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## Barbara Jean Meuer

A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday Dec. 29, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. for Barbara Jean Meuer at St. Jude Catholic Church. Officiating was Father Eric Lofgren.

Mrs. Meuer was born May 1, 1939 in New York and passed away December 23, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa.

She has been a resident of Bodfish for the past seven years. She was Vice Commander of the DAV in North Highlands, Calif. and Girl Scout Leader for many years, and worked as the activity director in nursing homes for many years. She spent a lot of her time helping other people and was also a volunteer for the Forest Service. She was a avid Yankees fan.

Barbara is survived by her husband Ted of 42 years, and her daughter and son-in-law Marie and Rick Chamberland II of Harrogate, England, son and daughter-in-law Paul and Theresa Meuer of San Antonio, Tex. and son and daughter-in-law Bernard Zink Sr. of Sacramento, four grandchildren, Jennifer, Ricky, Mark and Jessica and four sisters, Patricia, Mary, Helen and Laretta and two brothers, Bernard Jr. and Jonathan.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Ruth Lillian Ridgway

Ruth Lillian Ridgway passed away December 30, 1998 in Mtn. Mesa after a short illness. She was born December 29, 1914 in Des Moines, Iowa.

There were no services held as Ruth had requested. She was buried at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Glendale, Calif. next to her parents.

Ruth moved to California from Iowa when she was 6 years old

and graduated from Lincoln High School in Los Angeles after which she attended four years of Bible College. She worked in the aircraft industry during WWII then she was a nursery school teacher for many years.

She moved here to the Kern River Valley from Clear Lake, Calif. 22 years ago.

She is survived by her sister Myrtle in Northern California, and her many friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Boda Yates

Boda was born to her parents Oscar and Nancy on May 20, 1933 in West Virginia. Boda was raised with a strong belief in family and faith. She brought up her family to believe in those very same ideals. Throughout her life, she worked hard to provide for herself and her family. In 1990 Boda moved to the Kern River Valley to be with her family. Here, her family was able to give her the same loving care and compassion that she was always able to give. Her family diligently cared for Boda as she grew ill in her twilight years. But on December 17, 1998, Boda heard the calling of her maker, and went home to be with the Lord. She was 66 years, 7 months and 27 days old. Though Boda is gone from us, her loving tenderness, care, and compassion that she provided for so many will live on forever.

Boda Yates leaves behind four very special daughters, June, Brenda, Tish and Dorothy. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Nicole, Alex, Katie, Amber and Michael. She has two surviving sisters, Rachel and Alberta. Boda's husband Frank preceded her in passing in 1986.

"We love, her. We will miss her. Goodbye sweet Mommy."  
... Love, your daughters.

## Gertrude Pauline Roberts

A Mass for Christian burial was held Friday December 4, 1998 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in St. Louis Mo. for Gertrude Pauline Roberts of Ridgecrest. Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis.

Gert was born December 4, 1907 in St. Louis Missouri and died November 29, 1998 in Lancaster, Calif., after a short illness. She was 90 years old.

Gert was a former 36 year resident of the Kern River Valley, a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

She is survived by her brother Joseph Sick of Bowling Green, Missouri, two nieces and two nephews and her friend and care giver Merle Jenkins.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## George Lee Walter

A memorial service was held Friday January 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for George Lee Walter. Mr. Walter was born June 19, 1927 in San Pedro, Calif., and passed away January 4, in Bakersfield, Calif.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a terminal manager for a molasses company in Long Beach, Calif. He and his late wife, Virginia moved to Wofford Heights in 1989 from San Pedro, Calif. He was a member of BPO Elks #2358 of Wofford Heights, and a avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his sons, Gary and David Walter, step-daughter and son-in-law; Colleen and Randy Jenkins, step-son and wife Mike and Linda Brinkley and grandchildren, Letitia, Tamara, Brooke, Matthew, Melissa and Ryan.

Brother Robert Walter, nephew James and nieces Daye and Paula. Brother-in-law and wives, Donald and Gerri Headley, Raymond and Mary Headley and Gene and Linda Headley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Margaret Catherine Smith

Marge was born July 25, 1922 in Boston, Mass. She moved with her parents and brother Carl to So. Calif., where they resided in Monrovia. After high school Marge moved to the South Bay area. She met her first husband and together had six children. She divorced and later married her second husband and had one more son. Together they moved to Kernville in 1962 and bought what used to be called the Walker's Inn near the bridge.

Marge kept herself busy. She was secretary for the Lady Elks, as well as a Charter Member. She also was among the first of our local Sweet Adelines. Later, she involved herself with a C.B. base station and volunteered her time with Chl. 9 REACT group.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband Charles (Smitty) Smith, and sons Ralph and Carl. She leaves in passing, sons: Robert of San Diego, Richard of Lawton, Okla., David of Wilmington, Calif., and Dan of Kernville. Daughters: M.C. (Snooky) Magness of Los Lunas, N.M., and Sandy Logston of Corning, Calif. Marge was also blessed with 12 grandchildren and several wonderful great-grandchildren.

According to Marge's wishes, there will be a small private family get together, however no formal services.

Your kindness and smile helped and gave us warmth. May our mom rest in peace.

## Edna Eunice Morton

Graveside services were held Tuesday Jan. 12, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edna Eunice Morton. Officiating was Paul Paulsen of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Lake Isabella.

Edna was born Oct. 16, 1910 in Tennessee and passed away on Jan. 8, 1999 in Bakersfield. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She enjoyed cooking for everyone and she was a good wife and mother, and a kind and compassionate person.

She is survived by her son Cecil Morton of South Gate, brother Elmer Parrish of Alabama, brother-in-law and wife Walter and Chrystal Morton of Lake Isabella, and sister-in-law Edith Farris of Ore.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Robert John Katzenmeyer

Private arrangements were made for Robert John Katzenmeyer who passed away Jan. 13, 1999 in Bodfish. Mr. Katzenmeyer was born May 21, 1928 in Minneapolis, Minn., and lived in the San Fernando Valley for many years, and worked for Litton Industry for 20 years and then owned his own truck and delivered mobilehomes for about 3 years before retiring, then moving to Bodfish. He enjoyed hunting and he trained his own bird dogs.

Robert is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ione Katzenmeyer and his son Matthew Katzenmeyer of Sunland, Calif., his daughter Michele Brandon and grandson Christopher Brandon of Washington.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Winona Opal Davis

Graveside services were held Saturday January 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. for Winona Opal Davis, officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Mrs. Davis was born March 15, 1921 in Paoli, Okla. to Mr. and Mrs. James White (Malie Bleer) and passed away Jan. 10, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

Winona was a very sweet, gentle and stubborn lady. She

enjoyed visits from family and had moved to Lake Isabella from Ada, Okla, in 1997 to be near them. She loved to play games with everyone and enjoyed quilting and reading.

She is survived by her husband Leonard E. Davis of Lake Isabella, her daughters and son-in-laws, Norita and James Lockhart, Glenda and Stanton Lowry, sister Mitta Simpson and brothers, Ronald Dean Bleer, Deion Bleer, and Arley Bleer, grandchildren, Mike Lockhart, Cindy Lowry, Melody Arnold, Mitchell Lockhart, Mark Lockhart and Tim Lowry, also 9 great-grandchildren.

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

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Vivian Margaret Wise

Memorial services were held Saturday Jan. 23, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Vivian Margaret Wise, who passed away after a long illness on Jan. 18, 1999 at the Nursing Center in Mtn. Mesa.

Mrs. Wise was born Feb. 10, 1920 in Detroit, Mich., and has lived in Wofford Heights for 24 years. She enjoyed playing bridge and painting pictures of the hills in our valley.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Fred C. Wise of Wofford Heights; sons David (and Jerri Wise) of Norwalk and Jeffrey Wise of Los Angeles; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; brother Robert Olsen of Wofford Heights; and sisters Doris Bellair of Detroit, Mich. and Mickie Ranken, of Lakewood, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Frances Mae Larsen

Frances Mae Larsen passed away Jan. 18, 1999 in Torrance, Calif. She was born July 5, 1923 in Omaha, Neb.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband Ray, a retired Los Angeles City Fireman. They were long-time residents of Gardena, Calif., before retiring to Wofford Heights in 1968. Fran was a dispatcher for the Steam Fitters Union Local #250. She loved to play bingo throughout the valley. She is survived by her son, Larry (Jerryl) Larsen. Services were private.

## George Lee Walter

A memorial service was held Fri. Jan. 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge for George Lee Walter. Mr. Walter was born June 19, 1927 in San Pedro, Calif., and passed away Jan. 4, 1999 in Bakersfield.

He served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a terminal manager for a molasses company in Long Beach. He and his late wife, Virginia, moved to Wofford Heights in 1989 from San Pedro. He was a member of BPO Elks #2358 of Wofford Heights, and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He is survived by his close friend Lorraine Haskett; sons, Gary and David Walter; stepdaughter and son-in-law Colleen and Randy Jenkins; stepson and wife Mike and Linda Brinkley; grandchildren Letitia, Tamara, Brooke, Matthew, Melissa and Ryan; brother Robert Walter; nephew James; nieces Daye and Paula; and brothers-in-law and wives Donald and Gerri Headley, Raymond and Mary Headley and Gene and Linda Headley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Stephen Phillips

Stephen Randolph (Clary) Phillips, a former resident of Kern Valley, died Sat. Jan. 16, 1999 at Lancaster Community Hospital. He was 45.

Stephen was born at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Nov. 18, 1953. He was dedicated at the First Church of the Nazarene in Bethany, Okla. The family moved to El Segundo when he was two years old, and he became a member of the Hermosa Beach Church of the Nazarene. He attended Hawthorne Christian School in Hawthorne. He also attended Crenshaw Christian Elementary in Torrance; Leona Cox Elementary and Sierra Vista Junior High; and Saugus and Leusinger High School in Lawndale.

He was active in Little League in both Torrance and Saugus. Stephen won such awards as Outstanding Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year.

Even as a young boy, he was a caring person. He donated his time to children at the Shriners Circuses, earning prizes for them with his pitching skills. He was also with the Boy Scouts of America and enjoyed motorcycles and automobile races. At the time of his death he was teaching the Safari Club at his home church, Calvary Assembly of God, Ridgecrest.

Stephen's name was changed to Clary at a young age, but he returned to the Phillips name at the birth of his first child.

Previously, Stephen was a manager of the Bud Eyre Chevrolet Body Shop. He was employed at George's Auto Body Shop, Ridgecrest, as an auto body man.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Ridgecrest; mother Bess C. Clary of Onyx; son Ryan Scott Phillips of Hawthorne; daughters Heather Lynn Phillips and Krista Lee Phillips, both of Ridgecrest; brothers Stanley L. Clary of Onyx and Wallace "Corky" G. Clary of Bishop; sister Lorraine McCullough of Lakewood, Colo., niece Jessica R. Clary of Bakersfield; and nephews Austin McCullough and Julian McCullough, both of Lakewood, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Julius J. Phillips; stepfather Wallace G. Clary; grandparents Edmund Maxwell and May "Moon" Cackler and Julius

Hunter and Winifred Pauline Phillips.

Visitation was at Holland and Lyons Chapel with funeral services following at Calvary Assembly of God, 800 W. Upjohn Avenue, Ridgecrest.

Pastor Chuck Hobson officiated.

## Robert Franklin Johnson

Robert Franklin Johnson was born on Nov. 4, 1916 in Fort Abercrombie, N.D. His youth was spent in North Dakota, and later in South Dakota, where he worked as part of the CCC camp there. In the 1930s he moved to California. On Aug. 8, 1940 he married Lois Margaret Berg.

Bob worked for the Edison Company in Inglewood, Calif., then for Standard Oil until he entered the U.S. armed services where he served in anti-aircraft during World War II. After the war he and his brothers were in the service station and Ford mechanical business until 1966. Owning and operating Johnson's Sporting Goods for 12 years was the fulfillment of a dream. He loved the valley and meeting its people. Then Bob's hearing failed so that his operating the business was no longer possible. The Johnsons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1990. Bob and Lois are charter members of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Bob died at the age of 82 years on Dec. 18, 1998 in Shafter, Calif. Mourning him are his wife Lois; their two children, Diane and husband Philip Aune of Redding, Calif., and Mark R. Johnson of Kernville; five grandchildren, Todd Aune, Jennifer and Jessica Johnson, Alissa Aune, and Laura and husband Michael Haskell; and many loving and caring nephews and nieces; and all of you who are here today, along with those who can be here only in spirit.

He is interred at the Kern River Valley Cemetery, in anticipation of the resurrection.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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### Dora B. Weldon

Funeral services were held Saturday Jan. 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Dora B. Weldon. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Jim Williams of Rexland Acres Baptist Church.

Dora was born June 26, 1928 to John and Mary Weldon, and passed on Jan. 24, 1999.

Dora was raised in Kelso Valley and attended school in Riverside, Calif. Frank and Dora Manwell raised nine loving children together. She is survived by Doris Wolf of South Dakota, Linda Estrada of Bakersfield, Joyce Perez of Ridgecrest, Walter Manwell and Glenda Manwell of Lake Isabella, Shirley Manwell of Mtn. Mesa, and Floyd Manwell of Weldon.

Mom leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Also three surviving sisters, June, Lena and Ollie.

Mom is preceded in death by her husband Frank Manwell, sons Frankie and Arthur Manwell, a grandson, Louie Perez, and four brothers.

Mom will be dearly missed by her children and all who knew her, also her special friends. Most of all Mom loved being with her children and grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Olive Estelle Cronin

Private arrangements were made for Olive Estelle Cronin who passed away on Jan. 22, 1999.

Olive was born in Bakersfield, on Sept. 6, 1917 and worked for the school district before WWII where she met her husband John T. Cronin. They then moved to the Bay Area until returning to the area and moving to Bodfish in 1978. Olive enjoyed bowling

and was on the bowling leagues in Mtn. Mesa for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband John and is survived by her son John O. Cronin and grandson John M. Cronin, both of Los Altos, Calif.; two sisters Idie Graham, Gertrude Braden, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Charles David Friand

Charles David Friand entered into eternal rest Jan. 17, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

"Chuck" was born in Hesdries, Ore., 1931. He and his wife Elene raised three children and owned and operated Young's Radiator Shop for 35 years in the San Fernando Valley. After that they retired to the Kern Valley in 1990.

Chuck's wife cared for him during his lengthy illness until he returned home to his Heavenly Father's care.

Chuck will always be loved and missed by many whom he touched in life. His loving, honorable ways live on in our hearts.

Chuck is survived by his wife Elene; daughters LaNell and Linda; son Dale; grandchildren Nicole, Angela, Sean, George III, Michael, Stephanie, Steven, Timmy and Addy; and great-grandchildren Nicholas, Ronald, Ericia, and one yet unborn.

He is also survived by brothers Dale and Jim; sisters Evelyn, Ruth and Joene; many nieces and nephews; and sons-in-law George and Gilbert.

Memorial services were held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Dora Benepe

Dora Margaret (Phillips) Benepe, 81, of Hazleton, Ind. passed away Saturday evening at her home.

She was a member of Eagles, Moose, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliaries, Hazleton Lions and Rebekah Lodge. She was a member of United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son, Joe Earl Brackin of Hazleton; a sister, Edith Pearl Hurt of Lake Isabella, Calif.; a brother, Joe Phillips of Hobart; five granddaughters, Paula Pinkstaff, Pamela Duncan, Kyela Jones, Karla Brackin and Marla Rollo; three great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Her husband, James, preceded her in death.

Services were held on Wednesday, at Colvin Funeral Home, with burial in Shiloh Cemetery.

Dora was a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years.

### Lee R. Waldrop

Lee R. Waldrop, 76 of Elizabethtown, Ky., died Fri., Feb. 5, 1999 at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

He was a native of Lawton, Okla. Maj. Waldrop retired from the United States Air Force after serving in WWII and the Korean War. He also retired from Civil Service, 2nd ROTC Region at Ft. Knox. he was a World Champion Payload Scale 1957 and 1958, a charter member of the Fort Knox Retired Officers Association and a member of the American Legion.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Hattie Waldrop who were residents of Onyx from 1940 until their deaths. He is survived by his wife, Joan McHenry Waldrop of Elizabethtown; his children, Jeff Waldrop of Tulare, Calif., Kurt Waldrop of Bakersfield, and Vicki Meadows of Bakersfield, and their spouses; a special friend, their mother, Elizabeth Waldrop of Lake Isabella, and seven grandchildren.

A memorial Service was held on Monday at Brown Funeral Home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 643, Elizabethtown, Ky., 42702-0643

### Eugene V. Victorine

Eugene V. Victorine passed away on Jan. 29, 1999 in Seattle, Wash. at his daughter's home. Mr. Victorine (Vic) was a longtime resident of Lake Isabella. He became ill in 1996 with cancer and remained at his home in Lake Isabella until he was unable to remain alone. He loved fishing, Lake Isabella and his many friends. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and a retired postal worker. His family thanks all of his many friends that helped while he was ill. Their help and compassion is so greatly appreciated. A special thanks to the Herroms for all of their help with transportation to and from medical appointments, and their faithful friendship.



## Wesley A. Rice

Funeral services were held for Wesley A. Rice on Feb. 2, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel with graveside services by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7665 at Kern Valley Cemetery. Services were conducted by Reverend Floyd R. Castillo.

Wesley was born on Dec. 7, 1917 in Los Animas, Colo. to Walter and Rose Rice. He had two younger sisters, Opal and Jewel. When he was five years old, the family moved to California where he was to grow up and eventually attend Fremont High School. While in high school, he played the trumpet and was a member of the USC Marching Band and was selected for the Los Angeles All City Marching Band. He also won an American Legion Scholastic Award for an essay he wrote.

Wes worked in a defense job during World War II, but on May 30, 1945, he decided to enlist anyway and so he went down to the Navy Recruiting Office and signed up in the Navy, or so he thought. Someone pointed to him and some others and said... "You are in the Army..." and so he spent the next 18 months in the Army, being honorably discharged on Oct. 7, 1946.

He was active in his community, first as Reserve Police Officer in El Monte where they lived for 27 years, and a Life Member of the Veterans' of Foreign Wars, and a charter member of the Moose Lodge here in Kern Valley. He was a hunter and fisherman, an avid reader and was always willing to help others.

After his service to his country, Wes began to work for the L.A. City School District as a steamfitter where he continued until disabilities took over and he had to retire in 1972. Wes and his wife Lillian moved to the Kern Valley in early 1973 where they have lived until his death on Jan. 27, 1999.

Wes is survived by Lillian, his wife of more than 62 years, their sons, Wesley and his wife Eileen and their five children Laura, Lisa, Lynda, Leiann and Jenifer and between them, they have 11 grandchildren: son John and his wife Christine and their two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica and John's other children Wesley, Jason and Donna. John has seven grandchildren, making a total of 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren for Wes and Lillian. He is also survived by his two sisters, Opal Monders of Van Nuys and Jewel Bolton of Salem, Ore. as well as his cousin, Cora Baldwin of Lake Isabella and many nephews and nieces.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Helen Pierce

Memorial services will be held Sat. Feb. 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Lake Isabella for Helen Pierce who passed away at her home on Feb. 9, 1999 after a long illness. Officiating will be her son Charles Stevens.

Mrs. Pierce has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 11 years. She enjoyed reading and helping people, but most of all bringing people to the Lord.

Helen is survived by her husband of 16 years, Melvin Pierce of Mtn. Mesa, Calif., and her son Charles Stevens of Indiana and sister Irma and two brothers Ronaldo and Jim.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## B. John Rutledge

Services: Thursday, February 18, at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 562 James Road, Kernville, Calif., with graveside services at Kern River Valley Cemetery, in Wofford Heights.

