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OBITUARIES

Martin Glenn Weldon

Martin Glenn Weldon, son of Agnes and Henry Weldon, passed away on Dec. 15, 1999 at the Antelope Valley Community Hospital. Family and friends were by his side. Martin had medical problems for some time.

Martin was born Aug. 6, 1958 and resided at the Weldon Ranch in Kelso Valley. He was most proud of his medals and ribbons he won as a participant of the Special Olympics. Martin loved his family and friends. He was a kind person with a gentle spirit.

Martin was preceded in death by his father Henry Weldon, and a brother, Trent Weldon. He is survived by his mother Agnes Weldon, a brother, Bryan and three sisters: Judy, Corine and Rebecca. Martin had six nieces, three nephews and two great-nephews.

Services were held on Dec. 21, 1999 at the Weldon Family Indian Cemetery in Kelso Valley.

The Weldon family thanks all friends and family for the love and support given to them over the years. Special thanks to the medical staff at the Ridgecrest and Lancaster dialysis centers and the Antelope Valley Community Hospital for the special care given to him. Martin will always be in our hearts.

Wayne S. Requa

Wayne S. Requa was born in San Diego on March 13, 1922 and passed away on Dec. 15, 1999 in Bakersfield. At his request, no services were held.

He moved to the Kern Valley in 1977 after retiring from Pacific Telephone Company. He served in the Navy during WWII as an Electrician's Mate 2nd class in New Guinea and the Philippines. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville, Al Malaikah Shrine, Bakersfield Scottish Rite, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Sequoia Scottish Rite Club, and Order of Eastern Star No. 643. This past May 15th he was very pleased and proud when he was chosen by his Masonic brothers to receive the prestigious Hiram Award.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Doris; his son Dan; daughter-in-law Donna; grandson Cory and granddaughter Kelsey of San Juan Capistrano; sister and brother-in-law JoAnn and Richard Rolfe of Kernville; niece Christine Vullo and her husband Sam of Huntington Beach; great-niece JoAnn Bell, her husband Keith and their children Jared and Hannah of Spokane; his great-nephew

John Kullo, his wife Lori and son Tommy of Newport, Wash.; and four very special friends of many years—Corky and Bud Rolfe of Kernville and LaVerne and Sam McWilliams of Wofford Heights.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Mary LaRue Gomez

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Mary LaRue Gomez.

Mary, or La Rue, as she was known to many, was born April 19, 1925 in Provo, Utah and passed away at her home on Dec. 27, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce Gomez, and her brother Alton Jerry Hayes. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Moises; daughter and son-in-law Sylvia and Robert Farkas of Nevada; daughter and son-in-law Marylynn and Jim O'Connor of Northridge; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Rick Merante of Newhall; daughter and son-in-law Sara and Glenn Eastes of Lake Isabella; daughter-in-law Karen Gomez of Sylmar; brother Leroy Hayes of Nevada; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Leone Evelyn Loy

Private family arrangements were made for Leone Evelyn Loy.

Leone was born May 3, 1912 in Nebraska and passed away on Dec. 29, 1999 in Bakersfield after a short illness.

Leone's life enjoyment was taking care of her son, grandchildren and their families.

Leone is survived by her husband of over 60 years, Ralph; son and daughter-in-law Dick and Donna Loy of Lake Isabella; granddaughter and her husband Julie and Mike Hutchins of Lake Isabella; grandson and his wife Tab and Janet Loy of Upland; and sister Bernice Wilson of Wofford Heights.

Leone will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Edward James Quigley

Edward James Quigley passed away Dec. 30, 1999. Ed was born in Philadelphia April 24, 1913. He was 86 years of age.

He has one son, Gerry Quigley, and one grandson, Michael Quigley, both of whom live in Bakersfield. He also has a nephew and his wife, Ben and Jean Marie Stables, who reside in Laguna Hills.

Ed was very proud to have served his country in WWII.

He came to Lake Isabella in 1980, and he found his home here. He loved the people of the Kern River Valley and they loved him. He was a member of the VFW, the AARP, a faithful volunteer with the

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Alzheimer's Respite Group for 10 years; a regular at the Wednesday night dances, the Tuesday night music jam sessions; the CB'ers' Saturday morning breakfasts; and many other activities.

Several years ago, he was honored by the Exchange Club as "Man of the Month," and he took great pride in that award!

Ed ate at the Senior Center Nutrition Site every day he was able to, and often said he felt he was with family there. He was sure he was the luckiest man in the world! His happiness came from having so many of you to love.

Ed's positive attitude and wonderful sense of humor will be remembered by so many who loved him.

He requested no services. The Senior Center Nutrition Site will have a special luncheon at noon on Jan. 7 to honor his memory.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please make it to the Senior Center Nutrition Site Council. They will handle the money and plan to also buy a leaf for the "tree of life" at the hospital in his memory.

Goodbye for now, dear friend.

Clayton C. Rogers

Clayton Rogers passed away at home on Jan. 2, 2000. Services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Jan. 7, 2000. Clayton was born in Canora, Sask., Canada on Feb. 11, 1923, and moved with his parents to Michigan at the age of 1. He attended local schools in the Southeast Michigan area and graduated from Northville High, Northville, Mich. in 1940. He attended Michigan State College following his marriage to Loretta in 1947. They both worked at U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station, China Lake, 1946-47 before they married.

Clayton worked at the General Motors plant in Van Nuys for 32 years. Twenty-nine of those years were in the paint department and the rest in the water treatment plant. He retired in 1988 and moved to Wofford Heights in 1991 from Panorama City.

While serving in the Army during WWII, he volunteered for Darby's Rangers, 1st Battalion, Fifth Army. There were two battalions of Rangers sent to infiltrate German lines in Cisterna, Italy. The Germans had moved in reinforcements and the American Infantry did not show up, thus the Rangers were trapped. Clayton was one of the three men of his outfit who returned. Clayton received the Purple Heart for his wounds.

He was a member of the WHIGs, the VFW and the Kern River Valley Historical Society. He and his wife, Loretta, enjoyed working at the museum several afternoons a month as docents.

He enjoyed golfing before he became ill. His hobbies were reloading ammunition and making walking sticks for the museum gift shop.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Loretta; his daughter and son-in-law Carole and Clay Ward of Bodfish; granddaughters Shannon H. (Ward) Steele and Wendy C. Ward of Bakersfield; great-grandchildren William C.J., Erin K. and Jesse D. Steele; sister and brother-in-law Pauline and Bob Shaw of Northville, Mich.; and brother and sister-in-law Howard C. and Fawn Rogers of Middletown, Ohio.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

William C. Camp

Graveside services were held at Union Cemetery in Bakersfield for William C. Camp, 55, who passed away Jan. 4, 2000 in Fresno. Visitation was held at Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Home.

Bill was born Feb. 25, 1944 in Bakersfield but chose to live most of his life in the mountains. His early years were spent in the Caliente area.

He was our beautiful father and brother, with his million-dollar smile and clear blue eyes, who had a passion for life, music and the mountains.

He harbored in his heart a love for the earth and people,

especially the Native Americans he grew up with. One of the best qualities of our father was his willingness to forgive.

He will always live on through his children, siblings, grandchildren, and the person who knew him best, his soulmate, Bonnie James Camp, who was there to the end. We will always keep his memory, stories, and most of all, his jokes, alive.

We'll miss you, Poo-pa. Your children and siblings.

Doughty-Calhoun O'Meara Funeral Home.

Ralph Leland Lane

Funeral services were held on Jan. 7, 2000 for Ralph Leland Lane in the chapel of Valley Mortuary. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Ralph was born on Nov. 30, 1925 in Mobile, Ala. and passed away at his home in Wofford Heights on Jan. 3, 2000.

Ralph moved to the Kern River Valley in 1982 from Santa Monica. He enjoyed camping, hiking, fishing, boating and working in the performing arts. He was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and worked as an extra in different movies and television shows. He was also a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 569 for 44 years. Ralph also had 22 years with Alcoholics Anonymous and sponsored several people.

Ralph is survived by his companion Marcy Brunton; daughter Jo Ann Lane and Michael Elcan of San Diego; son Gregg Lane of San Jose; daughter and son-in-law Susan and Butch Perry of La Mesa, Calif.; daughter Mary Beth Lane of Albany, N.Y.; daughter Julie Sumner of Arcata, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Jerry Lovelady of Las Vegas; daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Timothy Clancy of San Diego; son Mark Lane of Redding; brother and sister-in-law Charles and Benne Lane of San Diego; sister and brother-in-law Margaret and Glen Calder; and grandchildren Sarah and Tyler Sumner and Molly and Grace Lovelady.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice (888) 833-3906.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald Floyd Fanning

Donald F. Fanning of Wofford Heights passed away the evening of Jan. 2, 2000 at his home. He was the son of Samuel Floid Fanning and Lyra Margarite Bond Fanning, who predeceased him in 1972 and 1986; and also was predeceased by his sister, Ora Mary Coop.

Mr. Fanning was also predeceased by the mother of his daughter and son, Lorraine Gwendolyn Smith Fanning, March 7, 1986.

Mr. Fanning is survived by his daughter, Kathleen S. Hester and son-in-law Scott M. Hester of Wofford Heights; son Donald Brian Fanning of Flagstaff, Ariz.; sister Barbara M. Quinn of Santa Barbara; step-daughters and sons-in-law Kristen and Gary Kilber, Kimberly and Dennis Markstone, and Kendra and Merced Tomelloso. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, in California and Nevada; and his wife of 10 years, Leah M. Fanning of Wofford Heights.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 450 in Van Nuys; the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358; and the Chrysler Retirees Assn. of California. He had worked for Chrysler Corporation for 38 years prior to his retirement in 1987. He graduated from Escalon High School, Escalon, Calif. in 1946. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Fanning requested that there be no funeral or memorial services. His remains will be inurned at the Kernville Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 2111, Bakersfield, Calif. 93303-2111.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Dallas Ringling Driskill ("Tinker")

Funeral services were held on Jan. 11, 2000 for Dallas Ringling Driskill at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Jeff McCulty of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Dallas was born in Cornish, Okla. on Jan. 29, 1914 and passed away in Bakersfield on Jan. 3, 2000.

Dallas first came to the Kern Valley in 1939 to cut potatoes and enjoyed a ranch in Havilah from 1964 to 1989 and then moved to Lake Isabella.

Dallas was a gentleman. Some even considered him a country boy. He even enjoyed an occasional waltz with his wife. Dallas loved to fish and hunt and enjoyed trophy hunting dogs.

He was a charter member of the CB club and used the handle of "Tinker." He was also a member of the Red Bone Hound Association.

Dallas was preceded in death by his son, Billy Frank, in 1997 and is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Frankie; daughter Shirley Driskill of Lake Isabella; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lona Mae Potts

Lona Mae Potts died of natural causes on Dec. 30, 1999 in Burbank. She was born Dec. 13, 1913.

She was an accomplished artist, an ace golfer, a world traveler and a good friend.

She is survived by her daughters Jeannie and Gail; grandchildren Kelli and Joe; and great-grandchildren Gavin, Sadie Jean and Alex.

Lona lived happily in Lake Isabella for 25 years. She will be greatly missed.

Ruth Idella Vanlandingham

At her request, no services will be held for Ruth Idella Vanlandingham.

Ruth was born on May 16, 1917 in Granite Falls, Minn. She passed away Dec. 29, 1999 in Lake Isabella.

Ruth was a very social person and held the office of president for the Kern Valley Sideband CB Club for five years. In doing so, she met a lot of people and made a lot of friends. She was known as "Cottontail" to most of them. She was also a member of the Grandmothers No. 94 and the Seniors Happy Hookers Crochet Club.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Van ("Jack Rabbit") and is survived by a son, Gene Vanlandingham of Weldon, and also all of her friends.

Ruth was a person who was very unconditional of her love for her family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dorothy Marguerite Judd

Funeral services were held for Dorothy Marguerite Judd on Jan. 6, 2000 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe and Pastor Floyd Castillo. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Dorothy was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. She enjoyed visiting her friends and also enjoyed cooking.

Dorothy is survived by her husband of 23 years, Charlie; daughter and son-in-law Beverly and Jack Mitchell, and two grandchildren, all from Alabama.

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Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lucille Nona Speece

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery on Jan. 12, 2000 for Lucille Nona Speece. Lucille was born on Jan. 27, 1914, in Grandby, Mo. and passed away Jan. 7, 2000 at her home in Bodfish after a lengthy illness.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Della Cole, and also by her loving husband, Floyd Speece.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Donna and Robert Wilkes of Denver, Colo.; grandsons Chad and Mark Wilkes of Madison, Wisc.; sisters Wylene Huffman of Tyler, Texas and Bea Musser of Joplin, Mo.; and brother Jess Cole of Joplin, Mo.

Lucille will be missed by her family and her friends here in the Kern River Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mary Hatch

Mary Hatch was born to Stanley and Mary Drozdowski on Jan. 28, 1930 in Canada. She entered into rest on Jan. 13, 2000 at the age of 69.

Mary and her husband, Sid, were best known for being the owners and operators of the Paradise Mobilehome Park in Lake Isabella until Sid entered eternal rest in 1995. She continued operating the park until 1998, at which time she retired. Mary lived across the street from the park and had her home and several homes she cared for.

Mary loved to bowl and was an excellent bowler. Each time she got a strike she would do a little dance. She was bowling when she became ill and had just bowled three strikes in a row. It has been said that Mary died doing something she loved to do.

Mary attended the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church for several years. She is survived by her son, Glen Hatch of North Hollywood; daughter Linda Pope of Vista; grandchildren Brent, Trevor, Jennifer, Justin and Dylan; three brothers and two sisters; and a host of friends who helped her during her time in the Kern Valley.

Services will be held on Jan. 21, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church with Pastor C. Preston North officiating. Burial will be private.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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

John Harvey Taylor

John Harvey Taylor passed away Dec. 29, 1999 in Victorville of a heart attack. He was born in Bakersfield on Aug. 19, 1938. John was one of two sons of H. Russell and Margery F. Taylor. He grew up in Bakersfield and graduated from grade school at Bakersfield Junior Academy. He graduated from North Bakersfield High School.

John worked as a certified welder at Hopper machine shop and then joined his father in the family fire equipment business, helping to expand it to four locations in the '70s.

John assisted in expanding chain saw sales and repair, as well as safety equipment, servicing businesses, government, the mining industry and military in Kern County, through Death Valley and into Arizona. John moved into the Kern River Valley to open H. Russell Taylor's Saw Shop, later becoming Outdoor Power and Sport.

During his time he spent in the valley up until his untimely death, John was very active in local rodeo events and Ducks Unlimited, and he loved winter sports including snowmobiling with his good friends. He was also involved in off-road racing and was a member of the Mears racing team out of Bakersfield. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father, and is survived by his brother, Russell, of Oregon, and sons Scott and Michael of Northern California.

A memorial service of remembrance and sharing will be held on Jan. 22 at the Fraternal Order of the Eagles at 12233 Highway 178 in Mountain Mesa. All friends and family are invited to attend and share our joint memories.

Baillie (Bill) T. Wilson

Baillie (Bill) T. Wilson passed away on Jan. 15, 2000 after a long battle with cancer. He was 73. Bill was born in Los Angeles where he lived, worked and raised his family with his wife of 49 years, Miriam, until moving to the valley in 1977.

Bill is survived by his wife Miriam; daughter Suzanne and husband Jerry Weis; daughter Diane and husband Randy Ford; son Dennis and wife Meredith Wilson; grandchildren James Lacy and wife Jena and their son James Lacy III; and grandsons Jeff Wilson and Ryan Wilson.

Private family services will be held. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Kern Valley Hospital Foundation to help fund their mammography program.

Robert E. Krause

Robert E. Krause passed away on Dec. 27, 1999 in Hermosa Beach. He was 81.

Robert lived in the Kern River Valley for 23 years, in Bodfish. He was born in Corning, New York, on Oct. 13, 1918. He is survived by his children, Robert Krause Jr., Valorie Barren and Melodee Pelano; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Pacific View Baptist Church in Torrance on Jan. 15, 2000, and were officiated by minister John Sanders.

Harold W. (Bill) Young

Harold W. (Bill) Young, 57, passed away Jan. 1, 2000. Funeral services were conducted on Jan. 6, 2000 at Mountain View Chapel, Boise, Idaho.

Bill was born in South Gate, Calif. on Dec. 18, 1942, to Harold and Genevieve Young. He was raised in Lake Isabella.

After graduating from Fresno State University in 1967, Bill accepted a position with the U.S. Geological Survey in Boise where he worked for 33 years as a hydrologist.

In his early years in Boise, Bill enjoyed fishing and hunting with his family in the Idaho outdoors. His children have many fond memories of numerous camping trips and will never forget those cold mornings spent in a duck blind down on the Snake River.

In more recent years, Bill established an antiques and collectibles business. He enjoyed working with his clients located all over the world and was always searching for his next "big find."

Although Bill had a passion for his new business, he also loved spending time golfing with his son, Craig, and his daughters, Heather and Angie. Time spent playing with his grandchildren was very important to him. He was a very special husband, father and grandfather and he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Betty Young; his daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Lance Dunne; his son, Craig Young; his daughter, Angie N. Young; his step-daughter and son-in-law, Chimena and Sean Cole; his stepson and daughter-in-law, Jason and Michelle Shurtleff, all of Boise; his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Darlene Young of California; his sister, Marilyn Young of Iowa; and grandchildren Taylor, Aubrey and Dorrin.



Jane Frances Widner

Jane Frances Widner was born in Perry, Mo. on Sept. 19, 1917, and passed away on Jan. 5, 2000.

When her husband retired they moved to Lake Isabella, and spent 20 happy years together. She spent most of her life as a homemaker, at times doing seamstress work at home. She also had a wide array of crafts she got great pleasure in doing.

The last few years of her life she was lovingly taken care of by her niece, Marcy Stillman. Combined with the wonderful care given by Hoffman Hospice, it made those last remaining weeks of her life more comfortable and peaceful.

I'm sure if she were here she would want to give special loving thanks to Jeneice, Doris, Randy, and Chaplain Bert Simpson, and everyone from Hoffman Hospice.

Jane is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Widner; brother-in-law Paul Reindl; and sister Ceriece Reindl. She is survived by her niece Marcy Stillman; nephew Harry Peer; sister Virginia Goodhart; nephew Johnnie Krigbaum and numerous other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Complying with her wishes, there were no memorial services. Arrangements were made through the Neptune Society, and her ashes were scattered at sea, uniting with those of her beloved husband. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Valley, 6501 Schirra Ct., Ste. 301, Bakersfield, Calif. 93313.

Margaret Ruth Miller

Private arrangements were made for Margaret Ruth Miller. At her request, no services will be held.

Margaret was born April 27, 1926 in Pulaski, Tenn. and passed away on Jan. 15, 2000 in Lake Isabella. Margaret was a member of the Women of the Moose and also the Eagles' ladies auxiliary.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 29 years, Harvey; her brother W.J. Spears of Morristown, N.J.; two sisters, Bobbie Spears of Nashville and Novella Spears of Indianapolis; and also her dog, Trixie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Helen Theresa Link

Memorial services were held on Jan. 22, 2000 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Helen Theresa Link. Helen was born on March 9, 1924 in Trenton, N. J. and passed away on Jan. 14, 2000. Helen was a member of the Ladies of the Elks, St. Jude Altar and Rosary Society, and St. Jude Choir.

Helen was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Larson of Medford, Ore.; sister Theresa and brother William.

Helen is survived by her husband of over 52 years, Harry; son Michael of Trail, Ore.; daughter Virginia Bagnas of Lake Elsinore; sister Susie Rowan of North Carolina; three wonderful grandchildren and a great-granddaughter expected in April.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Paulette Shuler

Services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on Jan. 20, 2000 for Paulette Shuler. She had been a Lake Isabella resident for the past ten years. Paulette was born on Aug. 30, 1942 and passed Thomas Dietz of Parker, Ariz.; away at Kern Valley Hospital on Jan. 17, 2000.

She is survived by her husband, Homer Shuler; twin sister Claudette Darnall; daughters Linda Mann, Mary Turner and Cindy Buckner; grandchildren Katrina Mann, Matthew Mann, Sarah Mann, Tamara Turner, Christina Turner, Bobby Buckner, Felicia Buckner, nephew Donald Lawson, niece Carolyn Lawson and all of her valley friends.

Paulette was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend, and she will always be in our hearts. We miss you.

Iola Mary Stone

Iola was born on May 11, 1913 in Clinton, Iowa to Raymond and Catherine Dietz. She entered into eternal rest on Jan. 17, 2000 in Redondo Beach at the age of 86. Iola was a resident of Wofford Heights for 27 years. Her life will be remembered by many and her influence and kindness will be missed.

Iola is survived by her son Duane Stone and wife Carol of Redondo Beach; brother John Dietz of Arroyo Grande; brother sister Catherine Roen of Blaine, Minn.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Iola was preceded in death by her husband Glenn and two brothers, George and Richard Dietz.

Visitation will be at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2000. Mass will be from 10 to 11:15 a.m., and interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Ann H. Kent

Ann Kent, 90, died Dec. 8, 1999 at her home in Mineral Wells, Texas. Born in Rahway, N.J. on October 10, 1909, she moved to California in 1935 and lived there for 60 years before moving to Texas four years ago.

Mrs. Kent was retired from McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corporation in California and was a member of the Women of the Moose, the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Rebekahs while living in California. She was a member of the Kernville First Methodist Church before moving to Texas. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Euless, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husbands Ivan Frisk, John Hewes and Edward Kent; sisters Geraldine Daberkow, Mary Kruse, Helene Devlin, Irene Scirrotto; and brothers John and James Wargo.

She is survived by her nephew Frederick Daberkow of Thousand Oaks; niece Judith Warren of Southlake, Texas; 13 other nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial was held in Euless, Texas. Cremation was private.

Lewis Ray Elmore

Private arrangements were made for Lewis Ray Elmore. Lewis was born Dec. 20, 1906 and passed away at his home in Lake Isabella on Jan. 22, 2000.

Lewis was born in Indian Territory of Oklahoma in an area which later became known as Blackwell, Okla. Lewis and his family moved to California in 1958. Lewis was an honest man and the best

father a person could have. He also enjoyed fishing and the outdoors. Lewis was preceded in death by his wife Zorah in 1993 and is survived by his daughter Zorah-Mae Elmore of Lake Isabella and son Richard (Peñe) Elmore of Sepulveda.

The family wishes to thank the Kern Valley Hospital also Hoffman Hospice.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

George "Pat" Griffith Sr.

George "Pat" Griffith Sr. was born May 18, 1916, and died Jan. 6, 2000. Pat was born in Milford, Iowa and was raised in Des Moines. He married Ellen Brown in 1937 and had two sons. Pat worked as an auto mechanic from 1934 to 1946 in the Des Moines area. He joined the Navy from 1944-46, served aboard the USS Shodwell in Bremerton, Wash. from 1946-71.

He was mostly self-employed in auto sales, boat sales, and had Griff's RV Sales and Repair in Chula Vista. He retired at the age of 55 in 1971 and moved to Parker, Ariz. where he loved fishing Lake Havasu and the Colorado River for 24 years. Survivors include two sons and their spouses, George Jr. and Marjorie of Bakersfield, and Donald and Julie of Ephrata, Wash.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren all living in the Tacoma-Seattle area.

Arrangements by the Bonewell family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Watson

Mary Ellen Watson passed away to God's hands at her

home in Bodfish on Jan. 25, 2000.

Mary Ellen was born to David and Martilly Harris in Kentucky on April 11, 1912.

