isabella; her sons, Wayne Beck, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and David and Mark Beck, both of Springdale, Arkansas, and son, Allyn Amsk; her daughters, Margaret McGovern of Henderson, Nevada, Laura Lile of Ridgecrest, Paula Cooper of Medford, Oregon, Joanna Lewis of Tempe, Arizona, Rosemary Keeton of Canton, Ohio, Christina Gupton of Springdale, Arkansas, and Priscilla Wheatley and Drucilla Martin, both of Lake Isabella; her brothers, Donald and Russell Turner, both of Springdale, Arkansas, 32 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Eva will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Floyd A. Johnson

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 14, 1997 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Floyd Albert Johnson, 72, of Bodfish. Pastor David Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella and V.F.W. Post #7665 officiated. As a 17 year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Johnson was born January 6, 1925 in Gorman, South Dakota and passed away at his winter home in Apache Junction, Arizona on March 9, 1997. He was a retired contractor having owned a heavy equipment operating business for 15 years prior to his retirement. Floyd worked hard but also enjoyed life to the fullest extent. He was a good husband, father and grandpa.

Floyd was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma in 1991. Survivors include his wife of 4 1/2 years, Marie, of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, Apache Junction, Arizona, and Bodfish; son, Rick Johnson of North Hollywood; son and daughter-in-law, Floyd and Deborah Johnson of Granada Hills; daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and Paul Taylor of Minden, Nevada; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Don and Yvonne Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brother and sister-in-law, Merle and Bonnie Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Paul DeBerg of Watertown, South Dakota.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Ellen Jayne Sawyer

A funeral services was conducted Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Ellen Jayne Sawyer of Lake Isabella, by Pastor Floyd R. Castillo. Ellen Jayne Sawyer was born on July 29, 1919, in Reno, Nevada to Clifford B. Foltz and Edith Holland. She grew up in Sparks, Nevada, later moving to Southern California where she completed high school. She earned her degree from UCLA. On October 19, 1963, she married Addison Sawyer, a widower whom she had met while at UCLA. Her life really began with Addison. They did everything together for the next 25 years. They sailed their boat, and they traveled all over the world. Their favorite sailing trips were to Catalina, where they had a mooring in Howland's Landing, and down to Mexico, either with friends with their boats, or by themselves. They also traveled in the inland waterways of Europe, starting out in France, and ending up in the middle of the continent. When Addison died in 1987, Ellen came to live in the Kern Valley with her son, Richard Brun. She enjoyed the arts and classical music, making many trips to Bakersfield to attend the concerts with her many friends. Her first love was bridge, and she played as often as she could. She was the prime mover behind the Golden Gleaners' Senior Sack Program at the Highland Chapel from its beginning in 1989, and she was recognized by the Exchange Club for her volunteer work. Ellen had difficulty in hearing, but that did not diminish the sparkle in her eye nor the spirit in her heart. After a lengthy illness, Ellen passed away on March 7, 1997, in Lake Isabella.

Ellen is survived by her son, Richard Brun and his wife Coleen, of Lake Isabella; her stepdaughters, Christine and Cynthia; six grandchildren, Debbie, Jaime, Galen, Elizabeth, Tarek and Ziad. She will be missed by all of us. Interment will be at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, where her ashes will be placed to rest with her late husband, Addison.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Charles (Fred) Needham

Services were held Saturday, March 15, at the Full Gospel Fellowship, 12312 Mountain Mesa Road, Mountain Mesa, California. Pastor Gary Nichols officiated. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary in Bakersfield immediately following. Charles was born December 16, 1914, in Kansas City, Missouri. He went to be with the Lord March 11, 1997 in Weldon, California. He retired from Asbury Transportation in 1978 after a lifetime of driving. He loved every minute of his retirement.

He leaves his wife Reba of 54 years; two daughters, Janice Needham, Sharon Odermann and husband Al; son, Phi Needham and wife Carmen; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be sent to the Salvation Army, 724 21st St., Bakersfield, California 93305, for the flood victims of the Ohio Valley. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr.

Services were held Friday, March 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Laso Indian Cemetery in Onyx on the hill for Nathan Clark Mace Sr., 69, of Weldon, California, who passed away March 17, 1997, in Bakersfield. Pall Bearers: Ralph Chico, Floyd Manwell, Raymond Garcia, Forest Helm, Rusty Laird, Rick Bennett, Rick Alvary, Bert Eller, and Johnny Valdez.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr. was a living husband, daddy, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and a friend to everyone who knew him. He was born September 1, 1927, and raised in Onyx, California. He was a resident of Weldon all of his life. He attended South Fork Elementary School, and went on to Sherman Institute Indian School in Riverside for high school. He served in the United States Armed Forces from July 28, 1954, to Nov. 3, 1956, with an honorable discharge. He was proud of his Native American Paiute-Shoshone heritage. His unique personality touched so many lives as only he could do. Cowboying was his way of life. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, driving his truck, listening to country music, riding his horse, and telling stories. He has worked at the sawmill in Johnsondale when it was operating, and the many local ranches. His stories of his Indian heritage and service in the armed forces will live on through his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Mark Dale Mace, Sr. He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 41 years, Pauline J. Mace; his children, Judy Lynn Mace, Colleen J. Alvary, Patricia A. Vigil, Natalie A. Bennett, of Bakersfield, Nathan C. Mace Jr. II, Paul C. Mace, Lisa R. Mace, Yvonne M. Smith, of Weldon, Sherry L. Mace of Bod-

fish, Andrew B. Mace, Loretta J. Garcia, of Oregon; nine granddaughters; 10 grandsons; and one great-granddaughter; sons-in-law, Forest L. Helm, Rick Alvary Sr., Rick Bennett, Sharie Martinez of Bakersfield, Raymond Garcia of Oregon, Russell Laird of Weldon; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lane Mace of Onyx; sisters, Irene Miranda, of Las Vegas, Nevada; Angie Tungate, Patrica Casteel, Mildred Somara of Tracy, California; brothers-in-law, Raymond J. Hunter of Benicia, California; Roy Casteel, Everett Tungate, Sr. of Tracy, California; sister-in-law Molly Mace of Bakersfield; Ruriko Hunter of Benicia, California; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

He will be missed very much. In his words he was just a daddy, but to us he was much more than words could ever say. He was a loving, caring husband and sweetheart. We will love him forever.

William D. Chappell

Graveside services for William D. "Wendy" Chappell, 89, of Weldon, were held on Wednesday, March 19, 1997, at 11:00 am in the Pioneer Section of the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church and the V.F.W. Post #7665 of Lake Isabella, of which he was a charter member.

Wendy was born in Tehachapi on June 5, 1907, and passed away on March 14, 1997, in a Bakersfield Hospital. He started his working life as a cowboy on the Hill Ranch in Tehachapi and moved with the ranch to Onyx in 1932. He entered the U.S. Army in 1942 and served in France as a Forward Observer for heavy artillery. After his discharge in 1945, Wendy began a 26 year career with the California Division of Highways (CalTrans), retiring in 1971.

In 1944, Wendy began 52 years of happy marriage with Marguerite "Mudder" Alexander of Weldon and they enjoyed 26 years of retirement together until her death on May 31, 1996.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers and a sister, and by his stepdaughter, Marjorie "Becky" Alexander. Survivors include 2 stepchildren, Annette "Sis" Staats of Caliente, California, and Leonard Alexander of Weldon; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a niece, Mary Knoy of Port Angeles, Washington; and a nephew, Mike McCarthy of Caliente, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clyde (Bob) Lee Robinson

Graveside services were held on Friday, March 21, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the old part of the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Clyde (Bob) Lee Robinson, 72, of Weldon, California, who passed away on March 16, 1997, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Pastor Robbie Robinson officiated.

Bob was born on September 14, 1924, to Estella Butterbredt Robinson and Robert L. Robinson in the old Apalatea house above Old Kernville, where Kernville is located today. He had two sisters, Betty Lewis of Ridgecrest and Bernice Wermuth, deceased. He attended grammar school in Old Kernville. He was a Native American Indian. His family had many generations raised in the Kern Valley area. Bob enjoyed his youth growing up in the valley. He loved to deer hunt, camp outdoors, ride horses, gather pinons in the fall, help on the different ranches and the movie sets in Old Kernville. He was knowledgeable in the history and areas around the valley because of his love and interest he had for it, especially the Scodie Mountain Range.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He was a World War II Veteran, serving in New Guinea and the Southern Philippines. He received the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Bronze Arrowhead, American Campaign Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and World War II Victory Medal. He was discharged in 1945 as a Buck Sergeant.

Bob married Rose Robinson on October 16, 1949, in Old Kernville. They had four children, Robert James Robinson of Weldon, Catherine Lee Paradise of Weldon, Terry Lyn McDonald of Kernville, and Clyde David Robinson of Kelso Canyon.

Bob enjoyed living in the Kern River Valley. He will be remembered for the beautiful bits and spurs he made and sold in the valley. He loved to tell stories

and shared them with the valley through KVLI Radio in Lake Isabella once a week for a few years. His work in the valley was working on the Lake Isabella Dam, Custodian and Bus Driver at Woodrow Wallace Elementary School, Camp Erwin Owen, and his best work on ranches, Syth Ranch in Onyx and Quarter Circle Five Ranch in Faye Canyon in Weldon. He loved horses and a mighty fine mule named "Martin". Bob and Martin were quite a pair. Every year in the spring, Bob would help take teenage Indian students out to the Panamint Mountain area called Indian Ranch and teach them some Indian culture and history. He looked forward to this time with the students. He helped to organize the Kern Valley Indian Council and the Kawaiisu-Shoshone Indian Council. He was one of the original Kern County Search and Rescue pilot program members. They covered a large area including Tulare County. He was known for his tracking ability and knowledge of things dealt with in Search and Rescue. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville and Scottish Rite in Bakersfield.

He also had an interest in art. He painted, worked with leather, and set silver in his bits and spurs and designed the silver. He led the organization that would have an Old Timers Picnic every year in the Kern River Valley. He enjoyed doing the deep pit for the meat. He looked forward to doing this picnic every year. He loved enchiladas.

He has 12 grandchildren: Casey, Flint, Justin, and Deana Robinson; Dan and Robert Cook; Christopher and Mindy McDonald; Tiffany Rolfson; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Bernice Wermuth, and a great-grandson, Bryce Daniel Rolfson. He will be missed.

Tribute and Indian Ceremony by the Pallbearers Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1997

James Brady Barricman

A private family service was held for James Barricman, who passed away on March 17, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella. James was born on December 31, 1948, in Montebello, California, to George Leo, and Dorris Irene Barricman.

James grew up in California, and loved to work with his hands. The things he built ranged from wooden signs to walkways. He enjoyed painting, fishing, and going on R.V. trips with his mom. He was full of life, and showed each person love in his own special way.

James leaves his wife, Karen; his children, Amanda Adams, Stacy Sneed, and James Brady Barricman Jr. He also leaves two sisters, Dorothy Redman, and Dorris Rieser; his mother, Dorris; his four grandchildren, Jack Kneeden, Lauren Sneed, James Sneed, and Taylor Adams; three uncles; and three aunts; as well as a host of special friends. He was preceded in death by his father. He will be greatly missed, and forever loved, by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Pauline M. Evers

Graveside services were held for Pauline M. Evers of Lake Isabella on Saturday, March 22, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor John Carpenter officiated.

Pauline was born December 11, 1932, in Los Angeles, California. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse for 30 years. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She passed away on March 18, 1997 in Bakersfield, California. She was 64 years of age.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Shoemake, and her husband, Greg; her granddaughters, Jessie, and Shelbie Shoemake, her husband Victor Evers of Bodfish; and sister Margaret Caprio of Torrance, California. She will be greatly missed, and forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

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

John A. Russell

Visitation and a wake service were held on Monday, March 31, 1997, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mass for Christian burial was held Tuesday, April 1, 1997 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for John A. Russell. Officiating was Father Charles Casale.

John was born August 19, 1910 in McAlister, Oklahoma, and passed away March 26, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He and his wife have been residents of the Kern River Valley for 12 years. He belonged to the Shriners and the Elks and the U.S. Marshal's Posse, the Silver Mounted Patrol. Before retiring, John owned and operated Russell Backhoe Rental Inc. for 45 years in the San Fernando Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Jane, of Wofford Heights; and son Ronald Dale Russell of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

In lieu of flowers, please send prayers.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy L. Standage

A memorial service was held in honor of Dorothy L. Standage of Lake Isabella on April 1, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church with Pastor "Chuck" Semonious officiating. A luncheon was served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Dorothy was born in Texas on January 3, 1924, and passed away in Bakersfield, California, on March 19, 1997, at 4:30 p.m. She worked as a secretary for 12 years and then another 17 years as an airline reservation agent. Dorothy married Ken Standage in July of 1945. Upon retirement, they moved to the Kern River Valley in 1983. Dorothy and Ken enjoyed traveling together with their dogs in their RV.

She enjoyed the companionship of the girls in her ceramics classes. They both enjoyed the beautiful home they built together in the Squirrel Valley area.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Ken Standage; son, Richard; daughter, Diane; three and two great-grandchildren; not to mention the members of her large church family.

She will be greatly missed by the members for her family and all who knew her. It is Dorothy's wish to be cremated and her ashes spread at sea.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr.

Services were held Friday, March 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Laso Indian Cemetery in Onyx on the hill for Nathan Clark Mace Sr., age 69, of Weldon, California, who passed away March 17, 1997, in Bakersfield. Pall bearers included Ralph Chico, Floyd Manwell, Raymond Garcia, Forest Helm, Rusty Laird, Rick Bennett, Rick Alvary, Bert Eller, and Johnny Valdez.

Nathan Clark Mace Sr. was a loving husband, daddy, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and a friend to everyone who knew him. He was born September 1, 1927, and raised in Onyx, California. He was a resident of Weldon, all of his life. He attended South Fork Elementary School, and went on to Sherman Institute Indian School in Riverside for high school. He served in the United States Armed Forces from July 28, 1954 to November 3, 1956 in Germany and Korea, with an honorable discharge. He was proud of his Native American Paiute-Shoshone heritage. His unique personality touched so many lives as only he could do. Cowboying was his way of life. He enjoyed spending time with his family, hunting, driving his truck, listening to country music, riding his horse, and telling stories. He has worked at the sawmill in Johnsondale when it was operating, and the many local ranches. His stories of his Indian heritage and service in the armed forces will live on through his wife, children, and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son Mark Dale Mace, Sr. He is survived by his wife and sweetheart of 41 years, Pauline J. Mace; his children, Judy Lynn Mace, Colleen J. Alvary, Patrica A. Vigil, Natalie A. Bennett, of Bakersfield, Pauline R. Mace of Weldon, Nathan C. Mace Jr., Paul C. Mace, Lisa R. Mace,

Yvonne M. Smith of Weldon, Sherry L. Mace of Bodfish, Andrew B. Mace, Loretta J. Garcia of Oregon; nine granddaughters; 10 grandsons and one great-granddaughter; sons-in-law, Forest L. Helm, Rick Alvary Sr., Rick Bennett, Shane Martinez of Bakersfield, Raymond Garcia of Oregon, Russell Laird of Weldon; daughter-in-law, Lisa Lane Mace of Onyx; sisters, Irene Miranda of Las Vegas, Nevada; Angie Tungate; Patrica Casteel Mildred Somara of Tracy, California; brothers-in-law, Raymond J. Hunter of Benicia, California; Roy Casteel, Everett Tungate, Sr. of Tracy, California; sister-in-law Molly Mace of Bakersfield; Ruriko Hunter of Benicia, California; nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and numerous cousins.

He will be missed very much. In his words he was just a daddy, but to us he was much more than words could ever say. He was a loving, caring husband and sweetheart. We will love him forever.

Herbert J. Donner

Graveside services for Herbert J. Donner were held on Saturday, April 5, 1997, in the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church officiating. A family patriarch and retired executive with Pacific Telephone Company, Herb died April 1, 1997 at the age of 89.

He loved his family, friends, and the Lake Isabella area which he selected as his home over 25 years ago. Herb Donner was born December 4, 1907, in Norfolk, Nebraska. He attended Iowa State University and graduated from the University of Southern California as a civil engineer. Initially, he worked on the Metropolitan Water Aqueduct Project bringing Colorado River water to Southern California. Later, he worked for Shell Oil Company. He joined

Pacific Telephone Company in 1941, advancing rapidly through management. He retired in 1968 as benefits secretary in Pasadena, California.

After graduating from U.S.C., Herb married his high school sweetheart, Beth Hinson. They had two sons, Herbert S. Donner and Stephen H. Donner. Beth passed away in 1960. He then married Margaret Webster, an associate at Pacific Telephone. Margaret passed away in 1991.

Following their retirements, Herb and Margaret pursued their avid interest in fishing and the outdoors, which brought them to the Kern River Valley. Herb quickly became involved in the community. He was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, the Kern River Valley Historical Society and was a charter member and past president of the Kern Valley Exchange Club. He was a benefactor of various organizations and was especially interested in providing scholarships for Kern Valley High School graduates.

To his family, Herb was a patriarch and a highly respected role model. He was loving, caring and generous and attracted a wide circle of friends. Survivors include his sons, Herbert S. Donner of Escondido, California, and Stephen H. Donner of Laguna Beach, California; his brother, Dr. Stanley Donner of Upper Lake; and by five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Herb had many friends in the Kern River Valley and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1997

Nigel Wearing

Graveside services are pending for Nigel Wearing, age 81,

of Lake Isabella. A 24-year Kern River Valley resident, Mr. Wearing was born May 28, 1915 in England and passed away on April 3, 1997, in a local hospital after a lengthy illness.