John, 68, was born in Sasakwa, Okla., and lived most of his life in the Bakersfield and Wasco area. He was discharged

from the U.S. Coast Guard in 1954, and went on to have various occupations. Once known as "the man who talked to clocks," John moved to Wofford Heights in 1968 to be a "mountain man" and the only State Farm Insurance Agent in the Valley.

During his 31 years here, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge Scottish Rites, the Search and Rescue, and was once a Marshal for Early California Days.

He shared his life with his childhood sweetheart and wonderful wife, Carmen. His other family members include: His mother, Lilly Rutledge; sister-in-law, Dorothy Forsyth; children, Rod Dye, Rya Chasmar and John Rutledge; grandchildren, Patience Dye, Jeff Hill, Matthew, Jeffrey and Joshua Rutledge; great grandson, Dylan Ledbetter. Also his daughter-in-law, Doreen Dye, and son-in-law, Mike Chasmar.

Thank you to all of his friends for your support during the past years. We know he is in a better place, and we love him dearly.

A viewing will be held Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Valley Mortuary, 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Merle W. Ankrum**

Merle W. Ankrum, 91, was born June 29, 1907 in Marshalltown, Iowa. He worked in Marshalltown for 40 years at Dunham Burch Co. as the supervisor for Braun-Sharp Automatic Machines, then moving to Hemet, Calif., for 5 years, finally moving to Kernville. He enjoyed making wood bird houses and animals.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; son, John M. Ankrum of Hemet, Calif.; two daughters, Marcini Goodman of Marshalltown and Mae Bishop of Port Arthur, Tex.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Jacob Matthew Spears**

Jacob Matthew Spears, beloved son of James and Bettina Spears and brother of Jeremy Spears. Services were held on Sat., Feb. 20, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Wee Kirk o' the Heather, Forest Lawn Glendale, Forest Lawn Mortuary.

**Jeanne Spencer**

Jeanne Spencer was born on July 30, 1921, to her parents John and Josephine Szymanski in Philadelphia, Penn. Jeanne was raised on the east coast of the United States, and in 1941, she married the love of her life, Angelo Spencer. Angelo was a member of the United States Navy who traveled a great deal, so Jeanne spent much of her early years moving around with him. Together, they traveled the world and had some wonderful experiences. This is one factor that helped in giving Jeanne a uniquely dry sense of humor, along with a sharp wit. Everyone who knew Jeanne, loved her immensely. In 1960, Jeanne and

Claire, Annette, and Lee, and three cousins, Bobby, Joanie, and Carole. She is also survived by her niece, Linda, two very special long time friends Toby Adams and Caryl Len Gabbert, and by numerous other nieces and nephews.

Services arranged by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

**Robert Dale Allen**

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 22, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bob Dale Allen who passed away on Feb. 17, 1999 in Bakersfield, Calif. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols of the Full Gospel Church in Mtn. Mesa, Calif.

Bob was born in Kansas City, Kansas on Jan. 1, 1944 and lived in the Los Angeles area where he worked as a drapery installer for over 20 years before coming to the Kern River Valley in 1989. He lived in the Valley with his son Christopher Allen. He enjoyed restoring old cars, and he loved everyone in the valley. He never knew a stranger.

He is survived by his son Christopher Allen of Bakersfield, Bob Allen of Phoenix, Ariz., David Allen of Great Falls, Mont., his mother and father Nita and Jim Regney of Weldon, and half brother PeWee Allen of Brownsville, Tex. He will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends in the valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Gary Welcher

Gary was born in Los Angeles Nov. 22, 1944. He passed from this life into God's Kingdom on Feb. 26, 1999. He spent the last few months at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility in Mt. Mesa. Gary is survived by his daughter Lana and son-in-law Jeff Elfstrom and five grandchildren of Lake Isabella; his daughter Jeanne and son-in-law Bryan Hill of Bakersfield; his father Orville Welcher of Lake Isabella; his brother John and sister-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; his sister JoAnn Taylor of Bodfish; Aunt Pat, Aunt Marye, Aunt Ione, Uncle Jack and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

After high school Gary worked as a commercial fisherman in San Diego on a family owned boat. Then Gary was trained and worked as a journeyman master meat cutter for several large grocery chains in the Los Angeles area before moving to the valley. Gary was a P.B.A. bowling professional and won many awards. He taught bowling to a lot of the valley residents at Mt. Mesa Lanes. Gary liked to trout fish and loved this valley.

All the family would like to thank Kern Valley Hospital Acute Care and the Skilled Nursing Center for their care and kindness during Gary's illness.

We love you Gary and will see you again one day. There will be no services per Gary's request. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Katherine Joyce Irving

Katherine Joyce Irving was born on May 3, 1937 and passed away Feb. 18, 1999. She is survived by her husband, Michael Wayne Irving; three daughters, Vicki & Don Dickson, Elizabeth Kosharek & Dave Boosalis, Linda Wesala Baker & Wallace Baker, Alan Wesala; 9 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren, all of Lake Isabella; brother Don and Barbara Tolle of Bodfish; brother Bill and Jean Tolle of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister Nancy Kalb; Erlanger, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews.

## Ernest Harvey Whitten

Ernest Harvey Whitten, 85, went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 22, 1999 following a difficult battle with cancer. He departed this life at the Hyland Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Merced, Calif.

Harvey was born July 9, 1913 in Evening Shade, Ark. He and his late wife, Bessie, came to Calif., on 1944, moved to Kern County in 1947, and lived in Lake Isabella since 1981. Harvey was retired from Tosco, having worked 30 years in various areas of the oil refinery. He was a faithful member of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by two daughters, Sarah Hobbs and her husband William Robert "Bob" of Merced, Calif.; and Sherry Gynendal Whitten of Corona, Calif.; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, Nancy Johnson, her husband Aaron, and their son Travis Nathaniel of LeGrand, Calif.; David Hobbs, his wife Kristine, and their daughters Kelly Erin and Katelyn Joy of Fresno, Calif.; a brother, Henry Oren "Jack" Whitten of Monette, Ark; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Friday, Feb. 26, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Garden of Resurrection. Associate Pastor Bert Simpson, Lake Isabella, officiated.

Memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, Lake Isabella, Calif.

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MARCH 10, 1999

KERN VALLEY SUN

## Nina Reichert

Graveside services were held Sat. March 6, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Nina Reichert of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Reichert was born June 25, 1923 in Minsk, Russia and passed away on Feb. 28, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa after a long illness.

She moved to the United States from Germany in March 1956 and to the Kern River Valley in 1976. She began working at the Kern Valley Hospital Oct. 1980 as a Central Service Technician until her illness. She touched many people's lives and was loved by all. She was very creative and the love she felt within was expressed by her loving touch.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert Reichert; her son & daughter-in-law Ellenore and Berry Butz of

Weldon; daughter Katharina Reichert of San Dimas, Calif.; two grandchildren, John Robert Butz and David Gregory Shurtleff; and three special friends Margaret Misitz, Mary Hendrickson and Murille Tilley. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Alyce Mae Williams

Alyce Mae Williams was born March 25, 1929 in Marithon, Tex. Her husband who passed before her was Gene Williams.

Alyce is survived by Clare Windham of Lake Isabella, Brenda Boggs of Long Beach, Genie Mae Escobar of Gardena, Calif., Barbara Grant of Washington and special friends; Helen and Ron Hornaday; Barb and Stan Shaw; Marty Davis; Norma and James Payne; Annie, all of Lake Isabella.

## Gladys Mary Donovan

Private arrangements were made for Gladys Mary Donovan, who passed away March 6, 1999 after a long illness.

Mrs. Donovan was born April 2, 1918 in Cleves, Ohio and moved to the Kern Valley after retiring from the University of New Mexico 11 years ago. She enjoyed doing ceramics and was a volunteer at the senior center for nine years helping with the crafts.

Gladys is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Robert and Katherine Donovan of Ridgecrest; grandsons Jason Donovan of Ft. Hood, Tex. and Jeremy Donovan of Ft. Bragg, N.C.; granddaughters Traci (and Jim) Schoot of Baton Rouge, La., Michele D'Amico of Tampa, Fla., and Jacquelyn Donovan of Albuquerque, N.M.; and five great-grandchildren. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Frances Elenor Fenner

Private arrangements were made for Frances Elenor Fenner. No services will be held as per her request.

Mrs. Fenner was born Aug. 20, 1912 in Cray, N. D., and passed away March 12, 1999 in Mountain. Mesa, Calif. She has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. She was a great Mom.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Linda Fenner of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law Mary and Bill Keehn of Kingman, Ariz.; daughter and son-in-law Thorene and John Beckmann of Covina, Calif.; daughter Marilyn Stonebraker of Mountain. Mesa; also, by 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a brother, Windle Lein of Washington. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Nina Reichert

Graveside services were held Sat. March 6, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Nina Reichert of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Reichert was born June 25, 1923 in Minsk, Russia and passed away on Feb. 28, 1999 in Mountain. Mesa after a long illness.

She moved to the United States from Germany in March 1956 and to the Kern River Valley in 1976. She began working at the Kern Valley Hospital in 1980 as a Central Service Technician until her illness. She touched many people's lives and was loved by all. She was very creative and the love she felt within was expressed by her loving touch.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Robert Reichert; son and daughter-in-law Felix and Elaine Reichert of Oregon; daughter and son-in-law Ellenore and Barry Butz of Weldon; daughter Katharina Reichert of San Dimas, Calif.; two grandchildren, John Robert Butz and David Gregory Shurtleff; and three special friends, Margaret Misitz, Mary Hendrickson and Murielle Tilley. She will be greatly missed. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Robert Lee Pruett

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville for Robert Lee Pruett. Mr. Pruett was born in Los Angeles, and moved to the Kern River Valley where he and his mother homesteaded up by Chimney Peak in the 1930's until he went into the Navy in 1942 and moved his mom to Weldon where he lived until he married Doris Bishop in 1952. He lived in Canebrake for years, moving to Onyx. He worked for the state Division of Highways and retired after 34 years of service in 1968. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Kernville, the Scottish Rite in Bakersfield, American Legion and the VFW Post 7665.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Doris, of Onyx; his daughter Nina and her husband William Sharp of Pleasanton, Calif.; three grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Lloyd Pruett of Palm Springs, Calif. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999

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## **James Floyd Sadler**

Funeral services were held on Wed. March 17, 1999 for James Floyd Sadler who entered eternal life March 12, 1999. James Floyd Sadler was born March 14, 1933 in Edna, Okla. He was a United States Army Veteran belonging to VFW post #7665. He was a resident of Lake Isabella for 12 years and a volunteer bingo caller for the Senior Center.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Mary I. Sadler; his first wife Virginia Flanagan and mother-in-law, Lucy Montoya; ten children, George, Linda, Robert, Gail, James Jr., Debbie, Annette, Elvis, Tina and Vickie; 15 grandchildren, Daphane, Amanda, Dena, Andrea, Jacqueline, Aaron, Chad, Kent, Cicily, Jonathan, Angelina, Elvis Jr., Adam, Britany and Tara; two great-grandchildren, Justin, Austin and granddaughter Dena's unborn child; and his special friend Jackie Dog. Also, by his brothers and sisters, Red, MaryAnn, Bob, Rooster, Pauline and Danny; and many nieces and nephews. He was

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

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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## Hazel B. Gibbins Watts

Hazel Bernice Gibbins Watts, 84, of Bodfish, passed away Sun. March 21, 1999 at her home.

She was born in Cushing, Payne Co. Okla., on Sept. 13, 1915 to Clyde Homer "Doc" and Winnie Davis Lavender Gibbins. She is preceded in death by her parents, two older sisters, Gladys Kelsey, Georgia Anders and a younger brother Melvin C. "Red" Gibbins. In her younger days she was a homemaker raising two children, she was a carhop for a while before becoming a pottery painter for Gladdy McBean Franciscan Ware. She had painted the Desert Rose Pattern for many years, retiring in 1980.

She and her husband Lonnie M. Watts were married Sept.

29, 1933 in Oklahoma City, Okla., moved to California after the birth of their daughter in 1935, a son was born in 1937 in California. The Watts family lived in and around Kern County before settling in Glendale and then later the Burbank area. They bought a home in Bodfish in 1992 where they enjoyed fishing and taking rides around the lake. They had been coming to the valley since the 1940's and introduced their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the area.

Survivors include her husband Lonnie M. Watts of Bodfish, daughter Jo Anne (Jody) Watts, Chadduck and husband Ronald of Bodfish, son Billy A. Watts of Burbank, grandson Michael A., wife Karen S. great grandchildren Colin A. and Laura E. Chadduck of Kirkland Wa., grandson Russell E., wife Susan M., great-grandchildren Brian D. and Loni Carol Chadduck of Thousand Oaks, grandson Daryl E., wife Erica and great-grandson Robert Watts of Palmdale. Several nieces, nephews, and other relatives in Tulare Calif., Oregon and Texas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Florence Rebecca Weiser

Funeral services were held Fri. March 26, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Florence Rebecca Weiser. The Ladies of the Elks were officiating. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Mrs. Weiser was born January 16, 1915 in Adel, Ga. and passed away on March 22, 1999 in Lake Isabella. She has been a resident of the valley from 1977. She was a volunteer at the Senior Center from 1983 and a past President of the Ladies of the Elks. She enjoyed Crocheting, doll making, crafts, and reading. She is survived by her brother Sam Griffin and wife Laura Fay and sister Flonnie Gourlay of Lake Isabella. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Carroll Lawrence Griggs

Private arrangements were made for Carroll Lawrence Griggs who passed away on March 22, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa, after a long illness. Mr. Griggs was born March 31, 1916 in Arlington, Texas and has been a resident of the Kern Valley since 1972. He was a member of the Side Band CB'ers and the Side Walk CB'ers. He loved fishing and camping, but most of all he loved being with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Maggie Griggs and son and daughter-in-law James and Connie Griggs of Duncan, Ariz and two grandchildren, Diane and her husband Ronald Sturm and Linda Kay Griggs.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## John Ray Brewer

John Ray Brewer was born on June 11, 1955 in Tacoma, Wash. John was raised with a sense of self-reliance. He grew up to be a strong, independent man who would never raise a hand to anyone out of violent wrong doing. John's brother Steve said that times were tough early on with his brother, but in the last couple of years, they grew close. No one who knew John ever really had a bad word to say about him. John had many, many friends, all of whom he helped out whenever he could. He was known to be a very smooth talker, who could pretty much sell you anything, including the shirt off your own back. The thing that was most important to John, however, were his sons. He loved his boys fiercely, and did everything he could for them. Of all things to remember most about John, was that he loved and cared for his family and his friends. Unfortunately, John's time here with us was cut too short. In a tragic accident, John was taken from us on March 17, 1999. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. The number of people whose lives John touched was evident by the 200 plus people in attendance of his service. John will be truly missed by all and his absence will be felt for a long, long time. We love you John.

John Ray Brewer is survived by his mother, Dorothy Ambler of Tacoma, Wa.; his father, Larry Brewer and his step mother Phyllis Brewer of Wel-

don; his brothers, Steve and Jim Brewer; sister Carrie, all of the Kern Valley. John is also survived by his sisters Sarah Payne, Carla Villalba, Kathy Villalba, all of Tacoma, Wa.; Donette Villalba of Lynwood, Wa. Most importantly, he is survived by his sons, AJ Brewer, Jacob Brewer and Jordan Brewer, for whom John dedicated his life to. John is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and by many, many specially friends and relations.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lois Norma Leonard

Age 66, beloved mother and friend, passed away March 21, 1999. Lois lived in Lake Isabella and donated much of her time to the Senior Center. She loved to play cards with her friends and go fishing. She will be missed by her family and friends. There will be no services. Donations may be made to "Link to Life" in her name at 1706 Chester Ave. \$450 Bakersfield, Ca 93301. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Kenton Milo Gritton

Memorial services were held Tues. March 30, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Bert Simpson officiating for Kenton M. Gritton who was born on Feb. 9, 1919 in Urban, Ill., he left this world quietly as he lived it on March 24, 1999.

His wife of 56 years Eleanor, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jerry W. Phipps of Norwalk, Calif., granddaughters Shara-Lea Phipps of Hurst, Texas and Kathleen and husband John Patterson of Victorville, Calif., sister-in-law Mary and three generations of numerous nieces and nephews will deeply miss him and the special country music he filled our younger days with, not only at McNally's before the lake, but at the many family gatherings held along the river. Kenton brought his young wife and baby daughter to Johnsondale shortly after WWII, making these mountains and Kern River his home, settling near the lake after the closing of the lumber mill, staying here through all the many changes over the past 55 years, never losing sight of the mountains he loved, quietly wandering among the hills and canyons, and as he begins a new journey, we know his spirit still wanders along the river.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Madonna Irvine

A memorial service was conducted by the ladies of the Elks on Thursday March 18, 1999 for Madonna Irvine who was called by God at 1:20 p.m. March 15, 1999. At her side, holding her hands was her husband of 42 years, Irv Irvine, and her daughter Annette Collins.

She is also survived by her son Larry Ormond; granddaughter Donna Collins; grandson Christopher Collins, great-granddaughter Meghan Collins and many nieces and nephews.

Madonna was born in Anderson Ind. on Sept. 18, 1917. She was 82 years old. In 1953 Madonna and her son and daughter moved to El Porto Calif. to live with her mother. On Nov. 10, 1956 she married her husband Irv in Manhattan Beach Calif. Madonna and Irv moved to Wofford Heights full time in 1981. Madonna was active in the Ladies of the Elks, Grandmothers Club #94, The Kern Valley Woman's Club, a Bunco Club and the Bingo Buddies.

Madonna was a sweet, generous and charitable person and will be dearly missed by her family and her many friends.

## Marguerite Ellen Allen

Marguerite was born Nov. 10, 1909 in Flandreau, S.D. The daughter of Leon and Bertha Taylor, she married Lloyd Allen in 1951. She passed away on March 31, 1999. She is survived by her husband Lloyd of Lake Isabella; sister Eleanora Gardner of Modesto; daughter, Doris and son-in-law Robert Griswold of Mtn. Mesa; step sisters Doris Dillinger of Oregon; Dixie Akers of Oregon, and step-son Hubert Allen of Arizona; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by daughter Ardyce Davis of Buena Park, Calif., and grandson Thomas Griswold of Long Beach.

Funeral services were held April 6 at 1 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow followed by interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lillian Rutledge

Graveside services were held April 2 at 11 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, Calif. Lilly was born in Oklahoma and lived most of her life in Kern County to the age of 90 years. She and her husband, Ode, had a building supply business for many years in Wasco, Calif. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971. Lilly is survived by her sister Calley Martin of Oklahoma; daughter Loree Rutledge of Lake Isabella; daughter-in-law Carmen Rutledge of Wofford Heights; grandchildren, David Rutledge of Lake Isabella; Rya Chasmar and husband Mike of Vista, Calif.; John Rutledge of Portland, Ore.; Rodney Dye and wife Doreen of Wofford Heights; great-grandchildren Patience Dye of Bakersfield; Jeffrey Hill of Wallace, Idaho; Matthew Rutledge of Taft; Jeffrey Rutledge of Taft; Joshua Rutledge of Taft and great-great-grandchildren Dylan Dye of Bakersfield and Joshua Hill of Lancaster.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Claudia Iona Hailey

Claudia was born Dec. 30, 1913 in Ryan, Okla. The daughter of Benjamin and Dessie Olivia, she was the youngest of 11 children. Her death came quietly after an extended illness on March 26, 1999. She is survived by her daughter, Myretta (Marty) Alcorn and husband Ed of Bodfish; grandchildren Skip, Bobby, Becky, and Pat; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; five nieces; two dearest friends Lois Trotter and Faye Winemiller. She is also survived by the "love of her life" her little dog named "Little Bit."