Mary Ellen was known with great affection as the "Cake Lady" of the Moose Lodge. Mary Ellen served as a missionary in the Bahamas. She is survived by her loving husband Cecil L. Watson and her daughter Mary Jane Pfeifer, both of Bodfish; son-in-law William Pfeifer; grandson Frank V. Schumacher III of Bakersfield; and a sister, Virginia Evans of Bakersfield.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Jan. 31, 2000 with interment on Feb. 1, 2000 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Mary Ellen will be dearly missed by family and friends. Services by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Joe H. Thomas

Joe H. Thomas passed away on Jan. 27, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. Joe was born in Paducah, Texas on Nov. 3, 1917 and resided in Lake Isabella for the past 11 years. Joe was a member of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827, the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple and was Venerable Master of Pasadena Scottish Rite of 1990.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Delores (Peggy) Thomas; son Kevin; two grandsons, Troy and Justin; brother James Thomas; and sisters Margaret Stevens, Jewel Perry and Sandra McMillan.

A memorial service will be held at the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge in Kernville on Feb. 8 at 11 a.m.



Jeanne Brunner Kielman

Jeanne Brunner Kielman left us peacefully late Monday morning, Feb. 7, 2000, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Her release saddens us, but blesses her in a unity with the divine that was her life-long journey.

Born in Pittsburgh on Aug. 5, 1918, Jeanne was the tomboy in a family of three other sisters and a younger brother. Her curiosity and outgoing nature often went against the grain of her childhood times, leaving her with appreciation and compassion for all children as an adult. She was the Girl Scout leader for both of her daughters' troops, conscientiously helping her charges earn numerous brightly colored badges for their sashes. She carefully and lovingly taught her daughters those domestic skills she valued: cooking, sewing, keeping a home (and checkbook), and 101 uses for the zucchini.

Jeanne's heart and front door were always open to her children and grandchildren, and to the neighborhood gang she welcomed into her home and her cookie jar. She took great interest and joy in her two children and four grand-

children, valuing and respecting them—and the menagerie of friends who accompanied them (the '60s were particularly noteworthy...)

The Catholic faith sustained Jeanne all her life. She was actively involved in the Ridgecrest Altar Society, overseeing the care of exquisitely embroidered vestments and beautifully crafted articles that were an integral part of the centuries-old Catholic traditions. Jeanne found joy and contentment in this area of service, and in the friendships she had with the women who shared these duties. She traveled to both the Holy Land and Italy to experience first hand the beauty and complexities of her religion.

Jeanne was an organizer. Her things had a place (and often a Scotch-taped label). Her life was ordered. She left us with no loose ends, no frayed strands to tie together. Her passing fills us with relief that her long trial has ended, but with bruised hearts that cellophane tape cannot mend.

She is survived by her husband, Leo Kielman; her daughters, Sukey Kielman and Jann Veach; her son-in-law Kelly Veach; her grandchildren, Gram Gallagher, Jay, Joel, and Julene Veach; her three sisters, Dorothy Stein, Mary Lou Fuchs, and Connie Foley; and her brother, Art Brunner.

A memorial service will be held at a future, unspecified, date. Her family requests donations to be made to: Alzheimer's Association of the Greater San Francisco Area, 330 Distel Circle, Suite A, Los Altos, Calif. 94022.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Florence Martha Wilkey

Florence M. Wilkey passed away in Mountain Mesa on Feb. 7, 2000 at the age of 87. She was born on July 4, 1912 in St. Anthony, Idaho. Florence moved to Anaheim with her parents and brothers about 1920, and graduated from Anaheim High School in 1930. She got married in 1932 and had five children through the years. Florence was a homemaker and wife for most of her life.

Florence and Al Wilkey met and married in 1950. They resided in South Gate and Downey until retirement. In 1966 they found the land of their dreams and placed their first mobile in Lake Isabella. They spent many weekends and vacations here until their move and retirement here in 1974.

Florence was active in the California Grandmother's Club and was a lifetime member. She was also very active in the Kern Valley CBers, where she was known by the handle of Low Voltage.

Florence is preceded in death by her husband, Albert Wilkey; two sons, one grandson and one great-grandson. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara A. and husband Arthur J. Robinson of Bodfish; Donna F. and husband Alvin Hamil of Goodwater, Okla.; her step-daughter Doris Meeker of Bodfish; her son, James T. McInnis and wife Corrinne of Hamilton, Texas; 18 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and a great many friends.

Florence has endured many illnesses and operations throughout her life and at one time was presented a trophy with words inscribed on it that she was a "tough old bird." With that in mind, her family says goodbye to a sweet and loving mother, grandmother and friend who will always be remembered as a "tough old bird," enduring to the end.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ethel B. Reid

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Ethel B. Reid, who passed away Feb. 5, 2000 at her residence in Lake Isabella.

Ethel was born June 4, 1915 in Deer River, Minn., and came to the Kern River Valley in 1961. She worked for the Joughin Ranch for 25 years.

Ethel enjoyed crocheting and crossword puzzles. She had a great sense of humor and was always ready for a good joke.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Justin Jenkins of Eugene, Ore.; brother Earl Bowen of Wisconsin; three grandsons and eight great-grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews that she was very close to.

Inurnment will be at Randolph Cemetery in Randolph, Wisc. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Marjorie May Rogers

Marjorie Rogers passed away into God's hands on Feb. 5, 2000. She was born on Los Angeles on May 5, 1924. Marjorie and her husband, Fred Rogers, first moved to Kernville on 1976 after they both retired from the Seal Beach Police Department. In May 1982 Marjorie opened the Tumbleweed Art Gallery in Kernville, and later on became a Realtor for ERA Realty. She is preceded in death by her father and mother, Albert and Caroline Lasken; sister Ruth Wilson; brother Vincent Lasken; and her son Kenneth Smith. She is survived by her husband Frederick Rogers and brothers Walter and Clifford Lasken; son Johnny Smith; daughters Carol Rosbrook and Linda Read; eight granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She will be greatly missed by all. Memorial services were held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Kernville on Feb. 12, 2000. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Joy May Troy

Joy May Troy was born in Long Beach on May 14, 1928 and passed away Feb. 8, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She was 71. She left behind a sister, Helen A. Turner of Mountain Mesa; a brother and his wife, Larry and Alberta Troy of Mountain Mesa; cousin Joe Farrer and his wife Rosa of Altadena; great-niece Teri White and family of Walker Basin; great-niece Michelle Blake and family of Mountain Mesa; and many more great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joy moved to Lake Isabella from Long Beach in 1982. She worked at the Moose Lodge for eight years before retiring. She was greatly loved by family and many friends and will be missed by all.

Services were private. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000



John Divany Rigney

John Divany Rigney was born on April 18, 1924 in Shady Grove, Tenn. He went to meet the Lord on Feb. 9, 2000. He was 75 years old.

John was the sixth of seven children. His youngest brother, Jim Rigney, survives him. John was raised in Konawa, Okla., but moved to Southern California in the early 1950s. He retired after a long career in drilling and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981.

John was a good man who loved his wife of 47 years, Lucy Rigney; his three daughters, Barbara, Ada and Sandra; and his late son, Steven. He had eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. John enjoyed life in the valley, and gave a narrated tour to all those who came to visit. He enjoyed fishing, camping, word puzzles and bluegrass music. Many will miss Papa John, but we know he is sitting in his rocking chair eating peanut brittle, and reading the paper, waiting for us all to come home.

Drags. John had his pilot's license; loved to go fishing, write poetry and draw, and in his later years, enjoyed putting model cars together. John was also a member of the VFW.

John is survived by his wife of 17 years, Anita; sons John W. Williams IV and Jeff D. Williams, of Reno and Jarrod A. Williams of Westbrook, Maine; mother Ida May Williams and sister Cathy Dennis of Lone Pine; grandson Dakota J. Williams; stepchildren Richard Katchuba of Michigan, David Katchuba, Gale Katchuba and Karen Dubel, all of Lake Isabella, and Thomas S. Alexander of Ihyokern; 14 step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

John will be greatly missed by all his friends and family. We love you and miss you.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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Nellie Alice Baleaon
November 20, 1912 - April 27, 2000

**Nellie
Mother
Grandmother
Great-Grandmother
and most of all, our
Nanny**

Nellie loved to cook, she nourished our bodies as she nourished our souls. We grew up on her chocolate chip cookies. She had a job she loved, cooking for school children for many years.

She loved to throw little parties, any occasion was a good reason. She always made party favors and gifts for all in attendance. In her younger years, she was very active at her church coordinating get-togethers, baking and decorating cakes. She also coordinated wedding receptions.

After God, her family was always her highest priority. She always had time to listen to a problem, wipe a tear, tell a joke to cheer, share a personal experience or give a hug. She was very proud of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and would always share a story or picture of them with anyone who would ask.

She loved to make things for people, especially crochet. All who loved her have a lovely afghan, edged towels, Christmas stockings and when the girls were young, they always had little purses.

Our "Nanny" will always be in our hearts and influence our lives and she will be dearly missed by all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michael, Sherry, Susan, Mark, Elizabeth, John, Melody,
Paul, Tracy, Emily, Raymond, Kimberley, Julie,
Phillip, Sarah, Carol & Cory.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

Donald Grant Flanagan

Don was born in Dodge City, Kansas on April 6, 1926 and died at home with family around him on May 1, 2000.

Moving to California, he lived and worked in the Cuyama Valley for a number of years and then moved to the Indio/LaQuinta area where he spent some 30 years, prior to moving to the Kern River Valley. He lived here for the last seven years.

Don worked at numerous jobs— as a farmer, mechanic and truck driver. Over the years he owned and ran his own service station.

He is preceded in death by two sons, Patrick and Donald, and stepson Frank Hardin. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Dorothy, of Southlake; children Rick and Eva Flanagan of Taft, Cindy Gomez of Modesto, and Terri and Tom Flanagan of Lake Isabella; and stepchildren Rick and Sheryl Hardin of Hemet, Debra Springer of Onyx, and Belinda and Henry Hutchinson of Lake Isabella; four sisters; three brothers; 27 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Burial was private by the Neptune Society. Memorial donations may be made to Hoffman Hospice of the Kern River Valley.

Reahn Reinhard

Reahn Reinhard was born Nov. 29, 1906 in Minneapolis, Minn. and went to be with the Lord on April 24, 2000.

She was a resident of Onyx for about 20 years. She was active in the Grandmothers Club, an organ club, and also played piano for several clubs.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emil, who passed away in September 1996.

She moved to Bakersfield Columbus Estates after an auto accident six years ago. In Sept. 1999, following heart failure, she moved to Encinitas to be closer to her son.

She will be missed by her sons Raymond and Betty Knight of Cardiff By The Sea and Kenneth and Lois Knight of Action and Minnesota; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held April 29, 2000 at her son's in Cardiff By The Sea. Grandson Michael Knight of Santa Maria officiated.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

Erikson, Richard "Rip" Downing

Rip Erikson was born on April 5, 1929 in Seattle, son of Herman and Esther Erikson, and passed away in Weldon on Jan. 12, 2000. He was raised in Santa Barbara, moved to Los Angeles in 1954, then to Lake Isabella in 1986, where he lived the rest of his life.

Rip was a noted and popular race car driver and builder of race cars— known in the racing circles as a genius. Rip was the only one in the '50s and '60s who raced those cars to many championships. Many well-known builders and drivers of today utilize Rip's inventions and original concepts.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Esther; father, Herman; sisters Louise and Nancy; and son Alan. Surviving immediate family includes daughter Beth; son Steve; five

grandchildren, Alan, Stephanie, Crystal, Travis and Ashley; great-grandson Kalao; nieces Dorina, Shirley and Valerie; and nephew Warren.

His presence and great sense of humor will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and admirers. He touched many lives and will always be admired and remain in their hearts. Your last checkered flag has dropped, and we will all miss you.

Burial was at Glen Haven Memorial Park in Sylmar, next to his son Alan. No services will be held. Memorial remembrances will be at the California Racing Reunion on April 1, 2000. Donations may be sent to the Santa Barbara Kidney Dialysis Center.

Nellie Alice Batelaan

Graveside funeral services were held Wednesday, May 3, 2000 at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, Calif. for Nellie Alice Batelaan, a resident of the Kern River Valley. Her youngest son, Chaplain Raymond Batelaan was the

officiant.

Nellie was born on Nov. 20, 1912 in Cedonia, Wash. Until the age of 12, she lived on the family farm, helping her family survive the rigors of farm life and attending a one-room schoolhouse with her five brothers and one sister. In 1924, the farm was sold and the family moved to Odessa, Wash. It was in Odessa that she met her husband-to-be Paul Batelaan. They were married in 1932 after Nellie had received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior. Following World War II, Nellie and Paul moved to Southern California, where they settled in the La Puente area. It was there they attended a small Baptist Church where Nellie coordinated weddings, organized church dinners and worked in the Sunday School program, all while raising three sons and working full time as a cafeteria worker at Bassett Elementary School.

Nellie's husband passed away in 1977 in La Puente. She continued to live there where she gave all of her time to her family and her church. In 1990 she moved to Sacramento to be near family. In 1995 she moved to Lake Isabella to be near family in that area. Nellie lived in her apartment until four months ago when her deteriorating health made it unsafe for her to live alone. Her health continued to deteriorate rapidly, but her death came suddenly and unexpectedly in a Bakersfield hospital on April 27, 2000.

Three sons survive Nellie: Harold of Magalia, Calif.; Irvin of Wofford Heights, Calif.; and Raymond of Bellflower, Calif. She is also survived by one brother, David Birge of Odessa, Wash., three daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Nellie loved her family and most of all, she loved the Lord. She will be greatly missed.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

Jean Paul Anderson

Jean Paul Anderson was born July 7, 1941 in St. Louis and passed away on Jan. 29, 2000 in Bodfish.

"Andy" joined the United States Navy in August 1961. He served 29 years for his country. Andy went to radio school in the Navy. He also received three good conduct medals during his time of service. He reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E7). He served on the USS Ranger and the USS Theodore Roosevelt. Andy was recommended for reenlistment and

was discharged on Oct. 30, 1978 and returned to California. He lived in Bodfish and belonged to service clubs such as the Moose, the VFW and also the American Legion of Chino, Calif.

Andy is survived by his father Charles Anderson of Bodfish; sister Charlene Ogden of Rancho Cucamonga; brother Jeffrey LeRoy Anderson of Auburn, Calif.; and a great host of friends who will miss him greatly.

Services were held at his father's home on Feb. 3, 2000.

Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Norman Paul Tibbetts

Life-long Kern Valley resident, businessman and past community leader, Norman Tibbetts, passed away Feb. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

He was born Sep. 1, 1930 in Old Kernville to parents Roswell and Edith Tibbetts and was a third generation born in Old Kernville. He attended elementary school in Kernville and high school and college in Bakersfield. During these years he was president of the youth group "Haven from Slavin" in the Kern Valley.

In 1951 he married Bunny Ross (Woods) and had two children, daughter Vicki and son Jeff, also born in the Kern Valley. Norman was then employed as a surveyor for the California State Division of Highways (now CalTrans) and was the grade foreman for the relocation of state highways around the lake, due to the construction of Isabella Dam. Following the completion of the highways he did not wish to move from his beloved valley to follow this profession, so he became a business manager for various local businesses. In 1959 he was awarded a Chevron dealership which he operated for eight years. He then opened and operated the first auto dealership selling both new and used autos in the Kern Valley.

In 1957 he helped organize the Isabella Business and

Merchants Association, which later became the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce. He was president of it and the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce for many years. He was an active community leader helping to promote the area, and was instrumental in obtaining the freeway into the valley. He spent numerous hours in Sacramento, Fresno and Bakersfield convincing dignitaries that a safer highway was a necessity. In the 1970s he was a candidate for Supervisor for this district. In 1976 he purchased Don's Crossroads, which he operated until 1978 when he married Arlene Wyly. Together they owned and operated Arlie's Club for the past 22 years.

Norman loved the outdoors, fishing and hunting, and his Piute Mountain cabin. In previous years he was a softball pitcher for local adult teams, playing here and outside the area for several years.

Norman is survived by his wife, Arlene, of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Jeff and Phyllis of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Vicki and David Baskin of Bodfish; daughter Lois Tidwell of Salinas; grandchildren Brian Baskin, Randy Bowen, Lindsey Brown, Keri Bowen and Arlie Hodges; great-grandchild Reed; nephew Melvin Tibbetts; cousins BeBe and Bob Easley of Lincoln City, Ore.; cousins Vince and Bodil Huston of Norway; and cousins Rocky and Vicky Huston of Colorado. Norman will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Arlene's other children will miss him too: sons Jim, Alan, Chris, Steven and John Wyly and their families; and daughters Ann Swartz and Marion Emerson and their families.

Cremation arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella, with private family inurnment. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at Arlie's Club on Lake Isabella Boulevard on March 5, 2000 at 2 p.m.

Mary Helen Redfern

Mary Helen Redfern was born on Sept. 27, 1946 in Arkansas. She lived in Bodfish for 19 years. In her early years in the valley she and her husband, Odos Redfern Sr., and their sons ran a woodcutting business.

She enjoyed camping in the mountains. Mary had many hobbies. If she was not taking care of her seven dogs or visiting with her 14 grandchildren, she was cooking. Mary enjoyed cooking large meals for her family and friends. She made sure she never skipped on extras. For all the years she lived in the Kern River Valley, she resided in Bodfish. She was loved and will be missed by family and friends.

Mary Helen Redfern passed into eternal life on Feb. 19, 2000 at the age of 53. This obituary notice was written by her granddaughter, Deserae Redfern. Services provided by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, the Bonewell Family.

James Dwight Roe

James Dwight Roe was born on March 31, 1930 in Pierson, Oklahoma and passed away on Feb. 19, 2000 after a long fight with emphysema.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Patricia Ann Roe; his daughter, Debrah Gerald of Bend, Ore.; Ginetta Tarrey of Bend, Ore.; Brian Keith of Rosedale; Charles Keith of Amarillo, Texas; Richard Dwight of Solvang; and Harlan Franklin of Wofford Heights.

James spent 30 years of his life in the aircraft industry. Then he and his wife came to Wofford Heights and opened up Roe's Department Store and ran it for 20 years.

He is survived by six children, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Elks, donated blood throughout his life; was president of the Wofford Heights Improvement Group; and was Frog Master for many years. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Kernville.

He was loved and will be missed by all.

Louis Joseph Castonguay

Louis Castonguay was born July 14, 1937 in Maine and died Feb. 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness.

Louis worked 52 years as a chef before retiring. He was a member of the Moose Lodge No. 498 in Lake Isabella; Elks Lodge No. 2358 in Lake Isabella and Eagles Aerie No. 3156 in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years Gertude Castonguay of Lake Isabella; son John Louis Castonguay Jr. of Texas; daughter Beverly Reyes of Fullerton; brother Rodger Castonguay of Florida; brother Conrad Castonguay of Connecticut; and sister Gibby Haney of Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Henry, Tommy, Leo and Norman Castonguay.

Cremation arrangements were made. Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

JoDella Newcomb

JoDella Newcomb, 63, died at her residence in Chandler, Okla. on Feb. 13, 2000.

Mrs. Newcomb was born Feb. 22, 1936 in Lone Grove, Okla. to Benjamin Sirmons and Josephine (Pierce) Sirmons. She married Jerry Dean Newcomb on June 7, 1951 in Altus, Okla.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God in Chandler. She had lived in Chandler for the past ten years.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Newcomb, former California Highway Patrol officer in the Kern River Valley 1959-70; sons and daughters-in-law Terry and Celeste Newcomb of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Ben and Shirley Newcomb of Chandler; son Larry Newcomb of Chandler; two brothers, A.J. Sirmons of Agra, Okla., and Velton Sirmons of Granite, Okla.; sister Nathalia Burnett of Nacoma, Texas; grandchildren Lance Newcomb, Travis Newcomb and Mark Newcomb; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Services were Feb. 16, 2000 at the First Assembly of God in Chandler, with the Rev. Doyle Seeley officiating. Burial was in Oak Lawn Cemetery, Chandler, under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Cyril P. Dolphin

Cyril P. (Sid) Dolphin was born on March 5, 1915 on Wallasey, England and passed away at the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on Feb. 24, 2000 after a three-month fight against colon cancer.

Sid is survived by his wife of 64 years, Hilda Dolphin; children Julie Woolard of Mountain Mesa, Kay Mohring of Eureka; Richard Dolphin of Crossville, Tenn. and Paul Dolphin of Belflower and their spouses; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Ron and Bill Dolphin, and one sister, Vera Robertson, all of England.

Sid spent all of his working life in the aircraft industry and worked his way up from apprenticeship to design engineer. His last project was the Apollo space program where he designed the stage alignment for the booster, orbiter and lander for the moon landing.

Sid retired in 1972 and he and his wife enjoyed traveling for several years and finally moved to Lake Isabella in 1998 to be close to some of their children and grandchildren. He will be sorely missed by all, for he was a generous, loving, caring man.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Donald Louis King

Funeral services will be held for Donald L. King today, March 1, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Don was born Dec. 29, 1937 in Los Angeles. He finished his chores and went to be with his wife on Feb. 24, 2000.

Don owned and operated his barber shop in the Lake Isabella area for 25 years. He was active in Rotary. He taught windsurfing at Cal State Bakersfield. He coached many Little League and Youth Football teams. He loved sports, including kayaking, fishing and skiing.

He will be missed greatly by his four little dogs and cats. He is survived by his children, Tonie and Drew Berry, Greg and Kristy King, Derin and Cassie King, and Eric and Robin King; his father, Virgil and Chet King; mother-in-law and father-in-law Thelma and Frank Wilson; sisters Doreen, Dixie and Tonie; grandchildren Derek, Daniel, Charlie, Sara, Emily, Luke, Nicole and Kristy.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Diana, mother Melba and grandson Cody. He knew so many people in and around the valley. He will be greatly missed by his family and many wonderful friends.

Words can't express how thankful we are for one and all of Don's many many special friends in the Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2000

Eleanor "Nancy" Carlsson

Nancy was born in Yorkshire, England on May 18, 1930 to John and Helen Duncan McEwen. She entered eternal life on Feb. 11, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Nancy was married to Eugene F. Carlsson on Dec. 4, 1950, and they were married for 49 years. Nancy and Eugene lived in the San Fernando Valley for 12 years, and then moved to Tehachapi and stayed for six years. In 1987 they decided to move to Lake Isabella. In Nancy's many years of illness she never complained. Nancy is survived by her husband Eugene Carlsson; one son, Stephen Carlsson and family; and one daughter, Deborah Scofield and family. The families are in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Dallas, Texas. Nancy had four grandchildren, Kathi, Christopher, Heidi and Ian. There are two great-grandchildren, Taylor and Tylssa.

Nancy was loved by her family and friends and will be greatly missed and remembered.

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

Coyla Belle Wilson

Coyla was born on June 28, 1916 in Kouts, Ind. to Rolla and Mable Goodpaster. She was the eighth child of four children. She was a strong defender of her brothers and sisters while growing up and a dedicated and loving "mom" to her many nephews and nieces. In the early 1950s she met and married Frank Wilson. They were married for 45 years. Frank died on June 17, 1997. Coyla lived a full and fun-filled life taking care of her "family" of nephews, nieces and cousins. She loved to sew, cook, do gardening and play bingo.

She is survived by the "son" she raised, Mac Quigley, and his wife, Tressa, of Wheatfield, Ind.; their daughter, Michele Lewis of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Rolla Goodpaster of Hammond, Ind.; brother Jack Goodpaster of Carson; sister Margaret Steele of Wofford Heights; and by her "live-in family"— Colleen Smith, her son Christopher and her daughter Haley "Haley-babe" Goodpaster, the bright light of Coyla's life.

Coyla entered into eternal rest on Feb. 25, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital. Services were held in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on March 4, 2000 with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A luncheon was held in her honor at the VFW hall following the service.

