

George P. Tangney  
Ernest A. Philippsen

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## Ernest A. Philippsen

Born September 7, 1910 in Rock Island, Illinois. Died December 21, 1997 in Mt. Mesa, California.

Ernest was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Helen Conklin, his brother Henry Philippsen and his only son Ernie Jr.

He is survived by his wife Doris, of 56 years, his daughter-in-law Karyn Philippsen of San Clemente and by many treasured friends. He also is survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins

He resided in Lake Isabella since 1984, spent 39 years in Los Angeles County and was a retiree from Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank. He was given the Pilgrim Degree of Merit in 1987 by the Loyal Order of Moose for many years of dedicated service to the fraternity he loved. He was a 37 year member (Reseda Lodge #1738 and Kern Valley #498).

In keeping with his wishes there will be no services. Remains will be privately interred in Chatsworth, California. He wished to share his favorite farewell message with all who know and loved him.

### I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me;  
I took His hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day to laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way  
I found that place at the close of the day.  
If parting has left a void.

Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savored much  
Good friends, good times, a loved on's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me  
God wanted me now. He set me free.

- Author Unknown

## Irene Madelyn Nevis

Born in Oklahoma on November 10, 1912. Died on December 30, 1997 at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Center where she was a resident since a stroke in 1993. She was an Los Angeles County employee for 13 years. Irene retired in 1973 and lived the next 20 years in the Kernville/Wofford Heights area. She is survived by nieces Jenene Meyer of Elk Grove, Calif., Charlene Rayner of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Faith Morrison of Hanford, Calif. At Irene's request, no services were held. Cremation with remains scattered in the Rose Garden at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## George F. Tangney

Private arrangements were made for George F. Tangney who passed away December 26, 1997 after a long illness.

George was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on September 7, 1923.

He had enjoyed many activities in his life, trap shooting, hunting, camping, flying and scuba diving. He had been a member of the American Trap Association and the Elks.

George was an experimental machinist for 30 years before retiring to Wofford Heights in 1973.

Surviving George is his loving wife Ethel, stepson Henry Lewis of Encino, stepdaughter Leda Neilson and husband Bill of Palmdale, grandson Michael Foster of Canyon Country and grandsons Lindon, Leslie, Lee and Larry Lewis, brothers Jim of Biloxi, Mississippi and John of Muskegon, Michigan and cousin Cathryn Bolls of Salem, Oregon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Junita Jonnum Herring

Junita was born March 27, 1910, in Marble, Minnesota to Olaf and Nettie Junnum. She married George Herring in Montana on July 15, 1933. George preceded her in death on June 30, 1990. She was a resident of Wofford Heights since January of 1973. She also was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Junita died on December 13, 1997.

She is survived by a number of in-laws, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a great many extra special friends.

# William "Bill" Harold Pettit

Age...79 years, 4 months, 14 days. William "Bill" Harold Pettit was born to his parents Raymond and Margaret Pettit on July 30, 1918, in the sleepy little midwest town of Albia, Iowa. His mother was a native American Sioux Indian, and his father Raymond worked as a railroad engineer. A few years later, they moved to an even smaller town in Minnesota called Morton, home of his mother's Ogalala Sioux Indian tribe. Bill grew up riding the rails, and after seeing much of the midwestern states, at age 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country before and during World War II in the Pacific theater. After his mustering out period from the Navy, Bill then enlisted into the United States Army and continued to serve during World War II in the European theater. He survived D-day, went into France and somehow managed to land himself in the Battle of the Bulge, all without any mortal wounds. He took a shrapnel wound into his shoulder and was awarded the Purple Heart. After extensive surgery, he continued to serve in the US Army, later fighting in the Korean conflict. In 1957, he retired from active service and began working for Douglas Aircraft as a design engineer, and in his spare time he taught ice skating at the Ice Chalet in Paramount, California. After several years, he left Douglas and he heard the calling of the sea once again and became a Merchant Marine Engineer for the Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association (M. E. B. A.)

In 1964, he met Carmella "Sue" Goff. After numerous failed attempts at getting her to marry him, she finally agreed to go out with him after an entire year of his relentless devotion to the one question, "Will you please marry me?". In 1966, Bill and Sue went to

dinner at the "Plush Horse" restaurant in Redondo Beach, California. After dinner they were leaving and Bill fell into the bushes in front of the restaurant. He stayed there for a while, thinking no one had seen him. Sue then pulled him from the bushes and told him, "Yes, I'll marry you. I have to, you need someone to take care of you!" On September 10, 1966, Bill and Sue were married by the Justice of the Peace in Carson City, Nevada. They bought a home in Wilmington, California and raised a family there. In 1976, when three of their four children had graduated from Banning High School and gone out on their own, Bill and Sue sold their home and moved to the Kern River Valley area, then settling down in Bodfish.

In 1983, after 23 years of service with the Merchant Marine, Bill retired after a near-fatal incident involving freon poisoning in Japan. In the following 14 years, Bill and Sue had a wonderful life together, enjoying everything from traveling abroad to going to the high country and cutting firewood together. But in late 1997, Bill was diagnosed with a fast spreading, untreatable, terminal cancer. In the short time that followed, Bill, Sue and the entire family were able to say all the things that needed to be said. And after the shortest of any of the "fights" of his life, this one was lost. Bill passed away in the mid-afternoon of the 14th of December, 1997. We know that he has gone to

be with his Maker. Although he is truly missed, he will never be forgotten. He touched all of our lives in more ways than could possibly be described in this lifetime. We love ya much!

Bill is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carmella Sue Pettit, his daughter Crissie of Las Vegas, Nevada, his daughter Cheri and her husband Raul of Long Beach, California, his son Steven and his wife Rebecca of La Habra, California, his son Patrick of Bodfish and his son Michael of Bodfish. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Anton Hall of Las Vegas, Kim Culbertson of Long Beach, Lee Culbertson of the US Marine Corps, and Jessica and Eric of La Habra. Bill also has one surviving sister, Juanita Ashcraft and her husband Don, of Hanford, California, also numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother Robert.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

We would like to share a poem about our father...

**My Father's Hands**  
 My Father's hands  
 touched my soul,  
 My Father's hands  
 so strong and bold,  
 He would take me in  
 his hands so tight,  
 And stay with me  
 throughout the night.  
 An unspoken word  
 was within this man,  
 A silent strength  
 was his plan,  
 Gone from me  
 this special man,  
 But I'll never forget  
 My Father's hands.

## Charles Bruce Allen

Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Charles Bruce Allen. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with the Kernville Masonic Lodge #872 F. & A.M. officiating.

Mr. Allen was born December 1, 1908, in Tempe, Arizona, and passed away, January 3, 1998 at his home in Bodfish.

He was a Sergeant with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for 26 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley. He was a member of the Masons and the Scottish Rite. He loved fishing and camping and he was a great gardener.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel, and is survived by his son, James Allen, of Anaheim and many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Willa Mae Heinsohn

Graveside services were held on January 7, 1998 for Willa Mae Heinsohn of Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church officiated.

Willa Mae Heinsohn was born in Nacogdoches, Texas, on April 8, 1911. She has been a resident of Kern County for more than 45 years. She had spent 50 years of her life as a seamstress. One of her loves of life was that of fishing ... and for a while, even supplemented her income by digging earthworms for fishing bait. She was an independent spirit and enjoyed life to its fullest.

She died on January 3, 1998, at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center.

Willa Mae is survived by her sister, Verona Hartjes, of Long Beach; niece, Linda Emery, and her husband, Jerry, of El Centro, California; grandniece, Mandy Williams, and her husband, Jeremy, of El Centro, California; and great-grandnephew, Christian Williams, of El Centro, California.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Marguerite Louise Venable

Funeral services were held for Marguerite Louise Venable on January 10, 1998, at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Carlos Fandino of the First Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella officiating. Marguerite was born in New York, New York, on August 28, 1925, to her parents, Michael and Lyda Baraldi. During her life, she survived two husbands, Bud Rose and Bill Venable.

She was a former resident of Chatsworth, California, and 12 years ago, Marguerite picked up her roots and transplanted them to the Kern Valley area, eventually residing in Wofford Heights. She then nurtured her new roots until they took a firm hold in the community. She played an active part in the lives of her children and her family and special friends.

Marguerite is survived by three daughters, Michele Palme, of Lake Isabella; Donna Fay of Lake Isabella; and Christina Gabaig of Panorama City, California. Also by one brother-in-law, Gene Trey Baraldi, of Iowa and four grandchildren, Sean Arms, Paul Arms, and Amanda Arms, all of Lake Isabella, and by Shana Gabaig of Panorama City. Marguerite also has one great-grandchild, Dylan Gabaig, of Panorama City. She will be truly missed by all those of whom she loved and by all those who loved her. She will be deeply missed.

## Pauline Elizabeth Mershon

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 13, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Mrs. Pauline Elizabeth Mershon. Officiating were the Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Mershon is survived by her son David Mershon of Bodfish; her sister Olivene Shuster of Canton, Ohio; and her sister-in-law, Harriet Hunter of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Pauline was born July 9, 1924 and passed away on January 2, 1998 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. She was a member of the W.O.T.M. #1297 Kern Valley, former member of the W.O.T.M. #976 Redondo Beach, F.O.E. #935 Auxiliary Redondo Beach, and F.O.E. #3156 Auxiliary of Mt. Mesa.

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

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Mary G. Hilderbrand

Graveside services were held December 30, 1997 for Mary G. Hilderbrand who passed away December 27, 1997, in Mt. Mesa. Mrs. Hilderbrand was born April 8, 1917 in Snyder, Texas.

She worked for the Safeway Stores for 28 years before retiring.

She was a resident of Wofford Heights for 35 years.

Mrs. Hilderbrand is survived by her four sons, Terry Moore of Eugene, Oregon; Robert Moore of Lake Isabella; George Moore of Bakersfield; and John Fields of Los Osos, California; and many grandsons and great-grandsons.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1998

## Margaret "Peggy" Frances Farrell

A Catholic mass was held on Wednesday, January 7, 1998, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights at 10 a.m. for Margaret Farrell, who passed away on January 3, 1998, in Lake Isabella.

Margaret was born in Longmont, Colorado on February 21, 1906. She moved with her family to the San Joaquin Valley in 1910, growing up in Visalia.

She was a direct decendent of Richard Stockton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, from New Jersey. Margaret was a lifelong book-keeper, seamstress and milliner. She lived in the Glendale and La Canada area before retiring and moving to the Lake Isabella area in 1971. She and her husband, Ferris, discovered the Kern Valley in the 1940's and started weekendng in 1955.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Clara Stockton Sampson; brother, Charles Pilling, and her beloved husband, Ferris. She is survived by her son, Jay, and grandsons, Jeffrey and David.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the Margaret Farrell Memorial Scholarship Fund at St. Francis High School, 200 Foothill Blvd., La Canada, Calif. 91011

Pall bearers were Jeffrey Farrell, David Farrell, Jim Roberts, Gary Garone, Earl Cole and Ron Frabasilio.

Margaret will be missed by all whose lives she touched.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Carol Anna McLaughlin

Carol Anna McLaughlin died January 7, 1998, on her 89th birthday.

She was active all her adult life in Carlsbad, California, in PTA and then for over 20 years as a volunteer with the police department. For more than 20 years she was an influential and caring treasurer/supporter of the Carlsbad Girls Club.

Carol moved to Kernville in 1991 where she supported the Kernville Museum and the Kern River Valley Preserve.

She is survived by her husband, Don, two sons: Lee McLaughlin of Oceanside, California, and his children, Wendy, Pox, Linda, Doug and Denny McLaughlin; and Roger McLaughlin of Wofford Heights and his two children, Roger Jr. and Ryan. Her great-grandchildren Nicholas, Kelly, Jessica, Dylan, Derek and Matthew have all started life in touch with her gentle caring.

She quietly gave strength and love to so many friends, relatives and ex-daughter-in-law's aching lonely hearts; all reminding each other that the sun still comes up every day and the birds still sing. We learned that from her.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens

Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens was born in Alney, Texas, to her parents, Travis and Valerie Kelley. In 1949, Peggy, her parents, and her family moved to Modesto, California. They resided there for three years and then headed south to Compton, California, where the family put down long-term ties to the community. There Peggy's parents raised their family and that's where she truly became a family oriented individual. She learned to love her family fiercely and built a strong emotional base that would carry her through all of the trials and tribulation of her life.

In 1991, Peggy moved to the Kern Valley area, residing in Lake Isabella. There she found a place to use her talents at gardening, planting and yardwork. She loved planting trees and working hard to make her home into her castle. Even greater than her love of the outdoors was her love for animals. She held an especially big place in her heart for dogs. She would pick up every stray that would walk down the road. The greatest love of all, though, was the love of her children and grandchildren. As she was loved, she loved them fiercely. That fierce love, however, was not enough to keep her here with us. She heard the calling of the Lord and she went home. On January 1, 1998, Thelma Ann "Peggy" Clemens passed away in Los Angeles. Funeral services were held on January 8, 1998, at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with Father Jim Kudilii celebrating her life. Peggy is now with the Lord. "We love you, we miss you, and we're proud to be a part of your family." Peggy will be truly missed.

Peggy is survived by her mother, Valerie Kelley, of Lake Isabella; her son, Kelley Lee Clemens, of Lake Isabella; her sister, Patricia Cornett, of Orange County; and her sister, Joy Kelley, of Palm Desert, California. Her son, Donald Travis Clemens, preceded her in death in 1993. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Natasha Ann Clemens, Sam Travis Clemens, and Donald Clemens, all of whom reside in Denver, Colorado. Charles M. Clemens also survives her.



## Fern Mae Zackula

Fern Mae Zackula, age 72, a resident of Wofford Heights for 17 years, died November 13, 1997, at her daughter's home in Sumner, Washington after a two-year battle with cancer. Fern was born in Colwich, Kansas, on June 16, 1925. She served as a teachers aide for 15 years at Woodrow Wallace Elementary. She was a member of Kern River Chapter #643 OES and

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## Bill Levescy

Bill Levescy passed away on December 19, 1997 at the age of 69. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 6, 1928. Bill lived in Weldon for the last 6 years of his life.

Bill retired to Weldon after 25 years as a dedicated letter carrier for the U. S. Postal Service in Huntington Beach, California. He loved Weldon and the friends and neighbors he had there.

Bill is survived by his wife of 12 years, Marjory Levescy. He is also survived by his step-children, Bill and Janelle Ruyf of Omaha, Nebraska; Mike Ruyf of Springfield, Missouri; Vanessa Ruyf of Huntington Beach, California; Jim and Gloria Michael of Bethany, Oklahoma, as well as 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Bill also left behind a brother, Jerome Wilson and his wife Tillie of Wheatridge, Colorado and his sister-in-law Rose Levescy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Cremation and services held at Westminster Memorial Park in Westminster, California.

## Carol Anna McLaughlin

Carol Anna McLaughlin died January 7, 1998, on her 89th birthday.

She was active all her adult life in Carlsbad, California, in PTA and then for over 20 years as a volunteer with the police department. For more than 20 years she was an influential and caring treasurer/supporter of the Carlsbad Girls Club.

Carol moved to Kernville in 1991 where she supported the Kernville Museum and the Kern River Valley Preserve.

She is survived by two sons: Lee McLaughlin of Oceanside, California, and his children, Wendy Pox, Linda, Doug and Denny McLaughlin; and Roger McLaughlin of Wofford Heights and his two children, Roger Jr.

## Joseph Harold Wagner

Joseph Harold Wagner was born in Kernville on April 2, 1962 and went to be with the Lord on January 13, 1998. He passed away at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield from complications of the flu.

Joe lived in Kernville all his life. He loved the river and mountains and all of God's creatures. He was an artist and craftsman who could take any object and create something beautiful.

His survivors include his life partner, Kenny Loser; his parents, Bruce and Shirley Wagner; brothers, Dan of Kernville; John of Wofford Heights; Jack, Shawn, Eric and Jason, also of Kernville; sister and brother-in-law, Shirlin and Charles Linton, of Wofford Heights; sisters, Mary and Shelly of Kernville; his Nana Trudy Dickson, also of Kernville; uncle, Larry Wagner, of Inyokern; aunts, Judy Henderson, of Oildale, and Lynda McDonald of Torrance; six nieces, three nephews, one great-nephew, and lots of cousins. He is also survived by special brothers, Larry and Robert Doty; employer and friends, Pat and Diane Dodds; as well as many, many friends who loved him and will miss him.

Please join in a celebration of Joe's life at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 11 a.m.

## Mary C. Ball

A private service was held at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, California, on January 9, 1998 for Lake Isabella resident Mary C. Ball.

Born in Italy on September 29, 1916, she moved to Ohio with her parents at age 9. She married Harold Ball in 1949, and they moved to California in 1952. She moved to Lake Isabella in 1978.

Mary is survived by three daughters, Teri Burton of Omaha, Nebraska; Judi Krell of Bellflower, California; and Anna Kelly of Buena Park, California; three sisters, Fran Rach of Deerfield, Ohio; Teresa Black of North Palm Beach, Florida; and Carmella Hoskins of Winder, Georgia; and two brothers, Joe Barberine of Lancaster, California, and Frank Barberine of Greenville, Ohio; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mary was a long time member of the Moose Lodge and could usually be seen playing bingo at the Moose or VFW. She enjoyed catfishing at the flume, where she was affectionately known as "Catfish" Mary.



## Beryl M. Neeley

Services were held for Beryl M. Neeley at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 14, 1998. She was interred at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Neeley passed away on Sunday, January 11, 1998, after a short illness. She was 84 years old.

In August of 1964, Beryl met and married her present husband, Earl C. Neeley. They moved to the Kern Valley in 1965, making their home in Wofford Heights.

Beryl accepted a position as the first administrator of Kern Valley Hospital. She helped to plan, organize and initiate the operations of a full service hospital. Beryl was also instrumental in bringing the first doctor to the Valley. Her husband, Earl, was a businessman who owned and operated several businesses in the Lake Isabella area.

Beryl left the hospital to join her husband in opening and operating the Sears Catalogue store in Lake Isabella. She continued this work until her retirement in 1975.

After retirement, Beryl and Earl began travelling, exploring many parts of the country. They enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing, much of it along

the beautiful Kern River.

A major role in their lives was played by their activities in various social organizations in the valley.

Beryl and Earl were very active in the Elks Club, Beryl being a past president of the Ladies of the Elks and a 52 year member of the Rebekahs. They also participated actively with the Moose Lodge and the Beamers Bottle Club.

As well as being very active in the community, Beryl was known for her musical talents. She began playing the pipe organ in her church when she was 16 years old and continued for love of the organ throughout her life.

Her leisure time activities included reading, sewing and knitting. She also loved to cook. She enjoyed entertaining, having company dinners and enjoying people.

Beryl was born Beryl Josephine Bertrand in Dover, Missouri on October 15, 1913. Her mother's maiden name was Sophia Mae Shumaker and her father was Bertie Edward Bertrand. She had one sister, Vera.

At age 22, Beryl married Raymond C. Martin in Lexington, Missouri. They moved to the Los Angeles area shortly thereafter. They had two children, Daniel Bertrand Martin (deceased) and Janice C. Martin. They remained in the Los Angeles area for the next 25 years, making their home in Bellflower and Norwalk.

Beryl began her career as a bookkeeper, later entering the medical field. She attended school in the evenings while working and caring for her family.

Her previous position before moving to the Kern Valley was supervisor of the Medical Records Department at Bellwood General Hospital in

Bellflower and Lakewood General Hospital in Lakewood.

She served in this capacity for many years. Among her achievements during this time, she began teaching in the medical records field at Cerritos Junior College. She continued to teach after losing her first husband following a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, Earl C. Neeley of Wofford Heights, a daughter, Janice C. Wales of Phoenix, Arizona, a stepdaughter, Sylvia Peterson of Sheridan, Montana, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Beryl will be deeply missed by her husband, family, friends and all who knew and loved her.

## Clytie Allen

Memorial services were held Friday, January 16, 1998, for Clytie Allen at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Clytie passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 1998 at the age of 92.

She was born in Sterling, Illinois, and moved to California in 1908. She lived in Studio City and Ventura before moving to Lake Isabella. Recently she lived at The Burlington in Wofford Heights.

Clytie was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Paul Allen; her granddaughter, Patricia Horn; and great-grandson, Aarori Horn. She is survived by her daughter, Jean Obert and her husband of Lake Isabella; her son, Charles Allen and his wife of Kailua Kona, Hawaii; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



## Alys Violet Reimold VanOrsdol

Memorial services were held on January 14, 1998 at the Family Life Center in Wofford heights, California. The services honoring Alys were by pastor Brian Polston, family and friends. Alys passed away after a long illness on Sunday, January 11, 1998 in her home with her loving family. She was born in East Orange, New Jersey, on October 23, 1928. She moved to Santa Monica in 1940, where she lived and graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1946. Alys met her husband Bill in 1950 at Vons #17. She married him on November 8, 1952. Alys and Bill lived with their three children in San Fernando, California, until 1963 and in Simi Valley, California, until 1985. She retired from Vons in 1985, after 35 years, and moved to Wofford Heights, near the Kern River and Lake Isabella.

Alys has always belonged to numerous organizations; some included her loving church, Family Life Center ("her second family"), the Kern River Valley Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Kern River Valley Art and Knitting, South Fork Women's Club, the Elk's Club, and the Golf Club. Alys loved life and lived life to its fullest extent. The family would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Dr. Olivera and Robby, Dr. Runman, Doreen Schneider, and friends for helping take care of our lovely Mother and Wife.

Alys is survived by her husband, Bill VanOrsdol of Wofford Heights; Her brother Jerry Luther of Garfield Bay, Idaho; her sister Phyllis Lorimer of Oceanside, California; her sons Steve VanOrsdol of Santa Paula, California and Robert VanOrsdol of Quartz Hill, California; and her daughter Cindy (V.O.) Merwin of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. Alys is also survived by her grandchildren, Lori VanOrsdol of Simi Valley; Justin VanOrsdol of Carbondale, Colorado; and Naomi Merwin and Julian Beebe of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society, P. O. Box 651, Kernville, California, 93238.

## Dr. Wayne "Doc" Sickler

Dr. Wayne "Doc" Sickler was born in McCook, Nebraska, on October 5, 1916. He passed away January 11, 1998, after a long illness.

He was a 50-year member of the American Legion where he was a past commander. He was a commander of the V.F.W.; 3-year president of the Men's Golf Club; and a member of the Elks.

"Doc" served in the Medical Corp. of the Army in charge of a hospital in Iceland where he taught medical lab techniques in research, performed autopsies, treated the wounded ferry commanders. He had many letters commending him on his research on penicillin and sulfanilimides.

He had his osteopathic training in Kansas City College of Osteopathic Surgery in Kirksville, Missouri. His chiropractic training was received in Denver, Colorado; medical training in Liverpool School of Medicine in London, England.

He is survived by his wife, Estella; daughter Debby Hobson and Pat of Los Alamos, New Mexico; stepdaughters Darlene Dacovich and Dan of Fallbrook, California; Doris Adams and Steve of Glendora, California; Barbara Agger and Gary of San Diego; and many grand and great-grandchildren. "Doc" will be missed by his loving wife and many friends.

The loves of his life were his patients and his golf.

A memorial service was held at the Elks Lodge on Thursday, January 19, 1998. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimers Research Foundation.

## Marie Wilhelmina Mayo

A memorial service was held Sunday January 25, 1998 at 2:00 P. M. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Marie Wilhelmina Mayo of Bodfish.

Marie was born July 26, 1905 in Beverwijk the Netherlands and died January 16, 1998 at Kern Valley Hospital. She was 92 years old.

Marie was preceded in death by her husband Ed Mayo in 1990. She is survived by her sons Jerry Ridgman of Bodfish; Duane Ridgman of Placentia, California; brother Garrett Joor of Corona, California; sisters Berdena McNamara of Bellvedra, California; Viola Owens of Escondido, California; 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## George Artman

Private arrangements were made for George Artman who passed away in Mt. Mesa, California on January 22, 1998. George was born January 14, 1915 in the County of Burleigh, North Dakota and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 42 years.

George was a bus driver for 24 years for Woodrow Wallace Elementary School. He and his wife belonged to the Dam Dancers Square Dance Club for many years. He was a born again Christian and worked in various Christian Ministries.

George was preceded in death by his wife Cecila in April of 1995. He is survived by his daughter Connie Romer of Fontana, California and 2 sisters, Ada Saunders of Long Beach, California and Annette Simpson of Palm Desert, California.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1998

## Rene B. Gardner

Rene B. Gardner died January 20, 1998 in his Lake Isabella home after a long illness. He grew up in Bakersfield, attending local schools, and was in business there for over 25 years. After retirement, he and his wife of 57 years, Jean, made their home in Squirrel Valley overlooking the lake. Rene enjoyed hunting, fishing, travelling around the U. S. in his motorhome, and taking daily walks with his hunting dog.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Lorraine of Brentwood, California; sister, Berniece Kildebeck of Seal Beach, California; brother, Doug of Bonita, California; nieces and nephews of Los Angeles and San Diego; and cousins in California, Oregon, and Arizona. He will be missed by his family and friends.

At the request of the deceased, no funeral services will be held. Inurnment will be at Greenlawn Mortuary, River Boulevard, Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Robert Paul Romaine

A mass was held Saturday, January 24, 1998 at St. Jude's Catholic Church, for Robert P. Romaine who passed away on January 16, 1998 at the age of 83. Robert was born on October 12, 1914 in New Jersey to Leo and Irene Romaine. Robert was a long time resident of Wofford Heights and was co-owner of the BMR stables in Weldon. Robert enjoyed many things in his life and his spirit lives on in his children and grandchildren. Robert is survived by his daughters, Bonnie, Karen and Sandy, as well as his eight grandchildren. Robert will be greatly missed and forever loved by all whose lives he touched.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Margaret Hunnington

Memorial services were held for Margaret Hunnington, age 75, on Saturday, January 24, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Rose Chapel in Lake Isabella. Margaret passed away at home on January 19, 1998. She entered life on March 3, 1922, in the sleepy little town of Graceville, Minnesota. Born to her parents, Hubert and Ollie Docherty, she was raised having solid mid-western values and an abiding faith in the Lord. In her life, she raised a wonderful family and taught them the values that she had learned in her life. She became a pillar of strength for her family and friends that she held dear. She prided herself on being a true and devoted wife, mother, mentor, and friend.