Graveside services were held April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Lois Norma Leonard

Age 66, beloved mother and friend, passed away March 21, 1999. Lois lived in Lake Isabella and donated much of her time to the Senior Center. She loved to play cards with her friends and go fishing. She will be missed by her family and friends. There will be no services. Donations may be made to "Link to Life" in her name at 1706 Chester Ave. #450 Bakersfield, Ca 93301. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Annie Louise Walden

Annie Louise Walden passed away on March 16, 1999. The Waldens have been in and out residents of this valley since 1964 and bought property here in 1973. She is survived by her husband Robert of over sixty-five years, six children, fifteen grandchildren, and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at McCormick-McMillan in Gardena Calif., March 22, at 1 p.m. Interment at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach, Calif.

### Cecil Ray Edmondson

Cecil Ray Edmondson, 74, of Lake Isabella passed away March 24, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He was born Feb. 14, 1925 worked for the County of Los Angeles. He retired in 1977 and moved to the Kern River Valley. Ray belonged to the Masons of Los Angeles and Kern River Valley Moose Lodge, Shrine Club of Lake Isabella, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion of the Kern River Valley.

Ray came to live with us at the Burlando Assisted Living in Kernville Feb. 2, 1999 where he tried very hard to overcome his illness. We didn't get to have a lot of time with Ray, but he was our friend. He was a sweet and intelligent man and will be missed by us all.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999

## Robert H. (Buster) Clayton

Funeral services were held Thursday 11 a.m. at the Full Gospel Church in Mountain Mesa for Robert H. Clayton. Officiating was Pastor Gary Nichols. Mr. Clayton was born Jan. 29, 1916 in Beggs, Okla., and passed away April 4, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

He has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for 16 years. He farmed in Kern County for 64 years. He enjoyed gardening, camping and hunting and he was a member of the Full Gospel Church.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosie Leona Clayton; four sisters, Bertie Sturman of Oklahoma., Irene Brown, Daisy Robertson and Ruby McWhirter all of Lake Isabella; and a brother William Clayton of Tulare; three children, Robert Earl Clayton of Bakersfield, Leon Wayne Clayton of Wofford Heights, Carolyn Sue Bumps of Bakersfield; 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## James Martin Payne

James Payne was born on August 18, 1925, and passed away on April 6, 1999 in Bakersfield. James is survived by his wife of 56 years, Norma Payne. They had four children together, Clare Windham, James Wilson Payne (deceased), Brenda Boggs and Linda Franklin. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Richard Windham, Kelly Windham, Kimberly Barela, Debbie Jones, and James Payne Jr. His surviving grandchildren are Stephen Jones

and Destiney McIntosh. Mr. Payne is also survived by his sons-in-law Richard Windham, Bryon Boggs, and Brian Franklin.

Mr. Payne was born in Blytheville, Ark., to his parents Ada and Greene Payne. He moved to California in 1952. He worked and retired from Lockheed Aircraft. Mr. Payne enjoyed going on trips and also to the horse races. He was a really good dad and husband and we love him very much. to all the friends who have cared and been there for Dad through all his years of illness, the family thanks you.

## Nina Estelle Morningstar

Private arrangements were made for our beloved mother and grandmother Nina Morningstar who passed away March 29, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital. Nina was born in Dade County, Mo. to John and Zora Bishop and was preceded in death by her husband James and seven brothers and one sister. She moved to the valley from Ventura in 1996 where she worked in the nursing field specializing in geriatrics.

She is survived by daughter Judy Baker of Ventura, daughter Imogene Kleeman of Lake Isabella, son and daughter-in-law Leon and Iona Morningstar of Lake Isabella, also seven grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Barbara Ann Girch

Barbara Ann Girch, born Aug. 25, 1933 to parents Niels and Flora Jensen in Dannebrog, Neb., passed away April 13, 1999. She had been a resident of Weldon for 12 years. She was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, the VFW Post 7665 Auxiliary, belonged to the 500 Bowling Club.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Don Girch, daughters, Cami McCluskey of Huntington Beach and Shari Siebrecht of Kingman, Ariz., and three grandchildren.

Thank you to all her friends for their prayers and support through this difficult time.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## M. Dolores Hebrank

Funeral services were held Mon. April 19, 1999 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, for M. Dolores Hebrank who expired April 14, 1999 at the Kern Valley Nursing Center after an extended illness. She was born June 2, 1922 in Braddock, Pa.

She was a member of the South Fork Women's Club. She was a resident of Weldon for 19 years.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Joseph Hebrank. She is also survived by five nieces in Orange County and one in Reno.

She will be missed by those who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Esther Mary Heyser

Esther Mary Heyser was born Nov. 6, 1907 in Oklahoma Territory to Robert and Rhoda (Loomis) Austin. Mrs. Heyser moved to Southern California where she grew up and married Sidney Heyser in 1927 in Los Angeles. During WWII she worked in area aircraft factories, first as a riveter and then advanced to an inspector. She lived in the Los Angeles area until 1964 when she moved to the Kern River Valley and then to Nevada City in 1991.

Esther Mary Heyser is predeceased by her husband Sidney Heyser in 1989. Mr. Heyser is survived by her daughter Andea Heyser of Rough and Ready, Calif., son Robert "Fritz" Heyser, daughter Joanne Harris, both of North San Juan, Calif., seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, as well as numerous other relatives.

Arrangements by Hooper & Weaver Mortuary, Inc.

## Margaret Blanche Lightner

Funeral services were held for Margaret Blanche Lightner on Fri. April 16, 1999 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Margaret passed away in Mountain Mesa on April 13, 1999. She was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 7, 1917. Raised in the valley, Margaret grew up with a sense of pride in her local heritage. In her life, she became wonderfully well-organized and individually blessed with many, many talents. Adept at arts and crafts, Margaret used her organizational skills to create some of the most wonderful and detailed quilts and afghans. In her life, she met the love of her life, Lynn Reynolds Lightner, and the two were married on March 28, 1947 in Yuma, Ariz. In her long and colorful life, Margaret did many things. For some time she served as the City Manager of the town of Needles, Calif., where she was also a member of the Eagles Club. But a while back, Margaret became ill. And on April 13, 1999 she went home to be with the Lord. She will be truly missed by all.

Margaret is survived by her husband Lynn Lightner of Wofford Heights, her daughter Joyce Colby of San Leandro, and her sister Deannie Pool of Clovis, and by the rest of her family and special friends.

## Albert Edward Ladner

Private arrangements were made for Albert Edward Ladner who passed away April 15, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Ladner was born in Los Angeles and has lived in Mountain Mesa for the past 14 years.

He retired from the Santa Fe Railroad after 15 years. He enjoyed fishing and camping with his wife of 22 years. He is survived by his wife Vida and son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Linda Ladner of Los Angeles, and son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Cathy Setinc of Kernville and three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Interment will be at Riverside National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Mary "Olga" Conrad

Funeral services were held Sat. April 17, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. for Mary "Olga" Conrad at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston.

Olga was a resident of Kern County for more than 50 years and a resident of Kernville for ten years. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors while living in Delano and a member of the Four Square Church in Wofford Heights for the past ten years. She loved to play Yahtzee, and going to her Bible Study. She loved her church and her family. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Conrad in 1996. She is survived by her daughter June Conrad of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Carol and Ronnie Crowder of Kernville; four grandchildren, Billy and Lynette Hunt of Santa Fe, N.M., Clint and Lisa Hunt of San Jose, Ronnie Crowder Jr. of Sulphur Okla., and Robbie and Jennifer Hunt of Bakersfield; 11 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Ford and Marry Williams, brother and sister-in-law Bill and Mary Williams, all of Buttonwillow, Calif.; brother and sister-in-law Jimmy and Twila Williams of Bakersfield and sister Nina Beatrice Kibbe of Kernville.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Diana Kay King

Funeral Services were held Wed. April 21, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Diana Kay King. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow. Diana was born March 18, 1946 in Hermosa Beach, Calif. and passed away on April 17, 1999 in Bakersfield after a long illness. She has lived in the Kern Valley for 22 years and worked at the Kern Valley Hospital for 12 years.

Her animals were her first love. She had the biggest heart for animals, especially cats. She raised Persians for years. She loved flowers and the outdoors. She was preceded in

death by her father, James Rolfe; her sister, nephew and grandson.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Don King; mother and step-father, Thelma and Frank Wilson; daughter and son-in-law, Tony and Drew Berry; sons and daughters-in-law Greg and Kristi King, Derin and Cassie King, Eric and Robin King; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Virgil and Chet King; grandchildren, Derek, Daniel, Charlie, Sara, Luke, Emily, Nicole and Christy.

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

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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### Merv Burbank

Merv Burbank passed away March 20, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights. He was 79 years old. He had lived in the Valley for about 18 years. He was a 35 year member of the Eagles in Bellflower, Calif. He was also a member of the Moose and V.F.W. He had

been a CPA for over 45 years.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; two daughters and one son; six grandchildren and one great-grandson. He also had four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was laid to rest at Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier, Calif.

## OBITUARIES

KERN VALLEY SUN

MAY 12, 1999

### Nancy Mae Knollenberg

Funeral services were held Friday May 7, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Nancy Mae Knollenberg who passed away on May 1, 1999 at her home in Weldon after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Robbie Robinson of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church. Graveside services were held at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills, Calif. Nancy was born February 20, 1915 in Collinsville, Oklahoma and has been a resident of the Kern River Valley from 1982. She enjoyed crafts

and her family.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Lyle and Jan Knollenberg of Bentonville, Arkansas and son and daughter-in-law Ross and Linda Knollenberg of Ridgecrest, son and daughter-in-law Gordon and Bea Knollenberg of San Diego, and daughter and son-in-law Linda and John Fulton of Goliad, TX. Also, 21 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



**Claude (Grizz)  
Bess**

Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park in the "Garden of Memories" on Saturday May 15 at 1 p.m. for Claude Bess of Weldon. He went home to be with his Lord May 10, 1999 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Eufaula, Okalahoma on September 16, 1928, Claudie and his parents moved to Bakersfield in 1940. He attended East Bakersfield High School and went on to enlist in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Germany with the Army of Occupation. He married Jackie Lee in 1949 and they raised three children.

Claudie was an active person, a manager and coach at the Greenfield Baseball Association for several years. After retiring, he and Jackie moved to Weldon. As an outdoors person he enjoyed traveling, camping, fishing, raising a garden and cutting wood. As an avid fisherman, he spent a lot

of time at Lake Isabella with with his friends and family. He was a member of the Kern River Valley C.B. Club. Through this club he made many friends and enjoyed all the activities and outings they had.

Claudie was preceded in death by his parents, Will & Emma Bess, his son Billy Bess, and grandson, CPL. Dustin Shawn Boesch, six brothers and two sisters. Claudie is survived by his wife Jackie of 50 years, two daughters, Susie and Debbie; sons-in-law Danny and Gary; two sisters, Mary Jagow and Jewel Godfrey; four grandchildren, Travis, Kristi, Sarah and D.J.; great-grandsons Tyler and Kyle, and many nieces and nephews.

Officiating the service was Pastor Richard Hill. Pallbearers include Kenny Baker, Gary Gifford, Sam Griffin, Travis Smith, Wayne Smith and Joe Springstead. He will be truly missed by all his family and many friends who enjoyed fishing with him.

Funeral arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.



## James K. Stapp

Funeral services were held May 24, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for James K. Stapp of Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Beaunase of the Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

James was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 33 years and was the manager of Inyokern Airport for 15 years. He was the chief of the Volunteer Fire Dept. of Inyokern for about five years. He was the past president of the Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners Association. He was also the owner of Stapp Automotive Service in Wofford Heights from 1961 to 1967.

James enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and went to Death Valley every year with the Death Valley 49ers. He is preceded in death by his first wife Dorothy and his son Jimmie K. Stapp. He is survived by his wife of four years, Betty, and his son Douglas E. Stapp of Sacramento; daughter and son-in-law Virginia and Paul Gregg of Hawaii; brother and sister-in-law Wilber and Lois Stapp of Cherry Valley, Calif.; and grandchildren and their spouses Paula and Carl Chappell of Ridgecrest; Tim and Cindy Stapp; Tina and Steve Norvy of Sacramento; and Christopher and Faith Gregg of Hawaii.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Leroy C. (Tex) Behrens

Funeral services were held May 25, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leroy C. "Tex" Behrens. Officiating was Pastor Carlos Fandino of the Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Behrens was born Dec. 15, 1916 in Mason, Tex., and passed away May 20, 1999 at his home in Squirrel Valley after a long illness. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 19 years. He was in WWII and worked at Feolds Band Instruments for 40 years. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and taking care of the Nazarene Church. He is preceded in death by his wife Moline in March 1998.

Mr. Behrens is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Toni and Larry Holochwest of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Diana Behrens of Glendale, Ariz.; a brother, Roscoe Behrens; a sister, Nell Skurlock of San Angelo, Tex.; and grandchildren Matthew and Bonnie Holochwest of Bakersfield and Jennifer Remtema and Samuel Behrens of Glendale, Ariz.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Gene Elbert Garber

Memorial services were held May 20, 1999 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Gene Elbert Garber of Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston. Mr. Garber was born Aug. 7, 1930 in Colorado Springs, Colo. and passed away May 13, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Gene spent 16 years in the army as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and 10 more years in the Reserve. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 18 years. He enjoyed painting and drawing, especially wildlife. He was a member of the Family Life Center.

Gene was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Ann, in 1958, and is survived by his wife of 47 years Barbara Garber of Wofford Heights; son Gene Garber of Southlake; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Christine Garber of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Karen Ann and Robert Mix of Rogers, Ark.; brother and sister-in-law Howard and Geri Garber of Redding; sister Carol Fizer of Chico; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1999

KERN VALLEY SUN

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## OBITUARIES

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### Lola Mae Smith

Funeral services were held Friday May 28, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. at the Kernville Baptist Church for Lola Mae Smith. Officiating was Pastor Dick Lewis and Pastor John Revis. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Lola went home to be with her Lord and Savior May 24, 1999 at home in Kernville with her family at her bedside. Lola is preceded in death by her loving husband of 59 years, Wayne.

Lola was born 79 years ago in Quitman, Mississippi and moved to Long Beach, Calif., with her family in 1954. After vacationing in the valley for many years, Wayne and Lola moved to Kernville in 1978. They have spent many happy years here. They were both

members of the Kernville First Baptist Church.

Lola is survived by her son Donald Smith of Long Beach; daughter Dinah Smith of Cerritos; brother and sister-in-law Lamar and Fran Culpepper of Florida; grandson and wife Craig and Patty Allison of Buena Park; great-grandchildren, Erica and Spencer; sister-in-law and husband, Eloise Purvis and Bill of Mississippi.

Lola's children would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to all her friends and neighbors for their loving support and help over the past year. You are the best!

Pallbearers were Craig Allison, Don Filker, Ike Tucker, Stephen Tucker, John Novosel and John Newcomer.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1999

## Edith L. Blue

Edith L. Blue passed away June 3, 1999 in Las Vegas, Nev. Edith was a long-time resident of Bodfish. She enjoyed fishing, working in her garden and dancing.

Edith was born Aug. 12, 1919, in Harrison, Ark. Edith was one of 16 brothers and sisters. Edith was preceded in death by her loving husband, Hayden Blue.

Edith is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joe and Diane Blue, of Las Vegas and their children, Joe Jr., Todd, Crystal, Cammile, Tony, Monique, Veronica and Elizabeth; and son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Diana Blue of Bodfish, and their children Melinda and Meghan.

A memorial service will be held in Las Vegas.

## Arlene Castelnovo

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 29, 1999, at 4 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Arlene Castelnovo of Weldon. Officiating was Larry Howie.

Arlene was born Oct. 5, 1927 in Dolores, Colo. and died May 26, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. She was 71 years old.

She was a 20-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Eugene of Weldon; mother Lola Lisenbury of Wash.; sons Daniel Holt of San Bernardino, Dennis Holt of Pinion Hills and Eugene Castelnovo, Jr. of Bloomington; daughters Diana

Falludca of Glendora, Peggy Turbow of Mo., and Diana Carraher of Fontana; brothers Ernest Lisenbury of Wash. and Allen Lisenbury of Ore.; sisters Dorothy Tracy and Lora Reiman of Wash.; and 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Peter Bruches, Jr.

Private arrangements were made for Peter Bruches, Jr., who passed away on May 31, 1999 in Bakersfield. Mr. Bruches was born Dec. 28, 1914 in Broome County, N.Y. He worked for General Electric for 35 years before retiring and moving to the Kern Valley 24 years ago. He was a member of the Elks and a former Exalted Leader. He also enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by his son Peter Bruches of N.H.; grandsons Peter Bruches of Riverside and John Bruches; granddaughter Tina Newton; and great-grandchildren Robbie, Randy and Ryan.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Albert Ross (Al) Dodson

Graveside services were held June 4, 1999 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Albert R. Dodson. Officiating was Pastor C. Preston North.

Mr. Dodson was born July 19, 1917 in Hickman, Ky. and passed away May 31, 1999 in Bakersfield. Al was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Construction 63rd Battalion ("CBs") serving

during WWII from 1942 to 1945. Returning to Oklahoma City to join his wife and daughter and working as foreman at Bell Lumber Co. and going on to become a building contractor, he was a major developer of Del City, Okla. during the early '50s.

Moving to Calif. in 1953 where he continued as a building contractor, during the late '70s he became a mall improvement contractor for major shoe and clothing stores in the Bay Area.

Retiring in Lake Isabella 1979 where he loved to fish and go boating, he built the first hand-peeled log house in the Kern River Valley.

He was a member of the Kern Valley Country Club and the Men's Golf Club for 15 years and a member of the local Moose Lodge. Al enjoyed fishing, boating, rock hounding and golfing.

Albert is survived by his wife of 59 years, Trilbia A. Dodson; daughter Judith Wirsing and son-in-law Richard Wirsing of Nipomo; granddaughter Shawn Vasquez and her husband Ed Vasquez of Nipomo; grandsons Daniel Wirsing and Richard Wirsing; and four great-grandchildren: Eric, Jimmy, Peter and Katherine Vasquez, also of Nipomo.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Charles "Chuck" Frederick Wild

Charles "Chuck" Frederick Wild left family and friends suddenly on June 9, 1999. He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 26, 1930.

He is survived by his wife Lila M. Wild of 48 years, three sons, Michael and wife Linda Wild; Steve Wild; Larry Wald; and daughter Cindy DiAngelo and husband Andy; three grandsons, Ben Wild, Daniel Wild and Eric Wild; two granddaughters, Ashley Marie and Briana Danville DiAngelo.

He joined the Air National Guard 190th Fighter Bomber Squadron unit which was activated soon thereafter. After military service he worked for Ryan Aeronautical/Teledyne retiring after 36 years. He spent two additional years with Scientific Atlanta before retiring in 1988 to Kernville. During his life he was a scoutmaster for seven years, an adviser for a coed high adventure post backpacking and canoeing with teens all over the Southwest. He also worked with the scouting high adventure team for years, taught canoeing with the American Red Cross and American Canoeing Association. He was the recipient of the Scouting Order of Merit, and the District Silver Beaver Award for service to youth. He was a member of the Kern Valley Search and Rescue Team since 1993 where he enjoyed working with Rosey, the Search and Rescue dog.

He had a profound love for God's country, family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Chadwick S. Speer

Graveside services were held Saturday June 12, 1999 at 2 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, for Chadwick S. Speer who passed away Wednesday June 9, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Speer was born November 5, 1922 in Tower Hill, Ill. He spent most of his life working in Auto body repair, till retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1985. He enjoyed golf and traveling with his wife and the Escapees R.V. Group. He attended the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Speer of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Randal and Sue Speer of San Diego; daughter and son-in-law Rosemary and David Kirby of Hesperia; daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Dan Stephens of Poway, Calif.; grandchildren, Dawn Coffman, Tricia Densen, Tami Stephens, Curtis Randolph, Connie Kelly, Patsy Kerby, Sheridan Speer, Jereny Speer, Nicki Speer and Nina Speer. Great-grandchildren, Marcus Coffman, Cassie Baker, Andrew Stephens, Mandy Densen, Ethen Randolph and three brothers, Wallace, John and Robert Spper and two sisters, Betty Jo LaCost and Roberta Verden.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Margaret B. "Peggy" Peters

"Peggy," as she liked to be called, was born July 13, 1916, and passed away on June 6, 1999, in Mountain Mesa. She suffered a stroke on Nov. 3, 1997. She had been a resident of the Kern Valley Nursing Home for the past two-and-a-half years. She was 82 years old. She was a fighter up to the end of her life.

