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Robert James Walker

Robert James Walker entered eternal life on Dec. 25, 2000, while attending Christmas Day services at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights.

Robert was born to Garfield and Bessie Walker in Dallas on May 21, 1913. He came to California in the early 1940s and finally ended up in the lake area in 1960. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Robert was a member of the American Legion, the Odd Fellows Club and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth, of Wofford Heights; daughters Elizabeth Walker of Portland, Ore. and Mary Walker of Hillsboro, Ore.; and grandchildren Elizabeth and Jason.

Robert will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

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

Kathryn M. Ellis

Kathryn M. Ellis entered eternal life on Dec. 24, 2000 at her home in Riverbank, Calif. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Dec. 27, 2000, and interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Kathryn was born on April 26, 1913 in Rockland, Pa. to Harry and Maude Walter.

Kathryn worked for 20 years as a shipping clerk for the Roddy Manufacturing Co., which made fishing poles. Kathryn and her husband, Lester Edward Ellis, came to California in 1958. Kathryn made lots of trips to the Kern Valley on fishing and camping trips. They liked the area so well that they moved here in 1965. When Kathryn became ill, she moved north to Riverbank where she spent her remaining years at the home of Marilyn and Richard Jones, under their care.

Kathryn was preceded in death by her sisters Guila A. Pursell and Hazel J. Perry and a brother, Rodney C. Walter. She is survived by daughter Dorothy L. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Audrey G. Ellis of Lake Isabella; daughter Marilyn J. Jones of Riverbank; son Edward L. Ellis of Monroe, Utah; and sons Gary E. Ellis, Richard W. Ellis and Kenneth D. Ellis of Lake Isabella and Cambridge Springs, Pa.; 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sister Arlene G. Bastow of Manteca, Calif.; and a brother, Martin Thompson of Erie, Pa.

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

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Paul James Beeman, Philip Martin Beeman

Paul James Beeman, 48, and his son, Philip Martin Beeman, 12, of Troutdale, Va., died Dec. 11, 2000 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Sugar Grove, Va.

Paul was born Feb. 7, 1952, in Welch, W. Va., to Paul Huey and Effie Coffey Beeman.

Philip was born Jan. 2, 1988 in Galax, Va. to Paul and Bonnie Lynn McCarter Beeman. He was a seventh grade student at Independence Middle School in Independence, Va.

Surviving are Paul's wife and Philip's stepmother, Annette L. Beeman of Lake Isabella; Philip's mother, Bonita Lynn Beeman of Marion, Va.; and many relatives in Troutdale, Sugar Grove, McLean, Manassas, Richmond, Alexandria and Springfield, Va.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, 2000 in Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence with the Rev. Kevin Welch and the Rev. Tim Boyette officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Wytheville, Va.

Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Ann Nelson

A memorial service will be held on Jan. 4, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Barbara Ann Nelson, who passed away on Dec. 25, 2000 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Barbara was born on Aug. 24, 1929, in Stockton. Barbara was an elementary school teacher, and "master teacher" in educators' training programs for over 23 years in Fullerton, before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley with her husband, Fred.

Barbara and Fred were highly active in our community, founding and nurturing numerous youth and community development programs around the Valley. Barbara was president of Sierra Performing Arts, past president of the Friends of the Library, active in the Historical Society, a member of the Beta Sigma Phi international sorority, a member of the P.E.O. international sisterhood, and she and Fred were named Man and Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, a distinguished award recognizing Barbara and Fred's commitment to the youth and community of the Kern River Valley.

Barbara Ann Nelson is survived by her husband of 51 years, Fred; son Fred Nelson III of Sacramento; son Eric Nelson and his wife Linda of Tucson, Ariz.; son David Nelson and his wife Stephanie of Mammoth; grandchildren Christopher and Natalie; and sisters Nancie Buscher of Eston, Md. and DeDe Andrews of Newport, Calif. Barbara will be greatly missed by all her loving family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Barbara Nelson Scholarship Fund for the children of Sierra Performing Arts.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Andrew Luis Lopez

Andrew Luis Lopez entered life on Aug. 25, 1912 in El Paso. Born to Felipe and Petra Lopez, Andrew was raised with a strong sense of dedication and loyalty to his family. At an early age, Andrew and his parents moved from Texas and settled down in Trona, Calif., where as a teenager, he began working at the American Potash Corporation (better known as Trona's Kerr-McGee Facility.) Andrew worked from the ground up in the company, eventually becoming a foreman for the facility.

It was during this time that Andrew met and married the love of his life, Evangeline, known as "Nina." The two of them raised and nurtured a family together. During WWII, Andrew heard the cry of a nation at war and took several years off to serve in the United States armed forces. After the war, Andrew returned to his family in Trona and resumed his old job. Andrew made his family his priority in life, spending his recreational time with his family, going camping and on outings. He was a wonderful family man and he was very generous to his family and friends.

In 1976, at age 65, Andrew retired moved to the Kern River Valley, where he had more time to do the things in life he cherished, spending time with his family and with nature. Andrew was an avid fisherman all his life.

But as these things do, Andrew fell ill several months ago and in the early hours of Dec. 23, 2000, Andrew passed away and went to heaven to be with his beloved wife Nina and the Lord.

Memorial services were held Dec. 28, 2000 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, for Andrew Luis Lopez, with Pastor Ed Nuenshwaner (retired) of the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella presiding. Andrew is missed by all his loving family and friends.

Andrew is survived by nine children, 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in passing by his wife of 54 years of marriage, Nina Lopez, in 1987.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Paul James Beeman

Paul James Beeman, 48, of Troutdale, Va., died Dec. 11, 2000 from injuries received in an automobile accident near Sugar Grove, Va.

Paul was born Feb. 7, 1952, in Welch, W. Va., to Paul Huey and Effie Coffey Beeman. He was preceded in death by his son, Philip Martin Beeman.

Surviving are his wife, Annette Faust Beeman of Lake Isabella; daughter LeAnn Beeman Harris, Troutdale; sons Clayton Daniel Beeman of Troutdale and Paul James Beeman, Jr. of Sugar Grove; his mother, Effie Adalaide Beeman, Dahlgren, Va.; brothers Johnny Preston Beeman, Galax, Va. and Michael Thomas Beeman, Manassas; eight sisters, Gloria Mayhew, Shirley Scott, both of Dahlgren, Joyce Hodges, of Virginia Beach, Va., Paula Beaver of Alexandria, Va., Linda Mullins of Atlanta, Judy Sayers of Richmond, Va., Stella Carter of Springfield, Va., and Teresa Beeman of McLean, Va.; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 15, 2000 in Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home Chapel in Independence, Va. with the Rev. Kevin Welch and

the Rev. Tim Boyette officiating. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Wytheville, Va.

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Philip Martin Beeman

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Philip was born Jan. 2, 1988 in Galax, Va. to Paul and Bonnie Lynn McCarter Beeman. He was a seventh grade student at Independence Middle School in Independence, Va.

Surviving are his mother, Bonita Lynn Beeman of Marion, Va.; stepmom Annette L. Beeman of Lake Isabella; two sisters, LeAnn Beeman Harris of Troutdale and Destiny Nicole Beeman of Marion, Va.; three brothers, Gregory Alan McGuire of Marion, Clayton Daniel Beeman of Troutdale and Paul James Beeman, Jr. of Sugar Grove; maternal grandmother and step-grandpa, Betty and Scott Anderson of Sugar Grove; maternal granddad and step-granny, Donald and Rita McCarter; paternal grandmother, Effie Adalaide Beeman of Dahlgren; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cecil Ray Baker

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Cecil Ray Baker. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church.

Cecil was born Dec. 3, 1914 in Indianola, Okla. He attended church in Indianola for half a year before he left to help his mother and grandparents on the farm. He met Vivian Baker and they were married on Nov. 2, 1935. They moved to California in 1937. Cecil worked on farms in California for several years before going to work at the Kern County Schools where he worked for 20 years before retiring.

Cecil enjoyed fishing, camping and seeing the world. In his last years he was very proud of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had many friends and enjoyed 65 wonderful years and fellowship with his wife, Vivian.

He is survived by Vivian; son Donald Ray Baker, son-in-law Kurt Bartell; daughter-in-law Ruth Baker; sister Lois Sitterfield; sister-in-law Ozella Bell; niece Nancy Bell; niece Susan Spencer; nephew David Pillows; his wonderful grandchildren Terri Bartell, Timothy Baker, Glen Bartell, Scottie Bartell, Matthew Bartell and Kyle Bartell; and great-grandchildren Darrian Bartell, Artemio Bartell, Donovan Bartell, Christopher Bartell, Elcas Bartell and Nicholas Bartell.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bernard James (Bernie) Bulger

Bernard was born on March 28, 1918 to Joseph and Fro Lilla Bulger in Rumford, Maine. He entered eternal rest on Jan. 3, 2001.

Bernard worked for Chrysler Corporation in Detroit for 11 years. He also worked a combined time of 25 years with the military and the government. Bernard entered the military in June 1942 and served in North Africa and Central Europe. He reached the rank of Sergeant and received the Purple Heart for wounds received in North Africa. He was honorably discharged in Sept. 1945.

He was a member of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

One of his greatest loves was the area around the lake—the mountains, the river and the lake. He spent many hours driving in the area and enjoying the sites.

He was married to Agnes for 50 years, and she preceded him in death on July 29, 1996. He is survived by his daughter, Sandra McCarthy and her husband, John, of Oak Hill, Va.; one brother, Jasper; three sisters, Mary Van Nest and Emma Brennan of Ventura and Druscilla Breton of Rumford, Maine; three grandchildren, John Jr., Caryn and Michael; and two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Aidan, all of Virginia.

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2001

Jeannie Eastridge

Memorial services will be held Jan. 17, 2001 at 1 p.m. at the VFW Post 7665 for Jeannie Eastridge. Officiating was Pastor Jeff McCulty and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Jeannie was born May 7, 1934 in Glenn County, Calif. and passed away on Jan. 10, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Jeannie has been a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 11 years. She was a life member of the VFW and a member of the Moose. She enjoyed sewing and crafts, fishing, traveling and camping, but most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, and all of her many friends. She lived life to the fullest and was a caring, loving and helpful person.

She is survived by her constant companion George Hays of Bodfish; daughter Debbie Partridge of Lake Isabella; son Jerry Hess of Arizona; daughter and son-in-law Tammie and Paul Hirth of Diamond Bar; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Lynn Richie of Reno; son Lonnie Richie of Oklahoma; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Rex Stewart and Fred Stewart of Missouri.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Wesley John Russ

Memorial services will be held Jan. 19, 2001 at noon at the VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella for Wesley John Russ. Wesley was born May 1, 1919 in North Bradley, Mich. and passed away on Jan. 11, 2001 in Delano. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Gilroy,

Calif. He met his wife, Anita, at a USO dance, and they were married Nov. 12, 1943 in Gilroy in a small service. They later lived in the Los Angeles area and had many businesses. Wesley spent most of his time auctioneering.

Wesley and Anita moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974. His greatest service was here in the Valley where he did a lot of volunteer work, with hospital visits, driving vets to the VA hospital and other places. At the time of his passing he was DAV District Commander in charge of Central California.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Anita Russ of Wofford Heights; daughter Darlene Meek of Bishop; son John Russ of Wofford Heights; daughter Ruby Matlock of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Denise Jarick, Gina McCollough, Alicia Petty and Alex Matlock; and three great-grandchildren, Steven Jarick, Shandra and Logan McCollough.

He will be missed by so many.

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Kathryn M. Ellis

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Kathryn was preceded in death by her sisters Guila A. Pursell and Hazel J. Perry and a brother, Rodney C. Walter. She is survived by daughter Dorothy L. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Audrey K. Jones of Lake Isabella; daughter Marilyn J. Jones of Riverbank; sons Edward L. Ellis of Monroe, Utah, Gary E. Ellis of Cambridge Springs, Pa., and Richard W. Ellis and Kenneth D. Ellis of Lake Isabella; 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sister Arlene G. Bastow of Manteca, Calif.; and a brother, Martin Thompson of Erie, Pa.

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

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Dorothy Frances Pursley

Memorial services for Dorothy Pursley were held on Jan. 6, 2001 at the Eagles Lodge in Mt. Mesa. Pastor Bert Simpson of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church officiated.

Dorothy worked 36 years for the Owens Illinois Glass Company as an inspector in the Los Angeles area. She was a resident of Weldon since 1988.

Dorothy is survived by Billy Joe, her husband of 21 years; her daughter and son-in-law Gloria and Dennis Maness of So. San Francisco; sister Margie Paige of Klamath Falls, Ore.; aunt Freda Horn of Doris, Calif.; uncle Calvin Droege of Hemet, Calif.; uncle Leroy Droege of Minneapolis; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Estella Christina (Connie) Gadberry

Estella Christina (Connie) Gadberry was born on Oct. 21, 1916 to Alfred and Elise Donath. Estella came to California in 1931 and lived in Long Beach for several years. She later moved to Bakersfield in 1934.

Estella met and married Lee Gadberry in 1936. Estella worked at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, as a Civilian Applicant Tester. Together they moved to the lake area in 1975.

Estella entered into rest at Kern Valley Hospital on Dec. 30, 2000. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club, as well as the Rod and Gun Club in the lake area. She was an outgoing person and made friends of all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Gadberry of Wofford Heights. She will be greatly missed by family and friends who loved her and knew her.

Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family of the Lake

Edna Mae Horn

Edna Mae Horn was born on May 28, 1909 in Ben Lomond, Calif., and passed away on Dec. 24, 2000. She was 91 and lived in Kern County for 90 years.

Edna moved from Bodfish to Piute Mountain in 1950. She was a postmistress at Claraville on Piute Mountain, and also at Bodfish. She worked in post offices in Kernville and Miracle Hot Springs. She was owner and cook at the sawmill on Piute Mountain. She cooked 15 years at Miracle Hot Springs. She was head clerk of the election board 15 years in Bodfish and Kernville.

Edna was a charter member of the Kern River Valley Woman's Club. She was a member of the El Tejon Parlor of the Native Daughters of California since 1931. She was a member of TOPS for many years and held several offices. She was a member of Sarah Gooch Ceramics for many years. Edna was very talented and especially enjoyed crafts.

Edna was married 40 years to Oakley R. Horn, and was widowed 23 years. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Marjorie McCoy of Bakersfield and Frances Scales of Geyserville, Calif.; and her parents, Ralph and Anna Hobson of Bakersfield.

She is survived by nieces MaryAnn Patterson of Anchorage, Alaska and Lynn Taylor of Houston, Texas; nephews Dallas Scales of San Jose, Ralph Scales of Geyserville, Calif. and Robert McCoy of LaCanada, Calif.; 14 grandnieces and nephews and many great-grandnieces and nephews.

She was interred at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield. There was no service.



John Morton Koontz

Private arrangements were made for John Koontz, who passed away Jan. 16, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

John was born on Jan. 28, 1913 in the Revenue Lease, Kern River Oil Fields, Bakersfield. He lived there with his parents until the age of 10, when they moved to Montebello. He resided there until 1975 at which time he retired from the Ford Motor Company's Refrigeration Dept. and moved to the Kern River Valley.

John was a past Governor of the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella and also a 50-year member. He was preceded in death by his son, John Koontz in 1989, and is survived by his daughter-in-law Penny Koontz of Huntington Beach; grandson and wife Paul and Deborah Koontz of Riverside; grandson and wife Robert and Kine Koontz of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; granddaughter and husband Jennifer and Jesse Crum of Sedona, Ariz.; and six great-grandchildren.

John was a great bingo player and loved to go to Las Vegas and gamble—poker was a favorite. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



David Eugene Stamm

Private funeral arrangements were made for David Eugene Stamm of Wofford Heights. Mr. Stamm was born on Feb. 26, 1922 in Minneapolis and passed away Jan. 16, 2001 at his residence in Wofford Heights.

Mr. Stamm worked for Southern California Edison for 31 years before retiring and moved to the Kern Valley in 1985. He was a 33rd Degree Mason and Shriner out of Garden Grove. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and woodworking. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 20 years, Nancy Stamm of Wofford Heights; daughter Sandy Andres of Porterville; daughter Evelyn Coil of Lake Isabella; Annet Saul of Wofford Heights; Theresa Saul of Phalan and son and daughter-in-law Lee and Tammy Saul of Phalan and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Kenneth Paul Reimer Sr.

Private arrangements were made for Kenneth Reimer Sr. Kenneth was born on July 10, 1927 in North Hampton, Pa. and passed away on Jan. 15, 2001 in Lake Isabella. He had moved to the Valley in 1981 after retiring from the city of Torrance Water Dept. where he had worked for 20 years.

Kenneth enjoyed hunting and fishing and gardening. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy Seabees. He took part in the Pacific campaign.

He leaves behind his wife of 54 years, Doris Reimer of Bodfish; son Kenneth Reimer Jr. of Bodfish; son and daughter-in-law David and Claudia Reimer of Bakersfield; daughter and son-in-law Georgiann and Greg Smith of Oakhurst, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother and two sisters, Charles, Betty and Helen, all of Pennsylvania.

Kenneth was a very loving and wonderful husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Roman Albert Krusiewicz

Roman A. Krusiewicz was born in Poland on Aug. 9, 1937. He entered eternal rest on Jan. 13, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Roman was a painter by trade here in the Valley. He became an American citizen on Aug. 26, 1955 in Junction City, Kan. In his lifetime he was a soldier in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Roman belonged to the D.A.V. of the Kern River Valley and was a lifetime member of V.F.W. Post 7665 in Lake Isabella. Roman rose to the rank of commander in the D.A.V. He was active in helping those who were in need to be transported to Bakersfield for treatment.

Roman was a resident of Wofford Heights and was well known in the Valley. He had two sons, Henry and Michael, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Monica and Therisa.

Roman will receive a full military burial with honors at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Services were by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, with a lot of support from Kern Valley friends.

Doris Allene Pruet

Doris Allene Pruet was born Sept. 17, 1917 to Ernest and Juanita Pritchard in Butler, Mo., and entered eternal rest on Jan. 23, 2001.

A longtime resident of the Kern River Valley, Doris moved from Compton to Johnsondale in the early 1940s, where she cooked for the loggers. Her husband, Rival Bishop, also worked in the logging operation. Several years later, they moved to the South Fork and built Bishop's Cafe and gasoline station in Bishopdale, just west of the Cane Brake Inn. When the restaurant burned, the couple rebuilt it. She was widowed in 1951, and later married Robert Pruet, an early homesteader in the Chimney Peak area, and head of the highway maintenance crew, through the South Fork to Highway 14. The couple built and lived in several homes in the Valley. When Robert suffered a stroke and was confined to a wheelchair, Doris cared for him for over 10 years until his death in 1999.

Never one to sit back when something needed to be done, Doris was an early member of the South Fork School Board, and was instrumental in keeping the school open when attempts were made to close it. She also helped to establish the mosquito abatement district, many flood control projects and Neighborhood Watch.

In the early 1950s, her efforts helped people in the South Fork/Cane Brake area get telephone service. She was also chairman of the election board in Onyx for many years. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, cards and her many friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Nina and her husband William Sharp of Pleasanton; granddaughters Deana Sharp of Oregon, Jeanie Sharp of Pleasanton and Mikey Habbestad and her husband, Mark, of Valley Springs; sister Jo Merry and her husband Loyd of Lake Isabella; brother Cliff Pritchard and his wife, Betty, of Arizona; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She is preceded in death by husbands Rival Bishop and Robert Pruet; her son, Jay Bishop; sisters Ramona Rogers and Martha Wokal (all longtime residents of the Kern River Valley); and her brother, Robert Pritchard.

Services were held Jan. 25, 2001, at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

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



Leon L. Rondeau

Private arrangements were made for Leon "Springmaker" Rondeau, who passed away Dec. 31, 2000 as a result of an auto vs. pedestrian accident in Adelanto, Calif.

Leon was born Sept. 12, 1918 in Willamatic, N.H., one of 17 children.

Leon moved to California in the 1950s, where he worked for Associated Spring Co. of Gardena— thus the C.B. handle "Springmaker."

He moved to the Kern River Valley in the early 1970s, where he was employed for a while with Starr Drilling.

He then retired to fish, camp, more fishing, travel and make more friends.

He resided in Salome, Ariz. for the last 20 years.

He leaves behind his daughter, Rita Holte and son-in-law Bill of Bodfish; daughter Candy Wade and son-in-law Darvin of Salome; daughter Pauline MacLeod of Utah; son Fred Rondeau and daughter-in-law Darlene of Hawthorne; son Leon "Bulch" Rondeau Jr. of Torrance; his wonderful friend Carol of Salome; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, five sisters and two brothers, and many, many friends.

Leon was a loving father and will be greatly missed by us all.

Ardath Lois Cochran

Ardath Lois Cochran was born to Arthur and Nadine McCoy on June 17, 1917 in Coalinga, Calif. She passed away peacefully on Jan. 25, 2001 at the age of 83 in Mountain Mesa.

Ardath, along with her husband of 64 years, Harry, resided in Wofford Heights for the past 21 years.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Harry; son Gary Cochran of Apple Valley; and two daughters, Jeanette Nuttall of Cathedral City, Calif. and Deborah Zilliott of Laguna Beach. She was a loving grandmother to Tony, Jeff, Jim, Curt, Laura, Tom, Andrew, Erin and Zachary, and a great-grandmother of six.

Graveside services were held on Jan. 30, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor Jack Dilley presiding.

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David Eugene Stamm

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He was preceded in death by three sons, Rick, Dennis and Chuck. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Nancy Stamm of Wofford Heights; daughter Sandy Andres of Porterville; daughter Evelyn Coil of Lake Isabella; Annette Saul of Wofford Heights; Theresa Saul of Phalan and son and daughter-in-law Lee and Tammy Saul of Phalan and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jannius Woodrow McDaniel

Private arrangements were made for Jannius Woodrow McDaniel, known as Mac to his friends, who passed away on Jan. 18, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mac was born on April 16, 1913 in Tulsa, Okla. and moved to Southern California and became a building contractor for many years. He built homes for a lot of stars in the Los Angeles area.

He moved to Oregon after retiring and then moved to Onyx in the Kern River Valley 13 years ago. He used to come here in his younger years hunting and fishing with Clark Gable and Carole Lombard. He enjoyed fishing for Golden Trout and also hunting.

He is survived by his sons, Ronald and Robert McDaniel, grandson Skot McDaniel and his beloved dog, Taco.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2001

David Consoli

Arrangements were made in Manteca, Calif. for David Consoli, 53, who passed away in Davis, Calif. on Jan. 23, 2001 of natural causes.