After moving to Canoga Park, California, Margaret began working for the Canoga Park Community Hospital, where she continued to be of service to other people. She continued to play an important part in her family's lives.

In 1978, Margaret, after residing in Canoga Park for a number of years, made the decision to move to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Lake Isabella. After being in the valley for a while, she found a true church home, the Kern Valley Bible Church. There she found a new church family and endeavored to help all those around her. She always knew when to give a kind word. She always knew when to help when it was needed. She will be truly missed by all those who love her, and her absence will be greatly felt.

Margaret is survived by two daughters, Ginger Harley, of Glendora, California; and Gloria Linkert, of Rosemount, Minnesota; and by three sons, Dick Johnson, of Dazey, North Dakota; Tom Johnson of

Clinton, Minnesota; and Charles Guse of Apple Valley, Minnesota. Margaret has two surviving sisters, Anna Hamner and Mildred Hanson, both of Minnesota; and one surviving brother, Robert Docherty, of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael Bell, James Bell, Allen Johnson, Robert Johnson, Jody Johnson, Chad Linkert, Wade Linkert, DeAnna Guse, and Allison Guse.

### Clebborn "Ozzie" Asbill

Clebborn Asbill, "Ozzie" to most who knew him, passed away January 23, 1998, in Bodfish.

He is survived by his wife, Leavone; daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Phil Hartsfield; two granddaughters, Melanie Tierney and Kasey Pixler; three great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Kolton and Michael. He is also survived by his two sisters, Thelma Young and Deann Walters, and brother, Donald Asbill.

Ozzie enjoyed people and many activities that kept him outdoors.

He has touched so many lives and we all will miss him.

### Alfredo M. Gallego

Alfredo M. Gallego, widowed in 1982, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather, passed away Saturday, January 24, 1998, at Kern Valley Nursing Center. He moved to Lake Isabella in 1982.

His wife, Maria Luisa, passed away in 1982. He had three children — a son, Ignacio Gallego, of Phoenix, Arizona; a daughter, Lydi Rael, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; a daughter, Lucille Miller, of San Jose, California; 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was buried on Wednesday, January 28, 1998, at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wolford Heights.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Lucille Lindberg

Funeral services were held for Lucille Gertrude Lindberg on January 23, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Lucille was 78 years of age. She was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 3, 1919, to her parents, Alden Dalton Taylor and Hettie Genievieve Taylor. On June 14, 1938, in Elkton, Maryland, Lucille married the love of her life, Fredrick Carl Lindberg.

In 1947, Fredrick's company was expanding, and he and Lucille moved to California, then residing in Stockton. It was in California that Lucille truly began to shine, becoming a wonderful wife and proud mother who loved her family to the utmost extent. She was many things to her family - devoted wife, loving mother, family peacekeeper, mediator, and most of all, a friend. After living in Stockton, Lucille and Fredrick moved to Corona and in 1977, Fredrick and Lucille retired and moved to the Kern River Valley, then settling down in Lake Isabella. There, Lucille continued to be all things to her family.

But a while back, Lucille was diagnosed with cancer. During this time, the whole family was able to say all the things that were needed to be said to one another. Through her life, Lucille had always been a fighter, but sometimes in our lives, we don't always win our fights, and this one was lost. In the wee hours of the morning of January 21, 1998, Lucille passed away. But in her passing, her family gained her strength. All who knew and loved her and of whom she loved, will truly feel her absence, but will be comforted in knowing that she went home. We love you.

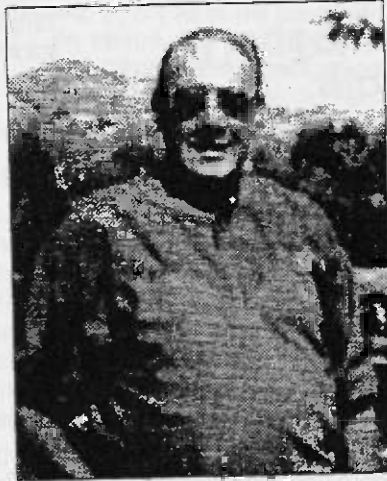
Lucille is survived by her husband of 59 years, Frederick; her son, Fredrick

Carl Lindberg Jr., of Victorville; her daughter, Patricia Lucille Newman, Bullhead City, Arizona; and her daughter, Carol Lee Simms.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Theodore Eugene Sweet

A memorial service was held Sunday, February 1, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Theodore Eugene Sweet of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Oren Ice of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Sweet was born May 10, 1928 in Buffalo, New York, and passed away January 26, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. He was a resident of the Kern Valley for six years. He retired from 20th Century Fox after 25 years, and he was a member of the Moose Lodge and the VFW. He was a avid fisherman and loved woodworking.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marie; his daughter, Cynthia Meyers of Lake Isabella; son Christopher Sweet of Pomona; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Kathy Sweet, of West Covina; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Michelle Sweet, of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; brother, Norbert Sweet, of Torrance; sister, Helen Borowski, of New York; and sister, Sue Fitzgerald, of Patterson, California. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis

On January 29, 1998, memorial services were held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis, who passed away on January 25, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. He was born in Lively, Virginia, to his parents, Thelbert and Hettie, on December 28, 1911. After growing up on the East Coast, in 1940, he entered the United States Civil Service and became an engineering technician.

In the 1950s he moved to California and continued working in his field. Tennyson strived to be a good provided for his family and became a devoted family man. After 31 years with the Civil Service, in 1971 he retired and moved to the Kern River Valley area, settling down in Bodfish. He and his wife, Hazel, then became very active in the community, becoming members of their church, joining the 55+ Club. He joined the Men's Fellowship in the church. Tennyson loved playing cards, gardening, and most of all, cooking. He was a great cook. All together, he and Hazel lived well and were very happy. But on January 25, Tennyson William Thelbert Lewis, loving husband and father, passed away in Mountain Mesa. He has gone home to be with his maker. He will be very much missed by all who loved him.

Tennyson is survived by his wife, Hazel, of Bodfish; and his daughter, Peggy Kipp, of Aloha, Oregon. He is also survived by his stepdaughter, Doris Ferguson, of Riverside; his stepson, James Temple, of Ridgecrest; and his stepson, John Temple, of Palm Desert. His first wife, Gracie Lewis, and his son, William, preceded him in passing.

## Elton Marion Nelson

Elton Marion Nelson was born in Kern County December 12, 1914. He passed away in Lake Isabella January 24, 1998. He farmed in the Lamont area but was also an avid sportsman going on yearly trips to Wyoming and Colorado, hunting deer, elk, moose and antelope. He also enjoyed camping and fishing in the Bishop and Sequoia country where Elton was usually the chief cook.

When he retired, he and his wife Ethel moved to Baywood Park where they fished for halibut. Ethel often caught the larger ones, Elton being busy handling the boat. But his love for the mountains drew them to Lake Isabella where they designed and built one of their several homes. He loved working with wood.

After Christmas each year they would go camping to Quartzite and Arizona, returning to Lake Isabella in March. For several years they enjoyed this trailer camping with a group of the same friends.

Elton belonged to the Danish Brotherhood Lodge #319 and two CB groups, including the KRV CB'ers. He greatly enjoyed camp-outs with this latter group, including the many steak barbecues and fish fries they held around the lakeshore. He liked these potlucks and was one of the chief french-fry cooks at many of them.

Elton Nelson was known for helping out friends and neighbors with his many skills whenever he was needed. His hospitality and friendliness will be missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ethel C. Nelson; daughter and son-in-law Lena Marie and Boyce Stull; grandchildren Cinde Horne and Louis Stull; his sister Pauline Jacobsen and her daughter Margaret Southwick; numerous nieces, nephews and three sister-in-laws.

A very private memorial was held in his home.

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## Wayne Egbert Icenogle

Funeral services were held Friday February 20, 1998 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, for Wayne E. Icenogle, 70, of Weldon, CA who went to be with the Lord on Friday February 13, 1998. Officiating was Pastor David Snow.

Wayne was born September 9, 1927 in Rushville, Illinois, son of Henry and Amelia (Egbert) Icenogle. He married Elva K. Sherrill on December 19, 1948 in Rushville, Ill. Wayne served his country in the Navy during WWII in the Philippines.

Wayne and Elva lived in Altona, Illinois for 38 years before moving to this area. During his lifetime he was a farmer, school bus driver and self-employed carpenter and handyman. He helped establish a Church in Galva, Illinois and he has been involved in his local Church, the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, leading Bible studies. He loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing and the Redwoods. He enjoyed working with wood.

Wayne is survived by his wife Elva of Weldon, Ca.; a sister Phillis Marlow of Golden, Ill.; son Gary Wayne Icenogle and daughter-in-law Sheryl of Galesburg, Ill.; a daughter Carolynne Ann Belomme and son-in-law Wilmann of Lincoln, Ill.; two granddaughters, Angeletta Gargano of Weldon, Ca. and MaryAnn Icenogle of Galesburg, Ill.; one grandson, Stephen Belhomme of Lincoln, Ill.; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins whom he dearly loved. Memorials may be made to the family, in care of Elva Icenogle 5009 Yokut Ct. Weldon, CA 93283.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Bernice Beck

Bernice Beck was born on April 26, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri. She died on January 25, 1998 in Bakersfield, California.

Bernice lived in Lake Isabella. She was a member of St. Jude's Altar and Rosary Society.

She is sadly missed by her children, grandchildren and brother.

## Robert L. Hornbeak

Robert L. Hornbeak died on February 6, 1998 at the age of 70 years.

Robert was born in Newberg, Tennessee. He lived in Bell Gardens, California for many years before retiring to Lake Isabella, California. He felt the lake was his home.

Robert served in the U. S. Navy and later made his living as a roofing contractor.

Robert is survived by his daughter, Janet Lepowsky and granddaughters, Breana and Makenna and his many friends.

## Katherine Lorraine Snider

Memorial services were held at the Kernville United Methodist Church on February 20, 1998 for Katherine Lorraine Snider. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Katherine was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 8, 1918. Her residency in Kernville spanned 24 years. Over time, she had been a member of the United Methodist Women, South Fork Women's Club and Grandmother's Club.

Surviving her are her husband of 56 years, Carl Snider of Kernville; son, Michael and wife Marilyn of Holton, Kansas; sister, Harriet Guernsey of Panorama City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Profound thanks are offered to all who have, through love and caring, enhanced her life and have caused the family a less painful recovery from this inexpressible loss.

## James Leonard Cherry

Graveside services were conducted on Dec. 11, 1997, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery by Pastor Floyd R. Castillo.

Leonard was born on March 16, 1912, in Denver, Colorado, to Angus Leonard Cherry and Adda Rockefeller Cherry. We don't know much about his growing up, but we do know that he finished high school and was a member of the U.S. Army during World War II where he served our country as a staff sergeant, doing one of the toughest jobs there, serving as a medic. He served from Feb. 16, 1942 until Nov. 6, 1945. After being discharged from the Army in 1945, he worked for the U.S. Government at Sawtell Veterans Center on Wilshire in Los Angeles.

On May 5, 1947, he married Vivian Taylor in St. Louis and took her back to California where they lived while he continued working for the Veterans Administration until his retirement in 1973 when they then moved to the Kern River Valley.

Shortly after they arrived in the valley, Leonard saw the many needs for valley seniors. In 1976, he formed the AARP Chapter #2729.

Leonard was a real asset to our community. Some of the activities in which he was directly involved include representing the Kern River Valley in Sacramento and Bakersfield, before we had formal senior legislation, spending many hours as his own expense as a volunteer, doing a lot of travel on behalf of the valley seniors.

He helped to start the 55-Alive driving courses to improve safety and to save money for insurance costs for seniors.

When Gene Tackett was our County Supervisor and Aileen Swan was his representative, Leonard helped in the planning and building of the Senior Center.

He worked hard to get telephones in the canyon and to get the County Transit system going to provide local transportation for our seniors.

He was highly respected wherever he appeared on our behalf and he was recently honored with a plaque from AARP which now hangs in the Senior Center.

He was an active person who spent all of his time helping others. He did a lot of his work through the organizations that he was a part of. Some of those organizations include life member of the American Legion, charter member of AARP Chapter 2729, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, member of the Democratic Club, and served on the Board of Directors of the Clinica Sierra in Wofford Heights.

He died on Dec. 4, 1997. Leonard is survived by his wife of 50-plus years, Vivian; his brothers, Charles "Chuck" Cherry, of Laguna Hills, California; Bob Cherry of San Marcos and Dick Cherry, also of San Marcos. He and Vivian had no children. He is also survived by his many friends.

## Robert James Dunham

Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 9, 1998 at 2 p.m. for Robert James Dunham who went to be with the Lord on Feb. 4, 1998. Officiating was Pastor Bob Coy of the Assembly of God Church of Wofford Heights.

Mr. Dunham was born Nov. 11, 1911 in Bristow, Oklahoma and worked for the Steamfitters Union Local 250 for over 25 years and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a member of the Moose and he enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Ann Dunham; his son, James Potter of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter, Shirley Pace, of Lake Isabella; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Fraley of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Roy Arnold Gibson

Roy Arnold Gibson passed away on Jan. 31, 1998, at the age of 86. He was born in Dewy, Oklahoma, on March 8, 1911.

Preceding him was his brothers, Charles Everitt Gibson and Wilson Garrett Gibson. Roy is survived by his wife of 64 years, Vitoris Elizabeth Gibson; and his sons, Charles Roy Gibson, of Los Angeles; and Arnold Theodore Gibson, of Cerritos, California; as well as five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

He moved to Southern California when he was very young and also worked there. When he retired, he moved to Bodfish. He was active all his life in community service to the churches he worshipped in and to the Boy Scouts of America where he received many awards of service and leadership. He also was always there to help his family and friends.

Private services and burial will be held at Westminster Memorial Park, Westminster, California. Memorial services will also be held at Lake Isabella First Baptist Church. Roy will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

## Alys Violet Reimold VanOrsdol

Memorial services were held on Jan. 14, 1998, at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. The services honoring Alys were by Pastor Brian Polston, family and friends. Alys passed away after a long illness on Sunday, Jan. 11, 1998, in her home with her loving family. She was born in East Orange, New Jersey on Oct. 23, 1928. She moved to Santa Monica in 1940, where she lived and graduated from Van Nuys High School in 1946. Alys met her husband, Bill, in 1950 at Vons #17. She married him on Nov. 8, 1952. Alys and Bill lived with their three children in San Fernando, California, until 1963 and in Simi Valley, California, until 1985. She retired from Vons in 1985, after 35 years, and moved to Wofford Heights, near the Kern River and Lake Isabella.

Alys has always belonged to numerous organizations, some included her loving church, Family Life Center, "her second family," the Kern River Valley Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Kern River Valley Art and Knitting, South Fork Women's Club, the Elks Club, and the Golf Club. Alys loved life and lived life to its fullest extent. The family would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Dr. Olivera and Robby, Dr. Runman, Doreen Schneider, and friends for helping take care of their lovely mother and wife.

She is survived by her husband, Bill VanOrsdol, of Wofford Heights; her brother, Jerry Luther, of Garfield Bay, Idaho; her sister, Phyllis Lorimer, of Oceanside, California; her sons, Steve VanOrsdol, of Santa Paula, California; and Robert VanOrsdol, of Quartz Hill, California; and her daughter, Cindy (V.O.) Merwin, of (Weaverville) Junction City, California. Alys is also survived by her grandchildren, Lori VanOrsdol of Simi Valley; Justin Van Orsdol, of Carbondale, Colorado; and Naomi Merwin and Julian Beebe of (Weaverville) Junction City, California.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society, P.O. Box 651, Kernville, CA 93238.

## Maurice Gonzalves

Maurice Gonzalves passed away Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13, 1998, in Fresno at the age of 79. Mrs. Gonzalves was a native of Wynnwood, Oklahoma. She was born on April 14, 1918 and had resided in Lake Isabella for the past 38 years.

Mrs. Gonzalves is survived by her sons, Jerry Ross, of Arizona; and Michael Ross, of Yorba Linda, California; one sister, Melba Branam, of Fresno; numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by Patrick Ross and Willie Rankin.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Jan. 23, 1998, at the Madera Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights under the direction of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Mindie Corin McDonald

Services were held at the Mountain View Baptist Church on Saturday, Feb. 7, 1998, for Mindie Corin McDonald, who went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998. Pastor Deryl Lackey officiated. J.R. Manuel presided at the graveside services which followed at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

Mindie was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 19, 1980. She live in Pahrump and Las Vegas, Nevada, for eight years and was active in many church, school and community activities including Awanas, gymnastics, dance team, swim team, baseball and English horseback riding. In August 1991 she resided in Waco, Texas and continued to be active in church and school activities. She then lived in Corpus Christi, Texas, until the summer of 1994 when she returned to the Kern River Valley. Mindie was a very charismatic young lady who touched everyone she came in contact with.

She is survived by her mother, Terry L. McDonald, of Kernville; her father, George L. McDonald, and his wife, Cindy, of Beeville, Texas; her brothers, Chris McDonald, and Danny and Robert Cook; three stepbrothers, Bobby, Kevin, and Aaron Benick; grandparents, Pauline and Bill Loving of Odessa, Texas; and Rose Marie Robinson, of Weldon. Mindie has a large loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Preceding her in death were her grandfathers, Clyde Bob Robinson and G.W. "Pete" McDonald.

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## Arthur Edwin Kent

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, for Arthur Edwin Kent at the Kernville Baptist Church. Officiating was Pastor Richard Lewis.

Mr. Kent was born Aug. 21, 1926, in Los Angeles, and passed away Feb. 4, 1998, in Wofford Heights. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 19 years.

He was a member of the Elks, the Moose and the VFW. He belonged to the Pattern Makers Union. He was also very active in racing in the dry lakes and later in life was a pioneer in the jet boat racing industry.

Mr. Kent is survived by a son, Richard Kent, of Red Bluff, California; daughter, Janelle Kent, of San Diego; son, Art Kent, of Medford, Oregon; son, Emmett Kent, of San Diego; daughter, April Bevins, of Weldon; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Alice C. Otwell

Alice Corrine Otwell died at the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital in Auburn, California, on Feb. 8, 1998, at the age of 83. She was born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas on Sept. 1, 1914, and had been a resident of Auburn, California for five years. She was previously a resident of Kern County for 10 years and Hot Springs resident until 1951.

She is survived by her sons, Wayne Otwell, of Lake of the Pines; and Darrell Otwell, of Newbury Park, California; daughters, Mary Ellen Dorough, of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Murlene Hopkins, of Lake of the Pines; and Linda Behrens, of Woodland Hills, California; sisters Cordelia Jackson, of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; and Lois Furr, of Tucson, Arizona; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park Chapel in Bakersfield on Thursday at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Gideon's International and may be forwarded to Lassila Funeral Chapels, 551 Grass Valley Highway, Auburn, California 95603.



## John Sumner

John Sumner died Feb. 10, 1998. He was born in Corbin, Kentucky in August of 1926.

He was active in many community activities and held numerous leadership posts. John was Sr. Vice Commander in the D.A.V. and active in the V.F.W. Post #7665, in both of which he was a life member. He was also active in the Eagles, Bodfish Beamers, Charter member of Oildale Moose #1222. He also held a Fellowship Degree in Moose 498 in Lake Isabella.

John was in the Navy from 1944 to 1947 in the South Pacific and was involved in the atomic bomb testing on Bikini Atoll. He worked in the oil fields for over 30 years in California, South America, Australia, Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Jackie; loyal and devoted stepdaughter, Gail Goar; and her son, Michael Dennison, of Tehachapi; a brother, Carl Sumner, of Kentucky; a sister, Lucille, of Wisconsin; three daughters and numerous grandchildren.

Cremation of Mish Funeral Home in Oildale and interment of ashes in the Veterans Cemetery in Riverside, California.

A memorial for John will be held on Feb. 22, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the V.F.W. Hall in Lake Isabella.

## Frances Aileen Strobl

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998, at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Christian Church for Frances Aileen Strobl who went to be with the Lord on Feb. 9, 1998. Officiating was Pastor Duane Splawn.

Frances was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years and was an active member of the Kern River Valley Christian Church until her health kept her from going.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Cheryl Pence, of Arizona; and daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Rod Roemmich, of Lake Isabella; Vicki and Bruce Redman, of Encinitas, California; Susan and Jerry Phillips, of Washington; and daughter, Pat Johnston, of Cucamonga, California; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was always so sweet because she loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## William Hauser

William Hauser, age 85, passed away in Bakersfield on Feb. 20, 1998 after a short illness. The fifth child of Clyde W. and Mary Shope Hauser, he was born December 27, 1912 in Los Angeles. He attended school in Los Angeles.

He was united in marriage with Irene Mae Bamard on Dec. 24, 1940 and to this union were born two sons, William G. and Donald E.

Bill and Irene were active with children and youth organizations in various capacities and always enjoyed helping with the PTA and Scouts. Both he and Irene were honored for their work in PTA with life memberships. Irene died on Aug. 10, 1981.

During World War II, Bill built aircraft in Southern California. Later he became a tool and die maker, designed many prototypes for Knickerbocker Toys of Los Angeles. He worked in the plastics industry, designing tools for Sparling Meter Co. of Los Angeles, as general manager of Dee & Dee Plastics of Pasadena, and designing and constructing prototype equipment for his own company. In 1965, he "retired" to Bishop, operating an automotive front-end alignment service and gas station, before moving to the Lake Isabella area in 1976.

It wasn't unusual to hear him playing one of his many harmonicas, maybe even one he modified himself. He especially like to make music with his brother, George, and brother-in-law (by marriage), Jim Hall. Bill enjoyed tinkering in his shop, building lapidary equipment and traveling.

He was a member of the Kern River Valley Lodge No. 8927, Free & Accepted Masons of California, Kern Valley Moose Lodge #498, K.R.V. Senior Citizens, Lake Isabella, and Mountain "Airs" Citizens Band Radio Club, Kern River Valley.

Bill is survived by his brother, George, of Wofford Heights; sons Bill and Kathie, of Layton, Utah; Don and Catherine, of LaVerne; two grandchildren, Denice and Matt Tappero, of

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Kitty Hawk, North Carolina; and Steve and Donna Hauser of Sterling, Virginia; and a great-grandchild Tappero expected in September; special nieces, Gwen, Mindy and Cheryl Schock, of Simi Valley; and Velven Lyons, La Puente. He is also survived by one step-granddaughter, Chariotte and Bob Reddington; three step-great-grandchildren, Brian Williams, Suzy Williams, and Helen and Cory Stevens; and three step-great-great-grandchildren, Dylan Williams, Breanna Stevens and Allen E. Stevens; and close friend, Ava Colescott.

He was predeceased by his parents, wife Irene, sisters Kathleen and Myrtle and brothers Art, Charles, and a brother who died at birth.

A memorial service was held on February 24 under the auspices of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827. His ashes will be scattered in the ancient bristlecone pine forest of the Inyo National Forest, joining Irene's.

The family would prefer any remembrances be directed toward a proposed service club project to purchase kidney dialysis equipment for the Kern Valley (c/o Bob Conley, Kern River Valley Lodge No. 87).

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Elsie Joyce Sherman

Elsie Joyce Sherman, age 88, passed away Feb. 21, 1998 at Pleasant Care. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada and has lived in Wofford Heights for seven years.

She is survived by three sisters, two nephews, a grand-niece and great-grand-nephew. She lived a full life. She and her husband traveled a lot when they were younger. Her family shall miss her.

## Katherine Lorraine Snider

Memorial services were held at the Kernville United Methodist Church on February 20, 1998 for Katherine Lorraine Snider. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Katherine was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 8, 1918. Her residency in Kernville spanned 24 years. Over time, she had been a member of the United Methodist Women, South Fork Women's Club and Grandmother's Club.

Surviving her are her husband of 56 years, Carl Snider of Kernville; son, Dennis, of Anaheim; son, Michael and wife Marilyn of Holton, Kansas; sister, Harriet Guernsey of Panorama City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Profound thanks are offered to all who have, through love and caring, enhanced her life and have caused the family a less painful recovery from this inexpressible loss.

## Lewis Paul Balthasar

Lew was born in Pasadena, California on Feb. 14, 1913 and passed away on Feb. 21, 1998, at the age of 85. He was the youngest of seven children, two of whom are surviving: his brother, Harry Balthasar, who lives in Newhall, California; and his sister, Mary Rehorst, of Laguna Hills, California. Lew is survived by his wife, Doris. They have been married almost 48 years. Doris lives in Mt. Mesa, where they have resided since 1971 following Lew's retirement from California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

He is also survived by several nephews, Jan Balthasar of Valencia; Millard Carpenter of San Francisco; Jack Kingan of El Monte; Bill Balthasar of Aliso Viejo; and Bill's three sons, Jason, Travis and Dana Balthasar.

While at Cal-Tech, Lew served as a supervisor of the "wind tunnel," testing the performance of wind resisting equipment, mostly dealing with aircraft. He worked at this during World War II, helping activate many of our planes which were helpful in winning our victories during that war.

When Lew and Doris moved to the Kern River Valley, in 1971, they became active in many community activities — the Historical Society and the South Lake Property Owners Association, of which Lew was a past president, to name only two.

Lew was a Past Master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge. He earned one of the greatest honors, the Hiram Award. He was also an active member of other Masonic Concordant bodies; Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Hiram Roamers (a play group).

Lew was a dedicated member of the Weldon United Methodist Church, 20021 Highway 178, where a memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 27 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Charles R. White officiated and was assisted by two Past Masters of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge; William S. Turner PM and Robert "Bo" Williams PM.

A small graveside service was held in the afternoon of Feb. 27, 1998 at the Bakersfield Union Cemetery, where Lew's ashes are to be interred.

## Edna Adeline Holsberry

A funeral mass was held Friday, Feb. 27, 1998 at 10 a.m. for Edna Adeline Holsberry who passed away Monday, Feb. 23, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. Edna was born Oct. 30, 1918 in Oakley, Michigan.