She and Fred retired to Wofford Heights almost 10 years ago, moving from Las Vegas. They moved to the Kern Valley to be near their family.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 30 years, Fred Peters, of Wofford Heights; her daughter, Margaret Harmening, of Kernville; her son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy McGill, of Long Beach; nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Harriet, of Florida; and many friends. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Memorial services will be held June 19 at 3 p.m. at the Rose Garden at Kern Valley Cemetery.

## Wendy Davidson

A family memorial service will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park June 21 at 10 a.m. for Wendy Jill Davidson, 52, of Lake Isabella. Mrs. Davidson passed away June 11, 1999.

Mrs. Davidson was born in Oakland May 11, 1947 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Gordon Davidson of Lake Isabella; daughter Lauren Snow of Kernville; her father and his wife Paul and Emme Huber of Palo Alto; and brothers Lance Huber of Tucson, Ariz. and Jay Huber of Bellevue, Wash.

## Leslie Chester Isaacs

Memorial services were held Friday June 11, 1999 at 11 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Leslie Chester Isaacs. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Isaacs was born Oct. 16, 1914 in Bernie, Mo. and passed away on June 4, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. He built drilling rigs for many years and moved to Alaska and worked in the steel industry there until he moved to the Kern River Valley in 1956. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing and golfing.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Cynthia Isaacs of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Tom Masters of Porterville; brother and sister-in-law Hurbert and Mable Isaacs of Bakersfield; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and many nieces and nephews.

Though gone from sight, to memory dear.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice or your favorite charity.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lloyd Espy High

Private arrangements were made for Lloyd Espy High who passed away on June 5, 1999 at his residence in Weldon after a long illness. Mr. High was born Sept. 7, 1911 in Galesburg, Ill., and served as a chief engineer with the Merchant Marines for 30 years, before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1971.

He was an avid golfer and he enjoyed traveling with his wife.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Eva High; daughter and son-in-law Violet and Bob Cassey of Weldon; daughter Nancy Lee Yeomans of Montana and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sisters Grace Howe, Esther Edmondson and Leona Tate.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Luci Anderton

In loving memory of Luci Anderton, born March 23, 1934 in Jamestown, Kan., died May 20, 1999 in Bakersfield of respiratory failure and cancer. Luci lived in the Havilah area for nine years, but they were very busy and full years.

She is missed by family; husband Larry; sons Steve, Rick and Mike; granddaughter Danielle; sisters Joann, Sharon of Kansas and Brother Jim of Missouri.

Also missed by her many friends of this valley who celebrated the life and music of Luci with a memorial service and musical tribute at Weldon United Methodist Church on June 4. The family thanks all who came and shared in this celebration.

Love and light to you Luci.

## Clyde Wilburt Kelley

Clyde Wilburt Kelley was born on August 4, 1921 in Hot Springs, Ark. He was the youngest of nine children. He had three older brothers and five older sisters. Clyde grew up and worked on a farm. Later he enlisted in and worked for the WPA (which was a program to put people to work during the Depression building roads and other general welfare projects). Clyde was assigned to work in Wyoming during the winter months. On Feb. 7, 1942 he met and married the love of his life, Virginia Ruth Wills. Then, during WWII, he served his country as a medic in the U.S. Army.

Together, through good times and hardships, they built a home in Lynwood, Calif., and raised two children. Clyde was always a hard worker. He was a heavy equipment operator until his retirement from the Robert E. McKee Construction Company in 1977. He was an active member of the union for 53 years.

The family then moved to Kernville and became active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society where he held a variety of offices including president. Clyde helped to organize the antique and collectable shows and, with his wife and two of her sisters, made three trips around the United States. Clyde and Virginia also traveled up to Alaska and over to Hawaii. Clyde passed away on June 11, 1999 in Lake Isabella at the age of 77.

Clyde is survived by his wife of 57 years, Virginia W. Kelley of Kernville; one sister, Daisy Curtis of Bodfish; one brother, Roy Kelley of Redlands; one daughter, Claudia and her husband, John Novasel of Kernville; one son, Clyde and his wife Susan Kelley of Bodfish; three grandchildren, Gregg Jelkin, April and Allyson Kelley; three great-grandchildren and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangments made by Valley Mortuary. Services were held June 19, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Valley Mortuary Chapel and interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

## Ronald Terry Thorne

Ronald Terry Thorne of Havilah, age 39, born June 17, 1959, passed away June 10, 1999. He is survived by his wife Nancy; mother Nicota; father Robert; and brothers Bob and Brian; sister Debbie and daughter Jamie.

## Marilyn J. Emmons

Marilyn Emmons was born on November 7, 1933 and passed away on June 10, 1999 in her home in Lake Isabella.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Dale Emmons; two daughters, Sherrie Mazzarini Edwards, Donna and husband Edward Heitman; two sons, Barry Emmons and Kenneth Emmon; eleven grandchildren, Shannon, Brian and Staci Neely, David and Zachary Heitman, Robert Brennand, Erik and wife Heidi Brennand; Marc and wife Lori Mazzarini; Daniel Edwards, Tori and Katarina Emmons; one great-grandchild, Leanna Mazzarini; family members Gail Marquez, Sarah and Nicholas Lonero.

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



### **Bernice Lucille Hurty**

Services were held at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella, June 19, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. for Bernice Hurty of Bodfish. Officiating were Pastors Louis Fabricius and James Lee.

Bernice Lucille Hurty was born October 12, 1913 at Luverne, Minn. and passed away on June 16, 1999 at the Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

During Bernice's life she was a homemaker, a clerk for the J.C. Penney Company and was employed by the school districts in Chatsworth and Reseda, Calif. During the past 24 years she was very active in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella where she served as treasurer, belonged to the Dorcas Society, and a special love of hers was chairing the Altar Guild. Bernice also enjoyed the fellowship and talent of other amateur organists.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents George and Clara Allen; two brothers, Roger and Oliver Allen; one sister, Elizabeth Allen and her first husband, Otto Hinz.

Bernice is survived by her loving husband of 25 years, Earl Hurty of Bodfish; daughters Beverly Kapsch and her husband Leroy of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Charleen Van Sickle and her husband, Bob of Ft. Collins Colo.; one son, Charles Hinz and his wife Patsy of Sun City, Calif.; step-daughters Earlene Martinez of Aromas, Calif. and Christine Casciola and her husband, Phil of Mercerville, N.J.; one sister, Marjorie Kendall and her husband, John of Shorewood, Ill.; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; and neices, nephews and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to the Shepherd of the Hills Memorial Garden fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### **Belle Layhon**

Graveside services were held Wednesday June 16, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Belle Layhon, who passed away on June 14, 1999 at her home in Southlake. Belle was born January 31, 1926 in Medina, Tex., and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982. She

worked as a cook for the schools, both in Los Angeles and the Kernville School District for over 20 years. She enjoyed fishing, playing cards, and going to Las Vegas and Laughlin.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Alex Layhon of Southlake; son and daughter-in-law Jesse and Gloria Baker of Los Angeles; daughter Floran Williams of Lake Elsinore; two brothers, Carl Irby of Newport, Ore., and Donald and Carol Irby of Newport, Ore., and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her name to the Shepherd of the Hills Memorial Garden fund.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Louise Eva Markham

Funeral service were held June 29, 1999 at 12 p.m. at Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall for Louise Eva Markham. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mrs. Markham was born December 14, 1922 in Nacogdoches, Tex. She worked at St. Joseph Hospital for 27 years as a Nursing Coordinator, and has lived in the Kem River Valley for 21 years. She enjoyed cooking for all her family and was a member of the Good Sam Club.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ray Markham; her daughter and son-in-law Shirley Ann and Jack Whitbeck of Santa Clarita, two granddaughters, Pamela Sue and Lori Lee Whitbeck and great-grandson; Johnathen and Jack Hayes; also a sister and brother-in-law Opal and Ken Lee of Havasu City, Ariz., and brother David Goodman of Idaho.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Lawrence Oliver Thompson

Private arrangements were made for Lawrence Oliver Thompson who passed away on June 19, 1999 at his home in Lake Isabella. He was born March 16, 1933 in Medelia, Minn. He was a carpenter for more than 45 years. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for six years and enjoyed fishing here. My father is fishing in the sky above us with my sister and other friends. No one could ask for a better father than he was

Love always, Tami, Joey, Donald and Donnie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Beatrice Golleher

Beatrice Golleher went home to her Lord and Saviour on June 19, 1999. Bea was born Dec. 10, 1924 in Texas. Bea married W.G. Golleher on June 14, 1940. She was preceded in death by a daughter Willeen Gardell.

Survivors are her husband, W.G. Golleher; daughter, Creta Ostashay of Arizona; son, Joel Randy and wife of Nevada; grandsons, Edward Ostashay III of San Dimas and Greg Ostashay of Ft. Bragg, Calif.; granddaughter Kathleen Golleher of Minden, Nev.; three greatgrandchildren and many loved friends. Bea loved her family and friends, and held a love for the Lord. An accomplished artist, her paintings captured her zest for life. Bea will be greatly missed by all who knew her. No services will held. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice.

## Yunis Barakat (John) Omari, Jr.

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John was born Sept. 22, 1965 and died June 19, 1999.

He is survived by his wife, Mia; mother, children, step-children, half-sisters, aunts, uncles, and cousins - here and abroad.

John was a writer. His new novel will be out this fall.

## George Arthur Dickinson

George Arthur Dickinson, long-time resident of Wofford Heights, died June 22, 1999 after an eight-month illness. he was born on March 16th, 1923.

He is survived by his daughter Terry Lynn Lord of Torrance; grandson Dakota Lord; daughter Kathy Dickinson of Wofford Heights; grandson William Record; great-granddaughter Samantha Catlyn; and companion of ten years Frances Townsend living in Weldon.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances Dickinson in 1988, his father Jesse Butcher in 1989 and his mother in 1974; step-mother Marie Butcher in 1990. His step-father James Dickinson died in 1976. A younger brother, Arthur, died in infancy in 1928.

George was a survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack and spent five years in the South Pacific serving in the U.S.

Army. He retired from his civil service job in San Diego after 30 years of employment. He and his wife moved to Wofford Heights in 1974. George was a member of the local VFW and Moose. he worked several years for the Kern County Sheriff's Department patrolling the areas around Weldon and Onyx. He enjoyed motorcycles, his sports car, going out to eat at the Moose and time with his companion, Frances.

Visitation was on Saturday June 26, 1999 at Valley Mortuary and interment was with his wife at the cemetery in Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers to the family please make a donation to the local Heart Association in his name.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Lottie Estell Perkins

Funeral service were held on June 30, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lottie Estell Perkins. Officiating was Pastor Jon Rowe of the Church of Christ. Lottie was born June 15, 1906 in Dekalb, Tex. and passed away on June 26, 1999 in Mountain mesa. She was 93 years old. She has been a resident of the Valley for 13 years and a member of the Eagles and the Moose. She enjoyed fishing around the lake.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, William and Ramadana Fussell of Marietta, Okla., and her grandson Terry Haney of Lake Isabella and sister Exie Fricks of Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Brenda Reyes

Funeral services were held on June 18, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Brenda P. Reyes.

Brenda was born Sept. 8, 1954 in Memphis, Tenn., and went to be with the Lord on June 12, 1999 after a long illness with cancer.

Brenda came to Calif. in

1957 with her parents and sister. Brenda moved to Lake Isabella in 1981 to be closer to her mother.

She is survived by her husband Javier; son Adam Reyes and daughter Heidi Dunn from Colo.; Mother and step father Bernice and sister Kinda Hunt of Tex.; and two step sisters, Bunny and Robin of Bakersfield; step brothers Lee, Mark, Bill and Jim; and step mother Martha Adams of Memphis Tenn.

Brenda, you will always be in our heart.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary

## Henry Yurk

Private funeral arrangements were made for Henry Yurk who passed away on July 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Yurk was born December 22, 1912 in Sugar city, Color. He worked for Warren Automotive for 45 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1969. He came to the valley as a part-time resident and in 1978 moved here from Maywood, Calif. He was a member of the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Virginia in January 1997.

He is survived by Betty Igo, Larry McCurtain and a sister, Helen Terry of Colo.; two brothers, Roland YHork of Ore., and Loyd York of Colo.; sister-in-law, Winford Vento of Ore.;

and nephew and neice Billie and Kara York; also a great friend Ted Mathar and of course his Poodle, Amy.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Kern Valley High School Varsity Baseball Scholarship.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Ronald Frank Flicker Sr.

Funeral arrangements were made for Ronald Frank Flicker, Sr. who passed away on Thursday, July 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Flicker was born April 8, 1929 in Pierz, Minn. He retired from the City of Glendale and moved here to the Kern River Valley five years ago. He enjoyed fishing and gardening and fixing things. He was always helping other people.

Funeral services will be held at Simonet Funeral Home in Stillwater, Minn. and burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery in Pierz, Minn. A memorial mass will be held on July 9, 1999 at 5 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Ronald is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Debra Flicker of Long Beach; daughters, Diana and Anthony Trahan, Donna Rosewicz, Denise and Bob Gunderson and Debbie and Joe Peltier; 13 grandchildren; long time companion, Stella Delgado, and his sister Laura Grundhofer.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lyle Harrison Hunter

Lyle Harrison Hunter, age 79, of Miles City, Mont., passed away on Saturday, July 3, 1999 at the Holy Rosary Health Center in Miles City.

Lyle was born on May 22, 1920, in Los Angeles; the son of Stanley James and Margarite (Stasake) Hunter. He attended school in California and Oregon until he joined the U.S. Army in 1941, and served until his honorable discharge in 1945. Lyle returned to California and went to work for the Richfield Oil Company, which later became Atlantic Richfield.

On July 28, 1946, Lyle and Jean Traynor were united in marriage in Long Beach. Lyle retired in 1980 after 33 years of service for the Atlantic Richfield Company. After his retirement, Lyle and Jean traveled for several years, residing in Kernville and Bakersfield until making Miles City, Mont. their home. Lyle loved hunting, fishing and working in his garden.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Jean, of Miles City, Mont.; two sons Jim Hunter, also of Miles City, and Glenn Hunter, of Bakersfield; daughter, Eileen Sheets, of Byers, Colo., brother, Gordon Hunter, of Carson City, Nev.; sister, Alice Upshaw, of Oregon; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 9, 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel of Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City with Pastor Jim Sheets officiating. Interment followed in the Veterans Section in the Custer County Cemetery. Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home of Miles City is in charge of arrangements.

Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Heart and Lung Association, or to a charity of their choice.

## Jose Sanchez Ocampo

Jose Sanchez Ocampo passed away in his Woodland, CA, residence Friday night. Mr. Ocampo was born March 15, 1926 in Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico, and was 73 years of age. He was a resident of Woodland for the last 47 years and had retired as a laborer from Teichert Construction Co. where he worked for 26 years. He was a member of Local #185 of the Labors Union.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Ocampo, of Woodland; son Juan Jose Ocampo and his wife Susana of Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico; son Jose Jamime Ocampo and his wife Carrie of Woodland; son Cesar Daniel Ocampo of Kernville; daughters Claudia Annette Ocampo and Cristela Ocampo, Both of Woodland. Grandchildren include Jose Jamie Ocampo G., Juan Jose Ocampo G., Jose Alfonso Ocampo G., Susana Cristela Ocampo G., and Hector Daniel Ocampo G., all for Santa Cruz Jalisco, Mexico and one great-grandchild, Maria de Los Angles Ocampo, also of Santa Cruz, Jalisco, Mexico.

A rosary was said at McNary's Chapel in Woodland on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and mass was held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the St. Joseph's Cemetery Mausoleum in Woodland. Entombment will be in St. Joseph's Mausoleum.

McNary's Chapel is assisting the family.

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Brenda, you will always be in our heart.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Nedra A. Koplín

Private arrangements were made for Nedra A. Koplín who passed away on July 4, 1999 in Los Angeles after a long illness. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 22 years.

She is survived by her daughters, Dolores Koplín of Lake Isabella and Violet Padilla of Riverside; nephews Kenneth Williams of Japan and Merle Williams of LaCrescenta, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1999

## Clara Mae Cox

Funeral services were held July 19, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Clara Mae Cox. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Clara has lived in the Kern Valley for the past 20 years. She enjoyed refinishing furniture and antiques and making dolls and teddy bears.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Denise Largent of Lake Isabella and two grandsons, Thomas Greg and Christopher Largent.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Peggy Ann Luker

Funeral services were held July 15, 1999 at 9 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Peggy Ann Luker. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View So. Baptist Church. Peggy had been a resident of the Kern Valley for 27 years. She and her husband opened Bob's Tire Center when they moved here and had that business for around 10 years. She also worked at the Dam Korner for many years before she became ill. She enjoyed bowling, drawing and most of all coloring and playing with her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter Leigh Ann Luker in 1975.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 41 years, Bill Luker of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Virginia Luker of Weldon; son, Michael Luker; daughter and son-in-law Debbie and Wayne Trusty of Lake Isabella; and daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and David Adams of Wofford Heights; brother Lavelle Harrington of Arizona; sisters Ima Jean Elam of Texas; Nettie Mae Brown of Kansas and Carolyn Louies Jacks of Mississippi; and 11 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley

## Nils B. Oberg

A memorial service was held July 17, 1999 at Kernville United Methodist Church for Nils B. Oberg. The service was officiated by Pastor John Carpenter, with Pastor Chuck White and Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Nils Oberg was born in

Gunnarn, Sweden on October 24, 1924 and went home to be with the Lord on July 12, 1999. He immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1928. His life centered around his family, church and work. Nils was married to his wife June for fifty-two years and raised two children, Bryan and Alice. During those years the family always had a lot of property and boats, so that Nils could enjoy his two favorite hobbies of horseback riding and fishing.

These hobbies filled the many leisure hours for Nils and his family after work and on weekends. Nils worked for Oberg Construction Corporation his entire working life. The business was originally started by his father and uncle. In later years Nils became president of the company and continued in that position until the business was sold in 1984.

Nils and his wife June moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985. They began a construction business called Grebo Corporation and the needlework shop called Creative Hands with their children. It was during these years that horses were not a part of his life. However, there was more fishing.

Nils was a very caring man who had a strong and deep Christian faith. God gave Nils a beautiful tenor voice, which he used in service to his Lord. Through the years it gave much pleasure to all who heard him sing because his voice and face reflected his deep faith in his Savior. His family and friends will miss him.

Nils was preceded in death by his son, Bryan Oberg; his brother Alf Oberg; his sister Iris Dunlap Behymer; and his parents Seth and Edla Oberg.

Nils is survived by his wife June of Wofford Heights; his daughter Rev. Alice Oberg of Greenville, Calif.; daughter-in-law Karen Oberg of Wofford Heights; granddaughter Kim Kleidosty of Wofford Heights; grandson Kirk Oberg and wife Kim of Bakersfield; great-grandchildren Joshua and Joey Kleidosty of Wofford Heights; Bryan, Kenneth and Rebecca Oberg of Bakersfield. He is also survived by his sisters Aina Thomas of Gardnerville, Nev. and Mary Louise Brown and husband Neale of Camarillo; his brother Carl Oberg and wife Marlene of Chatsworth; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 1999

## Sara Curtis Peet

Sara Curtis Peet was born in Kentucky on November 29, 1917 to Geniveve and Edward Kyser. The family moved to North Carolina where Sara spent her early childhood. The family later moved to L.A. where Sara graduated from Los Angeles High in 1934.