Nigel was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and after the war, spent 30 years as an employee of Lockheed Aircraft, retiring as a supervisor. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #7665 and the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella. Nigel enjoyed gardening and took great pride in his rose garden.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Wearing, of Lake Isabella; a son, Dennis Wearing of Oakhurst, California; a daughter, Barbara Mosher of Denver, Colorado; his sister, Betty Bouge, of Lompoc, California; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Harold Louis Elliott

A service was held April 4, 1997, for Harold Louis Elliott, born in 1914. Harold is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marie; his daughter, Louise; and his three sons, Patrick, Larry and Mike. He will be dearly missed by his nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harold retired to the Kern River Valley after 22 years of service at McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft. One highlight of his long career was his work on the Apollo Space Program. As a member of the Masonic Lodge #369 and the Elks, Harold enjoyed his 21 years of retirement surrounded by family and friends.

Eleanor "Elly" Bruches

Memorial services for Eleanor "Elly" Bruches, age 79, of Wofford Heights, were held on Friday, April 4, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. A 21-year Kern River Valley resident, Elly was born December 29, 1917, in Los Angeles, California, and passed away on March 28, 1997, in a Los Angeles hospital after an extended illness.

A retired real estate agent with Wofford Heights Realty, she was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. She enjoyed traveling in her motorhome, camping and fishing. Elly enjoyed people and "never knew a stranger."

She is survived by her husband, Peter Bruches of Wofford Heights; her stepdaughter, Judy Sall of South Pasadena, California; and her brother, Graydon Jones of Santa Clarita, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Mary Ellen Connelly

Graveside services for Mary Ellen Connelly, age 68, of Bodfish, were held on Saturday, April 5, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, with Pastor Ed Rain of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiating. Mary was born November 3, 1928 in Drumright, Oklahoma, and had lived in the Kern River Valley for 12 years, moving here from Downey, California.

She was a homemaker and had worked as a supervisor at Modern Faucets in Los Angeles. Mary was a member of the Women of the Moose #1297 in Lake Isabella. She loved music, gardening, oil painting and collecting plates and ceramics.

Mary is survived by her husband of 35 years, Jack Connelly of Bodfish; her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Deana Ferguson of Phoenix, Arizona; daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Jim Chappell of Riverside and Betty and Jim Stevenson of Dallas, Texas; stepson and daughter-in-law, Mike and Robin Connelly of Pahrump, Nevada; stepson and daughter-in-law, John and Monica Connelly of Oceanside, California; two brothers, Hershel Hicks of Ridgecrest and Harold Hicks of Hobbs, New Mexico; a sister, Mavis Henderson of Clyde, Texas; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Marian L. Hunnex

Memorial services for Marian L. Hunnex, of Fullerton, California, were held Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 2:30 p.m., at Neels Brea Mortuary in Brea, California. Officiating was the Crystal Cathedral's Pastor Jim Kok. Interment followed at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton.

Marian was born September 8, 1912, in North Tonawanda, New York, and passed away on April 10, 1997, at the Friendly Hills Regional Medical Center in La Habra, California. She was 84 years old.

Before her retirement, Marian was employed as a home economics teacher with the Fullerton Union High School District in Fullerton, California, as well as the school district in Gowanda, New York.

She is survived by her nieces Mary Yeager of Lakewood, California; Betty Sturdivant of Long Beach, California; Marion Warren of White Salmon, Washington; and her nephews Charles Diffine of Lake Isabella, California; Everett Diffine of Phoenix, Arizona; and Don Diffine of Fearcy, Arizona.

Neels Brea Mortuary assisted the family with the arrangements.

Thomas Salvador Ray

Thomas Ray, age 41, most beloved son of Dorothy Ray, passed away on April 9, 1997, after a long illness. We celebrate his life and his passing into eternal life and happiness. He is survived by his brothers, Stephen of Lake Isabella; Jim of San Dimas; Tim of Colorado; and his sister Cecilia of Altadena.

Arrangements were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Evelyn M. Copeland

Evelyn Marie Copeland, age 76, a one-year resident of Carlsbad and a former 15-year resident of Wofford Heights, died Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at her residence. Born in Portsmouth, Iowa, she was a homemaker and a member of the Elks Club, Secular Franciscan Order of the St. Joseph's Fraternity, and the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Preceded in death by her husband, Fred, in December 1996, her survivors include sons Alan Copeland and his wife Judy of Huntington Beach; Joseph Copeland of Carlsbad; James Copeland of Redondo Beach; Philip Copeland and his wife Sara of Vista; Sean Copeland, also of Carlsbad; Donald Copeland and his wife Amy of Woodland Hills; daughters Anita Mauch and her husband Kevin of Moore Park; Kathleen Guy and her husband Tom, of Leucadia; seven grandchildren; sisters Kathleen Cramer of Omaha, Nebraska; Mary Ann Castognia of Fullerton; brothers Jerry Skalla of Yucca Valley; Jene, Bill and Phil Skalla, all of Fullerton.

A rosary and funeral mass was celebrated at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 1997, at St. John's Catholic Church, 1001 Encinitas Blvd., Encinitas. Cremation with private interment at Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

The family suggests contributions to her memory be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 3625, San Diego, California 92163.

Encinitas Mortuary was entrusted with arrangements.

Carol Ann Kilman

A funeral service was held Friday, April 11, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1911 Edith St., for Carol Ann Kilman of Bodfish. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Carol was born February 24, 1939 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and died April 5, 1997, at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center. She was 58 years old and a 24-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her husband of over 40 years, Al Kilman, of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Mitzy Kilman, of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Dan Plum, of Lake Isabella; grandson Corey Plum of Lake Isabella; mother and father Sonny and Lucille Musial of Arkansas; brother and sister-in-law, Ronny and Rosalie Musial, of Arkansas; sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Kit Carter, of Paso Robles, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Paul and Virginia Kilman, of Midway City, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Max and Betty Kilman, of El Torro, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Pat and Sharon Kilman, of Shingle Springs, California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dan and Sandy Kilman, also of Shingle Springs, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Virginia and Jerry Shaver, of Midway City, California; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joan and Bob Moran, of Bakersfield, California; and 66 nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.



David Alan Caffrey

Graveside services were held Monday, April 14, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for David Alan Caffrey. Officiating was Pastor Tom Allred of the Twin Oaks Community Church.

David was born in Los Angeles, California, on August 8, 1956, and passed away at his home in Caliente, California, on April 7, 1997.

He was raised in Hacienda Heights and La Habra and after high school moved to the Lone Pine area for a time. He has been a resident of the Kern County in Caliente for the past eight years with his fiancée Peggy Willis.

David was an entrepreneur in the flea markets and swap meets in Southern California for about 25 years. He enjoyed fishing in Lake Isabella and the many friends he made while fishing.

He is survived by his fiancée Peggy Willis and son Byron of Caliente; his father and mother, Donald and Shirley Caffrey of Corona; his brothers, Dale and Don, of Corona, and Danny of Moreno Valley, and his seven nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helene Emilie Short

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 22, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1911 Edith St., for Helene Emilie Short of Lake Isabella.

Helene was born May 6, 1924 in Los Angeles, California, and died at her residence in Lake Isabella on March 18, 1997. She was 72 years old. She had been a resident of Kern County for seven years.

She is survived by her sons Ray D. Moore of Cookeville, Tennessee; Everett Moore of Mississippi; sister Juanita Fleury of Westminister, California; brother Everett Reed of Westminister, California; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Jackie Marie Vann

A memorial service was held Thursday, April 10, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for Jackie Marie Vann. Jackie was born June 12, 1936 in Bokoshe, Oklahoma, and passed away at her home in Wofford Heights on April 7, 1997 after a long illness. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She was a bartender for the Elks Lodge for 17 of those years.

She is survived by her mother, Gladys Moore, of Wofford Heights; her father, Grady Vann, of Oklahoma; son, Glen Brazell, of Sacramento, California; grandson, Glen DeCicco, of Anaheim, California; brother, Donald Vann, of Bakersfield; niece, Pat Simpson, of Wofford Heights; and all her many friends. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Hugh Memovich

Private interment arrangements were made for Hugh Memovich, age 73, of Mt. Mesa. Hugh was born October 16, 1923, in Buckingham, Colorado, and passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on April 5, 1997, after a sudden illness.

After 35 years of service with the Bemis Co., Inc., Hugh and his wife, Mary, built a home and moved to Squirrel Valley where they lived for the past 11 years. They enjoyed traveling and in the past three years had toured the United States. Hugh also enjoyed fishing in Montana and enjoyed his retirement to the fullest.

Hugh attended high school in Stevenson, Washington and went on to graduate from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, with a degree in industrial engineering. He also served his country during World War II as a signalman in the U.S. Navy, receiving his honorable discharge in 1945.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mary Memovich of Mt. Mesa; his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tricia Memovich of Chino; his daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Rick Kaspar of Ridgecrest; two grandchildren, Carissa and Justin Memovich; two sisters, Iris Swaggerty of Grants Pass, Oregon, and Peg Schultz of Stevenson, Washington; three brothers, Bob Memovich of Tigard, Oregon; Steve Memovich of Vancouver, Washington; and Willis Memovich of Federal Way, Washington.

Hugh was a wonderful man who was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Memorial donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, 12424 Mt. Mesa Rd., Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Steven Rico Yanez

Steven Rico Yanez was born on June 8, 1984, in Ridgecrest, California to Wanda and Maurice Yanez, Jr. He grew up in the Kern River Valley and attended school at Kernville Elementary and Woodrow Wallace until February of 1993, his fifth grade year. He passed away on Friday, April 4, 1997, at the age of 12, after a five-year battle with neuroblastoma, a rare childhood cancer.

"Rico" was taken from us quite suddenly. He was scheduled to be baptized only two days after he passed away. But we know he is with Jesus now and no longer in pain.

He will be sorely missed by his family and the huge family of friends he made during his short life. He is preceded in death by his grandfather Maurice Yanez, Sr. of Bakersfield and great-grandfather Irwin Burkhart of Kernville. He is survived by his mother Wanda and brother Aaron Avis of Kernville; sister Jolene Gaudsmith of Houston, Texas; father Maurice Yanez, Jr. of Fresno, California; grandparents Archie and Carol Logsdon of Kernville; namesake, Steven Havens of Independence; and Henrietta Yanez of Bakersfield; great-grandmothers, Alice Burkhart of Kernville, and Mary Martin of Independence; great-uncle Bob Burkhart of Kernville; aunt Lynnette and uncle Carl Woolwine of Kansas City; second cousins Leigh and Ann Burkhart of Mountain Mesa; plus many other cousins, aunts and uncles throughout the country.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at Kernville United Methodist Church in Kernville at 12:00 p.m. with a meal following. He touched many hearts. He will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Valley Children's Hospital, 3151 North Millbrook, Fresno, California 93703, in memory of Steven Rico Yanez.

Rico will be remembered as a brave kid with a wonderful sense of humor. The doctors and nurses at the hospital all loved him and remember his quick wit. They have said they will never forget him. Because of their love, the staff at Valley Children's Hospital is planning a special memorial.

Angel Rico

You were my brother,
You were always there,
You went through the pain
That you could not bear.

Now that you're gone, I just
can't explain,
It hurts so bad,
The unbearable pain.

Now you're in a better place,
With the Lord Jesus Christ,
You've touched so many, you've
sacrificed.

A piece of me is not there any-
more,
I'll miss you so much.

I wish you were here in my
world,
You were my best friend,
I take back everything I said,
I didn't want it to end.

I want you to know that I'll cher-
ish your love,
I hope you're taken care of,
In heaven up above.

*By Your Loving Sister,
Jolene Amber-Lynn
Gaudsmith*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 1997

Helen Patricia Arneson

Helen Patricia Arneson, age 80, an 18-year resident of Kernville, died April 11, 1997 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield after a short illness. She was born on January 11, 1917, in Racine, Wisconsin.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. She had many interests including fishing, photography and painting. She was a member of the Traditional Artists Guild of Paramount, California.

Helen is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bill Arneson; and three sons, Dennis and wife Martha of Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Gary and wife Mary of Hunting-

ton Beach, California; and Mike of Fountain Valley, California; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by two sisters, Wanda Smelser of Redondo Beach, California; and Stella Kelly of Long Beach, California; and one brother, John Niemiec of Racine, Wisconsin.

A memorial mass was held on Monday, April 14, 1997, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Father Charles Casale officiated the mass. Inurnment was private. The family requests donations in her memory be made to the American Heart Association, Kern County Chapter, P.O. Box 2111, Bakersfield, California 93303.

Services were arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Virginia Lee "Pat" Anderson

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Kernville United Methodist Church for Virginia "Pat" Anderson. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Pat was born August 31, 1929 in East St. Louis, Illinois, and passed away at her home in Kernville on April 12, 1997. She was raised in Pinkney, Illinois, until moving to California about 40 years ago. She has been a resident of Kernville for the last four years.

She is a past member of Kernville Women's Club, and she enjoyed traveling.

Pat is survived by her husband Melvin Anderson of Kernville; a sister Sandra Palmaroy; and brother Gene Offerman, both of St. Louis, Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mabel Anna Lease

Graveside services for Mabel Anna Lease, age 96, of Wofford Heights, were held on Friday, April 25, 1997 in Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, California.

Mrs. Lease was a seven-year Kern River Valley resident, moving here from Long Beach. She was born February 5, 1901 in Saranac Lake, New York, and passed away in a local hospital on April 21, 1997, after a lengthy illness.

She was a homemaker and had also managed a furniture store in Saranac Lake, New York. Before her illness, she enjoyed knitting and needlepoint.

Mabel was predeceased by her son, Louis H. Lease, in 1995. Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Marilyn Leach of Wofford Heights; her grandchildren, Dean of Lakewood; Barry of North Lake Tahoe; Scott, Dana and Laurie, all of Wofford Heights; as well as nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Oleta Robinson Barnes

Oleta Robinson Barnes, age 86, died at Lander Valley Medical Center in Lander, Wyoming, on April 16, 1997. She was born in Scio, New York, the daughter of George and Edith (Robinson) Taylor. She was a school teacher for many years in the Scio, New York, area. She was married to Simeon C. Barnes on August 17, 1929 at Wellsville, New York.

The couple moved to the Long Beach, California, area in 1933, and later to Kernville, where they lived and worked most of their lives.

Mr. Barnes died in 1987. Mrs. Barnes moved to Lander to be near family in June 1996. She was a resident of Morning Star Manor.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Barbara Barnes, of Lander; one brother, George Taylor, of Phoenix, Arizona; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and one granddaughter.

Family services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Friday, April 25, 1997, at 2 p.m. with Rev. John Carpenter officiating.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Hudson's Funeral Home.

Leo E. Stockton

Memorial services for Leo Eugene Stockton, age 73, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19, 1997, at Rubidoux Jurupa Valley Mortuary. He died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, of lung disease at Pleasant Care Convalescent Center of Riverside, California. Burial will be private.

Mr. Stockton, who was born in Joplin, Missouri, lived in Riverside for 15 years. He was co-owner of Stockton Painting in Riverside until he retired in 1995.

He is survived by his wife, Seeta Elizabeth; five sons, Leo Jr., and Patrick, both of Riverside; Jerry of Bakersfield; Michael of Uruguay; and Thomas of Perris; 10 grandchildren; and a sister, Muriel Vogt of Onyx.

Leo E. Stockton was the son of the late Nolan "Hop" Stockton and brother of Richard "Dick" Stockton of Isabella, who both preceded him in death.

He will be deeply missed by all. He was dearly loved.

Venete 'Mae' Calderwood

Graveside services were held Friday, May 2, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Mae Calderwood. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mae was born in Albany, Texas, on July 9, 1915, and passed away in Mt. Mesa, on April 29, 1997. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years, living in Bodfish. She loved to read and do crafts and sew. She loved her family.

She is survived by her brother and sister in-law, Bob and Betty Yoho of Bodfish; granddaughters, Kathleen of Laughlin, Nevada, and Brenda Talbott of Mt. Mesa; and grandson Bert Robert Duncan II of Utah, and many nieces and nephews and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert in 1982 and her daughter Patricia Ann Duncan in 1972.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Virginia Lee "Pat" Anderson

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Kernville United Methodist Church for Virginia (Pat) Anderson. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter. Pat was born August 31, 1929, in East

St. Louis, Illinois, and passed away at her home in Kernville, on April 12, 1997. She was raised in Pinkneyville, Illinois, until moving to California about 40 years ago. She has been a resident of Kernville for the last 4 years.

She is a past member of the Kernville Womens Club, and she enjoyed traveling. She is survived by her husband, Melvin Anderson of Kernville; a sister Sandra Pomeroy, and brother Gene Offerman, both of St. Louis, Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

McKenzie Katherine Bushling

Fifteen-month-old McKenzie Katherine Bushling, of Lake Isabella, died Sunday, April 27, 1997, at the Bannock Memorial Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho, from heart failure. She was born January 28, 1996, in Bannock Memorial Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Kenneth and Marcie Bushling.

McKenzie was a very special child, born with Downs Syndrome and with congenital heart disease. McKenzie overcame three open heart surgeries, stomach surgery and many other health problems. She was a fighter clear to the end. McKenzie was a very loving, happy person who enjoyed people.