She moved to Long Beach from Lansing, Michigan in 1946 and worked as a bookkeeper until retiring to Lake Isabella in 1973. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge and the Elks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, and is survived by her sisters, Lucille Frey, of Dimondle, Michigan; and Beatrice Graham, of Mission, Texas; and brother, R.J. Wohlfert, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Donations may be made in her name to St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Thelma Leotus Cole

Thelma Leotus Cole passed away in Bakersfield on Feb. 11, 1998. She was born on Oct. 13, 1910 in Lavaca, Arkansas. She had lived in and enjoyed the beauty of the Kern River Valley for nearly 40 years.

Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, William A. Cole, and a daughter, Thelma Jean Dunham. She is survived by her two daughters, Lorene Cole Weldon of Bakersfield and Lucille Cole Eisenhower of Lake Isabella; a son, William A. Cole, Jr.; and a great-grandson, Chad Smith, whom she had been guardian of for many years. Chad is stationed on the U.S.S. Topeka, a nuclear sub which is believed to be in the Persian Gulf at this time. Her grandchildren include Daniel and Cynthia Dunham, Verna Overton, Lora Sliger, Debra Moe, Steve Perry, Kristine Frisch, Beth Eisenhower, Greg, Stuart and Billy Cole and Teresa Stalford. She also had 19 great-grandchildren who thought she was very special. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all her family.

## Edward Arnold Basham

Edward Arnold Basham was born on July 1, 1954 in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Harvey Arnold Basham and Betty A. Kiper Basham. He departed this life on February 17, 1998 at approximately 12:30 P.M. in San Antonio, Texas.

Edward is survived by a daughter Stacey Marie Basham of San Antonio, Texas; his mother Betty A. (Scharfenberg) Britt of Bodfish, California; a brother Martin L. Basham of Canyon Country, California; two sisters Veronica Dale Muchmore of Tracey, California and Ruth Boyd of Manhattan Beach, California; as well as two nephews, two nieces, five aunts and numerous friends.

Edward was baptized in the Catholic Church and attended both the Catholic Church and the Nazarene Church where he was very active during his years at home.

Edward was a Boy Scout and joined the United States military in his senior year of high school. He left home for basic training at Fort Ord, California upon graduation in 1972. He volunteered for duty in Vietnam, but never went due to the ending of the war. He continued to serve in the military for 20 years before retiring in 1992.

Edward went to work for the city of San Antonio, Texas early in 1993. He served in 3 departments, the last of which was as a city Code Abatement Officer.

Edward was helping the San Antonio Police search for teenage suspects in two home burglaries. He spotted them and was in pursuit both in his city vehicle and on foot when he died of an apparent heart attack. Edward was the first Code Abatement Officer to die in the line of duty in that city.

The funeral was held on February 23, 1998 at the Mission-Alamo Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Samuel Spencer, the San Antonio Police Department Chaplain and Rev. Bill Shockley officiating. He was laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas. He was given full military/police honors including the missing man fly by, a 21 guns salute, an honor guard of police cars numbering 50 plus and the retiring of Edward's badge number over the air.

## William Henry

William Henry passed away in Arizona on March 2, 1998 at the age of 69. William was born in Hominy, Oklahoma on September 2, 1928. William was employed as a teamster for 35 years. He worked for Ameron Steel in Etiwanda, CA.

William moved to Lake Isabella in 1988, where he belonged to the Moose Lodge and the camping club.

William is survived by his wife of 30 years, Marge Henry, his daughters Sharon Styrk of Fontana, California; Nancy Hossler of Tucson, Arizona; Janet Henry, residence unknown; Linda Frizzell of Etiwanda, California and Judy Cudmore of Bakersfield; his son Ron Henry of Ontario, California; his brother, Beeman Henry of Ontario, California; his sisters Francis Young of Victorville, California and Treva Hallaway of Fontana, California; as well as 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

William was a wonderful caring husband and father. We will miss him dearly. Private services will be held.

## Robert Moore Newsom

Robert Moore Newsom was born on September 1, 1914 in Charleston, South Carolina and passed away in Bodfish on March 2, 1998 at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Marion, in 1993 and a grandson, Gregory Lee Perkins in 1986.

He is survived by his daughter, Patty Perkins of Bodfish; his daughter and son-in-law Jeanne and William Merrell also of Bodfish; his 6 grandchildren: Tom Holcomb and his wife Tammy of Bodfish; Kelly Holcomb of Weldon; Kim Aguilar and her husband Joe of Canoga Park, California; Steven Ruley of Las Vegas, Nevada; Linda and Richard Ruley, both of El Monte, California; 12 great grandchildren Holly, Aaron, Michael, Lori, David, Steven, Jessica, Kelsey, Elizabeth, Debbie, Cassidy and Billy as well as one great great grandchild, Carley Ann.

Mr. Newsom was a Kem Valley resident for the past 22 years and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

No services are scheduled.



## Dr. Olin Emeral Duncan

On March 11, 1998, Dr. Olin Emeral Duncan went home to be with the Lord at the age of 92 years in Wofford Heights. He was born on Dec. 31, 1905, in Hastin, Missouri. He accepted Christ as his Saviour, May 18, 1930, in the Foursquare Church of Sterling, Colorado. Olin married Jessie Green of Sterling, Colorado, on August 23, 1932. Together, they went to LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, graduating in 1937.

Their pastorates included Raton, New Mexico; Guymon, Oklahoma; Newton, Kansas; Kansas City, Missouri; and North Platte, Nebraska. In May of 1957 they were appointed as District Supervisors of the Western District of Foursquare

Churches and served in that capacity faithfully for 14 years, seeing a significant growth both in number and size of churches. Dr. and Mrs. Duncan retired from official service in September of 1971, but remained active in speaking engagements throughout the district. They moved to Wofford Heights in May of 1972 and remained active members of the Family Life Center Foursquare Church.

He is survived by his wife Jessie; his daughter and husband, Roberta and Frank Lortscher of Bakersfield; and his son and wife, Dick and Edie Duncan of Portland, Oregon. Dr. Duncan is also survived by nine grandchildren, including Sheryl Patterson and husband, Gene; Carl Magness and wife, Sharon; Tim Duncan and wife, Diana; Karen Whetsell and husband, Isaac; Kimberley Hofer and husband, Dave; Kathy Lortscher; Karen Roney and husband, Jeff; Frank Lortscher and Todd Lortscher. He also has 15 surviving great-grandchildren, Kristi, Gene and Luke Patterson; Stephanie and Keith Magness; Alicia, Sean and Ryan Duncan; Angela and Amy Brown; Eli Whetsell; Kristina Hofer; and Kristin, Justin and Alan Roney.

Memorial services were held Monday, March 16, 1998, in the Family Life Center, Wofford Heights. Those wishing to

honor Dr. Duncan's life may make donations to Foursquare World Missions through the Family Life Center, 20 West Panorama, Wofford Heights, CA 93285.

Interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Bakersfield.

## Paul Henry Daniel

Paul Henry Daniel was born on Jan. 18, 1914 in Fairfield, Ohio, and passed away on Feb. 21, 1994.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1935 and fought in two wars. He retired in 1955 as Chief Petty Officer E-7. Paul retired from a job with the city of Los Angeles in 1976 and moved to Camp James in 1980. He loved Kernville and trout fishing.

Paul is survived by one brother, George Daniel, two sons and three grandchildren.

Donations can be made in his name to "Friends of the Kern River." For more information, call 760-378-2531.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary Funeral Directors of Lake Isabella.



## Leo John Adam

A funeral mass was celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Thursday, March 19, 1998, for Leo J. Adam of Lake Isabella. Celebrant of the mass was Rev. Jim Kudilil. Interment at Kern Valley Cemetery. Mr. Adam died Friday, March 13, 1998.

He is survived by his nine children: Alan Adam of Lake-wood, California; Alice Young of Topeka, Kansas; Lois Helland of Rice, Minnesota; Joyce Burlog of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Tom Adam of Grand Forks, North Dakota; Evelyn McCollough of Kirkland, Washington; Mary Herbold of Bellflower, California; Tim Adam of Biloxi, Mississippi and Jim Adam of Tupelo, Oklahoma.

Mr. Adam is also survived by two brothers: Duane Adam of Reynolds, North Dakota; and Robert Adam of Minneapolis,

Minnesota; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene M. Adam, on August 9, 1997. He also was preceded in death by one brother, one sister and two grandchildren.

Leo was born June 9, 1912, in North Dakota and moved to Bellflower, California in 1965 and to Lake Isabella in 1981. He was currently a member of the Moose Lodge #1297.

## Lucille I. Martin

Lucille I. Martin of Citrus Heights, California, age 82, passed away on March 7, 1998, at Sutter Roseville Community Hospital. She was born on April 6, 1915, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She and her late husband, Harry, resided in Squirrel Valley from 1970-1997. She was proud to have been a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, in 1997. She is survived by daughters Jacqueline Miller of Sacramento; Janet (Mrs. Armando) Hernandez of Bakersfield; and Joyce (Mrs. Joseph) Kouba of Reston, Virginia. Also surviving are grandchildren Sharon and Stuart Miller; Lisa Chavez; Armando Hernandez, Jr.; and Derek Tiffany.

At her request, no viewing or formal service was held. Her family will cherish her love and memory forever.

Those wishing to do so are encouraged to make memorial contributions to the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

## Helen Ritchie McEwen

Helen Ritchie McEwen was born Helen Grandville Ritchie on November 23, 1903, in Forfer, Scotland, and was received into her eternal rest on March 15, 1998.

She retired to Sylmar, then to Kern County from a career as cook to some of Hollywood's distinguished stars.

Helen is survived by her daughter, Nancy Carlsson; son-in-law, Gene Carlsson; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held Saturday, March 21, 1998, at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

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## Virgil Ray Childers

Memorial services were held on Friday, March 27, 1998, at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, to honor Mr. Virgil Childers of Bodfish. Virgil was born July 20, 1917, in Jordan, Mont., to his parents, Chandler and Mattie Childers. In 1938, Virgil began proudly serving his country in the United States Navy. Virgil Childers served 30 dedicated years in the Navy, beginning with World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam. At the time of his retirement, Virgil had earned the highest rank that he could ascertain, that of Chief Warrant Officer IV. During his years of service, Virgil was highly commended. Among these commendations were, the World War II Victory Medal, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Asian-Pacific Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Medal of Honor. In 1941, just before the onset of WWII, Virgil married the love of his life, Ruth Claudia (Redfern) Childers. The two became inseparable and one, and gave each other strength through the years. Virgil was also very accomplished in other

areas as well. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in which he was a Shriner, who dedicated a great deal of time, effort, and money to the Shriner's Children's Hospitals, a cause in which he greatly believed. He was a Royal Arch Mason, a York Rite Mason, and a member of the Order of the Knights Templar. Virgil was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Moose Lodge, and the Jim Beam Bottle Club. In 1980, Virgil and Ruth moved from Ventura, Calif., and moved to Bodfish, where he and Ruth have lived ever since.

Not only did Virgil honorably serve his country, and become a proud leader of his community. He was also the loving husband of Ruth Claudia Childers, as well as the proud father of Linda Jo Kabler and her husband Kenneth L. Kabler of Ventura, Calif. Virgil is also survived by his granddaughters, Katherine A. Efrid, and her husband, Brandon J. Efrid of Ventura, and Kimberly A. Kabler of Ventura. Virgil has one great-granddaughter, Sarah Raeann Efrid of Ventura; and also three sisters, Gussie, Bunnie, and Coy, all of whom reside in Montana.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## George William Schiber, Jr.

George William Schiber was born on Oct. 30, 1913, in Collinsville, Ill., to his parents George William Schiber, Sr., and Julia Schiber. In 1936, George married his wife of 50 years, Margaret, who preceded him in passing in 1996. During his life, George was the Commander of the American Legion, and a member of the Elks Lodge. George is credited with building the "Shoe Box" shoe store in the valley many years ago, becoming its first owner, and building Napa Auto Parts locally.

George also served several years with the Corps of Engineers, building the Theme Building at the Los Angeles International Airport. He was also an avid gardener, bringing up many hard-to-grow vegetables in this area. He loved the outdoors, and was a proud family man. On March 27, 1998, George William Schiber, Jr., passed away in Lake Isabella. Graveside funeral services were held on April 3, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights, with Reverend Jack Dilley, pastor, officiating.

George William Schiber, Jr., is survived by his sons, Michael of Templeton, Calif.; Larry of Huntsville, Ala.; and Phillip of Livingston, Calif.; and by his daughters Carol Thomas of Lake Isabella, and Linda Petty of Bakersfield. George is also survived by his grandchildren, Melinda Kerschner, Ruth Ann Browning, Michael George Schiber, Lawrence Schiber, Stephen Schiber, Michelle Randour, Collette Chaudry, Leslie Bollinger, Jennifer Thomas, Doug Thomas, Carolyn Schiber, Kaylyn Schiber, and Nicollette Schiber.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Odos Redfern

Memorial services were held on Saturday, March 21, 1998, for Mr. Odos Earl Redfern of Bodfish. Odos entered eternal life on March 17, 1998. He was born on Oct. 11, 1942, in Gerard, Kan., to his parents Elmer Harold Redfern and Helen Pearl Redfern, along with five other siblings; he was a proud father of four.

During his life, Odos Redfern was a strong willed fellow, with a good love of life, and pride in his family. He later served his country as a proud member of the United States Navy and went on to work in a field where he helped to improve the community with his service in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Odos Redfern is survived by his wife, Mary Helen Redfern, of Bodfish; as well as four sons, Odos Redfern Jr. of Bodfish; Earnest Adams of Maricopa, Calif.; William Charles Redfern of Taft; and Jackie Ray Redfern of Bakersfield; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He will be missed by those who loved and liked him.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## George Cecil Gehr

A memorial service was held Saturday, April 4, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, for George Cecil Gehr. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow. Graveside services were held Monday April 6, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth, Calif. Officiating was Chaplain Henry Sanchez of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Mr. Gehr was born Dec. 1, 1929 in Santa Monica, Calif., and passed away March 31, 1998 in Mt. Mesa.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 11 years. He was Vice President of the Kern Valley Gun Club and a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jennie Gehr, of Weldon; his son and wife, David and Suzy Gehr, of Big Bear, Calif.; son, Michael Gehr, of Northridge, Calif.; daughter, Georgina, and husband, Bruce Bonfert, of Simi Valley, Calif.; son, Charles, and wife, Susan Gehr, of Louisville, Colo.; brother and wife, William and Robin Gehr, of La Canada, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Erin, Scott, Jacqueline, Cameron, Tevis, Adrian, and Deshae.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Moline Copeland Behrens

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 31, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Moline Copeland Behrens. Officiating was Pastor Carlos Fandino of the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Behrens was born July 8, 1913 in Ada, Okla. and went to be with the Lord on March 28, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 18 years. She was a graduate of Baylor University in Texas and a English teacher for 30 years. She loved quilting and was very active in her church.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Larry Holochwost, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Diana Behrens, of Arizona; brother and his wife, Eber L. and Jo Copeland, of Kansas; brother-in-law, Clarence Lang, of Mt. Mesa; brother and his wife, Paul and Barbara Copeland, of Arizona; grandchildren, Matthew and Bonnie Holochwost, Andrew Holochwost, Erin Pulcher, Jennifer Remtema, and Samuel Behrens; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Kalie; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



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## Hurlon Jack Burlison

Hurlon Jack Burlison passed on Saturday, March 28, 1998, at Kern Valley Hospital, at the age of 88. He was born in Baldwin, Miss., on Sept. 9, 1909, son of Florence and James Burlison.

Before coming to the Kern River Valley in 1970, Jack was involved in building maintenance engineering in Chicago and Los Angeles, and was a member of the Chicago Building Superintendents Association.

His parents, brother Robert C. Burlison, and sister Grace R. Burlison, preceded him in death. His wife for 45 years, Alice M. Burlison; his son, Vernon Lloyd Schultz, of Downers Grove, Ill.; and his daughter, Elizabeth J. Lewis, of Bakersfield, survive him. Also, his grandchildren Randy Goodison of Bakersfield; Jennifer Lynn Struck of Carol Stream, Ill.; Vernon Lloyd Schultz III and Ryan Adam Schultz of Downers Grove, Ill.; a niece, Roberta Winker, and five great-grandchildren survive him.

A celebration of life will be held at Weldon United Methodist Church on Friday, April 3, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that any donations be made to the Memorial Fund at the Weldon United Methodist Church.



## Fred Lewis Thompson

Fred Lewis Thompson, a long time resident of Lake Isabella, passed away on March 28, 1998 in Antelope Valley Hospital in Lancaster at the age of 86.

He was born in Council Bluffs Iowa, July 30, 1911. He moved to California with his wife, Mildred in 1936. He worked for the L.A. County Transit District for 35 years. He retired in 1971 and moved to Lake Isabella with his wife Mildred, who preceded him in death in 1979. He later married Eleanor who passed away in 1994. Fred was also known by many as the Bird Man of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by sons Gary Thompson and Greg Thompson; daughter-in-law Pat; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; other relatives and many friends.

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## **Betty Lucille (Cope) Richie Johnson**

Funeral services for Betty Lucille (Cope) Richie Johnson, 77, of Park Hill, Okla., formerly of Lake Isabella, were held March 14, 1998 in Tahlequah, Okla. Burial followed in Tahlequah City Cemetery under the direction of Hart Funeral Home of Tahlequah.

Betty was born November 10, 1920 in Jackson, Ky., the daughter of Fred and Mary (Bryan) Cope and died Tuesday, March 10, 1998 at Tahlequah City Hospital.

A former waitress and cook, she was married to Howard Johnson of Lake Isabella for the past 35 years. Betty was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Okmulgee Chapter, since 1960.

Her parents, sister Mary Carter and her children's father, Dennis Richie, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Johnson of Lake Isabella; two sons, Dennis Bryan Richie of Park Hill and Donald Bruce Richie and wife, Mary, of Welling; one stepson, Jerry Johnson of Palm Springs; two sisters, Marjorie Mahon and husband, John, of Louisville, Ky.; and Barbara Standefer of Mt. Pleasant, S.C.; two grandchildren, Sendi Denise Palmer and husband, John Nicholas Palmer of Memphis, Tenn. and Jonathan Mason Richie of Park Hill; one great-granddaughter, Adrienne Elise Palmer; and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

## **Stella M. Cossey**

Stella passed away April 3, 1998 in Weldon. Viewing will be Wednesday, April 8, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at Hillcrest Mortuary. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park's Garden of Peace.

Stella was born Dec. 16, 1912, in Wanette, Okla., to Claude Renfro and Ora Tomlinson Renfro. She married Fred Cossey on Oct. 21, 1930, in Wanette, Okla. They moved to California in 1944 and lived in Arvin for many years before moving to Weldon in 1970.

Stella loved to garden and took great pride in the fruit and vegetables she grew. She enjoyed cooking and canning jams and jellies.

She is survived by her sons Bill Cossey of Weldon, Calif., Wiley Cossey of Nuevo, Calif., Bob Cossey of Weldon, and daughters Wanda Thompson of Lamont, Martha Morgan of Red Oak, Okla., and Glenda Dornan of Bakersfield. She is also survived by grandchildren and more than 50 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Jack Renfro and sisters, Effie Calhoun, Sadie Shaw, Eva Renfro and Geneva Baker of Oklahoma.

## Lois Charlotte Brown

Graveside services were held Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale for Lois Charlotte Brown. Officiating was Minister Patricia Denton of Science of Life Church.

Lois was born to her parents, William and Evalyn Morton in Milwaukee, Wis. on July 17, 1897 and died in Mountain Mesa on April 5, 1998 at the age of 100 years and 9 months. She lived a long full life. Lois was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1986. She came from Wisconsin and always said, "I'm a city girl." She lived through four wars and four earthquakes.

She is survived by her by daughter, Evalyn Benedict, of Wofford Heights; niece, Ruth Janzen, of Wisconsin; great-niece, Maris Edwards, also of Wisconsin; and grandchildren, Dustin, Linda and Bryan Woods of Valencia.

## Moline Copeland Behrens

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 31, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Moline Copeland Behrens. Officiating was Pastor Carlos Fandino of the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella.

Mrs. Behrens was born July 8, 1913 in Ada, Okla.; and went to be with the Lord on March 28, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the last 18 years. A graduate of Baylor University in Texas and a English teacher for 30 years. She loved quilting and was very active in her church.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Leroy Behrens; daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Larry Holochwost, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Patrick and Diana Behrens, of Arizona; brother and his wife, Eber L. and Jo Copeland, of Kansas; brother-in-law, Clarence Lang, of Mountain Mesa; brother and his wife, Paul and Barbara Copeland, of Arizona; grandchildren, Matthew and Bonnie Holochwost, Andrew Holochwost, Erin Pulcher, Jennifer Remtema, and Samuel Behrens; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Kalie; many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Denton Garner

Denton Garner, age 95, passed away April 3, 1998 at the Kern Valley Hospital Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa. He was born Oct. 23, 1902 in Clark County, Wis. He was married to Gloria Garner, now deceased. They had no children.

Mr. Garner retired from the Civil Service, Yuma Test Station, Yuma, Ariz. He was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and making hunting knives.

He is survived by his nephew Marty Garner, of Tehachapi; nephew, Harold Garner, of Palos Verdes; nieces, Patsy Danskin, of Burbank; and Cathy Flint, of Harbor City; as well as many great-nephews and nieces and great-great-nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be held for Denton on Saturday, April 18, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Wofford Heights Foursquare Church on Panorama and Sycamore in Wofford Heights.



## Norman Lionel Broome

Norman L. Broome of Wofford Heights passed away on March 23, 1998 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield at the age of 76. He was born in Schnectady, N.Y. and moved to Hollywood in 1926. His parents were Aubrey and Ethel Broome.

He served in the R.O.T.C. at Hollywood High School and enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1942, serving four years during World War II.

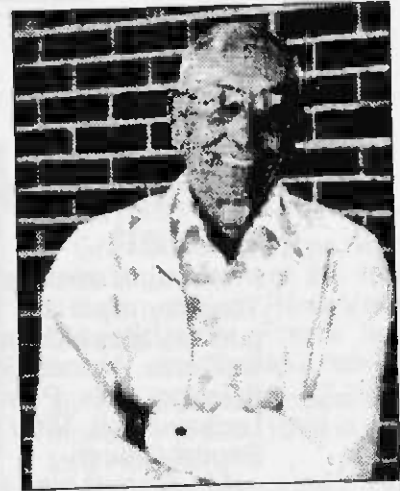
Mr. Broome married in 1947 to Mary Ann Porter. They had three children. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1975 where he continued to work in the aerospace industry until 1981. He and his son, Joe, owned and operated Broome and Son Engineering and Welding in Lake Isabella.

While vacationing in 1989, he found his long lost brothers, Don Johnson, of Seattle, Wash., and William Johnson, of Salem, Ore., whom he had not seen in 48 years.

He is survived by his wife, of 51 years, Mary; daughter, Audrey Holiman, of Phoenix; son, Joseph, and wife, Cindy, of Bakersfield; daughter, Norma Jean Banner, and husband, Michael, of Idaho; and twin brother, Henry, of Anaheim; brothers, Don Johnson and William Johnson. Also surviving is a daughter-in-law, Cynthia Ann Broome, of Lake Isabella; grandchildren, Levi, Leah, Allan and Shirley, Christopher, Crystal; great-grandchildren Carrissa, Brycene, Shantele, Logan and J.J.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-

Kokolat, Croakies, Patagonia, Stohlquist, Snap Dragon, Orosi, Mountain Surf, Friends of the River, Wyoming Wear, American Canoe Association, Canoe and Kayak magazine, KAVU, L'Eau Vive Inc., Lotus Designs, Werner Paddles, Northwest River Supply, Prijon, Yakima, American Whitewater, Teva, Wave Sport, Perception, Necky, and Dagger.

Also supporting the festival are Adventure Medical Kits, Performance Video, Crazy Creek Products, Gentry Video, and Sala-



## Leroy Odel Nelson

Funeral services were held Friday, April 10, 1998, at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leroy Odell Nelson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Burial followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Leroy was born to his parents, Frederick and Pearle Nelson in Sharon Springs, Kan. on Jan. 21, 1912 and died in Mountain Mesa on April 5, 1998, at the age of 86. Mr. Nelson retired after 25 years of service with Orowheat Bread Company and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years with his wife, Mildred.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred; daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Bill Campbell, of Wofford Heights; daughter, Donna Franklin, of Denver, Colo.; and grandchildren, Rod Barrett, Randy Barrett, Rhonda Lewis, Gary Campbell, Steve Campbell, Cheryl DeLeon, Mark Campbell and 15 great-grandchildren.

Leroy enjoyed gardening very much. He was always helping people and will be greatly missed by all.

## Mildred Leona Garrison

Memorial services were held Dec. 21, 1997, in Morro Bay, for Mildred Leona Garrison, age 84. She was born Sept. 9, 1913 in Denver, and passed away Dec. 20, 1997 at her home in Morro Bay.

Mildred lived in the Lake Isabella area from 1978 to 1993 when she retired from the U.S. Forest Service. She was active with the Senior Center in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her daughter, Shellie Barry, of Morro Bay; grandchildren, Kelly James Barry and Clinton Robert Barry; great-granddaughter, Alicia May Barry; brother Melvin Moore of Simi Valley; sister Etta Marie Wertz of Highland, Mich. Mildred was a wonderful mother and friend to all who knew her.

Arrangements by Benedict-Retty Mortuary.