Sara married Jerry Cooper in 1938. Three daughters were born to this union. In 1952 Sara married Audie Peet. They had one daughter. Sara and Audie lived and worked in L.A. area but often spent time in Kern Valley. In 1964 they purchased a home in Wofford Heights and became week-enders. After Audie's death in 1976, Sara retired from her job with L.A. School District and became a permanent resident of Wofford Heights.

Sara will be remembered by her many friends as a warm, caring and generous person who was always willing to help anyone in need. Sara liked to play Bunco and Bingo but in later years her enjoyment was sitting on her porch, enjoying the lake view and visiting with her friends. She loved the history of the Kern Valley and enjoyed talking with friends about it. Sara was staying with her daughter in San Antonio when she went home to be with her Lord on July 4, 1999.

Sara is survived by her daughters Carol Sanborn of Torrance, Kay Cooper Cross of Wofford Heights, Virginia Pitts of Wash. son-in-law Jerry Pitts of Okla.; Johanna and Edward Scott of San Antonio, Texas.; grandsons, Brandon and Curtis Pitts of Washington, Chris Parks of Nevada, granddaughters, Roxanne Parks of Nevada; and

Chrystaline Scott of San Antonio; great grandchildren Gilcrest Pitts, Jennifer Parks and Edward Scott.

Memorial services were held July 6, 1999 in San Antonio. Burial was in Green Hills Cemetery in San Pedro, Calif.

## Erlene Dorothy Sandifer

A memorial service was officiated by Pastor Dave Snow on July 2, 1999 at the First Baptist Church for Erlene Dorothy Sandifer was born August 5, 1930 in Lompoc, Calif. Her death came on June 25, 1999 after an extended illness. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Sam Douglas Sandifer of Wofford Heights; their sons, Steven Douglas Sandifer and wife Marcia, Rodney Kemp Sandifer, Michael Glenn Sandifer and wife Martha; seven grandchildren and her brother Vern.

Erlene was a licensed vocational nurse. She worked until her retirement at St. John's Hospital in Oxnard where she cared for aged and terminally ill patients. In 1980 she became active in the T.O.P.S., also in knitting and ceramics groups. She was a member of First Baptist Church, Oxnard, for many years.

She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Hazel S. Mason**

Hazel Mason passed away at age 90 on July 20, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital. Hazel was a resident of Whittier for 60 years.

She is survived by her daughter Patty Archer of Lake Isabella; son Gordon Mason of Eugene, Ore.; grandsons, Johnnie Michael Mulvaney of Southlake, Kevin Archer of Long Beach, eight other grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, two brothers of Terre Haute, Ind., Roger Sanders age 96 and Paul Sanders.

Hazel was preceded in

death by her husband Edgar (1969), sons Donal (1977), Edgar Jr. (1996), grandsons Timothy Patric Archer age 50, (1999).

Interment at Rose Hills Whittier.

We will miss you, Mum.

**Virginia Ann Helen Williams**

A memorial service was held July 23, 1999 at 3 p.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Virginia Ann Helen Williams. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson.

Mrs. Williams was born May

25, 1921 in Bellingham, Wash., and passed away at her home in Bodfish on July 20, 1999. She had been a resident of the Kern Valley for ten years. She was preceded in death by her son Ward Williams II in 1993. She is survived by her husband of 59 years; Ward Williams of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Connie Williams of Valencia; daughter Virginia Maier of Riverside; sister Marion Katona of Michigan; and eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Janet Laird Hewitt**

A memorial service is pending for Janet Laird Hewitt who passed away on July 22, 1999 in Mt. Mesa after a long illness. Janet was born Oct. 17, 1907 in Coalita, Scotland on the island of Islay. She was 91 years old. Janet was a war bride. She married Jess Hewitt and came to the U.S.A. on a ship from Australia. They lived at Black Gulch in Keyesville until he passed away at an early age.

Janet stayed in the valley and worked for Dr. Pergine and then was the bookkeeper

for Blue Flame until she retired.

She leaves behind her special family, Jess Motgomery, Sandy Chase, and Jamy Smith and Sue Mulligan. Also, her niece Barbara MacMillan from Australia and a few other relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Cynthia Ann Rothert**

Cynthia Ann Rothert passed away at age 51 at Memorial

Hospital in Bakersfield on July 21, 1999. Burial was at the Kern Valley Cemetery and was officiated by John Carpenter. Cynthia was born Nov. 1, 1947 in Berkeley to Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville. She was employed by the Social Services Department in Bakersfield.

She loved the Kern River Valley, her horses and all her friends she's made up here.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville; brother Doug Rothert of Kernville and sister Debbie Link of Valencia.

## William J. Reed

Bill Reed was born on January 1, 1924 and passed away at home on June 25, 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, June; his sister and brother-in-law Lois and Jack Weaver of Encino, four nephews and numerous other family members.

The Reeds moved to the Kern River Valley in 1983 from Burbank. He was an active member of the Men's Club at the Kern Valley Golf Course.

A private family memorial is pending.

## Cynthia Ann Rothert Gruning

Services will be held August 9, 1999 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church, corner of Big Blue and Sirretta, for Cynthia Ann Rothert Gruning. Cynthia Ann passed away at age 51 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield on July 21, 1999. Cynthia was born Nov. 1, 1947 in Berkeley to Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville. She was employed by the Department of Human Services in Bakersfield.

She loved the Kern River Valley, her horses and all her friends she's made up here.

She is survived by her parents, Paul and Betty Rothert of Kernville; brother Doug Rothert of Kernville and sister Debbie Link of Valencia.

## Royce Elmer Smith

Graveside services were held on July 29, 1999 at 10 a.m. for Royce Elmer Smith at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Dennis Hinkey of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Royce was born in Littlefield, Texas on Dec. 30, 1937 and passed away in Mountain Mesa, on July 24, 1999. He was 61 years old. He was a resident of the Kern Valley from 1953 and graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1956 where he met and married his childhood sweetheart, Joan, in 1959. He was involved in many businesses in the Kern Valley, including general contracting. He was well known for his quick wit and positive attitude and enthusiasm for life. His grandchildren were very special to

him as were all his family and friends. He was very generous and supportive of the Kern Valley FFA, and numerous other youth organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joan Smith of Lake Isabella; his mother, Effie Smith of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Roger McCoy of Bakersfield; daughter Dana and son-in-law Fritz Goss of Bodfish; four grandchildren, Cara, Ryan, Alyssa McCoy and Amanda Goss; sister Sue Hinkey of Lake Isabella; brothers Randy Smith of Lake Isabella and Gary Smith of Redding; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Johnson, Bo Williams, Joe Leonardi, Ed Wimmer, Chris Moore, Stanley Carver, Ken Thorn, Gino Baker, Richard Rooney and Nick Silicz.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Robert Zeff Melchiori

Memorial services were held July 30, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bob Melchiori. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mr. Melchiori was born Sept. 22, 1925 in Santa Monica and passed away on July 25, 1999 at his home in Lake Isabella after a long illness. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 10 years ago after retiring from the construction business in Canoga Park.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating. He was a member of the Bodfish Beamers and the Moose Lodge.

Bob is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rita Melchiori of Lake Isabella; daughter Susan Ralph of Simi Valley; two granddaughters, Denise Rupel of Arizona and Sara Melchiori of Santa Barbara; and two grandsons, Gary McDonald of San Diego and Shawn McDonald of Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Optimal Hospice Care.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## OBITUARIES

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### Ethel Gertrude Brierley Bell

Born June 14, 1922 in Alhambra, Ethel Bell entered into rest Aug. 9, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital after a brief illness.

She proudly served her country in WWII as a member of the Coast Guard. A licensed pilot, she flew with the 99's, and participated in the Powder Puff Derby. She graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in education and spent many years teaching children with cerebral palsy.

A long-time resident of Riverkern, Ethel is survived by her husband, Clay Bell; son Jeffrey Dotson of Salinas; daughter and son-in-law Robin and Lee Boyer of Kernville; granddaughters Robin and Rosie Dotson of Ojai;

grandsons Jeffrey Shell of North Highlands and Bradley Boyer of Kernville; sisters Mary J. Price of El Sobrante and Martha Jane Ives of Glendora; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ethel was active in the Kern Valley Historical Society, The Clan Diggers Genealogical Society and the LDS Church choir for many years. She also served as secretary of the Riverkern Water Company. In recent years she greatly enjoyed the time she spent at the Alzheimer's Respite Center in Lake Isabella where her wonderful soprano voice filled hall.

Visitation will be at Valley Mortuary on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mountain Mesa. Graveside services will be immediately following at the Kern Valley Cemetery.

A reunion for the family will be held at Robin's River Restaurant following interment.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Respite Center in Lake Isabella, care of the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County.

We will miss your bright smile, mama. We love you—the family of Ethel Bell.

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## Corinne Marie Stewart

Funeral services for Corinne Marie Stewart, 75, of Ord, Neb., were held July 17, 1999 in Ord. Mrs. Stewart died July 15 at her home in Ord.

Mrs. Stewart was born Oct. 14, 1923 to Wilford and Lenora (Schefsky) Haines in Burwell, Neb. She was raised in Burwell and graduated from Burwell High School. On Dec. 11, 1941 she married Wayne Ellsworth Stewart at Grand Island. The couple farmed in Ord after their marriage. In 1948 they moved to Los Angeles and then returned to Ord to farm in 1950. In 1953 they moved back to California. After Mr. Stewart retired, they moved to Kernville where they lived for 22 years. In 1992 they returned to Ord where she lived until her death.

She was active as a Sunday School teacher, Girl Scout leader and in baseball auxiliary. While in California, she belonged to the Westchester Methodist Church. She enjoyed baseball and was a fan of the Cubs, Braves and Dodgers. She played Yahtzee, crossword puzzles, and "find the words" puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Stewart of Ord; two sons, Phillip E. Stewart of Billings, Mont. and Paul W. Stewart of Lake Oswego, Ore.; one daughter, Peggy M. Souther of Thousand Oaks; one sister, Helen McQuay of Alpine, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Bernard and Harold Haines.

Mrs. Stewart was buried in the Ord City Cemetery. Ord Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were Patrick Haines, Michael Haines, Curtis Reeder, Ronald Reeder, Wayne Reeder and Jerald Haines. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Orr, Al Dearmont, Bus Malicky, Bruce Hurlbert, Pat Marsh, Joanie Hansen and Friends of the TOPS Club.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

## Dorothy Laura Bredal

Private services were held Aug. 11, 1999 at Rose Hills Memorial Park for Dorothy Laura Bredal, who passed away on Aug. 8, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Dorothy was born Jan. 25, 1924 in Chicago and was a resident of the Kern Valley for 21 years. She enjoyed cooking, playing the piano and gardening, especially in her rose garden. She found comfort in God's work, and treasured her many friends.

She is survived by her husband Robert of 53 years; sister and brother-in-law Sandra and Vern Dameier of Idaho; daughter and son-in-law Pamela and John Lincoln of Lake Forest; and grandson Andrew Lincoln of Lake Forest. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

## Cynthia Marie Vradenburg Murphy

Cynthia Marie Vradenburg Murphy, 46, died Aug. 5, 1999 at her residence in Gardnerville, Nev.

A native of Glendale, she was born Oct. 31, 1952 to Jerry and Arlene Lillio Vradenburg and lived in Gardnerville for the past 17 years, coming from Southern California.

Mrs. Murphy was a program assistant for the state of Nevada and a member of the Catholic Church. She worked for three years for the U.S. Forest Service in Kernville and Greenhorn.

Surviving are her parents, of Kernville; son Christopher; daughter Amy Murphy, both of Carson City; brothers Jerry Vradenburg of Washoe Valley, Nev. and Michael Vradenburg of Lake Isabella; and sister Sara Cargal of Lake Isabella.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 10 at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Carson City, with burial at Eastside Memorial Park in Minden, Nev.

## OBITUARIES

### Wesley Lee Blyleven

Wesley Lee Blyleven, 68, died Aug. 15, 1999 at his home. A native of California, he was born Sept. 29, 1930 in Lennox, Calif., to Cornelius and Jessie Blyleven.

He lived in Bodfish for the past six years, coming from Torrance, where he raised his family. The Kern River holds special memories for Wes' family, as they spent many years camping, swimming and fishing with family and friends.

Wes played an active role in our community volunteering his time at the Kern River Fish Hatchery, Kids' Fishing Derby and maintaining the rose garden

at the Highland Chapel Methodist Church. Wes loved fishing on the river and gardening.

Wes was retired from the City of Torrance, where he was a tree supervisor for 34 years. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the Army from 1951-1953.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Ida Blyleven; sons Mike and Jerry of Torrance; daughter Judy Hansen of Carson City; brothers Neil and Ron; five grandchildren; and many loving nieces and nephews and cousins.

He will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Long Beach, close to his parents.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### Marvin W. Powers

Marvin W. Powers, of a pioneer Kern Valley family, died Thursday. He was 76.

Marvin Powers was born Oct. 27, 1922, and grew up in Weldon. He served in WWII, earning the American Campaign medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a member of the VFW.

Marvin worked on the dam that formed Isabella Lake. He worked at South Fork School for 29 years and was a local leader of 4-H for 20 years. He taught hunter safety for 22 years.

Marvin was a cowboy at

heart and was courageous through everything. He was a member of the Weldon United Methodist Church all of his life. He was a wonderful, loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a friend to everyone.

Marvin was the brother of Bob Powers, local historian who writes the "Kern Valley History" column for the *Kern Valley Sun*.

Church services were held at the United Methodist Church and were officiated by Reverend Dr. Charles White, and visitations were held at Hillcrest Mortuary in Bakersfield.

Donations can be made to the Weldon United Methodist Church or to the Cancer Society.

## Vernon Louis Miller

Vernon Louis Miller was born July 20, 1924 in Wellfleet, Neb., to Louis E. Miller and Katharine Thompsen Miller. The family moved to Los Angeles when Vern was 10 years old.

Vern attended George Washington High School in Los Angeles until joining the U.S. Navy Dec. 30, 1942. Vernon was a Boatswain's Mate Second Class and assigned to the Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron 21 with the USS Shikellamy. He was honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1946 and returned to work with his father in the family business known as Miller's Foods in southwest Los Angeles.

Vern moved to the Kern Valley in March 1971, where he resided until his death on Aug. 23, 1999. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends and lovingly remembered for his friendly outgoing nature, his love for fishing, coaching his daughter's Little League softball team and then, later, a women's softball team. He enjoyed playing pool and table tennis.

Vern, aka "Dad," "Papa," "Grandpa" and "Apple," is survived by his son Larry V. Miller of Redondo Beach; daughter Linda E. Radie of Torrance; daughter and son-in-law Wendy K. and Terry Mullen of Victorville; grandchildren Jeffrey Miller, Angela Duran, Stephanie Miller, Jennifer Radie, Tyler and Heather Mullen, and great-grandchildren Vincent, Autumn and Madison Miller and Cheyenne Duran.

Graveside services were held in Inglewood Park Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his parents.

## Helen Ruth Hammond

A funeral Mass was celebrated Aug. 30, 1999 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Helen R. Hammond, who passed away Aug. 25 in Mountain Mesa.

Helen was born July 16, 1916 in Connecticut. She worked in the aerospace industry and moved to the Kern Valley after retiring 21 years ago. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude's and the TOPS Club for 20 years. She enjoyed fishing and camping.

She was preceded in death by her husband, and is survived by son Jim Hammond of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law David and Rosa Hammond of Bakersfield; son and daughter-in-law Bob and Virginia Hammond of Las Vegas; son and daughter-in-law Richard and Carol Hammond of Los Angeles; grandchildren Tim, Richard, Traylin, Daniel, Amber and Rich; great-grandchildren David, Shara, Taylor, Justin and Austin.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Patsy Jean Lomax

Patsy Jean Lomax was born May 28, 1928 and passed away Aug. 26, 1999.

She was from Newhall; she had a dream to live in Kernville, which she did for several years. Patsy passed away after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband Joe R. Lomax; son James Arnold of Klackmass, Ore.; son Joe W. Lomax of Nevada; daughter Patsy Jo Lomax; daughter Polly Jean Lomax of Newhall; daughter Sally Jane Lomax of Weldon; 13 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Kern Valley Cemetery on Sept. 3 at 10 a.m.

## Ruth Childers

Graveside services were held on Aug. 27, 1999 for Ruth Childers, who passed away at her home on Aug. 23. Ruth was a member of Eastern Star for 50 years, Daughters of the Nile, Homitau Chapter of Order of the Golden Slipper, Kern Valley Women of the Moose, and the Pink Ladies Auxiliary for five years. She also was a school volunteer, until her health started to fail.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil, in 1998. Ruth is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kenneth and Linda Kabler of Ventura; grandchildren Katherine and Brandon Eifrid and Kimberly Kabler, all of Ventura; great-granddaughter Sarah Eifrid, also of Ventura; and brother Robert Redfern of Carson City.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Diane Jean Perone

Diane Jean Perone, 48, died Aug. 13, 1999 at her home in Wofford Heights.

She was born in Glen Cove, N.Y. on Oct. 5, 1950 to Dominick and Helen Perone, and lived in the Kern Valley for the past 18 years.

She is survived by her brother, Nick Perone of Minnesota; brother Dominick Perone of New York; and the VanderLinden family, and so many more very close friends.

Services for Diane will be held on Sept. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Weldon Ranch in Kelso Valley, with a celebration of her life to follow.

We love you and miss you, Unc. Di, and we always will.

## Jacqueline Anita King

Private arrangements were made for Jacqueline Anita King, who passed away Aug. 21, 1999 at her residence in Squirrel Valley, where she and her husband resided for 25 years.

She was born April 1, 1924, in the small town of Clarendon Hills, Ill.

She was past president of Grandmothers Club No. 94, in which she was very actively involved. In past years, she was also involved in the Moose Lodge, Woman's Club, Sidewalk CBers (known as "Little Jake"), and a bowling league.

Jacqueline is survived by her husband of 53 years, Fred King; her mother, Margaret Mestyanek of Squirrel Valley; daughter Gail Kern of Carson City; son Glenn King of Squamish, Wash.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was a very special lady, mother and grandmother, and will be dearly missed by her family and many, many friends.

## Raymond John Schofield

Raymond John Schofield of Florence, Ore., died Aug. 23, 1999 at age 88. He was born June 1, 1911 in Chicago. In 1935 in Palos Park, Ill., he married his wife, Theresa M. Schofield, who survives him.

He worked for Carnegie Steel Company in Chicago; International Harvester, also in Chicago, as an instrumentation engineer; Western Michigan State College in Kalamazoo, Mich., and American Potash and Chemical Co./Kerr McGee in Trona.

He lived in Oregon for five years, coming from Weldon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by daughters Nadeen Letha Roake and Donna Rae Schofield Moos, and son Keith Raymond Schofield.

Disposition was by cremation.

Contributions can be made in his name to Peace Harbor Hospice.

Burns's Riverside Chapel in Florence, Ore., was in charge of arrangements.

## Walter H. Wobermin

Walter Henry Wobermin of Lake Isabella passed away on July 17, 1999 in San Diego of complications from a stroke. Walt was born on Aug. 1, 1917 in Brush, Colo. He was raised in Savage, Mont. in a log house that his pioneer father built on the banks of the Yellowstone River. His father taught him how to be a mechanic at a young age. Walt was very gifted at building anything he wanted. An accomplished artist, he enjoyed oil painting with other local Isabella artists. He was always willing to give a helping hand to his friends, and baked bread for his friends and neighbors regularly.