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

Lulu V. Morris

Lulu V. Morris, 96, died recently at her home in Hiawatha, Kansas.

She was born north of Hiawatha July 27, 1903, the daughter of Henry and Sadie Holden Hamm. She grew up north of town where she attended Hart Grade School No. 33, and attended Reserve High School for a short time.

Lulu worked as a waitress in St. Joseph, Mo., for a number of years. In 1942, she moved to Inglewood, where she was in charge of salads at North American Food Service in Los Angeles, retiring in 1965. She retired to Lake Isabella before returning to Hiawatha to make her home in 1992.

While living in California, she was a member of the Order of Easter Star, the ladies auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Women of the Moose. While living in Lake Isabella, she was a member of the homeowners association, the 55+ Club and the CB club.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles in 1987; her parents; a son, Robert Shorb in 1988; and three sisters. Survivors include a son, Lyman "Gene" Shorb and his wife Delores of Hiawatha; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Cremation was arranged with no memorial services or visitation planned, as was Mrs. Morris's request. Private inurnment will take place at a later date at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Hiawatha. Arrangements by Chapel Oaks Funeral Home of Hiawatha.

Kathryn Angela Rodriguez

Memorial services will be held Saturday, March 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Rodriguez, who passed away March 7, 2000.

Kathryn was born March 23, 1914 in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in the Kern Valley for 38 years, moving from Mar Vista in 1962. She loved the outdoors and reading Western novels. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Alfred Rodriguez of Wofford Heights, son and daughter-in-law Ramon and Emma Lou Hendricks of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Julia and Michael Chase of Texas; sister Elma Waldouf of Colorado; brother Julius Shoefeld of Lakewood; grandchildren Donald and Gary Hendricks, and Joan and Nicole Chase, all of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2000



Leo Kielman

Leo Kielman's life ended March 8, 2000, a month and a day after his wife Jeanne's. His final days were filled with those qualities that marked his 84 years, courage and compassion for those around him.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 16, 1915, he was the seventh son in a family of 13 children born to Polish immigrants. He was proud of his "cobblestone rabble" heritage and grew up valuing principles rather than materialism. Honesty, integrity and compassion for all living things were the cornerstones of his long life, and were his gifts to his two daughters, four grandchildren and all who knew him. His handshake was as legally binding to him as his signature. His religion was the Golden Rule, his place of worship the outdoors.

Leo's mind and hands sought the logical and mechanical in the world around him. He had a natural ability to fix anything, designing and creating tools or parts if none existed.

One of the first Navy workers at China Lake NOTS in 1944, Leo took pleasure and pride in his jobs—particularly in his later civilian work on the Sidewinder missile. An active member of the desert community, he was known for his deep-pit barbecue expertise.

In 1951, Leo briefly switched

engineering degree at the age of 39 from the University of Arizona. He regarded his education as one of his greatest accomplishments and, in the final year of his life, established a Cerro Coso Community College scholarship, and educational trusts for his grandchildren.

Leo was a gifted storyteller. The myriad of stray animals that limped into his open home and heart had odd names and strange fictionalized personalities as he recounted their exploits over the years (some were just plain strange, intuing the softest touch in town...)

The story of Leo's marriage to Jeanne was a tapestry woven over 60 years' time. They were a part of the early days of China Lake, forming friendships and connections that enriched the rest of their lives. Leo's devotion to Jeanne during her 11-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease exemplified his remarkable ability to walk his talk. Commitment—in all aspects of his life—was not an abstraction.

Leo is survived by his daughters, Sukey Kielman and Jann Veach; his son-in-law, Kelly Veach; his grandchildren, Gram Gallagher, Jay, Joel, and Julene Veach; his brother Max Kielman; and his sister, Violet Kielman.

A memorial celebration for Leo and Jeanne Kielman will take place March 26, 2000 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Carriage House in Ridgecrest. Please come with stories and humor to commemorate their lives. A Catholic Mass will be said in Ridgecrest.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Charles David Flynn

Charles David Flynn, born in San Diego on Apr. 24, 1922, died at home in Squirrel Valley on March 12, 2000. Chuck, as he was commonly known to his many friends, had fought skin cancer for 40 years, but it finally metastasized and spread throughout his entire body. His family wishes to alert everyone to the dangers of overexposure to the sun.

Chuck graduated from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Ariz., and the American Graduate School of International Management, also in Arizona. He was a veteran of World War II, was a teacher in Northern California and in Orange County, and was among the first who taught in a continuation high school in the state of California. While teaching, he spent summers working as a marine biologist through the University of California, Irvine, on a study of shark behavior migration partially funded by the U.S. Navy. After retirement, Chuck and his wife, Virginia, traveled extensively and spent much quality time with members of their immediate and extended family. In recent years Chuck and Virginia volunteered at Death Valley National Park during the winter months, his assignments being mainly in the areas of construction and restoration of historical sites. Chuck was a member of the Kern River Valley Golf Club and the Historical Society, and was a member of the Death Valley '49ers Association.

Chuck is survived by his wife, Virginia; eight grandchildren; one brother, James Flynn of Park City, Utah; and his four children. Also counted among his survivors are Virginia's nieces and nephews and their parents, who have celebrated holidays, vacations and other special events with the Flynn family through many years and treasure the memories of Uncle Chuck and his life experiences which he so willingly shared with them.

Family members and friends participated in a festive celebration of Chuck Flynn's life at the home of his nephew in Inyokern on March 18, 2000. Burial will be at National City Cemetery in San Diego on land which at one time was part of a ranch belonging to Chuck's grandfather. Chuck had spent time on this ranch as a youth and shared many ranch stories with his family.

Donations in Chuck's memory may be made to Hoffman Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313. The family is deeply grateful for the care which Hoffman Hospice extended during Chuck's final days.

Renate Emmy Hamilton

Memorial services were held March 21, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel for Renate Hamilton, who passed away on March 16, 2000 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

She was a resident of the Kern Valley for 28 years. She enjoyed knitting and sewing.

Renate is survived by her husband of 38 years, Deon; son Thomas Avis of Kernville; Deon's children Fawn Coleman of Cache, Okla., Kevin Hamilton of Chula Vista and Evan Hamilton of Lake Isabella; and a brother, Agorn Piasecki of Germany.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kathryn Angela Rodriguez

Memorial services were held March 18, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Rodriguez, who passed away March 7, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Kathryn was born March 23, 1914 in Cincinnati, Ohio and lived in the Kern Valley for 38 years, moving here from Mar Vista in 1962. She was a charter member of the LOE No. 2358 in Wofford Heights. She loved the outdoors and reading Western novels.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Alfred Rodriguez of Wofford Heights, son and daughter-in-law Raymond and Emma Lou Hendricks of Lake Tahoe; daughter and son-in-law Julia and Michael Chase of Texas; sister Alma Waldorf of Arroyo Grande; brother Julius Shoenfeld of Lakewood; grandchildren Donald and Gary Hendricks of Agoura; and Jeffrey, Jason and Nicole Chase of Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mable Wells

A memorial service was held March 18, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses for Mable Wells of Mountain Mesa.

Mable was born Apr. 26, 1918 in Ava, Mo. and died March 13, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with emphysema for some 20 years. She was 81 years old and a five-year resident of the Kern River Valley.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Shelah and Wayne Watrous; brother Arthur Plumb; grandchildren Jay Wells, Jeanine Wells, Shaffer, Kevin Wells, April Wells, Kelly Miller, Phillip Wells, Davis Wells, Justin Wells, Amber Wells, Alexis Watrous, McKenzie Watrous and Phillip Watrous; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2000

Janice B. Vaughn

Janice Vaughn, 66, died March 19, 2000 at home of natural causes. She was born in Port Matilda, Pa., the youngest of five Vaughn sisters. Her parents and two sisters preceded her in death. Survivors include her sisters, Joyce Vaughn and Beryl Cohen, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Miss Vaughn was a graduate of Port Matilda High School and was a secretary until her enlistment in the U.S. Navy. While in the service, she was voted Miss Armed Forces of 1954. After her tour of active duty she remained in California and worked for Hughes Aircraft until her retirement in 1988. She then came to live in Wofford Heights and became active in a number of organizations, particularly on the Wofford Heights bowling team. At home, she enjoyed interior decorating and needlework.

A memorial service by members of the Moose Lodge was planned for March 20. Inurnment was private.

Contributions may be made to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Church Fund, Fowler Hollow, Port Matilda, Pa.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Verna May Mayfield

Verna May Mayfield passed away on March 17, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. She was born May 4, 1925 in California. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years.

She is survived by her husband, Truett Mayfield of Kernville; sons Travis and Denny; four grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Herrick.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Wesley Schick

Graveside services were held on March 22, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Robert Wesley Schick.

Robert was born on Feb. 20, 1937 in Columbus, Ohio, and passed away March 16, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Robert helped run the 178 Drive-In in Bodfish with his mother and father, Robert and Geraldine Schick, until it was sold in 1975. He was a painter by trade and painted several different businesses and homes in his 40 years here in the valley. Bob was more like a dad than an uncle to all his nieces and nephews.

Bob loved fishing, camping, drawing and sketching, ice hockey, hosting family gatherings with a good barbecue, and his dogs Teddybear and Susiebear.

Bob is survived by his sister Debora Dockery of Bodfish; nieces Jerrie Lynne Davis of Lake Isabella, Mary Ann Miller of Bakersfield, Deborah Noling of Bakersfield and Cindy and husband Mark Garcia of Bakersfield; nephews Steven Davis of Lake Isabella, Edward and wife Mickey Komin of Bakersfield, Joe Wilson of

Bakersfield, and John David Dockery Jr. of San Luis Obispo; 12 great-nieces and nephews and six great-great-nieces and nephews.

Bob will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Rulon Stephen Scott II

Rulon Stephen Scott passed away on March 3, 2000 at the age of 85.

He was born to Rulon Stephen and LaVella Pay Scott in Nephi, Utah on Aug. 22, 1914. Rulon worked as a police officer in Burbank, and then joined the Marine Corps during WWII. He graduated from the University of Southern California and was a high school teacher for 16 years. During the summer months, he spent his time at his favorite occupation—cowboying in the High Country. Rulon was very active in and devoted to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Rulon married Gwendolyn Sorenson; later divorced. He married Faye Cowdell Timothy.

He is survived by his wife, Faye; sons Steve and Richard; daughters Carol, Joan and Donna; daughters-in-law Janice, Ilene and Judy; sons-in-law Dale, Jim and Mike; foster sons Ralph Clayton and

Donald Hurley; 30 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jeanne Scott Dean. Rulon was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marguerite; and a grandson, Matthew.

Funeral services were held March 6, 2000 in the Mapleton LDS Chapel. Interment was at Larkin Sunset Gardens, Sandy, Utah.

William Robert Faley

William Robert Faley passed away March 16, 2000 at the age of 82 after a battle with cancer. He was born in St. Paul, Minn. on Sept. 11, 1917, the son of William P. Faley and Helen Roban.

He is survived by his step-mother, Mary Faley and step-brother John Faley, both of St. Paul. He is also remembered

by his brother-in-law, Clarence Olson of St. Paul, his niece, Cathe Olson McIlhenauer of LeSueur, Minn.; and nephews Dean Olson of Champaign, Ill., Donald Olson of Shoreview, Minn. and David Olson of Minneapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Helen Faley Olson.

William enlisted in the U.S. military in 1941 and served in the Pacific Signal Corps in WWII. He was employed by Western Electric and worked in Minnesota and Nebraska, and later moved to Van Nuys and retired. He spent summers in Kernville and Beach Meadows (1979-1990) and then moved to Wofford Heights in 1991. William enjoyed hunting pheasant and deer, and liked sailing, canoeing, fishing, and reading science fiction. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665, and was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society. He was known as a docent, a person of knowledge and facts.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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

Carolyn Ruth (Honey) Gaskin

Surrounded by family and friends, Honey Gaskin passed away peacefully Feb. 18, 2000 at the age of 88.

She was born April 13, 1911 in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Eunice Guthery and Oliver Reynolds Carter. She was one of eight children, including five sisters and two brothers. Her 65-year marriage to Floyd "Sug" Gaskin began when they eloped in 1930 and was full of many adventures. Together they started the Trailrite trailer business, building custom-crafted trailers in Denver. Other business ventures included owning a chicken ranch in Santa Fe and a fishing boat based in Newport Beach.

An excellent seamstress, Honey blessed people throughout her life with her artistic fine creations. As an avid reader, she was always interested in current events as well as language and history. Generous and supportive are words that come to mind in memory of Honey. Her family was a great joy in her life and she was always in close contact with her two children and the following generations.

Honey lived with her daughter, Sherry Schermerhorn, in Lake Isabella since 1995, the year of her husband's passing. She enjoyed attending the Kern Christian Church as well as lunching at the Senior Nutrition Program. Her starring role in the television Home Health commercial was enjoyed by many in the valley.

Family includes sister Emma Bartlett, Corpus Christi, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Stephen and Ina May Gaskin of Summertown, Tenn.; and daughter Sherry Schermerhorn of Lake Isabella and son-in-law Thano Schermerhorn of Walnut Creek. Grandchildren include Dana Gaskin-Wenig, Sarah Teed, Christina Schermerhorn; Rose Schermerhorn; Eva Gaskin, Samuel Gaskin, Paul Gaskin and Floyd Gaskin. Great-grandchildren include Kesrel Wenig and Gayla Gaskin.

The following are words from Honey's oldest granddaughter, Dana Gaskin-Wenig of Seattle. "My last grandparent died tonight at 8 o'clock at 88 years of age. Her name was Carolyn Ruth Carter Gaskin but everyone called her Honey. If it's true that loved ones are waiting to greet us on the other side, I know that my grandpa Sug is the first in line. He's been waiting for her these past years and they will probably start up bickering and making up right away. He always said that when he first met her he thought she was 'kinda pretty, kinda smarty.' I will miss her sorely."

Hummingbirds and Siamese cats, root beer floats and blowing kisses to the full moon. We love you and will miss you greatly.

Chino Rivero

Chino Rivero was born on April 23, 1927 and passed away on March 19, 2000, at the age of 72.

Chino was a part-time valley resident of Bodfish for many years. He always loved the Kern Valley and called it "God's Country."

Viewing and Mass was held at Douglas Mortuary in Hawthorne. Chino was laid to rest with military honors at Riverside National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Isabel; son George Rivero and daughter-in-law Teri; grandsons Bryan and Nick of Simi, and many friends in the Kern Valley.

Ella Marie Tomlinson

Funeral services will be held today, April 5, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Betty Mish Memorial Chapel in Oildale for Ella Marie Tomlinson.

Ella was born Jan. 7, 1909 in Chicago and passed away March 30, 2000 in Simi Valley. Ella is survived by her children, Shirley M. Wilkie, John E. Tomlinson and Robert P. Tomlinson; sister Harriet Hansen; brother Wilbert Virmond; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the 55+ Club in Lake Isabella and the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Dorcas Society.

Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pallbearers will be Frank Wilkie, Jr., Scott Wilkie, Jeff Wilkie, Mark Atkins, Frank Wilkie, Sr. and Ryan Wilkie.

Services by Mish Funeral Home, Oildale, California.

Arthur (Orth) Spencer

Arthur (Orth) Spencer entered into eternal rest at home in Southlake on March 22, 2000. He was 91.

Arthur was born in Hebron, Ill. on Feb. 5, 1909 to George and Musa Spencer. He went to school in Hebron and Woodstock, Ill. In 1930 he met and married Elizabeth (Betty) Shepard. They were married for 70 years. They came to California in 1949, where he worked for the Solar Corp. as an aircraft machinist. Arthur and Betty moved to Lake Isabella in 1972 and retired to the Southlake area. He was a member of the Kernville Methodist Church. Arthur was an active traveler of the West, and loved go camping.

Arthur is survived by his wife, Betty Spencer; son Charles and wife of Bonita, Calif.; grandson "Paul," granddaughter Nicole; and great-grandchildren Charles and Christine of San Diego. Arthur will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Memorial services were held at the Masonic Lodge where he was a member. A private service followed at the Rose Garden at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The service was conducted by Pastor John Carpenter of the Methodist Church of Kernville.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2000

Judith Ann Mercier

Funeral services were held March 30, 2000 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judith Ann Mercier. Officiating was her cousin Pastor Jerry Thordsen.

Judy was born Nov. 15, 1938 in Austin, Minn. and passed away March 27, 2000 after a long illness. She was a respiratory therapist for many years.

She was a member of the Sweet Adelines and was past president. She played the violin for many years. She moved to the Kern Valley in 1976 and lived here until 1989 before moving to Hemet. She came back to the Valley in 1999.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Lucille and Howard Peterson; brothers David and Caroline Thordsen of Buena Park, John and Charlotte Thordsen of Colorado, and Joe and Shirley Thordsen of Simi Valley and Kelly Thordsen of Simi Valley; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Greg Sayre of Henderson, Nev.; son Mike Mercier of Ventura; two grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frank Willard Moritz

Memorial services were held April 1, 2000 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Frank Willard Moritz. Frank passed away on March 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital of a heart attack. He was born March 24, 1930 in Evanston, Ill. Mr. Moritz was a veteran of the Korean War and retired from North American Rockwell after 35

years. He was a member of the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 and an associate member of the Kern Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 1297. He was a volunteer at the fish hatchery. His love of the community and friendships he made here were evident in his volunteerism and love for the people whose lives he touched. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Carole; children Sheree and husband Sean, Jason and wife Tina; and seven grandchildren, Lindsey, James, Jaclyn, Shannon, Serena, Veronica and Orion. He will be greatly missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kern River Fish Hatchery.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

In Loving Memory of William Anthony Thompson II



William Anthony Thompson II, AKA "Budman", "Breadman", 72, of Kernville, CA, born April 13, 1928 in El Monte, Calif, died Tuesday, March 21, 2000, at Kern Valley Hospital, Mt. Mesa, Calif.

Mr. Thompson was an Electrical Technician in the aerospace industry. He retired from the Librascope Division of the Singer Corporation. He served in the Navy and was a WWII veteran.

Mr. Thompson enjoyed fishing, bread making and the many friends he made in the town he loved and called home, Kernville. He will be missed dearly by his son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, William Roger Thompson, Debra Paladino Thompson, and Skylar Lynn Thompson of East Lyme, Conn., his daughter, son-in-law and former wife, Tammye Lynn Hartley, Scott William Hartley, and Joy Thompson, of Washington, Penn.

There are many dear friends that will feel his absence. He was blessed to have such friends as well as his two surviving brothers and one surviving sister. The passing of his younger sister, Patricia Boucher, on March 23, 2000, has brought deeper sorrow to the family.

There was a luncheon held in "Bud's" honor, given by George and Darlene Randall on Sunday, March 25, 2000. His two surviving children give thanks to the Randalls and all of his friends for their support and friendship.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

William Marvin Culwell, Jr.

Graveside services will be held on April 13, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. for William Marvin Culwell, Jr. Officiating will be Pastor Charles McMahon. Bill passed away on April 4, 2000.

Bill moved to Weldon in 1955 after retiring from Lockheed. He enjoyed fishing, feeding the birds and was an avid bird watcher. He also enjoyed camping and traveling.

Bill is survived by Larue and Donna Jo Lumpkin of Weldon; sister-in-law Donna Nielsen; sister-in-law Dorothy Cato and husband George of Weldon; granddaughters Ruth Ann Berkemeier and Kathleen Randles; grandson James Edward Lumpkin and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Lloyd Hubert Allen

Funeral services were held April 6, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Lloyd Hubert Allen of Mountain Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Eric Malamma.

Mr. Allen was born Nov. 25, 1908 in Farmington, Ark. and passed away on April 2, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. He worked as a welder and pipe fitter for Ofco Construction for over 34 years. He and his wife of 49 years, Marguerite, moved to the Kern River Valley 38 years ago from Pasadena. Lloyd enjoyed going fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1999. He is survived by his step-daughter and husband Doris and Robert Griswold of Mountain Mesa; son Hubert M. Allen of Arizona; daughters Doris June Dillander and Dixie Lee Akeres, both of Oregon; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Frank O. Hernandez

Private arrangements were made for Frank O. Hernandez, who passed away on April 5, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. Mr. Hernandez was born on Nov. 16, 1928 in Los Angeles.

He moved here 16 years ago after retiring from the Local No. 108 as a sheet metal worker. He was a member of the Moose, VFW, Kern Valley Golf Course and the Bodfish Beavers. He enjoyed fishing, camping and going to Las Vegas and Laughlin. Also pitching horseshoes, and he had many trophies to show for that.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Hernandez of Lake Isabella; son Gary Hernandez of Bodfish; daughter Loraine Mitchener of Lake Isabella; step-son Robert Knemeyer of Weldon; brothers Fernie Hernandez of Lake Isabella and Felix Hernandez of Whittier; sisters Mary Lou Montoya of Havilah and Margaret Sandoval of Whittier; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Kenneth Doyle Loser

Kenneth Loser (Kenny) was born in Orange on Oct. 24, 1968 and went to be with his Lord on Feb. 12, 2000. He passed away at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs where his last days were spent with his family by his side.

Kenny lived in Wofford Heights and Kernville for the last nine years of his life, but went camping on the Kern since the age of five. He vowed that when he grew up he would someday live there in Kernville, and so he did. He loved the outdoors, the river, the lake and all God's creations. He loved life and lived accordingly. He was creative as an artist and loved dancing. He is now with his life partner Joe Wagner in heaven with our Lord. They shall remain in our hearts and prayers forever.

Kenny is survived by his father and mother David and Juanita Loser; his brother and sister-in-law Brady and Kimberly Loser; his niece and nephews Amanda, Brady, Dustin and Cassidy Loser, all of Yucca Valley; his special sisters and brother Lori, Kim, Beth and David and all their families; his aunts Tamara Speed and Jean McClenon and all their families; his uncles Arthur O'Dell and Kenneth Loser and all their families; his grandparents Eva Gaston and Tressia Talarko; and all the families of Bruce and Shirley Wagner that he so loved; his dear friend Bruce and Lori Woodruff; as well as many, many friends who loved him and will miss him.

A special service was given in Palm Springs for the family and he will be laid to rest in the mountains he so loved. So please join us in prayers and remembrances of Kenneth Loser.

Frank Willard Moritz

Memorial services were held April 1, 2000 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Frank Willard Moritz. Frank passed away on March 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital of a heart attack. He was born March 24, 1930 in Evanston, Ill. Mr. Moritz was a veteran of the Korean War and retired from North American Rockwell after 35 years. He was a member of the Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 and an associate member of the Kern Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He was also a member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 1297. He was a volunteer at the fish hatchery. His love of the community and friendships he made here were evident in his volunteerism and love for the people whose lives he touched. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Carole; children Sherce and husband Mike, Teri and husband Don, and Frank Moritz III; stepsons Sean, Jason and wife Tina; and seven grandchildren, Lindsey, James, Jaclyn, Shannon, Serena, Veronica and Orion. He will be greatly missed by all.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kern River Fish Hatchery. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nathan E. Whitmire

Nathan (Nate) E. Whitmire was born in Missouri on Nov. 19, 1918 and died in Mountain Mesa on March 31, 2000.

Nate served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. He was in the South Pacific theater of war. Nate received the Purple Heart and other medals during his service to his country.

Nate was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a long time member of the Royal Order of Moose.

Nate retired from the Maintenance Department of the Lancaster, Calif. school district. Nate loved teaching Bible study, Sunday School, the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, his family and the United States of America. He loved gardening with his beloved wife, Shirley, and excelled in any kind of woodworking.

Nate married Shirley Stamps on March 5, 1987 and soon after moved to the Valley Estates community of Weldon, where he and Shirley were active in the Homeowners Association.