David Consoli was born in Stockton on Dec. 7, 1949. He lived in San Jacinto, Calif. for 4-1/2 years and in Wofford Heights for 23 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

David was a wildlife biologist with the state of California. He was fortunate to live his lifelong dream working with and preserving wildlife. His self-chosen career to him was like being on an everyday vacation. We have a lifetime of memories of David that will last forever.

David is survived by his companion, Marian Hartman; his mother, Pauline Consoli of Manteca; daughter Elizabeth Rae Consoli of Sun Valley, Nev.; stepchildren Brian M. Hartman of Mountain Mesa, David R. Hartman of Tehachapi, DiAnn L. Hartman of Wofford Heights and Fred Clifton of Wofford Heights; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brother Tom Consoli of Brazil and sister Carolee Barritt of Byron, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Consoli.

There will be a celebration of David's life on Feb. 3, 2001 from 1 to 3 p.m. at 4512 Juniper Lane, Mountain Mesa.

Remembrances may be sent to the National Rifle Association, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Arrangements were made by P.L. Fry and Son Funeral Service, Inc., P.O. Box 2566, Manteca, CA 95326-1167.



Mamie Ethel Davis

Graveside services will be held today, Feb. 7, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Marie Ethel Davis. Officiating will be Pastor Bill Blanton.

Mamie was born Nov. 1, 1922 in Spiro, Okla. and passed away on Feb. 2, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mamie moved to California in 1942 with her husband Charlie. They lived near Arvin until they moved to Oxnard in 1948 where she started working for Port Hueneme High School. She worked there for 15 years.

She and Charlie moved to the Kern River Valley in 1981. She enjoyed camping and crocheting. She was a great mom and a loving wife.

Mamie was preceded in death by her husband Charlie and son Charles. She is survived by her loving daughter, Barbara; sister-in-law Agnes Boling; granddaughter Windy; great-grandson Logan; and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Para "Roberta" Christopher

Roberta Christopher entered life on April 28, 1920, in Pendleton, Ore. In her life, Roberta attended college and eventually entered the world

of personal and business banking, going to work for Security Pacific Bank as an operations specialist. In her spare time, she enjoyed golf and traveling. Traveling was natural for Roberta, as she served as the national president of the Sigma Tau Psi sorority. In her travels, she managed to visit all 50 states as well as Canada, with her husband of 21 years, Allen.

Moving from Glendale, Calif., Roberta, Allen and their only son, Carl, moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977, settling down in Kernville. Once here in our valley, Roberta continued being active in her sorority, playing golf, and taking care of her beloved family. Some time ago, however, she fell ill, and in the early morning hours of Jan. 19, 2001, Roberta passed away and went home to be with her maker. Memorial services were held on Jan. 25, 2001 at the Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church. Roberta's national sorority sisters were in attendance and they gave a final lasting memorial tribute to Roberta and her dedication to her family, sorority and friends. Roberta will be truly missed by her loving family, and her absence will be felt by all of those whose lives she touched.

Para Roberta Christopher is survived by her son, Carl Christopher, and his wife Angella, both of Bakersfield; and by her two grandchildren, Eric and Ashley Christopher of Bakersfield. She was predeceased by her husband, Allen Christopher, in 1982. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Eual "Red" Williams

Eual "Red" Williams, former 20-year resident of Lake Isabella, died Jan. 14, 2001 in San Diego, where he resided for the past year and a half.

Red was born in Texas in 1912. He moved to San Diego in 1940. He went to work for Griffith Construction Co. within two weeks after arriving in San Diego. He worked for Griffith until he retired in 1970.

He married Emma Lou Fench Williams in 1931. She passed away in July 1965.

Emma Lou and Red had two daughters, Peggy and June. Peggy passed away in 1965.

Red is survived by his daughter, June; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Donald Clayton Hoffman, Sr.

Donald Clayton Hoffman, Sr. was born in Peoria, Ill. Aug. 8, 1929 and passed away on Feb. 8, 2001 at his residence in Wofford Heights, surrounded by his loving family.

Donald is survived by his wife of 45 years, Sondra Monene Hoffman; brother Christopher J. Hoffman II; son Clayton Donald Hoffman Jr. and his wife Johnel Marie Hoffman; and son John Phillip Hoffman. Donald was preceded in death by son James ('me') Bartley Hoffman.

Donald resided in the Kern River Valley with his family in Wofford Heights since 1974. His career started with sales in the cosmetic industry in the 1960s, then on to recreational vehicle supplies and awning sales with Shasta and Carter Shade, where he received recognition as one of the nation's top 10 salespersons. In 1975 he became the manager of Rick Kieffe's Autohaus, formerly located on Lake Isabella Boulevard, which he operated until his retirement in 1980.

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week's paper.

He was a member of the Moose at one time, a member in good standing of the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge, a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization, as well as the American Legion, and at one time served as a volunteer in the Kern County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue unit.

Private arrangements were made by the family. Well-wishers are invited to make donations to the American Cancer Society, which provides research and assistance to families of cancer patients, located at 1523 California Ave., Bakersfield CA 93304.



Robert Ivan Miller

Robert Ivan Miller was born Jan. 6, 1917 in Gibon, Neb. to Francis Miller and Edna Ethyl Bolan Miller, and passed away Feb. 4, 2001.

Prior to retiring, he worked for the VA as a dietitian. He also served in the infantry and Army Air Corps during WWII. Robert was a 12-year resident of the San Fernando Valley, and spent the last 22 years as a resident of Lake Isabella. Robert was an active member of the Odd Fellows, in the Kernville lodge.

Robert is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Ruth Miller of Lake Isabella; daughters Barbara Olson of Simi Valley and Pat Freeman and husband Kenn of Ventura; grandsons Christopher Flores and his wife Bonnie and Craig Flores and his wife Irene, all of Los Angeles; brother Warren Miller of Nebraska; and sister Evelyn Robertson of San Diego.

No public ceremonies will be held at Robert's request.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors, Bakersfield, Calif.

Merle Dean Stephens

Beloved son, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Merle Dean Stephens, 69, passed away peacefully Jan. 20, 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. He was a loving father and grandfather.

Merle was born May 16, 1931 in Ocean Park, Calif. to Duard John and Alba Elizabeth Stephens. He married JoAnne LaJoie in Van Nuys in June 1956, later divorced. He was proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force and after college spent his working years with North American Rockwell Rocketdyne and Simplex Time Recorder. Merle loved to fish and hunt and was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Merle is survived by his mother, daughter Irene Stephens-Mosier and son Andrew Lance Stephens. He is also survived by five granddaughters, one grandson and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father and brother James Eugene Stephens.

A Funeral Mass was held Feb. 3, 2001 at St. Mary's in Ogden, Utah. Merle was cremated at his request.

Judy Shery Hedges

Funeral services were held Feb. 8, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Judy Shery Hedges. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis of the Weldon Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Judy was born Aug. 25, 1950 in Torrance and went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 5, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Judy moved here 40 years ago with her parents and lived in Weldon all that time. She enjoyed camping, fishing, traveling and music. She was a happy and loving daughter and the family called her "the Morning Glory Kid."

She is survived by her father, Walter Hedges of Weldon; her brother and sister-in-law John and Karin Hedges of Weldon; brother and sister-in-law David and Bonnie Hedges of Riverside; and many nieces and nephews.

She will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary.



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He was a member of the Moose at one time, a member in good standing of the Wofford Heights Elks Lodge, a member of the Disabled American Veterans organization, as well as the American Legion, and at one time served as a volunteer in the Kern County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue unit.

Private arrangements were made by the family. Well-wishers are invited to make donations to the American Cancer Society, which provides research and assistance to families of cancer patients, located at 1523 California Ave., Bakersfield CA 93304.

[Last week the wrong photo ran with this obituary notice; this is the correct photo. The Sun apologizes for the error.]

Irene Trogdon

Lottie Irene Trogdon entered life on April 4, 1907 in DeLand, Ill. Born to her parents Ben and Mary Baker, she was raised in Illinois until she moved to Riverside, Calif., where she met and in 1943 married the love of her life, Arnie Trogdon. During the war years, Irene served her country proudly working on the home front at Douglas Aircraft as a "Rosie the Riveter" type of employee, participating in an era of history that later became a slice of "Americana." Most of all, however, Irene enjoyed spending time with her husband and family, and being the wonderful homemaker that she was. Irene enjoyed knitting, reading, sewing, cooking and especially fishing. In 1970, Irene and Arnie retired, picked up their roots in the Los Angeles area, and repanted them here in the Kern River Valley, settling down in Lake Isabella. Once here, Irene and Arnie were able to continue doing the things that they enjoyed together, as well as becoming members of the CB club and the Bodfish/Lake Isabella Property Owners Association. They were also able to spend more time with their family and friends. But, as these things do, Irene fell ill and on Feb. 18, 2001, she passed away and went home to be with her maker. Funeral services were held on Feb. 24, 2001 at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Guy Rimestad officiating. A graveside committal service was held shortly after at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. She is truly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Lottie Irene Trogdon is survived by her husband of 57 years, Arnie Trogdon of Lake Isabella; her stepchildren Paul, Lee and Betty; her sisters Buelah Primmer and Evelyn Robertson; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. Irene is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Preceding her in passing are two sisters, Helen and Mary Baker; her brother Harvan and her step-daughter Marjorie.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Ruth Marsh

Ruth Marsh, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister passed away Feb. 17, 2001 in her home.

Ruth was born in Los Angeles May 3, 1927. She lived in Southlake for the past 22 years.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Carlie Marsh; three daughters: Doris Parks of Southlake, Carla Pratt of Chino Hills and Georgia Ruf of Columbia City, Ind.; and one son, Nelson Marsh of Couer d'Alene, Idaho. Ruth also leaves 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

There was a memorial service Feb. 21, 2001. The family would prefer a memorial to the Shriners Hospital in lieu of flowers.

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

Oliver Shaw

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella for Oliver Shaw. Officiating was Pastor Bert Simpson of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Oliver was born in Greenfield, Mo. and later moved to Pomona, Kan. where he was a dairy farmer for over 25 years before retiring. He also enjoyed gardening. He and his wife Ethel moved to the Kern River Valley in 1999 where they enjoyed the beauty around them and being close to their family. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Howard and Lionel.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Ethel, of Weldon; brother Truman Shaw of Long Beach; and sisters Janis Johnson of San Diego and Doris West of Greenfield, Mo. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Corrine Stolze Baldner

Corrine Stolze Baldner of Wofford Heights passed away on Feb. 18, 2001 at her home. She is survived by her husband, Earl Baldner; her children, Sandra Simmons of Hanover, Pa., Judith Hodges of Atlanta and Gerald Stolze of Valencia, Calif.; Earl's children, Bruce Baldner of Bakersfield, Mary Beth Bennett of New York City, Kent Baldner of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Alan Baldner of Santa Maria, Calif.; sister Glaytias Wells of Wofford Heights; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and a host of loving friends.

There was a funeral Mass at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Feb. 23, 2001. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to either the American Cancer Society (661-327-2424) or Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield, Calif. (661-833-3900).

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella,

Dolores Geneva Garrett

Funeral arrangements were made for Dolores Geneva Garrett of Weldon, who passed away Feb. 20, 2001.

Mrs. Garrett was born March 5, 1924 in Clinton, Iowa. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. She and her husband moved to the valley after their retirement. She was a chef for over 30 years. She enjoyed crocheting and knitting and was a member of the VFW and the South Fork Woman's Club.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 52 years, Harry, in October 2000. She is survived by her sister-in-law Mardella and her husband Raleigh King of Eldora, Iowa; brother-in-law William and his wife Beverly Garrett of Riverside; sister-in-law Nelda Densmore of San Jose; and many nieces and nephews and friends. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2001

Richard Lee Reynolds

Richard Lee Reynolds was born in Mandan, N.D. on August 3, 1933 and passed away Feb. 18, 2001 at his home in Weldon after a fight with cancer.

Richard retired from the Navy after 20 years. He also worked as a welder and truck driver after his Navy service. Richard (Dick) was an active member of the Eagles lodge and the VFW.

Richard is survived by his wife of 37 years, Esther; stepson Walter Wright; 4 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; 5 brothers; 3 sisters; several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nephews; nieces; and many friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Cremation took place and there will be no services at the request of the family.

Gary Wayne Sarvis

Gary Wayne Sarvis was born Nov. 27, 1944 and passed away Jan. 18, 2001 of a heart aneurysm.

Gary left behind his loving wife of 34 years, Lucille Bernice Sarvis, his two wonderful children, Carolyn Nadine Sarvis-Baker (grandkids Kevin and Brittany Baker) and Pamela Suzanne Sarvis-McCoy (husband Mark McCoy, and his three cats, Bridget, Patches and Big Guy. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Mason Robert Wilson Jr.; two sisters-in-law, Terry Tyner and Deborah Walser; and mother and father-in-law Lucille Bernice and Lee Laitz.

It is a time of sorrow, but a sigh of relief that Gary is no longer suffering. Gary was a special person who was loved very much by his family and friends.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2001



Blanche Loraine Lewes

Blanche Loraine Lewes was born July 17, 1912 in Lorraine, Calif. Blanch was the first girl born there. She passed away on Feb. 27, 2001 at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

She is survived by her spouse and family. A memorial will be held for family and friends.

Wahneeta Trovillion Harmack Donaldson

Wahneeta Donaldson passed away on Feb. 22, 2001. She slipped away during a blissful afternoon slumber to the heaven of which she so often dreamed.

She lived a long, happy and exceedingly productive life: a mother of three, the loss of one she mourned deeply until her final day on this earth; the grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of two. In addition, she was a life-long scholar, a notable poet, a sister, a Sunday School teacher, a mentor, a loving wife, a savior of abandoned animals, a fantastic cook, a devoted friend, a stunningly beautiful woman, a dedicated correspondent, a family historian, a gentle caregiver, a devout Christian learned of many religions, a cultivator of beautiful places and a lover of the earth.

Her family and friends mourn her loss yet rejoice for the manner of her departure and for her arrival in heaven.

She is survived by two sisters, her adoring husband, two sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was scheduled for March 2, 2001 at the Baptist Church in Weirton, at 1 p.m. Her family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in her honor to Faculty Honors Scholarship through Cerro Coso College's Fire Mountain Foundation. Please contact Diane Mourton at (760) 384-6320 for more information.

Lucille Mildred Matthews

Graveside services were held Feb. 23, 2001 for Lucille Mildred Matthews at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Father Patrick Persinger.

Lucille was born May 19, 1911 in Creston, Iowa and passed away on Feb. 16, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

She and her loving husband of 57 years, John, have lived in the Kern Valley for ten years.

She is survived by her husband, John Matthews of Kernville; niece and husband Patricia and John Fruen of Vista, Calif.; niece Linus Ingle of Whittier; and niece and husband Emily and Howard Pomeroy of Apple Valley.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nora Louise Gill

Louise (Lou) Gill was born in Roodhouse, Ill. on Nov. 8, 1937 and passed away on Feb. 11, 2001 at UCLA Cancer Center after a hard-fought but losing battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bob; one daughter, Sherry; four sons, Steven, Michael, Russell and Richard, all of whom live in the L.A. area; her mother Elinor Carmean and sister Barbara Lebro of Kernville; and a brother, Terry Carmean of Alton, Ill.

She and her husband, Bob, moved to Kernville in 1988 and operated a small business. Lou was a member of the Kern River Valley Art Association and served as treasurer and president. She was also a member of the Ladies of the Elks and the Kernville Chamber of Commerce. She was a beloved wife and mother and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be performed by the Ladies of the Elks, followed by a luncheon on March 10, 2001, at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights. All her many friends are invited to attend.

Clifford Henry Jones

Clifford was born in Gramby, Mo. on Feb. 4, 1925 to parents Darius and Jessie Jones. He was home schooled by his father. At the age of 16 he joined the Navy, and was discharged with honors in 1945 at China Lake Naval Weapons Center after serving 18 months active duty in WWII. He served in both theaters during the war.

Clifford married Joyce R. Wilson when he was 20 years young, and to that union was born two sons, Clifford N. and Keith Jones. They adopted a daughter, Deborah R. Jones, who preceded him in death. Clifford was a professional auto body repairman for over 50 years. He had a shop in Wofford Heights for 24 years and finally retired to enjoy his time. His first wife passed away from cancer. He later met and married Helen. He is survived by his wife Helen and two sons, Clifford Jones of Oklahoma and Keith Jones of Visalia. Other family includes Donald McAbee of Mojave, Shannon Aurora of Missouri and Linda Burton of Mesa, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Clifford will be greatly missed.

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

U. Grant Hall

U. Grant Hall was born on July 10, 1922 and passed on Feb. 22, 2001 at his home in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Jean Hall; son Michael Hall and daughter-in-law Judy Hall of Huntington Beach; and grandchildren Michael Brian Hall and Tina LeClerq.

Grant served four years in the Air Force. His American flag was put out every morning and taken in at sundown, weather permitting. Grant retired from I.T.T. in Southern California. Grant and Jean moved to the Valley in 1974 and worked for the school district. Grant drove the school bus. He was a quiet man, very helpful, giving and loving to his wife, neighbors and friends. To the people at Burlington Assisted Living, Grant will not be dropping by magazines to you any more; he enjoyed you very much. Remember seeing a green car or blue truck that went 10 mph with a golden lab and a big sheepdog in the back? That was our Grant. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Fred Dodds

Fred Dodds passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on March 5, 2001, with his family close by his side.

Visitation for Fred was held at Valley Mortuary on March 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Funeral services were held on March 10, 2001, at 10 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Mark Buenafe officiating. A graveside committal followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Fred was born on June 1, 1920, in Dallas, S.D. In 1946 Fred arrived at a beautiful place on the Kern River best known as Miracle Hot Springs, with his bride Ruby, and decided to call it home.

Fred Dodds gave generously to the Kern Valley. Fred was a trustee and member of the Board of Directors at Kern Valley Hospital from 1968 through 2000. He was a Life Member of the V.F.W. Post 7665 and was a past commander of District 10 and also District Commander. He was Past Commander and Past District Commander of the DAV. He also belonged to the American Legion. He was a member of the KRV Historical Society, the Lake Isabella-Bodfish Property Owners and the Highland Chapel church.

Fred is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ruby, his sons Michael and Randy and daughter Colleen, and his son-in-law Richard Brun. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Debra Cook, Jamie Neill and Sheena and Ryan Dodds; five great-grandchildren, Michael, Tessa, Tara, Branden and Alyssa; and his sister Mabel Heitman of Anaheim. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, George and May Dodds; sisters Ruth, Florence and Lucille; and brothers Wallace, Albert and Ray.

Memorial donations can be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bernice Juanita Smith

Funeral services were held on March 9, 2001 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Bernice J. Smith. Officiating was Pastor Preston North. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Bernice was born March 18, 1931 in Collierville, Tenn, and went to be with the Lord on March 6, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Bernice was a resident of the Kern River Valley for the past 23 years. She enjoyed playing the guitar and garage-sale-ing and her doll collection. Her marriage to Jay B. was vibrant and happy. They enjoyed spending time together.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Brenda, in 1999. Bernice is survived by her loving husband, Jay B. Smith of Wofford Heights; her daughters Linda Hunt of Texas, Arlene Watson and her husband George of Bakersfield and Robin Moore and her husband Jerry of Bakersfield; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her brother and sister Dave and Mae of Tennessee. Bernice will be missed by all who knew her.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Joel D. Moore

Private arrangements were made for Joel D. Moore, who passed away March 1, 2001 at his home in Weldon. Joel was best known in the Valley for his expert masonry work, which he has done for the last 35 years.

Born in Bell, Calif., Joel was 72 years old.

He is survived by his wife, Pat Moore; sons Don, Steve and Chris Moore; daughter Pam Franks; grandchildren Eric, Tami, Brandon and Amber Moore and Chad Franks; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Guy LeRoy Chancey

Guy LeRoy Chancey, beloved husband and father, was born in Bryant, Okla. on Sept. 26, 1916 and passed away March 7, 2001. Guy is survived by his wife of 61 years, Angelina of Mountain Mesa; daughter Trina Craddock of Lake Isabella; grandson Skyler Craddock of Lake Isabella; son Bruce Chancey; brothers Ted and Donald Chancey; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held March 13, 2001 at the Masonic Temple in Kernville.

Guy and Angelina have been residents of Mountain Mesa for the last 20 years. Guy was a Past Master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge, a member of the Al Malaikah Shrine Club and Ambassador to the Al Malaikah Potentate, a member of the Bakersfield Scottish Rite, Grand Lectern to the Grand Royal Arch Masons, and belonged to many other organizations.

The family would prefer a memorial to the Shriners Hospital for Children in lieu of flowers. He was loved by all and will be missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2001

Keith T. Rowe

Keith T. Rowe, beloved husband and father, passed away on March 1, 2001, at his home after a long fight with cancer.

Keith served with the U.S. Army in Korea during the Korean conflict, and worked as a mechanic after his Army service.

Keith is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sue; son William D. Anderson of Bakersfield; daughter JoAnn Trauthoff and her husband Lance of Lake Isabella; daughter Patricia Camico and husband Scott of Gooding, Idaho; mother Marie Rowe of Allegan, Mich.; brother William Rowe and his wife Yoshii Watai of Anchorage; sister Mary Elizabeth Vandenberg of Allegan, Mich.; sister Margie Lee French and her husband Richard of Washougal, Wash.; seven grandchildren; four step-grandchildren, a niece and two nephews.

Keith was preceded in death by his father, William Rowe.

Cremation took place; there were no services at his request.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

John Thomas Marsh

John Thomas Marsh was born in Armstrong, B.C., Canada, on Aug. 16, 1916. He passed away on March 5, 2001 at Beverly Convalescent Home in Shafter, Calif. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Joyce Rachel Marsh; daughter Barbara Spann; brother Malcolm; sister Jeanette Philhower; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by a brother, Donald Leroy Marsh.

John's family moved from Canada to Ellsworth, Wisc., when he was two years old and later moved to Minnesota, where he finished high school at Waterville High School. John married Joyce in 1937, moved to California in 1941. He served in the United States Army in WWII, and then went into the building business. He retired in 1978 and moved to Wofford Heights, where he lived for 23 years. John was a member of the Kern River Valley Historical Society and the Death Valley 49'ers. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and being on the lake with his boat. John was stricken with Alzheimer's disease in 1997.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Kern River Valley Historical Society or the National Alzheimer's Disease Foundation, P.O. Box 64421, Saint Paul, MN 55164-9355.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Beliva Smith

Born Feb. 21, 1906 in Missouri, Beliva Smith passed away on Feb. 21, 2001 to be with the Lord.