Walt retired from Lockheed and moved to Lake Isabella in 1970, with his wife, Peggy. They resided here for 29 years. They were married 49 years when she preceded him in death a year ago.

Walt is survived by daughter Joyce Olsen of San Diego; brother George Wobermin of Vancouver; sister Ruth Lang of Portland, Ore; four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren, all of Southern California.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1999

## OBITUARIES

### Katie Ann Croft

Funeral services will be held Sept. 8, 1999 at 10 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church for Katie Ann Croft. Interment will follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Croft was born Dec. 6, 1911 in Pinewood, S.C. and passed away on Sept. 2, 1999, in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for 25 years. She was a member of TOPS and the Kern Valley Art Association and enjoyed playing bingo at the VFW.

She is survived by her stepson and his wife, Thomas and

MaryAnn Croft of Las Vegas; brother Richard Furman Jenkinson of Pinewood, S.C.; sisters Marjorie Kneee of Chapin, S.C., Dorothy O'Cain of Lexington, S.C. and Lois Warner of St. George, S.C.; and 15 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard D. Croft; sister Mary Anderson of Conway, S.C.; and brother Marvin Jenkinson Jr. of Pinewood, S.C.

She had the most loving and loyal friends, including Loretta McKenney, Shirley Keeling and many others.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

## OBITUARIES

### Diane Rosalie MacKenzie

Graveside services were held Sept. 13, 1999 at Pierce Brothers-Vahalla in North Hollywood for Diane MacKenzie, who passed away on Sept. 6, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Diane was born on Jan. 1, 1936, in Los Angeles. She was a ~~four~~ fifth-generation Californian, whose family came from Spain. She was also the great-great-granddaughter of the first Spanish governor of California.

Diane resided in the Kern River Valley for the past 12 years, and enjoyed painting, writing, genealogy, and designing clothes.

She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Jennifer, and her brother Robert. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Robert; brother James Sanders; daughter and son-in-law Victoria and Frank Chavez of La Crescenta; daughter Katherine Tyson of Bakersfield; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

### Genevieve Young

A graveside service was held Sept. 8, 1999 at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Genevieve Young, formerly of the Kern River Valley. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo of Highland Chapel Methodist Church.

Genevieve was born Jan. 12, 1923, in Thompson, Pa., and died Sept. 1, 1999, in Scottsbluff, Neb. She was 76 years old.

Genevieve was a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley. She was a member of the Historical Society and a great collector of antiques. Her passion was hunting for old bottles and arrowheads. She operated her own antique store in Nebraska.

Genevieve is survived by son Jim Young of Lake Isabella; son Bill W. Young of Boise, Idaho; sister Lillian Miller of Mountain Mesa; sister Virginia Riviera of Escondido; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1978.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Alice Dorothy Carlsen Clark Elfstrom

Alice Elfstrom was born on Dec. 5, 1905 in Boston and died on Sept. 10, 1999 in Sun City, Ariz. She moved with her family at the age of 3 to Sweden. When she was 18 she moved to Brooklyn, where she soon entered nursing school. Alice practiced as a public health nurse in New York until she retired.

She married F. Scott Clark in 1941 and lived on Albion, N.Y. Together they raised a wonderful, caring daughter, Janice. Scott passed away in 1959. Alice spent the next several years working as a nurse, caring for and educating their daughter.

In 1974 Alice met Ernest Elfstrom, fell in love and married him on July 28, 1974. Ernest was a widower and has three sons: Eugene and Warren of Seattle, and Robert from Yarnell, Ariz. Suddenly her family had grown by leaps and bounds. She is survived by 14 grandchildren, including: Adam and Wesley Rose of Carlsbad; Alita Elfstrom and John Beam, Jeff and Lana Elfstrom, Keith and Carey Elfstrom, all of Lake Isabella; Corey and Rick Kasinger of Frazier Park; and Tim Elfstrom of Phoenix. She also had 30 great-grandchildren.

Alice and Ernest led very active lives, being involved in the Masons, VASA, Elks and the Methodist Church. They traveled as often as possible, including trips to Sweden, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Seattle and California to visit friends and family, including all of those children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Activities at the Sun Valley Lodge, where they had lived for the last nine years, included the recent celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Alice loved the water, the outdoors, Arizona and her extended family. She was known for her loving and caring ways and for her kindness to all those around her. She lived her life to the fullest for those 93-plus years and will live on in our hearts forever and ever.

## Raymond B. Litz

Memorial services for Ray Litz, who passed away on Sept. 14, will be held Sept. 25, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Weldon United Methodist Church, 20021 Hwy. 178. The Reverend Charles R. White will officiate.

Ray was born (in 1934) and raised in Pasadena and moved to the Kern Valley in 1989. After serving in the U.S. Army, he developed Competition Engineering, an automotive machine shop in Altadena, specializing in Porsche, VW and Corvair work. This business is well known to Porsche owners around the world. Ray's knowledgeable and caring advice and honest work are well respected by many car enthusiasts.

Ray was a member of the Kern River Valley Historical Society, National Exchange Club, Porsche Club of America, and the 365 Registry. He enjoyed camping, traveling and restoring antique cars.

He is survived by his loving wife Ann; daughter Valerie Kim Litz; son Randy Litz; son John Fitzpatrick; sister Bette Leadman; sister Grace Hazen; sister Edith Watson; brother Irving McCallum; and their families. He was loved by all who knew them.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

## Robert Gregory Atherley

A memorial service was held for Robert Atherley at the Lake Isabella Methodist Church on Sept. 18, 1999. Officiating was Pastor Chuck White.

Robert was a resident of the valley for 21 years. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends, swimming, and diving off rocks at the river. Unfortunately, a misjudgement of water depth proved fatal. Robert dived his last dive.

His death has been a devastating loss to all who knew him. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his three children, Ashley, Aaron and Austin; mother Toddy (and Terry Brown and family); brother Nathan McCoy of Iowa; father Greg Atherley of Beaumont, Texas; (his beloved Ma and Papa) Betty Hershey of Lake Isabella and Gary Hershey of Beaumont; great-grandmother Hope Vincent of Lake Isabella; uncles Rod Hershey of Bakersfield and Mark, Randy and Jeff Atherley of Beaumont; aunts Heather and Lacie Hershey of Lake Isabella, and Tricia (and Bud, Ronnie, Donnie and Kenneth Haigler of Weldon) and Cindy and Heather of Beaumont; great-aunt and uncle Donna and Tony George of Bodfish; and finally Bobby McCloskey, Robert's oldest and closest friend since second grade; Larry Hayes, Kirk Allison, Doyle Wilson, Russell Koop, Kelly Holcomb, Doreena McCartney and many extended family members and friends.

## Eva LaVon Johnson

A funeral service was held Sept. 16, 1999 at the Lakeside Chapel in Westminster Memorial Park for Eva LaVon Johnson, with interment following. Officiating was Father Darryl Lee.

Eva was born Jan. 7, 1917 in Henryetta, Okla., and died Sept. 13, 1999 in the Skilled Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa. She was 86 years old. Eva was a member of the VFW Auxiliary Post 7665 Eagles Auxiliary Aerie No. 3156.

She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Donald, of Mountain Mesa, son Don and his wife Dana Cupp of Whittier; son Gary and his wife Josie Chastain of Arizona; son Roy and his wife Linda Chastian of Arizona; son Monty and his wife Bonnie of Lake Isabella; son Eddie Chastain and his wife Joann of Long Beach; 26 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

## John "Jack" Edward Addis

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge in Mountain Mesa; officiating will be the officers of the Eagles Lodge with the VFW present.

John, who was known by many as Jack, was born in Pennsylvania on Oct. 31, 1940 and died in Weldon on Sept. 15, 1999.

Jack served in the Marine Corps from 1958 to 1961. He worked in the aerospace industry for 30 years.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Audrey, of Weldon; mother and step-father Mable and Frank Yelinek of Ohio; sister Kathy Currier and her husband Darcy of Ohio; brother Frank W. Yelinek Jr. and his wife Linda of Ohio; son Johnny Addis and his wife Laurie of Maryland; son Sean Addis and his wife Linda of Pennsylvania; son Daniel Addis; stepson Johnny Ridge and his wife Dotty of Dayton, Nev.; stepson Chuck Ridge of Long Beach; stepson Terry Bass of Los Angeles; stepdaughter Julia McNess and her husband Jerry of Carson City; stepdaughter Deborah Anderson and her husband Kevin of Torrance; and 13 grandchildren.

Jack was an avid bowler, fisherman, hunter and loved every other sport there was. He was a lifetime member and bartender of the Eagles Lodge. He will be missed by many friends and all of his family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Alice Dorothy Carlsen Clark Elfstrom

Alice Elfstrom was born on Dec. 5, 1905 in Boston and died on Sept. 10, 1999 in Sun City, Ariz. She moved with her family at the age of 3 to Sweden. When she was 18 she moved to Brooklyn, where she soon entered nursing school. Alice practiced as a public health nurse in New York until she retired.

She married F. Scott Clark in 1941 and lived on Albion, N.Y. Together they raised a wonderful, caring daughter, Janice. Scott passed away in 1959. Alice spent the next several years working as a nurse, caring for and educating their daughter.

In 1974 Alice met Ernest Elfstrom, fell in love and married him on July 28, 1974. Ernest was a widower and has three sons: Eugene and Warren of Seattle, and Robert from Yarnell, Ariz. Suddenly her family had grown by leaps and bounds. She is survived by 14 grandchildren, including: Adam and Wendy Rose of Carlsbad; Alita Elfstrom and John Beam, Jeff and Lana Elfstrom, Keith and Carey Elfstrom, all of Lake Isabella; Corey and Rick Kasinger of Frazier Park; and Tim Elfstrom of Phoenix. She also had 30 great-grandchildren.

Alice and Ernest led very active lives, being involved in the Masons, VASA, Elks and the Methodist Church. They traveled as often as possible, including trips to Sweden, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Seattle and California to visit friends and family, including all of those children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Activities at the Sun Valley Lodge, where they had lived for the last nine years, included the recent celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Alice loved the water, the outdoors, Arizona and her extended family. She was known for her loving and caring ways and for her kindness to all those around her. She lived her life to the fullest for those 93-plus years and will live on in our hearts forever and ever.

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Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Daniel Paul Taylor

Daniel Paul Taylor was born Sept. 30, 1918 in Willamina, Ore. and died Sept. 21, 1999 in Bakersfield.

He lived as a boy in Grant's Pass, Ore. and later graduated from Benson Polytechnical School in Portland. He joined the Navy in 1939 and was aboard the USS Marblehead in Java when the war started. After returning to the U.S. in 1942, he attended flight school and received his wings in Pensacola.

He then returned to the South Pacific and served until the war ended. He was employed by North American Aviation (Rockwell) in engineering flight test until his retirement in 1974. He then moved to Weldon.

He leaves his wife of 57 years, Helen; daughter Paulette Corso; grandsons Brek Corso and his wife Melissa of San Diego; Corby Corso and his wife Patricia of Saugus; and Roan and Taylor Corso of Carmel Valley.

A private family service was held. Dan was an avid fisherman and spent most days at the lake. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

## Larry Phillip Slough

Private arrangements were held for Larry Phillip Slough, who passed away on Sept. 20 due to an auto accident in the Kern Canyon. Larry was born Aug. 20, 1940 in Bemidji, Minn. and was raised in Detroit. He moved to California in the early 1960s and lived in Ventura. He was an electrical contractor for 39 years before moving to Lake Isabella in 1990. He had many friends and always had a joke for everyone. Although he suffered from cancer he still wanted to work at "Our Place," which he owned with his wife Jaye. He would joke with everyone and play jokes on them. He was loved and liked by everyone who met him, even strangers. He touched all who met him.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Jaye, of Lake Isabella; sons Randy and Troy Slough of Ventura and Tom Cliborne of Ridgecrest; and daughter Tiffany Holtze of Santa Barbara.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Rose Marie Cloud

Rose Marie Cloud passed away on Sept. 17, 1999 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Born March 9, 1919 in St. Louis, Rose Marie was adopted as an infant by Rose and Milton Goldbaum. She had one brother, Milton. As a young girl, her mother remarried William Campbell and the family moved to Beverly Hills. As a very young girl, Rose Marie's mother was an actress and later the governess for the Marx Brothers' family in Beverly Hills.

She attended Beverly Hills High and in 1935 married Roy Cloud. They lived their entire married life in California, in Los Angeles, Porterville, Eagle Rock and La Crescenta. Before retirement, Rose Marie worked for many years as an attorney in a collection agency in the Los Angeles area. Before starting their family, Rose Marie and Roy traveled throughout the state riding motorcycles. She was very supportive of her husband's love of motorcycles and cars, and they introduced their children at a very early age to racing Roy's homemade quarter midgets, which won many races.

Upon Roy's retirement, they moved to Weldon 22 years ago, where they enjoyed the life they had always wanted. With a lifelong love for animals, they were finally able to raise a variety of

animals. It didn't take long for Rose Marie to get involved in the community and she was soon involved with the Women of the Moose, the needlework club Happy Hookers, and was on the Weldon water board, as well as many other activities. She had a great sense of humor and loved a good joke. She was very talented in handwork, especially knitting and crocheting, as well as most other crafts. She also loved playing games of all kinds, and enjoyed saving her spare change to test her luck in Las Vegas.

Rose Marie was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roy; her brother Milton; and nephew, Bob. She is survived by her two children— son Allan and daughter-in-law Debbie, and daughter Linda and son-in-law Kurt Swanson. She also had four grandsons, Chad Swanson, Travis Swanson, Casey Cloud and Cory Cloud, and six great-grandchildren.

No formal services are planned. The family would like to thank Helen Taylor, Joanie Collins, Bernice Hamilton, the Happy Hookers, and other friends and neighbors for their love and special caring over the past few years for Rose Marie, as well as the ICU nurses at Kern Valley Hospital for helping make her final days as comfortable as possible.

## Marjory Belle Brinson

Marjory Belle Brinson was born on July 4, 1920 to Gus and Katie Reid in Jackson, Mo. She entered into a new life with her Lord and Saviour on Sept. 27, 1999 in Monument, Colo. while visiting her oldest daughter and family. Marjorie married Harold Brinson on March 26, 1936 and they shared a wonderful 49 years together until his death in 1988.

Together they raised six children: Ted Brinson of Whittier; Loren Brinson of Moreno Valley; Juleen Edwards of Monument, Colo.; Jody Melby of Lake Isabella, Jill Hood of Weldon and Guy Brinson of Southlake.

Besides being blessed with loving sons, daughters and in-laws, she also had 15 grandchildren. She and Harold lived in Bell Gardens for 39 years and raised their family there before moving to Lake Isabella 19 years ago.

Marjory was a devoted, loving and caring mother, grandmother and friend. She loved her family, her church and her God, and was a faithful prayer warrior. She had a heart of compassion and one of her greatest joys in life was helping those in need.

Marjory left her family a wonderful inheritance, having raised her children with the knowledge of who Jesus Christ is and how they could have life everlasting by accepting Him as Lord and Savior into their hearts—an inheritance that will last eternally.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Brinson, father Guyus Reid, mother Katie Reid, brothers Tommy and Edward Reid and sister Vionna Floyd. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Lois Marie Racicot

Cremation arrangements were made for Lois Marie Racicot, who died at her residence in Weldon.

Lois was born Nov. 28, 1933 in Eau Claire, Wisc. She died Sept. 28, 1999 in Weldon. She was 65 years old.

She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Ernest Racicot of Weldon; sons Paul Gutierrez; Mike Aycock, Lenny Aycock, Ben Aycock, Larry Aycock, Dennis Aycock; daughter Karen Lewellen; brothers Jim Peterson, John Peterson, Chub Peterson, Richard Peterson; sisters Sharon Wallauer and Lorraine Macuse; and 10 grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

## Arden Westfall Hofer

Arden Westfall Hofer of Onyx died Sept. 23, 1999 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. He was 83.

Mr. Hofer was born in Simla, Colo. on July 1916 to Gladys Lovie Chapin and William Hofer. In 1939 he married Jeanice Buss in Colorado Springs. They were to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Oct. 7.

Mr. Hofer served in the U.S. Navy, moved his family to China Lake in 1946, and retired from public works after 32 years of service. He and Jeanice then moved to Onyx where he continued his pastimes of gardening and woodworking. He was a member of NARFE, American Legion and Mended Hearts. He lived by the Golden Rule, a very

kind and gentle person.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanice; sons Wes and Don of Seal Beach; daughter and son-in-law Law Ardyce and Marv McGowan of Ridgecrest; grandchildren Darcy McGowan of Portland, Ore. and Alison McGowan of Phoenix; brother Jim Garrison of Cortez, Colo.; and many nieces and nephews. A daughter, Linda Dale, and six brothers and sisters preceded him in death.

Services and interment will be held in Simla, Colo.

## Naomi Geraldine "Gerri" Altman

Gerri Altman was born to Elonza and Agnes Fitzgerald of Vandergrift, Pa., on Nov. 8, 1911. She passed away at her Southlake residence on Oct. 3, 1999. She had been a resident of the lake area for the past 28 years. Gerri was a real rock and anchor to her family, a real lady of peace, filled with humor and loved by all. She had bunches and bunches of love for her family.

Memorial services were held at her Southlake residence on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. with her loving family officiating. Private inurnment was held. Gerri had one daughter, Karen Lou Waters, who preceded her in death. She is survived by grandchildren Charlotte Lee Ruse, Deon Geraldine DeSantis and Wally Laird Walters; nine great-grandchildren, ten great-great-grandchildren; and one special great-granddaughter who was her caregiver, Kathleen Louise Jackson.

The services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

## Richard Edward Sandlin

Richard Edward Sandlin, 75, died Sept. 30, 1999. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Barbara J. Sandlin of Wofford Heights; sons Robert Sandlin of Wofford Heights and Tom Sandlin and Doug Sandlin of Kernville; daughter Sharon Storm of Laguna Niguel; and brothers John Sandlin of Vallejo and Norman Sandlin of Hamilton, Ohio. He was blessed with three granddaughters, Shelly Storm, Krystal and Laurel Sandlin and one grandson, Greg Storm. He was a deco-

rated veteran of WWII. He retired from the post office in Ventura in 1985 and also worked for Halliburton-Welex Oil Co. as an engineer for a number of years.

A memorial service was held on Oct. 7 at the VA cemetery in Riverside.

## Dorilla Frances Easton

A memorial service was held for Fran Easton, beloved wife and mother, on Oct. 9, 1999 at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Fran was born Aug. 2, 1922 in Long Beach. She grew up in Huntington Park and was a graduate of Huntington Park High. She married Robert Henry Easton of Loves Park, Ill., on May 31, 1942. They settled in Granada Hills and had four children.

Fran loved and was well known for her beautiful sewing and remarkable craftsmanship. She was always designing or creating something for someone. Along with this passion she loved to travel with her husband, Bob, all over the continental U.S. Her talents and travels ended when cancer closed her eyes and quieted her hands.

She is survived by her husband, Robert H. Easton, of Mtn. Mesa; daughter Jeanne Frances Weishaar of de Funiak Springs, Fla.; son Dale Lee Easton and wife Sue of Antioch; daughter Janet Lee Gibson and husband Dean of Canyon Country; grandchildren Darrell Grisham, Jim Grisham, Brent La Bier, Glenn Easton, Derrick Easton, Trevor Easton, Gideon Gibson and Shannon Gibson; and great-grandchildren Danielle Grisham, Austin La Bier and Jordan La Bier.

She is preceded in death by a son, Robert Glenn Easton, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1961.

The family wishes to extend their deepest sympathy and gratitude to Hoffman Hospice of the valley for their dedicated professionalism and compassion during their loved one's last precious days. They made this difficult time bearable and they made our loved one comfortable.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Marcia Hendrickx

Memorial services are pending for Marcia Hendrickx, who passed away on Oct. 3, 1999 in Mtn. Mesa.