Nate worked four years with the U.S. Forest Service in the Seniors Program. Nate is survived by his wife, Shirley; a sister, Agnes Armistead of Missouri; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lola and Rusty Thomas of Weldon; his children, Barbara and David Montgomery, Ron and Becky Stamps of Kernville and Dean and Denise Stamps of Rosamond. Nate is also survived by eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews residing in Missouri.

Reverend Bill Lewis will be officiating at the memorial services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Nate to the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1441, Weldon, Calif. 93283-1441.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2000

Jack C. Anderson

Graveside services were held in the Kern River Cemetery, Wofford Heights, on April 14, 2000 for Kern Valley resident Jack C. Anderson. He passed away April 10, 2000 in Ridgecrest, Calif.

Jack is survived by his wife of 53 years, Clara Marie Malone-Anderson; a daughter and her husband, Cheryl and Tom Kramer; a son and his wife, Gary and Lori Anderson; his grandchildren, Joe and Michelle Tweedell of Jonesboro, Ga., Eric Galvin of Sacramento and Corbin and Carly Anderson of Spokane, Wash.; two great-grandsons, Austin and Brady Tweedell of Jonesboro, Ga.; and his mother-in-law, Marie Malone, who turned 95 in December 1999. Those who preceded him in death were his parents, brothers and sisters, and his

sons, Jack Jr. and Eric Bruce.

Jack was a World War II veteran and participated in the Normandy invasion. He was employed with Southern California Edison in 1947 in Kernville. He retired in 1981 from the Thousand Oaks substation and then returned home to Kernville.

Jack was a devoted husband to his wife of 53 years and a devoted father. He loved his family and was very close to all who had the gift of knowing him. He took pleasure in hunting, fishing and playing golf. He was a member of the Conejo Valley Masonic Lodge, the Al Maleken Shriners in Thousand Oaks, and the VFW Kern Valley Post 7665.

Donations to the Kern Valley Youth Center are preferred by the family.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Fred Raymond McCoy (The Quiet Man)

After a long battle with Parkinson's disease, Fred McCoy entered eternal life in the early morning hours of April 16, 2000, at his home with his wife Irene and his daughter Betty at his side. He was 87 years of age.

Services were held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on April 21 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Jim Williams officiated, with special tributes by his three grandchildren.

Fred was born in Kentucky and as a young boy moved to Texas where he grew up on the family farm. There he learned the country values of hard work, honesty, integrity and a love of family and country. Before moving to California and establishing a home in Downey, Fred moved to New Mexico where he met Ruth Irene Knight, the love of his life. They spent several years in New Mexico, where Fred worked for the U.S. government. After WWII, they moved with their daughter Betty to California. Fred and his brother then established McCoy Equipment Co., servicing and leasing heavy equipment.

Known among his family and peers as "The Quiet Man," he was respected for his sense of duty and the values he lived by and passed on to his beloved grandchildren, teaching them "a man's word is as good as a written contract," "hard work never harmed anyone," "you can learn more by listening than by talking," and more. He loved to hunt and enjoyed the great outdoors. Due to his illness, he never got to explore the beauty of the Kern River Valley. He also enjoyed spectator sports and was a real fan of the old Los Angeles Rams.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000

His greatest joy was found in his relationship with his three grandchildren—they were the light of his life along with his beloved dog, Shar.

Fred is survived by his wife, Irene; daughter Betty Quinn and husband Jack of Wofford Heights; grandchildren, Michael McCullough of Simi Valley, Kevin Quinn of Chicago, and Julie Hart and husband Michael of San Luis Obispo; great-grandchildren Tracy and Kelsie Hart and Mikayla McCullough; and many nieces and nephews. He was the last survivor of his four brothers and sisters. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Private interment was at Rose Hills Memorial Park on April 24, 2000.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2000

Theodore William Stortz

Ted Stortz was born on Feb. 26, 1915 in Chicago to parents Theodore and Anna Stortz. He entered into rest on April 19, 2000, at the age of 85, in Bakersfield.

Ted's greatest passion was on the water under blue skies with a fishing pole. He also loved little kids and was good to one and all. Ted also liked to travel. Ted gave love to everyone that he knew, and received love in return. He never met a stranger without talking to that person.

Ted is survived by his wife of 65 years, Julia; sons Ted and Ron; Ron's wife Suzanne; grandchildren Debbie and Jim, Linda and Chris, Charlotte and Bill, Ron Jr. and Amy, and Sheila and John; great-grandchildren Laura, Christopher, Michelle, Bobbie, Mark, Jerami, Joey, Lace, C.J., Amanda, Stephen and Craig; and a great-grandchild, Jullian.

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

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

Robert Allen Mehl

A memorial service was held on April 22, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Robert Allen Mehl.

Robert was born June 21, 1937 in Dubuque, Iowa and passed away on April 17, 2000 in Bakersfield. Robert had been coming to the Valley since 1958. After retiring six years ago he moved to the Kern River Valley. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. He was a member of the Eagles and also the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella, which he joined three years ago. Robert was a great guy, always helping everyone, making people laugh and enjoying life.

Robert is survived by his wife, Brenda; son Dave Mehl of Rancho Cucamonga; daughter Selina Mehl of Westwood; son Mark Sanger of Laguna Hills; grandchildren

Tiffany and Raevin; sister and brother-in-law Sherry and Gene Bergeron of Arizona; mother and father Bob and Violet Mehl of Lake Isabella; aunts Carol Johnson and Darlene Schuster; and uncle Leon Pope, all of Dubuque, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2000

OBITUARIES

Esther Linn Hood

Esther Linn Hood passed away in the Beverly Health Center in Ridgecrest on April 28, 2000 at the age of 74.

She was born in Lowell, Mass. on Feb. 11, 1926. Esther was raised by her adoptive parents and spent her youth in China. She lived in Kern County for 50 years. Esther was married to Herbert P. Hood, who preceded her in death. Esther's last two employers were China Lake Naval Weapons Center and as a waitress at El Vaquero restaurant in Wofford Heights.

Esther will be remembered by her granddaughter Deanna Culbreth of Mill Springs, N.C. and her very close, daughter-like family and friends Pat and Dave Bavier of Weldon and very close friends John and Kathy Trigg, who at this time are at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

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

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

Shirley Gladys Downie

Shirley Downie passed away quietly in her sleep in Mountain Mesa on May 3, 2000 at the age of 78 after a long illness.

She was born St. Paul, Minn. on July 30, 1921. Shirley married William Downie in 1942

and they moved to the Kern River Valley in the mid-1970s. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years in 1997. She was preceded in death by two children as well.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Mildred Milstead of Garden Grove; a cousin, Jean Breslin of Las Vegas; and her many friends in the local area. Shirley was a member of the Order of the Golden Slipper, Kaph chapter, the Ladies of the Nile and the South Fork Woman's Club. Even in her illness she remained kind to everyone. She always had a smile and a good word for everyone when she was asked how she was, with a big smile and a "fine." We will miss this very special lady.

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

John Walter Williams III

Graveside services were held on May 5, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for John W. Williams III, with Pastor Jeff McCulty officiating.

John was born on Feb. 25, 1948 in Bakersfield and passed away May 1, 2000 at his home in Lake Isabella. As a kid, John enjoyed building and racing MGs and older Chevys with his father until his passing in 1966. He also raced at Famoso Speedway and the Inyokern

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Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton

Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton of La Crescenta passed away May 6, 2000, at 72 years of age, in Burbank.

Visitation was May 10 at the Croley Funeral Home in Gilmer, Texas. Services were held May 11, 2000 at Antioch Baptist Church with Elder C.L. Goff officiating. Interment was at Grice Cemetery, Upshur County, Texas. Pallbearers were Cliff Capehart, Matthew Dilion, Michael R. Dilion, Ivan P. Medina, Lance Medina and Sean Medina.

Hartsell Laverne Davidson Stockton's occupation was a singer and was born August 28, 1927 in Upshur County.

Survivors include son Clifford Capehart of Hendersonville, Tenn.; daughters Darly Dilion of La Crescenta and Melody Medina of Wills Point, Tex.; sister Loretta Sheffield of Wills Point, Tex.; and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, you may send memorials to the Women's Jail Ministry, P.O. Box 341, Wills Point, TX 75169.

Lee Christopher Orrick

A memorial service was held May 13, 2000 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Lee Christopher Orrick, who passed away on May 9, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Lee was the widow of Roy Orrick, prior owner Kernville Moving and Storage, and a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley.

Lee was born on May 11, 1932 in Clovis, N.M. She enjoyed dancing, cooking, crocheting and collecting dolls.

She is survived by her sister and brother-in-law Pam and George Cook of Wofford Heights; niece and husband Candee and Randall Maynard of Wofford Heights; and niece Christina Cook and Jason Linstrom of Reno, Nev.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Rose Seamon

Private arrangements were made for Margaret Seamon, who passed away at her home in Lake Isabella May 7, 2000 after a short illness.

Margaret was born July 22, 1931 in Philadelphia. She moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981 from New Jersey. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 40 years Robert L. Seamon; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Jaylynn of New Jersey; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Dennis De Bota of Pennsylvania; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and three sisters.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dean O. Terry

Dean Terry passed away in his home in Havilah on May 6, 2000, with his wife and daughters at his side. Dean was born in Cedar Glades, Ark. to his parents Joseph and Alma Terry on Sept. 14, 1927.

At the tender age of 17 he joined the Navy and went to serve his country. Dean was proud of the time he spent serving in the Navy.

Dean and his wife, Inell, moved to Havilah four years ago, and enjoyed their home high up on the mountainside. He loved to hunt and fish.

Dean was a loving and kind person, a real joy to be around. He is survived by his wife, Inell, of Havilah; daughters Connie L. Kerly of Kinsely, Kan., Dena M. Tanner and husband Peter of Camarillo, Carolyn L. Terry of Seattle, and Laurinda K. Meade of Pasadena; sons Michael E. Terry of Acton, Joseph D. Terry of Moorpark and Larry Smith of Crestline; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on May 9, 2000 in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Veterans Post 7665 performed the memorial part of the service. Pastor Bert Simpson of First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella officiated.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2000

In Loving Memory

Virginia "Cookie" King

"On the day we are born, God gives each of us a beautiful guardian angel, and as we grow, we give her a name... Mother." "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." PSALM 91:11

Virginia "Cookie" King passed away Saturday, May 13, 2000, at the tender age of 58, after a long bout with Lupus. She was born November 11, 1941, in Glendale, California and is survived by her mother, Virginia Pauline Slusser, her loving husband of 40 years, Ernest Lloyd King, daughters Doreen, Lynn Marie and Laurie Ann, son Kenneth Lloyd Russell and six grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Judith Ann Scheulke and her family, and her brother John Russell Slusser and his family. She is greatly loved and will be missed and cherished in our hearts forever. A memorial picnic was held in her honor at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 20th at William S. Hart Park in Newhall, California.

Mary Helen Willin

Rosary was said on May 19, 2000 at Valley Mortuary and Funeral Mass was said at St. Jude Catholic Church for Mary Helen Willin, who passed away on May 17, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights.

Mary was born Feb. 25, 1921, in Kentucky. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 24 years. She was a member of the St. Jude Altar Society and the Elks. She also enjoyed gardening.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Frank in 1993. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Pat and Stephanie Willin of San Diego, daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Ed Winship of Wofford Heights; brother Bud Hamilton of Kentucky; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert E. Heagney

Robert E. Heagney passed away on May 18, 2000 at Burlando Assisted Living for Seniors in Kernville. He was born to Earl J. Heagney and Mary Rissmiller Heagney in Santa Barbara and was raised there with his twin sisters.

Moving to the Los Angeles area as a young man, he married Frances Wilkerson and had one daughter, Carol, both of whom preceded him in death.

Bob worked for the Southern Pacific Railway for over 40 years, the last 25 as an engineer. He met and married Peggy Rall and they retired to Lake Isabella in 1978.

In addition to his wife, Peggy, Bob is missed and mourned by his four stepchildren, Anthony Rall and his wife Jacqueline of Scotts Valley, Calif.; Richard A. Rall III of Vista, Calif.; Sara Rall Rains of Simi Valley; and Kathleen Rall of Lake Isabella and her husband Chris Young of Shajah, U.A.E. He held his stepchildren close to his heart, as he did his grandson, Daniel Rall of Berkeley and his granddaughter Monica Button, her husband John and his new great-grandson Nathan of Klamath, Calif.

Bob was a man who loved the outdoors, was an avid hunter and fisherman, and was very knowledgeable about nature. He and Peggy enjoyed traveling and camping, often with their family, and he loved reading. He was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, where a memorial luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday May 28, followed by a memorial service at 12:30.

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

Larry Burns Joyner, Sr.

Funeral services were held on May 10, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel with graveside services following at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Larry Joyner, Sr.

Larry was born on Jan. 19, 1933 in Pasadena and passed away on May 5, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Larry was the youngest of five children born to Lanson and Marie Joyner. Larry attended school in Pasadena, played baseball and was drafted by the Cubs. He was a member of the Navy Reserves for eight years, worked for the Pasadena City Schools, and raced homing pigeons.

Sharon and Larry used to picnic on the Kern River in Old Kernville, and in 1960 bought property in Alta Sierra on Greenhorn Mountain.

Larry was a journeyman pipefitter for Local 250. He was a plumbing contractor in the Kern River Valley for over 40 years, worked for the Alta Sierra Water Company, helped start the first cable company on Greenhorn Mountain, and worked as a volunteer fireman for the Kern

County Fire Department from 1974 to 1994. In 1983 he, along with his family, started building portable showers, taking them to natural disasters and fires. He loved the business, the fire community, and looked forward to the fire season each year.

Larry was a member of the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sharon; son and daughter-in-law Larry Jr. and Mary Jo of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law Lynne and Tom Sandlin of Kernville; grandchildren Landon and Dallas Joyner of Wofford Heights and Krystal and Laurel of Kernville; sister Marie Joyner of Pasadena; sister and brother-in-law Ethlyn and Joseph Pulliam of Arcadia; and lots of friends.

Arrangements by Valley

Margaret P. Jones

Margaret Jones passed into eternal rest into the hands of her Lord on May 15, 2000, at the age of 84.

She was born in Long Beach to her parents Vito and Mary Pinto on Aug. 2, 1915. Margaret met and married David Jones on June 28, 1953. Their courtship was not too long after they met in 1952 upon David's return from Korea. They had 47 wonderful years of marriage. Some of Margaret's happiest times were when she was playing the piano. She loved to make people happy.

Margaret played at the Moose Lodge during dinner hour on Friday nights. Music was a great part of her life.

Margaret entertained from the age of 14 over 70 years of entertaining and bringing happiness and blessing to others. Even in her last week she spoke to her grandson with her desire to play the piano once more.

She is survived by her husband, David; son Ronald Orsini of Van Nuys; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 19. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Margaret and her music will be greatly missed by family and friends.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000



Michael Dillon Worley

Michael Dillon Worley, age 20, died May 13, 2000 in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was serving in the U. S. Air Force working in the Satellite Operation division. Michael was in an auto accident.

Michael was born Aug. 30, 1979 in Newport Beach. He was married on Sept. 5, 1998 to Brianne M. Scire.

He is survived by his wife, Brianne; son Dillon Anthony and another one on the way; mother Cathy Standridge; grandmother Pat Standridge; uncle Gerald and wife Dorothy and son Luke Standridge; great-grandmothers Dorothy Hyatt and Thelma Standridge; father-in-law and mother-in-law Tony and Peggy Scire; and numerous great-aunts and uncles and second cousins and friends.

Michael was preceded in death by his grandfather, Lowell Standridge, and great-grandfathers Carl Hyatt and H.J. Standridge.

Memorial services will be held on June 6, 2000 at 9 a.m. at one of Michael's favorite skating places, Silver Creek Recreation Center, at 7011 Harris Rd., Bakersfield.

The family asks no flowers, please.

If you didn't know Michael, I am sad for you. If you did know him, consider yourself one of the luckiest people on earth. Michael will be missed greatly.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2000

Gilbert Pond Reinhardt

Gilbert Pond Reinhardt passed away May 21, 2000 at 72 years of age.

Gil is survived by his wife of 49 years, Nancy of Bodfish; son Karl Reinhardt and fiancée Laune of Vista; daughter and son-in-law Randi and Dale Prior of Henderson, Nev.; twin brother Jim Reinhardt of Torrance; brother Bob Reinhardt of Sacramento; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

An informal service was held May 24 at 10 a.m. at Lake Isabella Park.

Gil dearly loved the Kern Valley and fishing with his buddies. His warm heart and generous nature will be missed by family and friends.

Robert Lavern Torrence

Private arrangements were made for Robert Lavern Torrence, who passed away at his home in Riverkern after a long illness on May 22, 2000.

Mr. Torrence was born April 13, 1924 in Indiana. He and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring 20 years ago. He was a building contractor for over 30 years. He enjoyed traveling and fishing.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marjorie; son and daughter-in-law Robert and Beth Torrance of Moreno Valley; daughter and son-in-law Beth and Mike Wannberg of Boise, Idaho; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Benson Earl Braithwaite

Graveside services were held May 26, 2000 at Fair Oaks District Cemetery in Fair Oaks, Calif. for Benson Earl Braithwaite, who passed away on May 21 in Mountain Mesa.

Benson was born October 15, 1921 in Rapid City, S.D. He was a decorated WWII veteran. He retired from Northrup Aircraft in 1976 and lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past 24 years. He was active with the Corps of Engineers until 1990. Benson was a craftsman at woodworking and loved gardening.

His is survived by his wife Harriet; three children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Don Jene Wilson

Don Wilson entered into eternal life on May 30, 2000 at the age of 87.

Don came to Los Angeles with his mother shortly after his father passed away. He attended school and college in the Los Angeles area. Later he moved to Fresno where he and Hout Gibson opened a bar and grill lodge. They also opened a roping arena where Don and Hout had a lot of fun roping many a calf.

Don moved to Bakersfield after his business ventures in Fresno. He became a salesman for whiskey and paper goods. Don's love for fishing in the Kern River and catching trout and camping out grew before the Isabella dam was built in the early '50s. His love for the lake area grew and in 1980 he moved to Bodfish, where he spent the last 20 years near his fishing spots along the Kern River. Don also distributed commodities to low income families and friends in Bodfish.

He is survived by his wife, Loreta; daughter Kathy and son-in-law Manuel Aragon of Bakersfield; Sandy Estrada of Bakersfield; John Sheehan and wife Toni of Bakersfield; Marvin Sheehan and wife Gloria of Bakersfield, 42 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were held June 2, 2000 at graveside in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley.

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

Eileen Patricia Passig

Private arrangements were made for Eileen Patricia Passig, who passed away on May 27, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

Eileen was born June 7, 1927 in Los Angeles. She had resided in the Kern River Valley since 1985 after retiring from Hughes Aircraft. She had a love for animals and was involved with the Humane Society. She was always known to rescue a cat or dog. Eileen was a loving and generous lady, a loyal and devoted wife, stepmother and friend. Her last two years were at the Burlando Assisted Living facility where she left many good friends.

Eileen is survived by Robert Passig, stepdaughter Linda Crough, two grandchildren, her best buddy Donna Clark, and her beloved dogs Mo and Sophie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Edmund Gledhill Sr.

Robert Edmund Gledhill Sr. was born April 13, 1917 and died June 11, 2000. Bob was a 28-year resident of Lake Isabella. He died of natural causes at the age of 83, leaving his brother Ron, as well as his five children: Ron Gledhill, Diane Keane, Robin Gledhill, Joann Talamantes and Patty Patterson, also Ronald Kitching, deceased. He also had 14 grandchildren and a two-month-old great grandson.

In 1941, at the age of 24, he moved to Santa Monica from Cleveland to take advantage of the weather as well as the excellent job market. His engineering skills were put to use to help the war effort at Douglas Aircraft Later, Bob owned his own business in Comita. He then returned to engineering at Ampex Corp. in Culver City.

Bob enjoyed camping and made many trips to the Piute Mountain range and Kern River with his children. Bob enjoyed the Isabella area. He purchased property years prior to retirement and when he retired at the age of 55, he and Dolores returned to the lake. His business skills were well known in the computer disk drive industry, and the firm Storage Technology in Denver made him an offer to run their fabrication department. He signed a five-year contract. After completion of the contract, he was very happy to return to his Lake Isabella home.

Bob was an avid fisherman. He made frequent trips to Baja California and recently made trips to Alaska and two trips to South America on freight ships. He thoroughly enjoyed family parties and many times would express how important and wonderful family is and how much he appreciated family.

Those who knew Bob respected his intelligence, honesty, inner strength and engaging demeanor. People were drawn to Bob for many reasons, including his great sense of humor. He attended St. Jude Catholic Church. He was an avid reader and enjoyed sharing his books with his friends. He also enjoyed evening card games with his friends. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends.

Services were held on June 17, 2000 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with graveside services following at Kern River Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Phyllis Tamburro

A rosary is to be said for Phyllis Tamburro at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, and Funeral Mass will follow immediately at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights with Father Raja officiating.

Phyllis passed away on June 16, 2000 at her home in Lake Isabella. She was born in The Bronx, New York, on January 12, 1917. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 12 years.

Phyllis is survived by Albert, her husband of 53 years, niece and her husband Melinda and Don Lake of Bodfish, and brother Vincent DiMinnio of Carlsbad, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

John Lawrence Brawley

Services were held on June 15, 2000 in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Rev. Willard Van Fossen officiating for John Brawley.

John was born April 29, 1914 to Trip and Ella Brawley in Dallas and passed away on June 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa after a lengthy illness.

John loved to sing and play the guitar and also liked to do some fishing until his illness, our years ago.

John was also a carpenter contractor and a member of the Carpenter's Union for 50 years.

John is survived by his wife, Jean, two daughters, Carol Smith of Northern California and Susan Donaldson of Hollywood; granddaughters Carol of Riverside and Michelle Young of Perris; three great grandchildren, stepson Jim Phillips and his children, Lea and Lisa; sister Louise King of Texas; and several nieces and nephews of Texas and Mexico.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2000

Walter Monroe Morton

Funeral services were held June 27, 2000 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Walter Monroe Morton, who passed away on June 22, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Walter was born Aug. 16, 1918 in Ecorville, Mississippi. He moved to the Kern Valley in

1927 after retiring from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. He was a member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church where he taught Sunday School for many years. He enjoyed fishing, playing dominoes and having his friends around. He was very active in the building of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. He was a simple man who loved the Lord and will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Chrystal of Lake Isabella, daughter and son-in-law Deborah and Shane Castle of Boulder, Colo., daughter and son-in-law Sheri and John Casey of Brea, Calif., grand-daughter Sarah and husband Bill Downs, sister Eddie Farris of Gold Beach, Ore., niece Debbie Lowry, and nephews Cecil Morton and Gene and Vernon Farris.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Elton Ray Jordan

Elton Ray "Jack" Jordan, 78, entered eternal life on June 13, 2000 at his home in Bodfish.

Jack was born in Arkansas to his parents William and Gertrude Jordan on July 14, 1921. Jack, like so many others, gave three years to serve

his country in the U.S. Army. He moved to Bodfish in 1957 where he loved to fish and be in the outdoors. Jack spent seven years working at Kern River Valley Cemetery as an operator and groundsman for our citizens.

Jack had a special closeness to all the children that knew him. That became very clear when a book full of drawings and a large signed poster from the kids who knew him was given to make his long trip home.

Jack is survived by a son, Reynold Jordan of Pomerville, and two sisters, Madean Bosserman of Bodfish and Juanita West of Lake Isabella.

Many thanks from the family to all who attended the services, and special thanks to Vons employees and members of the Los Vaqueros riding club. Jack will be greatly missed and was loved by all who knew him.