She is survived by her parents of Lake Isabella; grandparents Ken and Linda Bushling of Lake Isabella; Lynda Slown of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Bryce and Kathy Ellis of Blackfoot, Idaho; uncles, aunts and cousins of Bakersfield, Las Vegas, Nevada, Truckee, California, Blackfoot, Idaho, Pocatello, Idaho and along with countless others whose lives she has touched.

McKenzie and her parents would like to thank the community for all their love and support. It was amazing to see the community come together and help us in our time of need.

The viewing in Blackfoot, Idaho, was held at the Hill-Hawker-Sandberg Funeral Home at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 1997. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in Mt. Mesa at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, on the corner of Park and McCray Road.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donna 'Keillor' Olsen

Donna "Keillor" Olsen was born on August 3, 1936, and passed away at the age of 60 on April 24, 1997 in Pismo Beach, California. Donna was raised in the Kern River Valley, attended school here, and her children were born here. She left the valley approximately in 1971.

She is survived by her son Brian Wagner; daughter Becky Cuning; and grandchildren Joshua Cuning and Cassandra Cuning.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 26, 1997, in Shell Beach, California.



Ada Marie Elliott

On May 2, 1997, services were held for Ada Marie Elliott at the Masonic Temple #369. Born March 25, 1921, in Wichita, Kansas, Marie passed away April 30, 1997, at the age of 76. She leaves behind three sons: Pat, Larry, and Mike; and one daughter, Louise. She will be dearly missed by her nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A resident of the Kern River Valley for 21 years, Marie Elliott played an active role in the community. She participated in the Rainbow Order for girls for over 10 years and was awarded the organization's top national honor, *The Cross of Colors*, for service above and beyond. In addition, the Kernville Union School District utilized Marie's skills as cafeteria supervisor for the entire district. Her 14 years of service for the local schools was a proud reminder of her desire to contribute to the community.

Hazel Bertha Atchison

Hazel Bertha Atchison was born on May 16, 1913, in Kent, Ohio, and passed away on May 3, 1997, at the Kern Valley Hospital Care Facility.

She is survived by her three

sons in order of age, A.J. Atchison, of Chiloquin, Oregon; Rod Atchison of Bakersfield; and J.R. Atchison of San Jose, California. She also left behind three grandsons, three granddaughters, 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Beloved mother and grandmother, Hazel resided in Kernville for the last 15 years of her life. She loved the area and enjoyed many visits from her family. She was a quiet person who had a positive impact on the lives of many people. She will be greatly missed.

Hazel's memorial service will be held in late June in Kernville. The family asks that you make a donation to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation rather than to send flowers if you are so inclined.



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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 1997

Nida May Gaze

Former Kern Valley resident Nida Gaze passed away April 29, 1997, at Mesa General Hospital in Mesa, Arizona. Memorial services were held on Friday, May 2, 1997, at Broadway Christian Church in Mesa.

Born February 10, 1923, in San Fernando, California, Nida was one of six children born to Ralph and Mary Wolfe. A Kern Valley resident from 1979 to 1988, she was an active member of the Women's Aglow Fellowship of Lake Isabella and the Kern Valley Women of the Moose. Nida was also a member of First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella. She moved to Mesa following the death of her husband, Doug, in 1987.

She is survived by two daughters and two sons: Joyce Clark of Kerman, California; Pat Bavier of Blythe, California; Larry Nielsen of Mesa, Arizona; and Ken Gaze of Bakersfield; two sisters and one brother, Thelma Taylor of Mesa, Arizona; Cleone Taylor of San Antonio, Texas; and Ellsworth Wolfe of Baja California; nine grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

James Dudley Woodroof

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for James Dudley Woodroof. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Mr. Woodroof was born May 19, 1917, in Irvine, California, and passed away May 3, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

He was in the Army from 1941 to 1945. During that time he was a heavyweight boxer. He also was a deep sea diver and had his flying license. He loved motorcycles, fishing, camping and traveling, and he loved his family very much. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years, and a member of the VFW and Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Billie, of Lake Isabella; his daughter, Peggy Woodroof, of Signal Hill, California; stepson and daughter-in-law, John and Lori Coates, of Lakewood; granddaughter, Kristn Eastman; and grandson and granddaughter, John and Stephine Coates; and sister-in-law, Sue Devries, of Lake Isabella; brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Fran Woodroof, of Arizona; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Rosenthal

A memorial service was held Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Bill "Puffer" Rosenthal. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey and Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Bill was born July 3, 1944 in Manhattan, New York, and passed away May 2, 1997, after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years and was a bartender in many of the different clubs in the valley. Bill was a director and producer with CBS for 20 years and the stage manager on 20/20 for a time. He was a member of the Cameraman's Guild.

He had many friends in the AA community and several of the churches he attended here in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1997

Mary Memovich

Private interment arrangements were made for Mary Memovich, age 72, of Mt. Mesa. Mary was born on May 21, 1924, in Bozeman, Montana, and passed away on April 13, 1997.

Mary was a graduate of Gallatin County High School in Bozeman. After graduating, she moved to San Francisco and worked for the Connecticut Insurance Company. While in San Francisco, she assisted the Red Cross during World War II. She later returned to Montana and worked at the registrar's office of Montana State University. During that time, she met her future husband, Hugh Memovich. She was a homemaker and mother for 49 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh, and her brother, James Schwietering of Three Forks, Montana. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Tricia Memovich of Chino; her daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Rick Kaspar of Ridgecrest; two grandchildren, Carissa and Justin

Memovich; and one sister, Bernice Miller, of Vaughn, Montana.

Mary was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Memorial donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, 12424 Mt. Mesa Road, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Clayton H. Westrich

Private arrangements were made for Clayton H. Westrich of Lake Isabella. He was born July 19, 1920, in Lampoc, Michigan, and passed away May 8, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a long illness.

Clayton moved to the Kern River Valley eight years ago after retiring from Lockheed Aircraft where he worked for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Bertie Edwards, of Lake Isabella; his sister, Irene McGarvey, of Michigan; and two nieces and two nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Verda Verona Jenkins

Verda Verona Jenkins passed away Monday, May 19, 1997, at her home in Onyx. No services were held as a Living Memorial was held on February 18, 1990 at the Eagles Lodge as Verda always said she wanted to attend her own memorial, which she did.

She was born July 24, 1923 in Long Beach, California, and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 28 years. She was a long time member of the Eagles Lodge and Eagles on Wheels. Verda loved camping and traveling. Each year since 1951, she and her daughters would camp at the river, until they moved to the Kern River Valley. She was known by all the kids, local and campers as Mrs. J. She always had a joke and loved life.

Mrs. J. is survived by her daughters, Toni Snyder and Tamara Palmer, both of Onyx; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her dear loving friend, Robert Peckinpugh. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy "Dottie" Mae Conway-Feldmann

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, May 31, 1997, at 3 p.m. at Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Following the services, per Dottie's wishes, a party celebrating her life will be held at the Kern River Senior Center. In lieu of flowers, Dottie requested that donations be sent to Cedars-Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Center (Cedars-Sinai Comp. Ca. Ctr.) in memory of Dorothy Feldmann: 8700 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.

After a five-year battle with breast/bone cancer, Dottie passed away at 7:52 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, 1997, at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. She was 67 years old.

She leaves behind her husband of over 47 years, Herb. They would have shared their 48th wedding anniversary on April 30th. She also leaves three sons Lynn, Craig, and Kurt; and one daughter, Linda. She will be dearly missed by her five grandchildren.

A resident of Weldon for the past 13 years, Dottie worked for Dr. Goldfarb's office and received her Certified Nursing Asst. License in 1993 and worked at Kern Valley Hospital in the Education Depart-

ment.

She shared with everyone her love of growing flowers and working outdoors in her garden. She was known for her love of animals and mankind. Dottie was always available to lend a helping hand or give loving advice. A conversation could always be guaranteed to end with a big bear hug and her saying, "I'll keep you in my prayers."

Dottie was born on March 21, 1930, in Jerome, Arizona, the eldest of three children. Her family moved to California when she was 12 and lived in Bellflower where she graduated from Excelsior High

School in 1948. She fell in love and married Herb Feldmann in 1949, together they raised their family in the Norwalk/Whittier area.

Herb took an early retirement in 1984 and together they moved up to Weldon where a beautiful garden was grown every year and her vegetables and flowers took first place ribbons several years in a row at the county fair. She has touched many hearts and will be missed dearly.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 1997

Marion "Buck" Bidwell Jump

Marion "Buck" Bidwell Jump, a World War II veteran and a Kern River Valley resident for 12 years, passed away May 27, 1997, after a long illness.

He was born September 2, 1921, in Bay City, Michigan. He moved to California in 1949. He loved life, family, country, and friends. He served three years in the Army/Air Force during World War II in Europe.

Buck married Joyce on June 6, 1942. God blessed them with 54 years of marriage. During that time, they enjoyed many adventures together, traveling throughout the U.S., Canada and the Alaska Highway, visiting family and friends along the way.

He enjoyed the outdoors. Buck loved fishing, hunting and golf. He was a most loving husband, father and friend. He will be remembered for his sense of humor along with his loving and giving ways.

Buck's memory will be cherished by his wife, Joyce; son, Keith, and his wife, Barbara; daughter, Terina, and husband, Mike Smith; his grandchildren, Kyle, Beth, Karen, Brad, Doug, Bo and Erik; great-grandchildren, Tyler, Erik and Jessie. He is also survived by his stepmother, Frances; brothers, Vern, Dale and William; sisters, Mildred and Ruth. He is preceded in death by parents, Marion Sr. and Augusta; brothers, Raymond and Harold.

Marion believed in Jesus and was ready to meet his maker.

Norman Halverson

Memorial services were held Friday, May 30, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Norman Halverson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mr. Halverson was born February 7, 1908 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and went to be with our Lord on May 26, 1997, in Bakersfield. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and he enjoyed fishing and prospecting with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Wannie, in 1969 and his wife, Ethel, in 1992.

Mr. Halverson is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Harold Hilsabeck, of Lake Isabella; and his sisters, Mable Matson, Vera Downton, Emma Fisher, Edna Sumner; and brothers, John and Rudy Halverson; four grandchildren, Kay Ferry, Lynn, Perry, and Michael Hilsabeck; 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

In loving memory of Judy Saltzgaver

July 16, 1945—June 8, 1996

It's been a year
since she left us.
Many time we thing of her,
many times we've cried,
if love could have saved her,
she never would have died.
In life we dearly loved her,
in death we love her still,
her place in our hearts,
no one else can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose her,
but she did not go alone,
for part of us went with her,
when God took her home.
Jude, you left a void
in our hearts,
but we'll always remember
your love and kindness.
We love you dearly.

Your Loving Family

June Beatrice Teeter

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 7, 1997, at 7 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for June Beatrice Teeter of Bodfish. Officiating was Mel Hetrick. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

June was born February 7, 1921, in Makanda, Illinois, and died May 29, 1997, at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield. She was 76 years old and a 18-year resident of Bodfish. She was preceded in death by her mother Virginia Erickson who died September 1996.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Ray Crowell, and his wife, Joyce, of Los Angeles; daughter, Janet K. Johnson, and her husband, Larry, of Manhattan Beach, California; aunt, Mary Ina Hall, of Illinois; grandchildren, Eddie John Crowell, of Kansas; Christopher W. Johnson of Idaho; Randell C. Johnson of Colorado; Jackie Aday of Kansas; Dawn Renee Lauber of Virginia; great-grandchildren, Curtis, Nikki and Andrew Aday, all of Kansas; Dylan and Marla Lauber, both of Virginia.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Mabel Gladys Kaderly

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 7, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Luthern Church in Lake Isabella for Mabel Gladys Kaderly. Officiating was Pastor Clarence Semonious. Mrs. Kaderly was born September 1, 1920 in Syracuse, Kansas, and passed away at her home on June 4, 1997.

~~Mabel and her husband~~ moved to the Kern River Valley in 1947 and she has been a member of the Lutheran Darcas Society, the Grandmothers Club, the Penmaraders Square Dance Club and the Roadrunners Bowling Team (both with her husband). She also loved to go fishing with him. She loved to sew and crochet for the family and has made quilts for the great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, William; her daughter, Patsy Stroud of Westminister, California; son, Russell Kaderly, of Bodfish; daughter, Nancy Tracy of Virginia; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Other survivors include her brothers, Frank Huser and Lawrence Huser, both of Missouri; sister Ada Merrill of

Colorado; brother John Huser of Arizona; and sister Betty David of Missouri.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kenneth J. Moon

Kenneth J. Moon passed away at his home in Weldon on Sunday, June 1, 1997. He was born on September 28, 1928, in Norman, Oklahoma.

He is survived by his wife Adel; his daughters Angie, Leisa, Yvette and Yvonne; his sons Ken and Jim; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; Adel's sons Pat, Jerry and Sam and daughter Carol and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Moon was looking forward to retirement, so he and Adel could travel to see family, friends and the outdoors he loved. The family expresses appreciation and gratitude for all the kind friends here in the valley. He will be dearly missed by all.

In loving memory of
**Louis B.
Schuster**

Louis B. Schuster was born in Schenectady, New York, on March 12, 1919 and passed away in Mt. Mesa on June 10, 1996. He married his wife, Elaine, on August 24, 1940. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Lynne, and granddaughter, Christy.

He proudly served his country in the Army from September 1940 to September 1945 and also in the Korean War, both times being stationed in the Pacific.

Louis retired as assistant vice-president of First Interstate Bank in 1982 and soon after moved to Kernville.

He was also survived by daughter, Sharon Myares, of San Marcos; son, Kenneth, of Van Nuys; granddaughter, Connie Brisson, of Chico; and two great-granddaughters, also of Chico.

We miss you, Dad.

Ken and Sharon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1997

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence passed away on Thursday, June 12, 1997, at the age of 78. He was born in Hammond, Indiana, on May 26, 1919. As a boy of 10, he came to California with his family. He later met and soon married his devoted wife Esther in 1940, and raised three loving daughters.

He served in the Navy during World War II. In 1974, Harry "Bud" and Esther moved to Kernville and settled in the community of Riverkern. In 1976, he was elected Honorary Mayor of Whiskey Flat. Harry "Bud" Torrence was a "pillar" to all. He was everyone's own personal "Rock of Gibraltar." He was an adventurer and traveler at heart. He loved his family fiercely and they miss him greatly. "We love ya', Bud!"

Harry L. "Bud" Torrence is survived by a loving family. His wife of 57 years, Esther, and his three daughters and sons-in-law Dorene and Tom Yearian, Darlene and Mongo, and Diane and Jack Morck. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Beverly, Christine, and "Little Harry."

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

John Earl Crawford

John Earl Crawford, age 81, passed away on May 9, 1997, after a lengthy illness. Born on June 29, 1915, in Vallejo, California, Earl Crawford was a carpenter, contractor and employee of the State of California on the Water Project prior to his retirement.

During World War II, Earl served in the U.S. Army. He was laid to rest at the Golden Gate National Cemetery near San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1997, following military honors.

A resident of Kernville for 39 years, he is survived by his wife, Jeannette, of Kernville; a son, John Jr., and three grandsons, John III, Charles and David, all of La Jolla, California.

Arrangements were made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1997

Opal Glee Mason

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 14, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Opal Glee Mason. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Mt. Mesa. Opal was born May 17, 1906, in Hutchenson, Kansas, and passed away June 11, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past six years and attended the Nazarene Church in Lake Isabella. Before moving here

she was a member of the Church of God in Bellflower.

Opal is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Loretta and Bud Medlin, of Mt. Mesa; daughter and son-in-law, Arla and Andy Gibson, of Lake Isabella; and son, Robert Mason, of San Diego; and eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Otha Noyes and Orville Noyes, both of Texas; and a sister, Oneta Ammons, of Arkansas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ruby McDermot

Graveside services were held Friday, June 13, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Ruby McDermot. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Mrs. McDermot was born June 19, 1922 in Rochester County, Kentucky, and passed away June 7, 1997, in Corona, California.

She was a resident of Mt. Mesa for four years before moving to Corona. She liked to travel to Laughlin, Nevada, and also enjoyed playing canasta.

Mrs. McDermot is survived by her son, Bruce Quick, of Chino Hills, California; daughter, Rose Smith, of Mt. Mesa; five grandchildren, one grandchild; and two brothers, Ted and Sherman Howard.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1997

Carl Louis Martin

A memorial service was held at The Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on June 20, 1997, for Carl L. Martin who passed away suddenly on June 16, 1997, in Bakersfield. Carl was born on February 18, 1914, in Saskatchewan, Canada.

As a young boy, he moved with his family to Minnesota. He later met the love of his life, Ina. They were married in 1946. Carl served his country during World War II in the Army Med Corps, and received the bronze star of valor. He and Ina moved to Weldon, and then later to Bodfish, where they have resided ever since. Carl enjoyed collecting coins and gardening, and he was a member of the V.F.W.

Carl is survived by his loving wife Ina; son Danny and wife Elizabeth Martin, of Blaine, Minnesota; daughter Carla L. Martin, of Bloomington, Minnesota; two brothers and four sisters. He also leaves his grandchildren, Andrew, Kelly, Amanda, Jeffrey, Jason, Colin, Aaron; great-grandson Nickolas; many nieces and nephews, as well as a host of friends who will miss him dearly. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, a sister, a brother, and a granddaughter. A special thank you to Art and Nita Martin for their help, love and concern. The family requests all memorials to be sent to the M.C.L.L. and/or the Paralyzed Vets of America.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Norman Agnew

Graveside services were held Tuesday, June 17, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valhalla Memorial Park in No. Hollywood, California for Richard Agnew.