Marcia was born on March 12, 1931, in Rochester, N.Y. Marcia was active in the Hospital Auxiliary and HICAP. She was also a member of the VFW and Women of the Moose.

Marcia is survived by two wonderful sons, Brad and Ross; grandchildren Tony and Kristine; brother and sister-in-law Bob and Elaine Laman of Memphis; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Helen Louise Thornton

Private arrangements were made for Helen Thornton, who passed away Oct. 11, 1999 at her home.

Helen was born in Fresno on Dec. 13, 1932 and resided here in the Kern Valley for the last six years, moving from the Antelope Valley.

Helen was a professional artist, and enjoyed painting and making jewelry. She was also very active in Girl Scouts, Brownies, FFA and the arts. She loved horses.

Helen is survived by her husband of 52 years, Clayton; daughters Cindy and Vickie; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Helen Blanch Bucon

A Mass for Christian burial was celebrated Oct. 23, 1999 at 9 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Helen Blanch Bucon. Officiating was Father Raja Perera.

Helen was born June 11, 1919 in Jenny Lynn, Arkansas and passed away on Oct. 21, 1999 at her home in Weldon. She was a resident of Kern County for 60 years. She was a member of the Altar Society at St. Jude's, and she enjoyed sewing and fishing and her dogs and cats.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Anthony Bucon of Weldon and her sisters Ellen Dumphy, Betty Fargo, Therisa Cory and Blanch.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Eleanor Ruth Ramsey

Eleanor Ruth Ramsey passed away Oct. 21, 1999, following a long illness. She was born Jan. 24, 1921, in Yuma, Ariz. She was raised in the Kern Valley and returned to spend the last 20 years here. She worked as a dental assistant and receptionist for about 30 years. For the last 10 years of

her employment she worked for Dr. Rushton in Lake Isabella. She was a member of the local Woman's Club in Kernville.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth James Blount, and her father, John Potter. She is survived by her husband, Edwin Robert Ramsey of Kernville; son William (and Laurel) Ramsey of Canyon Country; daughter Judy (and Rick) Desjardin of Yorba Linda; grandchildren Aimee Bowers of Placentia, Ryan Ramsey of Jacksonville, Fla., Robyn Ramsey of San Diego, and Gary Bowers of Yorba Linda; great-granddaughter Alexandria Bowers of Placentia; brother Howard (Barbara) Potter of Rowland Heights; and sister June Morrell of Kernville.

She is remembered for her devotion to her husband of 59 years, as well as for her love and dedication to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She had a dry sense of humor that sometimes went unrecognized. Her family and friends cherished her and will miss her greatly.

A memorial service will be held at the Kernville Methodist Church on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at her church.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Wilbur Francis Vance

Memorial services were held at 11:00 on Monday, Oct. 25, 1999 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Wilbur Vance, who passed away on Oct. 21, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Wilbur moved here in 1956 and worked for Southern California Edison for 30 years and managed the Kernville Airport for 20 years. Wilbur owned his own airplane and enjoyed flying. He also sold mobile homes in the Kern River Valley for some time.

Wilbur is survived by his wife of 15 years, Margie; son Gary Vance of Nevada; son Bill Vance of Nevada; son Ronnie Vance of Wofford Heights; son John Baker of Arizona; daughter Marrilie Halman of Garden Grove; 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Lillian Gertrude Fogelsong**

A memorial service was held Oct. 30, 1999 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville for Lillian Gertrude Fogelsong. Officiating was Father Bob Wood.

Mrs. Fogelsong was born Nov. 10, 1903 in New Bedford, Mass. and passed away on Oct. 26, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

She came to California in Feb. 1960 and worked at Sears for 25 years before retiring. She moved to the Kern River Valley in 1980.

She was a charter member of the Girl Scouts of America and she enjoyed teaching her grandchildren how to cook and sew and just spending time with them.

She is survived by her daughter Doris Bettencourt of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Barbara and Jack Erny of Tucson; sister Florence Göbel of Quincy, Mass.; grandchildren Lynn Bettencourt of Lake Isabella, Sherry McDaniel of Carson, Buddy Bettencourt of Diamond Bar,

Patty Garnett of Temecula and John Bettencourt of Hemet; 11 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Leonard Childs**

A graveside service was held Nov. 2, 1999 at 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Leonard Childs, who passed away on Oct. 28, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Childs was born in London, England and moved to Lake Isabella 30 years ago after retiring from Firestone Tire. He enjoyed traveling.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law June and Robert Camarano of Bakersfield; and a brother in England, Jack Childs.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

**Gloria Belle Mallory**

Graveside services were held on Oct. 28, 1999 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cottage Grove Cemetery (one-half mile east of the Onyx

Emporium) for Gloria Belle Mallory, who passed away Oct. 25, 1999 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Gloria was born Sept. 1, 1930 in Horton, Kan. and was raised in Kern County, graduating from Kern Union High School. She was a loving mother of two sons, Michael and David Collins; a daughter, Francee Mallory; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gloria will be missed greatly by her two sisters, Sandi Tardiff and Karen Evans. Gloria enjoyed a full life as a home health care nurse for the last 15 years and as owner of Valley TV Service before that. She served faithfully and with great dedication as a reserve deputy of the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Gloria was loved and respected by all who knew her. She will be missed by friends, family and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family for funeral expenses.

Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary, Funeral Directors.



### **Ceriece (Peer) Reindl**

Ceriece Reindl was born April 13, 1915 in Perry, Mo. She moved to California when she was a small child. Later she met and married her husband of 61 years, Paul Reindl. They had five daughters. When Paul Reindl retired they moved to Lake Isabella where they spent nearly 20 happy years together until his sudden death in 1994, at which time her loving daughter Marcy came to live with her and after Ceriece was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Marcy took care of her, with the occasional help of her older sister Carolyn Bryant, and nephews Jerry and Harry Da Hill.

The last 5-1/2 years of her life were a dark journey but with the loving care of her two daughters and the expert medical care given to her by Dr. Sawal, she was able to experience some measure of joy and peace in those last confusing, weary and somewhat radical years of her life. She lost her battle with Alzheimer's on Oct. 18, 1999 when Daddy came to take her home. She opened her eyes, called his name twice and tried to reach for him. Then they were gone.

All of those who knew Mom loved her as sweetness was and had always been her greatest and most true talent. Our aching hearts will always have a special place where her beauty and sweetness will ease the pain of our loss.

She is survived by her loving daughter Marcy who loved and cared for her, holding her hand, until her very last breath; by her daughter Carolyn; her sister Jane Widner; her nephew Harry Peer; her grandson Robert Stillman; three other daughters, and numerous other family and friends who loved her dearly. There will be no memorial services, as were her wishes. However, "memorial" donations may be made to: Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield CA 93313.

### **Ronald E. Rogers**

Ron passed away peacefully Oct. 30, 1999 at his home in Kernville, surrounded by his family.

Ron was born Oct. 15, 1938 in Richmond, Ind. to Elmer and Grace Rogers. He attended school in Richmond and then Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

He is survived by Louise and Jim Devaney, Mike and Ann Mason, Penny Cochran and Robert Bigham, Don and Gretchen Becklund, April MacFarlane, Ray Becklund, Lori and Art Oriza, Jeff Becklund, and special buddy Sarah Oriza, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ron's parents are both deceased. He leaves a beloved brother Gerry and sister-in-law Pat Rogers; sister Pam and brother-in-law Gary Griggs; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends and a part of the family Robert and Peggy Kelley and godson Ronnie Kelley; hunting and fishing pal Dale Winchell and many dear friends and neighbors.

Ron fought a good fight. He never complained and had a wonderful spirit. The Lord blessed him and those around him. We will miss him dearly. Happy Trails, dear one, until we meet again.

No services were held. Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.

### **Richard Allen "Rick" Chernick**

Rick Chernick was born in Encino on Dec. 1, 1956. He moved at an early age to Reseda where he attended school. Following high school he worked for seven years at Terry Lumber Co. in Tarzana. He then worked for several years doing earthquake repair and cleanup. Four years ago, Rick moved to Wofford Heights to be near his family. He passed away at his Wofford Heights residence suddenly on Oct. 31. He is survived by his parents Don and Margaret Chernick and by two brothers, David and Mike Chernick, all of Wofford Heights, and many friends who will miss him greatly. Private inurnment was held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

### **Pauline J. Walke**

Private services are pending for Pauline J. Walke of Onyx. She was born April 27, 1915 in California, Pauline died Oct. 29, 1999 at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. She was 84 years old.

She was a long time resident of Onyx and worked as a Pink Lady at Kern Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Tim and Paula Walke of Onyx and Norman and Linda Mae Walke of Kernville; son Pat Walke of the San Fernando Valley; sister Lorane Grey of Laguna Hills; sister Virginia Grey of Van Nuys; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1999

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## Harold Estman Woolard

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Harold Estman Woolard. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Woolard was born on May 1, 1939 in Concordia, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 4, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights.

He came to the Kern Valley 32 years ago from Escondido after retiring. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and visiting with friends at Cheryl's Diner.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewell.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Richard and Shirley Woolard of Silver Lake; son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Julie Woolard of Mt. Mesa; daughter Pat Brierley of Bakersfield; sisters Zella Dyson and Wanda Weishapel, both of Kansas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

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## Louise Marie Abshire

Louise was born March 10, 1927 in Alvarado, Texas, to Newt and Annabell Leonard. She passed away in a Bakersfield hospital on Oct. 21, 1999.

At the age of 16, Louise and Roy Abshire were married and she devoted the next 56 years of her life to being a wonderful wife to Roy and mother to her four boys, Roy, Donnie, Eddie and Terry, and her one daughter Sandy.

She had been a resident of the Lake Isabella area for the past 26 years. Louise was also instrumental in raising several of her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband Roy Abshire of the family home; four sons and one daughter; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers Alvin and Ray Leonard of Texas; sister Lucille Ferguson of Texas; and many nieces and nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by one sister, Nadine Hill, in 1998. Louise will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Family graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 4, 1999 with Rev. John Carpenter, pastor of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

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

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## Gilbert Nathan Gillette

Gilbert Nathan Gillette, 84, passed away Oct. 11, 1999 at his home in Camarillo.

Mr. Gillette was born in Caldwell, Kan., on Oct. 11, 1915. He had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 20 years before moving to Camarillo. He was an ironworker for 35 years, served in the Navy for 10 years from 1935 to 1945, and was a chief boatswain's mate (T) USNR. Mr. Gillette was an avid fisherman and enjoyed playing pool and cards with friends and neighbors. The real joy of his life was being with his children, grandchildren and "Carrot-Top," his one great-granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Dorothy Forbes; daughter Judy and her husband Steve Lindquist of Camarillo; daughter Jo Ellen and her husband Marty Martin of Camarillo; son Greg and his wife, Nadia Gillette of San Jose; nephew Woodie Woodard of Friant; grandchildren Jennifer Woods, Christy Davis, Ryan Gillette, Nicole Zarris, Erika Barros, Kristen Lindquist, Brandon Martin and Ian Gillette; and one great-granddaughter, Dayna "Carrot-Top" Davis.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 14 at Park Lawn Memorial Park, 6555 E. Gage Ave., in Los Angeles.

Arrangements were under the direction of Pierce Brothers, Griffin Mortuary, 1075 E. Daily Dr., Camarillo.

## Sylvia Juanita Goodwin

Graveside services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 5, 1999 for Sylvia Juanita Goodwin, who passed away Nov. 1, 1999 in Mountain Mesa.

Sylvia was born on Nov. 17, 1923 to Mabel (Warren) and William Claybom Hayes. She had 11 brothers and sisters.

During the war, she worked as a welder and riveter and later worked in the health care industry. Sylvia moved to the Kern Valley in 1963 where she and her late husband, Herbert Goodwin, were involved in several small business ventures.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Goodwin, and is survived by son Ron and his wife Kathy Smith of Portland, Ore.; daughter Darlene and her husband Jim Young of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Tom Heimforth of Missouri Valley, Iowa; Jayson Smith-Paige of Albany, Ore.; Patricia Arnold of Lake Isabella; and E. Todd Smith of Portland, Ore.; and great-grandchildren Shaylee Ann Smith-Paige, Katie Marie Smith-Paige, Jaykub Michael Smith-Paige, Max McGilligan Smith, Justin Dean Heimforth, Sean Ryan Heimforth, Ethan Cole Heimforth, Ashlee Nicole Young and Clinton Allen Arnold. She is also survived by three sisters and five brothers, all of whom live in Colorado.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1999

## Charles H. Weidman

Charles Weidman died on Nov. 9, 1999 in Petaluma. He was the husband of Eleanor Weidman; father of Peter Charles Weidman, John Arthur Weidman and Joyce Ann Weidman; grandfather of Adam and Amanda Weidman; and half-brother of the late Arthur Weidman. Charles Weidman was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army Air Corps. He was employed by United Airlines as a pilot. He was 75 years old and a native of San Bernardino.

Arrangements were made under the direction of Parent-Sorenson Mortuary and Crematory of Petaluma.

## Harold Estman Woolard

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1999 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Harold Estman Woolard. Officiating was Pastor Dave Snow of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Mr. Woolard was born on May 1, 1909 in Concordia, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 4, 1999 at his home in Wofford Heights.

He came to the Kern Valley 32 years ago from Escondido after retiring. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and visiting with friends at Cheryl's Diner.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jewell.

He is survived by son and daughter-in-law Richard and Shirley Woolard of Silver Lake; son and daughter-in-law Wayne and Julie Woolard of Mt. Mesa; daughter Pat Brierley of Bakersfield; sisters Zella Dyson and Wanda Weishapel, both of Kansas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He will be missed by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Alfonso Melgosa

Memorial services were held on Nov. 13, 1999 for Alfonso Melgosa, who passed away in Mt. Mesa on Nov. 9.

Alfonso was born on Sept. 29, 1910 in Mexico. He and his wife raised their family in Torrance. Alfonso retired from the Santa Fe Railroad and moved to Weldon, where he resided for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, especially fishing and just being outdoors. He and his wife both enjoyed a love for desert tortoises.

Alfonso was preceded in death by his wife, Vera, and is survived by son Robert Melgosa of Colorado; daughter and son-in-law Lola and Dave Bonfield of Torrance; daughter and son-in-law Virginia and Walter Hackman of Bakersfield; daughter Gloria Ann Campbell of Riverside; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Ronald E. Rogers

Ron passed away peacefully Oct. 30, 1999 at his home in Kernville, surrounded by his family.

Ron was born Oct. 15, 1938 in Richmond, Ind. to Elmer and Grace Rogers. He attended school in Richmond and then Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy of 15 years. He took her sons and daughters as his own and loved them as such and they returned their love as well.

He is survived by Louise and Jim Devaney, Mike and Ann Mason, Penny Cochran and Robert Bigham, Don and Gretchen Becklund, April MacFarlane, Ray Becklund, Lori and Art Oriza, Jeff Becklund, and special buddy Sarah Oriza, 14 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Ron's parents are both deceased. He leaves a beloved brother Gerry and sister-in-law Pat Rogers; sister Pam and brother-in-law Gary Griggs; numerous nieces and nephews; special friends and a part of the family Robert and Peggy Kelley and godson Ronnie Kelley; hunting and fishing pal Dale Winchell and many dear friends and neighbors.

Ron fought a good fight. He never complained and had a wonderful spirit. The Lord blessed him and those around him. We will miss him dearly. Happy Trails, dear one, until we meet again.

No services were held. Arrangements by Mish Funeral Home.



## Ceriece (Peer) Reindl

Ceriece Reindl was born April 13, 1915 in Perry, Mo. She moved to California when she was a small child. Later she met and married her husband of 61 years, Paul Reindl. They had five daughters. When Paul Reindl retired they moved to Lake Isabella where they spent nearly 20 happy years together until his sudden death in 1994, at which time her loving daughter Marcy came to live with her and after Ceriece was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Marcy took care of her, with the occasional help of her older sister Carolyn Bryant, and nephews Jerry and Harry Da Hill.

The last 5-1/2 years of her life were a dark journey but with the loving care of her two daughters and the expert medical care given to her by Dr. Sawal, she was able to experience some measure of joy and peace in those last confusing, weary and somewhat radical years of her life. She lost her battle with Alzheimer's on Oct. 18, 1999 when Daddy came to take her home. She opened her eyes, called his name twice and tried to reach for him. Then they were gone.

All of those who knew Mom loved her as sweetness was and had always been her greatest and most true talent. Our aching hearts will always have a special place where her beauty and sweetness will ease the pain of our loss.

She is survived by her loving daughter Marcy who loved and

cared for her, holding her hand, until her very last breath; by her daughter Carolyn; her sister Jane Widner; her nephew Harry Peer; her grandson Robert Stillman; three other daughters, and numerous other family and friends who loved her dearly. There will be no memorial services, as were her wishes. However, "memorial" donations may be made to: Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield CA 93313.

## Ruby Adeline Hershey

Private arrangements were made for Ruby Adeline Hershey, who passed away on Nov. 11, 1999 in Bakersfield.

Ruby was born in Carson, N.D. and moved to Seattle where she worked for Northwest Pacific Bell Telephone Co. for 37 years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley in 1982.

She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Golden Slipper, the South Fork Woman's Club and the AARP.

She enjoyed bingo and visiting with her numerous friends. She is survived by her brother Robert Peterson of Connecticut and 12 nieces and nephews and her many friends in the valley.

There will be no memorial service as per her wishes. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice in her name.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Alvis Leman "Brownie" Spencer

Al Spencer as he was affectionately known was born to Benjamin and Noreh Spencer on Jan. 27, 1914 in Clarkville, Texas. He entered into rest at his home on Nov. 9, 1999 at the age of 85. Al left Texas in 1943 and came to Shafter He worked on the Sill Farm for 15 years, following a short stay at the Hankins Ranch in Wasco. Finally he worked for the Ciacca Bros. Ranch in Buttonwillow. Upon his retirement, Al moved to Lake Isabella, where he lost his wife Rachel after 52 years of marriage. Later Al met Pauline Combs, who had lost her husband, and the two married. They had 9-1/2 years of happy marriage.

Al is survived by his wife, Pauline; son and wife Max and Toni Spencer of Shafter; daughter and spouse Betty and Ray Dickey; stepdaughter Joan and Bob Krowel of Lake Isabella; stepdaughter Connie and Alvin Brown of Riverside; stepson Robert and Sandy Combs of Long Beach; and stepson James and Pat Combs of Manhattan Beach. Al had three brothers and two sisters, 17 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a great host of friends.

Services were held on Nov. 13 in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with the burial rites at Shafter Cemetery.

Al liked to volunteer at the Senior Center and helped with passing out commodities to the needy.

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

## **Rosemary Peterson**

Rosemary was born in Minneapolis on Sept. 22, 1931 to Edward and Rose Riley. She was married to her husband Arthur for 52 years.

Rosemary loved to make clothes for her family until her health prevented her from doing so. One of her hobbies was painting pictures of horses and flowers and she did a beautiful job of it. Another hobby she enjoyed was her garden. Her great love was to travel to the ocean as her health permitted it.

Rosemary is survived by her late husband, Arthur; son John Peterson of Colorado; daughter Pamela Peterson of Lake Isabella; daughter Patty Rowland of Palmdale; brother Jack Riley of Yucca Valley; brother Dan Riley of Minnesota; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family held a vigil for her on Nov. 19 in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Rosemary will be greatly missed by those who knew her.

The Bonewell Family of the

Lake Isabella Funeral Home were in charge of the services.

## **Shirley Mae Woodard**

Mrs. Shirley Mae Woodard, 72, died Nov. 17 at her residence in Warner Robins, Ga. after an extended illness. Funeral services were private.