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

DEATH NOTICES

• **Oliver William Kuck**, 51, of Wolford Heights, on June 29, 2000, in Lake Isabella. Services will be private. Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

• **Phyllis P. Palmer**, 81, of Bodfish, on June 26, 2000, in Bodfish. Services will be private. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

(This space provided as a service to mortuaries and funeral homes.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2000

Constantine John Grutza

A Mass was said June 28, 2000 at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Constantine John Grutza, who passed away June 23, 2000 in an auto accident.

He was born June 26, 1913 in New York City. Mr. Grutza was an antique dealer for many years in Los Angeles before retiring to the Kern Valley in 1984. He enjoyed painting and he enjoyed collecting antiques and other things.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2000



Leonard A. "Len" Dunagan

Memorial services were held for Len Dunagan on July 8, 2000 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights. Len was born on July 21, 1909 and left our family on July 4, 2000.

Len was born in Atoka, Okla. and was raised in Texas. After the death of his father when he was four years old, he helped support his mother and older sister by selling candy that his mother made.

After relocating to California in the early 1920s, he met and fell in love with Dorothy, his wife of 69 years. Looking for work, they traveled to and from Texas, each trip promised with a job. Settling finally in the Glendale area, he started working with a man named Bob Wian at a 20-seat counter making hamburgers. This was the start of Bob's Big Boy and he ended up as Executive Vice President. Len and his wife started coming to the Valley area camping with several other couples and eventually bought into a local motel. Liking the area so much, they ended up retiring here in the Kern River area.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Diana and husband Budd Fickel; son Brad and his wife Carol Dunagan; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He is loved very much and will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Beverly Ann Hudspeth

Beverly Ann Hudspeth was born on Aug. 9, 1938, in Colorado and died June 30, 2000 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield due to a brain aneurysm. Beverly was a resident of the Kern River Valley for about 11 years.

She is survived by her loving sons, Curt Hudspeth and Dean Hudspeth and their families. She is also survived by her parents, Raymond and Virgie Hafdell, and her brother Howard Hafdell and his family.

A memorial will be held in her honor on July 15, 2000, at 11 a.m. in Riverside Park in Kernville.

Mom will be greatly missed and cherished in all our hearts forever!

Oliver "Mike" Kuck

Oliver "Mike" Kuck died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning hours of June 22 at the age of 91. His death certificate reads "respiratory failure." His everlasting life certificate reads "joyful spirit."

He had a special spirit and mind destined not for the rare achievement measured by wealth and fame, but for the rarest achievement measured by joy and love. Family love was most dear to him. He was a loving and loyal husband of 57 years to his wife, Virginia. He was a loving and great father to his four children—daughters Beverly, Cheryl and Carole and son Fritz. And he was a loving and proud grandfather to Andrew, son of Fritz and his wife Ann. He will also be remembered as a good friend to the boating and fishing community of Lake Isabella.

Oliver Kuck walked a happy road and a good one, taking bumps along the way with a glad heart and sense of humor. To know him was to know much laughter and joyful play. He enjoyed the simple joys of life—a good meal, a good joke, a good song, a good day's work, a good conversation, and

a good night's sleep. He enjoyed just passing time.

With an outstretched hand for every friend and stranger he'd talk to anyone who'd listen to his stories and lend a hand to anyone in need. He never celebrated another man's bad luck. He never cursed his aging ways and never objected to living one more year. Yet, when his body gave out, he was ready to pass on. Until then, he never said that life wasn't worth the work. He never put on airs for anyone or took more credit than he was due. When his dreams came true and his prayers were answered, he made new dreams and was grateful.

He passed from this life content and at peace, in his final days, Oliver recovered the feel and memory of past decades with his wife, and together they embraced the love and comfort of present days with their children. When the angels welcomed him home, they surely must have given him a

place to stay and slumber, a friend to fish and hunt with, and dog to hold in his lap, a good song to tap his foot to, a few folks to laugh and joke around with, and a dish full of ice cream.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000



Maria Johnston

Memorial services were held for Maria Johnston on June 30, 2000 at Full Gospel Lighthouse in Wofford Heights.

Maria Johnston was born in San Diego Sept. 26, 1924 and passed away on June 28, 2000. She lived in the Kern Valley 24-1/2 years.

Maria enjoyed life very much. She and her husband, Rusty, spent many years in the ministry. She enjoyed teaching young people's classes and junior classes. She was a beautiful altar worker. She always said good things about everyone she met.

She left her loving husband (Rusty) Heyden L. Johnston; sons Carl King Jr., Russell Wayne Johnston (Tiny), and Randy Lee Johnston; daughters Nellie Marie Hudson and Brenda Pendleton; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and many, many church friends and friends from all over (East Coast to the West).

She is missed very much by her family and friends. She was laid to rest at La Vista Memorial Park, 3191 Orange St., National City, Calif. The Rev. Franklin Davis from the Full Gospel Lighthouse officiated the services.

"Now I Am Free"

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard Him call,

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh,
a kiss

Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

For I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savored much,

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

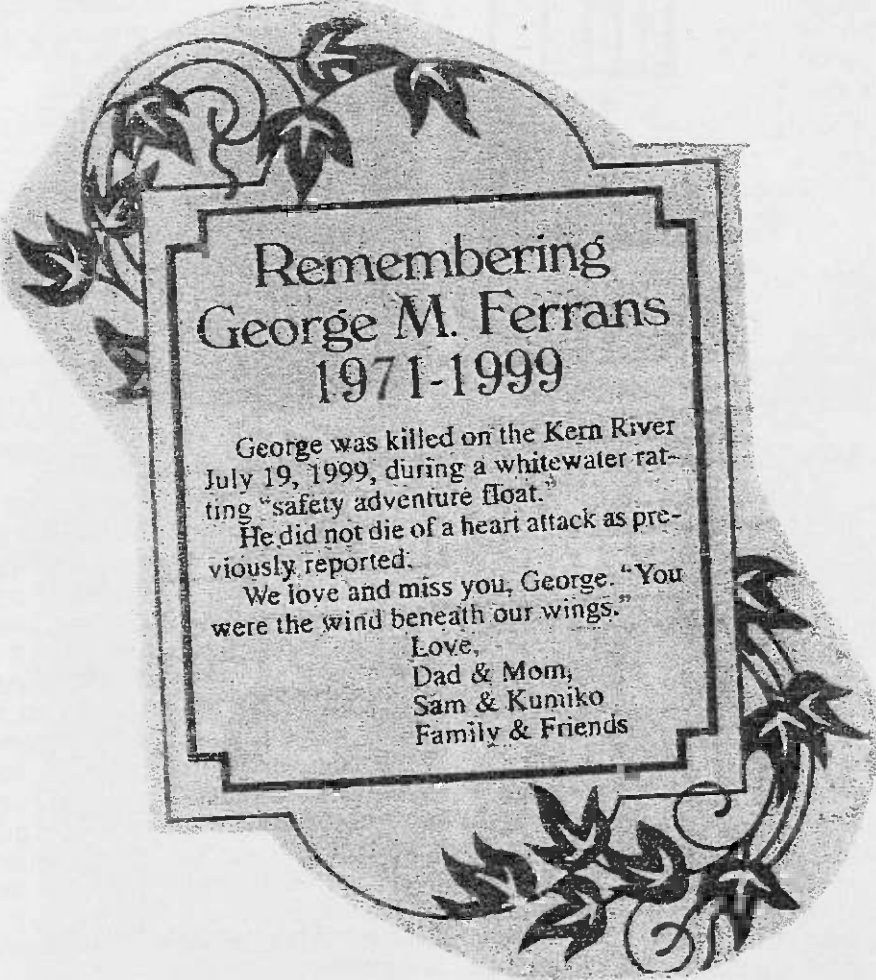
Perhaps my time seems all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me

The hope of us all, to be set free!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2000



Remembering
George M. Ferrans
1971-1999

George was killed on the Kern River
July 19, 1999, during a whitewater rat-
ting "safety adventure float."

He did not die of a heart attack as pre-
viously reported.

We love and miss you, George. "You
were the wind beneath our wings."

Love,
Dad & Mom,
Sam & Kumiko
Family & Friends



Cynthia L. Corlew

A memorial/Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m. July 28, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella for Cynthia (Cindy) Lynn Corlew. This celebration will be open to friends and relatives.

Cindy was born Sept. 25, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio to Richard and Betty Irwin. She spent her early years in Simi Valley and Santa Maria, Calif. and she lived and worked for many years in Cocoa Beach, Fla. At age 17 she applied for and was hired for a clerk's position in the medical records department at Cape Canaveral Hospital in Florida. Over the next two decades Cindy's career as an Accredited Medical Records Technician soared and led to positions as department head, with numerous employees in her charge at two of the three major hospitals in Santa Maria. She also operated her own transcription service for many years.

Cindy met her husband, J.C. Corlew, in 1972 when they both lived in Cocoa Beach. Cindy moved to California with her parents late that year and J.C. headed west the following spring. They were married in Santa Maria on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1978. They were blessed with their only child, Shawn Paul Corlew, on June 20, 1985.

Cindy and her husband were involved in efforts that eventually led to the closing down of one of the most dangerous toxic waste dumps in Central California.

Cindy battled kidney disease for a long period of time. She received an unusual and experimental kidney transplant involving two donated organs from a child donor... she called them "faith and hope." This transplant was performed at St. Jude Hospital in Los Angeles shortly after she and her family moved to the Lake Isabella area in 1988.

She was considered a medical miracle because of extraordinary circumstances that surrounded her kidney transplant. With the help of her esteemed nephrologist, Dr. Baer, in Bakersfield, eventually she was able to discontinue most anti-rejection medications and lived a relatively normal life for many years. Her most recent illness began about two years ago and was a result of a severe infection of her gall bladder and an aneurysm which was detected by her surgeon (not Dr. Baer) but was left untreated.

Cindy spent eleven agonizing months in the hospital, five of those in critical condition because of that episode. She "coded" several times, only to come back to tell her family about her extraordinary visits to the "other side." She inspired many people with her incredible will to live. After months at a convalescent facility she was allowed to return home in Oct. 1999. She was bedridden and suffered much during that period and she was comforted and cared for by her husband and son. Cindy was only 49 years old.

Cindy passed on peacefully in her sleep at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Her beloved parents, who both passed away in recent years, preceded her in death. Ironically, her day of passing, on July 20, would have been her father's 74th birthday. They were very close and one cannot help but wonder at the timing. She is reunited with her parents now.

Cindy was a devoted mother and loving wife. She was dedicated to her family like few in this world are. She was a kind, spiritual and compassionate person who touched the lives of virtu-

ally everyone who ever had the honor to meet her. That compassion and concern for others was evident until the very end. As her husband was feeding her what was to be her last meal, she stopped him. With a look of concern, she asked the nurse (who had just entered the room), "aren't you going to have something to eat too?" That was typical of Cindy, always worried about others even in the most challenging moments of her own life.

Cindy will be missed dearly by those she leaves behind. She was a beacon of light and an inspiration to many and a fighter until the very end. She is survived by her husband and best friend of 22 years, J.C. Corlew, and her cherished son, Shawn, as well as her brother (and his family) Ron Irwin and numerous friends and distant relatives.

In accord with her wishes, the family will host a celebration of her life at Valley Mortuary, 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, at 1 p.m. on July 28, 2000. It will be followed by a brief interment ceremony at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. For those who wish to do so, a donation in Cindy's name may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or to the Heart House at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. Flowers, while welcome, are not expected.

Cindy was an extraordinary person, a spiritual and loving believer in the One Power that is *all-that-is*. Though she departed this earthly plane, we know from her previous descriptions that she lives on, free of pain and suffering, in an environment of love and non-judgmental acceptance. We also know that she is in a better place, comforted by her departed loved ones and surrounded by the angels she so adored. The sweetness of her soul will comfort her friends and loved ones as it nourishes us all with her loving memory. May she rest in peace.

Zelda Louise Merrell

Graveside services were held July 24, 2000 at Hillcrest

Memorial Park in Bakersfield for Zelda Louise Merrell, who passed away July 19, 2000 at her home in Bodfish.

Zelda and her husband of 56 years, Hubert, who preceded her in death in 1984, moved to the Kern Valley 28 years ago. Both were very active members of the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella, and then later, the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Zelda taught Sunday School for several years.

Zelda was born in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 17, 1909 and went to join her husband with the Lord on July 19, 2000, at the age of 91.

She is survived by her son, William (Bill) Merrell and his wife, Jeanne, of Bodfish; grandson Tom Holcomb and his wife Tammy, of Bodfish; grandson Steve Ruley of Henderson, Nev.; grandson Richard Ruley of Northern California; granddaughter Kelly Holcomb and fiance Bryan Folstad of Lake Isabella; Kim Aguilar and her husband Joe of Canoga Park; and granddaughter Linda Kaman and husband Doug of Clyde, Ohio. Zelda also had 13 great-grandchildren— Michael, Steven, David, Nick, Aaron, William Thomas, Lori Ann, Elizabeth, Jessica, Kelsey, Debbie, Cassidy and Holly. She also had one great-great-granddaughter, Karlie Ann.

Zelda was a wonderful lady who cared about everyone, including her special friends and home health caregivers Maxine Coughran and Charmaine McFarlane, who loved and cared for her like family at her home for the past six years. Thanks so much, ladies.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. And we as family feel blessed that part of those 91 years were shared with us.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Robert Anthony Seberger

Services were held for Robert Anthony Seberger, 70, who passed away July 15, 2000 in Lake Isabella. Robert worked for China Lake Naval Weapons Center for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Seberger, of Weldon, sons Steven and Mark Newman; daughters Kathleen Dichirico and Patricia Fuman; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements by Greenlawr Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Frank Charles Bardoel

Frank Bardoel was born to Memi and Emma Bardoel, who came to this country from Belgium. Frank was born in Sept. 27, 1917 in Moline, Ill. Frank entered eternal rest in Bakersfield on July 17, 2000, at 82 years of age. His family was at his side. He lived a full and rewarding life being married to his wife Joyce for 55 years.

Frank served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, holding the rank of First Sergeant; he was an avid fisherman and golfer and a member of the Kern Valley Golf Club for many years. He was also a masterful storyteller who could entertain an audience for hours.

Frank is survived by his wife Jayne Bardoel, of Bodfish; son Roger Bardoel of Panama City, Fla.; daughter Michele Berg of Moorpark; granddaughter Stephanie Bardoel; and a great-granddaughter, Alexis Bell.

Preceding him in death were his sisters, Loraine Aitken and Adrienne Kozikowski, both of Moline, Ill.

Frank will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2000

Lonnie Maxwell

Born in Jefferson, Texas, Aug. 25, 1921, Lonnie Maxwell passed away July 18, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Lonnie served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1952. He lived in Oklahoma most of his life. He also lived in Minnesota for several years, where he ran a dairy farm. He moved to Lake Isabella in November 1999 to be closer to his children. Lonnie loved to buy and sell antiques. He spent the last ten years running a booth at a swap meet in Edmond, Okla. He also sold "Maxwell Minnesota Honey." He was called "The Honey Man."

He is survived by his sister, Odie Oneal of Edmond, Okla.; daughters Carrie Pedroza, Teresa Williams and Tawanna Cecil of Lake Isabella; sons Virgil Maxwell of Oregon, Craig Maxwell and his wife Sheila of Lake Isabella and stepson Keith Peterson of Tulsa, Okla.; sons-in-law Keith Williams and Mike Cecil; and many grandchildren, family and loved ones. He will be greatly missed by all.

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

Leah Mary Ashworth

Leah Mary Ashworth, 81, died July 13, 2000, at her home in Weldon.

She was born October 8, 1918, to John and Josephine Middendorf in Covington, Ky. She married Jack Ashworth in 1969. Jack died Nov. 11, 1997.

Leah is survived by two sons, Michael Patrick Filben (and his wife Diane) and Tom Filben; and two stepdaughters, Carolyn Correa (and her husband John) and Marcia Gann (and her husband Robert). Leah also leaves behind seven grandchildren, whom she adored.

Leah especially loved camping with her husband and their friends throughout the southwestern United States. Leah was active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society and the Grandmothers Club.

Rosary Mass was said July 21, 2000 at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights, followed by graveside dedication at Kern Valley Cemetery, Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2000

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Frank will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Martha Ann McDaniel

Memorial services were held on July 26, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Martha Ann McDaniel. Pastor Eric Malamma officiated. She passed away on July 21, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Martha was born on July 28, 1939 in Los Angeles. On Dec. 17, 1960 she married Luther and they had 40 wonderful years together. Martha moved here in 1996 from Gardena to be closer to her family.

Martha is survived by her husband, Luther, of Weldon; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Cynthia McDaniel of Mountain Mesa; brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Ruth Von Zell of Yucca Valley; sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Earl Herndon of Southern California; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Clarence and Shirley McDaniel of Vacaville; brother-in-law, Dale Bristler of Turlock; and several nieces and nephews, along with all her church family at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ralph Earl Horton

Services were held for Ralph Earl Horton, 79, who passed away on July 21, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Ralph was born on Dec. 16, 1920 in Missouri. He was in the military and served his country honorably. He retired from Rockwell International after a career as an engineer. He lived in Kern County for 17 years.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Lucille; two daughters, Linda Mattson and Sandy Gude; three great-grandchildren, Shari, Wendy and Angela; and two great-great-grandchildren, Matthew and Cameron.

Arrangements by Kern River Family Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Steven Kyle Tumej

A memorial service will be held today, Aug. 2, 2000 at 11 a.m. at Highland Chapel Methodist Church for Steven Kyle Tumej, 14, who passed away July 27, 2000.

Kyle was born June 11, 1986 in Artesia, N.M. He was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Carol Tumej; his father, Walter Tumej; brother, Dwayne Tumej; half-brothers, Walter and Bobby Tumej; step-sister, Anna Maria Johnston; step-brother, Vergie Wayne Sandy; grandmother, Florence Standard; many other relatives in Texas; and all his friends in the Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

FUNERALS

Arthur "Jerry" Swift, 63, of Squirrel Valley. Service at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2000



Hal J. ("Happy") Close

Memorial services were held for Hal Close on Aug. 15, 2000 at the Kern River Valley S.D.A. Church in Lake Isabella.

Hap was born on Nov. 21, 1905 in New Ulm, Minn. At the age of 94, Hap passed away after a brief illness on Aug. 11, 2000.

As a young child, his family homesteaded near Walsenburg, Colo., and as a teenager he worked for one of the largest sheep ranches in the area. He helped build the Moffet Tunnel in Colorado, and at the age of 20, he boarded a train in Denver and headed to California.

He arrived in the Sacramento Valley and obtained work in Sutter County. There he met the woman who would become his wife. Four years later, in 1936, Claire Seufert would become Mrs. Hal Jay Close. They packed up their few belongings and drove to Los Angeles, where they stayed with his brother Hollis, until Hap could find work. He worked as a butcher, on the slaughter floor, for Swift Meat Packing in Los Angeles. But his fondest dream would be realized when he obtained a

job as Locomotive Fireman for the Southern Pacific Railroad. In the steam engine era, men worked 16 hour days in tremendous heat. There were no computers in those days, and men had to use their brains and brawn.

In 1943, Hap and Clare purchased property in Havilah. It had an old miner's cabin on the property, which they used as a mountain vacation home. He hunted and fished the area, hiked and thoroughly enjoyed this mountain retreat. He became a friend with many of the old time gold miners of the area, who related their real life experiences to him. He, in turn, has passed on those California gold mining stories.

In the early '60s he and his family built a permanent residence on the Havilah property. He was promoted to Locomotive Engineer and became the senior engineer on the San Joaquin division before his retirement in 1972.

After retiring, Hap and Clare made Havilah their permanent home. Hap made many friends through the years in the area, and later became honorary mayor of the Havilah Township. During his retirement years, he volunteered in the community, and as a deacon of the S.D.A. church in Lake Isabella. He served as Chaplain for the Kern Valley Hospital. He was a loving husband and father.

His wife of 64 years, Clare, and his daughters, Barbara, Halie, Carol and son Jay, and 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren survive him. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

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

Thomas Lloyd Johnson

Thomas Lloyd Johnson, 81, of Kernville, passed away on Aug. 13, 2000.

Tom Johnson was a man of wisdom, integrity and compassion.

Tom was born June 28, 1920 in Lincoln, Neb. He was a long-time resident of the Kern River Valley. He was employed by Ewing's on the Kern and later retired from the Kern Valley Golf Course. Along with his love for golf he was an active member of the Elks Lodge and an Exalted Ruler.

Tom is survived by his daughters, Sandy Price of Ventura and Carol Zscherning of Ventura; and sons Brett Johnson of Bakersfield and Thomas Johnson Jr. of Anniston, Ala. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren Shannon Cruz, Jason Zscherning, Erin Zscherning, great-grandchild Kyle Zscherning; and his best friend, Birdy.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Aug. 26 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

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Ruth Arlene Ginter

The heartbroken family of this beautiful and wonderful lady sends with her their love on the glorious journey she has undertaken: son Don (wife: Dee) Ginter of Chino Hills; daughter Mary Ann Hackett of Lake Isabella; grandson Greg (wife: Marypat) Hackett of San Diego; grandson Jeff (wife: Bonnie) Ginter of Downey; grandson Sean (wife: Patricia) Hackett of Grant's Pass, Ore.; granddaughter Tracy Ginter (significant other: Mike Callahan) of Bellflower; an extended family granddaughter Valerie (husband Robert, son Brandon) Kovach; great-grandsons Cory Hackett of San Diego, Jared Ginter of Downey, Jeremy Erce of Lakewood and Isaac Hackett (and sibling due in March) of Grant's Pass; sister Marian Hildreth of Parker, Ind.; brothers-in-law Noel (wife: Jessie) Foreman of Greentown, Ind. and Charles (wife: Katie) Foreman of Hawaii; and a host of relatives and friends. "Fly slowly, Angel, for it's so hard to let you go." A Remembrance Gathering was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella on Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. Celebrants were invited to Ruth's daughter's home following the services.

Ruth passed into God's arms on Aug. 14, 2000 after a hard-fought battle with metastasized breast cancer. She walked a happy but bumpy road (especially the last five years) with a glad heart and a sense of humor even after being diagnosed with her terminal illness. Following open-heart surgery in 1995, Ruth suffered breast cancer in 1997. The breast cancer was found to have metastasized to her bones and vital organs, after she fractured her pelvis in September, 1999 while bowling. She was a fighter and she battled it all with everything she had. When her body became wracked with pain and she could no longer function, she was ready to go home. We know God must have welcomed her home at the Peary Gates with video poker games, slot machines, prearranged Bingo games, a bowling alley and a lake filled with big fish. These were her favorite pastimes along with traveling and gambling.

Born at Fawn River Township in St. Joseph County, Mich. on Jan. 9, 1921, to Earl and Jesse (Kauffman) Hobbs. Ruth married Lee Donald Ginter on May 16, 1942 in Redkey, Ind. where they made their home until moving to Bell, Calif. in 1957. While living in Indiana, Ruth worked at Ball Glass in Dunkirk, Ind. and following their move to California, she worked at Maywood Glass in Maywood.

Ruth moved to Lake Isabella in April 1966 and she and Lee bought the Palace Ranch trailer park in June 1966. She was active in the Lake Isabella Homeowner's Association, serving as Secretary for a time. They square danced and made many lifelong friends in the Dam Dancers. They sold the trailer park in 1975 and moved across the road where Ruth lived out her days. Following the death of Lee in 1984, Ruth became active with the Seniors Bowling League at Mt. Mesa Lanes, played Bingo on Wednesdays at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella as well as the South Fork Woman's Club in Onyx, traveled and especially loved trips to Laughlin and Yerington, Nev. and Eagle Mountain Casino near Porterville (we went there one last time three weeks before she passed on) and volunteered at the Senior Center. She was a very loving, strong, spirited and caring woman—she always took care of others and did for others, never asking for anything in return. Ruth was such an inspiration but we know she is in a better place, comforted by other departed loved ones and surrounded by the Angels who were with her and watched over her while she was on this earth but especially during her open heart surgery.