### Curtis Thomas Garrett

Memorial services were held Tuesday, April 21, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Curtis Thomas Garrett. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Garrett was born Dec. 25, 1906 in Santa Monica and passed away on April 14, 1998 in Mt. Mesa. He was 91 years of age. He worked at China Lake Naval Station for 25 years

and was a resident of the Kern Valley for 40 years. He was a past member of the Elks and the CB Club. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and photography.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ruth Garrett; his son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Ruby Garrett of Ridgecrest; two granddaughters, Tracy and Kriste; and two great-grandchildren, Winter and Garrett; as well as a sister, Isabella Wilson of Arizona.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Dorothy Ann Lucas

Dorothy Ann Lucas passed away April 10, 1998, in Bakersfield Memorial Hospital at age 66. She was born Dorothy Ann Toeckes, June 11, 1931, in Great Falls, Mont. Dorothy lived and worked many years in Bell Gardens, Calif., where she raised her three children. Eighteen years ago she purchased a trailer in the Harbor Lights Mobile Home Park in Mountain Mesa for her and her children to vacation in. She joined the Eagles Auxiliary Aerie 3156 in Mountain Mesa and has kept her membership for many years. In 1996, her children having grown up, she moved to her vacation home, where she became active in the lodge.

Survived by: daughter, Belinda Pansky of Downey, Calif.; Sons, Robert Laudermilk of Mountain Mesa, & Dale Hurst of Bell Gardens, Calif.; brothers & sisters, Theresa, Charles & Willard of Mont.; Albert & Donald of Canada; Izzy & sister Mary of Wash.; sister-in-law Mary Kay of Kan.; adopted sister; Rena Hines of Trona, Calif.; long time loving friend, Jerry Pavey of Bell Gardens; four grandchildren, many nieces & nephews and many many loving friends who will miss her greatly. She was preceded in death by husband Carl; her parents & her brother George.

Services were held April 15 at Saint Raymond's Catholic Church in Downey, Calif., and buried at Park Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Bell Gardens.



## Mildred Ruth Nelson

Funeral services were held Friday April 24, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Mildred Ruth Nelson. Officiating was Pastor Deryl Lackey. Mildred was born Oct. 20, 1914 in Orlando, Oklahoma and passed away April 18, 1998 at her home in Wofford Heights. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years. She enjoyed sewing, going to garage sales and refunding. She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy on April 5, 1998 and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Yvonne and Bill Campbell and daughter Donna Franklin and brother and sister-in-law Joe and Marie Sallenberger and seven grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren and one niece and two nephews. She will be missed by all. She has gone home to be with her husband and the Lord. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Frank Ivan Bonner

Graveside services were held Thursday April 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Frank Ivan Bonner, who died as a result of

an construction accident on Monday April 20, 1998 in Wofford Heights.

Frank was born June 7, 1937 in Flint, Michigan. He has lived in the Kern River Valley for 50 years and been a Heavy Equipment Operator for over 30 years. He was a member of the NRA and the Kern County Gun Club and the Operating Engineers Union. He was an outdoorsman and avid hunter. He was very well known and loved. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Arlene Bonner of Lake Isabella and son Tony and wife Amy Bonner of Utah, father Ivan Bonner of Arroyo Grande, One grandchild, brother & sister-in-law, Sam & Ann Bonner of Bakersfield, sister-in-law Marilyn Olson of Bodfish, brother-in-law & wife Eugene and Mary Apalatea and brother-in-law Alvin Apalatea and best friend Howard Bailey, and many aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Honorary Bearers were Howard Bailey, Naylor Quarnberg, Royce Smith, Frank Jackson, Joe Thomas, Jim Young, Bruce Steward and Joe Leonardi. Frank will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Alva "Ab" Bounds

A memorial service will be held Wednesday April 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358 in Wofford Heights for Alva Bounds of Kernville. Officiating will be the Officers of the Elks Lodge #2358.

Ab was born Aug. 6, 1909 in Texas and died at Kern Valley Hospital April 19, 1998. He was 89 years old.

Ab was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, and a member of the Kern River Valley Golf Course.

Ab is survived by his sons Bruce Bounds of Nash, Texas, Allen Roy Bounds of Porterville, Calif., 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and his many friends here in the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

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## Etta Mae Rotan

Graveside services were held Friday April 24, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Etta Mae Rotan. She passed away April 14, 1998 in San Joaquin Hospital, Bakersfield.

She was born June 18, 1925 in Texas. She lived in the Kern River Valley for over 25 years. She is survived by her daughter Judy Sullins of Lake Isabella; son William Rotan of Lake Isabella; grandchildren, Amanda Sullins of Bakersfield, Shannon Sullins of Lake Isabella, Carl and Tammy Sullins of Lake Isabella.

She will also be missed by great-grandchildren, Jaymie, and Jeffrey Sullins of Lake Isabella and Joshua Anderson of Lake Isabella. She's loved by everyone.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## William Sharpe

Former Kernville resident, William Sharpe, died at the age of 80 on April 7, 1998 of complications from pneumonia. He and his wife, Ellen, purchased the Pala Ranches Motel and moved to Kernville in 1959. They had sold the motel when they retired and lived near Newport, Oregon. He is survived by his wife, Nedra Joham of South Beach, Ore; daughter, Nancy Sharpe, Weed, Calif.; son Kenneth Sharpe, Mt. Pleasant, SC; grandchildren: Tracy Wells, San Diego, Wendy Wells, Weed, Calif., Darrin Sharpe, Seattle, Wash., and Kirra Sharpe, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., along with three great-grandchildren.

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## OBITUARIES



### Ellen Lee Smolinsky

Services were held Wednesday, April 29, 1998 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Ellen Lee Smolinsky. Officiating was Dr. David Snow, Pastor of First Baptist. Ellen was born Aug. 22, 1931 in Smithfield, N.C. She later moved to Southern California, where she met and married Stanley Smolinsky on June 5, 1975. They moved to the valley March 1989.

Survivors include her beloved husband, Stan and her brother, Guy Douglas Harmon of Durham, N.C.

Ellen loved her Lord and was a very active member of her church. She served in the Shepherd Ministry, where she loved and cared for her "sheep." She was active in Women's Bible Study, the American Baptist Women's Ministry and had a special love for all people. She was a regular visitor to the shut-ins, those in the rest home and where ever she could serve those in need. She not only

gave of her time but also her financial support. She liked crafts and made them for her home and her friends. She loved unconditionally, as she gave of herself. She thanked the Lord for her husband and her many friends. She was faithful in serving the Lord. Ellen enjoyed her life to the fullest.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Memorial Fund of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella or the Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

children, Erica Anna and Spencer Wayne; and brother-in-law Lamar Culpepper. Pallbearers, Craig Allison and Bill Purvis.

### Wayne E. Smith

Wayne E. Smith, 79, passed away of cancer early Friday, May 1, 1998, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Smith was a Florence, (Rankin County) Miss. native. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the Navy in various theatres. He had lived a number of years in Long Beach, Calif. and retired from being a Maintenance Engineer. He had been a resident of Kernville since 1978, and was a member of First Baptist Church in Kernville.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, 1998 at Lake Isabella Funeral Home with burial in Kern Valley Cemetery. Visitation was 2 p.m. Monday, May 4, at the funeral home.

Survivors include: wife of 58 years, Lola; son Donald Wayne Smith, Long Beach, Calif.; daughter, Dinah Lorraine Smith of Cerritos, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law Bill and Eloise S. Purvis of Florence, Miss.; grandson and wife Craig and Patty Allison; 2 great-grand-



# OBITUARIES

## Roxie Slawson Linton

Services for Roxie Ellen Slawson Linton, 75, will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Church of Christ with Roy Hannah officiating. Interment will be at Ringling Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Alexander Funeral Home.

Born May 29, 1922, at Grady, to John L. and Bessie Miller Slawson, she died April 28, 1998, in Boise, Idaho.

Reared at Ringling, Okla., she married James Durwood Linton Aug. 24, 1940, at Healdton, Okla., and lived in Ringling where she managed the telephone company 14 years. They moved to Lake Isabella and lived there 30 years before moving to DeKalb, Texas, then to Bruneau, Idaho, in 1992. She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 14, 1996; a daughter, Donnie Linton, Feb. 27, 1941; and brother, Terry Slawson, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Gerri Alsip, Grand View, Idaho; four sisters, Evelyn Paul, Ringling, Okla.; Verna Dietrich, Arlington, Texas; Patricia Slawson, Sand Point, Idaho; and Barabara Jones, DeKalb, Texas; four brothers, Melburn Slawson, Rush Springs, Okla.; Johnnie Slawson, Shawnee, Okla.; Montie Slawson, Alavardo, Texas; and Donald Slawson, Springer, Okla.; two grandchildren and a great-

granddaughter.

Nephews will serve as bearers.

## John Thomas Shumate

Graveside services were held Monday, May 11, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., for John Thomas Shumate of Bodfish. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Shumate was born Aug. 14, 1926 in Bell, Calif., and passed away May 5, 1998 in Bakersfield. He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years. He served in the Navy during WWII and received a Purple Heart. He also worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad for over 15 years. After retiring, he enjoyed woodworking and refinishing furniture. He loved animals and working with troubled youths. He volunteered at Camp Owens for 11 years. He was a friend to everyone.

He is survived by his fiance, Mary Robertson, of Bodfish; and his daughters, Beth Luttrell of Redondo Beach; Cathy Bowman of Redding, Calif.; and Pat (Tishy) Anderson of Rockford, Ill.; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

# OBITUARIES

## Doris Maxine Carroll

Graveside services were held Thursday, May 14, 1998, at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Maxine Carroll. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Mrs. Carroll was born June 30, 1917, in Crandall, Texas, and passed away May 11, 1998, in Bakersfield, after a long illness.

Maxine was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. She loved to fish and hunt for arrowheads. She was a loving and caring person and a beloved mother and grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter Patricia Carroll of Bodfish; and granddaughter and husband, Tammy and Samuel Feemster of Bodfish; and great-grandsons, John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish; and John Lee DeVicariis of Lake Isabella; and a sister, Marion Hurt of Texas. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Beverly Jane Crawford

Private arrangements were made for Beverly Jane Crawford who passed away May 12, 1998, after a long illness. Mrs. Crawford was born July 24, 1927, in Los Angeles and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years. She was a member of the Clan Diggers and enjoyed fishing and crafts.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Robert Crawford, of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Art Wehrman, of Thousand Oaks; daughter, Carol Beaver, of Mountain Mesa; three grandchildren, Michelle, Will and Bobbie Jo. Mrs. Crawford is also survived by her brother, Kenneth Lindhardt, of San Diego; and sister-in-law, Barbara Finnegan, of Van Nuys; and nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern Valley Hospital.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Larry Shores

Larry Shores entered life on March 6, 1942, in the city of Bell, Calif. to his parents, Wilbur and Jesse. He was raised in Southern California. After completing school, Larry became interested in the field of heavy machinery, later becoming a mill wright for United Riggers. During this time, Larry met Marsha Jo Wellman, the love of his life and his future wife.

After 32 years of working, Larry and Marsha settled down and retired to Weldon, where they put down roots and made a new home after leaving Long Beach. A short time later, Larry's mom, Jesse, fell ill. He made the decision to bring her home, where he and Marsha faithfully cared for her until the twilight of her life. Jesse passed away at home in January of 1997. This had a profound effect on Larry, but he learned that it was time to move on and continue life with his loving wife and family.

For the next year or so, Larry, Marsha and the family grew close, drawing strength from one another. But on April 30, 1998, Willard Lawrence "Larry" Shores passed away at home with his loving family.

Graveside funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, where he is interred next to his mom, Jesse. Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiated.

Larry's time with us here was much too short, but now he is at peace. He has gone home. He is truly missed by all who loved him.

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## Marlene Thompson

Marlene Alhanati Thompson lost her battle with breast cancer early in the morning of May 9, 1998. She was born on Feb. 21, 1932, in St. Paul, Minn. Her early childhood was unique, growing up in a communal home formed by three brothers who had married three sisters. The families moved to California in 1943, continuing the communal living arrangement for a few years. Perhaps this explains Marlene's treating the whole as her family. Marlene's eternal optimism and zest for life (not to mention the many practical jokes played on unsuspecting family members) made her a very special friend to the many who knew her. Marlene cast a wide blanket of sunshine around her sharing her love and affection with everyone she met — a love that was often returned tenfold.

She attended Los Angeles City College and the Brymar School of Dentistry. Marlene worked as an administrator in the Los Angeles School system for several years, and for the last 15 years before retirement, as a real estate agent. She moved to Squirrel Valley five years ago when her husband retired. After retirement, Marlene loved travelling nationally to duplicate bridge tournaments. Her primary passions were of course family and lending a helping hand to anyone in need — friends and strangers alike.

Marlene is survived by her husband, Robert, of Squirrel Valley; her sons, Mark (and his wife Laura), Craig and Bruce of Culver City; grandchildren, Heather and Steven; and by her brother and sister-in-law, Dick and Peggy Roast, of Van Nuys.

Rest in peace, Marlene, you will always be in our hearts!

## Elmer Sabers

Elmer Sabers was born Oct. 16, 1908 in Salem, S.D., and he passed away May 18, 1998.

He attended St. Mary's School. For a number of years he helped his father farm. In the 30's, he went to North Dakota to work. There he met and married Florence Haugen on Nov. 27, 1937. He lived alternately in South Dakota, North Dakota and California. He was into farming, restaurant business and grocery business which he owned and operated

from time to time. He and his wife lived in Southern California for a number of years before coming to Lake Isabella. He was a resident here in the Kern Valley for 27 years. He loved fishing, playing cards, shuffleboard and having friends over for a dinner.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife, Florence; his father and mother; brothers, Alfred, Edgar, Gilbert, Gerald; sisters, Muriel Gstohl, Elvira Herting, Esther Mentele, Liona Sabers; brothers-in-law, Al Mentele, Lowell Herting, Carl Koepke, Rodnic Olson, Lyle Brenna; sister-in-law, Tillie Sabers.

He is survived by two brothers and one sister, Melvin Sabers and wife, Ida, of Salem, S.D.; Willard Sabers and wife, Ruth, of Sun City, Calif.; Marcella Koepke of Spencer, S.D.; a number of in-laws, Madia Olson of Stockton; Ruth Brenna, of Ventralia, Wash.; Janet and Carl Nelson, of Faulkton, S.D.; Joe and Dana Haugen of Ventura; Herman Gstohl of Salem, S.D.; Lucille Sabers of Lake Isabella; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Elmer passed away on May 18, 1998, in Bakersfield at Pleasant Care Convalescent Hospital where he was a resident for the last few years. A memorial mass was said for him at St. Jude's Church in Wofford Heights on May 22 at 10 a.m. Father Gilbert Mayer officiating. Interment followed at Kern Valley Cemetery.

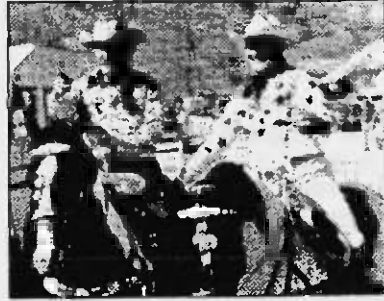
## Vernon Orville Nelson

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 2, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mountain Mesa for Vernon Orville Nelson. Officiating was Bishop Sam Beckham. Mr. Nelson was born Sept. 21, 1914 in Brigham City, Utah and passed away on May 28, 1998 in Mountain Mesa.

He was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years, and enjoyed fishing, hunting and traveling. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints, and a member of the UAW and the Dam Dancers.

Mr. Nelson was a wonderful father and he is survived by his daughter, Arlene Nelson, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd and Nancy Nelson, of Weldon; daughter, Judy Nelson, of San Pedro; son, John Nelson, of Lake Isabella; and stepdaughter, Shirley Penland, of Santa Barbara. Also surviving are his brother Paul Nelson and sisters, Lola Stewart and Thelma Nelson, all of Utah; 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; and close companion, Ardene Hotchkiss. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Montie Montana

Cowboy celebrity and frequent Kern Valley visitor Montie Montana died May 20, 1998 in Los Angeles from complications following a series of strokes. He was 87.

Veteran of more than 60 Rose Parades, and a legendary roping artist, Montana performed and rode in several Whiskey Flat Days Parade. He was a good friend of retired policeman and author Lynn Franklin, of Squirrel Valley. "Montie was known and will be missed by many old timers here in the valley," he said. "He was planning to be here with us this year, however, weather and health problems got in the way."

Montana was also a noted film presence, with appearances in several John Wayne films; he was considered one of a dying breed of authentic cowboys hired by Hollywood in the 1920s and 1930s — during the Western film heyday — for their roping and riding talents.

## Raymond Chavez

Raymond Chavez was born Dec. 13, 1918 in New Mexico and passed away May 16, 1998, at the hospital. He was 79.

He was a resident of Mountain Mesa for 15 years. He was a member of the V.F.W.

Mr. Chavez will truly be missed by his loving friends, Lavon Babylon of Mountain Mesa; David Rodie, of San Pedro; and his nephews, Fred Chavez, of Hardin, Mont.; and Dave Chavez, of New Plymouth, Idaho.

## Edna Lois Townsend

Edna Lois Townsend, age 61, passed away at her residence in Weldon on May 26, 1998. A graveside service was held in the Municipal Cemetery in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday, May 30, 1998 at 10 a.m. She was a retail clerk at a grocery store for 20 years.

Mrs. Townsend is survived by her husband, Ernie Townsend of Weldon; her mother, Edith Nelson, of Delta, Colo.; her two daughters, Cathy Staggs and Sheri Neal, both of California; and her son, William Satterfield of Ohio; sisters, Dorothy Thomas and Shirley Williams, both of Grand Junction, Colo.; Mary Ann Flynn of Delta, Colo.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Roy D. Shaw

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Valley Mortuary for Roy Dallas Shaw, age 75, of Weldon. Private interment followed. Mr. Shaw was born on May 24, 1923, in Mussel Shoal, Mont., and passed away in Ridgecrest on May 28, 1998.

He was a Kern River Valley resident for 20 years and was active in various conservation projects. He was a member of the Kern River Preserve, the National Audubon Society and the Ridgecrest Astronomy Club. Mr. Shaw also enjoyed photography and sporting events at the high school and always brought his pictures of the previous game to share with everyone. He also did nature photography in Weldon and had some of his photos placed in local magazines.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his son, Robert Shaw, of Ridgecrest; his daughter and son-in-law, Carol and John Weghorst, of Weldon; a sister, Hazel Brown, of Eugene, Ore.; a brother, Clyde Shaw, of Seattle, Wash.; and a granddaughter, Tara Quint, of Weldon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## James Junior Thomas

Services were held on June 3, 1998, at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James Junior Thomas who passed away in Mountain Mesa on May 31, 1998. Officiating were Pastor Carlos Fandino and the VFW Post #7665. Originally from Simole, Okla., James was born Aug. 2, 1943, and graduated from North High School in Bakerfield.

He worked 14 years for the Marathon Oil Company before retiring. He was in the service from 1969 through 1972. James was stationed in Germany during some of this time. He was a life member in the V.F.W. Being a back country horseman in California, James enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding. He also used to race motorcycles.

James was always ready to lend a helping hand to all and never knew a stranger. He will be missed by his wife, Patty, of 11 years; son, Kent Thomas, of Bakersfield; son, Tate Nagle, of Kernville; son, Tim Nagle, of Kernville; brother, Jerry Thomas, of Bakersfield; sisters, Wanda Bamgardner, Nadine Decker, and Jackie Thomas, all of Bakersfield; his mother, Molly Thomas, also of Bakersfield; and eight nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary.

## Gordon Carroll Carlton

Graveside services were held Friday, June 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Gordon Carroll Carlton. Officiating was the VFW Post #7665.

Mr. Carlton was born Feb. 28, 1924 in Shelville, Tenn., and passed away May 31, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. He served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S. Air Saratoga. He was a professional ice skater and skated with Sonja Henie in 1947. He worked as a line man for 22 years at China Lake before retiring. He lived in the Kern Valley for 35 years and was a member of the Masons

Lodge #872 F. & A.M. Mr. Carlton also enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He was one of 11 children and is survived by his sisters, Margaret Haley and Clara Veach; brother, Ernest Carlton, all of Tennessee; his daughter, Christine Hodan, of Running Springs, Calif.; and his very dear friends, Jeff and Darlene Robinson, of Weldon.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Annie Fisher Ford

Private arrangements were made for Annie Fisher Ford who passed away June 4, 1998, in Mountain Mesa. She was born March 16, 1916, in New York City, New York, and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was the owner and manager of Reed and Annie's Duck Blind Tavern in Lake Isabella and also was a seamstress and did alterations for many in the valley. She was also a member of the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce.

Annie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Larry John, of Riverside; sisters, Elsie Wagner, of Canoga Park, Calif.; and Carrie Rengstl of Florida; brother, Rudy Will, of Newhall; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Russell A. Anderson

Services will be held Saturday, June 20, 1998, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Kernville for Russell A. Anderson, age 73. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis.

Mr. Anderson was born in Chicago, Ill., on July 25, 1924, and passed away at his home in Lancaster on May 28, 1998. He was a World War II veteran of the 8th Air Force. He was a resident of Wofford Heights for 20 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

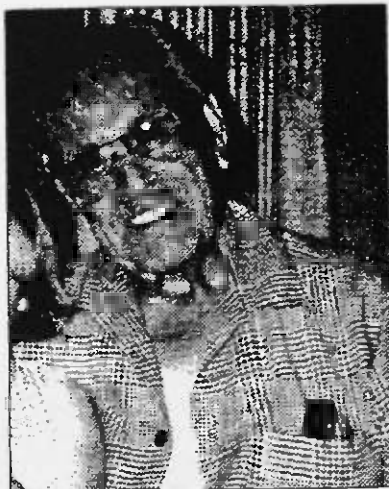
He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Geneva Anderson; daughter, Sharon Miller, of San Jose; daughter, Barbara Murphy, of Rosamond; seven grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

## Pearl "Peggy J." Wobermin

Peggy J. Wobermin was born in Staples, Minn. She came to California during World War II and worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, where she met and married Walter Wobermin.

They resided in Los Angeles area for many years. Upon retirement in 1973, they moved to Lake Isabella where they lived for the past 25 years. She celebrated 49 years, lacking 12 days, of marriage. Peggy passed away on Saturday, May 30, 1998, in Bodfish area of Lake Isabella when God called her home.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Walter; his daughter, Joyce Olsen; and five surviving sisters and their families.



## Louie Adames

A celebration of Louie Adames' life was held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11th, 1998 at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, 2959 Erskine Cr. Rd.

Louie, 92, loved life and enjoyed it to its fullest. He was a very pleasant and fun-loving person, who brightened the life of everyone he came in contact with.

A native of Mexico, Louie immigrated to the United States at the age of three. Later on, after his early adult years in the San Fernando Valley, he joined the United States Army, serving during World War II.

After a brief stint in the army, he returned to the S.F. Valley, and worked for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. After 21 years of service, he retired in 1968. Upon retirement, he moved to Lake Isabella with his wife Laverne. Together they traveled throughout the United States and Canada, looking for the best camping and fishing spots around!

After his wife Laverne's passing in 1988, Louie stayed close to home in Lake Isabella, enjoying the remainder of his years with his numerous friends.

Louie is survived by his daughter Mary Lou Duarte, his grandchildren Rose Marie Pierce, Anna Fossett and husband Ken, grandson Robert, granddaughter Denise, great-granddaughter Mary Angela Fossett, as well as his closest and loving friends, Andy and Arla Gibson.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Louie's name can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Louie should be remembered for his enjoyment of life; he loved people, his family, and traveling. No matter where he was, though, he brightened the life of each and every person he came in contact with.

## Pat Henson

Pat Henson was born in Marion, Ill., on April 16, 1911 and died on June 9, 1998, at the Devonshire Care Center in Hemet, Calif. He was 87 years of age.

Before moving to Hemet in January of 1995, Pat and his wife, Madeline, lived on Chism Trail in Onyx for 22 years.

Pat is survived by his wife, Madeline, of 63 years; daughter Patsy Friend of Hemet; grand daughters, Lee Anne Adams and her husband Neal of Hemet and Michelle Haubrick and her husband Jim of Corona; Great grandsons Glen Baeckel, Bradley Baeckel and Jeffrey Baeckel, all of Hemet; great grand daughter Jenna Marie Haubrick of Corona.

A service was held on Friday, June 12, at the Miller-Jones Mortuary in Hemet at 4:30 p.m. with the Rev. Howard Brown of the Winchester Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Madeline Henson was a member of the Weldon United Methodist church for many years and was very active in all church affairs.

## Genevieve Beatrice Cross

Genevieve (Trudy) Cross, age 89, died June 10, 1998 in Basye, Va., after an extended illness.

Genevieve was born to Mary and George Woodward on January 9, 1909 in Truckee, Calif. She and her four brothers spent their childhood in the town of Winnemucca, Nev. and on a family owned cattle ranch in northwestern Nevada.

Mrs. Cross and her husband, Clifford Cross, made their home in the Kern River Valley for nearly sixty years. In 1992 they moved to Toms Brook, Va. to live with their daughter and son-in-law, Patti and Rod Bankson.

Trudy retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Wofford Heights, in 1977. She was an accomplished artist and had a great zest for life, even in her most recent days. She was a former member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, Va.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Bankson of Basye, Va., June Frakes of Belleville, Ill. five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Her son, Clifford Allen Cross, of Myrtle Creek, Ore. preceded her in death in 1985. Her husband Clifford Lyman Cross, died in 1994 in Toms Brook, Va.

The Reverend Robert Ruskamp conducted a Memorial Mass at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, Va. June 11, 1998. Burial was in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.



## Charles Fulton Phillips

Charles Fulton Phillips was born on January 3rd, 1929, in Dunn, North Carolina to his parents Garland and Lessie Phillips. At the age of 17, Chuck entered the United States Navy and proudly served his country for the next four years. After his military service, he worked in the construction field. As a carpenter he had a special talent for finish work, and will be remembered as a very competent building supervisor. He also kept busy working side jobs, one as an ambulance driver at the old Lyon's Drag Strip.

Charles loved to hunt and fish often traveling to Colorado for the big one. After acquiring a set of elk eye teeth he crafted a ring with one of the teeth setting it in gold. It is a beautiful work of art. The other tooth went to his daughter who also had a ring made. He also loved to cook his catch of fresh caught fish for friends and family, a treat that is sure to be missed by all who had the pleasure of tasting one of Chuck's specialties.