Richard was born in Los Angeles, California, on May 23, 1925, and passed away at his residence in Weldon on June 12, 1997, after a long illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 16 years.

He ran for Mayor of Whiskey Flat in 1982 and was known as "Tricky Dick Agnew". He also was a member of the VFW, the Moose, and the Eagles, and was past president of the Eagles. He enjoyed fishing around the lake.

Richard is survived by his sons, Dieon Agnew, of Simi Valley, California, Shawn Agnew of Castiac, California, Scott Agnew, of Arleta, California, and Richard Agnew Jr., of Midpine, California; daughters Beverly Jean McCormick, of San Francisco, and Laurie Dee Agnew of El Cajon; stepdaughter Laurie Ann Thompson, of Saugus, California; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Helen and Magie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Reinhold Raymond Klotz

A Mass for Christian burial was held Wednesday, June 18, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, for Reinhold Raymond Klotz (Bob). Officiating was Father Charles Casale. Burial was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California.

Mr. Klotz was born in Hayes, Kansas, and passed away June 13, 1997 in Bakersfield.

He was Chief of Security at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita, Kansas, before retiring and moving to California in 1982, and then moving to the Kern River Valley in 1989. He was a member of St. Jude's Parish.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Lorraine, of Lake Isabella; his son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Myra Klotz; two granddaughters, Kimberly and Jennie Klotz; three brothers, Eugene Klotz, of Great Bend, Kansas, Robert Klotz, of Hayes, Kansas, and Eddie Klotz, of Leavenworth, Kansas; four sisters, Elizabeth Weber and Henen Smircich, of Denver, Colorado, Mildred Spratt, of Wilson, Kansas, and Roberta Coon of Wichita, Kansas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1997

Frank Earl Wilson

On June 17, 1997, Frank Earl Wilson passed away at home with his family. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 20, 1997, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella. A graveside committal service was held immediately following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Dr. Marvin Moon, Pastor of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, officiated at the services, with the Veterans of Foreign Wars giving Mr. Wilson's Veterans Honorarium graveside.

Frank Earl Wilson was born on September 16, 1923, in Arkansas, to his parents George Joseph and Mamie Wilson. He proudly served his country during World War II, in the United States Navy. He later moved to Chicago, where he married his wife of 47 years, Coyla Belle Wilson. Frank and Coyla moved to the valley area in 1983 from Chester, where they resided in Wofford Heights. Frank was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and he loved to golf. His greatest passion of all was his avid fervor for the growing of his tomato plants. Many people didn't know Frank by name, just by "the man who waves as people go by the house on the way to the marina."

Frank is survived by his wife Coyla Bella Wilson, his beloved Haley-Baby, and by many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved and cared for him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Earl Curtis Ary

In loving memory of Earl C. Ary:

Born July 7, 1930, in Indian Territory, Oklahoma. A loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away on June 18, 1997, in Bakersfield, California, after a short battle with cancer. Services were held on Friday, June 20, 1997, at

Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Earl is survived by his wife, Alvis M. Ary; five children, Linda, Connie, Caroline, Rick and Curtis; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jean W. Chase

Jean W. Chase, 76, passed away at a nursing home in Bakersfield on June 14, 1997, after a brief illness. Jean was born in Spokane, Washington, on January 13, 1921, came to the valley in 1965, and was a resident of Kernville. She was employed as a cook in coffee shops in Lake Isabella, Kernville, and Wofford Heights.

She leaves behind her many friends and will be missed by all. Cremation will be handled by the Neptune Society.

Gerald C. Click

Graveside services were held Monday, June 30, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. for Gerald C. Click (Jerry) at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Click was born July 3, 1937, in Weeksbery, Kentucky, and passed away June 25, 1997, in Kernville. Jerry has lived in the Kern River Valley since 1969. He worked for L.D. Seibert and with Click and Associates. He was a member of the California Sheriff Association. He enjoyed his antique cars and traveling.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Millie Click of Kernville; his son and daughter-in-law Tony and Sherry Click of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Dan Gates of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Joanna and Joe Strain of Bakersfield, California; daughter Kelly Betteridge of Kernville; nine grandchildren, and many good friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin Lyle Hauser

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 26, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Mel Hauser. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow.

Mel was born October 14, 1917 in Nampa, Idaho, and passed away June 22, 1997, in Bakersfield, California. Mel worked for Rockwell for 33 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 25 years ago. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, and he loved to travel, square dance, and round dance. He loved family gatherings.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Doris; his daughters Vannie Studebaker of Wofford Heights, and Sandy Marks of Cerritos; four grandchildren, Candie Jeremiah, Patti Warren, Curt Studebaker, and Rob Marsh; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Vern and George Hauser.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert Lee Wood

Graveside services were held Tuesday, July 1, 1997, at 12:00 p.m. at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, California, for Robert Lee Wood. Officiating was the Elks Lodge #1919 of Gardena, California. Memorial service will be held Thursday, July 3, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights. Eulogy by Bob Faulkner.

Robert was born May 22, 1924, in Marinsco, Michigan, and passed away June 23, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He has been a resident of the valley for 6 years. He was a member of the Elks #1919 in Gardena, the Elks #2358 in Wofford Heights, and the VFW. He received the Elk of the year award in 1995. He worked for the Harris Fence Co. for 30 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn Wood of Wofford Heights; his son and daughter-in-law William and Carol Wood of Harbor City, California; son and daughter-in-law Tommy and Pam Wood of Redondo Beach, California; son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Charlene Saunders of Bakersfield, California; daughter and son-in-law Sherrie and Fred Brooks of Caldwell, Idaho; and grandchildren, Julia, Michael, Kimberly Saunders of Bakersfield, California, Abbie Brooks of Idaho, and Jessica Wood of Redondo Beach, California, and Brian Wood of Harbor City, California.

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Betty Jane Post

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Gerald C. Click

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Mr. Click was born July 3, 1937, in Weeksbery, Kentucky, and passed away June 25, 1997, in Kernville. Jerry has lived in the Kern River Valley since 1969. He worked for L.D. Seibert and with Click and Associates. He was a member of the California Sheriff Association. He enjoyed his antique cars and traveling.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Millie Click of Kernville; his son and daughter-in-law Tony and Sherry Click of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Bonnie and Dan Gates of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Joanna and Joe Strain of Bakersfield, California; daughter Kelly Betteridge of Kernville; nine grandchildren, and many good friends.

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"Big Larry" Ranta

The valley has lost one of its most loved residents, Larry Ranta, known as "Yukon Jack" or "Big Larry." Larry was born in Pasadena, California, to Lucille and Leo Ranta on July 24, 1949. He entered into rest on June 26, 1997, at his residence in Mt. Mesa.

Larry is survived by his mother Lucille Ranta Sanders and stepfather Charles Sanders; his sister Linda Bowers of Tennessee. He also left behind numerous friends, both of the lake area and San Fernando Valley.

He was a good friend of Pastor Jack Dilley for over 40 years. He had been in the Sunland Neighborhood Church in Sunland, California, in his teens where Pastor Jack was the Youth Director.

"Yukon Jack" was an avid member of the Bakersfield Muzzle Loaders. He will be sorely missed at the annual Peter Lebec Rendezvous. He will be remembered and honored with a graveside service on Saturday, July 12, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the Wofford Heights, Kern Valley Cemetery with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

"Where are you Gentle Giant? Forever in our hearts."

Betty Jean Costa

Betty was born on August 10, 1921, in Akron, Ohio, and moved to California with her family as a young girl. She married her high school sweetheart, Jay Dee Costa, on January 22, 1940. She was the loving mother of Jadeen and Bob. Jay and Betty moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980 where they became active in the Elks, Mason's, Eastern Star, and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. They were married for 57 years and have seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Betty passed away peacefully on June 28, 1997. The family requests that in lieu of flowers you honor Betty's love of young people and music by making your donation to the Betty Costa Scholarship Fund. Services were held at Valley Mortuary on Wednesday, July 2, 1997, at 10 a.m. followed by a graveside service and luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George Butterfield Wallace

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 12, 1997, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for George Butterfield Wallace who passed away June 26, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

Mr. Wallace was born December 18, 1921, in Yonkers, New York, and served in the U.S. Army in India during WWII. He was a black belt in martial arts and a master of cane fighting. He worked in the field of photography for 25 years. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years. He will be missed by his many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Melvin Lyle Hauser

The family of Melvin Lyle Hauser, October 17, 1917 - June 22, 1997, would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our family and friends for their love and support during the time of Dad's passing away. We thank you for your prayers, your phone calls, flowers, prepared meals and for the time you spent with our family to honor and remember Dad. Your presence, thoughts and prayers have been truly helpful to our entire family. We, Mel's family, find comfort and peace knowing that he is now with God and is in His loving care.

Special thanks to pastor Dave Snow and our church family at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, the Dam Dancers and to all our friends at Jesse James Trailer Park, and Kern Valley High School.

God bless you, and with love from Mel's wife, Doris; daughters, Vonnie and husband Jon Studebaker, and Sandy and husband Larry Marsh; grandchildren, Candie Jeremiah, Patti Warren, and Curt Studebaker; and great grandchildren, Heidi, Colton, Josh and Weston.

Sterling Stalford

Funeral services were held Monday, July 14, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Sterling Stalford, followed by burial in the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Sterling was born May 17, 1951 in Kernville, and passed away July 9, 1997, at the age of 46 at his residence in Sun City, California, where he was employed as a truck driver by Sunwest Materials for the past 20 years. A Rosary service was held on July 13, 1997, at Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City.

He is survived by his wife Dena, of Sun City, California; two sons, Andrew Robles of California, and Robert Stalford of Oregon; two brothers, Billy Stalford of New Mexico, and Levi Stalford of Lake Isabella; a sister, Jeanne Stalford of Los Angeles, California; and his father, Sidney Stalford of New Mexico.

Arrangements by Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City, California.

Judith Marie Samstag

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judith Marie Samstag. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Mrs. Samstag was born April 1, 1943, in Trenton, Michigan, and passed away July 4, 1997, in Bakersfield, California.

She was in nursing for 25 years and was a member of the Missouri Foxtrotters Association for 10 years. She had a love for horses. She was a loving mother, devoted wife and sister. She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for a year having moved here from Rosemead, California.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, William Samstag of Lake Isabella; daughter Rene Czajka and grandson Edward Czajka of Victorville, California; two brothers, James Moltz of Desert City, California, and David Moltz of San Diego, California.

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Frank Wilson

In memory of Frank Wilson:

I once believed a man as good and kind as my Uncle Frank would be immortal. But I also knew God's plan for us is to be born, to live, and then to return home to Him one day. Uncle Frank did that job I feel very well. He was a person full of wisdom. In the years my sister and I have known him we have learned a great deal about how to live life with honesty and self-respect. Even in his final days his words were of love, and filled with humor. He became my little sister's best friend. Their love and bond was very special. The pain I feel right now can never be as strong as the love I have for him or the joy I feel knowing I was blessed to have this wonderful man in my life. For my sister and myself his love, honesty, and humor will love on within our hearts forever. So I thank you and love you my dear Uncle Frank, and know we will live together again in our Lord's home.

Love, Chris (Smith)

Mildred Lucina Wilson

Mildred Lucina Wilson, age 93, passed away in Sacramento, California, on July 14, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Minard and her three nephews Lewis, Bill and Allen.

She was the loving mother of H. Maxine Schmidt and Virginia B. Wilson and husband John. Mrs. Wilson is also survived by her grandson Kevin M. and wife Paula; great-granddaughter Sara Elizabeth Alish and Alan, Jr.; stepson Dan Wilson and wife Jenefer and family Chad and Kendell; sister-in-law Dana Davis and husband Dave; and brother-in-law John Enright.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Wilson spent the last 35 years at Lake Isabella in the interior decorating business.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 16, 1997, at 7 p.m. at the Nicoletti, Culjis and Herberger Funeral Home, 5401 Folsom Blvd. Private entombment followed at East Lawn Memorial Park.

Carl Leo Miller, Jr.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 19, 1997, for Carl Leo Miller, Jr., who passed away July 16, 1997, in Wofford Heights. The service was held at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, with a graveside committal following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Carl was born on February 4, 1922, in Terre Haute, Indiana, to Carl and Gertrude Miller.

He was a member of the Masons for over 25 years and held the distinguished mark of a 32nd degree Mason. He was a devoted member of the Weldon Methodist Church, and was an energetic "rockhound." His enjoyments in life came from fishing, camping, and boating. He donated his time to different organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, and to helping the handicapped.

Carl leaves his wife of 55 years, Louise Miller, of Weldon; his son, Robert Miller, of Brea, California; daughter, Nancy Jane Kauffman, of Reseda,

California; five grandchildren and a special niece, Michelle Boyd, of Indiana; as well as a host of loving friends that will miss him dearly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Gordon E. Cornell

Gordon E. Cornell, born June 18, 1925, died July 14, 1997, at his home. Mr. Cornell, a valley resident since 1986, served in the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army and the Merchant Marines. He was a retired sheet metal machinist.

Mr. Cornell is survived by his wife Pat; a brother, Stanley, of Wofford Heights; a sister, Peggy, of Paradise, California; many nieces and nephews.

He will have a private military service with burial at sea in Redondo Beach, California.



Frank Jay Murphy

A memorial service was held Thursday, July 24, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Frank Jay Murphy who passed away Sunday, July 20, 1997 in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey.

Frank was born May 19, 1916

in McAlester, Oklahoma, and lived and worked in the Los Angeles area for many years. He worked for Firestone for 31 years before retiring and moving to the Kern Valley in 1976. He was a charter member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and a member of the National AARP in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Edna Murphy; and two daughters, Rebecca Steiner, of Norwalk, and Dolores Dinwiddie, of Bellflower; four grandchildren, Yvette Almazan, of Sun Valley, California; Annette Corrigan, of Edwards Air Force Base; Danny and Valiery Dinwiddie and Deanna Dinwiddie, all of Bellflower; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, L.G. Murphy, of Oklahoma; a niece, Phyllis Smith, of Oklahoma; and Kathy Murphy.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Rev. Charles Hamilton Petty

Rev. Charles Hamilton Petty, age 72, of Wofford Heights, entered eternal rest unexpectedly July 30, 1997, at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Born in New Bedford, Mass., he was the son of the late Benjamin and Ivy Petty.

He is survived by his wife, Eveline A. Hesketh-Petty, whom he married January 17, 1997, and three sons from his 51 years of marriage to the late Betty-Mae Petty; Rodney Hamilton Petty of Moab, Utah; Timothy Alan Petty of Wilseyville, California; and Stephen Howland Petty of Orosi, California; a brother, Phillip Petty, of Fresno, California; eight grandchildren; and a stepdaughter, Carol-Ann Hesketh Ashton, of Bermuda and Waitsfield, Vermont.

Mr. Petty graduated from New Bedford Vocational School and Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He taught mathematics at Camp Owen. He was a reserve peace officer and retired J.C. Penney executive. He was also well-known for his expertise in custom windows and doors. He was a member of De Molay for almost 60 years.

As an ordained minister, he was the outreach minister on the staff of the Calloway Community Church in Bakersfield. In addition, he was a guest preacher at God's Church at the Caroline Chapel in New Bedford, Mass.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Aug. 2, 1997, at the Calloway Community Church with Pastor John Revis officiating. Private burial followed.

Charles will be greatly missed by his family, friends and those whose lives he touched with his ministry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund of the Calloway Church at 3331 Calloway Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93312.

Denise Lyn Kramer

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Denise Lyn Kramer.

Denise was born April 18, 1953 in Glendale, Calif. and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 10 years. She passed away July 29, 1997, in Bakersfield. She was employed at Red's Marina for the past four years.

She enjoyed fishing. Her goal was always to make people smile. She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Richard Kramer, of Lake Isabella; and three grandchildren, Shawn, Jeff, and Chrisie; her sister, Laura Condit, of Bodfish; her brother, Robert Gammel, of Bodfish; and her parents, Olive and Robert Redmayer, of Weldon.

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

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1997

Victor L. Evers

A graveside committal was held for Victor L. Evers of Bodfish on Monday, July 21, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor Floyd R. Castillo officiated. Victor passed away July 13, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He was 63 years of age.

He was born September 25, 1933, in the family's farmhouse in Wycoff, Minnesota, to John and Ethel Evers. He had three brothers and five sisters. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He moved to the valley from Lomita, California, after retiring from United States Steel where he worked as a crane operator.

Victor loved living in the valley, often calling it God's country. He also loved to hunt and fish.

He is preceded in death by his parents; by two brothers, Darrell Evers of Rochester, Minnesota, and Donald Evers, of Livingston, Montana; by a sister, Lucy Hein, of Motley, Minnesota; and most recently by his wife, Pauline Evers, of Lake Isabella.

Victor is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Shoemaker; son-in-law Greg; and granddaughters, Jessica and Shelbie, of South Carolina. He is also survived by four sisters, Dorothy, and husband, Elton LeFevere, of Spring Valley, Minnesota; Anita Kritz of Austin, Minnesota; Audrey Sands of St. Marie, Minnesota; and Phyllis Theiss of Rochester, Minnesota; one brother, Carroll Evers, and wife, Carolyn, of Wycoff, Minnesota; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his family.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Odessa Alice Griffin

Odessa Alice Griffin, age 92, passed away July 23, 1997.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.H. "Old Jack" Griffin. She was mother to Lillian and Bob Parker of Arizona, and Vern "Bud" and Corrine Rios of Squirrel Valley; Grandma Des to 18 - 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great granddaughters; and sister to Alberta Ott of Kansas.