Ruth is preceded in death by her brothers, Donald Lee Hobbs, Paul Leroy Earl Hobbs and Gerald Raymond Hobbs; and sisters Frances Marcelle Hobbs Conger, Betty Hobbs Murrell and Greta Lucile Hobbs Hart.

Ruth never did put on airs or take credit for the many wonderful giving things she did throughout her life. Her favorite saying was, "We're just plain simple country folks."

Lake Isabella Funeral Home handled the memorial service arrangements.



WELDON LEE SHARR

Weldon Sharr passed away peacefully in his sleep August 25, 2000 with his family and friends by his side. A graveside service will be held Aug. 31, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating will be Richard Grove and the VFW Post No. 7665. He is survived by his son, Weldon T. Sharr and his wife, Laurie.

He is survived by five sisters: Lona Vurnit, Mary Birkenholz, Bonnie Fleming, Corda Lambiey and Becky Allard; and numerous nieces and nephews who all live in the Midwest. His wife, Betty Thompson, preceded him in death in July 1985.

Weldon was a staff sergeant in WWII in the United States Army, where he served five years in the Pacific Theater in charge of a 155mm artillery piece. He lived in the Kern Valley since the 1930s and worked as a cowboy and rancher most of that time. He spent most of his waking hours on horseback and taking care

of his family. He loved the outdoors and he loved being a cowboy. His neighbors all knew him as a loving, caring man, who never said no to someone in need. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

FRANK KARL

BIEDERMAN

Frank Karl Biederman, 90, of Port Austin, Mich., died Aug. 6, 2000 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon, Mich.

He was born on Feb. 3, 1910 in Watertown, N.Y., the son of the late Herman and Mary (Jackarth) Biederman.

Mr. Biederman was a member of the Kern Valley Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team in California, and the Isabella Moose Lodge. He was also an avid ballroom dancer, liked to fish and hunt, and enjoyed all sports.

He is survived by one son, Wayne Biederman of Port Austin; five grandchildren, Karen Caiozzo, John Biederman, Lori Antonelli, Cheryl Chaben and Bridget Soldan; eight great-grandchildren, Steven, Nicholas, Dallas, Vinnie, David, Alex, Emily and Andrew; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Biederman; two nephews, Robert Hoherd and Kenneth Biederman; and a niece, Carol Hanson.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie; one son, Gary Biederman; one brother, John Biederman; and four sisters, Sally, Bertha, Peggy and Kitty.

Funeral services were Aug. 8, 2000 at 1 p.m. at the

Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde, Mich. Officiating was Rev. Robert Garrett. Burial took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wolford Heights on Aug. 14, next to his beloved wife, Nellie.

JEWELL SCHWARTZ

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Sept. 9, 2000, at the Weldon United Methodist Church for Jewell Schwartz.

Jewell was born May 7, 1928 in Barbourville, Ky. Trained as a seamstress as a teen, this talent became her vocation as well as a gift she shared until her eyesight failed in recent years.

A WWII widow with infant twins, she married and another son was born. One twin died of cancer as a toddler. After moving to Michigan and divorcing, Jewell met and married Harold Schwartz, creating a blended family with eight children. They moved their family to California where she worked in the garment industry. They enjoyed fishing trips to Catalina Island on their cabin cruiser.

After enduring experimental cancer therapy, her health forced her into medical retirement. They moved to Weldon in the early '70s, bringing Jewell's semi-invalid aunt with them, providing loving care in her last years. She loved gardening and canning, sewing, crafts and hobbies, and spending time with family and friends.

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Jewell is survived by her husband of 40 years, Harold Schwartz, son Jack Bright and his family, daughter-in-law Patricia Lawson and family, step-children Lee, David, Dennis and Catherine Schwartz, and Sally Smith and families, and a brother, Roy.

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Robert Andrew Nelson

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville Methodist Church in Kernville. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter.

Mr. Nelson was born June 14, 1932 in Wilton, North Dakota and went to be with the Lord on Sept. 1, 2000. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 23 years. He retired from China Lake Naval Weapons Center after 15 years.

In his younger years he flew with the Flying Tigers and also flew fire retardant bombers. He

served in the Navy during the Korean War.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He was very active in the Exchange Club and was known as Colonel Bob. He was the area King of the TOPS club. He enjoyed fellowship with his friends at the Kernville Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Marlene; son and daughter-in-law Mike and Teri Nelson; sons Jeff and Wes Nelson; daughter Kelly Roberts; five grandchildren; brother Will Nelson; and sister Jean Fort.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kernville United Methodist Church for the Walk of Emmaus.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Diane Martin Drake

Diane Martin Drake passed away in August 2000 at the age of 49.

She is survived by her husband, Richard E. Drake of Lake Isabella; mother Terry Fuller of Hornbrook, Calif.; daughter Latanya Payton of Fairfield, Calif.; and grandchildren Latanya Donaldson, Maurice Bass and Jessica Mims, all of Fairfield.

Don't think of her as gone away, her journey's just begun.

Life holds so many facets,
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears.

In a place of warmth and
comfort where there are no
days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today.

How nothing, but our sadness
could really pass away.

And think of her as living in
the hearts of those she touched.

For nothing is ever lost, and
she was loved so very much.

James Harper

James W.C. "Jamie" Harper, 26, late of Chico, Calif., met his untimely death in a drowning accident at Oroville Lake on Aug. 26, 2000.

Friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Sept. 16th at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Wofford Heights.

Jamie attended Woodrow Wallace Elementary School. While attending Barstow College he played baseball. He completed his education at Chico State University where he was a member of the 1997 Chico State NCAA Division II Baseball Championship team.

Jamie will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends and acquaintances.

Jamie is survived by his parents, Frank Villani Harper of San Francisco, Barbara Perham and husband Richard of Lake Isabella, sister Michelle Villani Harper, brother Frank Harper Jr., his wife Kimberly and their children, Kenny, Conagher and Francesca; half-brother Richard Harper and children Bonnie and Melinda; half-sister Laurie Harper Oswald, husband Dale and their children Jeffrey, Scottie, Bradley, Ashley and Corey. Jamie was preceded in death by his sister Lisa Harper Vaughn.

Memorial donations can be made to the James "Jamie" Harper Memorial Fund, Bank of America, Lake Isabella.

Vivian R. Shaub

A memorial service will be held September 13, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Vivian R. Shaub.

Mrs. Shaub was born Dec. 19, 1909 in Grant, Neb., and passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years. She enjoyed doing crafts and crocheting.

Vivian is survived by her husband of 68 years, Anton; daughter and son-in-law Betty and Charles Chambers of Weldon; son Jerry Shaub of Lake Isabella; daughter Toni Denny of Moorpark; 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and her Kimmie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000



Kathleen "Katie" Jacobs

Kathleen "Katie" Jacobs, wife of Earl Jacobs, passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 in their home at the HiHo Mobile Home Park in Kernville.

Katie had been suffering from the early signs of dementia, which were intensified when she had a major stroke on March 8.

She spent two months in a nursing home in Bakersfield and was then brought home for in-house care. She was doing fairly well until she suffered two minor TIAs (mini-strokes), which ultimately ended her life.

Katie is survived by Earl, her husband of 54 years; two brothers, Herb and Lewis Howard; and her nieces, Georgia Sprick, Janet Vining, Susan Cole, and a nephew, Chris Howard.

Katie was born on July 7, 1916 in Winona, Miss. She came to California with her parents in the early 1940s and they settled in Glendale. Katie was the head hostess at the Van De Kamp's restaurant on the corner of Los Feliz and San Fernando Road in Glendale for five years. She and Earl married on May 31, 1947.

Katie was a quiet, loving, caring woman who spent much of her life doing for others. When she made a friend, it was for life. She was loved by many and will be sorely missed.

A memorial service will be held to honor Katie's life on Sept. 27, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Kernville. Pastor Dick Lewis and longtime friend Shirley Beamaj will conduct the service.

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

Juanita Coones

Graveside services were held on Sept. 15 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Juanita Coones. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Coones was born Nov. 11, 1919 in Oklahoma City, Okla. and passed away on Sept. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She enjoyed crocheting and making dolls and other things for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in 1980. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Paul and Dorothy Coones of Washington; daughter Paulette and Earnie Richardson of San Leandro; daughter and son-in-law Janet and Ronald Padgett of Littleton, Colo.; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Nancy Coones of Salt Lake City; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary.



Raymond Clarence Leighton Jr.

Raymond Clarence Leighton Jr. was born to Raymond Sr. and Helena Leighton on May 5, 1935 in East Port, Maine. Between the Air Force and the Marines, Raymond spent 24 years serving his country. He retired in 1976.

He was an active member of the Elks and the Kern Valley Golf Club. Raymond's greatest love was for his wife, Fern, and his family. His love for golf and fishing made him tell many stories and it became a toss-up as to which stories were the best. Another hobby he had was that of woodworking, which he really enjoyed.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Fern, of Lake Isabella; sons, Michael Palmer of Rome, N.Y., daughters Debi Schrader of Salina, Kan., Hope Wilkins of Chesapeake, Va., and Darla Sanderson of Red Bluff, Ca.; brothers Robert Leighton of Warren, Ohio and Dale Leighton of Waldoboro, Maine; sisters Virginia Ritchie of Perry, Maine and Janet Kinnard of Lake Isabella; 10 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Lenore O. Zeigler

Lenore Zeigler was born on Apr. 22, 1922, in the town of Dillonvale, Ohio. Her parents, Alphonse and Marie, were both from Belgium.

Lenore was married to Wesley Earl Zeigler for 25 years. She spent her working years at Douglas Aircraft for over 14 years.

Lenore and family moved to the Kern Valley more than 21 years ago. She entered eternal life on Sept. 13, 2000 at her home in Weldon at the age of 78.

She will be missed by her family and friends.

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

Walter J. Stiles

Private family services have taken place for Walter J. Stiles, a 30-year resident of Wofford Heights. Mr. Stiles was born June 29, 1925 in Indiana and entered into eternal rest Sept. 13, 2000 while traveling through Inyo County at the Coso Junction rest area.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Stiles of Wofford Heights; sons Larry Stiles of Victorville and Randy Stiles of Kearns, Utah; five grandchildren and a brother, Kenneth Stiles, of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mr. Stiles was preceded in death by his son, Philip Stiles.

Cremation was under the direction of Owens Valley Mortuary of Lone Pine. Inurnment will take place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Jerry Ray McNeal

Jerry Ray McNeal, beloved father of Jill and Danny McNeal, passed away in Cypress in the Los Angeles area.

Jerry was the brother of Sherry Moore, who predeceased him, and Michael and Clyde Dennis McKelvie.

Memorial visitation was Sept. 15 at Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cypress. Memorial service was on Sept. 16 at the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress.

Arrangements by Forest Lawn Memorial Parks and Mortuaries.

Vivian R. Schaub

A memorial service will be held September 13, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Vivian R. Schaub.

Mrs. Schaub was born Dec. 19, 1909 in Grant, Neb., and passed away on Sept. 6, 2000 at her home in Wofford Heights after a long illness. She was a resident of the Kern Valley for nine years. She enjoyed doing crafts and crocheting.

Vivian is survived by her husband of 68 years, Anton; daughter and son-in-law Betty and Charles Chambers of Weldon; son Jerry Schaub, of Lake Isabella; daughter Toni Denny of Moorpark; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and her Kimmie.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ann Bell Dunham

Graveside services were held Sept. 26, 2000 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Ann Bell Dunham, who went to be with her Lord on Sept. 20 after a long illness. Her grandson, Pastor Steven R. Smedley of the Trinity Life Chapel in Bakersfield, officiated at her service.

Mrs. Dunham was born on July 8, 1917 in Gore, Okla. and spent many years in the Los Angeles area where she worked in the printing business before retiring. She then moved to the Kern River Valley where she lived for 38 years.

She loved to fish and garden and sew. She and her husband Robert were members of the Moose before their illnesses kept them from going.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in Feb. 1998. She is survived by her son James Porter of Fort Worth, Texas; her daughter Shirley Pace of Bodfish; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Jerry "Who" McNeal

Jerry McNeal passed away on Sept. 11, 2000 in Canoga Park of cancer.

Jerry was born in Rock Island, Ill. on Nov. 25, 1935. He was married to Betty McNeal, a longtime resident of Wofford Heights, and then he moved to Wofford Heights in 1980.

Jerry was the brother of Sherry Moore, who predeceased him. He leaves a daughter, Jill McNeal; son Danny McNeal; stepdaughter Tawnya Marcum Trunnell; two stepsons, Michael Maggard and Rick Maggard; four step-grandchildren, and two brothers, Michael and Dennis McKelvie.

Memorial services were Sept. 16 at the Church of Our Fathers, Forest Lawn, Cypress, Calif.

He is loved and will be missed.

Robert William Wilson

Robert William Wilson of Bodfish, 78, passed away Sept. 20, 2000 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa. Robert was 78 years old and is survived by his loving wife, Betty, sons Robert Jr. and Roger, and grandson Scott.

Robert was born in Georgia and moved to Ohio where he met and married Betty. Within six months, he was a soldier fighting for his country in WWII. Robert was not to see Betty for four long years as he fought in Europe, being awarded the silver and bronze medals for gallantry in action, and the Purple Heart for being wounded twice in action.

A war's end, Robert returned for his Betty and his calling of raising and supporting a family. A quiet, good and strong man, he will be missed.

The family wishes to thank all of the kind and caring professionals at Kern Valley Hospital and Skilled Nursing Facility, who cared for Robert in his last days and also for the support and love of friends Joseph and Norma DeSues.

Robert will be interred at the San Joaquin Valley Veterans Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Arrangements made by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Clomer Vida Woosley

Clomer Vida Woosley passed away on Sept. 16, 2000.

She was born on May 13, 1909 in England, Ark., to her parents, Clyde Vernon Griffin and Almedia Beard-Griffin. During WWII, Clomer proudly served her country in the private sector. Working for Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach as a welder, she earned herself a somewhat singular distinction as one of America's "Rosie the Riveters" of that era. She continued to work at Douglas Aircraft throughout WWII and through the Korean Conflict. After 17 years of service, Clomer retired, eventually retiring, eventually moving on to the Kern River Valley area and settling down in Kernville.

Once here, she began focusing on the truly important parts of her life, her family and her puppy dogs. Clomer received great joy from spending time and developing bonds with her family and especially her grandchildren. She also had tremendous love for her puppy dogs she raised throughout the years. Her active involvement with her family and friends kept her healthy throughout the years, seldom becoming ill or needing medical attention. But, as all things do, her life-long good health came to an end. Clomer fell ill and passed away.

Graveside services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park and Mortuary in Whittier on Sept. 22. She will be missed by all that knew and loved her.

Clomer Vida Woosley is survived by her daughter, in-law Marie Lyons of River Kern; niece Frances (Betsy) Fulton of Falls Church, Va.; nephew Cleve Griffin; grandson Tag Lyons and his wife Robin of Greenhorn Mountain; great-grandchildren Amie, Ashlie, Jake, Jess and Abie of Greenhorn Mountain; and several other members of her family and friends.

Clomer was preceded in death by stepson Clifford D. Lyons in 1996.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake

Jeanne Mildred Bruckman

Jeanne Mildred Bruckman passed away on Sept. 20, 2000 and went home to be with her maker.

Jeanne entered life on Oct. 8, 1926 in the township of Ashtabula, Ohio. Born to her parents Clarence and Lee, Jeanne was raised with strong Midwest values and an unwavering faith in family that she would soon pass on to her own family.

Jeanne remained in Ashtabula until 1955. She then moved to Los Angeles, retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1985. During her years, Jeanne worked in several different and diverse fields such as interior decoration and direct sales. But for a good portion of her career, she found herself heading up sales of the phone book's yellow pages.

Throughout the years, Jeanne raised a wonderful family, traveled to Germany twice, and made many friends. In retirement, she still couldn't settle down, so she went back to work as a volunteer for the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary. In her spare time, she loved to spoil her grandchildren and all of her family's pets. More than anything, Jeanne loved spending time with her family. But as full of life through the years as she was, Jeanne fell ill.

Memorial services were held on Sept. 23 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Many family and friends attended. Jeanne will be missed by all, but will not be forgotten.

Jeanne is survived by two daughters, Carolyn Chase of Little Rock, Calif. and Charon Ritter of Lake Isabella; two sons-in-law, Steve Chase of Little Rock and Bruce Ritter of Lake Isabella; five grandchildren, Julie Ritter, Robin Wyatt, Kathy Ritter, David Chase and James Chase; and 11 great-grandchildren. We love you Mom.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

Robert Leroy Nelson

Memorial services for Robert Leroy Nelson were held on Sept. 23 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Robert passed away on Sept. 19, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1927 in Pasadena. His parents, Ray and Veronica Nelson, encouraged him to trace the outdoors. Early in life, Robert's love of boating, fishing and the outdoors grew. He always enjoyed being outside, which even included his job as a builder in the construction field for over 50 years.

During his years here with us, Robert raised his family and was a loving father and grandfather. Soon, he took on a new hobby of building things around the house with brick and stone. He loved working with his hands all his life. Robert passed his interests on to his family along with all of his love for them. We will feel the loss of our dad for a long, long time, but we will never forget him. We love you Dad.

Robert is survived by three sons, Michael, John and Chuck; five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother Jim Nelson; five sisters, Mary, Dot, Betty, Peggy and Nancy; and his fiancée Edna.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2000

Patricia Joyce Humphrey-Smith

A memorial service was held Sept. 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge for Patricia Joyce Humphrey-Smith. Officiating was Pastor John Carpenter.

Patricia was born on Dec. 28, 1934 in Los Angeles and passed away on Sept. 22, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary, the Moose Lodge, the Eagles Lodge and was the captain of the Eagles Drill Team. She enjoyed crocheting dolls and all kinds of crafts. She loved family gatherings and enjoyed decorating for the holidays. Her best friend was her mother Rose. They were inseparable.

She is survived by her husband, Jesse Smith of Weldon; her mother, Rose Huff and husband Jim of Wofford Heights; daughters Debra Jackson and Anthony of La Pine, Ore., and Vickie Ludwig of Bend, Ore.; sons Frank McBride and wife Peggy of Lake Isabella, and Bond Hanson and wife Sheri of Cincinnati; stepson Robert Humphrey of Bakersfield; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Brett Halsey of Toronto, Gordon Hand of Weldon and Doug Hand of Laguna Beach.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ernest Eldon Sorrick

Private arrangements were made for Ernest Eldon Sorrick who passed away Sept. 28, 2000 in Panorama City.

Ernest was born on March 16, 1922, in San Pedro. He was a roofer for 20 years in California before retiring to the Kern River Valley in 1975. He enjoyed doing upholstery work and was greatly loved by his family.

He is survived by his daughters Sandra Feldman of Weldon, Janice Bennett of San Marcos, Shirley Floody of Florida, Jeanie Henry of Oregon, and Barbara Ruffner of Colorado; son Mike Currie of New Jersey; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Norma Jane Dyess

Norma Jane Dyess, 86, passed away Sept. 28, 2000, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

She was born in Corning, Ark. on Aug. 9, 1914. Mrs. Dyess spent most of her life as a homemaker and was an ardent member of the craft community. She was an expert seamstress, knitter, crocheter and made beautiful ceramics.

She is survived by her children, William L. Morris, Jr., deceased, and Ronald E. Morris, of Bodfish, and his wife, Janet; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Her husband of 39 years, J.T. Dyess, predeceased her.

During her four-year tenure in California, she resided at the Burlington, the Burlando and finally the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital. We would like to thank all the wonderful people at these facilities for the great care and love they showed for Mom in her final days.

Norma was much loved and will be missed by her family and all who loved her.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. Services were held Oct. 4, 2000 at Rose Hills Cemetery in Clarene, Texas.

Marilyn Mae Knoth

Marilyn Mae (Foster) Knoth was born Jan. 25, 1931 in Normal, Ill. She passed away at her home in Lake Isabella on Sept. 26, 2000 after a brief but courageous bout with cancer.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Knoth and two sons, Michael and Gary. She is survived by her daughter Laura Martin and her fiancée, Troy Nelson; son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Jan Lehman; nine grandchildren, Kenneth Farley Jr., Amanda Martin, Anthony Lehman II, Michael R. Lehman, Cody Lehman, Angela Lehman, Melissa Lehman, Drew Lehman, and Michael A. Lehman, and two great-grandchildren, Kenneth Farley III and Devin Stamback. Marilyn retired from Pay Less Drug where she had been an assistant manager. Marilyn was very active for many years in the VFW Auxiliary and was serving her second term as President. She also enjoyed ceramics and delighted many friends and family with treasures she had made. Marilyn enjoyed life and loved bringing joy to all those she knew. She will be missed in the physical sense, but not in our hearts. She touched so many hearts and we all carry a little piece of our love with us. A memorial service to honor her life will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. at the VFW Post No. 7665 on Nugget Ave. in Lake Isabella.

A prayer was sent via e-mail for Marilyn just before her spirit departed from earth to travel to heaven. It means a lot to us and we would like to share it with you, her family and friends.

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strength Lord, that I might not fear. I know, dear God, that when I leave I do not die, that when I die I shall continue to live in Your arms, in Your mind, and Your spirit forever. And yet, dear Lord, my heart beats wildly. I am so scared. My heart breaks to be leaving those I love, my friends, my children, my loves. And yet I know I shall not be leaving. Heal my heart that I might know this. Heal theirs also that they might know we are bound together forever, through Your power, which is greater than the power of death. For the arms of God are the arms of life. Dear God, I surrender my body to You. If it serves Your purposes, then I may live. But if the arc of destiny calls me home, then let me die in peace, dear God, send the Angel of Death when it is my time. Let me feel the Angel's tenderness as I exit this world and enter the next. Let me go from dark to light, let me feel the love of God. Please comfort me and those I love. Now while I wait, now while I face my fears and my pain, let me see the fruit and know Your peace. May my family and friends now feel the same. For we shall not be torn asunder. Our love is larger than death. Our bond is eternal. Your life is with us always. So I believe, so shall I feel, now and forever. Hallelujah, Lord. For Yours is the power and the glory and the love. You are with me as I am with You. Thank you, God, for what has been. Thank you, God, for what shall be. Forgive me my darkness, reveal to me Your light. Bless my family. Take care of them, my darling ones. Take me home. I willingly surrender. I shall not fear for You are with me. Thank You Lord. Thank You Lord. Amen.

Local educator, senior advocate dies

By Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writer

"He was always trying to look over the hill," Grant Pinney's first born said of him following a memorial service for his father. "There's something on the other side of the hill."

The 80-year-old Pinney — educator, senior advocate and patriarch — died Sept. 26 in Bakersfield following a stroke. Close to 200 came to pay their final respects Saturday at the Highland Chapel United



Grant Pinney

Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Even more joined family and friends at the Kern River Valley Senior Center afterwards to share their stories of and respect for what Pinney had accomplished in his lifetime.

"He was a doer and a giver," his son, Robert Pinney, said. "His philosophy in life really was to help anyone he could help and that's the way he lived his life."

Grant Pinney was born on Feb. 28, 1920 and raised in the small town of Chester, W. Va. It was there, in nearby Newell, he met Gertrude, who would be his partner and wife

for the next 62 years. The high school sweethearts married at 18. Robert was born close to a year later, in July of 1939. He was followed by another son, John Scott, and then three daughters: Diana, Pamela and Cathy.

When the Pinneys first married, Grant worked as a soda jerk, his son said.