Mrs. Woodard, a native of Deerfield, Ill., was a homemaker and widow of the late Mr. Grover Marion Woodard. Mrs. Woodard was a Lutheran.

Survivors include: son Greg Woodard of La Habra; son Dennis Woodard of Big Bear; son Jeff Woodard of Pico Rivera; son Larry Woodard of Bakersfield; son Steven Woodard of Rancho Cucamonga; daughter Debby Dykes of San Luis Obispo; daughter Kathee Menosky of Hope Mills, N.C.; daughter Judi Albert of Warner Robins, Ga.; sister Leslie Rudolph of Lake Bluff, Ill.; brother Lester Marshall of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brother John Marshall of Franklin, N.C.; and eight grandchildren.

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home of Warner Robins was in charge of the arrangements.

# OBITUARIES

December 1, 1999

## Charles H. Weidman

A memorial service was held in the family's home with the family on the evening of Nov. 11, 1999 for Chuck Weidman who died after a long illness of emphysema.

Chuck was born May 8, 1924 in San Bernardino and died Nov. 9, 1999 in Petaluma, where he had lived with his wife Eleanor Weidman since moving from Kernville on Jan. 2, 1998.

Chuck enjoyed a 37-1/2 year career as a commercial pilot with United Airlines after serv-

ing as a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. After retiring from the airlines May 8, 1984 he moved with his wife Eleanor to Kernville.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Eleanor; son Peter and his wife Susan of Atlanta; son John and his wife Lynn of Seattle; daughter Dr. Joyce Weidman and her spouse Michael Brewton of Fairfax, Calif.; and grandchildren Adam and Amanda of Atlanta.

He was cremated at Parent-Sorenson Mortuary and Crematory in Petaluma. His ashes were presented to his daughter Dr. Joyce Weidman.

## Rose Mary Sarno

A visitation and Rosary was held on Dec. 2 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary for Rose Mary Sarno, with burial on Dec. 3 at Holy Cross Cemetery in Los Angeles.

Rose was born on Oct. 17, 1900 in Syracuse, N.Y. to Antonio and Theresa De Marco, who came from Italy in the late 1800s. She passed away in Mountain Mesa on Nov. 30, 1999. Rose was 99 years old.

Rose was a beautician in the Los Angeles area for over 50 years. She loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them whenever possible.

Rose lived in the valley for four years, most of them at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa, where she was involved in the different activities that were held there.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Domenic. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Thomas and Judy Sarno of Wofford Heights; daughter Rosemarie Conner of Wofford Heights; granddaughter and husband Adrienne and Rex Davis of Bakersfield; grandson and wife Tim and Mer Conner of Mountain Mesa; grandson and wife Mike and Theresa Conner of Torrance; grandson and wife James and Janet Conner of Bakersfield; grandson Thomas B. Sarno of Germany; grandson Duke Anthony Sarno of Texas; granddaughter Tamara Marie Sarno of Long Beach; grandson Timothy Nicholas Sarno of Texas; and great-grandchildren Ryan and Kristen Gobler, John and Ashley Davis, Jennifer Conner, and Jasmine and Kyle Arcurio.

The family has set up an account at the NWC Credit Union, P.O. Box 3553, Lake Isabella, Calif. 93240. For anyone wishing to make a donation, please make payable to Tim Conner in memory of Rose Sarno.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Charley Fay Massongill

Funeral services were held on Dec. 7, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella with Rev. David Snow, Pastor, officiating, for Charley Fay Massongill, 84. Committal services and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Charley Fay Massongill was born Aug. 7, 1915 to Charley and Martha Purselley in Grandbury, Texas. She was the 11th of 12 children, all of whom have preceded her in death. When she was 3 years old, her family moved to Farwell, Texas, where she grew up and in 1933 met and married Clyde Massongill. To this union were born three children, Dwane, Diane and Roxanna. In 1941, they moved to North Long Beach, Calif. and Clyde went to work at the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, where he worked for 26 years. In 1944 they moved to Compton, where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir, and their children gave their lives to Jesus at an early age. In 1971 after Clyde retired they moved to Lake Isabella. Charley became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella on the first Sunday of January 1972. The many friends she has made in these past 28 years here in Lake Isabella have truly blessed her. Charley was preceded in death by her husband Clyde in 1994. She is survived by her three children, Diane Timm of Lake Isabella; Dwane Massongill of Las Vegas; and Roxanna Carter of Mukilteo, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

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

## Hazel Juanita Erdle

Graveside funeral services were held with interment at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Dec. 2, 1999 for longtime Caliente resident Hazel Erdle, 91.

Hazel passed away at Burlington Residential Care in Wofford Heights on Nov. 27, 1999. Hazel was born on Feb. 4, 1908 in Gypson, Kan. to William and Clara Read. She spent her early years living in large cities where she lived an active and colorful life. But the call of the out-of-doors always pulled her to a remote country type of living. She lived for a number of years in Chicago and was married to the editor in chief of the Chicago Tribune newspaper, Mr. Howard Harrison. Following his death she was married to Mr. Rhinier, a scientist who invented the metal vitalium, which is used to reconstruct damaged bones.

Moving west, she first came to Hollywood to the Bel-Air area, and about 25 years ago she settled in Caliente. As a child she climbed a sapling and swayed to and fro in the wind as she sang to the birds. Once she saw a bear in her yard so she went out to see if she could get a close-up look. She also saw mountain lions, bobcats and deer in her yard. Most of her life she raised English bulldogs and had several champion show dogs. Hazel loved classical music, especially the piano. She is survived by her half-sister Gladys Loser and her daughter Eudora Benson, both of Tulsa; nephew William R. Smith of Rainier, Wash.; great-nephew and his wife Shawn and Happy Smith of Sacramento; and by many friends.

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

## Shirley J. Deaver

Shirley J. Deaver of Lake Isabella passed away on Oct. 25, 1999 at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento where she was residing.

Shirley is survived by her mother, Wanda R. Deaver of Mountain Mesa; niece Michelle Renay and great-nephew Austin Jason Leibowitz of La Quinta; nephew Michael Ray Bohon of Palm Desert; aunt Genevieve Cluff of Stanton, Calif.; aunt Mary Jane Thornberry of Tucumcari, N.M.; aunt Helen Deaver of Mangum, Okla.; uncle William E. Goodman of Houma, La.; and several nieces and nephews in California, Oregon and other states.

Shirley was born May 8, 1950 in Durant, Okla. Preceding her in death was her father, Danny Loy Deaver in at Long Beach Veterans Hospital in 1992, and her only sister, Patricia Ann Titgen in Costa Mesa, who passed away in Oceanside, Calif. in 1997.

Shirley's death was attributed to a severe case of diabetes and other complications. She will be especially missed by her mother. She and her mother loved each other dearly.

She will also be missed by so many of her friends in Orange County who dearly loved her, who speak of her highly as a lovely friend that loved everyone dearly and was loved by all.

She also leaves behind her beloved dog Shana and cat Zachery and dear and helpful friends Elisa and Ed Weathers in Rancho Cordova, Calif. She will be truly be deeply missed by her friends in Isabella also.

Candlelight ceremonies are also pending at the Church of Christ.

## Peggy Irene Jackson

Graveside services were held on Nov. 24, 1999 at the Kern Valley Cemetery for Peggy Irene Jackson. Family members rejoice as their Mother is now at peace following a long and painful illness. Born in Cokeville, Wyo. on July 4, 1922, she spent most of her years in the San Fernando Valley with her husband Charles Robert Jackson, who preceded her in death, and their four children. She was a homemaker and really loved her role. Peggy's love for the Kern River Valley began when her mother and father, Ruth and Jack Hinkey, moved to Kernville in the mid-1940s. In 1971, Peggy made Kernville her permanent home joining other family members. She loved the river and the mountains and all aspects of the outdoors. Family camping and fishing outings were some of her happiest memories, whether they were on the Kern River or at the ocean. Her love of family, determination and sense of humor helped her immensely as her health failed.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Ann Clements of Riverkern; son Randy Jackson of Temecula; daughter Mary Conway of Los Olivos; daughter Susan Podeszwik of San Diego; brother Ted Hinkey of Loomis; brother Dennis Hinkey of Lake Isabella; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

## Ellen S. Anderson

Ellen S. Anderson, 91, a long-time resident of the Kern River Valley, passed away Nov. 27, 1999. Mrs. Anderson was born Ellen Sophia Thompson on May 15, 1908, the first child of Swedish immigrants. Known as a loving caretaker, she helped raise nine siblings on her parents' homestead farm near Lancaster. She raised her own family in Los Angeles, where her husband Mel worked for MGM studios. The family vacationed often in the Kern River Valley, and the couple moved to the valley following his retirement in 1971. They maintained a home in Wofford Heights, with a beautiful view of Isabella Lake.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her daughter Alida Bush of Huntington Beach; son Tom Anderson (a member of the Kern River Valley Revitalization Committee and the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce); brothers Jim Thompson and John Thompson, both of Apple Valley; sisters Suzy Edwards and Esther Parker of Hesperia; sister Lillian Hill of Fallon, Nev.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Since 1981, Mrs. Anderson lived close to family members in Hesperia and Orange County. She passed away in Huntington Beach of natural causes. She was laid to rest Dec. 2 next to her husband Mel at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.



### **Jane Mary Russell**

A Rosary was held Dec. 3, 1999 at Valley Mortuary and a Mass celebrated at St. Jude's Catholic Church on Dec. 4 for Jane Mary Russell of Wofford Heights. Jane was born on Oct. 21, 1917 in New York City and passed away on Nov. 30, 1999 in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 35 years and she and her husband owned and operated Russell's Backhoe. She was a member of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1997. She is survived by her brother Jerry Winslow of Pennsylvania; sister Peggy Cohen of Van Nuys, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

### **Carol Ann Willis**

Memorial services were held for Carol Ann Willis on Dec. 4, 1999 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Carol was born June 13, 1939 in Los Angeles and passed away on Nov. 25, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Carol was an Avon dealer for many years. She enjoyed her Las Vegas trips and her bingo playing. She also loved spending time with her grandchildren. Carol is survived by her husband of 42 years, Jimmy; daughter Debbie Puls of Lake Isabella; son Gary Willis of Buena Park; grandchildren Brandy Puls, Crystal Puls, Amber Willis and Sean Willis; father-in-law Paul Willis of Torrance; and sister Dorothy Schbinger of La Palma, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1999

## OBITUARIES

### David Lee Stoll

David was born in Watertown, Wisconsin to Emmanuel and Elizabeth Stoll on Oct. 18, 1930. He entered into rest on Dec. 6, 1999 in Mt. Mesa at the age of 69. Private services will be held at a later date by his family.

David served his country in the Air Force at the rank of E-1 during the Korean War. After his time in the service he had two main things he liked to do. He loved to hunt, especially when his dog was along. He often told people that his hunting dog could do anything but make the morning coffee. The other thing that he loved to do was to go to the golf course and relax on the greens.

David lived in Orange County until he moved to the lake area nine years ago. He was a general contractor since 1962. He was known as a master craftsman in all that he set out to do.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Stoll; son James Stoll of Orange; son Robert Stoll of Buena Park; and sons Richard and Kenneth Stoll of Kernville. Also surviving him are six grandchildren, who really put a twinkle in David's eye whenever they were around.

David had a great love for

his family and friends. He would be proud of his boys for the way they took hold at this time of great loss. David will be greatly missed by his family and friends and all who knew and loved him.

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

### James Marvin Wells

Private arrangements were made for James Marvin Wells, who passed away Dec. 9, 1999 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Mr. Wells was born Jan. 18, 1912 in Aurora, Ill. He moved to the Kern Valley from Ridgecrest 34 years ago. He worked in the space program and in aerospace for over 30 years. He built and flew the first home built airplane in Sycamore, Ill. when he was in high school. James and his wife started the first Senior Dance Club here in the valley many years ago.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Violet Wells of Weldon; James and Amy Wells of Chico; Jerry and Robin Wells of Camron Park; 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and sister Dorothy M. Wells of Stockton.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



### Ione A. Scott

Ione A. Scott was born on May 23, 1919 in Great Bend, Kansas and passed away on Nov. 29, 1999 in Wofford Heights at the age of 80.

Ione joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps on Nov. 20, 1943 and was discharged on Sept. 2, 1946. She came to the Kern Valley in 1945, where she was Director of Nursing for many years in Old Kernville. She worked for Dr. Barrows at the valley's first hospital, where she took the first patient by ambulance down the Kern Canyon with her husband at the wheel. After retiring from nursing, she worked for over 35 years alongside her husband, Jack "Scotty" Scott, at Scotty's Marina, Wofford Heights Chevron and Scotty's Marine Center.

Ione is survived by husband of 52 years, Jack Scott; son Jack and daughter-in-law Sandy Scott; daughter Cher Van Scoy; daughter Caryl Foster; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

### Walter Kaline

Walter was born in the city of Piyati Gorsk, Ukraine USSR and migrated with three older siblings, relatives and parents from Russia in 1928. The family lived in Mexico City for four years until the Depression in America opened up its doors once again and the family moved in 1932 to Los Angeles County. This is where Walter received his early education. At the age of 14 Walt showed a keen interest in working on cars—old and rare cars. Later on he became the president of the L.A. Roadsters Club. Walt moved to the Weldon area in 1977. Heart problems took Walter's life on Dec. 10, 1999 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife Betty; sons Bill and Bob Kaline; daughter Donna Sollars; brothers Nick and Bill Kaline; sisters Many Althen and Violet Sandowich of Mountain Mesa; two grandchildren and one great-grandson: Walt was very active in our local Country & Western jam session, and was a member of the Old Time Fiddlers association. As per his request, no services will be held. He liked this comforting thought: When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room; why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long, and not with your head bowed low. Remember the love that we once shared. Miss me, but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, and each must go alone. It's all a part of the Master's plan; a step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, go to the friends we know. And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds. Miss me, but let me go.

### Geraldine (Jeri) Ruth Flanagan

Private arrangements were made for Geraldine (Jeri) Ruth Flanagan, who passed away Dec. 13, 1999 at her home in Kernville at the age of 92.

Jeri was born on Feb. 5, 1907 in Michigan. She married a wonderful man, Darcy Flanagan. She and Darcy later moved to San Fernando, where she was employed at the Pabst Brewery for 25 years and also raised her two children, Gerry and Don. She and Darcy retired to Kernville where she resided for the past 31 years. She enjoyed the outdoors, her Kernville girlfriends, and outings with her family.

Jeri will be joined in heaven with her husband Darcy, son Don, granddaughter Marty and son-in-law Buddy. She is survived by her daughter, Gerry Storie of San Fernando and Gerry's husband Jim; grandsons Scott and Mark Morrison; Scott's soul mate Marion; Mark's wife Christine; and great-grandchildren Nicholas and Mackenzie Morrison. Jeri will be greatly missed but her spirit remains strong in our hearts. She had many friends in Kernville and was dearly loved. A private memorial will be held in her honor.

On behalf of the family we would like to thank her dear friends for their love and support. Jeri Flanagan was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Edward Theodore Bullis

Funeral services were held Dec. 28, 1999 for Edward Theodore Bullis, who passed away on Dec. 23, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. The services were held at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella and interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty.

Mr. Bullis was born Jan. 5, 1926 in Los Angeles. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1989 after retiring from McDonnell Douglas. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a member of the VFW, the American Legion, the Historical Society and the Friends of the Libraries. He enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his wife Gladys of 50 years; sisters Evelyn, Barbra and Velma Jean; brother Arthur Bullis; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Landa Bullis; daughter and son-in-law Jeannie and Ronald Hamorsky; daughter and son-in-law Diane and Jay Procenko; son and daughter-in-law Mark and Bobbie Bullis; son Keith Bullis; daughter and son-in-law Paulette and Art Medina; eight grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Bella Marie Taylor

Private arrangements were made for Bella Marie Taylor in Oklee, Minn., who passed away Dec. 20, 1999 in Mountain Mesa. Bella was born in Oklee on Nov. 23, 1923 and went to school there. Bella came to California in 1952. She was the manager of the Pig and Whistle in Hollywood and also the Desert Inn in Boron. Bella owned a restaurant in Venice and moved to Simi Valley where she worked in restaurants. Bella moved to the Kern River Valley 25 years ago where she worked for Century 21 in real estate sales. She continued to enjoy cooking for people after her retirement. She will be missed by her many friends. Bella is survived by Gordy Evans of Bodfish, her sister Vi and brother Leo of Minnesota, and many nieces and nephews. Interment will be held at St. Frances Xavier in Minnesota.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



## Sara Renee Stephens

Funeral services were held on Dec. 22, 1999 at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach for Sara Renee Stephens.

Sara was born June 25, 1975 in Torrance and passed away at her home on Dec. 17, 1999.

Sara loved her son Christopher and enjoyed taking him places and doing things with him. He considered her his best friend.

Sara was attending Cerro Coso College and was really enjoying it. Sara was a very caring and giving person and always made sure her friends were taken care of no matter what the holiday or occasion.

Sara is survived by her son Christopher; mother and stepfather Sherry (Shadow) and Bob Aigner of Bodfish; father and stepmother Tom and Rochelle Stephens of Lake Elsinore; brothers Josh, Bobby and Jo Jo Aigner of Bodfish; grandparents Jeanie Fletcher and Larry Fredericks of Lake Isabella, and Jim (Pa Pa) and Barbara Stephens of Wildomar, Calif.; and numerous aunts and uncles and cousins throughout California.

Sara will be missed greatly by her family and friends, but will be remembered for her beautiful smile and happiness she brought to all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1999

## Newton Walter Kirby

Memorial services were held on Dec. 23, 1999 for Newton Walter Kirby at the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mike Ireland. Newt was born Oct. 6, 1931 in Minco, Okla., and passed away on Dec. 19, 1999 at his residence in Southlake. He came to the Kern River Valley 36 years ago after retiring from Hailey Brothers, where he was plant supervisor for 45 years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and he was a member of the Masons and the Eagles. He is survived by his sons, Walter, David and Richard Kirby; brothers Jim and Joe Kirby; sisters Wilma Kirby and Wanda Hutchings; grandchildren Jason, Tera, Heather, Nick, Cassy, David, Chris, Chad, Randi, Crystle, Amber and Tiffany; and great-grandchildren Jason Jr., Dyllan, Kaitlyn, Andrew and Alexis. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

## Oleta Mann

A private burial service was held at the New Joy Church in Bellflower for Oleta Mann, 90, who passed away Dec. 9, 1999 in Whittier. Pastor Dick Horne officiated.

Oleta was born in Arkansas and lived in California for 59 years. She was employed by Bullocks Department Store for 25 years. She was a member of the Women of the Moose.

Oleta had recently been living in Downey. She is survived by son Jim Mann of Downey (retired Downey police officer); brother Rob Roy Golden of Kingman, Ariz.; grandson James M. Mann of Duarte; granddaughter Jodi Hess of Orange; grandson John Mann of Hudson, Fla.; great-grandchildren Kevin Mann of Cerritos, Wyatt and Katy Hess of Orange, and John and Charlotte Mann of Hudson, Fla.

There will be a memorial service held at the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge on Jan. 6, 2000 at noon.

Arrangements by Miller-Mies Mortuary of Downey.

## William Travis Braden

William Travis Braden, 86, passed away on Dec. 7, 1999, in San Diego. He was born in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and had been a dairy equipment operator for Adohr Farms in San Diego County. He had lived in Lake Isabella and Kernville for 25 years after retiring. He returned to San Diego five years ago.

Survivors include son Michael T. Braden of Covina; daughter Jean N. Miller of Chula Vista; sisters Mary Ruth Smith, Lorene Nolan, Alma Ellison and Audra Braden; brothers Marshall Braden and Kenneth Braden; seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were on Dec. 22, 1999 in Glen Abbey Memorial Park, Bonita, Calif.

Glen Abbey Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

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