Her husband, William F. Smith, passed away at age 93 in July 1995.

Surviving her are one brother, Ted Donelson of Hawaii; a sister, Betty Lollis of Oklahoma; two sons, William F. Smith, Jr. of Weldon and Billy Ray Smith of Cortez, Colo.; four daughters, Vivian Short of Weldon, Joyce Oliver of Cottonwood, Ariz., Norma Hitchcock of Upland, Calif. and Roxie Collins of Springfield, Ore.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2001

Victor George Gibbard

A memorial service was held March 23, 2001 at the Kernville Masonic Lodge No. 827 for Victor George Gibbard. Officiating was Bo Williams.

Mr. Gibbard was born May 2, 1920, in London, England and passed away March 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. He served during WWII in the RAF as a fighter pilot and received the Victoria Cross given to him by the Queen. He retired in 1980 from Qualtron Aircraft after 20 years with them, and he and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley in 1985.

He enjoyed building model railroad trains, airplanes and doll houses. He also enjoyed flying and taking his family on trips in his Cessna. He and Marge enjoyed traveling the world with frequent trips to England, China and Egypt.

He was a volunteer at the Senior Center and the hospital. Victor was a Mason, a Shriner and a member of the Scottish Rite. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Marge; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Charles Laatz of Nesbit, Miss.; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Ginger Gibbard of Taft; grandchildren Robert Laatz, David and wife Debbi Laatz, Jennifer and husband Bryan Coch, David and wife Khristi Gibbard, and Darlene Gibbard; and great-granddaughter Sara Lauren Laatz.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Masonic Scholarship Fund at the Kernville Lodge. Victor will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



John R. Rogers

John R. Rogers, a.k.a. "Animal John," lost his battle with cancer on March 20, 2001. John was a wonderful father, husband, son and grandfather. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, his mother and father, and 21 grandchildren.

John graduated from Kern Valley High School. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea during the Pueblo crisis and in Vietnam.

After his return to the Kern Valley he worked as a chef and was a strong figure in the community.

All friends are welcome to join the family at memorial services at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on March 30, 2001 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the VFW Post No. 7665.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Alva Blaine Bearden

Alva Blaine Bearden entered life on Sept. 21, 1912, in Meddleton, Ark. Born to his parents William and Nancy, he was raised with traditional southern family values, values he passed on to his loving family throughout the years.

Blaine was a wonderful, loving family man. He was called Grandpa by many people who knew and loved him. During WWII, Blaine served our country in the private sector, working as a welder, building ships for the war effort. After the war, Blaine worked for U.S. Steel, and for most of his marriage to his beloved wife Jessie, he lived in Norwalk, Calif. Eventually, Blaine and Jessie retired, later moving to the Kern River Valley in 1993, settling down in Mountain Mesa. Blaine enjoyed reading the Bible and was an active member of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. But as these things do, Blaine fell ill and passed away at home with his loving family and friends close by. Funeral services were held on March 24, 2001, at Mountain View Southern Baptist Church, with interment at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Blaine will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Alva Blaine Bearden is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jessie Bearden; his son Wayman Bearden and his wife Teri; his daughter Nancy Norton and her husband Fred; his grandchildren Steve Bearden, Cindy Healy, Bobby Norton, Jim Norton and his wife Debbie, Gary Norton and Ron Norton; great-grandchildren Becky and Jennifer Norton; and a new grandchild to be born this year. Also surviving him is his 95-year-old sister, Dorothy Walker, lots of nieces and nephews who loved their favorite uncle, family on mom's side that loved him as a brother, and especially his friends of 52 years, John and Louise Krueger. We will all miss you.

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Robert A. Stewart

Robert A. Stewart was born in Scotia, N.Y. in 1937 to William Clark Stewart and Ann Stewart, and passed away March 10, 2001.

Robert's mother left when he was young and his father remarried. Robert enlisted in the Marine Corps when he was 18, and was stationed at Quantico. Robert married in June of 1958 in Washington, D. C. He was discharged from the Marines in 1960 and resided in Washington, D. C. until 1961. When he moved back to his hometown of Scotia in 1962 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was divorced and remarried and divorced again.

As his firstborn son, I always stayed in touch with my father over the years and visited as often as I could. I believe that the proudest moment in my father's life was being able to pin my anchors when I made Chief. It was for me. My father retired as a first class petty officer, but he will always be the Captain to me. As a token of my love for you, dad, I promote you to Chief.

I would like to thank my family, friends of my father, the pastor, the funeral director, the VFW post, the towns of Kemville and Wofford Heights, and all the efforts and planning my wife, Deb, has done to make the service possible for my father.

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

Melvin J. Pierce, Jr.

Melvin was born June 24, 1936 and passed away from cancer March 17, 2001. He leaves behind his brother Ray Pierce; son David; daughter Donna Bock; stepson Charley Stevens; five grandchildren; four cousins; and an aunt and an uncle. Mel's wife, Helen, preceded him in death Feb. 9, 1999.

Mel came to Lake Isabella about 12 years ago and really enjoyed it up here so much. He was a member in good standing of the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He served three years in the Navy and became an avid ham radio operator. Mel was a machinist and camera repair technician all his life and was also a member of the Bakersfield Muzzle Loaders.

A memorial service was held March 24, 2001 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Yves Monnier officiating. In lieu of flowers, it was requested by Mel that donations be made to the Kern River Valley Seventh Day Adventist Church Building Fund; P.O. Box XX, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Mel's favorite Scripture was Matt. 7:23: "Miss me but let me go."

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Alice Gertrude Burkhart

Alice Gertrude Burkhart was born in New Jersey on Jan. 13, 1918 to Albert and Sara Lewis. The family relocated to the Pasadena-Monrovia area in California when she was three weeks old. There she lived with her parents and one younger brother, Ernie, until she married Irwin Burkhart in June, 1937.

The Burkharts made their home in Antelope Valley where they raised three children. She and Irwin worked together in his Building Contractor's business. She also worked for Bob Hope as a foreperson on a tract of homes being built in Palmdale, owned and operated a candy and gift shop, and ran a Western Union telegraph office.

In 1957 they sold all their businesses and moved to Independence where they bought two pack stations—the Sequoia Kings Pack Trains out of Onion Valley, and the Kennedy Meadows Pack Trains and Jordan Hot Springs on the Kern Plateau. There they spend their summers with their children and grandchildren until they sold the pack trains in 1983.

In 1963 they moved to the Kern River Valley. In 1975 they leased the old Onyx Store and ran it as a family business until 1986. At this time, Irwin continued his contracting business and they moved to Sacramento and lived there until he died in 1991. Alice returned to Kernville where she lived close to her family until she died on March 22, 2001.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Irwin; her daughter, Lois Jean; and great-grandsons Steven Rico Yanez and Devon John Tavernier. Alice is survived by her son, Robert Burkhart, daughter Carol Logsdon, granddaughters Wanda Avis and Lynnette Woolwine of Kernville, grandson Leigh Burkhart of Barstow, granddaughters Charlene Tavernier of Washington, Sheila Burkhart of Florida, and Roxanna Burkhart of Texas, and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will take place at Kernville Scuthem Baptist Church on March 30, 2001 at 10 a.m. Alice was a very loving and giving person in her church and to her family and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Valley mourns loss of area leader Bo Williams

By Marsha Smith
Kern Valley Sun

Prominent Valley resident, community leader and business owner "Bo" Williams, passed away suddenly March 27. He was 76. Bo, along with his wife of 51 years, Margaret, ran the popular Paradise Cove Lodge and Restaurant on Highway 178 between Lake Isabella and Mountain Mesa.

Bo was extremely active in the community and had a heart-felt insight as to the potential growth this valley could achieve. The word "help" was a huge part of what Bo was all about, and when Bo attached himself to any endeavor he was there to make sure it could and would be done.

He cared deeply for the youth of our valley and was greatly motivated to see to it that our young people accomplished their goals and dreams.

Bo served as a board member for the Kernville Unified School District for 13 years and was a key player in the inception of the Kern Valley High School Bronc Boosters. Their annual steak dinner was his brainchild and in the beginning was held on the tennis courts at Paradise Cove Lodge. At that time the Bronc Boosters gave

out a special award and Bo and Margaret were named "Mom and Pop Boosters of the Year." He was also sincerely concerned about the welfare of our senior citizens and was instrumental in establishing the Exchange Club's Senior Outreach



program.

Bo was a charter member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, which benefits youth. There wasn't a fund-raiser or function benefiting our valley's young people that Bo wasn't either involved in or contributed to in some form. Bo was honored in 1986 with the Exchange Club's "Book of Golden Deeds" for his unselfish and self-sacrificing community service with little

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thought or care for personal recognition.

He was a member of the Masonic Family and he held all his Masonic brothers close to his heart. Bo served as Master for Lodge No. 827 in 1973. Bo was also an active member of the Lake Isabella/Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce (and was their Man of the Year one year) and the Kern County Board of Trade.

Born Robert Wesley Williams in Goliad, Texas in 1925, Bo was the fourth of seven children. At his memorial service, it was stated that "Bo was born feet first and used those feet to

keep moving for the next 76 years." His father tagged him with the nickname "Bo," short for Hobo, which described Bo's choice of dress—bare feet and the shirt tail that was never tucked in. That shirttail didn't change much over the years.

Bo's family came to California in 1942 and he joined the Navy in 1944, serving as an armed guard in the North Pacific and later Shore Patrol in Japan. It seems he never quite got over the ship's rolling up and down and could usually be found at the ship's railing feeding the fish—so shore duty was the ticket. Once back on land the slight green tinge to his skin disappeared. After his discharge from the service he enrolled in

Pepperdine College as a freshman in 1946, majoring in History and Physical Education and graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in 1950. He played football with the championship Pepperdine Waves, a team formed from mostly returning veterans. His coach once said that Bo wore barbed wire suspenders, he was so tough. Bo was inducted into Pepperdine's Hall of Fame in 1986.

While at Pepperdine he was introduced to Margaret Parker by a teammate. He gave her the once over and pretended not to be interested. Two weeks later he asked her to go dancing at the Palladium, and they danced for the next 51 years. They were married in January 1950.

In December of 1951 Margaret presented Bo with a baby daughter, Patricia. Twenty-one months later Pamela was born, and then in 1961 Wesley came along.

Bo didn't like working for other people. He was just too independent, so he went to work operating Parker Roofing Co., founded by Margaret's dad, in Los Angeles from 1951 until 1965. He and Margaret moved to the Kern River Valley in 1957 where he first built a cafe at Paradise Cove. Margaret ran the cafe while Bo commuted to run the roofing company. This got old all too soon for Margaret, though, and the day after Christmas 1965, Bo put a pick in the ground at Paradise Cove

and the Lodge was underway. By Memorial Day 1966, Bo put on an apron and cooked the very first steak at Paradise Cove Lodge, a Valley landmark.

Bo's dedication and contributions to our valley were a rare asset. His very last contribution was the donation of his eyes for research.

Bo is survived by Margaret; three children, Pat, Pam and Wesley; six grandchildren; and four siblings.

His memorial service was held Saturday at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. The family has requested that memorial donations be made to the Masonic or Exchange Club Scholarship Funds in lieu of flowers.



Robert "Bo" Wesley Williams

Robert "Bo" Wesley Williams, of Lake Isabella, died suddenly the morning of March 27, 2001, while working in his yard. He is survived by Margaret, his wife of 51 years, their three children, six grandchildren, four siblings, and a large extended family and countless friends.

Born in Goliad, Texas, in 1925, the third of seven children, he moved to Vacaville, Calif., in 1942. He joined the Navy in 1944, serving as an armed guard in the North Pacific and an SP in Japan. He attended Pepperdine College in 1946-50, where he played football with the championship Waves. He was inducted into the Pepperdine Hall of Fame in 1986.

At Pepperdine Bo met Margaret Parker, and they were married on a rainy January morning in 1950. From 1951-65, he operated Parker Roofing Company in Los Angeles. He moved to the Kern Valley in 1965 where he built Paradise Cove Lodge and cooked many a steak.

Bo was an active member of the community and deeply believed in the potential of the Kern Valley. He served for 13 years as a board member for the Kernville Unified School District, and was a member of the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, a Bronc Booster and a member of the Board of Trade.

He was a member of the Masonic family and served as Master of the Kern Valley Lodge 827 in 1973. His final contribution of organ donation will benefit children's cancer treatment and the Inland Eye Bank.

There was public visitation at Valley Mortuary on March 28 and 29, 2001. A public memorial service was held at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church on March 31, 2001, at 2 p.m. The family has requested that memorials be made to the Masonic or Exchange Club scholarship funds in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Carole Lynn Huston Williams

Carole Lynn Huston Williams passed away on March 24, 2001 at Kern Medical Center in Bakersfield. She was 62.

Carole was born on March 12, 1939 in Red Lodge, Mont. She lived in the Kern Valley for 35 years. She was a wife and mother and held several assorted jobs here in the Valley.

Carole is survived by her husband of three years, Robert; her children Vince and Bodil Huston of Maaloey, Norway and Rocky and Vicky Huston of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Tiffany Roxanne, Victoria Lynn and Thomas Saetren; brother Bob Ranta and family of Red Lodge, Mont.; sisters Arlene Tibbets of Lake Isabella and Virginia "Bebe" Easley of Lincoln City, Ore.

Services were held April 3, 2001 in the Rose Chapel at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Officiating was Pastor Jack Dilley. Interment took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

You gave your children two lasting things...one is roots, the other wings... We will love and miss you...

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



Patricia Ann McCauley

Patricia Ann McCauley of Wofford Heights passed away on March 13, 2001 while traveling in Aswan, Egypt. She was born Sept. 14, 1931 in Houston. She worked at the Kern River Health Center from 1990 to 2000. A happy person with a positive approach to everything, she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Her husband Charles preceded her in death. Survivors include her sister, Karen Brustman and her husband Harry Brustman of Dallas; stepson Donald C. McCauley and his wife Jody McCauley of San Carlos, Calif.; and stepdaughter Cathleed McCauley of Coventry, Rhode Island.

Minnie B. Hamilton

Minnie B. Hamilton, 84, passed away March 27, 2001 at the Arbor Convalescent Home on Lodi, Calif.

Minnie is survived by her husband, Wally Hamilton of Lake Isabella; daughter Barbara Jean Timms of Lodi; adored grandsons Craig and Cory Timms and their wives Marriann and Sally; great-granddaughters Cassandra and Megan; great-grandsons Casey and Wyatt Timms of Alta Loma and Lodi; and many lifelong friends.

Minnie was born Sept. 24, 1916 in Mule Creek, Texas. She worked for 26 years for Sears as a manager-buyer in their West Coast division. She loved the water and the Kern River and Isabella Lake. She was an ardent fisherman and a water skier and a very talented painter and crafts artist.

For many years, she was very active as a docent at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest, lecturing on Indian artifacts and petroglyphs at schools and in the field.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Disease research.

Graveside memorial services will be held April 28, 2001 at 1 p.m. at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.

In Loving Memory Delores Martineau

Delores Martineau passed away March 29, 2001. She was born June 22, 1935.

Memorial services will be held April 22, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Cascades Restaurant, 3905 Club Rancho Dr., Palmdale Country Club, Palmdale, Calif.

Walter Clayton Busch

Walter Clayton Busch entered life on Oct. 4, 1922 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. His parents, George and Elizabeth, raised him with traditional Midwest family values. Walt grew up and graduated high school in Ohio. At the onset of World War II, the day after Pearl Harbor was bombed, Walt joined the United States Navy and proudly served his country until 1946, where he was honorably discharged. Shortly after leaving the Navy, Walt felt the call of the sea once again and became a United States Merchant Marine. While in the Merchant Marine, Walt sailed into the Port of Long Beach, and met his future wife, Judy (Gertrude) Williams. The two fell in love and began house shopping, later deciding on one and furnishing it. And on June 21, 1951, Walt and Judy were married. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Walt retired in 1982 the first time and then after being away from the sea for a bit, decided to attend officer's training school, and became a merchant fleet captain. Walt ran many ships, and as soon as he would get off a ship, he and Judy would jump into their RV and head for Lake Isabella. In 1986, he had been out to sea for a good length of time, and after just a few minutes of returning home to Lake Isabella, the phone rang and they wanted Walt to return to Long Beach the same day and captain another ship. Judy said go ahead, but she wasn't going. He told her if she wouldn't go, then he wouldn't go either, and at that time, Walt called them back and quit, formally retiring from Maritime service.

Walt really enjoyed the lake and water skiing, although he never really could master the single ski, always being a double skier. He and Judy attended the Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella. They enjoyed traveling to Laughlin, and spending time with their loving daughter, Laura, and their special friends around the Valley. One thing Walt was very

proud of was becoming a member of the Masonic Lodge. But recently Walt fell ill, and on April 6, 2001, he passed away and went home to be with his maker. Funeral services were held on April 11, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville. Graveside services were held immediately following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Walter Clayton Busch is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Judy (Gertrude) Busch; his beloved daughter Laura and her husband Jim; by Francis and Don; and all of the rest of his family, his special friends, and brother Masons. Walt will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Elizabeth (Betty) J. Wahlstrom

Elizabeth (Betty) J. Wahlstrom was born on July 28, 1930, to Bernie and Laura DeGraff in Chicago. Betty entered eternal rest on April 4, 2001 at her home in Wofford Heights.

She was married to Floyd Wahlstrom, and they had two children, a son, James Carl Wahlstrom and a daughter, Terri June Suoboda. There are also two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Betty and her husband moved to Lake Isabella 24 years ago to retire. Instead, she went to work at Kern Valley Hospital, where she worked some five years before retiring. Betty loved to bowl and belonged to the WIBC Bowling Association of Kern County. Betty and her family enjoyed boating camping and friends. She will be missed by family and many friends of the Kern Valley.

Elizabeth (Betty) June Wahlstrom was interred during private services at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights

on April 11, 2001.

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

Harold Leroy Maglott

Harold Maglott was born to Dwight and Anthony Maglott in Ohio on Jan. 8, 1941. He entered rest on April 7, 2001 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He fought very hard so he could have more time with his family.

Harold loved God's creation. He especially loved to work in his flower garden as well as spending time fishing. He was a very kind and gentle man who as very sensitive to the needs of others. Even in his last hours he was concerned about the welfare of his wife and family. He enjoyed life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment he could spend with his family. He had a great sense of humor.

Harold was a life member of the Ontario, Calif. VFW Post 765, as well as a life member of the Armvets Post 31 in Ohio. He volunteered a lot of hours to both of these posts. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1965.

Harold is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of Lake Isabella; a son, Albert, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren.

Harold will be greatly missed by his wife, son and wife, and his grandchildren, friends and comrades.

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

Tyler Garrett Madden

Tyler Garrett Madden was born into this world on April 9, 2001. He was delivered Cesarean section 15 weeks early due to complications of pre-eclampsia by Dr. Cary Shakespeare at Kern Medical Center. Tyler weighed one pound, 10-1/2 ounces and was 13-1/2 inches long. On April 11, 2001, the Lord called Tyler home. In the two days that Tyler was with us, he was able to meet his Mommy and Daddy and his grandparents. He only opened his eyes a few times, twice to look at his Daddy. He enjoyed Mommy and Daddy rubbing the palm of his hand. In the final moments of Tyler's precious life, his parents were able to hold him and Tyler left this world with the kiss of his Daddy. Tyler was the beloved son of Garrett and Touche Madden of Lake Isabella. He is survived by his five-year-old brother, Matthew Reilly of Lake Isabella; maternal grandparents Danny and Gery Reilly of Bodfish; paternal grandparents Michael and Teresa Madden of Lake Isabella; Uncle Brian, Aunt Tracy and cousin Tina Dowd of Bodfish; Uncle Sean, Aunt Denise and cousin Nicholas Madden of Palmdale; Aunt Sara, Uncle David and cousin Kylee Avant of Lancaster; and Uncle Matthew Madden of Lake Isabella. A memorial service was held April 14, 2001 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor C. Preston North officiating.

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

Tyler Garrett Madden

Tyler Garrett Madden was born into this world on April 9, 2001 at 5:04 p.m. He was delivered Cesarean section 15 weeks early due to complications of pre-eclampsia by Dr. Cary Shakespeare at Kern Medical Center. Tyler weighed one pound, 10-1/2 ounces and was 13 1/2 inches long.

On April 11, 2001, the Lord called Tyler home. In the two days that Tyler was with us, he was able to meet his Mommy and Daddy and his grandparents. He only opened his eyes a few times, twice to look at his daddy. He enjoyed Mommy and Daddy rubbing the palm of his hand. In the final moments of Tyler's precious life, his parents were able to hold him and Tyler left this world with the kiss of his Daddy. Tyler was the beloved son of Garrett and Touche Madden of Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his five-year-old brother, Matthew Reilly of Lake Isabella; maternal grandparents Danny and Geri Reilly of Bodfish; paternal grandparents Michael and Teresa Madden of Lake Isabella; Uncle Brian, Aunt Tracey and cousin Tina Dowd of Bodfish; Uncle Sean, Aunt Denise and cousin Nicholas Madden of Palmdale; Uncle Steven, Aunt Susan and cousin Megan Madden of Palmdale; Aunt Sara, Uncle David and cousin Kylee Avant of Lancaster; and Uncle Matthew Madden of Lake Isabella. A memorial service was held April 14, 2001 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor

C. Preston North officiating.

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William Harold (Harry) Miller

Private arrangements were made for Harry Miller, who passed away on April 18, 2001.

Harry was born June 25, 1934, in Eureka, Calif.; and moved here with his parents in 1966. They had a trucking business for many years and also he did paving around the Valley. He then went to work for AA Portland in Agoura Hills for 17 years and then came back to the Valley to retire and went to work part time at Napa Auto. He enjoyed fishing, watching sports and dancing. He was a member of the Elks.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Darline; daughter Linda Miller of Eureka; stepdaughter Adena Rich and her husband of Washington; stepsons Dean Julian and his wife Lolita of Madera, and Randy Belluci of Hayfork, Calif.; stepdaughters Dana Blank of Trubocho Canyon, Calif., and Lori Sanders and her husband of Ridgecrest; sister Gurildene Carlson of Eureka; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Pittman Daniel Kelley

A memorial service was held April 19, 2001 at Highland Chapel United Methodist Church for Pittman Kelley, who passed away at his home on April 13, 2001.