Chuck's quiet manner and quick wit, along with his great integrity, endeared him to all who had the privilege of coming in contact with him. His quiet behind the scenes compassion caused him to be God's instruments to aid those in need whether it was in a material way, or even in a financial one. Those in need usually never knew from where their help came, as Chuck was also a modest man, who didn't feel recognition for the things he did was necessary.

Chuck was very sick in the last few months of his very special life, yet never complaining, he was always there to help in whatever he was yet still able to do.

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Chuck left us to bear our burdens on June 8, 1998.

On June 3rd, 1972 he married the love of his life Karyen, who stayed by his side and ministered to him in all his needs, especially in the last few months when he was so gravely ill. She has not only lost her husband, but her "best friend has also gone to another mountain." Chuck's children, sons, Michael, Billy, and Joe, along with daughters, Sharon, Linda, and April, are also left with a great void in their lives. Chuck also leaves to grieve for him his wonderful grandchildren of which there are 22, with 7 great grandchildren, and of course his loving companion, "Precious."

Services were held at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, on Thursday, June 11th, at 2 p.m. Pastor Mike Ireland officiated. Inurnment will be private at a later date.

May all who are in sorrow and grieving for Chuck please take comfort in Jesus' words at Matt. 11:28-30

"Come to me all who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am mild tempered and lowly in heart, and you will find refreshment for your souls, for my yoke is kindly and my load is light."

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Paul Kenneth Little

Loved son, step son, brother, husband and father.

Paul died suddenly May 17, 1998 in Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his wife Tamara and son David of Atlanta; parents Ted and Robin Little of Kernville and Henry and Marilyn Shott of Oakland; sister Kristine Preston and family of Valley Center; brothers Ted and family of Oakland, Jon and family of Kernville. Step sisters and brothers will also miss Paul.

Paul was a loving, gentle, creative man. Loyal and caring of his family, a sweet smile and knowledge beyond his years.

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."

—Kahlil Gibran, "The Prophet."

The family of Paul Little would like to thank friends and neighbors for their words of comfort following Paul's death. Kindness has made this sad journey less painful.

Ted, Robin, Jon, Jenny and Davis Little

## Ira Odell Fitzgerald

A graveside service was held Friday June 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Ira Odell Fitzgerald of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Rev. Albert Terwilliger of the Community Church of Dunlap Acres.

Ira was born June 4, 1910 in North Carolina and died June 6, 1998 in Bakersfield. He was 88 years old. Ira retired from Rocketdyne Corp. as an aerospace technician after 25 years of service. He was a Mason, a Shriner, Elk, and Moose, and a 25 year resident of the Kern River Valley.

Ira is survived by his wife of 11 years Oma Fitzgerald of Wofford Heights, step daughters Linda Espe of Wofford Heights, Jean Donnelly of West Hills, Anita Carrington of Washington, step son William B. Reynolds of Wofford Heights, 8 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Dorothy Myers

Dorothy Myers was born in El Paso, Texas on March 26, 1913 and returned to her home in heaven on June 17, 1998. Dorothy died at the age of 85 after a brief illness. She resided in La Crescenta and in Bodfish for most of her life. Dorothy's life was based on the love of her church, devotion to her children and grandchildren, and her service to God. She was a member of the St. James the Less Women's Club and belonged to the Third Order of Mary. Dorothy's efforts in support of St. James the Less Church in La Crescenta included considerable fund raising projects that culminated in a new convent building and transportation services for the nuns. She was also a generous contributor to the Trappist Monastery.

Many of the parishioners of her church will remember Dorothy's "Taco Booth" where she worked so tirelessly every year as part of the St. James the Less Jamboree, an annual fund raising event.

As a young mother, Dorothy took pleasure in sewing clothes for her little girls. She enjoyed bowling, feeding the wild birds, and taking care of her cats and dogs. One of the most treasured moments of Dorothy's life was a trip to the Vatican where she received a personal blessing from the Pope.

Dorothy was an inspiration and a joy to all who knew her. She loved to laugh, to cook, and to sing. She was selfless in her dedication to her family. Her children say that Dorothy's strength, courage, and faith in God in times of adversity acted as a moral compass that continues to guide their characters. She will be sorely missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, John Watrak; her brother, Edward Haverson; and her son, Alvin Rivera, Jr. Dorothy leaves behind her son, Steven Watrak and her daughters, Marianne LeVan, Hilary Hoover, and Arleen Heywood. She is also survived by her sons-in-law, John LeVan and Dan Hoover and her daughters-in-law, Patty Watrak and Mert Rivera. Dorothy had 11 grandchildren: Sally Rivera, Michael Rivera, Charles Rivera, Ryan Faure, Westley Faure, Bryan Watrak, Malenna Watrak, Hal Heywood, Jr., Andrew Heywood, Joel Heywood, and Peter John Heywood. She also had 7 great-grandchildren: Emily Rivera, Ashley Rivera, Vincent Rivera, Anthony Faure, Westley Faure, Jr., Heather Stanley, and Andrew Mohit.

The funeral mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m., Monday, June 22nd at St. James the Less Church in La Crescenta. Internment will follow at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery in San Fernando. The funeral arrangements will be conducted by Crippen's Mortuary in La Crescenta.

## Chester Henry Gagnon (Chet)

Funeral services were held Wed. June 17, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Chet Gagnon. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols from the South Shore Full Gospel Fellowship.

Chet passed away Monday June 15, 1998 in Mountain Mesa following a short illness.

Chet was born Chester Henry Gagnon in Morrisville, Vermont on Sept. 26, 1921. Chet was a building contractor for over 25 years, and has lived in the Kern River Valley for 18 years and even after retiring he still enjoyed building patios and other things for his friends. He was a member of the VFW Post # 2075 and he enjoyed motor sports, fishing and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Santa Gagnon in 1986, and is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Chester and Judy Gagnon of Torrance; his brother and sisters, Richard, Blanch, Virginia Arlene, Viola and Laura, all of Vermont, and his companion Gloria Hunt.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Rose M. Clouse

Born January 18, 1939 and went to live with the Lord on June 17, 1998.

Resided in California her entire life and last employed at Optical Radiation working in the field of computers.

She is survived by her mother Tessie Windham, daughters Donna & Diana, grandchildren David, Chris, Crystal, Justin and Daniel, brothers Richard and Ted Windham and lots of other beautiful family and friends.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Opal Aletha Clevinger

Memorial services will be held Saturday June 27, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Opal Aletha Clevinger. Officiating will be Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Opal was born December 25, 1911 in Goda Springs, Kansas and passed away on June 17, 1998 at her home in Squirrel Valley after a long illness. She has been a resident for 28 years and a member of the South Fork Womans Club and the Ladies of the Moose and one of the founders of the Squirrel Valley Bridge Club. In November 1980 she opened Opal's Dress and Gift Shop and had the shop for 8 years. She enjoyed fishing. She is survived by her daughter Evelyn (Pete) Fowler of Squirrel Valley, daughter Gloria Sullivan of West Los Angeles, granddaughter and husband Leslie & Joseph Wilson of West Los Angeles, grandson Paul Michael Sullivan of San Pedro, great granddaughter Lyndsey Wilson and great grandson Timmothy Sullivan.

She will be missed by all. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

# Radio pioneer succumbs

*KVLI founder, civic leader, left legacy of local involvement*

John Ridenour, the Kern Valley's radio pioneer, passed away on Friday, June 26.

John and his wife Jan, started broadcasting from KVLI AM in July, 1977 and managed the popular "Stardust Memories" station until 1997, when it was sold.

John was known for his spirited involvement in Kern Valley

civic activities and clubs and for his generous offering of broadcast time for everything from local emergencies to school plays and church choral groups. "John was very devoted to local causes," Jan said.

The radio's "Swap Shop" was also a popular feature program Ridenour established.

Born in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1930, Ridenour graduated from Marietta College, where he studied broadcasting. He later served in the U.S. Army in Germany. **RIDENOUR** on page A2



John Ridenour

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When he returned to the States, Ridenour worked in broadcasting, where he developed an extensive career in radio and television sales. Before establishing KVLI, Ridenour was employed at radio and TV stations in Bakersfield.

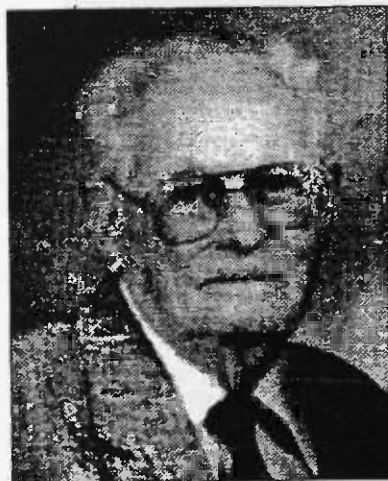
He and Jan met in Phoenix and were married in 1967.

The couple decided to make Squirrel Valley their home after

traveling to the Kern Valley extensively when they lived in Bakersfield.

Ridenour had suffered from kidney disease for many years and the ailment made it increasingly difficult for him to work at the station.

Funeral services for John Ridenour will be held this morning at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Memorial donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, 4901 Main St., Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64112.



## Buford O. Newton

Memorial services were held for Buford O. Newton on Monday, June 22, 1998 at Weldon United Methodist Church. Pastors Charles White and Floyd Castillo officiated.

Buford Newton was born in Prague, Okla., on August 14, 1909 to Lily Myrtle and Oscar William Newton. He was the eldest of eleven children, and has six sisters and two brothers still living.

He and his wife Mary Elizabeth were married in Tulsa, Okla., on August 11, 1930, almost 68 years ago.

After living in the San Fernando Valley for 24 years, they moved to San Jose in 1964 and then to Kern Valley in 1971 when they moved to Squirrel Valley. Buford and Mary immediately began a active relationship with the Weldon UMC. He was a volunteer fireman, active in the local homeowners association and in the Kern Valley Historical Association.

Buford is survived by his wife Mary Elizabeth of almost 68 years; a daughter Juanita

Boos; six sisters and two brothers. He is the grandfather of five and has one great-grandchild. He is also survived by us, his many friends. A daughter, Betty, predeceased him.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Dorotha Frances Sanders

Dorotha Frances Sanders passed away on June 16, 1998 in Merced, Calif. She was born August 20, 1908 in Bakersfield where she worked as an office clerk for Apple Valley Development Company prior to her retirement. She was a long-time resident of Lake Isabella prior to coming to Merced in 1996. She was a 50 year member and past matron of the Order of Eastern Star in Lake Isabella. She was very devoted to lodge activities including special projects for the area young people.

A memorial service will be held in her honor at a later date. It will be held in Kern County and their local office of the Eastern Star will officiate to honor their past matron.

She is survived by her husband James E. Sanders of Lake Isabella; daughter Mary Scroggins of Atwater; eight grandchildren, and 34 great-grandchildren.

## Dorothy V. Haas

Dorothy V. Haas, age 88 years, passed away June 21, 1998 in a Bakersfield Hospital. She was a long time resident of Lake Isabella and was a native of Michigan. She was employed for many years as a telephone operator and also

did work as a payroll clerk.

She is survived by her daughter and grandson Roxine and Anthony Disco of Lake Isabella, son, Howard Haas of Glendora, Calif., sister, Lillian Wesley of Marion, Ohio, and grandson, Michael Haas of Temecula, Calif.

A private cremation is being held under direction of Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

## Robert Eugene Unsell

A memorial service will be held Thursday July 2, 1998 at Kern River Valley Cemetery (the old section, Lake Side) at 1 p.m. for Robert Eugene Unsell who died in a car accident on Hwy 178 in Bodfish on June 24, 1998. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Robert was born April 21, 1979 in Bakersfield and has lived his life in the Kern River Valley and Bakersfield. He was a student at Summit High School. He enjoyed camping and fishing and fixing cars and motorcycles.

He is survived by his mother Charlotte Unsell and Dave Mershon, his father David Unsell, and sisters Rebecca and Nicole Unsell, grandmother Nina Biggs, and grandparents Don and Betty Unsell, numerous aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

In lieu of flowers a trust fund has been set up at West America Bank.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary



## Eunice Margaret Neff

Eunice Margaret Neff was born on February 24, 1910 in a small town in Kansas where she spent her early years as a girl. Later, Eunice and her family moved to Ohio where she spent the majority of her life.

On August 25, 1934 Eunice married the love of her life, Nelson Neff. Together the two began to build a life for themselves and began a family. Soon after, she completed her education, graduating from Ashland College with a teaching credential. Eunice felt a calling for this field of work and began teaching fifth grade at an elementary school in Ohio. During this time she developed a talent for the arts. Eunice became an accomplished painter, working primarily with oils. Later, some of her work began showing up in exhibits and art shows. Her love and talent for the arts was not only limited to oils and canvas, but also to the dramatic arts. As a teacher, Eunice found her niche. Soon she became the

director of all of the school's projects that concerned music and the children. She had a positive artistic influence on many of the children's lives.

In the early 70's, Eunice semi-retired and she and Nelson moved to Barstow, Calif., later moving to Mission Viejo, Calif. Once there, Eunice was able to devote more of her time to the arts. She painted and entered shows. She also spent time playing bridge with her friends. She also was never a person to sit idle, so she also began substitute teaching at a local school.

In 1982, her beloved husband Nelson passed away. As this would weaken some people Eunice grew strong. She continued being very active, however, shortly after, her sight began to fail her. In 1989 she had a significant loss of sight and made the decision to move to the Kern Valley area to be near her daughter and favorite son-in-law. This did not slow Eunice down. In fact, she became even more active in her new community. She joined the Foursquare Church's Family Life Center, the Rod & Gun Club, and the Kernville Woman's Club. She continued to paint and play bridge up until she heard the calling of the Lord. In the early hours of the morning of June 26, 1998 Eunice passed away from our lives and went home to be with the Lord.

Eunice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Joan A. and Gary Bechtel of Wofford Heights; her sister, Esther Zaugg, of Hiram, Ohio; and by her twin sisters, Prescilla Hildebrandt and Aquila Sterret, of Mountain Home, Ark. Eunice

is also survived by her grandchildren, James Bechtel of Salem, Ore.; Kathy Taylor of Wofford Heights; Steve Bechtel of Wofford Heights; and Scott Bechtel of Hollywood. Also surviving her are 11 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## J.E. Foreman

J.E. Foreman entered life July 21, 1924 in Shawnee, Okla., and entered eternal life June 19, 1998 in Wofford Heights. Family friend Sam Wells officiated at his memorial service June 25. Inurnment was at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Calif.

God saw that J.E. was getting tired, a cure for him was not to be. So God put his arms around him, and whispered J.E. come home to me. So with tearful eyes we watched him suffer, and beheld him fade away. And although we loved J.E. dearly, we could not make him stay. On June 19, a golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest. God broke our hearts to prove, he only takes the best. There is only one way into this world. That is by way of the womb of a woman. But there are two ways out. I know for a fact that my true friend, and spiritual brother chose the right way. He (J.E.) is at peace now, (Real Peace) and I feel he would have wanted you, (his family) (his friends) to know that.

J.E. was survived by two family members, his wife, Mrs. Hazel Forman and his daughter, Mrs. Sharon Forman Batts.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Jack P. Whitton

"Our loss is heaven's gain." Our beloved husband, dad, papa, great-papa, and friend left our earth to go live in his Heavenly Father's home on June 26, 1998. Jack's journey began on October 26, 1926 in Fullerton, Calif. where he lived with his parents, Dewey and Helen Whitton, his sister, June, and brother, Eugene. At 17, Jack joined the United States Navy to help in the Second World War. He had the rank of Seaman Second Class and was stationed at Maui and the Midway Islands.

In 1951, Jack met the woman he would share all of his life experiences with, Lois. These experiences were to include their three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Jack and Lois would share more than four decades of love that seemed to triumph over all of the tests life could give.

To Jack, family was the most important aspect of life. He believed that a man should come home from work each day to help teach his children and to help give them the love and support they need. He carried this belief on to his grandchildren.

Jack loved camping. The wilderness of the Sierra Nevadas were a second home to him. Here in his second home he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and delighted in teaching his children and grandchildren

about the wonders of nature. Because of his love for the mountains, Jack chose the Kern River Valley as his home after he retired in 1982.

He was a true friend to all. His honesty, strength, and strong beliefs were admired by everyone who knew him, and his wonderful sense of humor always brought a smile to everyone's face. His presence on this earth will truly be missed.

Jack's journey on this earth ended while in his wife's loving arms and his family surrounding him with love as we watched him go home to be with his creator.

He is preceded in death by his father, Dewey Whitton; mother, Helen Whitton; and brother, Eugene Whitton. Jack is survived by his wife, Lois; sister, June Nielsen, of North Dakota; his three children, Steve Whitton and his wife, Goning, of Burley, Idaho; Terri Landphere and her husband, Mitch, of California City; Robert Whitton and his wife, Donnia, of Norwalk, Calif.; five grandchildren, Jackie Raybuck of Lake Isabella; Katie and Gordon Sheckells of Lake Isabella; Shannon Whitton and Jason Whitton of Norwalk, Calif.; April Whitton of Burley, Idaho; five great-grandchildren Austin, Brittani, and Cheyenne Sheckells of Lake Isabella, and Kaitlyn and Kayla Raybuck of Lake Isabella. Jack will also be missed by many nieces and nephews and many other loving friends and family.

## Donald W. McEachen

Donald W. McEachen passed away at home on Friday, June 26, 1998. He had been ill for several weeks. He died with his wife at his side.

Don was born Feb. 12, 1921 in Wayne, Neb. He moved to Los Angeles along with his brother and sister in 1937. In Los Angeles, he met and married his wife, Alice Newman. They were married for 57 years and had two wonderful children. He drove trucks in the L.A. area for many years. He always enjoyed camping and following retirement he and his wife moved to the Lake Isabella area and enjoyed 14 years in this area. Don never met a stranger and was always willing and able to help others no matter what their situation. He was always very quick with his wit and kept his grandchildren on their toes.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Betty Feeney, in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Alice; his son and daughter-in-law, George and Edie McEachen; his son-in-law, Fred Feeney; his granddaughter, Karen McEachen; his grandsons, Scott Feeney, Dan Feeney, Brian McEachen, and Eric McEachen; and his great-grandson, Jason Feeney.

Services were held at Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 1, 1998. Services and burial were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier on Thursday, July 2, 1998.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.





## John M. Ridenour

Funeral services for John M. Ridenour, who passed away June 26, 1998, in a Bakersfield hospital, were held on Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Father David Graham of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Visitation was held at Valley Mortuary on Tuesday from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

John was a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 21 years and had been a Kern County resident since 1967. He was born in Parkersburg, W. Va. on Sept. 19, 1930, and was 67 years of age.

He attended school in West Virginia and graduated from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Following college, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany.

John's interest in broadcasting began during his college years, where he worked with the college's on-campus radio station. When he returned to the states, he worked in broadcasting in West Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and California.

He moved to Bakersfield in 1967 and worked for KBIS Radio, Channel 17-TV, Channel 23-TV, and KGEE/KGFM. In 1977 he put KVLI-AM on the air in Lake Isabella. It was the first broadcast facility in the Kern River Valley. He later added KVLI-FM in 1992. John was retired after selling the station in 1997.

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He was always very active in community activities and belonged to many civic organizations. He was a member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, the Wofford Heights Improvement Group, the Kern River Valley Visitor's Council, the Kern Valley Masonic Lodge #827, the American Legion Post #711, the Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, the Fish and Game Habitat Club, and supported many activities of the Kern Valley High School.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Janet, of Lake Isabella; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Richard and Cynthia Seymour, of Parkland, Fla.; cousins, Janet Witte, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Judy White of Flagstaff, Ariz.; Barbara Grignol of Rochester, N.Y.; and Lewis Ridenour of La Porte, Ind.; and uncle and wife, Arnold and Marcia White, of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Memorial donations may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Research Foundation, 4901 Main Street, Suite 200, Kansas City, Mo. 64112-2634.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Sidney Sterling Stalford

Sidney S. Stalford of Weldon, and ranch hand for some 50 years in the Kern River Valley area, died June 20, 1998 in Big Pine, Calif. He was born March 19, 1906 in Kansas. He was 92 years old.

He was a ranch hand for the Sprague ranch and last worked for Walt Hanning on the Hanning ranch.

Sidney is survived by his sons, Billy G. Stalford of New Mexico; Levi Stalford of Onyx; sister Jennie West of Los Angeles; grandsons Billy Stalford Jr. of New Mexico, Barry Stalford of New Mexico, and Robert Stalford of Weldon.

At Sidney's request no services are to be scheduled.

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## Branda Cheri Snow

A memorial service for Branda Snow, 13, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at The Rookery at Katherine Albertson Park in Boise, Idaho.

Branda died June 16, 1998 in a whitewater rafting accident on the Kern River near Kernville.

Born on October 10, 1984 in Caldwell, Idaho, she spent most of her life in Marysville, Wash., but moved back to Idaho with her family in 1996. She had just completed seventh grade at Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian, and had begun a summer visit with her father in Southern California when the accident occurred.

Branda was a budding scientist with a strong interest in marine biology. She won first place in her school's science fair in sixth grade and recently had scored in the 99th percentile nationally on a science aptitude test. She also enjoyed choral music, and was a member of the Lowell Scott choir. She sang with her mother, a professional singer and choral teacher, in a show last Christmas and recently performed her first solo.

Branda's death was the first fatality for the Kern River commercial river tour operators, who have conducted tours for more than 20 years. The companies and area residents held two memorial services for Branda, during which they named a bend in the river "Branda's Bend" and hung a wind chime in a Ponderosa pine nearby.

An avid reader, Branda was rarely without a book in her hand or at her bedside. Because of her enthusiasm for learning through reading, her family and friends have set up two memorial funds to buy library books for children in the Pacific Northwest and Southern Calif. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

The Branda Snow Memorial Fund, c/o U.S. Bank, 7230 Fairview Ave., P.O. Box 7217, Boise, Idaho, 83707. The fund will be used to buy library books for the schools Branda attended: Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian, Idaho; Mountain Home Junior High in Mountain Home, Idaho; North Elementary School in Mountain Home, Idaho; and Shoultes Elementary School in Marysville, Wash.

The Escondido Library Foundation for the Branda Snow Book Endowment Fund, 239 S. Kalmia St., Escondido, Calif., 92025, attention: Laura Mitchell. The fund will be used to buy books for the Escondido Public Library's children's section.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Sandra and Rick Krause of Boise; her father and stepmother, Russ and Cindy Snow, of Carlsbad, Calif.; her sister, Robyn Cates, of Boise; her brother, Scott Snow, of Carlsbad; and many grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins. One of Branda's uncles has set up a website with more information about the memorial service, memorial library funds and tributes. The (case-sensitive) address is: <http://members.tripod.com/-BrandaMemorial/>

## Lawrence (Larry) Walter Schropp

Lawrence Walter Schropp was born to his parents, Lester and Onie, on August 22, 1922, in Salamac, N.Y. In 1944, "Larry" entered the United States Army and proudly served his country as a medic in the 362nd Infantry. A while after his time in the service, Larry began working for Lucky Supermarkets, where he began to work his way up to his final position before his retirement, General Manager. In 1980, Larry married the love of his life, Alice M. Burns. The two were married in Las Vegas on June 3. Larry and Alice built a comfortable life together here in the Kern Valley, residing in Bodfish. They became actively involved in our community. They became members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 in Lake Isabella, the Moose Lodge, and the Beamers club. Also, during this time, Larry developed a passion for fishing, camping, and going to "Whiskey Pete's Casino." All in all, Larry had become a very loving husband and family man. He will be greatly missed.

Larry is survived by his wife of 17 years Alice, of Lake Isabella; his brother, Tom; his sisters, Ellinor and Thelma; a son and a daughter; six grandkids and four great-grandkids and many, many friends.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Theresa Iona Maxey

Graveside services were held Monday, July 6, 1998 at the Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary for Theresa Maxey who died Thursday July 2 in Lake Isabella. Theresa was born in Hartville, Mo. June 17, 1916. Services were conducted by Jon Rowe.

Theresa is survived by her daughters, June Hasper, Edna Norried, and Melanie Kratt. Sons Jim and Glenn L. Williams, 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 9 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Mae Weaver, and brother Truel Boyer. Theresa was preceded in death by her son Jerry Lee Williams.

Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary

## Maxine I. Berglund

Maxine I. Berglund passed on to join her husband George on July 7, 1998 in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was 83.

She is survived by daughter Beverly Olmstead and Husband Richard. Daughter Toni Knott and husband Walter. Son George Berglund Jr., and wife Anna Marie, eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren.

Maxine was initiated into the Order of the Eastern Star on June 7, 1948 in the state of Wisconsin and was active in community affairs in Hemet, Calif., before moving to the Lake Isabella area. She was a volunteer at the Lake Isabella Senior Center.

Maxine loved to play bingo and was a regular on Thursday nights at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Maxine loved life and people. All who knew her will miss her.

Honoring Maxine's request, no services are pending.

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## Richard (Dick) Grant Sterling

Dick Sterling passed away on Friday, July 10, 1998. He had been ill for several years.

Dick was born April 29, 1936 in Fullerton, Calif. He lived in the L.A. area until 1979 when he moved to the Lake Isabella area. He worked as a machinist for many years. However, his last job with the U.S. Forestry Service was what he enjoyed most and took great pride in.

Dick enjoyed being outdoors. Fishing, gardening and wood working were important to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gale and Mildred, his son, Ricky and brother-in-law, Lanson Joyner.

He is survived by his sister,

Betty Joyner of Lake Isabella, brother Lauren Sterling, Port Orchard, Wash. Daughter, Linda Mason of San Diego, and niece and her husband Judy and Don Padgett of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

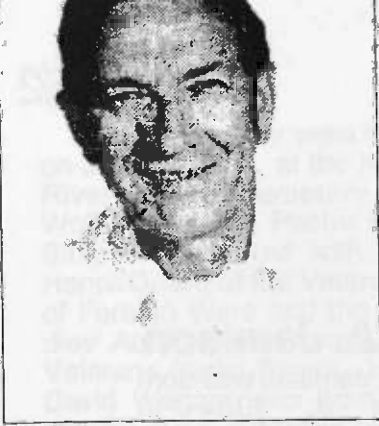
## Michael Arthur Meehan

Michael Arthur Meehan, age 63, passed away June 30, 1998, in Santa Paula, Calif., after a lengthy illness. He was born June 16, 1935. He worked as a Quality Engineer for 30 years for Allied Signal. Mr. Meehan taught sailing, enjoyed hiking and fishing in the Sierras, he loved sail racing and cruising. He was involved in Little League and AYSO as a coach, and the Professional Association of Innkeepers International.