Dessie was born June 12, 1905 and raised on the farm in Coffey County, Kansas. She lived her adult life in various parts of California, including the San Fernando Valley, Ventura County, and the last three years in Kernville.

Funeral services were held July 26, 1997, at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park, Ventura.

Ruby Christina Brennan

A memorial service was held Friday, August 8, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, for Ruby Christina Brennan. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Graveside services will be Saturday, August 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery. Ruby was born July 28, 1919 in Liberal, Kansas and passed away August 6, 1997, at her home in Bodfish.

She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years, and a member of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church and the Ladies of the Moose and VFW and the Pink Ladies and the Beamers. She enjoyed crafts and traveling with the Beamers.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harry, and son Ed Cunningham. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lisa Cunningham, and grandson, Kurt Cunningham, of Los Angeles; brothers, Harold Goodhart, of Kansas, and Dean Goodhart, of Arkansas; and sister, Lottie McVey, of Arkansas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to cancer research or Kern Hospice.

Dorothy 'Fern' Jones

Dorothy Jones, widow of Harvey Jones, passed away on July 10, 1997. She is survived by three sisters, Marguerite Wachutka and Arlene Ferguson

of Burlington, Iowa, and Betty Patton of Glendale, California; five nieces and three nephews.

Fern worked for Contel Telephone Company for many years. She lived in Bodfish for over 30 years.

Graveside services will be held August 15, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Ruth B. Steele

Private services were held for Ruth B. Steele who passed away on August 2, 1997, in Wofford Heights. Born in Mt. Pelier, Indiana, on December 23, 1912, to John and Eva Buckland.

She worked in various markets and retail grocery outlets as a checker for many years, before coming to California.

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Irene Mildred Adam

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Wednesday, August 13, 1997, for Irene M. Adam of Lake Isabella. Celebrant of the mass was Rev. Jim Kudilil. Interment at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Adam died Saturday, August 9, 1997, at Kern Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Leo, of Lake Isabella; and their nine children: Alan Adam of Lakewood, California; Alice Young of Topeka, Kansas; Lois Helland of Rice, Minnesota; Joyce Burlog of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Evelyn McCollough of Kirkland, Washington; Tom Adam of East Grand Forks, Minnesota; Mary Herbald of Bellflower, California; Tim Adam of Gulfport, Mississippi; and Jim Adam of Tupelo, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Adam is also survived by one brother, Joe Haugen, of Ventura, California; three sisters: Jeanette Nelson of South Dakota; Ruth Brenna of Washington; and Maida Olson of Stockton, California; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister and two grandchildren.

Irene was born July 17, 1914, in North Dakota and moved to Bellflower, California, in 1965 and to Lake Isabella in 1981. She was active in Grandmother's Club #94, St. Jude's Altar Society and the Women of the Moose.

Jack Marlyn Barnes

Jack Marlyn Barnes, age 77, passed away in his Kern Valley home, after battling a long illness, on August 5, 1997. He was born on July 7, 1920, in Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Delma, of 42 years; his sons, Jack of Canton, Ohio; Barry of Los Angeles; his daughters, Bonnie Harper of Wofford Heights; and Brenda Radmacher of Van Nuys; and 11 grandchildren.

Jack was a U.S. Navy Veteran who served his country for nearly 15 years, serving in both World War II and the Korean War.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 8, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gustave B. Cox

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 16, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Gustave B. Cox. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville Methodist Church.

Gus was born September 8, 1905 in Venice, Illinois, and passed away August 11, 1997, in Ridgecrest. He was 91 years of age.

He worked as a production control manager until his retirement in 1978, at which time he moved to the Kern River Valley.

Gus is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence; daughter and son-in-law, Jim and Diane Childers, of Ridgecrest; granddaughters, Michelle Honeycut, of Acampo, California; Alesa Nelson, of Astoria, Oregon; and Julie Greenwood, of Rosamond, California; and eight great-grandchildren.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1997

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Arthur G. Werner

Graveside services were held Friday, August 15, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Arthur G. Werner. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonious of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Mr. Werner was born February 26, 1930, in Los Angeles and passed away August 12, 1997, in Mt. Mesa.

He worked for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph for 30 years before retiring. He had been a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years and was vice-president of the Historical Society. He loved boating, fishing, camping and photography.

Mr. Werner is survived by his wife of 45 years, Shirley; four children, Linda, Alan, Debbie and Valarie; eight grandchildren, Jeffrey, Michele, Jamie, Nicole, Tessa, Johanna, Jennifer and Eric; also a sister, Ruth Falck.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William Watson Downie

On August 20, 1997, Mr. William Watson Downie, age 77, passed away at his residence in Southlake. Funeral services were held for Mr. Downie on August 25, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the Kernville Masonic Lodge #827. William Turner was the Funeral Master and Peter Nyhuis was the officiating chaplain. He then was interred at the Los Angeles National Cemetery (near the Old Soldier's Home at Sawtelle), Los Angeles, California.

William Watson Downie was born in Scotland and later came to the United States and became a U.S. citizen. Mr. Downie served in the United States Navy during World War II, and was then honorably discharged in April of 1946. He was a Journeyman plumber working for Union Local #78. Later, he met and married his wife, Shirley Gladys Downie, and in 1976, they moved to the Kern River Valley, then residing in Southlake.

William Downie is survived by his wife Shirley of Lake Isabella; and a sister, Mildred Millstead of Garden Grove, California. He has several nieces and nephews throughout California; Robert of Rancho Cucamonga, California, and Gary Schultz of Garden Grove, California; also Christopher, Taylor Leigh, and Norman. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Duncan and Neda Downie of Mountain Mesa. William will be truly missed by all those for whom he cared and who cared for him.

Funeral services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Gary Allen Freier

Gary Allen Freier, age 43, resident of Wofford Heights, died on Monday, August 18, 1997. He suffered a cardiac arrest, secondary to long-standing liver disease.

He was born on June 1, 1954, in Inglewood, California, to Arthur and Irene Freier. He spent his childhood in the Sough Bay Area and most of his adult life in and around Portland, Oregon, where he worked in the logging industry for many years. He returned to California in 1986.

Gary was preceded in death by his mother Irene and father Art Freier. He is survived by his only son, Ruben Arthur of Portland, Oregon; his sister, Elaine Cox of Anaheim, California; brother Martin Freier of Agua Dulce, California; and sister Stacey DiRezze of Gardena, California. His stepmother, Lois Freier, resides in Wofford Heights.

At Gary's request, no formal funeral was held but a memorial service will be held at a later date. His remains will be buried and a marker placed near his parent's graves in Kern Valley Cemetery.

Gary will be remembered for his great sense of humor and excellent story telling skills. Gary lived his life simply, with a few material items. He never lied about who he was and lived life on his terms. He will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Alice L. Yager

Funeral services were held Friday, August 22, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Alice L. Yager. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Church.

Alice was born February 27, 1917, in Bangs, Texas, and passed away August 19, 1997, in Mt. Mesa after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack in 1990, and her daughter Jean Beaumont in 1995.

She did ranching for many years and then when she married Jack he was in the Air Force. She attended the Kernville Methodist Church before becoming ill.

She is survived by her two sons, Dan Caussey of New Mexico, and Charles Caussey of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sister, Louise Wallace.

Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Thomas A. Kaser

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Thomas A. "Pappy" Kaser, age 83, of Santa Maria. Cremation was requested with private inurnment at a later date.

He died of natural causes on August 12, 1997, at a local convalescent center.

Mr. Kaser was born June 4, 1914, in Indiana.

He was a resident of Santa Maria since 1985. Mr. Kaser worked in the aircraft industry for more than 45 years, last with Air Research Manufacturing in Torrance. He was active in local charities.

Thomas was also a resident of Southlake from 1977 to 1990 when he and his wife moved to Santa Maria. He is remembered for his community service as president of the local Eagles and president of the Southlake Property Owners Association.

Survivors include his wife Vida Kaser of Santa Maria; brothers George Kaser of Redondo Beach, and Chuck Kaser of Norwalk; sisters Mary Gritton, and Eleanor Gritton of Lake Isabella; three daughters; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 104A E. Boone St., Santa Maria, CA 93454.

Arrangements are under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary.

Wilhelmina Mae Cimo

Wilhelmina Mae Cimo was born Wilhelmina Mae Meinders on July 9, 1913, in Goodell, Iowa, to immigrant parents, Jenny Greenlander Meinders and Henry Meinders from Hanover, Germany. Her early years were spent as the eighth child of nine children in a German-speaking community of immigrant farmers. At age 10 with the death of her mother, a maiden aunt Libby, who was a school teacher and recently married to a Presbyterian minister, John Meinders, took Wilhelmina and two of her cousins in and raised the three girls as their own daughters in Auburn, Kansas.

After high school, Wilhelmina attended nursing school in Emporia, Kansas. Her adventuresome spirit brought her to Los Angeles during the war years where she met and married George Albert Wise. She bore three natural children: Larry Wise of Cogswell, North Dakota; Judy Wise and Lois Wise, of San Diego; and after 19 years of marriage she sadly said goodbye to George before his travel to meet his Savior in heaven.

Three years later Willa-Mae married Earle Lloyd Cleveland and took to her heart three more children as her own, Lester Cleveland of Indio; Doug Cleveland of Napa; and Sheryl Cleveland, of Placerville, California. Having 29 wonderful years of marriage she also released Earle into the loving hands of Jesus.

Then a wonderful thing happened and she was able to call a friend John Cimo husband and have four joyful years of marriage. It is with sadness that we all said a quick goodbye on August 28, 1997. At the age of 84, we thought we had many

Wilhelmina was known for her big heart, kindness to everyone and a listening ear. So we, a loving husband, six children, 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren say a loving but sad farewell with thankful hearts for her unconditional love and true Christian spirit. She will be missed.

Wilhelmina, a resident of Mt. Mesa for 24 years, retired from Kern Valley Hospital. She was active in her church, Assembly of God – Kern Valley in Wofford Heights, where she played the piano.

Services were held September 2, 1997, at the Assembly of God – Kern Valley, in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Rev. Bob Coy. Burial followed at the Fairhaven Cemetery in Tustin, California.

"I have finished the course; I have reached my goal. My reward is being with Jesus. My hope is you will be joining me when your course is completed. For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." – Philippians 1:21

Emil Reinhard

Emil Reinhard, aged 88 years, died September 2, 1997, in a Bakersfield hospital. He was a late resident of Bakersfield and a former longtime resident of Onyx. He was last employed as a heavy duty mechanic last working for Harvey Aluminum. He was born in Adams, Wisconsin.

Mr. Reinhard's survivors include his wife, Reahn Reinhard, of Bakersfield; son, Raymond Knight, of Cardiff By The Sea, California; son, Kenneth Knight, of Palmdale; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Marie Elliott, of Bakersfield; brother, Eugene Reinhard, of Phoenix, Arizona; brother, Sam Reinhard, of Minnesota; and sister Rosie Morganroth, of Ventura.

Private services and interment are under the direction of Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Theron S. Cody

Theron S. Cody, loving husband of Elizabeth Dahlia Cody, was born in Stockton, California on February 11, 1910 and died September 4, 1997 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Cody, a resident of the Kern Valley for 15 years, was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society for 12 years. He loved the beauty of the Kern River and the Piute Mountains and had fished and hiked in the area his whole life.

Theron Cody is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his children, Sharon E. Walters and Marilyn A. Jensen of Newport Beach, California; and his son, Theron S. Cody, Jr., of Compton, California.

A memorial service was held Sunday, September 7, 1997, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville.

Florence Virginia Cox

Services in the Rose Garden at Kern River Valley Cemetery will be held Saturday, September 13, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. for Florence V. Cox, a longtime resident of Kernville who passed away September 2, 1997 in Ridgecrest. Florence was born December 10, 1914 in St. Louis, Missouri.

She worked at the Woodrow Wallace Elementary School Cafeteria prior to her retirement in 1978.

Florence was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Gustave B. Cox. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Jim Childers of Inyokern; granddaughters, Michelle Honeycutt, of Acampo, California; Alesa Nelson of Astoria, Oregon; and Julie Greenwood of Rosamond, California; and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Charles Ezra Deane

Private arrangements were made for Charles Ezra Deane who passed away September 2, 1997 in Mt. Mesa. Chuck was born May 2, 1931 in New York and served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1950 and was a lifetime member of the VFW.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past seven years. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, September 10, 1997, at 10 a.m. at the VFW Post #7765.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 38 years, Joyce Deane, of Lake Isabella; daughters, Christina Parrish of Florida; and Bonnie Vlachos of Lake Isabella; son John Mancinelli of Bodfish; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wayne Edward Enyeart

Wayne was born in Lead, South Dakota on January 10, 1926 and passed away early in the morning on August 26, 1997 of an extended illness.

He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

Wayne was an electronics technician and earned his living in the field of television repair until his retirement. He moved to the Kern River Valley in 1979 from the Los Angeles area and loved this area. He found new friends though his occupation and his participation in the computer group and the Kern River Valley Seniors.

He is survived by his sister, Arline Walters, of Lake Isabella; his nephew, Jerry Walters, and family of El Segundo, California; and niece, Sheri Rice, and family of Chehalis, Washington, and numerous cousins.

Interment will be in Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California. Memorial services are being planned for a later date.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

Denamica "Mica" Rebecca Duniphin

A private memorial service was held Friday, September 19, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella for three-year-old Mica Duniphin, who passed away on September 12, 1997, in Lake Isabella. She was born November 11, 1993, in Bakersfield.

Mica is survived by her mother, Christina Duniphin, of Lake Isabella; grandparents, Pat and Joe Bernal, of Lake Isabella; uncle, Michael Duniphin; great-grandparents, Murray and Barbara Liffer; and godparents, Bonnie and George Vlachos.

"Mica, we love you. You are our little angel."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ira C. Rucker

Graveside services were held at Kern Valley Cemetery on September 19, 1997, for Ira C. Rucker, age 79. He was born May 17, 1918, in Bastrop, Texas and passed away on September 16, 1997.

Mr. Rucker was a retired policeman from the Los Angeles Police Department and moved to Weldon in 1977 where he became a member of the VFW, American Legion, Moose Lodge, and the Retired Police Officers Association.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Norma; daughters Jean Goodwine and Joan Chochon; stepsons Ken Hooper and Clifford Hooper; as well as five grandchildren, Kristi, Karen, Kelly, Kim and David; and one great-grandchild, Jack.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

Elmer Edward Martin

Memorial services were held Thursday, September 11, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church for Elmer Edward Martin. Officiating was Pastor Daniel Belonio. Elmer was born October 14, 1914 in Lake City, Arkansas and passed away September 8, 1997 in Bakersfield.

He was in the Navy during World War II and worked in the oil fields as a driller in and around Bakersfield for 35 years. He was past commander in the VFW and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He was a member in good standing of the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Elmer is survived by his wife of 41 years, Evelyn Martin; and sons, Robert Combs of Arizona; and Owen Combs of Texas; daughter Ellen Maria of Pennsylvania; and six grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Anna Lucille Kelley

Memorial services were held Saturday, September 20, 1997, at 1:00 p.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Anna Lucille Kelley. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Anna was born January 5, 1912 in Butteville, Arkansas and passed away on September 15, 1997 in Mt. Mesa.

She was a member of the Mountain Airs and the CB's. She also was a member of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

Anna was preceded in death by her son, Bob. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Pittman Kelley, of Lake Isabella; son, Bud Kelley, of Downey, California; brothers, Homer Jackson, of Hemet, California; Ralph Jackson, of Tehachapi; and Maurice Jackson of Arkansas; and sister, Clarrice Campbell, of Kentucky.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Pauline Elaine "Polly" Turner

Polly died early this week at her home in Burbank. She was born to John and Evelyn Youngs Bylsma on January 14, 1932 in Imperial Valley, California.

She grew up in the Imperial Valley where she married Milton Hamm on October 1, 1950. They were later divorced. She was briefly married to James Turner in 1964. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from National University in 1981, Magna cum laude. She worked in the title business in San Diego and Los

Angeles. She retired from Chicago Title Company in March of 1996 and continued to work for them on a contract basis until her death. She traveled the world, spending extended time in Europe and Australia and taking many shorter trips. She was active in the Vallejo Drive Seventh Day Adventist Church in Glendale for a number of years. Her service was held there on Monday, September 15, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

Polly is survived by her children, John Hamm and wife Johnnie of Fairfield, California; Leslie Stewart and husband Bruce; and Dale Hamm and wife Billie, all of Lake Isabella; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Marjorie and Don Roggio of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Mae and Bob Hunter of Emmett, Idaho; uncles, Herbert and Mae Youngs of Los Angeles; and Leonard and Virginia Youngs of Berry Creek, California; several nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Bylsma. Polly will be greatly missed by all of us.



Amanda Nichole Kuhar

Services were held Thursday, September 17, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Amanda Nichole Kuhar. Pastor Chuck Simonson officiated the service both at the church and the graveside committal following.