Pittman moved to the Kern River Valley with his wife, Anna, in 1974 after retiring from Downey Dodge. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Area campaign medal and was a member of the Ancient Order of the Deep. He was a member of the VFW and the Masons and Shriners. He was also active in three C.B. clubs and was known as Pitstop. He was a member of the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Pittman enjoyed fishing, camping, boating and motorcycles. He was active into his 70s in these sports. He and Anna liked to go to Yuma, Ariz. in the winter and camp. Pittman was a very kind man and a very loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna and his son Bobby Gene Kelley. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Buddy Lee and Laurie Kelley of Santa Maria; sisters Ailene Inman Hayes and Grace Shue; grandchildren Debbie Thompson, Linda Chaffee, Daniel Kelley, Robert Kelley, Melodie Kelley, Thomas Kelley, and Donald Kelley; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Harold Leroy Maglott

Harold Maglott was born to Dwight and Dorothy Maglott in Ohio on Jan. 8, 1941. He entered rest on April 4, 2001 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He fought very hard so that he could have more time with his family.

Harold loved God's creation. He especially loved to work in his flower garden as well as to spend time fishing. He was a very kind and gentle man who was very sensitive to the needs of others. Even in his last hours he was concerned about the welfare of his wife and family. He enjoyed life to the fullest and enjoyed every moment he could spend with his family. He had a great sense of humor.

Harold was a life member of the Ontario, Calif. VFW Post 7651, as well as a life member of the Amvets Post 31 in Ohio. He volunteered a lot of hours to both of these posts. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1959 to 1965.

Harold is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of Lake Isabella; a son, Albert, also of Lake Isabella; and four grandchildren.

Harold will be greatly missed by his wife, son and wife, and his grandchildren, friends and comrades.

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

James W. Manson

Graveside services were held April 18, 2001 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern Canyon Road, Bakersfield, for James (Jim) W. Manson, 59, of Lake Isabella, who passed away April 13, 2001 at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield.

Jim was born Nov. 16, 1941 in Inglewood, and had been a resident of Lake Isabella for 24 years. He was a graduate of Long Beach State, a licensed real estate broker and sold real estate in the Kern River Valley for over 15 years. He was involved in his church, he taught real estate and other courses at Cerro Coso College, he loved to sing and was involved in the barber-shop quartet, and he worked with many disabled people in the community while he worked at Kern River Valley ARC as a Case Manager.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Sharon Manson of Bodfish; daughters and sons-in-law Lori and David Head of Nome, Alaska, and Shari and Jared Gingras of Orem, Utah; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Susan Manson of Fresno and daughter Cindy Rose of Bodfish; 14 grandchildren; sister Sue Keliheleua of Las Vegas, Nev.; mother-in-law Jeanene Ballew of Trona; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim will be greatly missed by all of his friends and loved ones. We do know he is no longer with us but will never be forgotten.

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George Adam Bettencourt, Sr.

George Adam Bettencourt, Sr., 73, died April 18, 2001, at Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center.

A native of New Bedford, Mass., Mr. Bettencourt lived in Hemet for almost a year before he moved to Riverside five months ago. He was an auto mechanic for 30 years, most recently with Mercedes Benz of South Bay.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

He is survived by two sons, John of Hemet and George Jr. of Diamond Bar; two daughters, Patty Garnett of Temecula and Lynn of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; three brothers, Frank of New Hampshire, Albert of Lomita and John of Las Vegas; and a sister, Betty Fernandes of Las Vegas.

Memorial services were at the Bible Fellowship Church in Hemet. Interment was private. The McWane Family Funeral Home in Hemet handled arrangements.

Fredrick Donald Dusette

Fredrick Donald Dusette passed away on April 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Burial was at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park in Ventura.

Mr. Dusette was born July 12, 1915 in Flint, Mich. While working at the U.S. Navy CBC he designed the steel mat installing machine for landing fields.

He was a resident of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years, living in the mountain areas before moving to Mountain Mesa. He enjoyed the outdoors and fishing.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Elma, in 1960. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Donald and Guanda Dusette of Oxnard; daughter and son-in-law Donna and David Klipstein of San Diego; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Clara Roxana LaFountain

Private arrangements were made for Clara Roxana LaFountain, who passed away on April 16, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Clara was born Nov. 20, 1911 in New Hampshire and she and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1969 after retiring. Clara worked for Sears for 25 years.

She enjoyed camping and fishing with her husband and she also enjoyed writing poetry. Clara enjoyed working in her garden and grew many types of roses while living in Castro Valley before moving back to the Kern Valley.

She was much loved by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Albert LaFountain; niece Edith Rummel and nephew John Swandhurst; her sweet dog Tippy II; and her many friends.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Leonard Ernest "Dave" Davis

Dave was born in Holmes, Pa. on Oct. 13, 1923. He graduated from Ridley Township High School June 16, 1941, where he was in the band. He loved playing the drums. He joined the Army July 6, 1943 as an Auto Equipment Operator, where he drove trucks used to haul military supplies, equipment or personnel. He was with the 2068th Quartermaster Truck Company (Aviation). He served in France. He was honorably discharged on Nov. 16, 1945 from Patterson Field, Ohio.

He moved to California and worked for McDonnell Douglas for more than 28 years, retiring in 1982. He married Winona Glass Oct. 14, 1967. When they retired they moved to Oklahoma. Three years ago they relocated to Lake Isabella to be near their immediate family.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Winona; his parents, Harry and Pauline (Bond); and his brother, Edward. He is survived by his two daughters and sons-in-law, Norita and James Lockhart, and Glenda and Stanton Lowry, all of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Mike Lockhart, Cindy Lowry, Melody Arnold, Mitchell Lockhart, Mark Lockhart and Tim Lowry; and nine great-grandchildren. His grandchildren will always remember the trips he and "Nani" took them on, one grandchild at a time for special treatment.

After a short stay in the hospital, he died of lung cancer on April 28, 2001. He was cared for by Hoffman Hospice at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa. At his request, he will be cremated and his ashes scattered at sea by the Neptune Society.



Joy Fay Wallace

Joy Fay Wallace, born Dec. 25, 1919, went home to be with our Lord Jesus on April 21, 2001 at 8:40 p.m.

She will be greatly missed by the family she has been temporarily separated from. She leaves behind in this world a loving husband, Jack of Weldon, whom she has spent the last 55 years with. She also leaves behind a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Joel Donoho of Lake Isabella. She is survived by nine grandchildren—Johnny, Blair, David, Tammy, Jimmy, Tanya, Michael, Jack and Johnny—and also 13 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by three sisters, Jackie Harwel of Bakersfield, Bernice Herbert of Louisiana and Betty Frazier of Lake Isabella, as well as many nieces and nephews, and friends whom she loved dearly.

A memorial service was held on April 25, 2001 at the Weldon Baptist Church. Officiating the service was Pastor Bill Lewis. She is preceded in the arms of Jesus by several sisters, a brother and a beloved son, Melvin Wood.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Sundy Vincent Andreas

Sundy Vincent Andreas, 84, was born to parents Willie and Josephine Andreas in Onyx on July 23, 1916. He entered eternal life on April 25, 2001 in his home on the Sprague Ranch where he had worked for 32 years. Sundy is survived by daughters Beverly of Bakersfield and Doris of Weldon, and sons Earl and Kenneth of Weldon; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Sundy had a career working at most ranches in the area. He was a native Indian of the Pauite/Tubatulabal/Monache tribes. He loved to hunt, fish and camp.

Sundy used to backpack with mules at Mt. Whitney. He had a 75-year career working with helping start team roping and helping to start the local Search and Rescue—and he always found the person they were looking for. He was a very good tracker, and at one time was president of Fish and Game in the local area. Sundy was a delegate from Kern County to the U.S. Indian Fund for California. In the 1970s Sundy was interviewed for a TV special by Charles Kuralt. Sundy was a family man who quit school to help the family. Sundy was married to his wife, Chanca, for 58 years. He was a special native and cowboy all his life. Sundy will be greatly missed by family and friends. Services to be set later. Please call Lake Isabella Funeral Home at (760) 379-1606 for details and times. Services will be conducted by Father Patrick Persinger of St. Jude's Catholic Church of Wofford Heights.

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

Gertrude Louise Boring

Funeral services were held May 1, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville for Gertrude Louise Boring, who passed away April 26, 2001 after a long illness. Interment followed at the Kern River Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Gertrude was born Sept. 23, 1918 in Lone, Calif. She moved to Kern County in 1963 to Johannesburg with her husband, Ted, where he was a miner. They then moved to Cantil where they owned and operated the Wagon Wheel cafe, bar and gas station for six years. They then moved to the Kern River Valley, where they opened the Kernvale Club in 1964 in Lake Isabella. They owned and operated the club until 1985.

Gertrude enjoyed her garden and reading and crocheting. She was preceded in death by her husband Ted in 1995. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Frank and Peggy Boring of Trona; son and daughter-in-law Dean and Yvonne Boring of Redding; daughter and son-in-law Judy and Clark Rhoads of Bakersfield; grandchildren Robert and Glenn Boring of Trona, Denise Moore of Woody, Bob Riggs of Bakersfield and Julie Arsonault of Oregon; and three great-granddaughters, Rebecca, Shara and Amanda Moore.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Coy Loyalton Ussery

Coy Loyalton Ussery, 84, was born in Texas to Jesse and Minnie Ussery on March 5, 1917. He served his country in WWII in the U.S. Army.

After coming to California he worked for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 12. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for 35 years.

Coy loved to fish as well as loving his work. He was admired for his dry sense of humor and was greatly loved and respected by his family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Vivian; two daughters, Joni White of Bakersfield and Terri Ornelas of Lake Isabella; one sister, Odessa Powers of Bakersfield; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Coy will be greatly missed by his family and friends who knew and loved him.

Visitation was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 1, 2001 from 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 2, 2001 at 10 a.m. Private burial will be at the San Joaquin Veterans Home in Gustine, Calif. on May 3, 2001.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2001

Caroline Duvall

Funeral services were held April 26, 2001 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church for Caroline Duvall. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis. Caroline passed away on April 21, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda McLaughlin. She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Donald Duvall of Lake Isabella; brother James David of Michigan; aunt Elsie Rheese of Michigan; daughters and sons-in-law Donna and Jim O' Reamer of Lake Isabella, Jeanette and Jim Ward of Covina, Margi and Ed Bowhan of Lake Isabella and Jackie and Jim Burrows of Lake Isabella; sons and daughters-in-law Rick and Barbara Duvall of Covina and Donald and Beth Duvall of Wofford Heights; son Douglas Duvall of Wofford Heights; son-in-law Michael McLaughlin of Lake Isabella; more than 25 grandchildren; and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bertha June Kreighbaum

Graveside services were held April 30, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Bertha J. Kreighbaum. Officiating was Pastor Floyd Castillo.

Bertha was born June 27, 1920 in Oklahoma Territory. She passed away on April 26, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Bertha and her husband Roy moved to China Lake in 1945 from Los Angeles. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971 after Roy retired. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, ceramics and traveling, but most of all being with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy in 1994 and her son Leroy in 1998. Bertha is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Gary and Barbara Kreighbaum of Fresno; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2001

Kenneth Ralph Bowling

Funeral services were held at Inglewood Park Cemetery for Kenneth Ralph Bowling, 86, who passed away May 3, 2001.

Kenneth was born in Mesa, Ariz. on June 7, 1914. He was an electrician— a 60-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers— and worked at shipyards during WWII. He trained apprentice electricians all throughout his working career. After the war, he worked in heavy construction, working at putting in hospitals as well as power plants (atomic and fossil fuel).

After his second marriage to his wife of 35 years, Eileen, they traveled the United States "tramping." They traveled and

worked many interesting places so they could see the States and fish the many lakes and rivers. They called these their working vacations.

After retirement, they moved to the Kern Valley, where he had brought his family since 1953.

Kenneth enjoyed working in his yard and garden until he became too ill.

Kenneth is predeceased by an infant daughter and all his 10 brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; sons Don Bowling of Reseda and Kent Bowling of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; daughters Bonnie Soeng of Granada Hills and Carole Meadows of Gardena; and four grandchildren.

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

Lillian Elizabeth Rice

Funeral services were held May 14, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Lillian Elizabeth Rice, who passed away May 8, 2001 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Lillian was born Oct. 22, 1916 in St. Louis, Mo. and moved here to the Kern Valley 28 years ago after retiring. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and cruising with her family. She and her adult granddaughter went on a cruise to Alaska last July. She was a wonderful Mom and adored by her family.

Lillian was preceded in

death by her husband of 62 years, Wesley, and her sister, Margaret Pardy.

She is survived by her sons and their wives, Wesley and Eileen Rice of Zephyr Cove, Nev. and John and Christine Rice of Wrightwood, 10 grandchildren and 15 grandchildren. She will be very much missed by those who loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frieda Myers

Funeral services were held May 12, 2001 at Highland Chapel United Methodist for Frieda Myers, who passed away on May 5, 2001 at her home in Lake Isabella. Officiating was Pastor Mark Buenafe, with interment following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Frieda was born Oct. 8, 1909 in Konradsthal, Germany. She immigrated to Canada in 1918 with her mother and father and later moved to Pennsylvania where she married and raised her family. She lived in Phoenix and was employed at Ryan Evans Drug Stores for many years. Then she and her husband, Daryl, owned and operated the Del Camino nursery in Scottsdale, Ariz. She enjoyed gardening and trimming her own trees. Even into her late 80s she was willing to assist her neighbors and friends as she continued to drive them to the doctors or shopping.

She enjoyed fishing and caught more bass than anyone else. She and her daugh-

ter-in-law went rafting on the Kern River five months before she turned 90 years old. She loved the Kern River Valley.

Her husband, Daryl, her daughter Sally Lewis and her son Walter Keeling preceded Frieda in death. She is survived by her son Don Keeling and his wife Margery; daughter-in-law Shirley Keeling; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She touched many lives with her laughter and friendship and will be dearly missed by many.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

John Robert Adams

Funeral services were held May 11, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for John Robert Adams, 64, who passed away May 7, 2001 at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield. Pastor William Sturges officiated.

John was born in Georgia July 23, 1936. He was an engineer employed by Noris Company. He loved to sing with the Heaven Bound Group.

John lived in the Valley for three years and resided in Bodfish.

He is survived by his mother, Tolbert Leah Adams; daughters Christy, Robyn and Michelle; sons Tim and Dean; 15 grandchildren; and brothers Keith, Samuel and William Adams.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001

Brandon Michael Funk

Private funeral arrangements have been made for Brandon Michael Funk, who passed away on May 12, 2001 after a long battle with Muscular Dystrophy. Brandon was born May 11, 1985 and had just celebrated his 16th birthday. He was quite a fighter and never gave up. He was an artist who loved to draw. He loved whales and dolphins. He loved playing games, and he loved the mountains and the ocean. He especially loved his and his grandfather's hobby of model trains. He had a big heart and always cared about other people. His grandfather Alfred preceded him in death in February of this year.

Brandon is survived by his parents, Richard and Candice

Funk of Weldon; sisters Shannon and Savanna; brother Jake; many aunts and uncles; and his best friend Mike Archer. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Victor Frederick Trodd

Private arrangements were made for Victor Frederick Trodd, who passed away May 19, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Victor was born Feb. 1, 1922 in Long Beach and moved to the Kern River Valley with his wife, Peggy, after retiring from Star Kist Foods 16 years ago. He was a member of the Masons Lodge No. 332 AMFM in San Pedro beginning in 1962. He was a WWII vet and served in the Pacific Theater.

Victor was a member of the Kern Valley Golf Course and an avid golfer, and also a member of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. He was a volunteer for the Lake Patrol for eight years. He was also a Ham radio operator and enjoyed target shooting and boating.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Peggy, of Wofford Heights; daughter Geri and husband Egan and grandson Scott, all of Long Beach; daughter Vicki and husband Howard Roberts and grandchildren Cheryl and Christine and

husband Greg, all of Florida; and sister and husband Rose and Don McMahan of Wofford Heights.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation in Loving Memory of Victor Trodd, P.O. Box 1628, Lake Isabella, CA 93240.

Victor will be very much missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Violet Ann Rock

A memorial service is pending for Violet Ann Rock, who passed away on May 24, 2001 at home in Weldon.

Violet was born Sept. 11, 1914 in Greencastle, Ind. She and her husband moved to California in 1948. Violet and her husband, Charles, both worked at China Lake for many years before retiring, she as a supply supervisor and PBX operator and was also with Western Union. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader on the base and very active in the Job's Daughters and Eastern Star.

She and Charles retired in 1972 and came to live here in the Kern Valley for four months out of the year and Las Vegas the rest of the year. They also enjoyed traveling and went around the world twice before settling in Las Vegas, where she joined the First Christian Church and played the piano and organ. She taught piano before moving to California and Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her son Charles M. Rock and her husband Charles W. Rock on July 4,

1999 in Las Vegas. Violet then moved to Weldon to live full time with her daughter. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Delores and Leonard Hines; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Violet was a wonderful Christian lady and her smile touched everyone who knew her. Her family would like to thank Kern Valley Hospital, Hospice and the caregivers.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jane Blanche Pipkin

Jane Blanche Pipkin was born in Detroit on Oct. 24, 1913 to Arthur and Marie Marchand. They moved to California in 1923 and lived in Bellflower and Hawthorne and other Southern California cities. In 1961 they moved to the Lake Isabella area where she lived until her death on May 6, 2001.

Jane was a secretary for the Kern County School District for 16 years. Her love of fishing, dressmaking and traveling filled her time.

Jane was married to Fred Pipkin and was a devoted Navy wife to him until his death in 1980. Fred had 50 years service time.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Beverly Robinson. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Sarno of Weldon; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Jane is a great loss to all who knew and loved her.

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

Ellen Lucille Wallace

Private arrangements were made for Ellen Lucille Wallace, who passed away on May 25, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Mrs. Wallace was born March 4, 1919 in Orange and worked as an escrow officer and manager for 18 years before retiring. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley 16 years ago after retiring. She was a wonderful seamstress and made many of her own clothes. She enjoyed painting, crocheting and she was a great cook. She also taught herself to play the organ and enjoyed singing. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Ellen was preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Ann McIntyre, and brother Richard Timme of Dana Point. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, Price Wallace of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Jim and Ann McIntyre of Fountain Valley; stepdaughter Carol Muse and her husband Monty True; stepson Jim Wallace and his wife Linda; brother Robert Timme; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Charles "Dick" Wall

Richard Charles "Dick" Wall, 70, passed away surrounded by his daughters at his home in Polson, Mont. on May 15, 2001 after a lengthy illness.

Dick was born on March 30, 1931 in Polson to Samuel H. and Juanita A. (Dupuis) Wall. He at-

tended schools in Polson and in Tacoma, Wash., and graduated from Polson High School in 1950. He worked in the woods as a young man and at Hungry Horse Dam and Kerr Dam. He started working as a technician in telephone communications throughout the western United States. He worked for Continental Telephone, residing in Wofford Heights, for many years. He retired from that profession in the mid-1980s and moved back home to Polson.

Dick had a lot of loves in his life. He loved his family and friends. He enjoyed fast cars, guns, playing pool, traveling to gun shows and hunting. He was a serious gun collector. He was a life member of the National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Salish-Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille tribes and was fiercely proud of that. He was a longtime supporter of Indian boarding schools in Montana and the West.

He is survived by his four children, Jeanne Wall-Christopher of Ronan, Va.; Teresa Wall-McDonald and her husband Thomas of Ronan; Kelly Brookbank and her husband Jake of Seattle; Charles Timothy Wieder and his wife Corinne of Auburn, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, four great-grandsons; three brothers, Dean Wall and his wife Kay of Polson, Terrence Wall and his wife Susan of Polson, and David Wall of Polson; and sister Barbara Hulsey and her husband Virgil of Puyallup, Wash.

The funeral service was held May 18, 2001 at the Grogan Funeral Home in Polson, with the Rev. Gary Reller officiating. Burial was held at the Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Polson, Mont. VFW.

Arlyn "Babe" Stevens

Arlyn "Babe" Stevens was born Feb. 4, 1917 and passed away June 1, 2001 in Bakersfield. He was a resident of Kern County since his retirement in 1976 from his job as a civil engineer with the California Department of Transportation.

Babe graduated from the School of Mines in Socorro, N.M. with a degree in geology and worked in the mining industry in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico. He served in the United

States Navy, Seabees division, in the Pacific Theater and held the rank of Sergeant upon discharge from the United States Air Force. He was awarded the American Theater Ribbon and the Victory Medal.

Babe pursued his love of geology throughout his life. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman, winning many awards for his skills. He was proud to be a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association.

He is survived by two daughters, Arlyn Macdonald of Montrose, Colo. and Sharyn Correia of Aurora, Colo.; a sister, Mary Stephenson of Hamilton, Tex. and a brother, Lanham Stevens of Ventura. He had five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was with full military honors at the San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, Cal. following cremation. Funeral arrangements were by Kern River Family Mortuary, Bakersfield.

Donald Emmette Smith

Donald E. Smith was drawn into the presence of our Lord on June 5, 2001. Mr. Smith was born May 13, 1913 to Louise Agnes (Frick) and Donald Allen Smith in Centralia, Ill. On June 13, 1945 in Muskegon,

Mich., he married Gretchen E. Phelps and remained her devoted, caring and loving husband for 56 years. Together, they found time to enjoy the beauties of the mountains and streams and all that the Lord had made for them. Like the stones and gems that he collected and polished to bring out their natural beauty, his life is a tribute to steadfastness, hard work, self sacrifice, love of family, strong friendships, a willingness to help others with fix-it jobs, and an example of a man's single love for the beautiful wife he married. We are thankful for having him in our lives and will always remember all that he has meant to us.

Donald is survived by his wife, Gretchen Smith; six brothers, Delmo, David, Daniel, Dana and Richard Smith; sister Nellie Olson; and many generations of nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by sisters Grace Rames and Lillian Stout and brother Ray Smith.

Funeral services were held June 7, 2001 at 3 p.m. at First Church of the Nazarene of Lake Isabella, Doug Ernst officiating. Interment was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Ruth Johnson

Ruth Johnson was born Feb. 27, 1917 in Chicago to Peter and Alfina Olsen and was called home to the Lord on May 29, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Roy, her husband of 52 years, preceded her in death in September 1989. A resident of Mountain Mesa for 25 years, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Clifford and Casey Johnson of Simi; daughter and son-in-law Norma and Richard Riedel of Squirrel Valley; grandson Michael and wife Gina Johnson and great-grandson Nathan; granddaughter Caroline Johnson; and many nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Ruth was active in the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and the Ladies' Dorcas Society. Services were held June 4, 2001 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Interment was June 5 at Westminster Memorial Park in Orange County.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Gerald Abbott Schaub

Gerald Abbott Schaub was born Dec. 27, 1933 to Anton and Vivian Schaub in Colorado, and passed away at the age of 67 on May 25, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

Gerald served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He spent 40 years in the entertainment industry during which time he lived in the Los Angeles area. After his retirement he moved to Lake Isabella and made his home in the Yankee Canyon area. Gerald built a shop and had all kinds of tools and equipment. He was very handy

with tools and making things. If he saw an item he liked he could reproduce it. If you needed something and couldn't find it in one of the local hardware stores you were sent to Gerald's home where you almost always could find what you were looking for. Gerald loved to fish but hunting he never enjoyed since he didn't like to kill any animal.