From there, he became a warehouse man and then he went to work at the job he thought he'd have for the rest of his life — with the railroad.

But after serving for a year with the Army Air Corps during World War II and returning home disabled, Grant Pinney began looking beyond the Appalachian Mountains.

"There's a whole world out there and we're not going to stay in West Virginia," he told Gertrude.

"So he sold the house, everything," Robert Pinney said. "He told my mother he had a job in Arizona. He didn't. He bought about the first (house) trailer anybody — especially in West Virginia in 1947 — had ever seen. He built a truck. There were no doors in it, just 2-by-4 armrests, a little canvas shield over the top and a plexiglass windshield. He built a big box on the back end of it. He threw us three kids in the back end of that box, hitched up that trailer and away we went, taking two and a half weeks to get to Arizona. He had to stop every time there was a sign that said 'point of interest' or anything.

"We saw everything along Highway 66."

Working for the Veteran's Administration in Phoenix, Pinney learned he could fulfill a dream by returning to school

on the G.I. bill. Enrolling at Arizona State College (now University), Pinney pushed himself to graduate in three years.

But there were still three children to support.

"None of the students had cars back then," Robert Pinney recalled. "So he had an idea. He went into Sears in Phoenix and cajoled the manager into selling him 24 bicycles on credit — no job, going to school on the GI Bill, nothing at all, and he managed to get 24 bicycles."

Grant, Gertrude and Robert took turns renting those bicycles for 25 cents an hour from

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a corner of the parking lot on campus near the liberal arts building.

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While completing his master's degree, Pinney taught school in Seligman, Ariz.

Of the small town along Route 66 where he attended seventh and eighth grade, Robert remembers his father as "principal. He taught fifth and sixth grade in one room and was also a coach, bus driver and janitor."

Grant Pinney also took some young native Americans on their first excursion to Phoenix to see the capitol. When the group was refused entrance in those days of racial segregation, in typical Grant Pinney mode, Pinney called the governor, a member of his church, who escorted the educator and his students on a tour.

From there, the Pinneys went to Avondale, Ariz., and Grant taught the children of itinerant farm workers bused in from nearby Mexico.

"That again, was Grant Pinney," Robert said. "Long before it was socially acceptable to do so, he was in the middle of trying to help who he could help—who he felt needed the most help. Those kids needed help."

As he was finishing his degree program, Pinney noticed a sign posted at the college stating, "Principal wanted—Small mining community in the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas."

"Well, that conjures up a real nice picture," Robert said with a wry laugh.

But on his way to the previously unseen Randsburg, Grant Pinney took a wrong turn and landed at China Lake Naval Weapons Center near Ridgecrest.

Following a tour of the modern and new school facility at China Lake, Pinney signed on the dotted line there.

After teaching for a handful of years, Pinney became principal, then went on to serve as the assistant superintendent of schools until his retirement in 1979.

Pinney will be remembered at China Lake for gaining the funds from Washington to build the only special education center on the high desert.

Lobbying Washington once again, he also managed to acquire the grounds, building and funds for Mesquite Alternate High School in Ridgecrest.

Grant Pinney was learning the ins and outs of Washington, D.C. very well.

When each of his 13 grandchildren turned 12, Pinney would

take them on a week-long tour of the capitol to view both its monuments and interior workings.

"Right at 12," Robert said. "That's the age when (he felt) they ought to realize that there's a federal government."

Grant Pinney was the true patriarch of the family, his son said.

"With his grandchildren, he probably did more to get each one of them into college—get loans for them, find scholarships. When they got old enough, they'd come to him, because granddad'll know how to do it."

When the Pinney's first arrived in California, Grant Pinney told his family, "If we're going to move to a new state, we're going to find out about that state."

So during the summer of 1953, everyone piled into the car and they started at the Oregon border and worked their way down, Robert remembered.

"...we came home 178. In those days, 178 was quite a road. But we all thought it was magnificently beautiful."

A few years later, Grant Pinney purchased a mountain cabin near Alta Sierra, where the family vacationed frequently until Grant and Gertrude moved to the Kern River Valley permanently in 1974. Upon retiring, they sold the cabin and bought a home in Lake Isabella.

But there was no such thing as retirement for Grant Pinney—although Robert chuckles at the memory of the Gray Panthers, a group of septuagenarians who explored the dusty trails of the Kern River Valley on motorcycles.

"And he wouldn't miss a Wednesday Senior Dance," Robert said.

Pinney was honored as the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce's Man of the

Year in 1991 for his work as an Assemblyman in the California Senior Legislature. At that time, he was serving his third two-year term. He went on for a fourth.

Volunteering about two weeks out of each month, he traveled to and from Sacramento. Along I-5, there is a plaque at a rest stop recognizing Pinney for what came to be the highlight of his terms as a legislator. That was the passage of the Grant Pinney bill, allowing persons of the opposite gender to accompany and assist the elderly or disabled in rest stop restrooms along California's highways.

Pinney also never stopped fighting for free fishing licenses for senior citizens, Robert said. Even in the 10 years since he left Sacramento, he got on the phone every year to ask, "Is somebody putting in a bill on fishing?"

Pinney was also a member of the Kern County Commission on Aging, and Kern River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc.

"He was very, very active as a senior advocate—taking care of problems,"

Robert said. "That phone was off the hook more than it was on with people calling with problems. While he had no official capacity, he was just the person they went to, to find out where to go, what office/person to contact."

"The Democrat's democrat," as his son calls him, Grant Pinney also stayed active with

political work and in his church, serving for many years as choir director. But he and Gertrude did find some time to share with the grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, in addition to traveling to exotic locals such as Tahiti, England and Newfoundland. And then there were some of the favorite, three-day getaways to Laughlin.

Those who spoke at his father's service, Robert Pinney recalled, "everybody mentioned the fact that when my father came into a room, he came in with a joke—and it was always a new joke, and always a clean joke."

Robert Pinney sees his father, still, "trying to look over the hill."

In lieu of flowers, Robert says he's sure his father would want people to, "vote Democrat."

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Andrew Roy Demetriff

Andrew Roy Demetriff passed away Oct. 3, 2000 in Kernville, his hometown. Andrew was born March 23, 1920 in Tipton and resided in Kern County for 18 years. He owned and operated Kernville RV Parking and Camping for 10 years. Andy's first love was his park, Frandy Park in Kernville. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Porterville. Andy is survived by two brothers, Fred and Jim; sisters Nellie, Tanya, Nora and Vera; and numerous nieces and nephews. No visitation is scheduled. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Greenlawn Mortuary of Bakersfield.

Frank Joseph Depto Jr.

Frank was born to Frank and Margaret Depto in Wheeling, W. Va. on Jan. 6, 1936. He entered into rest on Oct. 18, 2000 in Marina Del Rey.

Frank is survived by his wife, Alicia, of Wofford Heights; son Frank Depto III of Los Angeles; daughter Robin Yamamoto of Los Angeles; and grandchildren Jennifer, Stephen and Sarah.

Frank was very active as a volunteer at the Camp Owen Boys Camp in Kernville. He taught the boys carpentry. He was a superintendent in the construction industry, having built some of the biggest projects in Los Angeles. He was a finish carpenter and his home is filled with furniture that he felled the trees for, milled and lumber and built. Frank loved his shop and spent a lot of time in it. Some of his handiwork was to make a tabletop out of burl shaped like puzzle pieces. Before coming to the Kern Valley he was active in Los Angeles in the YMCA.

Frank was a member of the Kern Valley Gun Club, and the Kern Valley Elks No. 2358. Frank loved the lake where he spent time skiing. His greatest love was for his family and the joy he could bring to them. He also enjoyed teasing the waitress when dining out.

Frank will be greatly missed by his family. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating. Burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Herbert Elmer Bradley

Herbert Elmer Bradley passed away on Oct. 11, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. Herb was born in Lincoln, Neb. on Oct 15, 1929. He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 30 years. He was a charter member and first president of the Kern Valley Lake Isabella Board of Realtors. He retired from Kern County Probation Department in September 1984.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Gladys (Jane) Bradley; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kim Bradley of Vernal, Utah; son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Charlene Bradley of Pocatello, Idaho; daughter Pamela Morgan of Evanston, Wyo.; 19 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister Patricia Weideman of Lakewood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles (Chick) and Neva Bradley.

Memorial services will be held Oct. 26, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Masonic Temple in Kernville.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Margaret Edith Stroud

Memorial services were held Oct. 24, 2000 at Greenlawn Southwest Chapel, in Bakersfield, for Margaret Edith Stroud, 85, of Bakersfield, who passed away Oct. 19, 2000 in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Stroud was born Aug. 25, 1915, in Swindon, England, and was a resident of Kern County for 54 years.

She is survived by her children Rose Stroud of Bakersfield, Walter Stroud and his wife, Ann, of Kernville, and Nancy Burdge and her husband, Jim of Bakersfield; grandchildren Brian and Teresa Burdge; Trudie Chico, and Maggie and Chrissie Stroud; sister Freda Hayward of England; and many other loving relatives and friends.

Services by Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary, funeral directors.

John J. Higgins

At 1:05 a.m. on Oct. 16, 2000, John J. Higgins said goodbye to the Valley where he made his home for the past 30 years. John is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons, John and Bob; and four grandchildren.

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

Kathryn Theresa Hubble

Graveside services were held Oct. 19, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Kathryn Theresa Hubble, 85, who passed away Oct. 12, 2000. There was no viewing.

Kathryn was born Jan. 17, 1915 in Edgewood, Texas. She lived in Kern County for 67 years and in Lake Isabella for the last 43 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.E. ("Slim") Hubble in 1983.

Kathryn and Slim built the Kernvale Motel in Lake Isabella in 1957, moving from Bakersfield. Kathryn ran the motel for over 20 years before retiring. Kathryn loved her family, her home, her garden, and animals. She grew the nicest tulips this side of Holland and made the best pecan pie this side of Texas.

Surviving her are her son, Jerry Hubble, of Lake Isabella; daughter Mary Gunther of Quartz Hill, Calif.; son John Hubble of Citrus Heights, Calif.; sister Ruby Simmons of Norwalk; brothers Roger and Joe Britton of Edgewood, Texas; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She will be missed by family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Roy Ed Stacy

Roy Stacy, born Sept. 2, 1927, passed away peacefully at home in Lake Isabella on Oct. 18, 2000 at the age of 73. He was a very hard worker all of his life and owned his own tree company in Glendale, Calif. for 45 years. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, June Williams, and several stepchildren and grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He will be loved and missed by all. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Services

• **Andrew R. Demetriff** — There will be a Memorial Service at Frandy Park in Kernville at 1:30 p.m. Saturday for Andy Demetriff.

Ruth Marie Dickey Berry

Graveside services for Ruth Marie Dickey Berry, who passed on Oct. 8, 2000, were held on Oct. 17, 2000 at the Kern River Cemetery.

Mrs. Berry, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, was born on Sept. 6, 1901. She had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 60 years, coming from Bakersfield. She was preceded in death by her brother, William Askren, and her husband of 59 years, Forrest Dickey, and her late husband, Jim Berry.

When married to Forrest Dickey, he and Ruth owned and operated the Summit Lodge on Greenhorn Mountain. Mrs. Berry was a longtime member of Eastern Star and an avid fisherwoman. She will be lovingly remembered by her family and her many dear friends.

Surviving are her sons, Robert Dickey and wife Donnette of Reno and Forrest Dickey and wife Audrey of Bakersfield; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Berry requested that there would be no viewing or flowers.

Johnetta Sue Briody

A funeral service was held Oct. 19, 2000 at 9 a.m. at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Johnetta Sue Briody, who passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital after a long illness. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Johnetta was a resident of the Valley for the past 10 years. She was preceded in death by her father, John Stone Jr., and older sister Patricia Riley Zimmer. She is survived by her daughters, Bridgette Briody of Lake Isabella and Jacey Hines of Los Angeles; grandson Levi; her mother and stepfather Edith and Bill Hurt of Lake Isabella; sister Nancee and her husband Mike Baily of Vacaville; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by all her family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Olive Effie Cornish

Olive Effie Cornish was born on July 13, 1913, to her parents James and Florence Sharrar in Mesa, Ariz. In her life, Olive was a wonderful, endearing person with a feisty attitude toward life, sometimes even riding a motorcycle here and there. On Sept. 26, 1931, Olive met and married the love of her life, Alfred Wells Cornish. The two were married until Alfred's passing in 1992. Olive was a good parent and a good friend, but on Oct. 21, 2000, Olive went home to be with her maker and her beloved Alfred. She will be truly missed. We love you, Mom.

Olive Effie Cornish is survived by her son Gene Cornish and his wife Gloria Irene Cornish, of Fountain Valley; and by her grandson Garret Cornish. Olive is also survived by her two brothers, LaVerne Sharrar and Harvey Sharrar.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella

Dorothea Michels Archer

Funeral services were held on Oct. 27, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella for Dorothea Archer. Burial followed at Coachella Valley Cemetery District in Coachella, Calif.

Dorothea was born on July 12, 1912 in Chicago and passed away on Oct. 23, 2000 in Bakersfield. Dorothea was a member of the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mountain Mesa, the AARP, the Senior Center, and also volunteered for the Gleaners. She found a lot of glory in taking care of her family and bringing them up with strong Christian values.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Archer, in 1974, and is survived by her daughters, Winona Stevenson Fahnestock, and husband Jim, of Southlake, Dorothy Flanagan of Southlake, and Mary Smith of Fresno, grandchildren Morgan James of Hemet, Terri Flanagan of Southlake, Belinda Hutchison of Lake Isabella, Debra Springer of Onyx, Rick Flanagan of Taft, Cindi Gomez of Modesto, Kelly Hiler of Fresno, Jeff Smith of Bakersfield; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Joseph (Joe) Guthrie Longworth

Joseph (Joe) Guthrie Longworth passed away Oct. 2, 2000. Born May 1, 1953 in Glendale, Joe lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 22 years.

Joe was a carpet layer for over 27 years and enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Longworth. He leaves his mother, Shirley Longworth; brother Robert Longworth and his wife Mary; sisters Robin Davis and Kellene Kirkpatrick and her husband Glenn; three nieces

and three nephews.

Joe was well liked and loved. He will be missed by his family and friends, but it is believed he has begun a new life with his Father.

Harold Carl Arnold

Harold Carl Arnold entered life on Apr. 7, 1913 in Warsaw, Ohio. Born to his parents George and Martha, he was raised on strong, traditional Midwest values. In his years, Harold worked as an engineer for 40 years manufacturing cabinets amongst other things. Thirty-eight years ago, Harold met and married the love of his life, Eleanor May Hennis (Arnold). Harold and his family moved to the Kern River Valley 30 years ago and eventually settled down in Bodfish. Here in the Valley, Harold and Eleanor operated the Mountain View Trailer Park for 30 years. Harold was a member of the Masonic Lodge and also a Shriner in Kernville. Harold Arnold passed away on Oct. 26, 2000. Memorial services will be held at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella on Nov. 11, 2000 at 1 p.m., with Pastor Mark Buenafe officiating.

Harold Carl Arnold is survived by his wife of 38 years, Eleanor May Arnold; his daughter Sue and her husband Kenneth of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; his grandson Brad Barton and his wife, Laura, of New York City; and his granddaughter Kelly Poeses of Pennsylvania. Harold is also survived by his stepdaughters Jacqueline Durk of Big Bear City, and Jan Bishop and her husband Aaron of Bakersfield.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Harry Frank Garrett Jr.

On Apr. 19, 1918, Harry Frank Garrett Jr. was born to his parents, Harry and Hazel, in Des Moines, Iowa. During WWII, Harry proudly served his nation in the United States Navy. A meaningful time in his life, Harry continued to serve his country by being a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, paying homage to all of his fallen comrades. Raised with sturdy Midwestern values, Harry lived his life in true stride, always being a good husband and family man, staying married to his beloved wife of 52 years, Dolores. He was lucky enough to be blessed with a job of 30 years that he loved, working as a chef. All in all, Harry was a wonderful man who will truly be missed by all.

Harry Frank Garrett Jr. is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dolores; brother Bill Garrett and his wife Beverly of Riverside; Fred Garrett and his wife Shirley of Comanche, Iowa; sister Florence Enders and her husband Paul of Minnesota; sister Betty Ridout Glenwood of Iowa; and sister Mardelle King and her husband Raleigh of Eldora, Iowa.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

William H. Ballinger

Bill (Buddha), as everyone in the Kern River Valley knew him, was born to William and Lillian Ballinger in Victorville on Nov. 27, 1939. He passed away on Oct. 30, 2000.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia and his son Kevin Ballinger and daughter-in-law Dottie of Cedar City, Utah, his sister Marie Huntsman, and her husband Arlen of Belfair, Washington, and his two nephews, Jay Huntsman of Thousand Oaks and Jeff Huntsman of Spanaway, Washington. He was preceded in death by his son Kenneth Ballinger.

Bill worked for U.S. Borax for 25 years as an area plant supervisor and chemical engineer before his retirement to the Kern River Valley. Upon his arrival to the Kern River Valley, Buddha and his wife Cynthia became owners of the KOA Kampground in Weldon for the last 20 years.

Bill loved the Kern River Valley. He visited this area with his family as a young man before the dam was built. He has helped many people here in the Valley. He and Cynthia have become close to many of their friends, and most are considered part of a large family. He will be missed by all, especially his special friends.

Buddha loved to help people have a good time and live life. Therefore, in lieu of services Buddha requested that there be a celebration of his life at Buddha's Pub, located at the KOA Kampground in Weldon, so his many friends can share with him the good times they have had, with food and fun at the place they knew him best.

Bill and his family offer a Thank You to Hoffman Hospice for the excellent care provided.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name of William (Bill) H. Ballinger to the Florence R. Wheeler Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital, 2215 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93309, or Hoffman Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home

James Reeder Fielder

Memorial Services were held on Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. at Shackelford Chapel in Savannah, Tennessee for James Fielder. James was 72 and passed away from cancer on Oct. 26.

James was a plumber. He was born in Lauderdale County, Alabama, and lived in Hardin County, Tennessee, since early childhood. He is survived by his spouse, Velva Todd Jones Fielder of Savannah, TN; his daughter Connie Williams of Savannah; his stepdaughter Nancy Pallerito of Wofford Heights; his sons Steve Fielder of Savannah and Michael Fielder of Waynesboro, TN; his stepsons Dan Caperton of Savannah, James Caperton of Holly Springs, MS, David Williams of Wofford Heights, and Melton Williams of Austin, Texas; sisters Viola Harmon of Granite City, IL, Lillian Austin of Corinth, MS, and Henry Etta Lindsey of Savannah, TN.

Services were provided by Shackelford Funeral Directors of Savannah, TN.

Lee D. Simpson

Lee was born in Searsy, Arkansas on Nov. 22, 1922 and went to his rest Oct. 26 at his home in Weldon.

He grew up in Arkansas but came to California as a young man. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He went to work for Shell Oil in 1950, retiring as a foreman in 1974 due to medical reasons. The Simpsons had a place here in the Valley since 1969, but when retirement came, they purchased a permanent home in Weldon.

Lee was a member of the Eagles. He had always been involved in citizen band radio organizations in the Southland; so he started the Sidewalk CBers when he moved to the Valley.

Simpson (cont.)

Meeting for breakfasts at various places, he involved his group in helpful community work. As the group grew and eventually became the KRV CBers, they had to move to larger quarters, from the Dam Korner Cafe, the Elk's Lodge, the Eagles Lodge, and finally, the Senior Center when it was built in Lake Isabella.

Money was contributed at each of these places from the breakfasts or "Breaks," in CB language. Community causes were helped along the way. Coathanger, Lee's CB "handle," became well known all over the Valley, and his CBers, under his guidance, helped many good causes in the Valley. Coathanger was instrumental in taking over the U.S. surplus food commodities in 1981, which are distributed to those of low income once a month. Coathanger organized the CBers to fetch the food from Bakersfield in their own trucks to be given out at predesignated distribution spots. When the group was younger and more able, Coathanger organized mini-jamborees and raised money each year for a two-week food basket for those in need at Christmas.

He was much loved and will be greatly missed by his family and many others.

Lee is survived by his wife Ann Simpson; sons Rodney Simpson, Gayle Simpson, Richard Decker, and Ronald Decker; daughters Martha Simpson, Reta Manes, and

Reba Leach; brothers Joe Lowrey, John Lowrey, and Burl Lowrey; sisters Jeanette Pitts, Avis Davis, Ollie Huntsman, IV Boyle, Ruby Helm, and Connie Martindale; eighteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Fraternal Order of Eagles #3156 officiated. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Zella Lee Loff

Zella Loff was born on Feb. 12, 1927 in Kerville, Texas, and passed away Nov. 2.

Zella was a resident of the Lake Isabella and Bodfish area for 20 years. She loved cooking and sewing and fishing the streams on the upper Kern River.

Zella is survived by her husband Wayne Loff; daughter Carolyn Lo Guidice of San Jose;

son George Gardner of Pennsylvania; sisters Ova May Jones of Arizona and Eva Kirchman of Ontario; four grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Burial will be private.

Joan Louise Smith

Memorial services were held Saturday, November 4, 2000 at 10 a.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Joanie Smith of Lake Isabella. Joanie was born January 26, 1940 in Los Angeles and passed away on Oct. 28 in Mt. Mesa after a long illness.

Joanie was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 50 years. She was a member of the KV FFA Boosters and she worked very hard for them. She and her husband Royce had many different businesses throughout the Valley, and she was a big supporter of her husband's many business ventures. She

loved people and was known for her laugh. She was preceded in death by her father William Kinnett in 1964 and her husband Royce Smith in 1999. She is survived by her mother Irene Kinnett of Bakersfield; her daughter and son-in-law Cindy and Roger McCoy of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Dana and Fritz Goss of Lake Isabella; sisters Frances Fischer, Betty Strickler, and Sharon Pope; brothers William Kinnett Jr. and James Kinnett; grandchildren Cara, Ryan, and Alyssa McCoy and Mandy Goss; mother-in-law Effie Smith and many special nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Joanie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Rest in peace, Mom, we love you.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

Alfred Frank George

Mr. Alfred Frank George, age 80, passed away at his Weldon home on Nov. 11, 2000. He was a native of Chicago and had resided in Weldon since 1987. He was retired by the U.S. Forestry Dept. and was a fireman.

He is survived by his wife, Helen George; daughter Wanda Slocum of Delta, Colo.; daughter Bonna George of Kernville; son Keith Harriman of Tahoe; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private services are under the direction of Kern River Family Mortuary of Bakersfield. Please phone (661) 392-9010 for information.

Mildred Pearl Rowland

Visitation was held on Nov. 10, 2000 with service following for Mildred Pearl Rowland. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Mrs. Rowland was born Nov. 24, 1916 and passed away on Nov. 4, 2000 in Bakersfield. She was 83 years old and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 17 years. She and her husband were members of the Elks. She enjoyed traveling and fishing and reading. She was a great cook.

She was preceded in death by her son, Randolph Terry Jr., and her husband Isham Rowland.

She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law Mike and Esther Terry and Michael and Melissa Rowland; daughter Roseann Rowland; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Mark Anthony Imbelloni

Visitation was held Nov. 9, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in

Lake Isabella and a Rosary and Mass on Nov. 10 at St. Jude's Catholic Church for Mark Anthony Imbelloni. Officiating was Father Patric Persinger and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Mark was born on May 27, 1960 in Burbank and passed away on Nov. 6, 2000 in Mountain Mesa.