She is survived by her parents, Mark and Lorena Kuhar; sister, Elizabeth; stepsister, Cristi Bachman; grandparents, Darwin and Jane Rogers, and Linda and Steve Kuhar. She is also survived by her godparents, Lisa Goodman and Todd Kuhar.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Carl William Schipp

A memorial service was held Thursday, September 11, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Carl William Schipp. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonious of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schipp was born in New York City, New York on December 10, 1915 and passed away in Lake Isabella on September 7, 1997. He was in the Navy for 12 years and a flight engineer and purchasing agent during his long career in aviation. He was a member of the Aviation Pioneers. He also enjoyed collecting gem stones and gold mining and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Helen. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, Margaret, of Lake Isabella; his loving daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and Leigh Kleven, of Exeter, California; and daughter and son-in-law, Darcie and Dana Moody, of Seaport, Maine; and granddaughters, Lisa Kleven, of Exeter; and Dory Larabee, of Maine; and his loyal partner, John Sullivan, and many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1997

Richard "Papa" Allen Force

Memorial services were held at the Mish Funeral Home, 120 Minner Ave., Bakersfield, Cali-

fornia, at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 27, 1997, officiated by Reverend Keith Fulce of the Chester Avenue Baptist Church. On Friday, September 29th, Papa joined his son Rossi T. Force, who preceded him in death in 1978.

Papa was born in Bakersfield on March 20, 1925 and attended local schools. He met his wife Norma in 1946 and married two years later. Papa and Norma celebrated 49 anniversaries together. Papa was a carpenter for 39 years. After retirement he built their home in Lake Isabella, where he and Norma spent the last 17 years. Papa was also a veteran of the Merchant Marines. Papa was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great grandfather. His happiest moments were with his family, on his motorcycle or in the mountains which he cherished so dearly.

Papa is survived by his wife Norma Force; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Carla Force; daughter Cheryl Lindsay; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Oliver Rostain; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and two more great-grandchildren enroute. Papa was dearly loved and will be missed greatly.

Honorary Pallbearers: Oliver Rostain, Bill Kinney, Terril Efir, Irwin Efir, and John Askew. Pallbearers: Jim Clark, Mark Force, David Lindsay, Cecil Moreland, Andy Benson, and Bill Luker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Heart Fund and the Lung Association.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Harry Burton Armstrong

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 25, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Harry Burton Armstrong. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Harry was born May 13, 1897 in Bellevue, Nebraska and passed away in Mt. Mesa on September 21, 1997 after a short illness. Mr. Armstrong came west for the second time in the 1930's and was involved in construction and built the Topper Motel in Bakersfield and others in Los Angeles and in Mexico. He married his wife Viola in 1946, and also founded the Armstrong/Flint Helicopter Co. located in the San Fernando Valley. That com-

pany later expanded to World Wide Helicopters and Mr. Armstrong was the Chairman of the Board. That company later became World Wide Limited in the 1970's and up until his passing he was still chairman of the Board. He was a true pioneer in the helicopter industry. He was recently recognized and honored for his achievements in this field at the Rose Bowl on August 5th. He was the one who initiated and helped develop the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Aero-Squadron on August 5, 1947.

Harry and Viola moved to the Kern River Valley in 1969 and for the first six to eight years showed Quarter Horses. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason. He was preceded in death by his wife Viola in 1994.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Brad and Judy Armstrong of Lake Isabella; three grandchildren Christopher, Stephanie, and Brandon; sister-in-law Gene Ackerman; brother-in-law and wife Bud and Ruth Chapman of Huntington Beach; and nephew & wife Howard and Betty Overmier. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1997



Amanda Nichole Kuhar

Services were held Thursday, September 17, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Amanda Nichole Kuhar. Pastor Chuck Simonson officiated the service both at the church and the graveside committal following.

She is survived by her parents, Mark and Lorna Kuhar; sister, Elizabeth; stepsister, Cristi Bachman; grandparents, Darwin and Jane Rogers, and Linda and Steve Kuhar. She is also survived by her godparents, Lisa Goodman and Todd

Kuhar.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Harald Herman Hartwig

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 4, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Harald Herman Hartwig. Officiating will be Pastor Chuck Semonious.

Harold was born October 14, 1924 in White Plains, New York, and passed away September 25, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. He was in the Navy during WWII and the Air Force during the Korean War. He was a member of the Elks and the Rod and Gun Club. Harold was in Aerospace as a Mechanical Engineer for over 20 years. He was talented in art as well as engineering. He liked to fish and play bridge.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Eleanor Hartwig; sons David Hartwig of Lake Forest, California, and Timothy Hartwig of Bakersfield; and daughter Amy Brooks of Riverkern.

Arrangements by Valley

Mortuary.

Ivalue Jaensen

Memorial services will be held at a future date at the Kernville Baptist Church. Officiating will be Pastor Richard Lewis for Ivalue Jaensen.

Mrs. Jaensen was born September 17, 1920 in Indiana and passed away September 23, 1997 in Bakersfield. She was a member of the Kernville Baptist Church and enjoyed doing crafts.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Kathleen Jaensen of Kernville; daughter Velna Lin Wulstein of Kernville; grandson & wife Warren and Wendy Wulstein of Kernville; granddaughter Allison Jaensen of Kernville; and grandson & wife Weldon & Dawnell Wulstein of So. Lake Tahoe; and great grandchild Devon Wulstein of So. Lake Tahoe.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Craig Paul Forshee

Services were held Friday, October 3, 1997 at 11 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Craig Paul Forshee. He was born June 27, 1974 in Hacienda Heights, California, to Craig and Nancy Forshee and passed away on September 29, 1997 in Bakersfield.

The family moved to Alta Loma for about four years and then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981 where they lived in different places around the valley until settling in their present home in Lake Isabella. Craig attended Kernville Elementary, Woodrow Wallace and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1993. While in school, he was very involved in the Ag Program, with the dream of someday owning a pig farm. He earned many honors. His second passion was motorcycles, especially Harleys.

After graduation, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After bootcamp in San Diego, he was assigned to Keyport, Washington, to the Nuclear Submarine Base. He excelled in the Navy, earning many awards, including the Navy Achievement Medal.

Craig's favorite pastimes were tinkering in the garage with his dad on various projects such as motorcycles, sandrails, cars, riding his three-wheeler through the sand dunes at Pismo Beach and Glamis, and spending time with family and his many good friends.

Craig is survived by his father, Craig Forshee of Lake Isabella; his mother Nancy of Las Vegas; his older sister Sherri Jones and her husband Richard, their child Shelby of Las Vegas; and his younger sister

Robin Ryan and her husband Robert of Bodfish. He is also survived by his grandparents Lester and Margaret Forshee of Onyx and grandmother Elisabeth Lloyd of Hacienda Heights; his Aunt Lori and her husband Paul Larson; and Aunt Terri and her husband Gary Simpson. He is also survived by his many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Ronald Louis Luntz

Ronald Louis Luntz, age 34, passed away in Mira Loma, California, on September 23, 1997. Funeral services were held Friday, September 26, 1997 at 1 p.m. Interment was at Crestlawn Memorial Park in Riverside.

He graduated from Kern Valley High School.

Survivors include his wife Linda Maria Plum Quigley Luntz; his sons Daniel and Jason Luntz and Ray Plum Luntz; his parents Larry and JoAnne Louis Luntz; and his brothers Jeff and Bryan Luntz.

Margaret JoAnne Miles

Remembered as a loving and giving wife, mother and grandmother, Margaret JoAnne Lunenschloss Miles passed away on September 23, 1997, in Bakersfield. Born February 19, 1919, in Richland Center, Wisconsin, Margaret spent most of her life in Eagle Rock, California, where she was active in family, church, school and community endeavors. After retiring from Security National Bank in 1982, Margaret moved to her beloved Kern River Valley where she enjoyed gardening and attending her grandchildren.

Preceded in death by husband Howard Marion Miles II and son Patrick Clancy, she is survived by her children David McDonald Miles, Juanita M. Finckenberg, Maureen E. Colson, Howard M. Miles III, and Sarah M. Miles; grandchildren Terry and Devin Miles, Wyatt Merry, Brian Dotson, Pat, Chris, Heather and Aaron Colson; sister Bridget Cerretto and her husband Leo; sister Mary Bunker; brother Ed Lunenschloss; sisters-in-law Betty Quinn and Dorothy Lunenschloss; and brother-in-law Norm Tibbits. Other relatives include Joyce Lunenschloss and numerous nieces and nephews.

Margaret's remarkable positive outlook of life will be dearly missed. Services were held at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 27, 1997, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bakersfield.

Dylan James Moore

A Celebration of Life was held on October 13th, 1997 at Riverside Park in Kernville for Dylan James Moore who was called home on October 7th, 1997.

Dylan was born on November 12th, 1993 in Anaheim, California, and leaves behind his parents Daryl and Andra Moore; his two brothers Jerrett and Ian; maternal grandfather Richard Marshall and wife Kay Marshall; maternal grandmother Carol Marshall; paternal grandmother Dolores Moore; paternal great grandmother Peggy Moore. He also leaves behind uncles and aunts Brent, Erin, Brian, Jeanne, Ann, Sam and Dale; cousins Ryann, Shane, Grant, Clay and Blake as well as numerous others whose lives he touched and forever changed for the better.

Dylan, you will forever be a part of us and we love you beyond expression. Stay with us always "little man" and be our own special angel!

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me:

When I am gone, release me, let me go, I have so many things to see and do. You musn't tie yourself to me with tears, be happy that we had so many years.

I gave to you my love. You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve a while for me if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part so bless the memories

within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on, so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near; and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all my love around you, soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, and a "Welcome Home!"

Marjorie S. Price

A graveside service was held for Marjorie S. Price who passed away October 4th, 1997 in El Cajon, California. Marjorie was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa to Elias and Erma Storm on December 25, 1922. Marjorie never settled in one spot for too long and moved around the country, living in such places as Florida, Washington D.C., different parts of Iowa, and then to California. While living in Washington D.C., she worked for the F.B.I., a job she was very proud of. She later met the love of her life, and on September 25, 1954 in Las Vegas, Nevada, she married John Bruce Price.

John and Marjorie loved the outdoors, they loved to camp, and even took their children with them shortly after they were born. Marjorie was a gentle soul, with a personality you never forgot. She will be greatly missed a forever loved by all whose lives she touched.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter Elizabeth P.C. Wilows; and her husband Jeffrey, as well as their children Thomas and Cody of Imperial Beach, California. She is also survived by her son Thomas John Price and his wife Gabriela, of Petaluma, California. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband John on August 6, 1978.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mildred C. Long

Born September 24, 1917, passed away October 5, 1997.

She will be greatly missed by her two brothers, two children, three grandchildren, one great grandchild, and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1997

Alta JoAnn Grizzle

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 18, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Alta JoAnn Grizzle who passed away October 11, 1997, at her home in Lake Isabella after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow.

JoAnn was born June 25, 1936, in Portland, Oregon, and lived in the Kern River Valley for seven years. She was a very giving person and her home was always open to everyone. She loved her family very much.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Bobby Grizzle; her son and daughter-in-law, Bobby and Victoria Grizzle, of Chino Hills, California; and James and Kim Grizzle of Lake Elsinore, California; nine grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Margaret Walters, of Oregon; Clyde and Sandy Walters, of Downey, California; and sisters, Darlene and Gene Perkins of Lake Isabella; and Lillian Ames, also of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Willie Harrison Burgett

A graveside service was held for Willie Harrison Burgett on October 14, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Willie was born in Perkins, Oklahoma, on November 24, 1908, and passed away on October 7, 1997, in Bakersfield.

As a young man he worked throughout the Midwest in the oil fields, and moved to California in 1960 where he was employed as a painter for a major mobile home manufacturer. In 1971, Willie retired to the town of Onyx in the Kern River Valley with his wife and stepson. From then until his passing, Willie did handyman work for many throughout the valley.

Willie is survived by his wife, Mary, and stepson, Dennis, both of Onyx; stepdaughters, Barbara Gallion, of Santa Paula, California; and Dorothy Gates of New Mexico; daugh-

ters, Morna Baker, Mina Tate, and Wilma Clark; and sons, Elmer Burgett, Harold Burgett and Bud Burgett; sister, Lucy Beningfield, all of Oklahoma; brother, Wilford Burgett of Colorado; and numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lilly.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Benjamin Myron Kidwell

Benjamin Myron Kidwell was born in Dressler, Ohio, on December 8, 1929, and passed away on October 15, 1997. He was 67 years old.

Benjamin retired from the Navy after spending 23 years of service. He moved to the valley in 1970 after spending many years visiting here hunting and fishing. He made many friends on his adventures hunting and fishing. He was a life member of the V.F.W., Disabled American Veterans and the Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Kidwell, of Onyx; son

John and wife Carol of Modesto; Michelle and grandson Sean; two sisters, Judy Cramer, of Defiance, Ohio; and Patricia Little of Roseburg, Oregon; brother, Denzell Kidwell, of Ohio; and many nieces and nephews, grand-nephew, and friends who are going to miss him dearly.

Memorial services will be at the V.F.W. on October 27, 1997, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Heart Association would be greatly appreciated.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1997

Rev. Arthur T. Lewis

Rev. Arthur Thomas Lewis, age 91, of Filer, Idaho, died Thursday, October 2, 1997, at his home following an illness. Rev. Lewis was born August 20, 1906, at Pinkstaff, Illinois, to John and Elizabeth Lewis.

He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith on June 17, 1928. He graduated from the high school in South St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1926. He attended Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, in Springfield, Illinois, and graduated in June 1938. On June 12, 1940, he married June Levenhagen of Tacoma, Washington, who preceded him in death in 1980.

After graduation, Rev. Lewis served parishes in Longview, Tonasket, and Port Orchard, Washington; Eden and Jerome, Idaho; Pendleton, Hermiston, and Boardman, Oregon; and Lucerne, Clearlake Highlands, and Lake Isabella, California. He retired from the active ministry in 1973, then served two congregations and assisted many more until his health failed in 1984.

On November 28, 1981, he married Dorothy Fischer and moved to Filer, Idaho. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. He was a past member of the Filer Kiwanis Club, serving as its president from 1985 to 1986.

Rev. Lewis is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Filer; three sons, Fred of Twin Falls, Idaho; David of Boardman, Oregon; and Michael of Sparks, Nevada; a daughter, Myrtle Pierce of Lake Isabella; two stepsons,

Wayne Fischer of Campbell, California; and Glenn Fischer of Pendleton, Oregon; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Fred; his sisters, Marie and Ida; a stepson, Dean Fischer; and a granddaughter, Johanna Lewis Godfrey.

A funeral service took place at 2 p.m. Monday, October 6, 1997, at the Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, Idaho, with Rev. Gary Benedix officiating. Burial followed at the Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery near Eden, Idaho.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be given to The Lutheran Hour or to the KTFI Immanuel Sunday Radio Broadcast. Memorials may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301; or the Memorial Fund at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, where it will be used to enhance worship services locally.

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Glenn A. Hoegge

A memorial service was held to celebrate the life of Glenn Hoegge at the Moose Lodge on October 18, 1997. After a lengthy illness, he passed on to the big "CO" in the sky, October 14, 1997, in Mt. Mesa, California. Glenn was born July 4, 1922 in Sierra Madre, California. He was preceded in death by his daughter Glennia of New York in 1996.

He is survived by his son Steve Hoegge of Aurora, Colorado; fiancée Donna Harris of Lake Isabella; stepmother Lucille Hoegge of Sierra Madre; stepbrother Arnold Hoegge of Sierra Madre; cousins Hagel and Bud of So. California; nieces and nephews; and his good friend Wayne Freed of Lake Isabella.

Glenn served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945. He trained at the Naval Air Tech. Training Center, Chicago, Illinois, in Aircraft Engines at VF#1 Cecil Field, Florida, Sqdr. T#4 NAS Jacksonville, Florida, NAS Astoria, Oregon, and NTC Great Lakes, Illinois. Glenn arrived in our Kern Valley working for Continental Telephone. He became known to many people of the valley as "Sing Sam the Telephone Man". He usually sang or whistled while he worked. He always took pride in his work and did it well. The telephone company used his idea for a "post pay" telephone inst. card here in the valley. He retired from the phone company in 1981. Since his retirement he enjoyed the Kern Valley Cruisers, Thunderbird Club, Horseshoe Club and the Bodfish Beamers. He was a longtime Moose Lodge member and served as

Jr. Governor in 1993-1994. He helped with a lot of repairs at the Moose Lodge.

Officiating was Claude Eaton who read the eulogy, Loyal Order of the Moose American Veterans Organization. Arrangements were handled by Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Burial will be private. Margaret Jones played on the piano the big band music that Glenn loved. The Harris and Hoegge families appreciate very much the time she gave to the farewell party. Thank you.

The Harris and Hoegge families also want to thank Liz Hartman and Darlene for the beautiful catering job they did for the farewell party. A big 'Thank You' to everyone who was involved with the service. Glenn Hoegge will be remembered as "unforgettable".

Remember Me With Love

When times get tough as they often do

Hold your head up, and push gallantly through.

We had some hard times in our lives, by hey, they weren't that bad,

This is a day to celebrate, not to be so sad.

I'm only gone in body, my spirit soars above,

Say good-bye, and walk away, and remember me with love.

Tally Ho - The Fox

Stanley Arlan Sicard

Memorial services were held for Stanley on Wednesday, October 22, 1977, at 1PM at the Mountain View Baptist Church. Officiating was Pastor Darryl Lackey. Stanley passed away at his home on

Sunday, October 19, after a short illness of cancer.

Stanley was born in Somerset, Wisconsin on May 23, 1928. He had lived here in the valley for about 7 years.

He is survived by his wife Marie; four sons; two daughters; and one stepson. Steven of Burleson, Texas and Cheri of Montana - all the rest here in California. Tom of Wildomar, Dan of Ontario, Bruce of Cool, Suzy Mahood of Anaheim and LeRoy Packham of Lake Isabella; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; two brothers, Ben Sicard of Minnesota, and Harold Sicard of Seattle, Washington; and sister Margaret of Minnesota.