Gerald is survived by his father, Anton Schaub of Lake Isabella; close friend and partner, Bonnie Chastain; sons Robert Schaub of Washington and Ronald Schaub of Idaho; daughter Cindy Dallas of California; sisters Betty Chambers and Toni Denny, both of California; 10 grandchildren; and a great host of neighbors and friends who will greatly miss him.

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



Jerry Mack Carter

Jerry Mack Carter was born to Louis and Mary Carter on Nov. 4, 1938 in Lawrenceville, Ill. Jerry was gathered up in God's loving arms and taken to his eternal rest on June 9, 2001.

Jerry served his country in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1962. While in the service he met and married Vivian Apalatea, and had 40 years of married life. When Jerry got out of the Army, they moved to the Kern River Valley. His first job was logging in Johnsondale. There he worked at the mill from 1965 to 1977. Jerry started driving logging trucks for Carl Witten and J.J. Hern. In 1988 he bought his own truck and started another love affair, with his truck, which he called "Old Girl."

Jerry changed from logging to hauling chips for Wilson Ag. Co. His truck was his great pride, and was always taken very good care of. Jerry was always there to lend a helping hand when it was needed. He was always happy to take his son Gordon along on his trips up and down the logging road. He loved to hunt; a special time was deer season when it opened up. Jerry also loved to spend time with his grandchildren. He loved them very much.

Jerry's family consisted of his wife, Vivian; son Gordon; four sisters, Peg Foster, Penny Fox, Polly Mieure and Greta Seed; four brothers, Robert, Tim, Mike and Steve, all from Illinois.

Jerry and family have been in the Valley 50 years.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a memorial service with the VFW Post 7665 of Lake Isabella. Pastor Jack Dilley held the service with a special personal message from Johnny McNally, a long-time resident of the Kern River Valley.

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

Joseph Edward Wieser

Private arrangements were made for Joseph Edward Wieser, who passed away June 9, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Wieser was born on Jan. 11, 1917 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He and his family moved to Agua Dulce after he retired from Hughes Markets after 46 years. He was a pilot and flew his Cessna for about 10 years before he started flying his model airplanes, which he enjoyed very much. He and his wife moved to the Kern River Valley about 10 years ago. They loved to go camping and boating and bowling. He was a wonderful husband and enjoyed his family.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marjorie; son and daughter-in-law Steven and Wendy Wieser of Moorpark; daughter Sandra Wieser of Southlake; two grandchildren, Kevin and Katie; and sister Vivian Trout of Onyx. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



William Melvin "Mel" Hetrick

Memorial services for William Melvin "Mel" Hetrick were held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lake Isabella on June 23, 2001. Mel was born in Mattoon, Ill., on Dec. 17, 1945, and passed away at his home in Bodfish on June 17, 2001. He was baptized on Feb. 22, 1959.

Mel's family moved to California when he was a young boy. He was raised in Norwalk and graduated from Norwalk High School. In 1966, Mel met and married Teresa Pearson. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974, where Mel owned and operated Foreign Automotive until 1981. He then attended Cypress College in Cypress, graduating from their Mortuary Science Course in 1984. He was employed by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella from 1981 until 1993, when he became the owner and manager of Ridgecrest Mortuary in Ridgecrest.

Surviving Mel is his wife of 34 years, Teresa of Bodfish; daughter and son-in-law, Tania and Brian Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; daughter Melissa Hetrick of Bodfish; son Jesse Hetrick of Bodfish; grandson Travis Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; granddaughter Kayla Hickey of Oneida, Tenn.; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Mel will be greatly missed as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. A special gratitude to Dr. Mukhopadhyay and the staff of the Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center for their tender care.

Services by Basham Funeral Care of Bakersfield. For additional service information or floral delivery information, please contact Basham Funeral Care at (661) 873-8200.

Kenneth Leon Bledsoe

Kenneth Leon Bledsoe was born to Freedland and Lillie Bledsoe in Tonkawa, Okla. on Aug. 9, 1930. He entered into rest on June 17, 2001 at his home in Lake Isabella.

Kenneth served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a lover of the outdoors and liked to hunt and fish and especially pan for gold. He also liked lapidary work. Kenneth was a coin collector and baseball card collector. He is survived by his sisters Mary Schanley of Wofford Heights and Wanda Harrison of Seal Beach, Calif.; and his large family and a host of friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

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



Christopher Lyn Witten

Graveside services were held June 26, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Christopher Lyn Witten, who died after a logging accident on June 20, 2001.

Chris was born March 9, 1979 in Bakersfield and spent his life here in the Kern Valley. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1997, where he enjoyed playing football. He married Jerrilyn Duvall in Sept. 1997 and they made their home in Southlake.

Chris enjoyed motorcycles and bowling and his family. He is survived by his wife, Jerri; children Marissa, James, Christopher Jr., Britany and a new baby; his father and mother, Jesse and Pam Witten of Weldon; sister Kimberly Witten of Weldon; father-in-law and mother-in-law Jim and Jackie Burrows of Lake Isabella; Grampa Carl Witten; Grampa Benny Parker; Grampa Don Duvall and Gramma Ora Lue Husk; and many other family members.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2001

Karen Ann Campbell

Karen was born to John and Marcia Wagner in Los Angeles on Dec. 27, 1948 and went to rest in the arms of the Lord on June 15, 2001.

Karen was dedicated in helping others and never expecting anything in return. She loved to cook and was great at making special dishes. She also spent much time gardening, that being a special hobby of hers. Karen loved nature and especially had a love of her cats and her Maggie. It is impossible to imagine the number of people she touched in such a short amount of time.

Karen will be deeply missed by her family and friends, and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Karen's laughter and smile and most of all her wonderful loving personality will always be there for us to gather strength from.

She is survived by her best friend and husband Steve Campbell; her daughter Amy Christine Tokumoto and husband Matthew; son David Sadao Tokumoto and wife Kellie; and five beautiful grandchildren, Tyler, Rikki, Tryson, Jamal and Alyah, who loved her greatly.

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

Fred D. "Buck" Wheat

Fred Wheat was born on Oct. 12, 1933 to Fred and Eula Wheat in Trona. Buck worked at the Trona Chemical Plant for 42 years. When he retired in 1986, Fred and his wife Ella moved to Kernville, where he went to work for the Forest Service.

Buck served his country in the U.S. Army. He served in Korea where he made Corporal. His hobbies were camping, fishing, boating and flying model airplanes.

Buck is survived by his son, Dennis Wheat of Oregon; daughter Theresa Fox of Oregon; son Michael Wheat of Texas; and stepsons Jimi, Nino and Tim Agonstinacci, all of Ridgecrest, and Joe Agonstinacci of Washington.

Buck was a loving and caring husband, brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be missed very much.

Visitation was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on June 25, 2001, with graveside services following at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

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

Leland David Templeton

Private arrangements were made for Leland David Templeton, who passed away after a long illness June 20, 2001 at his residence in Lake Isabella.

Leland was born June 25, 1949 in Springfield, Mo. He moved to San Fernando, where he owned and operated the Royal Protection Security Service for several years before moving to the Kern Valley to be near his family.

He is survived by his mother, Clarabell Templeton of Lake Isabella; twin brother John Templeton of Lake Isabella; sisters Evelyn Paquet of Lake Isabella, Ellen and husband James Tyree of Reno, and Pat and husband Gary Thompson of Lake Isabella; 11 nieces and nephews; and 11 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2001

Hilda Anne Patrick

A memorial service will be held July 14, 2001 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights for Hilda Anne Patrick, who passed away on June 27, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Hilda was born July 24, 1923 in Isabel, S.D. and was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 24 years. She was a member of the Bodfish Beamers, a Jim Beam bottle collecting club, and loved working in her yard. She and her husband enjoyed their camping trip to Alaska. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Patrick; daughters Bonnie Love and Shirley

Patrick; sisters Sally Thompson and Edna Ewalt; and brothers Albert and Rufus Badure. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Raymond and Fran Patrick; sisters and brothers Martha Schrieber, Emma Hettich, Thelma Wagner, John Badure, Vi Hagstrom, LaVon Adair, Katie Gill and Allen Badure; and many friends.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Victor Gordon Noel

Victor Gordon Noel was born in Pittsburgh, Pa. on April 19, 1923 to Victor and Mary Noel. He

passed away on June 14, 2001.

Victor served under General Patton in the 346th regiment in Europe during WWII as a medic. He was a member of the VFW Post 7665 of Lake Isabella. He leaves a son and two daughters—Victor Noel III of Corona, Carol Peebles of Cottonwood, Calif. and Laurie Bucholz of Chicago, as well as six grandchildren.

Victor was buried in the Arlington Cemetery in Riverside on June 27, 2001. A memorial will be held for him on July 7, 2001 at 10 a.m. at the VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

If you have any questions about Vic Noel, please call his companion Elsie Guthrie at (760) 379-4661.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001

Nellene "Nickie" Martland Carillo

Nellene was born to Melvin and Aleene Mallette in Tujunga, Calif., on July 12, 1929. She entered into rest on June 30, 2001 in Bakersfield.

"Nickie" was in the lake area for over 40 years. She was a one-time owner of the Corral Cafe in Kernville. She also worked in many of the local restaurants around the Kern River Valley.

She enjoyed crocheting and many different crafts, as well as camping and fishing in the high country. She also delighted in spending time with her daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Nickie" loved the lake and what it offered.

She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Lake Isabella; daughter Marsha Lander of Hesperia; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "Nickie" will be greatly missed.

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

Robert Henry Reynolds

Robert Henry Reynolds was born on March 24, 1926, to Edgar Charles and Zula Adeline Reynolds in California. He entered his final rest on June 21, 2001 in Lake Isabella.

Robert was an avid fisherman, hunter and gunsmith and also made stocks for guns. He proudly served his country in World War II as a merchant marine.

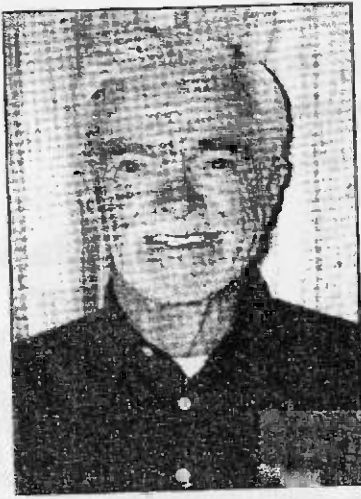
For many years he enjoyed his musical participation with the Bakersfield Community Theater Group. He also was one of the first Scoutmasters for the Boy Scouts in the 1960s.

A memorial service was performed on June 26, 2001 at the First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella. Pastor Eric Maiamma presided.

Robert is survived by his wife, Ruth M. of Weldon; his mother Lu Reynolds of Washington; son Robert and wife Doris of Salem, Ore.; son Jay of Bakersfield; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister, Jo Calhoun of Reno; and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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

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George Johnson

George Johnson passed away on June 11, 2001 due to complications from a stroke and diabetes.

George was born in Dundee, Scotland on March 13, 1921. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1941 to 1946, and spent most of the war in Algeria, North Africa. George married his wife, Jessie, in 1942, with both of them in their uniforms (she was in the Women's Royal Air Force). After being discharged in 1946, George spent many years in and out of hospitals with the TB he contracted in Africa.

George was a machine fitter by trade. George and Jessie came to the West Los Angeles area from Dundee, Scotland in 1961. He spent most of his working years with the Ampex Corporation. Jessie also worked there. They both retired and moved to Kelso Valley Estates in 1983.

Bowling, gardening and model airplanes were a few of George's hobbies. George and Jessie traveled across America and Canada in their motorhome. Every other year they would take a trip back to Scotland to see family and friends.

George was active in the Scottish clubs in Santa Monica, was chief of the Clan Mckenzie and was also a member of the United Scottish Society for the past 35 years.

George is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jessie; daughter Linda and her husband John Findlay of Culver City, where they resided this past year; daughter Denise and her husband Al Roscigno of Prescott, Ariz.; son John (Jack) Johnson of West Los Angeles; grandsons John and Scott Findlay of West Los Angeles; grandsons John, Angelo and Dominic; and great-granddaughters Hailey and Scarlet Findlay. His only great-grandson, Cameron Scott Findlay, preceded him in death in October, 2000, at age seven months.

George will be missed by all who knew him. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He was a gentle man, a "canny Scot."

Ann Frederick Six

Services were held in Albany, Ore. for Ann Frederick Six, who passed away at the Mennonite home in Albany on July 8, 2001.

Ann was born on May 2, 1909 in Greenwald, Pa. to Anton and Anna (Konklin) Frederick. After graduation she worked for several government branches from Washington, D.C. to the Navajo Indian reservations of New Mexico and Arizona. At Window Rock, Ariz. she was the secretary for her future husband's father. She served in the Army in WWII as a nurse from Australia to the Philippines, where she met her future husband. After the Army, she lived in Long Beach, where she raised her family. She helped run the family business in Lake Isabella and retired from Kern Valley Hospital in 1980.

She moved to Albany three years ago.

Ann was a member of numerous church, school, hospital and community

organizations. She was the treasurer at Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella and was a member of several church committees, and she was also a member of the Heritage Commission Committee, the Bronc Boosters and the PTA. Ann was also a Cub Scout den mother.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Anthony Frederick. She is survived by two sons, William F. Six and Jan L. Six, both of Albany.

Arrangements by the Fisher Funeral Home of Albany, Ore.

Betty Jane Freeman

Private arrangements were made for Betty Jane Freeman, who passed away in her home on July 7, 2001 after a long fight with cancer.

Betty was born in Deighton, Kan. on May 3, 1921. She moved to Burbank at the age of six. She married at 18 and resided in Inglewood for 31 years. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 27 years.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Jeanine Bowers of Lake Isabella; son Clifton E. Freeman; daughter-in-law Ruby Freeman; and three grandsons, Scott Kayson of Lake Isabella and Dane and Vince Couchman of Gardena.

She will be forever missed by her friends and family.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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Betty Jean Freeman

Private arrangements were made for Betty Jean Freeman, who passed away in her home on July 7, 2001 after a long fight with cancer.

Betty was born in Deighton, Kan. on May 3, 1921. She moved to Burbank at the age of six. She married at 18 and resided in Inglewood for 31 years. She was a resident of Lake Isabella for 27 years.

Betty is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Jeanine Bowers of Lake Isabella; son Clifton E. Freeman; daughter-in-law Ruby Freeman; and three grandsons, Scott Kayson of Lake Isabella and Dane and Vince Couchman of Gardena.

She will be forever missed by her friends and family.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Keith Clayton

Services were held on July 20, 2001 for Keith Clayton.

Keith was born on June 24, 1936 in Soledad, Calif. He married his high school sweetheart Mary Ann Harp on Dec. 30, 1954. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, and worked as an industrial salesman for 40 years.

Keith was preceded in death by granddaughter Jennifer Clayton. He will be greatly missed by many, including wife Mary Ann; son Keith Clayton Jr. (Tig) and wife Cindy; daughter Sandy Slaid and husband Rick; daughter Lorie Davis and husband James; grandchildren Ryan and wife Stephanie, Heather and Jack Jacob, Tyler, Josh, Jeremiah, Jamie and Daniel; great-granddaughters Kayla, Taylor, Katie and Lexie; brothers Glenn and Ron; and sister Essie.

Keith was a member of the Full Gospel Fellowship in Mountain Mesa. Keith loved to paint and watch John Wayne movies. He loved his family very much and promised to be their guardian angel.

Services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Walter Thomas Tanner

Walter Thomas Tanner entered life on March 12, 1929, in Cincinnati. During his life, Walter proudly served his country in the United States Army. He later began working for Steel Craft Manufacturing as an assembler. After retiring from Steel Craft, in 1986, Walter moved to the Kern River Valley to be near his family. Walter also enjoyed playing horseshoes. His dogs were his perfect companions, Marge and Angie. Funeral services were held on July 23, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. He is survived by his mother and sister, and by many nieces and nephews. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Susan Elizabeth Ritter

Loving mother, sister and friend Susan Elizabeth Ritter, 52, passed away on July 19, 2001, at Kern Valley Hospital after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Susan was born to Liston and Nadine Decker in Santa Paula on Aug. 22, 1948. Susan devoted herself to helping all others. She spent many years working for various programs such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Buck Owens Charities and multiple community events. She lived in the Valley for the last 23 years and worked for the *Kern Valley Sun* as an advertising sales representative for 14 years.

In 1998 she was named Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding community service. She organized numerous events and was active in different support and awareness groups.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother, Nadine St. Ours, brother Dennis Decker and niece Jessie Fagan. She is survived by her daughter, Kelly Ritter of Oxnard; brothers Lonnie Decker of Santa Margarita and Daniel Decker of Heavner, Okla.; and sisters Carol Dower of Oroville, Jeanne Smallwood of Heavner, Okla., Dorothy Woods of Lawton, Okla. and Denise Fagan of Alta Sierra.

Susan was loved tremendously by all and will always be remembered. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Susan Ritter Memorial Fund at Westamerica Bank, Lake Isabella branch, to go to cancer research.

Private family services were held at her home by her family, with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home and entrusted to the Bonewell Family.

Yvonne Jacqueline Vaughn

Private arrangements were made for Yvonne Jacqueline Vaughn, who passed away on July 16, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Yvonne was born Feb. 3, 1928 in Hanford and was a resident of the Kern Valley for the past five years, moving here from Bakersfield with her husband. She enjoyed traveling in their motorhome and became real "snowbirds" after Gene's retirement. They also built their own speedboats and enjoyed boating. Yvonne enjoyed collecting Honey Pots and plants, and had quite a collection. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Gene; daughter and son-in-law Leslie and Wayne Holmes of Arizona; daughter and son-in-law Deb and Steve Harrington of Arizona; son Robert Vaughn of Ramona, Calif.; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister Donna Blake of Bakersfield; and her pals Macho and Taco, her Chihuahuas.

She will be missed by all.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Shannon Marie Crowell

Funeral services were held July 17, 2001 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Shannon Marie Crowell, who passed away on July 14, 2001 after a long illness. Interment followed at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Officiating was Rev. Elizabeth New.

Shannon and her husband moved here from Westminster 10 years ago. She enjoyed gardening and fishing and she was very involved in Little League and Youth Football. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and the rest of her family.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, J.F. Crowell of Squirrel Valley; four children, Michael and his wife Stephanie Crowell of Garden Grove, David Crowell of Squirrel Valley, Donna and her husband Sala Sulu of Southlake and James and his wife Maria Crowell of Squirrel Valley; grandchildren Brandon, Arianna, Noah and Cody Crowell, Cameron, Justin and Austin Sulu, and Doug Quinn and Carrie Logrande; and great-granddaughter Brook Logrande.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Around the Valley

Remembering Susan

By Marsha Smith
Kern Valley Sun Columnist

A more courageous battle was never fought, but after eight years the battle with cancer came to a peaceful end; Susan Ritter said good-bye last Thursday at age 52.

For the staff at the *Kern Valley Sun*, it was the second time we had to say our good-byes to this dynamic lady. The first time was when her illness forced her to retire in 1999 as the *Sun's* "Top Gun" in sales. It was hard knowing we would no longer experience that ray of sunshine bursting into the office on a daily basis.

"No matter how stressful or moody the staff was, the atmosphere changed

within minutes of her arrival. She just had the ability to lift your spirits and brighten your day," reflected former staff writer Betsy Steele.

Susan was one of those people who exclude the word "no" from their vocabulary. Prior to joining the *Kern Valley Sun* team she worked for the Muscular Dystrophy Association as its telethon coordinator for the Central Valley. She founded and for several years was the key person in charge of the Park-A-Thon, a family-orientated fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy.

Bill Hinesly recalls, "She ran the very first Park-A-Thon at Riverside Park in Kernville, raising \$6,000,



Susan Ritter

second only to Bakersfield in funds raised that year."

"She was so excited about raising so much but terrified of what to do with that much cash, so she commandeered Bill (Hinesly) and Richard Rooney to act as bodyguards and escort her to Richard's night deposit where the funds would be stored for the night," said Vivian Hinesly.

Susan left the M.D.A. to

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go to work as the administrator for entertainer Buck Owens' cancer charities in Kern County. How ironic that the disease she worked so hard to raise funds for would be the same disease to claim her own life. Even before Susan was diagnosed with cancer, the disease was an integral part of her life. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer and her young niece, Jessie Fagan, with leukemia.

The need to be near family was the deciding factor that brought Susan and her daughter Kelly to live here in the Kern Valley. Jessie's fight against leukemia seemed to be putting her on the winning side, but then she contacted HIV from a blood transfusion. That fight she would not win.

Susan became involved with local AIDS projects and agencies, learning everything she could about the disease in order to help Jessie and others fighting the same battle. Susan was like a magnet, drawing AIDS victims and their family members out of the woodwork just to talk to her. She received calls at all hours of the day and night, both at home and at work. Some sought information, others were seeking strength and comfort from her effervescent spirit.

"It's comforting and my troubles are never big after visiting with some of these people and you hear what they are going through," Susan was quoted saying in a 1998 *Sun* article.

The local Cancer Support Group founded by Marlene Nelson was another way Susan shared part of herself with so many others. Her own struggles and the positive way she dealt with her own illness touched and inspired so many others to not let the illness defeat them but help them persevere. Just being in her presence folks seemed as though they absorbed her endless strength and upbeat attitude.

Susan was a very active member of our community, involved with both Chambers of Commerce and many Chamber and community events and activities. Her dedication to our community was honored in 1998, when she was named Woman of the Year by the Lake Isabella Chamber of Commerce (now the Kern River Valley Chamber).

A private gathering of family and friends was held at Susan's home this past Sunday. In lieu of flowers the family asks that contributions be made to the Susan Ritter Memorial Fund at Westamerica Bank, 6100 Lake Isabella Blvd., P.O. Box 996, Lake Isabella, 93240. The fund will benefit the Cancer Society.

Susan is gone from us in body, but her soul will live on in our memories and our hearts. The following poem pretty much sums up the way Susan lived her life.