Mark was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 14 years and drove a truck for Viking Freight for the past 11 years.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Susan; sons Raphael Anthony and John Marty Imbelloni; daughters Elisabeth Lynne Imbelloni and Jamie Lynn Euing; his father and mother Raphael and Patricia Imbelloni; brother John Imbelloni; sisters Mary McIrvin, Christine Tercy, Julie Amateeis and Kathy Wilson; many nieces and nephews and one great-nephew.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Walter Herman Keeling

Walter Herman Keeling passed away in his sleep on Nov. 8, 2000 at the age of 72 years. Funeral services were held on Nov. 14, 2000 at the Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Pastor Floyd Castillo and Pastor Mark Buenafe officiated the services. Military graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter was preceded in death by his father, Walter S. Keeling, and his sister Sally Lewis. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley A. Keeling; mother Freida Meyers; brother Don Keeling and his wife Margaret; daughters Cindy Stimmel and Debi Nursall; stepchildren Jennifer Jaime and Joe and Frank Walburn. Walter leaves 10 grandchildren, Casandra Bennett, Jamie Nursall, Dana and Kim Jamie, Cody and Chelsea Walburn, Sarah, Waylon and Frankie Walburn, and Jimmy Jordan. He also leaves nephews Tom, Jim and Mike Bearup and niece Vicky Gamarra.

Walter was born on May 27, 1928 in Washington, Penn. as the son of a coal miner. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, attaining the rank of staff sergeant, and was honorably discharged on July 14, 1952. Walter worked as a foreman for the Carnation company and he was an active Elks member of the Rialto-Fontana lodge for 30 years and at the time of his death was a member of the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. Walter was Elk of the Year in 1974-75 and was the Rialto-Fontana club manager for many years. He devoted himself to numerous

fund raising efforts to benefit children. Walter vacationed and enjoyed fishing in the Kern River Valley for many years. He was able to move here in 1985 and could then pursue fishing on a regular basis. Since 1988 Walter spent tireless hours as manager of the Lake Ridge Mobilehome Park in Lake Isabella. His love of the park and all of his neighbors was unending. Walter was an active community volunteer and a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella. Walter could always be counted on to provide a helping hand to those in need.

Walter's friends will miss his sense of humor and his ability to make them laugh. The permanent twinkle in his eyes was an accurate window to his inner person. Walter will always be a part of the lives of his family and friends.

Thomas Edward Creasy

Thomas Edward Creasy was born on Feb. 27, 1912 to Thomas and Maggie Creasy in Westmoreland, Tenn. He entered eternal life on Nov. 8, 2000 in Lake Isabella.

Tom left home and joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country. Tom spent a total of 27 years in the Navy. While serving he picked up the nickname of Champ. He also met and married Geneva Jackson who preceded him in death.

Tom moved to Ridgecrest where he worked at the Naval Weapons Center for two years before moving to the Lake Isabella area. Tom met and married Alice Drake and they were together for 15 years. He belonged to the Masons where he reached the 32nd Degree Mason level. Tom was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church of Lake Isabella. He also belonged to the VFW Post 7665, the American Legion, the DAV and the Eagles Lodge. Tom loved to fish and visit with friends who dropped in any time of the day.

Tom is survived by his wife, Alice; son Tom of Covina; sister Jessie Brown of Westmoreland, Tenn.; sister Elizabeth Walker of Naples, Fla.; grandsons Todd and Thomas; granddaughter Cathy of Long Beach; and great-grandchildren Ryan and Allison.

Funeral services were held at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Gene Bush officiating.

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

Virginia Ruth Kelley

Funeral services have been set for Virginia Ruth Kelley, who passed away on Nov. 16, 2000. The service will be held Nov. 27, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating will be Pastor John Revis of Calloway Community Church in Bakersfield.

Virginia was born April 11, 1920 in Los Angeles. She met the love of her life, Clyde, and they were married Feb. 7, 1942. She worked as a telephone operator for several years and then Claudia came along and Virginia stayed home. Seven years later along came little baby Clyde. Virginia went back to work after the children were older at Bunch Jr. High in Compton as an assistant librarian. After Clyde's retirement in 1977 they moved to the Kern River Valley and became active in the Historical Society and the DAR and the Kernville Women's Club. She was very interested in the history of Old Kernville and wrote a book about the old houses around the Valley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Clyde. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Claudia and John Novosel of Kernville; son and daughter-in-law Clyde and Susan Kelley of Bodfish; grandchildren Gregg Jelkin and April and Allyson Kelley; five great-grandchildren; sisters Elisabeth Davis of Bellflower, Jo Ledestich of Yucaipa and

Charleen Cole of Downey; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Arvita "Veta" Bean

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Arvita Bean, known as Veta to everyone.

Veta was born on Dec. 16, 1923 in Kentucky and passed away on Nov. 10, 2000 in Mountain Mesa. She and her husband moved here to the Kern River Valley from San Jose five years ago. She loved to garden and play golf, but most of all, she loved to fish. She was a friend to all who met her.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Carl Bean of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Angela and Ermon Baxter; son and daughter-in-law James and Karen Middleton; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters Dorothy Drobnak, Tessa Hartgrove; brother Richard Hall; her mother and father Hattie and Darrell Johnson; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

David Marion Kitchen

Visitation was held Nov. 17, 2000 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home for David Marion Kitchen, 81.

David was born to Rufus

and Rosa on Nov. 26, 1918 in Terre Haute, Ind. He was one of nine children. David met Dorothy in 1941 and they were married in December of that year. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served four years in Europe during WWII. David was recalled to the service during the Korean War, serving for two more years of active service. After his service time, he joined the California Air National Guard, serving another 25 years with the 146th Military Air Transport Wing. Upon his retirement, he and his wife, Dorothy, moved to the Lake area in 1979.

David was active in the VFW Post 7665, and served in the American Cancer Society. He also was a member of the First Baptist Church of Kernville.

David was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy. Surviving him are son Don and wife Judy; grandchildren Vince, Scott and wife Shiloh and Lisa and husband Brian; great-grandchildren Jake, Jenna, Riley and Zachary; brothers Albert, George and Bruce; and sisters Ruth, Mary and Charolette.

A funeral service was held Nov. 17, 2000 at the First Baptist Church in Kernville with Pastor Dick Lewis officiating. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with the honor guard from the VFW Post 7665. Pallbearers were Vince Kitchen, Scott Kitchen, Brian Leonard, Ruben Tatum, Don Reese, and Jay Burns.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2000

William (Bill) F. Miller

Bill Miller, 89, passed away Nov. 16, 2000. He lived in Wofford Heights for the past 33 years.

Bill was born in Jackson, Neb. on Feb. 7, 1911. He was from a family of eight children.

Bill was self employed and worked in construction and body and fender repairs.

He is survived by his daughter, Geraldine Carlson, of Eureka; son William Harry Miller of Wofford Heights; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister Edna and brother Jack.

Burial took place in Eureka.

Gertude Baker

Gertrude Baker was born on July 14, 1920 in Ohio. She lived in the Lake Isabella area for some time, where Gertrude owned and operated a storage facility for 12 years.

Gertrude Baker entered eternal life on Nov. 14, 2000 at the Kern Valley Hospital's skilled nursing facility. Gertrude is survived by sons Thomas A. Baker of Oregon, Ely Baker of Bakersfield, Howard Baker of Lake Isabella and Richard Baker of Fallon, Nev.

Gertude enjoyed sewing, knitting and crochet work. She belonged to the VFW and the Eagles and Moose Lodges over the years.

Gertude will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

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

Richard Michael Erhardt

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2000 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Richard Michael Erhardt of Fair Oaks, Calif., who passed away on Nov. 17, 2000. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Officiating was Pastor Gerald Hosman.

Richard was born Nov. 30, 1967 in Torrance. As a resident of the Kern Valley he graduated from Kern Valley High School and met and fell in love with his future wife, Catina. They were married in 1994 in Washington and moved back to the Valley for a while to be close to the family. Then they moved back to the Sacramento area. They had a beautiful son, Logan Mathas Erhardt, in 1998.

Richard loved the Lord and was the most giving and loving man. He was generous with everyone he met.

He is survived by his wife Catina and son Logan of Fair Oaks; his father and mother Kenneth and Brenda Erhardt of Weldon; brother and sister-in-law Dean and Tracy Erhardt of Weldon; grandfather and grandmother Bill and Nora Hickok of Wofford Heights; grandfather and grandmother Michael and Kathryn Erhardt of Yucca Valley; father-in-law Andrew Mitchell, M.D. and mother-in-law Reneta Mitchell of Lake Isabella; grandmother-in-law Stephanija Mitchell of Lake Isabella; two nieces and a nephew; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The House of Prayer, Family Christian Center, 6521 Hazel Ave., Orangevale, Calif. 95662.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Vesta Fay McElfresh

Vesta was born to John and May Jensen in San Francisco on July 21, 1908. She entered into rest on Nov. 23, 2000 at Burlington Assisted Living in Wofford Heights. There will be a memorial service for her there on Dec. 1 at 1 p.m.

When Vesta was a child her parents moved to Stockton where she lived most of her life. She moved to the Valley area 25 years ago.

Vesta loved arts and crafts and she will be remembered for her artistic and musical abilities. She also had a great love of life in general. She was married to Harry McElfresh who preceded her in death. Her son Gordon also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law Jo Ann McElfresh of Wofford Heights; sister Vivian Brown of Sonora, Calif.; grandson Craig and his wife Michelle McElfresh of Clovis; granddaughter Sue and her husband John Exline of Clovis; granddaughter Pam and her husband Mark Stieler of Wofford Heights; and great-grandchildren Sandy Stieler of Wofford Heights, Clinton and Stacy McElfresh of Clovis, and Erin and Brian Exline of Clovis.

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

Services are pending. Arrangements by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Larry James Anderson

Viewing will be held Nov. 29, 2000 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, and a memorial service will be held on Nov. 30, 2000 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Larry James Anderson, who passed away Nov. 24, 2000 in Bakersfield. Interment will follow at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Larry was born on April 7, 1936 in Chicago, to James and Grace Anderson. He spent his young childhood in Kansas City, and at age 11 his family relocated to Redlands, Calif., where he grew up.

He met and married his wife Peggy and they raised three sons. Larry began his lifelong career in 1957 with GTE. His work led him to the Kern River Valley in 1971 with Continental Telephone Co., where he remained until he retired in 1994.

Larry was involved in the community by being active in the Kern Valley Youth Athletic League, where he coached the Contel baseball team for nine years and was an assistant football coach for two years. Larry also served on the Kern Valley High School Parents Advisory Committee 1978-80.

For much of his life Larry's

hobby was bowling. He excelled at it and as a young man he won many tournaments including a television appearance with a pro bowler.

After retirement Larry found that traveling in his motorhome and seeing parts of our country and meeting many wonderful people was his greatest reward after a long and successful career.

Larry is survived by his wife Peggy and her mother Rubel Wray; sons Ricky Anderson, Randall Anderson and Dr. Russell Anderson and his wife Patti; four grandsons, Jeremiah Anderson, Justin Anderson, Joshua Anderson and Jonathan Anderson; and one granddaughter, the love of his life, Cynthia Elizabeth Anderson. He also had three step-grandchildren and two step-great-granddaughters.

Larry was loved passionately by his family and will be greatly missed.

Nancy Crawford

Memorial Mass will be said for Nancy Crawford on Dec. 5, 2000 at 10 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 86 Nellie Dent Dr., Wofford Heights.

Nancy was born Jan. 24, 1938 in New Jersey, and passed away on Nov. 24, 2000 in Weldon. She moved here to Kern County from the San Fernando Valley four years ago and enjoyed the time she had here. She loved gardening, canning, and baking bread, and surrounded herself with dogs, cats, birds and people.

She is survived by her nephew Brendan Crawford, sister-in-law Frankie Crawford, nephew-in-law Mark Segal, dear friend Cina Motter, and many loving cousins, friends and neighbors.

Mabel Irene Fawcett

Mabel Irene Fawcett, 85, of Southlake, passed away on Nov. 28, 2000.

Mrs. Fawcett was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence (Larry) Fawcett; her parents, Orin and Emma Abrams; and three brothers, Walter, Thomas and Chester Abrams.

Survivors include three daughters, Jane Schmidt of Santa Rosa, Sharon Sandoz of Ocean Springs, Miss., and Janice Fawcett of La Mirada; a granddaughter, Joy Marshall of Lake Isabella; great-grandson Christopher Marshall of Lake Elsinore; and two sisters, Inez Fannin and Laura Page of Madera.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to your favorite charity or hospice.

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

Linda Marilyn Youngblood

Linda Marilyn Youngblood was born on July 21, 1965 and passed away on Nov. 28, 2000 at her home.

Linda was known throughout the Valley as a very happy and outgoing person. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Linda is survived by her husband Charles; daughter Nicole; son James; sisters Franki and Lisa; brothers Carmen and Mike; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to: Nicole Noonan, 5600 Vista Grande, Weldon Calif. 93283.

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Gary Michael Schamber

Gary Michael Schamber, 43, lost his battle with cancer on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 2000.

Family and friends gathered for graveside services performed by the Rev. Jack Dilley at Kern River Valley Cemetery on Nov. 30, 2000, followed by a memorial at his home in Lake Isabella, where he resided for the past three years.

Gary was born on Oct. 20, 1957. He was the third of seven children born to Lee and Yvonne Schamber. Preceded in death by his father, Gary is survived by his beloved mother, Yvonne; six siblings, Joyce, Chris, Scott, Deanna, Loryne and Darren; and many additional family and friends.

Gary's friendly smile and great sense of humor have touched the lives of many. He will be forever loved and missed.

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Shirley Ann Ruiz

Shirley Ann Ruiz, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, departed this world to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on Nov. 27, 2000.

She was born on June 17, 1933 in Bellview, Neb. to Albert and Naomi Stitzel. Shirley and her parents moved to Lomita where she attended school. Shirley and her family then moved to San Pedro where she was a bookkeeper for 15 years before retiring. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1991, where she became a member of the Pink Ladies. Shirley was an active member of the Kern Valley Healthcare District Ladies Auxiliary and served as its president in 1998 and 1999.

Shirley is survived by her husband of 38 years, Peter Ruiz Sr.; sister Nadine Burpo; sons Randy Griffin and Peter Ruiz Jr.; and granddaughters ~~Adrienne Lee, Brooke Griffin,~~ Katie Ruiz and Jessie Ruiz. Preceding her in death was a daughter, Karen Griffin.

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Harold "Sonny" Dean

Graveside services were held Dec. 4, 2000 at Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Harold Dean, also known as Sonny to family. Harold left us on Nov. 28, 2000 at Kern Valley Hospital after a year-long battle with cancer.

Harold was born Sept. 19, 1938 in Allequippa, Penn. to Loretta Cagley and Harold Dean. He came to California in 1960 and was introduced to plastics at Westland Plastics in Newberry Park. He worked 13 years for Beeton Dickinson Labware in Oxnard, and when the plant shut down, moved to Littleton, Colo. where he continued working in plastics for six years.

He came to Kernville in 1990 and worked for Salter Lab in Arvin, until cancer caught him and he had to retire. He joined Kern Valley Golf Course and loved to play golf with all his friends there and elsewhere.

Harold is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Colleen Dean, of Kernville; mother-in-law Lottie Glaze of Kernville; and mother Loretta Cagley of Ohio. He is also survived by four sons, Michael Hodge of Wofford Heights, Kenneth Dean of Oxnard,

James Dean of Oxnard and Mark Dean of Oxnard; three daughters, Cherrie Stepp of Oregon, Kathleen Wyatt of Bakersfield and July Lacerda of Weldon; two sisters, Mary Jo Cumette of Ohio and Elizabeth Lysagt of Pennsylvania; brother George Poling of Ohio; cousin Peggy Smith of Pennsylvania; 18 grandchildren; 26 grandchildren; and many loved family members in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Harold will indeed be greatly missed, and well remembered until we meet him again in the presence of our glorious Heavenly Father.

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Thomas "Tommy" Laurence O'Connor

Thomas ("Tommy") Laurence O'Connor, age 92, of Wofford Heights, died on Nov. 29, 2000 of lung cancer at the home of his daughter-in-law, Noel O'Connor, in Weldon.

He was born Sept. 30, 1908 in El Paso and was raised there by his fraternal grandmother, Rena E. Wafer, following the death of his parents in 1911 and 1923. He received his degree in mining engineering in 1930 from the Texas College of Mines & Metallurgy (now UTEP) in El Paso and for 16 years was a mining engineer at various mines, mostly quicksilver, in Texas, Arizona, California and Nevada. Prior to his retirement in 1979, he was a private land surveyor for 25 years in Lake County (California) where he owned a surveying business in Lower Lake. He was a member of the Lower Lake volunteer fire department and president of the Highlands chapter of Lions Club in Lake County.

He enjoyed cultivating and canning a variety of fruits, and

over the years was an avid participant in ballroom and square dancing. After moving to Wofford Heights, he would drive to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, during the winter where he enjoyed surf fishing. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lois F. O'Bryan, by his second wife Antonia ("Tanya") F. Gray and by his son, Thomas L. O'Connor, Jr. Survivors include his children Carol Pittman of Merced, Kathy Finney of San Jose, and Bruce O'Connor of Stone Mountain, Ga.; a daughter-in-law, Noel O'Connor of Weldon; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests donations in the name of the deceased to the American Cancer Society or the Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield in lieu of flowers.

Oma Bernice Mikula

Oma Bernice Mikula was born on Jan. 6, 1916, to her parents Joseph and Reka Kline, in Lowder County, Ill.

Raised in the Midwest, Oma was brought up with a strong sense of family values. She began working while still a teenager doing housekeeping for private families. It was at this time that Oma met the love of her life, George Mikula. The two were inseparable and were later married on Nov. 9, 1935.

In 1946, Oma and George moved to Lakewood, Colo., and continued to build a life together. Oma began working for the Gates Rubber Co. in Denver and continued on there for about 10 years. During this time, she and George traveled around the United States, and in their travels, they found several towns they later moved to.

In 1955, Oma and George moved to Santa

Monica, and then later moved to Lancaster, while all the while working for the Lockheed and Hughes Aircraft companies. In 1958, the two of them purchased property in Onyx and came to the Valley as "weekenders." However, in 1972, Oma and George picked up their roots and replanted them here in our valley, making their weekend home their permanent home.

Oma was very active in the Valley, becoming a member of the local Moose lodge, the CBers club, and the Eagles. She and George stayed active in our community, and continued to travel, visiting Alaska on fishing and hunting trips. At the end of their travels, they had visited all 50 states.

Oma and George made friends all across America, which is one of the reasons that made it so hard when Oma fell ill a while back and was hospitalized. Oma was fortunate enough to be able to celebrate her 65th wedding anniversary with George in November. But as these things do, in the twilight of the evening on Dec. 2, 2000, Oma Bernice Mikula passed away and went home to be with the Lord.

Graveside services were held on Dec. 12, 2000 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Oma will be truly missed by George and all of her lifelong friends.

Oma Mikula is survived by her husband of 65 years, George Joseph Mikula; her sister Dorothy and her brother Gene, both of Illinois; and by her numerous friends all across the United States. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Howard Dale Kirkpatrick

Funeral services were held Dec. 5, 2000 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Howard Dale Kirkpatrick, who passed away on Dec. 2, 2000 in Century City.

Howard was born April 14, 1947 in Santa Monica and began coming to the Kern River Valley as a child. He even brought his wife-to-be Marian to the Valley on their first date. They have been residents of the Kern Valley for the past 12 years.

Howard enjoyed fishing and camping and was a ham radio operator (KEGGBN). He was also part of the breakfast crew at the Mt. Mesa Cafe, where he had many friends. He was a loving husband, father, grampa, friend, and mountain man. His journey was rocky but he smoothed out the road for himself and all those he loved.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Marian; his daughter-in-law Cindy (and Mark), sons Randy and Merlin; grandchildren Devin, Deanna, Tabby, Jaz and Dez; and his brother Gene. He will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.

Dana J. LaRiviere

Dana LaRiviere, 52, of Lake Isabella, passed away after a short illness, a head aneurism, at Loma Linda Medical Center in Loma Linda on Nov. 27, 2000.

Dana was born June 6, 1948 in Lewiston, Maine. He lived in California from the age of 6. Dana served in Vietnam.

He is survived by his mother Patricia, daughter Yvonne, three grandchildren of Lake Isabella, and his aunt Matilda Howes. Dana's brother, David K., resides in Los Angeles County.

Dana was active in the AA program. His hobbies were scuba diving, bow hunting, fishing and metal detecting for historical objects.

A memorial service is pending. We love you, Dana.



Frank Livingstone Hay

Private arrangements were made for Frank Livingstone Hay, who passed away Dec. 10, 2000 after a long illness.

Mr. Hay was born on Sept. 10, 1919 in Elmira, Calif. He later moved to the Kern River Valley. He and his wife ran the Arco service station for nine years before its closing. He was a member of the Elks and he enjoyed fishing. He was a wonderful husband and father, very loving and supportive and always gave unconditional love to those around him.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Helen Hay of Weldon; son Mike Hay; daughter Franci Hay; son Bruce Hay; and grandson Mike Hay.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.

John K. VanRensselaer

A memorial service will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for John VanRensselaer, who passed away at Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance on Dec. 14, 2000.

John was born to Phillip C. and Helen May Van Rensselaer on May 1, 1925 in Port Clinton, Ohio. He served in the Navy in WWII. He moved to California in 1952 and began working for Rubbercraft Corporation in Torrance. He worked there for 31 years until his retirement in 1983, then moving to Wofford Heights.

He is survived by his loving wife Catherine Van Rensselaer; sister Virginia Thompson of Bradenton, Fla.; daughters Patty Miller, Sandy Scott and Pam and Vaughn Barr; son John Van Rensselaer and his wife Michelle; stepchildren Jean Marie Carpenter and husband

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Margie A. Pianalto

Private memorial services were held with family and friends for Margie A. Pianalto, on Dec. 23, 2000 at the Pianalto residence in Lake Isabella.

Margie was born on July 27, 1918 in Rogers, Ark. and entered eternal life on Dec. 16, 2000 at her home in Lake Isabella. Before Margie became ill she loved to sew and go fishing with friends and family. She knew no stranger when it came to cooking and took a lot of pride in doing it. She also liked to do gardening and just being outdoors. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley from Pacoima over 20 years ago.

Margie was preceded in death by her husband James in 1996 and is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Shirley and Carl Schlitz of Tehachapi; son and daughter-in-law Duane and Linda Pianalto of Rowlett, Texas; grandchildren Todd Schlitz stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Danny Pianalto and family of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Tracy Clark and family of Alba, Texas; and six great-grandchildren. She is loved and missed by family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Lillian L. Randall

Lillian L. Randall ("Lil on the hill") passed away on Dec. 19, 2000.

She was born Lillian Lucy Gardner on Dec. 2, 1923. She graduated from Schoharic High School at age 16 in 1940 and received a B.A. degree from Kansas State Teachers College in 1944. She then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was sent overseas to Karachi, India, and served on the base's newspaper.

Lillian met John (Jack) Randall in Karachi in 1945 and they were married May 21, 1946 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

They moved to New York in 1947 while Jack went to the Modern School of Photography in New York City. She worked for both Schenectady newspapers and the Cobelskil News as a local reporter.

They moved to Inglewood, Calif. in 1954 and Lillian was active in the local League of Women Voters and the PTA.

She started teaching adult education in the Inglewood School District and later in the Torrance School District. Then she went back to school and got a master's degree in English from Dominguez College.

Lillian retired in 1984 to Wofford Heights. She joined the Ladies of the Elks and did the publicity for six years with her husband.

The Randalls are known for their annual Fourth of July parties where as many as 100 people attended.

Lillian is survived by her husband, John H. (Jack) Randall; son Christopher

Frank Livingstone Hay

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He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Helen Hay of Weldon; son Mike Hay; daughter Franci Hay; son Bruce Hay; and grandson Nick Hay.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

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