He owned and operated the Kern River Inn Bed and Breakfast in Kernville from 1991 to 1994.

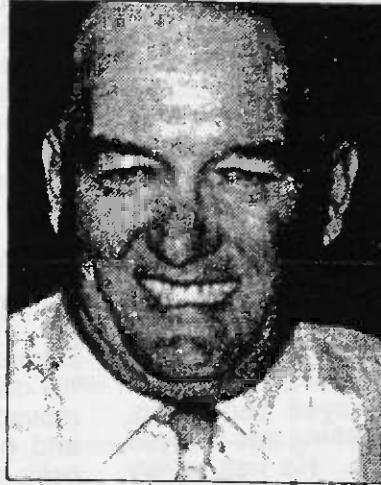
He is survived by his wife, Helen Andrews of Santa Paula, Calif.; sons Patrick James Meehan of Torrance, Calif., and Michael Carl Meehan of El Segundo, Calif.; step-sons Steven Todd Andrews of Rossmore, Calif., Richard Michael Andrews of Aliso Viejo, Calif., and Donald Lawrence Andrews of Torrance, Calif.; mother Aileen Maire Osborn of Northridge, Calif.; sister Susan Roline Rudnicki of Newbury Park, Calif.; grandchild Shannon Aileen Meehan of Torrance, Calif.; and step-grandchildren Jessica, Adam Alexix, Jacob, and Mackenzie Andrews.

Services will be at St. James Catholic Church, Torrance, Calif., Thursday, July 16, 1998, at 11 a.m. Ashes will be scattered at sea at a later date.



## Richard (Dick) Glenn Hartman

Entered into rest on July 15 at the age of 70 years. Glenn was born in Whittier, Calif. to William and Anna Hartman. His father, mother, six brothers, Alfred, Wilmer, Lee, Walt, Kenny, Ernie, two sisters Irma and Bernice moved to Victorville, Calif. where Glenn grew up. He became affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #12. First as a heavy equipment operator and later as a business agent. In 1984 he and his wife moved to Onyx. Glenn has enjoyed his church, ranching, hunting and gardening. Loving husband to Marilyn Hartman, beloved father to Elaine Cornish, Dana Dehnert, Luane Orsborn, Blake Byrket, Scott Byrket, Frank Byrket, and Gary Hartman. Grandfather to Stacey Clay, Dennis Cornish, Robert Cornish, Jennifer Dehnert, Rebecca Byrket, Glenn Byrket, Cheyene Embree and Debbie Byrket. Great-grandfather to Randi Clay, Samantha Clay, Brandon Cornish and Austin Cornish. Glenn was also very blessed with numerous nieces, nephews and many other loving family members and friends. Friends are invited to attend services at the Full Gospel Fellowship Church in Mt. Mesa with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating at 10:00 am on Saturday July 25. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Ca. Visitation at Valley Mortuary Thursday July 23 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday July 24 from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Glenn Cole

Glenn Cole, age 60, passed away July 15, 1998 at his home in Wofford Heights. He was born Aug. 28, 1937 in Ohio and was the oldest of 8 children to Eugene and Dorothy Cole.

He and his wife of 41 years lived in the L.A. area until retiring in 1990 to the peace of the Lake Isabella community.

While fishing each day, he enjoyed the things he loved best, being surrounded by the beauty of the lake, the companionship of his fishing buddies, and the thrill of the catch.

Glenn was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. He touched the lives of those he came in contact with by his extreme generosity, his undying patience and his devotion to family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette, daughters Cheryl Canto, Sandy Martinez and Nancy Walker, who will miss him very much.

We will forever take with us the things he has taught us, relax, be patient and think big.

## Clara Madeline Cartwright

Memorial Services will be held Saturday July 25, 1998, at 10:00 am at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, Calif. for Clara Madeline Cartwright. Officiating will be Pastor Bert Simpson. Mrs. Cartwright was born October 14, 1898 in Hebron, N. D. and passed away July 9, 1998 in Mt. Mesa, California just short of her 100th birthday. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 14 years. She was the oldest of 12 children and during the 1917 flu epidemic in North Dakota she lost her parents and a sister and 2 brothers, she kept the family together for as long as she could and then they went to St. Joseph, Mich. to a Baptist orphanage. She moved to Chicago and later married Henry William Cartwright in 1924 and moved to California in 1943. She was very active in her church and family life was very important to her. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry in 1962. She moved to the Kern Valley in 1982. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Jerry (Jay) and Joyce Cartwright of Kernville and son Paul Cartwright of Santa Clara and sisters, Elsie Hollester of Alhambra, Pat Bouris of Mendicino, Calif. and Gertrude Smith of Walnut Creek, Ca. and 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Charlean Marie Downing

Charlean Marie Downing, 57, born in Cobden, Ill. on June 23, 1941, died July 15, 1998 at 1:48 a.m. at her home in Lake Isabella with her daughters at her side.

She was preceded in death by her long-time companion Roger Schubert. She is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws TeAnna and Joe Hill, Dawn and Tommy Vasquez and Marcie and Matt Farnum and her nine grandchildren. In loving memory of our Mother—she was the core of our family and the strength that bound us together through the hardships, and no burden was ever too big for her. She was strong through her struggle with lung cancer. We will miss her deeply.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m. at All Faith Chapel Hall, China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

## Robert Schubert

Roger Schubert, 55, passed away in his sleep at his Bodfish home on July 12, 1998. Roger was born Dec. 16, 1942 in Port Jefferson, N.Y. He worked for Grumman Aerospace Corporation for many years before moving to the Kern Valley nearly 30 years ago. During his time in the valley, he shoed horses and worked at Isabella Market before taking a position at China Lake Naval Weapons Center. He was survived for a short time by his partner in life, Charlean Downing. He is also survived by his father, Charles Schubert and sister Anna Grace. He was an intelligent, loving and funny man who is greatly missed by those who love him.

Memorial services for Roger and Charlean will be held Sunday, July 25, 2 p.m. at All Faith Chapel, China Lake Naval Weapons Center.

## George B. Albin

George passed away July 12, 1998. He was born in Texas and served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Intrepid. George moved to Kern River Valley 38 years ago and was very active in all the valley activities including becoming Whiskey Flat Mayor and Early California Days Marshal. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, V.F.W., and Elks. George enjoyed bartending, flying and fishing and enjoyed a good time. He was a very loving man and always had time to help someone, he had many friends. George is preceded in death by his wife Barbara (well known local Realtor). He is survived by his son George Albin Jr. and wife Alta from Downey, 3 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren of L.A. County. George was loved and will truly be missed. Services were held at graveside on July 17, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

## John Fife

Graveside services were held Monday, July 20, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. for John Fife, of Weldon, at Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton, Calif. Interment followed. He was born Feb. 26, 1924 in Sydney, Australia and passed away July 15, 1998 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He was survived by his sons, Lawrence and John; daughter Lauren Stone; grandchildren, James, Gregory, Russel, Timothy, Scott, Sonny and Lari Fife, and Jeffrey, Natasha, Karma, Sara and Simon Stone.

## Lillian A. Jamison

Lillian A. Jamison was born November 3, 1904 in Chaseley, North Dakota. She taught school in Washburn, North Dakota for 12 years before moving to California in 1937. She met her future husband, Edward J. Jamison, while they were working at an Army depot during World War II. They lived in Rancho Bernardo near San Diego until his death in 1979. She then moved to Huntington Beach and eventually to Lake Isabella nine years ago. Lillian passed away July 10, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. It was discovered she had throat cancer and they did surgery on her trachea to allow her to breathe. She had complications from internal bleeding after her first radiation treatment. She was wonderfully healthy all during her life so it was extremely stressful on her to be hospitalized, have surgery and go through radiation treatment. She was a Christian woman who was always grateful for the wonderful life she had. She had no children of her own, but leaves nieces Lorraine Sartoris, Donna Connelly Hoegge, Bette Tulp, Sharon Neil, Marlene Eastman, LaVon Moore and one nephew, Dick Tulp of Valley City, N. D. and many, many great-nieces and great-nephews. Everyone who met her found her to be a sweet, kind, and loving person who always had a smile on her face. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and family. Funeral arrangements were made with Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Burial will be at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier, Ca.

# John David Wegner

Funeral services were held on July 17, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights. Pastor Bert Simpson officiated with the Honor Guard of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the Ladies' Auxiliary performing the Veterans Burial Rights. John David Wegner was born on May 30, 1918, in the mid-western state of Indiana. John began working at an early age, and developed a love of "work" that was amazing. During World War II, he served his country proudly as a sergeant in the United States Army. During the war, John married Iris Sanders, the woman he chose to spend the rest of his life with. In his years, John was self-employed as a general contractor, doing a great deal of residential construction. He was very much liked by everyone he worked with and well-respected by his customers, co-workers and crews for his honesty and professionalism. John and Iris both believed in hard work, but they also enjoyed taking vacations in their motorhome, visiting their son and their very special grandchildren, and going to new places they had never been, but also going to some of the old places that they knew and loved. All in all, John was a great husband, father, and grandfather. In 1975, John and Iris both retired and moved from Burbank to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Lake Isabella. Soon after, however, John and Iris both decided to go back to work. John continued as a contractor and Iris worked as a Realtor for 12 years. John and Iris were married for nearly 56 years before Iris fell ill and passed away in April of this year (1998). After her passing, John made sure that he settled all issues in his life because he could feel the Lord's calling. All too soon after, John went home to be with the Lord. John David Wegner passed away in the wee hours of the morning of July 15, 1998.

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Iris had helped the Lord prepare a place for him in heaven and he went home to be with her, and probably to go back to work with Iris for the Lord.

John David Wegner is survived by his only son, Doug, of Santa Cruz, Calif. Also by his loving granddaughters, Amanda and Katie Wegner, his brother Bill, and his sisters Rosemary and Ruth. And by a very special friend, Diana Miller. John will be very much missed by his loving family and his special friends.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Lloyd Franklin Burkhardt

Lloyd Burkhardt was born on May 12, 1921, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to his parents Frank and Clara Burkhardt. His parents instilled in him a strong sense of family values that stayed with him all his life, all of which he passed on to his own family through the years.

In September of 1942, Lloyd entered the United States Army Air Corps and proudly served his country. On April 15, 1945, Lloyd married the love of his life, Dorothy, in Chicago, Ill. Five months later, he was honorably discharged from the service, and he and Dorothy began building their life together. Lloyd began working for Wing Aircraft as a sheet metal mechanic. During this time, their family began to grow, having three sons and two daughters. In 1977, Lloyd and Dorothy retired, picked up their roots, and then replanted them here in the Kern River Valley. During his time, Lloyd was a terrific husband and a wonderful father. He loved his family fiercely. He loved the

outdoors, taking his kids camping, and snow skiing. He and Dorothy would take road trips to Las Vegas to play Keno. He loved the time he was able to spend with his children playing poker and other games with them, clowning around and joking about everything. His sense of humor always kept everyone's spirits up. He was an all-around good guy!

On July 4, 1998, Mr. Lloyd Franklin Burkhardt passed away in Bakersfield. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor C.L. Semonious officiated, giving a wonderful service. The Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7665 and the Ladies' Auxiliary proudly gave their lasting memorial tribute to Lloyd, their fallen comrade, for his service to his country in a time of war. Lloyd will be missed by his family and all his many friends.

Lloyd Burkhardt is survived by his wife of 53 years, Dorothy, his sons James Burkhardt of Santa Cruz, Calif., Richard Burkhardt of Chelsea, Ok., Gary Burkhardt of Arab, Ala., and his daughters Doreen Allen of Mountain Mesa, and Diane Vradenburgh of Lake Isabella. Lloyd is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



## Archie Dee Hancock

Archie was born in Missouri and raised in Oklahoma. He passed away July 14, 1998, and was buried at Rose Hills on July 20, 1998.

In 1935, he met and married Helen Hix. They moved to California in 1936. Archie worked as a cook and later went to work for Phelps Dodge Copper Plant in Los Angeles where he made copper tubing for submarines during the war.

Archie and Helen were very close. They had three children — James Hancock, Betty Jean Breller and William Dee, deceased.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Helen; two children, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Archie is also survived by his brothers and sisters and many friends. He was the third of 12 children.

Archie was a member of the CB'ers in Lake Isabella. He worked with the Kernville Chamber and the Kernville Recreation Complex Committee. He judged the Rodeo Queen Contest. He loved horses. He trained and showed them in horse shows for many years before retiring to the Kern Valley in 1976. He loved the valley and fishing in the lake.

## William J. Stark

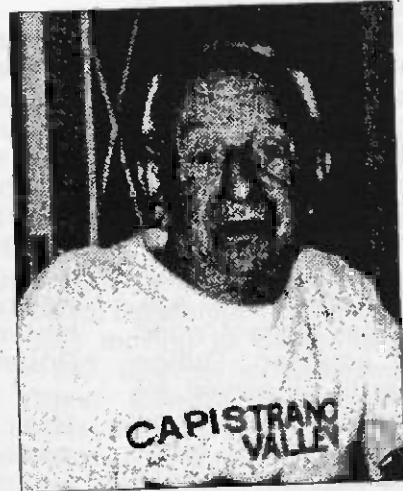
Memorial services were held Tuesday, July 28, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for William J. Stark of Fairview. Officiating was Father Jim Kudill.

Mr. Stark was born November 28, 1923 in Youngstown, Ohio, and passed away July 22, 1998, at his home in Fairview. He moved to the Kern

River Valley after retiring from the Glendale Police Department in 1977. He enjoyed fishing and being in the outdoors around the river.

He is survived by his son and his companion, Anthony and Carol; daughter and her husband, Kelly and Mark Monroe; granddaughter, Alicia, and grandson, Austin.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Nick D. Prodan

Graveside services will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Nick D. Prodan. Officiating will be Pastor Jon Rowe of the

Church of Christ in Lake Isabella and the VFW Post #7665. Nick was born Feb. 21, 1916 in Los Angeles and passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on July 21, 1998. He retired to the Kern River Valley in 1965 from the Carpenters Union Local #1506 in Santa Monica. He enjoyed classic cars, bowling and looking out his picture window at his beloved Lake Isabella. He also enjoyed meeting and having conversation with his many friends in the valley and helping his brother Tony manage his tennis enterprises.

Nick was preceded in death by his brother, George. He is survived by his son and wife, Mike and Carol, of Weldon; son and wife, Nick and Renee of Kernville; daughter, Kathy England, of Bodfish; and their mother, Anna, of Wofford Heights; his brother, Tony Prodan, of Irvine; and sister-in-law, Hilda Prodan, of Redondo Beach; and eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Nesta C. Turner

After a lengthy illness, Nesta passed away peacefully in her sleep at the home of her son in Bodfish. She was born April 15, 1903 and passed away July 19, 1998. At her request, cremation has taken place and no services were requested.

Nesta and her husband, Wm. D. Turner, came to the Kern Valley in 1951 and resided here 47 years.

She is survived by her son, Wm. A. Turner, and his wife, Claire, of Bodfish; her daughter,

Mary (Johnnie) Threewit, of Paonia, Colo.; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, "Bill," and one great-granddaughter, Dawn Cheree Elliott, of Paonia, Colo.

Nesta also leaves many friends in the valley. Her ashes will be placed beside her "Bill" at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

## Nel F. Marlin

Nel F. Marlin passed away July 21, 1998, in Wofford Heights. Nel was born in Redondo Beach and lived in El Segundo until she moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982.

He is survived by her two daughters, Toni Klassen and Dee Thornberry; and one granddaughter, Rachel Thornberry. Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Peters Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 1633, Kernville, Calif. 93238.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Mortuary.

## Cecil Everett Dale

Cecil Everett Dale of Lake Isabella passed away July 12, 1998, in a Pomona, Calif. hospital, following a lengthy illness. He was born June 29, 1914, in Raton, New Mexico. Prior to his retirement in 1974, he was a delivery driver for Hostess Cakes and had served the communities of Lake Isabella, Ridgecrest and Trona for 20 years.

He was an avid fisherman and loved camping and traveling. He married Alice May Carpenter on the 4th of July, 1936. He had been a property owner in Lake Isabella since 1972 and a full-time resident since 1974.

Cecil is survived by his wife of 62 years, Alice Dale, of Lake Isabella; sons, James C. Dale, of Upland, Calif.; and Lawrence W. Dale of Lake Isabella; and three grandchildren.

At Cecil's request, no services will be scheduled.





**Barbara D. Farnsworth**

Barbara joined her daughter and husband in heaven on July 26, 1998. She was born April 17, 1930 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her love for the lake and valley encouraged her to move here in 1986. She soon became involved in many clubs and organizations, including the Wofford Heights Improvement Group, Senior Citizens Center, Friends of the Animals and The Rod and Gun Club.

She enjoyed crocheting and her beautiful view of the lake, but most of all helping others. She is survived by her grandchildren, Mollie and Andy Winchester, god-daughter Meagan Czubek, sister-in-law and husband Verna and Bob Ruff, and very dear friends Tom and Vickie Czubek.

At "Gramma's" request, no

service was scheduled, but a "celebration of life" was held Monday, Aug. 3, by her dearest friends. Breathe easy, Grama.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Hazel R. Goodson**

Hazel R. Goodson, 82, of Wofford Heights, passed away July 29, 1998, at a Claremont convalescent hospital. Mrs. Goodson was born October 4, 1915, in Sioux City, Iowa, and settled in Granada Hills in 1941, moving to Claremont in 1956, and to Wofford Heights, in 1979. She was a member of the Methodist Faith. Surviving are husband, Kelly Sessions Goodson; daughters, Marilyn K. Klaus of Conover, North Carolina and Patricia A. Lynch of Montclair; 3 grandchildren, 4 step grandchildren, 1 foster grandson and 12 great-grandchildren.

Private services and interment will be held.

Todd Memorial Chapel, Pomona, is in charge of arrangements.

**Mildred Violet Weightman**

A Mass for Christian Burial was held Monday August 3, 1998 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mildred Violet Weightman. Officiating was Father Jim Kudlil.

Mrs. Weightman was born November 4, 1914 in Rockford, Ill and passed away July 29, 1998 in Mountain Mesa, Calif. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years and a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Paul Weightman of Lake Isabella, son and daughter-in-law Ron and Maureen Weightman of Newhall, Calif., and daughter and son-in-law Jan and Bob Miller of Lake Havasu City, Az., 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild, and a sister Shirley Powell of Illinois.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Funeral services were held for Ruby Ann Ode on Saturday July 25, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Sermonius. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Calif.

Ruby Ann Ode, age 84, former Menominee resident, had been living at Rennas West. The former Ruby Shell was born July 16, 1914 in Kansas. She married Victor Frederick Ode in 1937. He preceded her in death on September 14, 1991. She was a member of Shephard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, and former resident of Wofford Heights, Calif.

She worked for the North American Rockwell Corp. for 15 years as a technical detailer, retiring in 1975. She is survived by her son, Jerry Ode of Menominee, Michigan, a daughter Annette Louise Page of Redondo Beach, Calif., sister Anna Heineken of Winchester, Kansas, 8 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Arrangement by Cadieu Funeral Home in Michigan and Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Eugene Glenn Smith**

Funeral services were held Wednesday July 29, 1998 at 1 p.m. for Eugene Glenn Smith at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. Eugene was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years and a member of the Moose Lodge and the Eagles. He enjoyed boating, water skiing and fishing.

He is survived by his daughter-in-law Joyce Hazard of Palmdale, granddaughter Wendi Morton of Palmdale, and great-grandchildren Ryan and Devon Morton of Palmdale.

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## **Hazel Louise Kortcamp Hanson**

Hazel Louise Kortcamp Hanson died August 1, 1998 at Tri-Cities Hospital in Vista, Calif. She was born March 12, 1911 in San Francisco and lived most of her life in California.

She came to Lake Isabella many years ago with her late husband, Herbert "Pete" Hanson, who loved to fish. After they both retired they bought a home here in 1987. Pete and Hazel were married for 46+ years and traveled extensively.

Hazel is survived by her daughter, Sylvia Sands Wheeler of Baja Sur, Mexico, a granddaughter Agnes Kate Freeburn of Tucson, Ariz; a great-grandson Anthony Freeburn also of Tucson and a grandson John Laury Freeburn of Sacramento, Calif. She is also survived by her devoted brother, Richard Kortcamp and his family of Oceanside, Calif.

A memorial service is planned for Sunday, August 16, 1998, 1 p.m. at Highland Chapel, United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

## **Robert Willard Miller**

Private arrangements were made for Robert Willard Miller who passed away July 27, 1998 at his home in Wofford Heights, California. He was born February 29, 1924 in New York City, New York and served on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept. for 27 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley 23 years ago. He and his wife Edna were very active in the Moose before she passed away in 1996. He is survived by his son Arthur Cammaressi of Torrance and his daughter Dolores Zagala of Weldon, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Jessie Duncan

Jessie Duncan went home to be with the Lord at the age of 84 years in Bakersfield. She was born on November 25, 1913 in Sterling, Colorado.

Jessie accepted Christ as her Savior as a young teenager in the Evangelical Church in Sterling. Jessie married Olin Duncan of Hastin, Missouri (who passed away March 11th. of this year) on August 23, 1932. Together they went to LIFE Bible College in Los Angeles, graduating in 1937.

Jessie, along with her husband, was an ordained minister and served with him from 1937 to 1971. They pastored churches in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. They also held positions of leadership within their church denomination. They retired and moved to Wofford Heights in May of 1972 and remained active members of the Family Life Center Four-square Church.

Jessie is survived by her daughter and husband Roberta and Frank Lortscher of Bakersfield; and her son and wife, Dick and Edie Duncan of Portland, Oregon.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, including Sheryl Patterson and husband Gene; Carl Magness and wife, Sharon; Tim Duncan and wife Diana; Karen Whetsell and husband, Isaac; Kimberley Hofer and husband, Dave; Kathy Lortscher; Karen Roney and husband, Jeff; Frank Lortscher and Todd Lortscher.

She also has 15 surviving great-grandchildren, Kristi, Gene and Luke Patterson; Stephanie and Keith Magness; Alicia, Sean and Ryan Duncan; Angela and Amy Brown; Eli Whetsell; Kristina Hofer; and Kristin, Justin and Alan Roney.

Memorial services were held Monday, August 10, 1998 in the Family Life Center, Wofford Heights. Those wishing to honor Mrs. Duncan's life may make donations to Foursquare World Missions through the Family Life Center, 20 West Panorama, Wofford Heights, Calif. 93285.

Interment at Hillcrest Memorial Park of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Marilynn Kathleen Frazier

Marilynn Kathleen Frazier, a resident of the Kern River Valley for 38 years, passed away in Bakersfield, Calif., on July 30, 1998.

Marilynn was born to Christopher and Effie Griffin in Palo Alto, Calif., on May 5, 1922. She attended school in Huntington Park, Calif.

Marilynn served as Postmaster at Mountain Mesa, Calif. until 1984. Upon retiring, she enjoyed spending her times in her garden and tending to her flowers.

Marilynn was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years Thomas F. Frazier, and 1 brother, Cullen "Bud" Griffin.

Marilynn was the beloved mother of daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Richard Reed of Suisun City, Calif., and sons, Kent Frazier and wife Phyliss, of Taft, Calif., and Mark Frazier of Bodfish, Calif. daughter-in-law, Christy Kay of Squamish, Wash.

She is survived by 9 grandchildren, Dennis Reed and wife Patti of Stockton, Calif., Terra Frazier of Suisun City, Calif., Stacy Frazier of Newberg, Ore., Scott and Cody Frazier of Lake Isabella, Melissa and Ian Frazier of Squamish, Wash., and Jeremy and Jentri LaLonde of Taft, Calif. She also had 3 beautiful great-granddaughters, Kourtney and Kelsi Reed of Stockton and Caitlyn Aguilar of Suisun City, Calif. Also surviving her are 3 brothers, Frank Griffin and wife Irene, Michael Griffin and wife Linda, all from La Habra, Calif. James Griffin and wife Shirley, of Tucson, Ariz., and 1 sister, Martha Monterosso and husband Frank of Cypress, Calif., and sister-in-law Claralee Griffin of Downey, Calif.

She will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She leaves us with a heartfull of love and a lifetime of memories.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Patricia Ann Carroll

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Patricia Ann Carroll. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church. Pat was born July 12, 1941 in Texas and passed away Aug. 6, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. Pat was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1978.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Eugene Feemster of Bodfish; grandsons, John Wayne Feemster of Bodfish and John Lee DeVicariis of Lake Isabella.

Pat is gone but not forgotten for she will be here forever in our hearts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Leonard William Weaver

Leonard William Weaver was born on Sept. 22, 1922, to his parents, William and Mable, in the sleepy little town of Hot Springs, Ark. Later in 1942, he met and married Edith Nation, that same year they moved from Arkansas to California, settling in the Downey and Bell Gardens area. They had twin girls, Imogene and Emogene.

In 1971 Edith came to the Kern River Valley, while Leonard continued to commute back and forth from down south to work in his trade as a residential pool contractor. In 1976 Leonard came to the valley and started his own contracting business, many here in the valley will remember him for his honest and forth-right manner, along with his wonderful sense of humor.

Leonard leaves to grieve for him his loving wife, Edith; his twin girls, Imogene and Emogene; his wonderful grandchildren, Jason, Victoria, Harold, Pamela, Christina, Jodi, and James; also seven great-grandchildren. Many friends in the valley will miss him too.

Funeral services were held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, Rose Chapel, on Friday, Aug. 14, 1998 at 10 a.m. Officiating was Pastor Francis Edge of the Pentecostal Light-house Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery.