Suzanne Doran/Kern Valley Sun

My Journey

*If I can help one person smile
In my own world each day;
Then I have made two lives worthwhile
On my journey along life's way.*

*In my haste, please grant me time
To pause before I speak;
So that my words to all are kind
And I know just what I seek.*

— Pauline Brasve

P.S. Susan, we put on our lipstick this morning just for you!

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"A Friend Indeed"...

To Susan Ritter

In celebration of life and friendship

*The time we've had has made me glad
So many years, laughs and tears.*

*An open ear, for all our ills
Encouraging words, both said and heard.*

*The things we've shared, are only ours
The things I'll miss that filled the hours.*

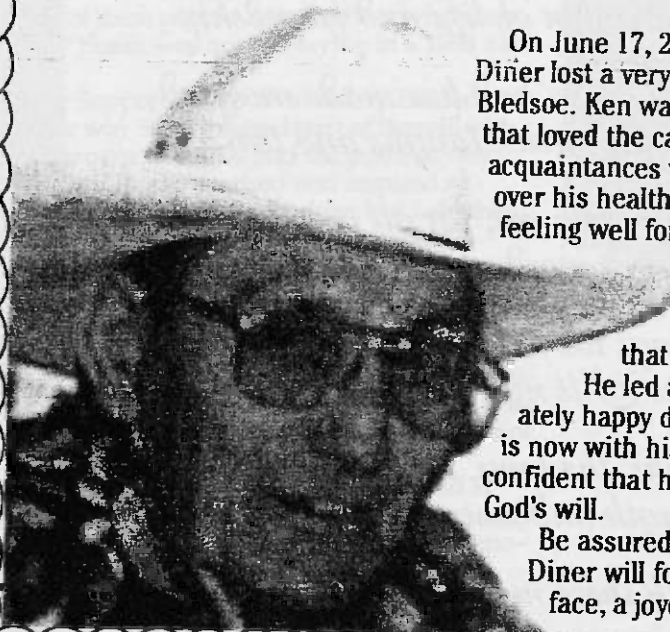
*The highs, the lows, the bouncing back
Built strength and courage, that's left intact.*

*So with these words, as we are apart
I'll miss you, my friend, with all my heart.*

Michele

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In Memory of Ken Bledsoe



On June 17, 2001, the friends of Nelda's Diner lost a very special friend, Ken Bledsoe. Ken was an exceptional individual that loved the camaraderie of friends and acquaintances while maintaining a facade over his health problems. He had not been feeling well for the past year, especially after triple bypass surgery, and was unable to enjoy the activities that he so dearly loved.

He led a full life and was moderately happy during his final weeks. He is now with his savior and we are confident that he is living his life with God's will.

Be assured that his friends at Nelda's Diner will forever remember a smiling face, a joyous laugh and his wry wit.

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Octavia Wilson

Octavia Wilson, 94. Survived by her daughter, Jean Graham. Octavia was born into this world on Jan. 19, 1907. She loved the music of the masters, and played both the violin and the piano. She taught her love of music at the Los Angeles Public Schools for more than 25 years. She traveled extensively. Explored the spiritual worlds and shared her Love, Light and Knowledge. She passed quietly and peacefully from this world into the Heaven Worlds on July 19, 2001. Now that she is part of the company of heaven, I know she will continue to learn and grow, and give to us her Love, Light and Wisdom.

Arrangements by
Heather Mortuary, Tucson,
Ariz.

Raymond Ardell Drinkard

Born in Hugo, Okla., on Sept. 17, 1927, to Joseph and Sada Drinkard, Raymond Ardell Drinkard, 73, of Weldon, went to be with his Lord on July 26, 2001 at the Kern Valley Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa.

Raymond was a loving husband, father and brother. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Wanda; son, David Ray Drinkard and wife Alisa of Wrightwood; daughter Nancy Kay Drinkard of Bellflower; grandchildren David, Jared, Cory, Krystal, Elizabeth and Brittany; great-grandson Daythan; sisters Doleta, Deretha and Betty; and many loving fans at the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa, where he was a member. Services were entrusted to the Bonewell Family at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Private burial at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.



Scott Russell Torell

On May 22, 2001 Scott Russell Torell died peacefully in his sleep in Mountain Mesa and went to be with our Heavenly Father. He was born to Stewart Raymond Torell Sr. and Millicent Ermine Bedwell Torell on June 27, 1950.

Scott was in terrible pain from M.D. and other health problems all his life. He was forced to retire after 19 years as a grip at the studios, Local 80, as he became more disabled. He moved to the Kern Valley last August to be near his brother, Steve R. Torell, with whom he was a volunteer on Wednesdays at the Fish Hatchery until his health got worse. (He loved to feed the llamas.) He had many good home-cooked meals at Steve and his sis-in-law Gail's. He also moved here to be with his sis Sue (Sami) R. Torell, who took him fishing at Kissack and Paradise Cove, and niece Shon G. Mickle from Weldon, who was like his daughter. His eldest bro Stewart (Stew) R. Torell Jr. and sis-in-law Pattijane came to visit as often as they could from New Cuyama.

Scott is also survived by his second wife (in name only) Jean Torell; two brothers and a sister (aforementioned); two daughters, Teresa and Shelli of North Hollywood; eight grandkids; seven nieces and nephews; 12 grandnieces and grandnephews; niece Cathy J. Greene of Lancaster and three kids, Adi, Evan and Logi, got to know him and love him. (Scotti Poo we love you.)

Bro Stew adds that Scott had a very rich sense of humor and was very quickwitted. He loved building things in spite of his M.D. He was the strongest man I knew. He loved motorcycles and was able to ride until 1989 when the progression of M.D. forced him to quit riding.

Scotti was a wonderful, funloving, caring and giving young man of 50. We are very thankful he finally made it up here to our beautiful Kern River Valley to be with us. God bless you, Honi. You will be missed by us all. See you in heaven.

Memorial pending.

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Lucille Mable Bartley

*Heaven's gates were opened,
His gentle voice said come.
And with farewells unspoken,
She quietly went home.*

On July 29, 2001, Mrs. Lucille Mable Bartley awakened to everlasting peace in the arms of our Lord where she reunites with her husband and daughter.

Mrs. Bartley was born July 25, 1905 in Omaha, Neb., making her age at the time of her death 96 years and four days. She was the only child of her late parents, William Francis Hirsch and Mable Edna Dewey.

On Dec. 12, 1924, she was united in marriage to Torrence Reeder Bartley, who preceded her in death on March 8, 1960. To their union was born one child, Torrance Lois-Aileen (Honey) Bartley, who forever joined her father on May 7, 1988.

In 1931 the Bartley family moved from Omaha to Louisville, Ky., where Mrs. Bartley, a devoted wife and mother, also raised AKC champion boxers and was affiliated with Alpha Xi Delta. Throughout the 1950s the family resided in Tucson, Ariz., where they owned and operated a realty brokerage. Mr. Bartley was also a well-known builder and contractor. At her husband's death, Mrs. Bartley left Tucson, and in 1995 she moved from Marin County, Calif. to reside near her granddaughter in the Kern River Valley.

An avid bridge player and lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, Mrs. Bartley was blessed with remarkable wit, humor and vitality until her last days. She lived a full and loving life and had many friends who, with her family, will miss her deeply. Surviving her are her son-in-law, Robert Hugh Collins of Tucson; three grandchildren, Collette Collins Outhier of Lake Isabella and Cochele Collins and Torrance J. Collins, both of Petaluma, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Corinne Miller of Cotati, Calif. and Tonya and Shana Collins of Petaluma.

Honoring her wishes, no services will be held. Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Jim Monroe Cooper

Jim Monroe Cooper was born in Torrance, Calif. on Dec. 7, 1967 and passed away on July 19, 2001. He was the beloved son of Betty Cooper, Harbor Light Mobile Park, Mountain Mesa, and Bob Cooper of Tolladega, Ala.

Jim and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977 (Lakeland Estates). He attended Woodrow Wallace Elementary and Kern Valley High School. He played Little League ball, was a drummer in the school band, and was a member of Boy Scouts of America.

Jim then moved to Henderson, Ky., where he met and married his wife, Karen Suzanne Cooper, and had three beautiful daughters, Shakara Renee, Ashley and Janie Cooper.

His occupation was a cook, but he could do many other jobs, if asked of him. He loved life and was a loving, caring, compassionate young man, and was devoted to the elderly. He was loved so much by so many people!

Jim returned to the Valley that he loved so much in November, to work and be close to his mother. He did spend some time with his beloved niece Cheryl (Swampe) and husband Chuck Edenburn of Bakersfield.

He leaves behind many friends and loved ones here and in Missouri, Alabama, Kentucky, Hawaii and Holland.

Jim had five sisters, Carol Donnelly of Bakersfield, Patricia Callihan of Lomita, Renee Scott of Lakewood, Cathy Dipietro of Lakewood and Karen Halle of Loma Linda; two brothers, Richard Ollivares of Torrance and Michael Cooper of Alabama; eight nieces, Cheryl Edenburn of Bakersfield, Michelle Wilson of Bakersfield, Jessica Mattatall of Bakersfield, Jennifer Ollivares and Corrinna Ollivares of El Segundo, Desiree Scott and Danielle Scott of Lakewood and Cathy Dipietro of Lakewood; one nephew, Rick Ollivares of Santa Monica; two great-nieces, Sarah and Amanda Lloyd; one great-nephew, Austin Wilson; uncle Roger Cooper of Mississippi; and several aunts and uncles in Alabama and Louisiana. He also leaves behind his longtime friend of 24 years, Jimmy Crawford of Lakeland Estates, Lake Isabella.

Jim's cremation will be at Greenlawn Southwest, Bakersfield, and his ashes will remain in the Kern River Valley, where his heart will always be.

Betty Irene Vargo

Betty Irene Vargo entered life on Jan. 30, 1916 in Bridgeport, Conn. She later moved to the state of Michigan, where she spent most of her life. In Feb. 1992, she moved to the Kern River Valley from Detroit to live with her daughter. Betty loved writing poems and was a wonderful homemaker. She enjoyed corresponding with her friends and family. On Aug. 5, 2001, Betty passed away. Funeral services were held for Betty at Valley Mortuary Chapel on Aug. 9, 2001. Pastor Bert Simpson officiated.

Betty is survived by her sister Helen and brother-in-law Andrew Kszych of Florida; daughter Betty McNeal of Wofford Heights; daughter Linda and husband Kirby Gates of Hawthorne; daughter Stephanie Baty of Palm Desert, Calif.; daughter Darlene and husband Edward Wesserting; son Gary and wife Karen; son Daniel; and son Ronald. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Betty is preceded in death by her sons Richard and William Vargo. Services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Ream

Richard Ream was born in Homer, Neb. on Apr. 1, 1912 to Leon and Merle Ream. He passed away on July 28, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Hazel; sons Rod and Jon; four grandchildren, Steven Ream, Kenneth Ream, Andrew Ream and Rebecca Cugnata; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Betty Bridges, Margie Ream and Lois Goodwill; and many friends and relatives.

Richard spent most of his life in the floor covering industry. He had many hobbies— fishing, camping, rock collecting, reading and painting and cartooning. He even took a small part in a movie made in Johnsondale (the storekeeper.) He was a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame, the Kern River Valley Historical Society, the Friends of the Library and Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. He was a member of Lex and had pen pals all over the United States. He was a charter member of his union, Local 1247, and received his 60-year plaque in 1998. He will be missed by so many friends.



Mary Catherine Winham

Mary Catherine Winham was born on Jan. 11, 1943, in Dardnell, Ark. and was the loving wife of war veteran Harry E. Winham. Mary went to be with the Lord at the home of Jerry and Darlene Winham, the aunt and uncle of her husband, on July 21, 2001.

Mary loved to write poetry and had several poems published. She loved to do different kinds of artwork and loved to travel. Mary is survived by four sisters living in Texas and one brother living in Canyon Country, Calif. She is also survived by two sons, Michael and Anthony, as well as six grandchildren she loved very much. Their names are Chris, Brandon, Cody, Randy, Brittany and Heather.

Mary was buried at Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall, Calif., to be close to her mother, father and brother in the wonderful world of heaven. God bless.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Thomas J. White

Private memorial services were held Aug. 11, 2001 at Pacific Crest Cemetery in Redondo Beach for Thomas J. White, 73, who passed away on July 3, 2001 at ECM Hospital, Killen, Ala., after an extended illness.

Tom, a longtime resident, land developer and investor in Lake Isabella, will be remembered and greatly missed by his many friends.

He is survived by his wife, Maryalin White, of Killen, Ala.; daughters Karen Christensen of Palmdale and Linda McQuillen of Simi Valley; 10 brothers and sisters; and seven grandchildren.

John Francis Hubacek Jr.

John Francis Hubacek Jr. went home to be with his Lord Aug. 14, 2001 after a month-long illness.

John was born in Chicago to John Francis Hubacek Sr. and Freida Zenke Hubacek on Oct. 19, 1924.

For 63 years, he was a sheet metal worker. In his earlier days enjoyed fishing and hunting. He served his country in the United States Navy. He was an avid Rams fan, enjoyed crossword puzzles and was quite a TV buff. He and his wife, Lois, had the distinct pleasure of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

John is survived by his wife, Lois, of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Roy John and Earleen Hubacek of Yucca Valley, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law Richard Earl and Lisa Hubacek of Berry Creek, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Jeanne Barbara and Don Reed; daughter Jill Haworth of Wofford Heights; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Earl Hubacek of Torrance.

A service was conducted by the VFW Post 7665-honor guard at graveside on Aug. 17, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family at Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Jennifer Safir

Jennifer Safir was born on Jan. 20, 1949 in San Fernando and died on Aug. 8, 2001. She was privileged to be baptized in the old mission in San Fernando. Surviving are her parents, Robert and Esther Younkin of Squirrel Valley; one daughter, Sheila; three grandchildren, Ryan, Courtney and Kastina Safir of Lake Isabella; one brother, Robert Younkin of Valencia; one nephew, Robert Younkin III; and two nieces, Jacklyn and Loretta Younkin of Valencia. No services were held. There was a private viewing for immediate family.

Jennifer has gained that every human desires—eternal peace. We miss her.

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Kice Paul "Tex" Walker

Funeral services were held Aug. 15, 2001 at Kern Valley Bible Church for Tex Walker, who went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 10, 2001 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Guy Rimestad.

Tex was born on May 12, 1937 in Levelland, Texas. He came to California with his family in 1942. He met his wife, Bobby, when he was a teenager and they just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. He retired from Continental Bakery and moved to Rogue River, Ore., where they had the Weldon mail route for six years before retiring due to his health. When he was younger he was a marathon runner and he also enjoyed playing golf. He was a wonderful son, husband, daddy and grandpa.

Tex is survived by his wife, Bobby of Squirrel Valley; his mother Wilma Walker of Mountain Mesa; his son and daughter-in-law Steve and Leslie Walker of Fullerton; his daughter and son-in-law Christy and Bob Pocerena of Chino Hills; four grandsons, John, Chad, Derek and Jeff; and his church family. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Stuart "Gene" Adams

Funeral services were held on Aug. 20, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Stuart "Gene" Adams.

Gene entered life on Jan. 7, 1923 in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and moved to California during his school years. He later moved to the Kern River Valley after retiring from the San Ramon School District in 1990. He enjoyed dancing and the jam sessions on Tuesdays at the Senior Center and was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the honor guard.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Adams of Lake Isabella; daughters Sherrie Frestadt of Oroville and Becky Ward of Reno; sisters Barbara Shaw of Grand Junction, Colo., Pat Ladnier of Lake Havasu, Ariz., Kaye Dunster of Brentwood, Calif., Jeannette Barringer of Lake Havasu and Kathy Adams of Hayward, Calif.; brothers Paul Adams of Bodfish, Bill Adams of Lake Havasu and Ron Adams of Auburn, Calif.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Society or the Hospice Association.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2001



Norma Ann De Sues

Norma Ann De Sues was born Norma Ann Griswold on Jan. 5, 1935 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. She married Joseph De Sues the day after Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, 1952. She loved sailing and for many

years she and her husband Joseph sailed the local waters of San Diego to Santa Barbara as well as the Channel Islands.

She owned Carriage House Interiors of Huntington Beach and was the main interior designer for 15 years. She attended the Rhode Island School of Design.

When time came for retirement she chose the Kern River Valley which she loved so well overlooking the lake. Her million-dollar view. She was active in the American Legion and was president for two years. She was recently active in the Democratic Party and was president.

Norma loved to dance. She belonged to a line dancing group and

attended the Wednesday night dances at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. She also attended the Friday night dances in Bakersfield at the Senior Center there.

Each Thursday you would find her volunteering at the Senior Center serving those who came to eat the Center and helping with Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the Elks, the American Legion Yacht Club in Newport Harbor and the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. She passed away peacefully at 11:58 p.m. on Aug. 21, 2001 with her husband and daughter at her side. She chose to have her body cremated and her ashes released out to sea in Newport Beach.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph De Sues, her daughter, Cherie, and her grandson, Scott.

Robert E. Perfect

Robert E. Perfect passed away Aug. 15, 2001 at a local hospital at the age of 83.

Bob was a local resident of the Kern Valley and loved to go fishing.

He is survived by three sons, Mark of Agoura, Lee and wife Cathy of Lake Isabella and Bob of Lake Isabella; a daughter, Darlene of Las Vegas; eight grandchildren; and three great-children.

Bob will be greatly missed by all. Funeral services will be private.



Craig G. Richards

Sgt. Craig G. Richards, 48, of the Mobile, Ala. police department, passed away on Aug. 20, 2001 of a massive brain aneurysm at Providence Hospital in Mobile.

Craig was the son of Marilyn and James Richards of Wofford Heights.

Craig leaves his wife, Leigh, and his son, Joshua, of Miami; two daughters, Megan of Fairhope, Ala. and her two daughters, and Bonnie Leigh, also of Fairhope.

He is survived by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Paula Richards of Loomis, Calif.; brother Mark Richards of Wofford Heights; nephews Adam, Shane and Wesley and nieces Shelsea and Codi.

Craig was a 23-year veteran of the Mobile police department and was assigned to the Central Event Division.

Mobile's chief of police, Sam Cochran, described Craig as quite an asset to the city and the police department's efforts to revitalize downtown Mobile, and described Craig's death as a "tragic ending to one of our officers who really made us proud."

On Aug. 24, 2001, a celebration of Craig's life was held at the Saenger Theater in downtown Mobile. Craig was a special person and this was again shown when he asked to be an organ donor. In compliance with his wishes, he donated everything from his corneas on down.

Mead Miller, vice president of Main Street Mobile, was heard to say, "Craig was like Santa Claus around here. Naughty or nice, he knew what you were doing. He will be missed."

Lorraine Day

Lorraine Day was born on Sept. 3, 1923 in Arlington, Wash. and lived in the state until she was 17, when she joined Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. She toured with them and also recorded some of her own songs.

When she was 20 she met and married Robert L. Day of Missouri. She was a bookkeeper for the machine shop he owned in Missouri. The family moved to California in 1960, where they opened another machine shop in the Carson area. In 1969, Lorraine moved to the Valencia area and finished raising her family. In 1980 she started helping the elderly with the compassion and gentleness she was known for. She resided in the area until 1994, when, after surviving the Northridge earthquake, she and her daughter moved to Weldon.

Lorraine passed away on Aug. 18, 2001, after losing a two-year battle with throat cancer. When she passed away she was a resident of Kern Valley Hospital's Skilled Nursing Center, where she received excellent care.

Lorraine is survived by six of her seven children—two daughters, Rainey Day and her husband Albert of Arkansas and Doris Hames of Weldon; four sons—James Day and wife Linda and John Day and wife Diane, all of Missouri, Michael Mollenauer and wife Linda of Weldon, and Mark Mollenauer of Lancaster, and Larry Bricker of Weldon who was like a son to her; three sisters, Juanita Seigel, Florerice Leonard and Anna Lewis, all of Washington;

two brothers, Lyle Brewer and his wife Grace of Washington, and Larry Brewer of Weldon. Lorraine also had 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Lorraine was a very devoted and loving mother who was always doing special little things for those she loved. She was a caring person who was loved by many and liked by all. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Her family will miss her beyond words. She was the greatest mom they could have ever had.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

A loving goodbye is said from all. Rest well, Lorraine, you deserve it.

Robert "Bob" (Poppy) St. John

Robert St. John passed from this earth on Aug. 15, 2001, at 1:35 p.m. at his residence on Young Avenue in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his family, Rosemarie Corcoran and family of Walker Basin, Caroline Maldonado and family of Bodfish and brother Gerald St. John of Leonardo, N.J. Also he is survived by his friends, Odos Redfern and family, and by Jackie Ray and Jerry Boyle of Lake Isabella. He enjoyed many hobbies, such as playing cards and listening to music.

He was loved and will be missed by all who had the privilege to know and be touched by him.

Edith Pearl Jeffrey

Edith Pearl Jeffrey completed a 91-year journey through this world on Aug. 31, 2001.

Born Edith Pearl Davis Jan. 9, 1910 to Ruben Estey and Joetta Mable Davis in Topeka, Kan., she was the third of ten children— Mildred, Frank, Ruby, Clark, Wilbur, Irene, Ruth, Velda and Erma.

She married Charles Nere in 1931. They had four children— Rex, Hazel Joanne, Lois and Kenneth. Charles passed away in 1952. In 1958 she married Clyde Vaughn. Clyde passed away suddenly in 1959.

She married A.B. "Jeff" Jeffrey in 1962. They remained married until her passing, 38 years and 9 months.

Edith is survived by son Rex Nere of Woodburn, Okla.; daughter Lois Calvert of Cedarville, Calif.; brother Wilbur Davis of Springfield, Colo.; sisters Irene McCormack of Grant's Pass, Ore., Ruth Williamson of Canyon Country, Velda Williamson of Guyman, Okla. and Erma Smith of Grant's Pass, Ore.; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Glenhaven Memorial Park in Sylmar on Sept. 6, 2001.

William Cecil Price

William Cecil Price was born July 8, 1950 at Ford Ord, Calif. and died Aug. 26, 2001. Funeral services were held at Christian Assembly Church in

Lake Isabella on Sept. 1, 2001 with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating.

Bill is survived by his parents, Hugh and Elva Price of Wofford Heights; son Jeremy Price and daughter-in-law Ambra of Okinawa, Japan; daughter Sherry Byrns and son-in-law Tommy of Okinawa, Japan; daughter Kerri Vanderwalker of Chino; grandchildren Austin, Nicolas, Bailee, Makayla, Alexis and one on the way; fiancée Debbie Saxon and her daughters Amanda and Miranda; sister Charlotte George of Trabuco Canyon, Calif.; sister Freddie Joan Davis and brother-in-law Peter of Ponca City, Okla.; sister-in-law Debbie Price of Dearborn, Mich.; four nieces; and numerous other relatives.