He and Marie had been married only 21 months. They resided in Mt. Mesa. He was cremated and his ashes are to be spread over the Rose Garden at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield.

Gordon Harold Shay

Funeral services for Mr. Gordon Harold Shay were conducted on Tuesday, October 14, 1997, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Deryl Lackey of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church officiating. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 gave full military honors to Mr. Shay during the service. A graveside committal service was held following the services with Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church presiding at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mr. Shay was 71 years old at the time of his passing.

Gordon Shay was born on February 12, 1926, in Yale, Oklahoma, to his parents, Walter and Ima. At the turn of World War II, he entered the United States Navy where he proudly served his country. After the war, Gordon met Mary Louise Blevins, his future wife. The two were married on June 11, 1949, in Shafter, Califor-

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Joan Margaret Kent

Joan was born April 1, 1937 in Monterey Park, California, and passed away October 24, 1997, in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years.

She enjoyed horseback riding, crossword puzzles and was an avid reader.

Joan is survived by her husband of 30 years, Art Kent, of Wofford Heights; son Paul Willis of Carson City, Nevada; and daughters, April Blevins of Weldon, and Peggy Willis of Carson City, Nevada; brother Bill Forgie of Wofford Heights; sister Mary Ann Esparza of Scottsdale, Arizona; her mother, Lela D. Forgie, also of Scottsdale; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Jack Metro Pakulak

A mass for Christian burial was said Friday, October 17, 1997, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Parish Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Jack Metro Pakulak Sr. of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil of St. Jude's. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Jack was born August 5, 1906 in Winnipeg, Canada, and died October 11, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. He was 91 years old. Jack was a crane operator for 30 years in the lumber industry. After his retirement, he moved to Lake Isabella and enjoyed many years at his favorite past time of fishing in the Kern River Valley.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella, in 1973. He is survived by his sons, Jack and Mary Pakulak Jr., of Ridgecrest; Robert and Sally Pakulak of Roseburg, Oregon; brothers Bill Pakulak of Eugene, Oregon; Steve Pakulak also of Eugene; sister Mary Pederson of Oregon; grandchildren Eric Pakulak of Oregon; John Pakulak of Windsor, California; Stella Renner of Oceanside, California; James Pakulak also of Oceanside; Joe Pakulak of Corona Hills, California; Theresa Pakulak of Santa Rosa, California; Anne Pakulak of Petaluma, California; great-grandchildren David Renner of Anaheim, California; Melissa Pakulak of Oceanside; Nicholas Pakulak of Oceanside; Amy Pakulak of Ridgecrest; Demian Pakulak of Petaluma; and his very dear friend, Willa Mae Heinsohn, of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Margaret Watrous

A memorial service was held Saturday, November 1, 1997, at 11 a.m. for Margaret Ethel Watrous, age 70, who died Sunday, October 26, 1997.

The service was held at the Madera Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Officiating was Jim Watrous. Interment was at Arbor Vitae Cemetery in Madera, California.

Mrs. Watrous worked at the Madera County Federal Employees Credit Union for 24 years, from 1968 until her retirement in 1992.

A native of Long Branch, New Jersey, she lived in Madera for the past 37 years.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, William "Bill" of Madera; and her two sisters, Gwen and Bertha Lamphere of Connecticut.

Mrs. Watrous' passing is also mourned by her children and their spouses, Margaret and Rady Hoskinson of Madera; Thomas and Leanne Watrous of Bodfish; Wayne and Shelah Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Andrew and Doreen Watrous of Biola, California; William and Debby Watrous of Clovis; James and Anna Watrous of Madera; John and Dolores Watrous of Madera.

Also mourning her death are grandchildren, Micah Watrous of Clovis; Seth Watrous of Bodfish; McKenzie Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Philip Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Alexia Watrous of Mt. Mesa; Anisa and Amanda Watrous of Madera; Shelby Watrous of Madera; Sara and Joshua Hoskinson of Madera; Rebekah and Naomi Watrous of Connecticut; William and Robert Watrous of Madera; Benjamin Watrous of Biola; and one great-granddaughter, Kathryn Watrous of Clovis.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Eddie A. "Suds" Edwards

Eddie Andrew Edwards, age 55, born February 17, 1942, in Phoenix, Arizona, died November 2, 1997, at his home in Lake Isabella.

He was raised in California, living in the Los Angeles area until moving to the Kern Valley in 1978. He was an accomplished finish carpenter, and worked with many of the contractors in the valley. Eddie especially enjoyed his motorcycles, camping at Fish Creek, and watching NHRA Drag Racing.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Jeannie. Although he did not have children of his own, with his marriage to Jeannie, he inherited a large "family of the heart," son and daughter-in-law, John and Alita Beam of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Michelle Beam of Caliente; daughter Chris Beam of Port Angeles, Washington; granddaughters Shari Beam, Leslie Beam, Tiffany Willis, Latisha Jones, Tesa Willis, Lynzie Jones, Julie Beam, Kelsey Beam, Samantha Keeling; grandsons Brenden Hall, Denton Beam, Travis Beam, Greg Beam, Chantz Brodie, and one soon-to-be great-grandchild. "Suds" also leaves his brother-in-love, Jim Neukirchner and wife Judy. Eddie was much loved by his father and mother-in-law, Jack and Ellen Warner of Orangevale, California; sister and brother-in-law, Bert and Dan Mainwaring of Diamond Springs, California; sisters-in-law, Emily L. Word and Jane Culver of Placerville, California; and numerous nephews.

A memorial service was held on Monday, November 10, 1997, at the Highland Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated and Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors handled the arrangements.

Eddie was a wonderful person and exceptional husband and will be very much missed.

Thomas Valentine Sims

Private arrangements were made for Thomas V. Sims who passed away November 5, 1997 in Bakersfield. Mr. Sims was born in Skiatook, Oklahoma on November 19, 1923. He served in the Navy for several years before moving to Buena Park where he worked for Dresser Pacific Pump in Huntington Park for 37 years. After retiring, he moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985. He enjoyed motorcycle riding.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marie Sims of Onyx; his sons, Tom Sims of LaPalma, California; and Bruce Sims of Onyx; daughter Katheryn Nixon of Yucca Valley; three grandchildren, Marhea, Heather and Travis; and one great-grandson, David; his brothers, Milton Sims of Onyx; Wallace Sims of Browley, California; and Walter Sims of Oceanside.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Barbara Jean Bly

A memorial service was held to celebrate the active life of Barbara Bly on Saturday, November 8, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Rev. Floyd Castillo will be officiating. Barbara passed away peacefully at her home in Lake Isabella on November 1 after a lengthy battle with cancer. At her side were husband Lynn, daughter Lynda, and longtime friend Polly Butler.

She was born Barbara Jean Moore in Burbank, California, on November 17, 1927.

Barbara is survived by husband Lynn of Lake Isabella; twin daughters, Lynda Heran of Rancho Palos Verdes, California; and Lorna Guevara of Huntington Beach, California; a son Larry of Bodfish; granddaughters, Katie and Meghan Heran, of Rancho Palos Verdes; two brothers, Gayle Moore of Mariposa, California; and Bud Moore of Lakewood, California. She was preceded in death by a sister, Eloise, in 1981.

She graduated from Leuzinger High School in Hawthorne in 1945. She met Lynn Bly while working at Northrop. They were married October 15, 1948, and remained married for 49 years. They built their home in Westchester, California, where they lived for 31 years.

Barbara worked at Lennox High School for 10 years as a textbook clerk and career center aide. She retired just before moving to Bodfish in 1978 with her husband, Lynn.

She and Lynn built and operated the L&L Car Wash and Laundry in Lake Isabella. They built their home in Lake Isabella and moved in Thanksgiving of 1990.

Barbara had been very active since moving to the area, including the Pink Ladies, the Women's Club, and TOPS. She also showed her creative abilities by taking up ceramics, oil painting and porcelain dolls. She excelled at all.

She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all. Her presence will be greatly missed by friends and family alike.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Joseph Eugene Norris

Graveside services were held Friday, November 7, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Joseph E. Norris, age 64, of Kernville who passed away November 1 at his home.

Joseph was born January 19, 1933 in Santa Maria and had lived in Kernville for one-and-a-half years. He worked for 15 years with National Cash Register Co. as a salesman. He also had his own business, Los Angeles Equipment Sales, for several years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, both in Santa Maria and Wofford Heights, and a member of the Kern Valley Mens Golf Club. Joseph also served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Diana Norris; his twin brother, John; three daughters, Paige Norris, Kristen Norris, and Sherri Harvey; one son, Russell Harvey; grandsons, Nicholas Norris, Sean Akerboom, and Eddie Ramos; granddaughters, Malia Rikard, Joey Ramos and a host of friends.

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

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Jack Vernile Ashworth

Memorial services were held on Friday, November 14, 1997, at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Jack Vernile Ashworth of Weldon. Pastor Carlos Fandino of the First Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella officiated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665, Lake Isabella, offering the lasting Veterans Memorial Tribute to Mr. Ashworth and his family.

Jack Ashworth was born to his parents, William Edward and Alcoe Genevive Ashworth, on May 22, 1925, in Tulare, California. During World War II, he proudly served his nation in the United States Army. He was an artillery instructor at Fort Benning, Georgia. On May 15, 1969, he married his wife, Leah Mary, in Torrance, California. In 1996, Jack retired after working as a self-employed licensed residential contractor. He and Leah then moved to the Kern River Valley area, settling down in Weldon.

He and Leah thoroughly enjoyed traveling in their RV and visiting with family and friends. Jack was a wonderful man and he loved his family fiercely. In years past, he loved to take them all camping, teaching all of them to enjoy life. He was always there for his wife and kids. He was always there to help and did everything that he could for them.

Jack is survived by his wife of 28 years, Leah; and by four children, Carolyn Correa of Temecula, California; Marcia Gann of Torrance, California; Mike Filben of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Tom Filben of Cambria, California. He is also survived by his grandchildren, April and Aaron of Temecula; Melissa and Tiffany of Torrance; Wendy of Cambria; and Marley and Kira of Salt Lake City. Also by his brothers, Richard Ashworth of Carson City, Nevada; and Donald Ashworth of San Manuel, Arizona. Jack will be truly missed by all those of whom he loved, and by all those who loved him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Edith Pauline Johnston

A funeral service was held Friday, November 7, 1997, at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Edith Pauline Johnston of Weldon. Officiating was Mel Hetrick. Interment followed at Riverside National Cemetery.

Edith was born November 26, 1921, in Washington, Pennsylvania and died November 5, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. She was 75 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 1989.

She is survived by her children, Carol Behm of Weldon; Danny Johnston of Yucaipa, California; Gary Johnston of Lake Isabella; Joe Johnston of Florida; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

Varnum Iva Kenney

Varnum Iva Kenney, resident of Bend, Oregon, passed away October 22, 1997, from an extended illness. He was 85 years old.

Mr. Kenney was born on March 12, 1912 to parents, Charles and Frances (Varnum) Kenney, in Fresno, California.

He married Helen (Beth) Kenney in Reno, Nevada. She preceded him in death.

During World War II, Mr. Kenney served in the Army Corp. of Engineers and was stationed in the Middle East. He worked as a master auto mechanic with the Department of Water and Power in Los Angeles. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Team.

Cremation was in Bend with no services being held. He is survived by his niece, Cheryl L. Thayer, of Lake Forest, California.

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Louis J. Kriebs

On November 13, 1997, Mr. Louis J. Kriebs of Kernville passed away in Bakersfield. He was 74 years of age. Louis was born to his parents, Peter and Mary Kriebs, in the Galena Township of Illinois on June 1, 1923.

During World War II, he proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, serving the Solomon Islands, Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima. After the war, in 1949, Louis went to the Los Angeles Police Academy and became an officer for the City of Los Angeles. He then retired in 1964, residing in Gardena, California. In 1971, he married his wife, Ilse, and in 1984, Louis and Ilse moved to the Kern River Valley area, then residing in Kernville. Louis became actively involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, becoming a life member of the V.F.W.

Louis is survived by his wife Ilse of Kernville; his daughter Sherry of Tempe, Arizona; and his sons, Larry of Hemet, California; and Garey of Medford, Oregon. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brian, Bonnie and Ethan. Louis will be greatly missed by all those who loved him and by all those of whom he loved.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Everyone knew and loved Daniel and Daniel knew and loved everyone. His passing is a great loss to the valley.

Daniel is survived by his daughter Kitty Krefl and her husband Bill of Oceanside, California, and by his son John Cleary of South Lake Tahoe.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Doreen G. Schonmann

A 23-year Lake Isabella resident, Doreen G. Schonmann, passed away November 23, 1997, at the age of 67. She was born June 19, 1928, in Los Angeles. She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Marcelo J. Schonmann; her son, Mike Fellows of Blythe; her daughter, Carol Blackmon of Long Beach; and her sister, Joanne McCollum, of Los Angeles.

Daniel Francis Cleary

On November 11, 1997, Mr. Daniel Francis Cleary of Lake Isabella passed away at the age of 72. Daniel entered life in Los Angeles, California, on January 9, 1925.

During World War II, Daniel served his nation in the United States Marine Corps. Later in life, he began working for the Garrett Airesearch Corporation as a Security Police Officer. During this time, he became very involved with his community. He joined the American Legion, where he later became the Sergeant At Arms for the Lake Isabella Post #711. Daniel also became active with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, becoming a life member, and he was also inducted as a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

In the late 1980's, Daniel moved from Los Angeles to the Kern River Valley and put down roots in Lake Isabella. He joined the local American Legion Post #711, the V.F.W. Post #7665, and the Disabled American Veterans. He also became very involved with the senior lunch program at the Kern Valley Senior's Center.

Kern Valley loses link to its legendary past

By BRET BRADIGAN
Kern Valley Sun

The Kern Valley has lost one of its few remaining links to its pioneer past with the passing of William Walker Kissack Sunday.

Kissack, 82, died in his sleep after enduring several years of health problems, though he remained fit and active right up to the end.

"Just this week he was out on the backhoe feeding the horses," said daughter Carolyn Kissack-Hancock.

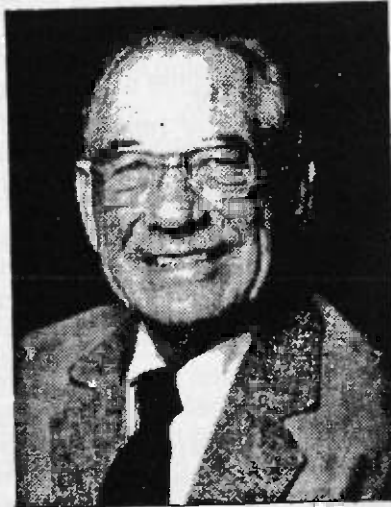
A memorial service is planned for Thursday at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo will officiate.

Judging by his legacy, Bill Kissack has had a lasting impact on his community. Besides his long and colorful career as a rancher and farmer, he founded and developed the community of Mountain Mesa, donated the land on which Kern Valley Hospital stands, then served on its board of directors for nearly 30 years. He and his wife of 56 years, Grace, also organized the annual Easter Egg Hunts on their pasture for more than 30 years.

The Easter Egg Hunts were "symbolic of how he felt about people. Bill was a friend of everyone," said longtime friend Country Huckleberry. "He'd go out of his way to help anyone — it didn't matter who they were."

Two signal achievements made him most proud, Grace said. For a long-time cowboy, being named Kern County's Cattleman of the Year in 1991 ranked near the top of a lifetime of distinction. The 1994 ceremony when the Kern Valley Hospital was dedicated to him and Grace also hit a high note.

"The hospital was his life. He never missed a meeting, said Grace. "When we had guests, he'd always take them out there to see the plaque."



Bill Kissack Memorial Service: Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo officiating

Bill Kissack's father, William C., emigrated from the Isle of Man, a small but scenic island in the Irish Sea between Wales and Ireland and ancestral home to many Kern Valley pioneers. In 1909, his passage was paid for by the Joughin and Stevens ranch families. After working off his indenture, he brought his sweetheart, Jesse Ellen, over from the Isle of Man in 1914.

Bill Kissack was born a year later, March 12, 1915, in a house not three miles from his present home. The old house was condemned after Isabella Dam was constructed, then Bill bought it back at auction and had it moved to the present site.

Though the old house continued to serve as a storage shed, Bill may well have had sentimental reasons for buying his birthplace. The old homestead served an important social function in the pre-dam Kern Valley, with hayrides and cookouts and post-church Sunday picnics.

"He was a hell of a fine guy. There wasn't a finer man to work for. He was fair. He'd make you work hard, but he would really listen to you."

Ken Rhoads

"I always had a feeling of plenty. He was always a good provider."

Grace Kissack

"Dad was at his greatest on those Sunday afternoons," Carolyn said. "We'd have lots of people over, and we'd take the hay down to feed the horses, then have lots of food."

It was also a place which forged the enduring work ethic Bill Kissack was famous for. "If something had to be done, he did it," said Carolyn.

"I always had a feeling of plenty," said Grace. "He was always a good provider."

That ethic was passed down from both parents. "Bill's mother was one of the most beautiful women to ever come from the Kern Valley," said Grace. "But you'd see her out in the fields working alongside the men."

After the learning the business of ranching on his father's spread, he was hired as foreman for the A. Brown ranch in 1940, where he worked for five years.

One person who remembers Bill Kissack well from that time is Ken Rhoads, from another pioneer family, who, at the age of 13, was hired as a ranch hand.

"He was a hell of a fine guy," Rhoads said. "There wasn't a finer man to work for. He was fair. He'd make you work hard, but he would really listen to you."