## F. Donald Didier

Memorial services will be held Friday, Aug. 21, 1998, at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for F. Donald Didier. Officiating will be Father Jim Kudilil. Donald was born Feb. 1, 1922 in California and passed away Aug. 7, 1998 in Wofford Heights.

He was a graduate of USC and a Major in the Air Force. He was an engineer for Buena Engineers for 30 years and was still a consulting geologist for the past 15 years that he was a resident of Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julie Didier of Montrose, Calif.; son, Chris Didier, of Palm Springs; his brother, Robert Didier, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Agnes Lorraine Stains**

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Agnes Lorraine Stains. Officiating will be Rev. Dr. Charles White of the Weldon Methodist Church and the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Burial will follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Agnes was born Sept. 12, 1912 in Canora Saskatchewan, Canada, and passed away Aug. 13, 1998 in Mountain Mesa. She retired from Pacific Bell after 40 years and moved to the Kern River Valley in August of 1990. She has been a member of the South Fork Woman's Club and the Eastern Star and the Golden Slippers.

She is survived by her sister, Ruby Hershey, of Lake Isabella; her brother, Robert Peterson, of Connecticut; two stepsons, Aubrey and Matt Stains; 12 nieces and nephews and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## **Alvin H. Flener**

Services were held July 30, 1998, at Green Valley Cemetery for Alvin H. Flener, age 76. Officiating was Pastor Greg Cull. He was born Dec. 29, 1921 in Rumsy, Ky., and passed away at his home on July 27, 1998. He was a resident of Bodfish for over 14 years.

Mr. Flener served in the Army for six years during World War II and was discharged as a Sergeant. He was employed as a welder/mechanic at Irvine Ranch. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, camping, golf, and most importantly, being a family man.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Odis and Nola Flener. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Margie Flener; his children, Beverly Foster of Shingle Springs, Greg Triplett of Placerville, Pat Scheffield of Texas, and Jimmy Flener of Arkansas; as well as seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Hester McLemor of Michigan and Richard Flener of Oklahoma.

Arrangements by Green Valley Mortuary.



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## Mary Jean Tebbe

Mary Jean Tebbe, age 80, passed away in her home on Aug. 16, 1998 with family at her side. She was born on June 21, 1918 in Dilworth, Minn., where she spent her early years. She was the youngest of five children born to Eugene and Mary Rigdon. She survived brothers Cecil and Woodrow and sisters Wanda and Margaret. Life was sometimes difficult with her father away so often as a conductor with the Northern Pacific Railroad, but her home was happy and full of love.

She met her future husband, L. William Tebbe, in Los Angeles while visiting her sister and married in a simple ceremony Sept. 11, 1937. They moved to Burbank in 1939 and children William Norman and Margaret Ann were born. Her life was full with family and activities. The next 35 years would eventually see Bill retire from Lockheed Aircraft and her children grow, marry and have children of their own prior to their moving to Lake Isabella.

Mary Jean and Bill moved to Squirrel Valley 24 years ago. These have been happy and wonderful years, full of many new friends and activities. Mary Jean was involved in the Property Owners Association, Kern Valley Historical Association, Kern CBER's, Dam Quilters and various other community groups. She and Bill also traveled extensively with a host of CB friends.

Mary Jean loved to work with her hands. Her many hobbies included: painting, hooking and braiding rugs, making lampshades and draperies, upholstery, tailoring, bead art, needlepoint, counted cross stitch, quilting, pottery, leaded glass, canning, cooking and gardening.

Mary Jean is survived by her husband Bill of almost 61 years of wedded bliss; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Irene Tebbe; daughter, Margaret Haase; grandchildren, Bill and wife Julie Tebbe, Wendy and husband Dennis Mullins, Robert Tebbe, Heather Davidson and Erik Haase; and five great-granddaughters, Jordan and Makena Davidson, Valerie and Jessica Mullins and Morgan Tebbe.

An informal "Celebration of Life" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at her home at 3508 Indian Rock Road, Squirrel Valley, for all her many friends and neighbors to remember stories and help celebrate her life. Refreshments will be served.

Private memorial services were held for the family at the Weldon United Methodist Church with Pastor Charles White officiating.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kern Hospice in the name of Mary Jean Tebbe. Their address is 4300 Stine Road, Suite 720, Bakersfield, Calif. 93313.

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## Frederick Daniel Peaslee

Funeral services were held on Aug. 25, 1998, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights. Pastor Carlos Fandino officiated along with the Honor Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Frederick Daniel Peaslee was born on Nov. 29, 1932, in Boston, Mass.

He joined the Air Force in September 1949 and received an honorable discharge in September 1954. Fred began working for American Airlines in 1954 and was transferred to Los Angeles in the late 1950's, where he met his future wife, Jan. They were married on July 3, 1960.

Over the years he received many awards from American Airlines. In 1979, Fred received American Airlines Mechanic Recognition Award, which is the highest award given. He also received an award for Outstanding Performance and Support of CF6 Engine from the American Airlines Tulsa Engine Shop. He retired in 1989 as Crew Chief of the Los Angeles American Airlines Jet Engine Shop. He retired with his wife, Jan, and moved from Torrance to Wofford Heights. After moving to Worrord Heights, he joined the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358. He was also a member of The American Legion. A few of the highlights of his retirement were motoring twice back East to Maine to visit his brothers, a Mexican cruise and a two-week vacation to Napa. He enjoyed wood-working for the local community. He also restored his 1931 Oldsmobile and 1925 Model T.

Frederick Daniel Peaslee is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Janice, of Wofford Heights; his two sons, Michael of Wofford Heights and Chris of Castaic; his daughter-in-law Paula; granddaughter, Tessa; grandson, John Michael; and his three brothers, Neil, Dennis and Henry. Fred will be very much missed by his loving family and friends.

Special services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Willard Dennis Malone

Graveside services were held at the Kern Valley Cemetery at 10 a.m. on Tuesday Aug. 18, 1998 for Willard Dennis Malone, age 70, who passed away on Aug. 14, 1998 in Mountain Mesa.

Willard was born in Bakersfield on June 17, 1928 to Art and Marie Malone of Kernville. Willard spent most of his life in the Kern River area leaving only to serve his country in the U.S. Marines during World War II where he served aboard the battleship U.S. Missouri.

Willard worked in the lumber industry and spent some time in Alaska, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas before retiring in 1990.

He is survived by his mother Marie of Kernville; sisters, Clara Anderson, Patricia Henry, Dorothy Denson; brothers, Harvey Malone, Stanley Malone, Loren Malone, Boyd Malone; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Art Malone, and sisters, Joyce Crafton and Edith Malone.

Per Willard's request there were no visitations.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1998

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## Gaylord Henry Tibbetts

Gaylord Henry Tibbetts was born January 18, 1918 to Eva Mae and Arthur Charles Tibbetts in Eau Claire, Wis. He married Helyne Kinseth on July 12, 1941. They celebrated 57 years of marriage this year. They had one son, who died prematurely in 1942.

Gaylord was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged in 1946, after the war was over. He trained in several branches of the Army at various camps, but being so mechanically minded and knowledgeable about automotive vehicles he was based at a P.O.E. in Camp Edwards, Mass. He was in charge of the motor pool there and met ships coming to port with wounded servicemen and prisoners of war. He left the service with a T5 technician rating.

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In 1958 he left Wisconsin and went to Northrop Institute of Technology to learn to work on jet planes. He had a love for airplanes. He went to work for Continental Airlines in 1960, retiring from there in 1975.

He and his wife bought a home in Wofford Heights and he started his own construction and landscaping business until 1985. He enjoyed meeting people and loved the outdoors and animals.

He is survived by his wife Helyne, one brother, James, of Mass., one sister, Mary Lou Petersen of Florida, nephew Art Tibbetts and wife Jane of Squirrel Valley, and numerous other nephews and nieces. He was a loving and devoted husband and generous with his help to his relatives and many friends. He was a kind and loving man and will be greatly missed.

There will be no services here, but graveside services will be held at a later date in Eau Claire, Wis. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

## Mark Alden Westergren

Mark Alden Westergren was born Sept. 2, 1954 in Los Angeles. He passed away September 3, 1998 at his sister's home in Wofford Heights after a tough battle with inoperable brain tumor cancer for 2 months. He was preceded in death by his sister Karen in 1959, also later his Grandfather, 2 grandmothers, and father Alden. He is survived by his mother Donna, his sister

and husband Diane and Tony Plante, nieces Jenifer and Jaclyn, nephew Jeffrey, the Oberg and Cornell family members, and stepson Brian, Sylvia and grandson Brandon just 2 weeks old who he was able to see and hold just before moving from Sacramento to Wofford Heights.

Observing Mark's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Donations may be made to the Kern Hospice, the American Cancer Society, or the J. Clifford Lee Cancer Memorial Fund for Masonic affiliated members.

Mark was loved by all his family and friends and will be missed greatly.

## Dorothy Edith Boelzner "Dottie"

Dorothy Edith Boelzner passed away September 9th, 1998 at the Kern Valley Hospital, she was 74 years old.

Dorothy and her husband Bob loved to travel, and travel they did. They have entertained friends and family for hours with their stories of their "adventures", and they had not just a few to tell about. But all of their trips left those across the country richer just for having met them.

Wherever Dottie went, and whoever was fortunate enough to meet her, always left with the impression that they had met someone very special, and that they were very special to have had the privilege of meeting "her". She was truly a very special person. It didn't matter to Dottie, if you were a long time friend, or someone she had just met, she always made you feel important.

Dottie is survived by Robert, her husband, favorite friend and constant companion of 57 years, their daughter, Dottie Baugh, a granddaughter, Leslie Sorrells and Dottie's greatest delight, her 2 great-grandsons, Matthew and Bret Sorrells, all of Wofford Heights.

She also leaves her brother Ben of Oregon, sister Betty of Colorado, and many other family members and a multitude of friends.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her son, Robert.

A memorial service for Dottie will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1998 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness', 1911 Edith Avenue, Lake Isabella, at 1:00 p.m.

## Emily Bernice Ice

Funeral services were held Thursday Sept. 10, 1998 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella for Emily Bernice Ice. Officiating was Pastor David Snow.

Mrs. Ice was born Oct. 2, 1908 in White Feather, Mich. and passed away on Sept. 4, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 26 years and a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and writing and also played the piano beautifully.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law Oren & Loretta Ice of Lake Isabella, daughter & son-in-law Barbara & Donald Parker of Clamith, CA. Sisters, Mildred & Rubin Walker of Mertle Creek, Ore. Irene Kramer of Escondido, Calif., Gertrude Maycumber of Osawatomie, Kan. and 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

## Ruth Elizabeth Banta

Ruth Elizabeth Banta passed away Sept. 7, 1998, in her home, in the loving arms of her family. A funeral service was held Friday, Sept. 11, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills, Lutheran Church, Lake Isabella.

The daughter of Horace and Mae Deming, she was born on July 30, 1913, in San Diego. Being the only daughter she was beloved by her parents and her brothers.

The family moved often in her early years, living in Washington for a short time and then returning to California. The family lived in Hanford where her father owned a restaurant. She enjoyed a recent trip to Hanford with the Historical Society and told stories of going to China Town to use the few pennies she and her younger brother might have to purchase candy. She remembered living on Green Street and that the house had a large plot of Shasta Daisies in the yard.

The family eventually moved to West Hollywood where she graduated from Fairfax High School. She worked for a dressmaker and in 1934 she married Bill Banta. They owned a moving and storage business for many years, doing a great deal of work for decorators and galleries. Most of these years her home became the location for the family gatherings. Many a happy Thanksgiving and Christmas meal were celebrated there.

For many years vacations and week-end trips were spent in Kernville. When the town of "New" Kernville was being sub-

divided they purchased property on Circle Park and built a building which they intended to rent. Ruth worked as a waitress and Bill worked for the County Roads Department for a while and then for James Store. At that time James Store carried dry goods. Clint James wanted out of the dry goods business so he sold them his dry goods stock. They added to that stock and in 1962 opened the Westerner, the first specialty shop in the valley. Bill and Ruth operated the Westerner until 1974 when the store was purchased by their daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Vehlewald.

The Banta's enjoyed their retirement years, spending the summer at their property in Horse Meadows and traveling in their trailer in the winter months. Bill passed away in December of 1992.

Ruth joined Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in 1993. She had been active in church and made many wonderful friends. Living with Pat and Don she has said these were some of the happiest years of her life.

The light of her life was her great-grandson, Chris. She and Pat made several happy trips to the coast with Chris. These are memories Chris will always have of a dear sweet lady who loved him very much. His little brothers will miss the joy of knowing her.

She leaves behind daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Don Vehlewald, granddaughter and husband, Julia and Dale Dumke and great-grandsons, Chris, Johnathan and Joseph of Lancaster, grandson and his wife Gene and Deena Vehlewald of Walla Walla, Wa. She also leaves behind her brother-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Kathleen Reed Wickham

Kathleen Reed Wickham (1917-1998) passed away on September 16, 1998. She is remembered by the hundreds who sang in the children's choirs and women's choruses which she directed and the many others whom she tutored as elementary school children.

Kathleen was born in Garden City, Kansas. She graduated from high school in Arlington, Kansas and received a degree from Hutchinson Junior College nearby. She taught in a rural elementary school for two years before coming to California to marry her long-time sweetheart, Ralph Wickham. Active in church work and music, she served as the children's choir director at the Venice First Methodist Church for several years and then at the Santa Monica First Christian Church. At one time she was directing five children's choirs, singing in a sixth, and substituting in two others. She also organized a women's chorus which performed at social events in the Santa Monica area for a number of years. She gave private voice lessons and tutored elementary school students in basic subjects.

Kathleen and Ralph retired to Kernville in 1970, removed to Kansas to care for an aging parent for a few years, and then returned to make their permanent home in Kernville. They have enjoyed the scenery and friendliness of the Kern Valley and the family wishes to thank all those who enriched her life in this community.

Kathleen is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ralph Wickham; son, Dennis (Donna) Wickham of Milwaukie, Oregon; daughter, Merry Wickham Ovnick of Chatsworth, Calif., two granddaughters, Karen Ovnick and Lara Ovnick Becher; and a nephew, Les (Ruby) Tanner of Caldwell, Idaho.

A memorial service will be held at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella on Saturday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Church Building Fund, Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

## Robert D. (Bob) Holcombe

Robert D. Holcombe, 60, director of special operations for the Sun's parent company, Wick Communications Company, died Thursday morning at his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

The cause of death was lung cancer.

Holcombe was the ramrod for a number of special projects undertaken by Wick Communications Company over the last 15 years and operated as the special assistant to Walter and Robert Wick presidents of Wick Communications Company and Wick Publishing Company respectively. He often represented the combined companies in locations far afield from its headquarters in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday Sept. 21, 1998 at the United Methodist Church, 3225 S. Saint Andrews Dr., (Buffalo Solders Trail). Military burial services will be held on Ft. Huachuca with entry at the East Gate at 12:40 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in the name of Robert D. Holcombe to the Forgach House, P.O. Box 1961, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, or the Cochise County Children's Center, P.O. Box 4338, Huachuca City, AZ 85616.

## Robert E. Welsh, Sr.

Robert E. Welsh, Sr., age 70, died on Wednesday, September 16, 1998. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, and spent most of his childhood and young adult years in Owensboro, Kentucky.

He graduated with a BA and MA in education from the University of Kentucky and moved to San Diego, Calif., in 1956 with his wife, Jean Bolton Welsh and his two children, Jody and Bob.

Both he and his wife taught in the San Diego School system until 1976 at which time they retired to Weldon, Calif.

Mr. Welsh was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa at the University of Kentucky, and a long time member of the Lion's Club. He was a Life Master of Duplicate bridge and a member of the local Duplicate Bridge Club. He enjoyed a love of woodworking and instructing young people in financial planning.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Jean Bolton Welsh; his son and family, Robert E. Welsh, Jr., Jewell, Jessica and Jonathan Welsh of Mountain Home, Ark., his daughter and family, Jody Welsh Steel, Jim and John Steel of Crescent City, Calif., and a great-grandchild, Lance Steel. Other survivors include his sister-in-law, Margaret B. Vermillion of Weldon, a niece and nephew, Lee V. Edgerly and Edward F. Vermillion, Jr., of Louisville, Kentucky and two nieces in Tarpon Springs, Florida, Jo B. Cox and Beth B. Goodbread.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be given to the Hospice Kern Services, 4300 Stine Road, Bakersfield, California 93313.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Wendell Jackson Lane

Graveside services were held Friday September 18, 1998 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Wendell Jackson Lane. Officiating was Kenneth Fincher of Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. Lane was born February 17, 1932 in Grand Junction, Colorado and passed away September 15, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. He has been a resident of the Kern Valley for 24 years. He worked 52 years as a meat cutter in the city of Ridgecrest for Albertson's Food Store.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Evelyn of Onyx, daughter Wendy R. Sanders of Ridgecrest, son Martin K. Lane of Chino, Calif., daughter and son-in-law Valoree and Jeff Morris of Diamond Bar, Calif., son and daughter-in-law Scott and Lemara Lane of Oak Harbor, Wash., 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is survived by his sisters Audrey Frodsham, Monti Wiley, Elvira Menor, and Barbara Fincher.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Patrick Kent Carnahan

In Loving Memory.

Patrick was born April 5th 1969 and after suffering a long illness left us on September 11, 1998. He was 34.

Patrick lived and worked in Kern Valley for several years. He had many friends throughout the valley and Bakersfield. He is survived by his mother Norma, brother, Gary of Lancaster, Calif., sister Sherrie of Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Services were held on Wednesday September 16, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at Desert Lawn Cemetery in Palmdale, Calif.

"Oh, I'll beg for you, you know I'll beg for you.

Pick a song and I'll sing for you. Take a bath, I'll drink the water that you leave. If you should die before me, ask if you could bring a friend. Pick a flower, hold your breath, and drift away..."

I'll love you always.

## Roy Lawrence Wheeler

Roy Lawrence Wheeler, 56, passed away at home on September 17, 1998.

Roy Lawrence Wheeler was born in Bakersfield on March 15, 1942 to Florence Viola Wheeler. He married Sheila J. Wheeler 35 years ago and lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past 28 years working for Contel-GTE as a line-man/installer.

He belonged to Sparks No Fish Catching Association and he was the Honorary Big Chief of Popo Aggie.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila and children, Deneen Borklund, Damon Wheeler, Dirk Wheeler, daughter-in-laws, Christy Wheeler and Mishelle Wheeler, and son-in-law, Eric Borklund, sister Monica Carrasco, and eight grandchildren, Kristofer, Kodi, Kirstan, Kailee, Myranda, Devon, Justin and unborn baby Bryson.

"Thank you Roy for being a wonderful husband, loving father and Pappy, and caring friend. Our lives are forever changed for knowing you."

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Donald M. Springer

Donald M. Springer was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and passed away at age 61 peacefully in his sleep after a long battle with diabetes in Kernville on Sept. 14, 1998. His brothers Dennis Springer of Kernville, and David Springer of Bodega, Calif. survive him. Donald served in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1959 with an Honorable Discharge. He studied Aeronautical engineering.

Donald retired to the Kern Valley 20 years ago. He leaves behind many friends and loved ones who shared with him his love of classical music and fondness of the outdoors.

A private burial followed by an informal get-together at the Springer home was held on Sunday, Sept. 19, 1998. In lieu of flowers, a donation to local charities is appreciated.

A special thank you to those of you who made donations, especially the Sportsman and K-Bar-S Mini-Mart during the families time of need.

## Monica Stella Werner

Monica Stella Werner, a long time resident of the valley, passed away at the home of her son, Thomas Kay in Reno, Nev. on Thursday, Sept. 10, 1998.

She was born in Berlin, Germany on April 4, 1926 and immigrated to the United States with her mother in 1941. She met Johann Kay Werner in Hollywood, married shortly thereafter, and abandoned her post as French Horn Player in the Greater Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra to raise her two children, Thomas and Vikki.

She and aero-space engineer husband Kay came to the valley in 1967 and operated a successful television repair service together until Kay's retirement circa mid 1980's.

She was a gifted writer, bird fancier, and was loved and respected by her family and friends and international pen-pals. She is survived by son Thomas Kay of Reno, Nev., daughter Vikki Jane of Sacramento, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters, both born recently.

She will be greatly missed by all and her family wishes her peace and love in her new transition where she will certainly be embraced by many friends.

## William Atchison "Bill" Karr

Masonic services were held Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for William A. "Uncle Bill" Karr, who passed away from cancer after a brief illness on Sept. 21, 1998.

A longtime Kernville resident who retired to the Kern River Valley from Ventura, Calif., with his wife Velda A. Karr, after 29 years with General Telephone (GTE). Mr. Karr was born on June 15, 1921, in Los Angeles. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1945, where he saw action in the Marshall Islands, Tinnea, and Saipan. He was a member of the Masonic Temple and the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge for many years. Bill's favorite pastimes were fishing the Klamath River, gambling at Lake Topaz, and spending time with his loyal dog, Candy.

Bill is survived by his wife of 35 years, Velda D. Karr; his sons, Gentry D. Karr of Los Angeles, and Michael D. Hays of Ventura; his daughter, Lynda L. Tyler of Big Lake, Alaska; brother Edward L. Karr of Colton, Calif., four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Bill is also survived by his 93-year-old uncle,

Floyd Atchison of San Pedro, Calif.

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

## Colby Parker Madison

Colby was born on Oct. 12, 1993 and was called home on Sept. 17, 1998. He was 4 years old.

Colby and his twin sister, Rebecca, were born in Bakersfield, and lived in the valley before moving with his family to Seaside, Ore. Colby is survived by his mother and father, Alisa and Marty Nelson of Ore.; brothers, Christopher and Connor; twin sister, Rebecca, of Ore.; maternal grandparents, Jim and Diane Childers, of Ridgecrest, Ron and Nedra Marks of Kernville; aunts Michelle Honeycutt of Susanville, Julie Greenwood of Kernville, Uncles Russ Honeycutt of Susanville, John Greenwood of Bakersfield; cousins, Stephanie and Shane Honeycutt and Brittney and Megan Greenwood.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up at NWC Community Federal Credit Union, 5496 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, Calif. 93240

## Lyle Kriens

Lyle Kriens passed away on Sept. 21, 1998. He was 49 years old. He was born in Whittier, Calif.

Lyle Kriens lived in Mtn. Mesa and belonged to the Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his father, Earl Kriens; and wife of two years, Yvette Krien; and his daughter; and brother Mike Kriens.

He will be very dearly missed by everyone who new him very much.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Mary Bridget Wall

A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday September 30, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mary Bridget Wall. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Wall was born September 12, 1910 in Hartford, Conn. and passed away Sept. 26, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 15 years. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was greatly loved and will be missed.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Nancy and Alfred St. Pierre of Caliente and daughter Sue Worford of Caliente, sister and brother-in-law Edna and Howard Baldwin of Conn., 5 grandchildren, Kim and Shan Spradlin of Bakersfield, Berry and Jennifer St. Pierre of Redondo Beach, Tony Ellis of San Francisco, Patrick Dubel of Connecticut, and Tracy Hill of Redondo Beach; one great-granddaughter Cortney Kleidon and niece Dorothy and husband Bob Williams of CT.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lawrence (Larry) David Vogt

Lawrence David Vogt passed away Friday Sept. 25, 1998 in Onyx, Calif.

Larry was born June 2, 1923 in Hinsdale, Ill. He served his country in WWII receiving medals in the Asiatic Pacific, and also in Europe and African Middle East.

He moved to California after his Honorable Disability Discharge in 1945. He had his own business and lived in Malibu, Calif. He later helped his parents build their home in Onyx and resided there working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Lake Patrol in the 1960's. He was a charter member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge #2358, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter CA23 and also a member of the American Legion Pacific Palisades Post 283.

As you travel through the beautiful Kern River Valley and in camp grounds around the lake, you will find many Eucalyptus species of trees planted through the years by Larry, standing like tall monuments in his honor. He loved trees, plants and music.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel of Onyx. He is also survived as a loving adopted father by his daughter Connie Penn of Redding, Calif., granddaughter, Anjel Schneider and two great granddaughters, April and Kari Schneider, also of Redding, Calif.

A military graveside service was held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield Friday Oct. 2, 1998.

We will always love and miss you Papa.

## Iola Elizabeth Ferguson

Memorial services were held Saturday October 3, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella for Iola Elizabeth Ferguson. Officiating was Pastor Chuck Semonious.

Mrs. Ferguson was born January 2, 1919 in Madison, Wis., and passed away on September 28, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. She has been a resident of the Valley for 28 years, and a member of the Grandmothers Club and great-grandmother. She had exceptional patience.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years Wayne Ferguson of Wofford Heights, her daughter Pat Ferguson of Hesperia, sons, Donald Ferguson of Washington, Ronald Ferguson of Orange, Calif., Dan Ferguson of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., sister Winona Charles of Washington and 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Ernest Dexter Hammond

A Mass for Christian Burial was held Monday Oct. 5, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Ernest Dexter Hammond. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Hammond was born August 8, 1913 in Shawnee, Ohio and passed away on October 1, 1998 at his home in Bodfish. Mr. Hammond and his family lived in Hawthorne, Calif. for 26 years and he worked at McDonnell Douglas for 35 years before retiring and moving to Bodfish 21 years ago. He was a member of the Machinist's Union and the Moose Lodge. He enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling. He devoted his life to his wife and his sons. He is survived by his wife, Helen and his sons, James Hammond of Lake Isabella, Richard and Carol Hammond of Carson, Calif., Robert and Virginia Hammond of Henderson, Nev., David and Roseline Hammond of Bakersfield and sister Cecilia Smith of Bodfish, niece Carol Danter of Bodfish, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lyle Kriens

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Lyle Kriens lived in Mtn. Mesa and belonged to the Eagles and the Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of two years, Yvette Kriens; and father, Earl Kriens, his daughter; and brother Mike Kriens.

He will be very dearly missed by everyone who new him very much.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Bessie C. Whitten

Bessie C. Whitten, 86, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, Oct. 8, 1998. She departed this life at the

Kern Valley Hospital Skilled Nursing Facility in Lake Isabella after suffering a major stroke almost 3 months ago.