Bill lived in the Kern River Valley since 1989, having come from Chino, Calif. He was a machinist for 20 years at Smith-Tool in Irvine.

Bill is predeceased by two brothers, Donald Hugh Price and Jimmy Ray Price. We loved him so much and will carry him in our hearts forever.

Services and arrangements were handled by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Paul Lee Smith

Private arrangements were made for Paul Lee Smith, who passed away on Sept. 1, 2001 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Paul was born Oct. 19, 1926 in Blocker, Okla. and lived in the Kern River Valley for the past 20 years. He was known as "Catfish" around the Valley, as he was an avid fisher-

man and camper. He was also a race car and racing enthusiast. He was self-employed as a dry waller for over 50 years.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Raelene Smith of Weldon; daughters Leanne Smith of Weldon and Janie Warren and Patricia "Cookie" Warren of Oklahoma; son Sam Smith of Mountain Mesa; brother J.B. Smith of Wofford Heights; sister Margie Lindsay of Southlake; sister Marlmay Cummings of Canyon Country; sister Bessie Curtis of Bakersfield; four grandchildren; and ten grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Pauline. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2001



Erma M. Pearson

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 for Erma M. Pearson, 93, who passed away on Sept. 4 at the home of her son, Charles Pearson, in Wofford Heights.

Reverend Richard Lewis of the First Baptist Church in Kernville officiated at the 11 a.m. graveside service at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Erma and her husband, Price, moved to the Kern Valley in 1964. Price and son Charles (Pete) pioneered the cable TV system in the Kern Valley and owned and operated the business until 1974 when it was sold. Erma managed the cable office as well as being actively involved in church activities. She was a charter member of the First Baptist Church in Kernville and was active until aging slowed her down.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Price, in 1983 and her son, William Raymond, in 1971.

Survivors include son Charles and daughter-in-law Jeanne of Wofford Heights; daughter Joyce and son-in-law Dwayne Hubbs of Riverside; daughter Betty and son-in-law Denver Dayton of Vista, CA; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Eula Mae Gilliland

Eula Mae Gilliland was born in Oklahoma on Jan. 23, 1916. She died of cancer on Aug. 19, 2001 in Costa Mesa. She is survived by her sister Oleta O'Hara and her niece, Gerrie Getzinger.

Eula was very active in Lake Isabella through her church, the Church of Christ, and the Sidebanders CB Club, where she was known as "Peanut." Eula lived in Bodfish with her husband, Oscar Gilliland, until his death in 1975. She later moved in with her sister in Lake Isabella, where she remained until her illness forced her to be hospitalized.

According to her request, Eula was cremated and the remains placed with her husband, who is buried in the local Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Those who wish to send condolences to the family may send them to Oleta O'Hara at 3651 Nutmeg St., Irvine CA 92606.

Robert Earle Powers

Robert Earle Powers was born in Hemet, CA on July 21, 1932 to parents Robert and Irene Powers. He was called home on September 7, 2001, at his home in Bodfish.

Robert lived in the valley for 30 years. He worked for Cal Trans for 29 years. Robert served his country in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, rising to the rank of sergeant. After that he met and married Leona Beth Chapman. They had two daughters, Deborah Wilkerson and Chery Evans.

Robert was preceded in death by Leona on December 31, 1991. In addition to his daughters, he is survived by his grandson Daniel and his sister Jeanne.

After a time, Robert met and married Lillian Barton, and they were together for 9 years.

Robert enjoyed his job as a heavy equipment operator. He was a Jeep Club member in Hemet and was an avid member, along with his parents while they were alive. Another happy club he belonged to was Bakersfield Trail Blazers of Bakersfield.

Robert's special needs were cared for by Lake Isabella Funeral Home and by the Bonewell family and staff. Interment will be at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Wilma Norton

Private arrangements were made for Wilma Norton who passed away at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Nancy Norton, of Mountain Mesa.

Wilma moved to the Norwalk area of California in 1946 from Texas where she met and married her husband of 64 years, Alfred. Wilma was born March 19, 1919 in Wetherford, Texas. After she and Alfred retired, they came to the Kern River Valley. Wilma loved to camp and fish; she was also an avid reader and she spent many hours doing what she loved the best, sewing. She and Alfred also enjoyed traveling. Wilma was known by the local CBers as "Highland Lady."

She leaves behind her husband, Alfred, of Wofford Heights; her two sons, Bobby of Lake Isabella and Fred and wife, Nancy, also of Lake Isabella; two brothers, Jim McBride of Clearlake, Calif., and Jay McBride of Cottonwood, Calif.; and a sister, Betty Pearl. There are also 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren who will miss her.

Wilma's interment will be at Forest Lawn in Cypress, Calif.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary.



Edward William Wutzke

Edward William Wutzke, 80, passed away Sept. 17, 2001. He leaves behind his wife Mary "Mickey;" son Richard and daughter Barbara, both of Victoria, B.C.; four grandchildren, Mark, Kara, Stefan and Gail; sisters Mary and Margaret of Leithbridge, Alberta.

Edward was a long time member of the Loyal Order of Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was an avid bowler until his health prevented it.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2001



Margaret Allison

The Randsburg Witt family say good-bye to their beautiful sister Margaret Allison, who passed away at the Valley Convalescent Home in Bakersfield on Sept. 23, 2001.

Margaret was born on March 4, 1924 in Randsburg to a family of 10 children. She had four family members left: James, Sue Hiram, Mike, and daughter Susie lives in Rosalia, Wash.

She was very active in helping other people and Dr. Close in getting food and clothing for the Rand District area.

William M. Brady

William M. Brady, 90, entered eternal rest at his residence in Wofford Heights on Sept. 27, 2001.

He is survived by his son, William F. Brady and his wife, Linda; daughter-in-law Peggy; 11 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

William and his wife, Sally, who preceded him in death, retired in Wofford Heights in 1974. They were active in the Elks and their church. They spent wonderful years fishing, camping, and enjoying their family.

William loved his workshop and built birdhouses that are all over the Kern River Valley and beyond. Now he will be doing the Lord's work. All who knew him and loved him will miss him dearly.

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



Scott Douglas Pederson

Scott Douglas Pederson, 46, of Federal Way, Wash., passed away at his job on Sept. 15, 2001.

He was born Sept. 28, 1954, in Huntington Park, Calif., to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pederson. He had worked for Boeing for 19 years and most recently for an auto dealership in Renton, Wash. His passions were his family, friends, fishing, sailing the sound and flying.

He is survived by his loving fiancée, Yeonok; son Eric and daughter Erin; parents Eugene and Cheryl; siblings Dennis, Lori and Cindy; grandmother Edyth Soward of the Kern River Valley; and their families. He will be missed.

A memorial service was held on Sept. 20, 2001 at the Bonney-Watson Funeral Home in Federal Way, Wash. Donations in his name may be made to the Scott D. Pederson Memorial Fund, c/o Dixie Pederson, P.O. Box 534, Lakebay, WA 98349.



Jessie Hutton Johnson

Jessie Hutton Johnson passed Sept. 14, 2001 at 9.15 a.m at her daughter Linda's home in Culver City from kidney infections due to complications of dementia.

Jessie was born Jessie Hutton Menzies in Dundee, Scotland, May 23, 1923.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, George, who sadly passed June 11, 2001.

Jessie is survived by their daughter Linda and John Findlay of Culver City; grandson John Johnson (Debbie) Findlay of Lakewood; grandson Scott Wilson (Sarah) Findlay of West Los Angeles; and great-granddaughters Hailey Erin Findlay and Scarlet Simone Jessie Findlay.

Their only great-grandson, Cameron Scott Findlay, preceded them in death Oct. 6, 2000, at 7 months of age.

They are also survived by a daughter, Denise, and Al Roscigno of Prescott, Ariz.; grandsons John Angelo Roscigno and Dominic George Roscigno; and a son, John (Jack) McLennan Johnson of West Los Angeles.

A memorial service was held at Kingsley Gates in Culver City, on Sept. 21, 2001. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Jessie's life of 78

years. You cannot talk about Jessie without including her husband of 59 years, George. They were one and now they are one once more together as they have been for the past 60 + years since their first meeting as teenagers. Jessie was 15 and George was 17 years old. Engaged in 1940, both served in the Royal Air Force during WWII. George was called up and in 1941 was sent to Algeria in Africa. In 1942 Jessie was sent to England and worked on the air bases. They were married July 16, 1942 in their R.A.F. and W.R.A.F. uniforms. Jessie by mid-July was discharged from the service and returned to Scotland to have her first-born.

By 1946 George was discharged because of the TB he had contracted in Algeria and so for the next 15 years he was in and out of hospitals in Scotland. Jessie became the breadwinner of the family. One of her first jobs was in a jute mill. Many years were also spent at the Timex watch factory as an oiler/inspectress.

Jessie and George have three children—Linda, Denise and Jack. The Johnsons came to America in 1961 and settled in the West Los Angeles area (Palms). Both were very active for over 35 years in the Scottish lodges, Jessie in the Lady Cameron No. 64 of Santa Monica and George in the men's Clan McKenzie. They also belonged to the United Scottish Societies and the Mayflower Club (British social club). They both loved to bowl. Packard Bell, Lindy Pen, Transco and Ampex were a few of the leagues. They bowled at Kingpin and Mar Vista Lanes on the Westside.

Jessie and George retired from Ampex Electronics in 1983 and moved up to Kelso Valley Estates. They had purchased the property three

years before and had many trips to the valley getting the place ready for the big move. Thank goodness there was Mt. Mesa Lanes. They both bowled twice a week there for 20 years and Jessie traveled to many out of town tournaments with her bowling buddies here in the valley. Jessie carried a 150 + average for the best part of her bowling years. They would both golf, but Jessie never took it serious—she always did too much talking and really was not good at it at all! We all had a good laugh about the golf stories!

Jessie was a beautiful knitter and went to town when the grandkids and great-grandkids came along. She would create aran sweaters, shawls and blankets for all. The garden was also a favorite of the Johnsons, preserving and drying all the fruits and veggies that they grew. George and his sun dried raisins! They had many trips across America and Canada in their motorhome and every other year would fly back to the UK to visit family and friends there and stay for several months.

Jessie Hutton Menzies was one of seven children. A younger sister, Gladys, lives in Dundee, Scotland. A "wee" brother, Tom, lives in Fifeshire, Scotland. Her older sister Peggy (Margaret) lives in Torrance, Calif.

Jessie and George will be missed by all their family and friends here in America, Canada, Scotland and England. Our mom and dad will always be special—especially to us, their children. They were great parents, wonderful grandparents, great-grandparents and made you friends for life. They will be missed by family and friends and will live on in our hearts forever. We love you mom and dad. Look after "wee Cammie." God bless—Linda, Denise and Jack.

Bill Murray

Many of you already know we lost our precious love of our life, Bill Murray, husband and father, on Sept. 13, 2001. He was the most giving, loving person that ever walked this earth.

As sick as he was, we are still having a difficult time with the reality that he is no longer here and not coming home. You see, our family was very close and we did everything together.

With the help from our family and friends and everyone's prayers, it is making this transition a little easier.

We want to thank all of the families that brought meals, flowers and cards to us. We are truly overwhelmed with the incredible love and support that continues to be extended to us. May God bless all of you.

As Bill was a WWII Navy veteran, we gave him a burial at the VA cemetery in Gustine on Sept. 20. His headstone reads, "Until our Savior's return we will miss you."

We truly believe that prophecy is unveiling itself so rapidly it won't be long before Jesus comes for us on his white horse on a cloud and there will be no more pain or sorrow. And we will all be together again.

We are having a memorial at Kern Christian Church, 14900 Highway 178, Southlake, on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. Potluck to follow at noon. Please come and share your friendship and memories with us.

Very truly yours in Jesus Christ, Sandy, Terri, Brian and Adam Murray.



Marion "Marty" Martin

No services are planned for Marion Martin of Wofford Heights, who died on Oct. 8, 2001 in a Bakersfield hospital.

Marion was born on April 23, 1916 in Hayden, Colo. He attended school in Wheatland, Wyoming. The family moved to Idaho where Marion owned and operated Nampa Auto Body Shop. He met Ellen Marron in 1938 and they were married in 1939. Ellen and Marty moved to California in 1940 where he worked in the aerospace industry from 1940 until his retirement in 1980, at which time they moved to Wofford Heights.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luther Martin; his mother, Cherry Martin; two brothers, Gilbert and Warder; and his infant sister, Velma.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ellen; three brothers, Melvin, Calvin and Jack; two sisters, Wilma Fredericksen and Barbara Magwire, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joel Clarence Reed

Joel Clarence Reed entered life on May 5, 1912, in Jackson County, Alabama. Born to his parents Robert and Lucy, the family worked as sharecroppers in Oklahoma. His father also worked as a machinist's helper who installed track wheels onto trains, with a sideline of moonshining. In 1936, the family moved to California, settling down in Dinuba. While in Dinuba, Joel met the girl next door, Edith Stella Richardson. The two fell in love and later married in 1940. Joel soon was offered a chance to go to work for North American Aviation, which later became Rocketdyne, and he and his family picked up roots and moved to the Los Angeles area. He proudly served his country during World War II on the home front working as a riveter and finally retired as an electron beam welder for North American, a career that would span a total of 35 years.

Throughout the years, Joel and Edith became avid rock hounds. The two traveled the country in their camper searching out different dig sites, unearthing special rocks, opals, agates, petrified palm, quartzite, and various other semi-precious rocks and gems. The two were even able to visit the Arkansas diamond fields, although they did not find any diamonds. Joel would return home with all of these raw materials and he used them while toiling in the second love of his life, lapidary work. He would craft all of the rocks and stones into elaborate and sometimes lavish jewelry. Another craft that Joel toyed with was the making of plastic rose carvings for use with some of the pendants and jewelry that he so diligently created.

Joel was a good father. He was a strong man, but he had a big heart. His bark was bigger than his bite. He always looked out for his family. Karen, one of his daughters, always called him an old fart. She even got him a cup and hat that said, "old fart." Not wanting to leave her mom out, she got her a hat too that said, "old fart's wife." The family always had fun. Joel, Edith and the kids always went camping and fishing in the High Sierras, where they encountered many things including the sweet smell of a skunk. Sadly, Joel suffered the biggest loss of his life when, in 1988, Edith fell ill and passed away. He was a survivor and continued to live on for his family. To Joel, family always came first. He was a good man. He was a good husband, father and grandfather. He will be truly missed by all of his loving family and his special friends.

Joel Clarence Reed is survived by his daughter Linda and son-in-law Jack

Donnelly of Wofford Heights; his son, Rex Reed of Panorama City; his son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Susan Reed of Mountain Mesa; his daughter and son-in-law Janet and Ralph Hermansen of Mountain Mesa; his son Hugh Reed of Granada Hills; his daughter and son-in-law Karen and George Greenberg of Las Vegas; and his daughter and son-in-law Elaine and Bob Dunlap of Indiana. Joel is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Ray and Kitty Reed of Fresno; his brother Bert Reed of Mt. Shasta, Calif.; his brother and sister-in-law Winston and Beverly Reed of Fresno; his brother and sister-in-law Ulyseus "Duke" and Tooter Reed of Fresno; his brother and sister-in-law Frank and Pat Reed of Garden Valley; and his sister, Lela Cunningham of Escondido, Calif. Joel is also survived by two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Very truly yours in Jesus Christ, Sandy, Tim, Brian and Adam Murray.

Richard Ray Ogas

A Rosary and Funeral Mass for Christian Burial was held Oct. 20, 2001 at

St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Richard Ray Ogas. Father Patrick Persinger officiated.

Mr. Ogas was born July 27, 1930 in Silver City, New Mexico and passed away Oct. 17, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Richard came to California in 1948 and settled in the City of Commerce, where he worked in the lumber business as a truck driver for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Tony and Joe and daughter-in-law Cece; and four grandchildren, Michael, Christine, Catherine and Victoria.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Audrae June Grabenhofer

A private service will be held by the family of Audrae June Grabenhofer, 79; who passed away on Sept. 30, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Prior to moving to the Bakersfield in 1998, Audrae was a resident of Kernville for 10 years. During that time, she was a member of the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary and enjoyed volunteering her time at the Auxiliary Thrift Store. She was also a member of the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Born on Feb. 26, 1922, in

Chicago, Audrae moved to California in 1947, and shortly after her move to Santa Monica, she met and married her husband, Robert Grabenhofer. She was employed by Security Pacific National Bank for more than 30 years working in various departments.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Hansen of Issaquah, Wash.; daughter and son-in-law Kathe and Jim Malouf of Wofford Heights; two grandsons, Ryan Hansen and Brandon Hansen, both of Washington; and one great-grandson, Spencer Hansen of Washington.

Cremation arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Gary Don Abernathy

Gary Don Abernathy was born Dec. 26, 1972 and died Oct. 18, 2001. Gary was born in McAlester, Okla. and was raised here in Kern County. He graduated from Kern Valley High School in 1991 and attended Bakersfield College, receiving two Associate degrees, and majored in Agricultural Science.

Gary left many beloved behind. Among them were: his parents, Marilyn Barnes and Terry Abernathy; his grandparents, Etolia Riley, Earnestine Locke, Pa-Pa Amous and Irishman Locke; sister Sherri Sandoval and husband Eric; brother Joshua Riley; brother Curtis Riley and wife Brenda; mom Deborah Riley; and most importantly, his nieces and nephews, Ashley Dye, Deborah Riley, Megan Sandoval and Alyssa Riley. Also Bryce Riley, Steven Riley, Cody Sandoval and Hunter Riley. Among those awaiting him on heaven's shores are his dad, Donnie Riley, his grandma Go-Go, and his uncle Jim Barnes.

Gary was a child who could make the world smile. He was happy and took everything this world had to dish out with open arms and an accepting attitude. As a young adult, he was able to

bring laughter to any room. He was everybody's friend. As an adult he was responsible, loving and caring. He was always willing to help all who needed it. He was the most wonderful uncle one could ask for. He loved and treated his nieces and nephews as if they were his children. He was close to his sister and brothers, and was always there for them. He had a special place within the family which no other could fill. Gary was the strongest man anyone could have ever known, for even in his most painful and weak moments, he never complained. We were all lucky to have spent the short amount of time that we did with him. We will miss him greatly!

We would like to say thank you to all who helped Gary that day. The Kern Valley Hospital staff as well as the CARE Ambulance staff. Also, a special thank you to all of the friends and family for their prayers and support. Thank you!

Service were held Oct. 22 at Arvin Cemetery.

*You've traveled a road
not many have traveled*

*And conquered a life not
many could bear*

*You left us in life with our
hearts all unraveled*

*Your memories and love
are beyond compare.*

*We sit and wonder what
all was said and done*

*Did we say what we
needed to say, one on one*

*Can you really be gone,
is this really the end*

*No more time to hold our
brother, son and friend.*

*It feels like a dream from
which we'll all wake*

*We'll sit up to see you
and know it's all fake*

*We know you are happy
for in heaven you stand*

*Yet we'll still miss your
smile and the touch of your
hand*

*The love in your heart
stays with us forever*

*We'll remember you al-
ways and forget you never!*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2001

Alfred Eugene Norton

Funeral services were held Oct. 27, 2001 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Cypress, Calif. for Alfred Eugene Norton. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of Mt. View So. Baptist Church.

Mr. Norton was born Jan. 17, 1918 in Eldorado, Okla. and passed away on Oct. 22, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 26 years ago after he retired from Quaker Oats. When they came here Alfred built their home in Wofford Heights where they spent much time enjoying the view and watching all the animals. He and his wife enjoyed traveling, fishing and he also enjoyed hunting. He was a member of the Cbers and was known as Johnny Rebel.

Alfred was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Wilma, and is survived by his son Bobby Norton of Mountain Mesa; son and daughter-in-law Fred and Nancy Norton of Mountain Mesa; brother Dub Norton of Pampa, Texas; and sisters Neoma Taylor of Hemet and Dorothy Weker of Cypress.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Barbara J. Adams

Services were held Oct. 21, 2001 at the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church for Barbara J. Adams. Barbara was born Jan. 11, 1935, in Altadena, Calif. and passed away in Bakersfield on Oct. 16, 2001. Barbara was a resident of Havilah for the past 20 years and is survived by her husband, Ernest Adams of Havilah; son David Adams and daughter-in-law Donella of Bodfish; daughter Diane Verreras and son-in-law Joyce of Diamond Bar; son Richard Adams of Chino Hills; son Michael Adams of Phoenix; and 16 grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all.

Charlene Marie Alm

Graveside services were held Oct. 27, 2001 at Kern River Cemetery for Charlene Marie Alm, who passed away at her home on Oct. 24, 2001. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Charlene was born in Oxford, Miss. and moved to California in 1944 with her family. She worked as a nurse for many years before retiring and moving to the Kern River Valley.

She was a member of the VFW and the Moose and was on the drill team at the Eagles.

While living here, she worked for the state of California as an Ombudsman for Kern County. Charlene was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Charlene was a friend to everyone. She was preceded in death by her husband Carl. She is survived by her sisters, Nita, Hazel, Coleen, Stella and Robbie, and her brother Russel and any nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Marguerite "Margo" Vera Page

Marguerite Vera Page (Margo) went to be with Jesus on Oct. 25, 2001. She had been battling several different diseases over the past several years.

She was born in Oklahoma in 1926 and moved to California at six months of age. She settled in Pixley and graduated from Bakersfield High School in 1943. She married Archie Page in Oct. 1943. After Archie returned from the war they started their family. They had a son, Dennis, and a daughter, Paula Sue.

Margo worked for California Physicians Service for 30 years and retired in 1979 when they moved to the Kern River Valley. Margo was active in many clubs in the Valley, including the Kern Valley Golf Course, Ladies of the Elks, Bowling and was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church.

Margo and her daughter, Paula, bought Tattle Tale Fashions in 1984. She often talked about the fun they had running this business for seven years.

Margo was always there for her family and friends, even through her personal tragedies including the loss of her only son, Dennis, in 1985, her grandson, Artie, in 1984 and her grandson, Mitchell Prince on Thanksgiving Day in 1998.

In spite of her poor health, she still managed to bake cookies and take them to various rest homes around the valley.

Margo left behind her "best buddy," Archie, her husband for 58 years; her daughter, Paula Prince; son-in-law Pat Prince; and grandsons Patrick Prince and Michael Prince (of the Kern River Valley) and David Page (of Kansas). She will be missed by all of her friends and "bingo buddies."