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During that time, some friends suspect he'd make up reasons to drive past the South Fork School, where the new teacher had caught his eye. "He'd wave to me as he'd go by," said Grace, who had come to the rural school in 1939 from Ohio after graduating from University of California at Los Angeles. "It was pretty fascinating for a young woman — coming up to cowboy country."

The school had 50 students and two teachers. Grace taught grades one through three; the other teacher taught fourth through eighth.

Rhoads said it was a demanding place. "When you got out of the eighth grade, you had a better education than they do coming out of junior college nowadays."

The Kern Valley — though large in geography — was small in social circles in those days, Rhoads said. "You knew everyone who went up and down the road." A new school teacher — especially one as attractive and stylish as Grace — was the focus of attention. "She had a new '39 Chevy when she came up," Rhoads said. "That was really something."

The young Bill Kissack was also the focus of much attention, Grace said. "He was very handsome, and very wholesome." It did take him awhile to muster up the nerve to ask the schoolteacher out for their first date, a hayride and dance sponsored by another local family.

They were married in 1941, and continued the ranching tradition.

The high point of that tradition may have been the annual high country trips to summer pasture at Beach Meadow, Carolyn said.

"We'd have carts and carts of groceries, and Dad would have the saddlebags laid out everywhere, packing for the trip," she said. They would stay in the camp all summer, a place where work was fun.

"There are so many kids he'd take with us, and their fondest memories were of the high country," Carolyn said. "He loved that life."

Survivors include wife Grace and daughter Carolyn; grandsons Scott Kissack and wife Cari and Craig Young; granddaughters Kristine King and husband Greg, Kimberly Harper and husband Frankie, Heather Dunne and husband Lance, and Angie Young. Great-grandchildren are Billy and Kacie Kissack, Kenny Shanahan, Derek and Daniel King, Conagher and Francesca Harper, daughter-in-law Lynda Kissack and dear friend Country Huckleberry.

Bill is preceded in death by parents William Crellin and Jesse Ellen Kissack; brother Jim Kissack; son William Lee Kissack and daughter Linda Elaine Kissack.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

William Walker Kissack

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, Thursday, December 4, 1997 at 11 a.m. Pastor Floyd Castillo officiated.

Kern River Valley pioneer, William Walker Kissack, passed away peacefully at home November 30, 1997. Most of his 82 years were spent surrounded by the mountains and valley that he dearly loved. His lifetime was devoted to assisting the community and his family. All who knew him found joy in his quiet smiling manner. His strong will to live was proven as he overcame one health obstacle after another in the past few years.

Born March 12, 1915, at the ranch site, Bill was both a cattle rancher and land developer. One of his proudest accomplishments was being named Kern County Cattleman of the Year in 1991. Both he and his son, William Lee, developed the town of Mountain Mesa. The Kern Valley Hospital was dedicated to both Bill and Grace, his wife of 56 years, in 1994.

As a young man, Bill did stunt riding for the movies made here in the valley before the lake was established. Like many of the pioneers who settled here from the "Isle of Man," he possessed both qualities of toughness and tenderness.

Bill was blessed in sharing so many wonderful years with his wife Grace. They shared fully in ranching duties and the raising of their three children. Later the tremendous joy of being grandparents and great-grandparents was precious for both. The love of Bill and Grace was extended for over 30 years to all the neighborhood children who attended the Annual Easter Egg Hunts in the Kissack pasture.

Surviving Bill is his loving wife Grace; daughter, Carolyn Kissack Hancock; grandsons, Scott Kissack and wife Cari and Craig Young; granddaughters, Kristine King and husband Greg, Kimberly Harper and husband Frankie, Heather Dunne and husband Lance, and Angie Young; great-grandchildren are Billy and Kacie Kissack, Kenny Shanahan, Derek and Daniel King, Conagher and Francesca Harper; daughter-in-law, Lynda Kissack; and dear friend Country Huckleberry.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William Crellin and Jesse Ellen Kissack; brother, Jim Kissack; son, William Lee Kissack; and daughter, Linda Elaine Kissack.

Bill loved life and lived it to the fullest. He will be missed.

Pauline Marion Ambler

Pauline Marion Ambler passed away in Bakersfield on December 3, 1997, at 85 years of age. She was born July 23, 1912 in Kolmea, Ukraine and had been a resident of Lake Isabella for many years and lived a very active life. She loved to dance, as well as play bingo three times a week. Pauline was always very young and cheerful acting at all times. Her hobbies were ceramics, plastic canvas and Japanese embroidering.

She was a member of the Moose Lodge #498 in Lake Isabella and was a regular attender of the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Visitation was Monday, December 8, 1997, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., also at Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors, Chapel of the Flowers. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley. Interment followed at 1 p.m. Monday, December 8, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Survivors include her son Ron Fly and wife Dollie of Bakersfield; sister Ilene Misner of Largo, Florida; grandchildren, Cheri, Kerri, and Gary; nine great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Pauline was a wonderful mom, and grandmother, never complaining. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and loved her.

Services arranged by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Viola Ella Vehlewald

Vi was the firstborn child of Edwin and Minnie Allemann, born on the family farm in Stonyhill, Missouri, November 16, 1913. She helped care for her four brothers and four sisters while her mother helped with the farm.

Vi was baptized and confirmed at St. James Evangelical Reformed Church (now the Church of Christ) in Stonyhill, Missouri. As a young woman, she moved to St. Louis where she worked doing housework while learning to be a hairdresser and for some time owned her own beauty shop. She married Paul Vehlewald on April 2, 1938. They lived in St. Louis until after their son, Don, was born and then moved to California in 1945.

Paul and Vi settled in the Lakewood area and later moved to Downey. They owned a produce market near Knotts Berry Farm when it still was a berry farm. Paul joked about moving to California to get away from the family, then the family all moved out from Missouri and lived with Paul and Vi until they were settled into their own jobs and homes. Always a close knit family, they wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

Vi eventually went to work sewing in the garment industry. She ended her career working in the pattern department of Elisabeth Stewart Swim Wear Company. Working with the pattern maker she would make and alter the swimsuits to get a perfect fit before they were manufactured.

The Vehlewalds owned a vacation home in Wofford Heights since 1965. When they retired, they moved there full time. Many people know Vi as a dealer of Shaklee products. She also did alterations. She never wanted to stop selling Shaklee products or doing the alterations because she always enjoyed people dropping by her home. She made many friends this way and wanted to stay in her own home as long as possible to keep this social contact.

Vi was a member of the Lady Elks and was very active in the K.R.V. CB group. Her handle was Instant Protein, a name that suited her. She was always active and busy. She worked for many years helping prepare the breakfasts on Saturday mornings at the C.B. Break. She attended the senior dances, enjoyed them even though she didn't dance for years because she suffered from arthritis. The ladies all wanted to dance with Paul and she spent the evening visiting.

After the death of Paul and her beloved sister, Selma, she seemed to give in to the pain of her arthritis.

Vi passed away on November 28, 1997. A graveside service was held on December 2, 1997, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The service was conducted by Pastor Chuck Semonious of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband Paul; her sisters, Selma and Florence Allemann; and her brothers, Armin and Raymond Allemann.

She is survived by her son, Don, and daughter-in-law, Pat Vehlewald, of Kernville; her granddaughter, Julia, and her husband, Dale Dumke; and great-grandsons, Chris, Johnathan and Joseph, of Lancaster; her grandson, Gene, and his wife, Deena Vehlewald, of Walla Walla, Washington; her sisters, Betty Baer, of New Haven, Missouri; Evelyn Davis and her husband, Fred, of Fallbrook, California; her brothers, Roy Allemann, of Washington, Missouri; and Elmer Allemann and his wife, Lillian, of Hermann, Missouri; brother-in-law, Ollie Vehlewald, and his wife, Charleen, of Lake Isabella; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

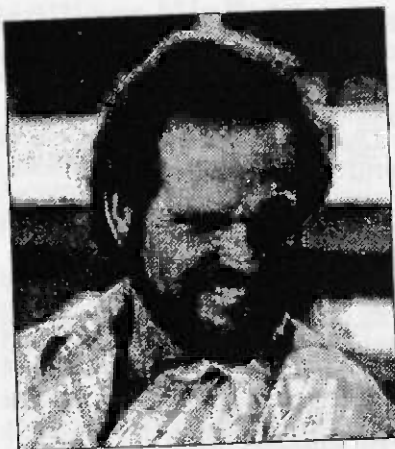
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Warton "Chuck" Trout

Private arrangements were made for Warton "Chuck" Trout who passed away at his home in Onyx on November 26, 1997, after a long illness. Chuck was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado, on March 27, 1912. He worked for the Department of Defense for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 23 years ago. He was a member of the Masons Kernville #872 F & AM.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vivian; two sons, Donald Trout of Tucson, Arizona; David Trout of Kent, Washington; daughter Terry Gustafson of Newberry Park, California; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

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Bryan Nils Oberg

Bryan Oberg was born in Los Angeles, California, on April 9, 1948. He went to his eternal rest on December 7, 1997, after a yearlong battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at Kernville United Methodist Church with his friend, Rev. Dr. Charles White, presiding and assisted by Rev. John Carpenter.

He grew up in the San Fernando Valley, where he met his wife, Karen. They began married life on October 7, 1967. Bryan worked for Oberg Construction Company of Simi Valley for 18 years until he and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1984. He began Grebo Corporation, a construction business with the help of his father, Nils Oberg. They did numerous jobs in the area including the Kern Valley Landfill and Recycling Canal. After several years he expanded the business to include the Yard Improvement Center in Wofford Heights.

Bryan was active in Ham Radio since the early 1970s as WB60DZ and later as KM6WU. He built and operated the "ODZ" 220 repeater for local hams and emergency communication in the Kern River Valley. He got his first computer, an Apple, in the middle 1970s. He promptly put it to work running the house. Lights, alarms, bells and whistles went off at

all times of the day and night. Computers were the love of his life. They kept him up late at night and got him up early in the morning. He ran Teletype in those days and later Packet, the ham radio version of Internet. Bryan was instrumental in the development of both as he built, wrote software and lectured at national Ham conventions on computers and packet.

Internet was the next logical step, so two-and-a-half years ago, Bryan made the plans that became kernvalley.com, Kern Valley's first Internet service. When he became too ill to continue as sysop, he sold kernvalley.com, a very difficult decision.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Kim, and husband, Tim Kleidosty; son, Kirk, and wife, Kim Oberg; five grandchildren, Joshua and Joey Kleidosty of Wofford Heights and Bryan, Kenneth and Rebecca Oberg of Bakersfield; his parents, Nils and June Oberg; and sister, Alice Oberg, all of Wofford Heights; as well as aunts, uncles and numerous cousins throughout California and Nevada. Bryan will be missed by all who loved him.

Cinderella Jane Steiner

Graveside services were held Wednesday, December 10, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Cinderella Jane Steiner who passed away Sunday, December 7, 1997, in the Nursing Center in Kern Valley Hospital after a short illness. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Cinderella was born October 23, 1910 in Elkhart, Iowa and lived on the farm until she was 23 years old, working along side her two brothers and her father and helped with the canning with her mom and sisters. The family moved to California in 1933 and she held many jobs until going to work for the Pacific Press where she assembled the Look, Life, Colliers and other magazines and loaded them on the trucks. She retired from there in 1952 when she and her husband Ed moved to the Kern River Valley. She was a past member of the Ladies of the Elks. She loved to do embroidery, crochet and knitting.

She is survived by her sister Margaret Taylor of Los Angeles, Isabella Benon of Las Vegas, Nevada; brothers and sisters-in-law, Art and Barbara Garren of Oregon and Jim Garren of San Leandro, California; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Ann and Andy Anderson of Chino Hills, California; and Jessie and Vergil Anderson of Mira Loma, California. She will be greatly missed.

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Robert L. Yoho

A memorial service was held Thursday, December 11, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Robert Yoho who passed away on December 8, 1997, in Lake Isabella. Robert's son, Dr. Roger Yoho from the Corona Community Church of the Nazarene officiated, as well as the funeral team from the Lake Isabella V.F.W. Post #7665.

Robert was a life member of the V.F.W., and had many other interests, such as studying history. This led him to his membership in the Historical Society. He enjoyed traveling, seeing new sights, and meeting new people.

He leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Betty; his son, Roger, and wife, Lynda, of Riverside, California; his daughter, Linda, and husband, Jim Lee, of Fullerton, California; another son, Robert Jr., of Irvine, California; as well as five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Robert also leaves his favorite sister-in-law, Dona Lewis, of Lake San Marcos, California. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Wharton "Chuck" Trout

Private arrangements were made for Wharton "Chuck" Trout who passed away at his home in Onyx on November 26, 1997, after a long illness. Chuck was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado, on March 27, 1912. He worked for the Department of Defense for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 23 years ago. He was a member of the Masons Kernville #872 F & AM.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vivian; two sons, Ronald Trout of Tucson, Arizona; David Trout of Kent, Washington; daughter Terry Gustafson of Newberry Park, California; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

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Helen Hamilton McCloskey

Helen Hamilton McCloskey, age 88, was born in Los Angeles, California, on September 16, 1909 to Emma Jane and Kinter Hamilton. Helen McCloskey passed away at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa on December 13, 1997. She is preceded in death by her parents, as well as her brothers, James Hugh and John Hamilton, and her sisters, Kendra McComb, Alice McCready and Margaret Conant.

Surviving Helen is her son, Michael Keith McCloskey, and his wife, Lynne; granddaughter, Kelly Lehman, and her husband, Anthony, all of Wofford Heights; and grandson, Kevin McCloskey, of Bakersfield. She is also survived by three great-grandsons, Anthony Lehman II, Michael Lehman and Cody Lehman, plus many nieces and nephews.

Divorced in 1947, Helen worked as a seamstress, providing for herself and her son. They lived in California the majority of the time. Traveling occupied some of Helen's leisure time, including trips to Canada, Alaska, and rafting down the Colorado River. She spent many weekends enjoying her grandchildren, whether their activities involved swimming, flying kites or traveling to places like Carlsbad Caverns and Catalina Island.

Retiring from Del Rey Clean-

ers in Marina Del Rey in 1974, Helen moved to Pinebrook Community in Wofford Heights. Favorite pastimes included playing bridge with her good friends, Margaret and Chan Lindsey, fishing, craft work, and bunco.

Alzheimer's Disease

by Lynne D. McCloskey
Old things, well-kept
Brought back childhood
memories,
Then changed their forms
as I slept
Like baseballs melding
into bees.
I rebelled and then I wept.
I do not know what's
wrong with me.

Helen McCloskey enjoyed life, enjoyed family and friends, and enjoyed her independence. Although her family mourns their loss, they also celebrate Helen's life—a life of friendship and unselfish kindness to others.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Robert "Bob" W. Fox

The family is saddened to announce to his many friends the death of their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Robert "Bob" W. Fox, Colonel, USAF, retired on December 13, 1997.

Bob's greatest love was his wife, Helen. Their loving joy was their children—Bob, Karen and Randy; their grandchildren—Jackie, Kristie, Greg, Angelina, Stephanie, and Paul; and their great-grandchildren—Alyssa, Tyler, and Shane.

Bob's career spanned 28

years in the U.S. Air Force and 11 years with Northrop Corporation in Los Angeles. Bob and Helen retired to Lake Isabella in 1978. Since then, Bob had been an active member of the community, running a surplus hardware business and being actively involved with the

VFW, Moose, Shriners, and Scottish Rite of Free Masonry organizations.

Memorial services were held at the Lake Isabella Highland Chapel on Thursday, December 18. Bob was buried with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

Corum Lafayette "Hi" Coatney

Private arrangements were made for "Hi" Coatney who passed away at his home in Bodfish on December 14, 1997. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Hi was born November 3, 1911 in Missouri and he has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He enjoyed doing crafts and he taught the school children how to make paper butterflies. He also taught crafts at the senior center.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Vi. He is survived by his nephew, Larry Cress, of San Diego; and niece, Penny McNally, of Chicago; and many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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DECEMBER 31, 1997

Paul Farris Carr

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Lodge #827 Masonic Temple, 562 James Rd., Kernville, for Paul Farris Carr, who passed away on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa.

Mr. Carr was born in Midland, Texas, on Mar. 24, 1910. He was employed for many years in wholesale meat sales in Southern California before he and his wife retired to Southlake in 1980. Paul was a member of the Masonic Lodge #827 in Kernville.

Margaret Carr, his wife, preceded him in death on July 31, 1991.

Mr. Carr is survived by his son, Daniel Carr, of Southlake; son Steven and daughter-in-law Susan Carr of Placentia; daughter Carol and son-in-law Bob Berlin of The Sea Ranch, Calif.; and grandchildren Colleen Carr of Placentia, Scott Carr and his wife Cheryl of Fullerton, and Kathleen Bentley of Salem, Mass.

Elizabeth Ina Kotthoff

A graveside service was held Tues., Dec. 23, 1997, at 2 p.m. for Elizabeth Ina Kotthoff, formerly of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Mr. Paul Paulsen of the Lake Isabella congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Ina was born July 12, 1916 in St. Paul, Minn., and died Dec. 19, 1997 in Las Vegas. She was 81 years old.

She is survived by her daughters Faith Clayton of Springfield, Missouri and Karen Knox and her husband Jim of Las Vegas, Nev.; sister Florence Huseby of Missouri; grandchildren Deanna Peltz of Missouri, Debbie Clayton of Oakland, Calif., and Richard Knox of Spokane, Wash.; and two great-grandchildren.

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