Mrs. Whitten was born in Sitka, Ark. on August 10, 1912. She came to California in 1944, moved to Kern County in 1947, and lived in Lake Isabella since 1981. She was a faithful member of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, E. Harvey Whitten; two daughters, Sarah and her husband William Robert Hobbs of Merced, Calif., and Sherry Gynendal Whitten of Corona, Calif.; two grandchildren, Nancy Johnson and her husband Aaron of Le Grand, Calif.; David Hobbs and his wife Kristine of Fresno, Calif.; two great-granddaughters, Kelly Erin Hobbs and Katelyn Joy Hobbs of Fresno; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Monday, October 12, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Garden of Resurrection. Associate Pastor Bert Simpson officiated.

A memorial service was conducted Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, by former Pastor Deryl Lackey.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Oleta Faye Ramey

Oleta Faye Ramey passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 6, 1998, following a long illness.

Oleta was born in Arkansas in 1931, and her family relocated to Arvin, Calif., in about 1933. She married Vernon "Henry" Ramey in 1948, and lived in Bakersfield until relocating to Johnsondale, Calif., in 1960. She and Henry worked in the logging industry in Johnsondale until the lumber mill closed in 1979.

Oleta was preceded in death by her husband Henry, her mother Metty Petty, her brother Charles Mounce, and granddaughter Donna Stubblefield. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Sondra and Paul Montgomery of Tehachapi, her daughter and son-in-law Pamela and Rick Quillen of Mojave, her daughter Sharin Ramey of Bakersfield, and her sisters Viola McManny and Christine Myers of Norwalk. Oleta is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral services were Friday, Oct. 9, 1998, 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, Calif. Arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Ruth Schuhmann

Ruth Anna Zar Schuhmann, age 86 of Joplin, Mo., passed away at 2:22 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 5, 1998 at Freeman Hospital East in Joplin after a lengthy illness.

Born September 5, 1912 in New Orleans, La., she was the daughter of Luke and Emma Zimmerman Zar. She had lived in Joplin since May of 1996, moving from Wofford Heights, Calif., where she had lived over 20 years.

Mrs. Schuhmann had done clerical work and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and was a member of Ladies of the Elks. She volunteered for the American Red Cross.

In 1960 she married Charles W. Schuhmann in Torrance, Calif. He preceded her in death in 1990.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth Perkins of Pasa Robles, Calif. two daughters, Mary Houser of Escondido, Calif., Gerry Walters of New Orleans, La.; a step-son, David Schuhmann of Ahwahnee, Calif., a brother, Al Zar, Sr. of Joplin; a sister, Alma Ehrensing of New Orleans, La.; a granddaughter; four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The body will be cremated and taken to Wofford Heights for services and burial. Arrangements are under the direction of Parker Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1998

## Charles "Animal" Michael Stern

Charles was born on September 14, 1978. He was raised by his father since he was 7 years old. Although it wasn't easy growing up in a single parent household, but at the age of 20 he was turning into a fine young man. Dad was proud.

Charles "Animal" is survived by his father Charles L. Stern and step-mother Jean Stern; also his brother Ronald Stern; all of Wofford Heights.

Ronald, age 16, was in the car with his brother at the time of the accident but will be okay. Also surviving him is his sister Carolyn Barnhill of Bakersfield, his mother Linda Duggan of Portland, Ore, his grandmother Arvilla Stern of Lake Isabella and grandfather William Stern of Pinion Hills, Calif.; his aunt, Marilyn Copeland and husband Dave of Squirrel Valley and their daughter Trisha; 2 nieces, 5 uncles and numerous other cousins.

We will all miss him.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

A Burial Fund for Charles Stern has been established at N.W.C. Community Credit Union for donations.

## Margaret "Maggie" Compeau

Margaret Compeau passed away October 9, 1998 at her home in Weldon. She is survived by her husband Dan, three daughters: Karon of Portland, Sharon of Seattle, and Theresa of L.A.; and a son, Steve, of Wash. two sisters, Claire of San Francisco and Annette of Austin, Tex.; and a brother Harvey of Wash. Also, two grandchildren, Patty and Charlene of L.A. and five great-grandchildren.

Maggie was a woman with a great capacity for love of her fellow beings, and will be sorely missed. The world is a lesser place because of her passing, but God must have needed another angel.

Cremation by Lake Isabella Mortuary.

## LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum

LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum was born on May 15, 1942, in Los Angeles, Calif. He passed away October 10, 1998 in Bakersfield, Calif. Mr. Kreighbaum was a resident of China Lake (1943-1960), when he joined the Air Force. He was discharged in 1964. He was an employee at the China Lake Naval Weapons Center from 1965 until his retirement in May of 1997. Mr. Kreighbaum truly loved his job at the Naval Weapons Center. He also was passionate about his rose garden at home, but he never quite considered himself a gardener. He always said that God was his "gardener," simply because he never did much to encourage its growth. The garden just sort of managed itself with God's help, as evidenced by the huge, beautiful roses that grew there. LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum was a devoted son, brother, uncle, and cousin. Funeral services were held Saturday, October 17, 1998 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery at 1 p.m. in Wofford Heights, Calif.

LeRoy Daniel Kreighbaum is survived by his mother, Bertha Kreighbaum of Lake Isabella, his brother, Gary D. Kreighbaum of Fresno, a nephew, Douglas R. Kreighbaum and niece, Sarah F. Howard also of Fresno, an aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Norman and Edna Howarth of Reno, and numerous dearly loved cousins.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



## **David Matthew Donnelly**

A memorial service will be held Friday October 30, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for David Matthew Donnelly. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

David was born January 21, 1955 in Los Angeles, Calif. and passed away October 20, 1998 in Wofford Heights, Calif. He lived in the Kern River Valley off and on for the past 5 years, sharing his time between his parents in Wofford Heights and his parents in Daton, Nev. Everyone always called on him to come to their rescue with their mechanical problems. He was well known and loved by everyone on the mountain.

He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Leigh Donnelly of Van Nuys, Calif., father and step-mother, Jack and Linda Donnelly of Wofford Heights, mother and step-father, Carol and Marv Ballard of Daton, Nev., brother and sister-in-law, James and Gale Donnelly of Brentwood, Calif., sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Gene Fleitas of Nevada City, Calif., and many aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Steven Earl Smith

Steven Earl Smith, son of long-time Riverkern resident Verna Clement passed away October 11, 1998 at the age of 61 at his home in Sherman Oaks, after a lengthy illness.

Steven served as Southern California manager in the presidential campaigns of Lyndon Johnson in 1964 and Robert F. Kennedy in 1968. He was a native of Torrance and a graduate of Cal State L.A. and Whittier College School of Law.

Beginning his political career as Southern California chairman of the California Federation of Young Democrats in 1958, Smith was named the first administrative officer of the state Assembly in 1961 by its then-speaker, Jesse M. Unruh.

Steven ran unsuccessfully for the Los Angeles City Council in 1970.

Serving as executive director of the California Commission for Economic Development from 1973 to 1978, he took time out in 1974 to manage Mervyn Dymally's successful campaign for lieutenant governor.

Steven passed the California bar in 1977 and practiced law in Los Angeles for 20 years, serving for more than a decade as a federal bankruptcy trustee.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Helena Robinson Smith; two daughters, Catherine

and Jennifer; and two sons, Steven Jr. and James; mother, Verna Clement & stepfather Eugene Clement of Riverkern; Brother, Sydney David Smith of Wofford Heights, and Brian Douglas Clement and family of Norwalk, Calif. Steven's father, Lyman Smith preceded him in death in 1955.

Steven and his family enjoyed the Kern River Valley very much; many family get-togethers were spent here with his mom & stepdad. Steven was known by many valley residents and he will truly be missed.

## Daniel Alfred Williams

Daniel Alfred Williams was born December 23, 1915 to Oscar Williams and Alice Ruynan Williams in Wichita, Kan. He was raised on the Williams farm west of Caldwell. He attended the Bailey School through grade school and attended one year of high school in Caldwell.

On July 16, 1941 he was united in marriage to Altha B. Davis at Winfield, Kan. They went to Bell, Calif., August 2, 1942 and he was employed at Cal Ship Yard as a welder's helper until he had to report to the draft board in Wellington, Kan. He served in the U.S. Navy and took his boot training in Farragut, Idaho. His wife was able to join him until he was transferred to Treasure Is-

land, then San Bruno and then shipped to Okinawa PT Boat #24. During this time their daughter Judy Ann was born in September 29, 1943 and their son Robert Eugene was born October 12, 1945. He received his discharge November 24, 1945 at Norman, Okla.

They purchased a home in Caldwell and he was employed at the Firestone Station, then Walt Norton Chevrolet as a mechanic. Then he worked for Neal Hess Plumbing Texas Houses. In 1947 they purchased the Fred Burcher Farm, and they lived there until 1958 when they moved to Farmington, N. M. and he worked for Vernie Schwertfeger. In 1962 they moved to Trona, Calif. where he worked in a liquor and deli until his retirement in 1978. They retired at Lake Isabella, Calif. and he passed away after a short illness of cancer and pneumonia, October 22, 1998.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of the home; his daughter Judy of Boise, Idaho; his son Robert at Orofino, Idaho; his sister Helen (Vicki) Masci of Reseda, Calif.; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Melvin and sister Mildred Gerstmeyer.

Cremation was directed by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors and no funeral service will be held. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Any memorial offerings may be directed to the Cancer Fund.

## OBITUARIES

### Ed Ferges

Ed Ferges of Wofford Heights, Calif., passed away peacefully in his sleep the morning of November 5, 1998.

Funeral services were held Monday November 9, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel, officiating was the Kernville Masonic Lodge.

Ed was born on January 6, 1913 in Liberty Hill, Tex. He was the youngest of seven children born to W.E. Ferges and Susie Hastings Ferges.

Ed spent his early years and youth on the family farm in Liberty Hill. During high school he lived with his sister Vreda in Hallsville, Tex., so he could go to school and play on the school baseball team. He loved baseball and continued to compete while serving in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Ed came to California in the mid 1930's and lived with his sister Katherine and family in El Segundo. He met his future wife Janet C. Reese on a blind date set up by a family member. They were married on July 1, 1939 in Glendale, Calif., and set up their home in Hawthorne, Calif., where they raised their family of four children.

Ed was a member of the Hawthorne Masonic Lodge #647 and received his fifty year certificate in July of 1995. He helped in the construction of the Hawthorne Lodge building.

for many years he was active in the local little league and Boy Scout Troop 786. He camped and backpacked all over California with the scouts and family.

Ed was employed by North American Aviation and retired in 1975 having worked for them for

thirty-nine years.

Upon retirement Ed and Janet moved to Wofford Heights, Calif., After settling in they rekindled their love of square dancing and became active in the Dam Dancers, traveling and dancing throughout the world.

Ed is survived by his loving wife Janet and his four children; Cathy, Carol, Barbara and Ralph, his 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family request remembrances be sent to the Alzheimers Disease and Research Association or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Elizabeth (Sally) Brady

Sally was born in 1910. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, William M. Brady, 2 sons, William and Duane Brady, 11 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren, also a sister Rosemary Dornan of Ohio, and a brother Charles Rausch of Tennessee.

Sally and her husband William retired to Wofford Heights in 1974, where they became active in the Elks, their church and Sally in the Altar Society. She enjoyed quilting, camping, fishing and her rose garden.

Her greatest love was her family, and for all who knew her and loved her, we will miss her dearly.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home

# OBITUARIES

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1998

## Vern Franklin Brindley, Jr.

Vern Franklin Brindley, Jr. was born June 27, 1930 in Oklahoma City and passed away in Mtn. Mesa on November 8, 1998.

Vern lived in Palm Springs, Calif., where he managed a Standard Oil station.

His mother lived in the Kern River Valley where Vern and his fiance Martha would visit often during their courting period. With the proposal of marriage Vern suggested they relocate to Kernville and they did. After the wedding Vern worked for the Kern High School District as a bus driver/custodian. He was there 21 years. Vern's passing was just shy of his 32nd wedding anniversary.

Vern is survived by his wife Martina and four brothers; Richard of Oklahoma, Jim of Arizona, Dennis of Texas, and Charles of Texas.

In recent times Vern has been busy battling cancer, which meant numerous doctor visits and treatments. He has fought strong and hard. However, on Nov. 1st he entered the hospital in Mtn. Mesa. On his 7th day there, he promoted to a heavenly home. The cause of death is noted as respiratory arrest due to pneumonia.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## John Floyd Perry

Memorial services were held Saturday Nov. 14, 1998 at 1 p.m. at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for John Floyd Perry. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson. John was born Feb. 16, 1920 in a log home in Tupeio, Okla., in Indian Territory. He came to California in 1947 and worked at Torrance Unified

School District for 40 years before retiring. He and his wife came to Lake Isabella 5 years ago. He and Lois were very involved in Saints Alive, the senior ministry of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. He enjoyed collecting pens and pencils and doing latchhook. He also enjoyed walking and singing.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Lois and his sons, Jim & daughter-in-law, Sally Kelley of Canyon Country, Deryl & daughter-in-law Sheryl Kelley of Colorado, daughter and son-in-law Joyce & Ernie Thompson of Torrance, brothers, Ralph Perry of Hemet, brother Earl & Betty Perry of Oklahoma, J.R. & Judy Perry of Oklahoma, and Roy & Retta Perry of Tehachapi, and sister Alli Kelly of Los Angeles, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also has loving church family, he will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Eddie Richard Ashmore

Eddie Ashmore passed away on Sunday, Nov. 8, 1998. He was born Nov. 7, 1927 in Mayfield, Kan. He spent his youth in Needles, Calif. Eddie worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 20 years as a signalman. He has been married 28 years to Jean. They moved to Weldon nine years ago after living 20 years in Glendora, Calif. He was always fixing things and he liked fishing and hunting and in the later years of his life he took up needlework. Eddie is survived by his wife, Jean; son and daughter-in-law Kenny and Brenda Ashmore of Mojave Valley, Ariz; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Mike Andrews of Phoenix, Ariz., daughter and son-in-law Carla

and Gary Ackerman of Henderson, Colo. He is survived also by 6 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, sister and brother-in-law Frieda and Harry Elliott of Lake Elizabeth, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Mildred M. Bichner

Funeral services were held Tuesday Nov., 10, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Mildred Mary Bichner. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe and Pastor Floyd Castillo. Mildred was born May 26, 1914 in Bethesda, Ark and passed away Nov., 6, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, California. She has been a resident of Lake Isabella for 27 years and a member of the Eastern Star and TOPS and the Moose, as well as a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She is survived by her sons Gary Bichner and Larry Kent, and 3 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Gary Ulvig

Gary Ulvig, a long time resident of Kernville, past away in his sleep on Nov., 6th 1998. He was 56 years of age. He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Martha Ulvig. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

## OBITUARIES

### Richard "Dick" Orin Crane

Richard Orin Crane of Kernville went to be with the Lord November 18, 1998. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 21, 1998 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella, and Pastor Richard Lewis officiated.

Richard Crane was born in Kansas City, Mo. on January 8, 1915. He lived and worked in Southern California after serving in the United States Armed Services throughout World War II as a member of the Navy.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances, who shared his life for forty years. He was also preceded in death by his parents Guy and Marie Crane, and by his son Richard O. Crane II. He is survived by his son David J. Crane and his wife Julie Crane of Fortuna, Calif., granddaughters Kimberly of Fortuna, Antonia of San Francisco, grandsons Steven Alan Crane of Eureka, Calif, Steven Crane of Spokane, Wash. and Edward Hunter Crane of Connecticut. He is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jerry Singley of Palos Verdes, Calif, and Ted Singley of Wash. His great-grandchildren include Oliver and Brittney Visser of Phoenix, Ariz, Tiffany and Violet Crane of Eureka, Calif. He is also survived by Popeye, his dog.

He and his wife Frances made Kernville their home in 1974. He was known by all of his friends as Dick Crane. His photographic art captured many of the scenes of the Kern Valley transmitting the local beauty of the region to art collectors throughout the country.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

### Gilmore "Tony" Paquet

Tony Paquet was born June 15, 1929 in Peoria, Ill. He died November 17, 1998 in Las Vegas, Nev. Tony enjoyed fishing and bowling as a member of the K.V. CBers Club. He was known as Jelly Bean. He resided in Lake Isabella for 13 years and moved to Las Vegas, Nev. in December of 1997.

Tony is survived by his wife of 14 years Evelyn of Las Vegas, Nev., daughter and son-in-law Katherine and Steve Truax of Bodfish, Calif., daughter Carolyn Goff of Las Vegas, grandchildren Steven and Matthew of Bodfish, Christopher and Miranda Reese of Las Vegas. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Bell Templeton of Lake Isabella, Calif, and brother-in-law Leland Templeton of San Bernardino, Calif, brother-in-law John Templeton of Lake Isabella, Calif, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ellen and Jesse Tyree of Fresno, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Pat and Gary of Lake Isabella, numerous nieces and nephews, great grand nieces and nephews and many friends. Tony will be missed by all. Memorial services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel on November 21, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating was Pastor James Lee.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Mitchell Everd Prince

Beloved son, grandson, and brother was shot during a robbery in Fresno. So violent for such a loving, gentle, young man.

Mitch was born in Bakersfield, but moved with his family to Wofford Heights where he started the 3rd grade. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1993. Mitch received the Principal's Award and several scholarships.

He worked part-time at the Elks Lodge where he loved all the members, and they loved him.

Mitch was a rare gem in today's world. Never in any kind of trouble and never a discipline problem. He lived by godly principles. Even a little guy, he had so much maturity for such a young age. He had such sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

After high school, he enrolled at Fresno State majoring in journalism and communications. He received his BA Degree in May of this year.

He worked as a "free lance" reporter/writer for the Kern Valley Sun the summer after completing his freshman year in college. After graduating in May,

Mitch decided to stay in Fresno, which had become home. He had a nice apartment and more job opportunities. He also had made many good friends in that area.

He was a hard worker and held down a part-time job all through college.

A special young man with a future filled with such promise. Mitch touched so many lives in his short 23 years.

Mitchell's loss is mourned by his parents, Paula and Patrick Prince of Wofford Heights, brothers Pat and Mike of Wofford Heights, grandparents Marguerite (Margo) and Archie Page of Kernville, grandmother Marge Prince, Aunts Paula and Pam of Arkansas and Patsy of San Simeon.

Our beloved, your time with us was so brief. Even as we struggle with our devastating grief, we know you are with God in his special place. And the cares of this harsh world, you'll no longer have to face.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery, officiated by Pastor John Carpenter. Funeral arrangements provided by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1998

## Ada Harriet Read

Funeral services were held Wednesday November 25, 1998 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Ada Harriet Read. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Ada was born June 23, 1913 in Los Angeles, Calif. and passed away November 22, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa after a long illness. She has lived in the Kern River Valley for 33 years and she Bingo'ed all over the Valley and garage sale-ing was her other passion. She had many friends wherever she went and she had a delightful sense of humor.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Ora and Elwin Vernon of Washington state, her nieces Lorraine Anhorn of Lake Isabella, Ada Shannon of Calif., Nancy Vernon and Helaine Peter of Washington state, Gail and Jim Hughes of Arizona and nephew Lee Scott of Calif. Also many great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed by her loving family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Paul Dzaich

Paul Dzaich was born January 26th, 1933 in Glendale, Calif. and passed away at home on November 23, 1998.

A memorial service was held at the V.F.W. Post #7665 in Lake Isabella on November 25, 1998.

Paul is survived by his children, daughter, Debra and husband Gary Plaunt of Seattle, Wash., Denise and husband Gil Goch of Michigan, son, David Dzaich of Michigan, five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brothers Mike and Joe, and sister Martha.

He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 20 years, and was known by many great friends here.

Paul was a restaurant owner, bartender, and probation counselor at Camp Owen Erwin for 18 years. Paul loved to hunt, fish, and have campfires in the woods. Most of all he loved people.

He will be missed greatly by all and especially, his companion of 20 years Corinne August.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



### Charles (Chas) Papp

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 15, 1946. One of five boys born to Charley and Delores Papp. He is preceded by his father, Charley and brother Michael Papp. He is survived by his loving mother, Delores, his brothers; Dale (Karen); Dennis, Jeffrey (Roxanne); by his loving daughters Kim Fink, Brenda and Miguel Socha and his self adopted son, Domenic and Tina Gonzales. He will be deeply missed by the love of his life Susan Ritter and daughter Kelly of Lake Isabella. Also survived by his four grandchildren, and many, many treasured friends.

Chas was a very artistic person. He enjoyed Mother Earth and wild life. He was an uncle to every child who knew him. He loved the outdoors; fishing, camping, hiking and collecting things to make his birdhouses and custom art.

Chas always said, when he died that he wanted to be cremated and to throw a party in his memory at the lake. Services: Lake Isabella Auxiliary Dam, Launch #17 at 1 p.m. Saturday December 12, 1998. "Put my fishing pole out, open a beer and set out my chair."

### Laura Ann Adams David

Memorial services were held Friday, December 4, 1998 at 1 p.m. for Laura Ann Adams David at Valley Mortuary Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Laura was born June 24, 1963 in Arcadia, Calif. and passed away November 29, 1998 in Caliente, Calif.

She has been a resident of the Kern Valley for the past 10 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She is survived by her parents Ernie and Barbara Adams of Caliente, her daughter Christina David of Caliente, brother and sister-in-law David and Donella Adams of Bodfish, brother and sister-in-law Ernie and Joyce Adams of Diamond Bar, brother Rick Adams of Chino Hills, brother and sister-in-law Mike and Debbie Adams of Arizona, sister and brother-in-law Diane and Robert Verreras of Lake Isabella, and many nices and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Betty A. Joyner

Services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery Saturday, Dec. 5, 1998 for Betty Joyner, who passed away Sunday, Nov. 30 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Betty was born in Pasadena on Feb. 3, 1923. She was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Joyner. Betty is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Bob and Jan Haskell of Seattle, Washington, and four grandchildren. She also leaves behind a brother and sister-in-law, Lauren and Kay Sterling of Washington.

Betty was a loving and caring person who loved the Kern River Valley. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and family.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.





### **Debra Lynn Barr**

Debra Lynn Barr passed away on Dec. 5, 1998 in her home. She was 43. Debra was born in Lynwood, Calif. on June 27, 1955 to Maude Barr and moved to Wofford Heights one year ago. She was a Human Resources Specialist for Western Exterminator.

She is survived by her mother Maude Barr, her fiance Fred Timmerman, 5 brothers; Robert, Clark, David, Alan and Larry Barr, and twin sister, Denise Barr, four nephews and niece; Michael, Brandon, Jared, Brian and Summerly Barr.

Debra loved her family and she was very generous and kind to all who knew her.

Services will be held on Wednesday at 10a.m. at Valley Mortuary, officiated by Pastor Chuck Semonious. Burial will be at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### **Verna Andie Wright**

A memorial service was held Saturday, December 5, 1998 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville First Baptist Church for Verna Andie Wright of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis.

Verna was born April 23, 1914 in Creighton Missouri and died at her residence in Wofford Heights November 25, 1998. She was 84 years old.

Verna started her real-estate business Verna Wright Realty upon moving to the Kern River Valley in 1963. She was a charter member of the Board of Realtors and former President.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Jim and Lorie Andie of Weldon, Owen Andie of Wofford Heights, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1998

### William "Paul" Spencer

Memorial services were held at Kernville United Methodist Church on Dec. 9, with Reverend John Carpenter officiating. Paul passed away Dec. 4, 1998 in Bakersfield. He was born November 12, 1914 in Northville, Mich. He came to California at the age of eight residing in Costa Mesa, later moving to the Downey area. He served in the U.S. Armed Services during World War II. Paul retired after a career in sales and moved to Kernville. He and his wife, Nita have resided in Kernville for over 20 years. His wife Nita, and his sons and their families were the most important things in his life. He cherished every moment he shared with them. Next to his family he enjoyed travelling. His RV travelling with his wife, Nita, enabled him to see the United States in all its beauty. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife Nita of 43 years, sons, Bill Spencer and wife Diane of Middletown, Calif; Bob Spencer and wife Sandra of Provo, Utah; grandson Erik Spencer and wife, Chris of Fairfield, Calif., and by granddaughters, Sherry and Shawna Spencer of Provo, Utah.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Dorothy Leary Handel

Funeral services were held Tuesday December 15, 1998 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church for Dorothy Leary Handel. Officiating was Father Jim Kudilil. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Dorothy was born December 23, 1909 in Waterburg, Conn., and passed away December 9, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years. She enjoyed bowling at the Mt. Mesa Lanes.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Andy and Ann Leary of Kernville, son Jim Leary of Larkspur, Calif. and her sister Ellen Wilson of Florida, and her granddaughter Patty and her husband Brian Lanterman of Lake Isabella, and two great-grandchildren Camron and Blake Lanterman of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

DECEMBER 23, 1998

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### Dorothy Dix Gunningham

A memorial service will be announced at a later date for Dorothy Dix Gunningham who passed away December 16, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa, Calif. after a long illness. She was born November 3, 1918 in Pauls Valley, Ok. and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 10 years. She enjoyed fishing here and she was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Wofford Heights, Calif. Interment was held at Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, Calif.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Naomi and Charlie Horton of Bodfish, her nephew Ronald L. Peters of Oregon, niece and her husband Charlsa and David Boone of Los Angeles, and two great nephews Jonathan and Justin Boone.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Elsie J. Cruz

Elsie J. Cruz born April 14, 1926 in Latrobe, Penn., and passed away Thursday, December 17, 1998 in a hospital in Santa Maria of natural causes. She was formerly a resident of Kernville, but has resided in Nipomo, Calif. for the past four years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roberto P. Cruz in 1970 and her brother Carl Ankney of Penn. Elsie is survived by her daughter Michaelle Hall of Kernville, sons Roberto Cruz of Nipomo and Frank Cruz of San Diego, Calif; sisters Laura Incandella and Isabell McElwee of Penn.; brother Fred Ankney of West Covina, Calif., and three grandchildren.

At her request no services will be held and cremation will be followed by interment in the Desert Cemetery in Ridgecrest, Calif.

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