The greatest loss is felt by her family, for the love and devotion she had for her husband, children and grandchildren can never be replaced.

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Duane Douglas "Macado" McRae

Those who knew Duane Douglas McRae best affectionately called him "Macado." Macado was born on Jan. 23, 1917 in Eagan, S.D. to Donald and Florence McRae, and passed away Oct. 29, 2001. Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Nov. 2, 2001.

Macado lived in South Dakota and Minnesota before coming to California. He worked for 18 years for the Queen City Meat Company as a meat cutter. They supplied restaurants with meat.

Macado had two hobbies that kept him busy. He loved to fish and did so in the lake and the river. He also loved to work at wood working, making all kinds of different things as well as refinishing furniture.

Duane served his country during World War II in the Army and was very proud of his service time. He came to the lake area 14 years ago and loved his home in Bodfish.

He is survived by his son, Gary, and wife Teresa of Long Beach; and five grandchildren—Shelly, Melissa, Jason, Heather and Gary Jr., all of Long Beach.

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

Leona Elaine Peck

Leona Elaine Peck was born in Minnesota on Dec. 18, 1925, to Louis and Emily Beaudreau, and entered into rest on Oct. 18, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Leona's first husband, Mr. Command, preceded her in death. After coming to California, she met and married her husband, Floyd Peck. Leona is survived by her husband, Floyd Peck of Wofford Heights; one son, Michael Command of Los Angeles; one daughter, Mary Iglotti of Fullerton; two brothers, Robert Beaudreau of South Dakota and Duane Beaudreau of Minnesota; one sister, Jeraldine Lentz of Colorado; and three grandchildren, Michael, Joseph and Jennifer.

Her family and friends will greatly miss her.

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

Daniel "Dan" Patrick Martens

Dan Martens was born on July 19, 1935 to Gerald and Blanch Marten in Green Bay, Wisc. He entered into rest on Oct. 27, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 66.

Dan worked in the film industry as a model maker for 25 years. His real love, other than being with his lovely wife, Jan, was his gift of abstract painting which he has left many behind for others to enjoy.

Dan was the president of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. Dan protected the Second Amendment to the Constitution. If you wanted to get Dan upset all you had to do was speak about gun control and he would speak his mind at the drop of a hat on that subject.

Dan was a happy man and enjoyed his freedom that America provides. He had 17 years of schooling and was a very educated person. He was also highly spiritual. Dan is survived by his loving wife, Jan.; six grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two grandchildren, and a great host of friends.

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

Richard "Dick" Putman Trask

Dick Trask was born in Memphis, Tenn. on Aug. 14, 1947 to Kenneth and Marjorie Trask, and entered eternal life on Oct. 18, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Dick lived in the Kern Valley area for the past four years. He loved the area mostly for the fishing. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the American Bass Association. He was very well known for his split shot and superb fishing skills. Dick worked for Cigna Health Care for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons— Ryan, who serves his country in the Air Force, and Ian of Van Nuys; daughter Tara of Durango, Colo.; and three grandchildren in Colorado.

Dick will be missed by his family and friends, as well as his fishing buddies.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2001

Delmer "Freddie" Russell

Delmer "Freddie" Russell passed away Oct. 31, 2001 at the age of 74. He was married for 37 years to his beloved wife, Flossie Russell.

He is the father of three—Linda, Nancy and Steven (and daughter-in-law Jeannie). He is also the grandfather of six—Brian, Charmaine, Mark, Quinton, Sierra and Montana; and has many nieces and nephews. He also has two sisters, Georgia Eller and Ethelmae Terry (and her husband Harlan).

Services were held Nov. 5, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arthur S. "Bud" Underhill

Arthur S. "Bud" Underhill was born Jan. 24, 1916 and passed away Nov. 3, 2001. Crypt side services were held at Greenwood Bible Mausoleum in San Diego. Officiating was Dr. K. Barbee and organist Lyle de Jong.

Bud was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers. He leaves behind his loving wife Dorothy H. Underhill, whom he married on April 9, 1966; daughter Cheryl Underhill Wall and son-in-law Bob Wall of Amarillo, Texas; son Dennis Underhill Sr. of Laverne Okla.; three grandchildren and six grandchildren. Bud was in the Army Air Corps during the war and retired in 1968 from civil service at North Island in San Diego.

He was truly loved and will be greatly missed.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2001



Francis "Frank" Donald Rush

Graveside services will be held Nov. 16, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Frank Rush, who was born in Michigan on Oct. 27, 1917 and passed away Nov. 5 at Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

Frank, a resident of Wofford Heights for 20 years, was a real estate agent and general building contractor who built many homes in the Kern River Valley as well as in Big Bear, where he also served for a time as fire chief. He was a private pilot and liked to reminisce about his years of flying. After retiring, he enjoyed many cross-country road trips. A favorite was a visit to the Statue of Liberty and Niagara Falls. He also enjoyed ocean cruises with his wife, Hazel Rush, who survives him.

Also surviving him are son James Rush and grandson James Jr. of Apple Valley; sister Lillian Rush of Michigan; step-daughter Norma and her husband Joe Roseberry of Wofford Heights; and step-daughter Deanna and her husband Mel Rogers of Issaquah, Wash.

James "Mike" Mikesell

James was born on March 20, 1921 and passed away Nov. 4, 2001. He was born to his parents Edward and Teresa Mikesell in Ohio. James served his country in the Army Air Corps in WWII. He married Helen Maxine Mann. He spent 20 years working for the Tetrafluor Engineer Co., where he rose to manager. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, and became a Scout leader and loved going camping with the Scouts. James loved to work outside at home. He was very mechanical. He built his own log splitter, among other things. James belonged to the local Moose Lodge, where he achieved the Degree of Fellowship.

James learned his trade by going to the Dayton Tool and Die School. He is survived by his wife, Helen Mikesell; son Neal Mikesell; daughter Connie Hofmann; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one nephew.

James "Mike" Mikesell was a longtime resident of the Kern River Valley and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Darlene Celestine-Elizabeth Donohue

Darlene was born on July 5, 1923 in Elk River, Minn. to Archie and Adelene Plante. She entered into rest after a long illness on Nov. 9, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Darlene was the secretary of the South Fork Union School District for 26 years. She retired in 1993. Darlene was very educated in crafts. She made stained glass windows along with knitting and quilting as her hobbies.

Surviving her is one son, Brian Donohue of Onyx; a brother, Archie Plante of Weldon; and a sister, Joyce Tonkoshker of Detroit.

A void is left by her passing for her family and friends. Private graveside services were held on Nov. 15, 2001 with burial in Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001

Anita Jacqueline Williams

Graveside services were held Nov. 14, 2001 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Anita Jacqueline Williams. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis.

Anita was born June 24, 1930 in Detroit and went to be with the Lord on Nov. 9, 2001 in Mountain Mesa. Anita was a resident of the Kern River Valley since 1972. She was a member of the VFW and the Moose and was the Lady of the Lake in the 1970s. She was a member of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church. She enjoyed Bible study and making crafts but mostly witnessing to people about the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Johh, a brother and three sisters. Anita is survived by son and daughter-in-law Rick and Shirley Katchuba of Michigan; son and daughter-in-law David and Phyllis Katchuba of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Gail Katchuba and Loren Lee of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Karen and Donnie Dubel of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Thom and Sandy Alexander of Arizona; brothers Clem Clement and John Clement; sisters Rita Gardner and Gwen Lynch; 4 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was a wonderful mother and a friend to everyone. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2001

In Memory of
Mitchell Prince

Our beloved Mitch filled our hearts with joy,
From birth he was such a special little boy.
When he was very small he stumbled
On some stairs taking a bad fall.
But he jumped up shouting with glee,
"I'm not hurt, Jesus 'caught' me!"
On Thanksgiving morning in 1998,
He left us tragically
Shot by three masked gunmen on a spree.
Mitch had gotten to safety after the initial attack,
But a friend was in trouble so he went back.
When it was over he was not alone,
The Lord and his angels were there for their own.
We imagine Mitch saying,
"I'm not hurt you see,
'Cause my Jesus 'caught' me."
Mitch was never ours to keep,
Only an angel on loan.
The most beautiful person
We have ever known.

Written by Margo Page

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2001

In Loving Memory Of
Harold Dean



It's hard to believe it's been a whole year since you left us for that great golf course in the sky.

We are so thankful that you are not suffering anymore and glad you knew how much we all love you and miss you.

We think of you everyday and you are still helping us as we say, "How would Dad do this?"

We know you are up there on the back nine with Ray or fishing with Carl.

We will love you forever.

**Your loving wife and family --
Colleen, Mike, Kathy, Judy, Cherrie and Mom**

Thomas Benton Barber

Graveside services were held Nov. 21, 2001 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Thomas B. Barber, who passed away on Nov. 20, 2001 in Bakersfield after a long illness.

Mr. Barber was born Feb. 26, 1922 in Louisiana. He was in the Navy for 25 years and was a Pearl Harbor survivor. After moving to Los Angeles from Michigan, he was a Navy instructor for several years before retiring. He then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1974, and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a great cook, and the family enjoyed his cooking. He enjoyed holidays and spending time with his family. His "antagonistic" behavior will be greatly missed by his family, who loved him very much.

He is survived by his daughter, MaryAnn Kemery, of Valencia; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Joe Christian of Riverside County; daughter and son-in-law Patty and Ron Low of Valencia; daughter and son-in-law Sandra and Vincent Bakich of Bakersfield and Virginia Frenes of Canebroke; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and one great-grandson to be.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Glenn Dayle Goins

Services were held on Nov. 23, 2001 at the Church of Christ in Mountain Mesa for Glenn Dayle Goins. Glenn was born in Vernon, Texas, on Aug. 18, 1934, to Floyd and Bonnie Goins. He entered into rest at his home in Walker Basin on Nov. 19, 2001 at the age of 67.

Glenn worked for the Department of Public Works as a Supervisor of Road Work in San Bernardino for 21 years. He also worked for the Trona School District as Maintenance Supervisor for 11 years.

He came with his wife, Ruth, to Walker Basin in 1988. Glenn built their home in Walker Basin, and he also planted fruit trees and developed the property. He was also an active member of the Church of Christ in Mountain Mesa.

Glenn and Ruth spent the last five winters in Lake Havasu, Ariz. Glenn loved to hunt and fish as well as other outdoor challenges. Surviving him is his wife, Ruth; sons David Goins of Trona, John Goins of Rochester Hills, Mich., Mark Goins of Trona, and Paul Goins of Exeter, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a great amount of friends who knew him through work and being neighbors with him.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2001

Gene Randolph

A memorial Mass will be held today, Nov. 28, 2001 for Gene Randolph at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Mr. Randolph was born Sept. 10, 1916 in Dawson, Iowa and passed away Nov. 12, 2001 in Mountain Mesa.

Mr. Randolph and his wife moved to the Kern Valley 21 years ago after he retired from Disneyland. He enjoyed fishing, camping and reading. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Jude Catholic Church. He was a wonderful man, a loving husband and father, and everyone looked up to him as a big brother.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty Randolph of Wofford Heights; and son Chris and sister Dorothy Halstad of Iowa. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Welton O. Erickson

Memorial services were held Nov. 20, 2001 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church for Welton O. Erickson. Officiating was Pastor Bill Lewis. Mr. Erickson was born Sept. 11, 1927 in Glen, Fla., Wisc. and moved to California in 1959. He passed away at his home in Weldon on Nov. 16, 2001.

Mr. Erickson was a sergeant in the Army, stationed in El Paso. He was a high school teacher from 1952 to 1976 in Minnesota and San Jose. He enjoyed flying, snow skiing, and exploring and explaining the natural wonders of God's creation. He is survived by his children, W. Paul Erickson, Judy Rae Beier and Sheryl Sue Ferreira; grandchildren Joseph Ferreira, Jonathan Beier, Joshua Ferreira, Matthew Beier, Jared Ferreira, Ashley Ferreria, Jeremy Beier and Teresa Erickson; a sister, Mildred Evers; and a brother, Thure Erickson.

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



Michael Wayne Irving

Michael Wayne Irving was born Dec. 8, 1935 and passed away Nov. 28, 2001. He enlisted into the Navy in 1956, aboard the USS Orleans Parish. He received a National Defense Medal and was honorably discharged in 1960. After being discharged he sold cars for a living. He then met the love of his life, Katherine (his "Joy") They belonged to a camping club, "The Driveway Breakers." In 1991 they bought a retirement home in Lake Isabella. They were married for 29 years and they are together again in eternal peace.

He is survived by daughters Vicki and Dan Dickson, Elizabeth Kosharek and Dave Boosalis, Linda Wesala Baker and Wallace Baker, Susan and Troy Reid, and Margaret and Patrick Cardona; sons Steven and family and Michael Jr.; son-in-law Alan Wesala and his

wife Debbie; grandchildren Rebecca and Fred Averin, Melissa Nichols, Jason and Brandy Wesala, Holly Kosharek, Jessica Immel, Shelly Kosharek, Nicole Wesala, Arthur Hernandez, Joyce and Julie Kosharek, Cassie Wesala, Adrienne Hernandez, Alana Wesala, Heather Eilders, Joseph Cardona, Courtney Reid and Sophie Cardona; and great-grandchildren Christopher Tunstall, Kayla Nichols, Anthony and Brandon, Ben Nichols, Stephen Nichols, Joey Ledbetter and Sierra Wesala. He is also survived by special brother- and sister-in-law Don and Barbara Tolle and their children Jeff Tolle, Sheryl and Russ Muncy and family, and sisters Atha and Tony D'antonio; nephew Jimmy D'antonio and family; nieces Bobbie Sue, Margo, L'il Atha and family, Roseanne and Tim Thompson and family, Patty Priest and niece Elaine and Jay and family; nephews Dale Priest and family, David Priest and family, Dale and Ian Ottinger (son of Isabel); great nieces Christine and Nancy Ottinger; sister-in-law Cindy Irving (wife of "Tony"); nephews Mike and Jimmy Irving, Larry Irving; niece Cheryl Scarborough (daughter of Walter); great-niece Cherie; great-niece Tammy and Dan; great-nephew Michael (Hevia) Stewart; family friend Dee Gisel and family and many wonderful friends from their camping club.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Irving; parents Dewey Dale and Margaret Irving; brothers Walter, Larry "Tony" and Robert Irving; and sisters Isabelle Fowler, Gerry Kunz and Suzanne Mead; brother-in-law Norman Priest; niece Laurie Irving; mother and father-in-law William and Christine Tolle; brother-in-law Bill Tolle and sister-in-law Nancy Kalb.

Michael had a very large family who loved him as he loved them. We will miss him tremendously, until we meet again.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Dick Gallagher

A memorial service was held Dec. 1, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella for Dick Gallagher, a longtime Kern Valley resident.

Dick was born May 3, 1919 in Graham, Texas and passed away on Nov. 27, 2001 in Bakersfield.

Dick moved to California from Texas in 1939, where he met a long-legged blonde now known as Katie Gallagher. They were married in 1941 and moved to the Kern Valley in 1964 from Paramount, Calif. to run the Starlight Motel in Lake Isabella.

Dick was elected Honorary Whiskey Flat Mayor in 1965. He was known as "Gallant" Gallagher. He entertained in local nightclubs and restaurants as well as throughout the United States for over 40 years. He and Katie were recently honored by their family and friends for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dick was a member of the Musicians Union and a founding member of the local Elks Lodge, and was also a member of the Eagles and the First Baptist Church. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Dick loved to make people laugh, and was very good at doing that. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Katie Gallagher of Lake Isabella; his four wonderful children, Judy Smyth of Lake Forest, Pam and husband Bryan Hermansadler of Hawaii, Windy and husband Doug Quine of Hesperia, and Michael Gallagher of Bodfish; grandchildren Cathy and husband John Kendrick, Shawn Smith, Gram Gallagher, Laura Davis, James and Jennifer Quine; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Jack Gallagher of Texas; and a sister, Margie Knowles of Texas. Dick will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Jack Scott Emerson

Jack Scott Emerson was born in Oregon to Jack and Alice Emerson on Aug. 7, 1961. He entered eternal life on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22, 2001, at his home in Lake Isabella. He was 40.

Jack was a tattoo artist. He also had a great love of music, loved his family and was the happiest when he and his family were on camping trips.

Jack is survived by his wife, Teresa, of Lake Isabella; his mother, Alice Vance of Kernville; one son, Michael Emerson, and two daughters, Kalen Emerson and Sarah Emerson, all of the lake area; one brother, Michael Emerson of Onyx; and two sisters, Vickey Emerson of Kernville and Shawn Moore of Wofford Heights. Jack will be missed by his family and friends.

Services were held at graveside at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on Nov. 29, 2001. Pastor Jack Dilley presided.

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



Florence Marie Davis

Florence was born on May 9, 1918 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her mother, Juliette, came to America from Norway. Her father, Raymond Wald, was a railroad engineer from Austria. She had a sister, Juliet, and a brother, Buddy. Florence cross-country skied to school. She competed on ice as a speed skater and had her front teeth knocked out playing baseball (they grew back). Later, when she found out she was a girl, Florence was elected Minneapolis "Ice Queen," an honor not unlike Pasadena's Rose Queen. This led to her participation in the Miss America pageant, where she represented Minnesota, a state she helped to make famous for its beautiful natural blondes.

Florence lived in New York City, where her circle of friends included mostly artists and intellectuals. The song "Moonlight, Martinis and You" was written expressly for her. But her heart led to Missouri, where a short-lived marriage produced her only son, Raymond Elliot Beeman, whom she was

unwaveringly devoted to. It was in St. Louis that the "Ice Queen's" heart finally melted. She met the love of her life, William Arthur "Bill" Davis. The two were married sixty-one years ago, November 15th. They moved to California and had one child, Florence's only daughter, Deborah Dean Davis, whose creativity she nourished, recognizing art as a gift from God.

Florence retired from her high-pressure job as an adjudicator for the state of California in 1972, moving from the San Fernando Valley to the high desert she loved. She and Bill lived on Davis Lane in Weldon before moving to Onyx where they built their own home on Easy Street. They enjoyed fishing and camping, taking many trips across country and into Canada in their RV. Bill drove while Florence took her job as navigator and chief historian very seriously. She researched every place they ever stopped, feeling enriched by the experience, both physically and mentally. Well into her seventies, Florence and her Border Terrier, Doc Watson, hiked roughly five miles a day in the ravine off Fay Ranch Road. On one of these hikes she came face to face with a mountain lion. Florence, a self-proclaimed naturalist, exclaimed, "You're beautiful!" Daunted by her sheer enthusiasm, the mountain lion proudly retreated. Finally, disabled by arthritis and multiple neck and back surgeries, Florence was forced to give up what she referred to as her "long walks." But her

passion for sewing continued full force. She produced couture-quality clothing for her family and friends, and designed and made over one hundred homemade quilts. She said, "I like to think of the people I've made quilts for, wrapping up in them and feeling my arms around them." She canned peaches and apricots, cooked soup and homemade pies for her husband, family and any neighbor who was sick or alone or simply hungry. Everyday was Thanksgiving for Florence, who knew the true meaning of gratitude, generosity and community.

It is impossible to attempt a chronology of Florence Davis's life without mentioning her family, who she openly admitted was her reason for living. She was wondrously proud of her children—Ray, a computer programmer, and Deborah Dean, a professional writer. She often said, "My main goal in life is to be a good mother." Her success in this was complete. She had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, whom she thoroughly enjoyed receiving reports on: Allie being scouted by Division One universities due to her performance at the National Volleyball Tournament; Elizabeth's music scholarship to Chapman University; Christopher's SAT scores; Valerie's latest degrees and her latest babies (Daniel and Jonathan); Matthew's adventure in Eastern Europe; Michael's commitment to learn Chinese; Karen becoming the head lifeguard at Huntington Beach, or more recently,

sharing her home with foster children; Eric's success in college at San Diego State.

But mostly, Florence spent her days enveloped in an overwhelming love for her husband, partner, best friend... Bill. Their love affair was the stuff legends are made of. Completely dedicated to one another, totally faithful, they couldn't have suspected they would spend their sixty-first wedding anniversary in Kern Valley Hospital. Florence's beloved husband, Bill, spent the last two weeks of Florence's life, day and night, keeping vigil over the most extraordinary woman he had ever known. This deep, near-perfect love was made possible by each of them being totally convinced that the other one was the most important of the two. She did for him. He did for her. It was their way, as natural as breathing in and out.

Everyone who came in contact with Florence—whether family, neighbors, dear friend Judy Dodd, much loved Doctor Stuart Lewis and his wife, Monica, highly esteemed doctors Gary Finstad, Jaime Lee Ho and Joseph Kent, appreciated nurses, the friendly staff at James Station market, even helpful fabric store employees in Bakersfield—all felt it was an honor to witness the way Florence and Bill felt about each other, a lesson in marriage, in life. They called themselves "the professionals." Two lives. inextricably

united in a passion for truth, fun, kissing, respect, good food, music, dancing, positive thought, beauty, nature, exercise, knowledge, health, and above all... Scrabble. He loved to brag about her beating him. She loved to brag about how much he'd help her. And so their competitive natures gave way to laughter, which in the end is the sound of love.

Her jewelry box, hidden away in the back of an ultra-neat drawer, held her most treasured possessions—three cards from her husband, Bill. One was addressed to The Most Beautiful Girl in the World. Inside, the card simply read, "I adore you."

Florence Marie Davis, treasured by her husband and family, joyously departed earth just six minutes after Thanksgiving at 12:06 a.m. on Nov. 23, 2001. Her husband, Bill Davis, her daughter, Deborah Dean Davis, and her son-in-law, Robert Fulbright, were at her side. Florence left a legacy of love and laughter, determination and strength, wonder and faith. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Arthritis Foundation or the Florence Davis Memorial Hiking Fund, c/o Deborah Dean Davis, 17720 Marcello Place, Encino, CA 91316. There is no service planned at this time. Florence, having received the Last Rites, was cremated in the Viking tradition. Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella handled the arrangements.



Nadalea Mildred Snyder

Nadalea ("Nate") Mildred Snyder passed away on Nov. 29, 2001 in a Bakersfield hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 66 years old.

Nate was a true fighter and she fought very hard to stay with us. Those of you who knew her knew the spunk she had. We will all truly miss her— her very special husband, Kenneth Snyder of Wofford Heights, two sons— Donald Smith of Sun Valley and Monty Rutledge of Stockton, and also a brother, Kenneth Frisk and his wife, Linda, of Carson.

Nate was born in Bishop to Mildred Frisk on Nov. 16, 1935. She was a bartender and a cocktail waitress in the Gardena area. She moved to Wofford Heights in 1983. She was a bartender at Lorri's Roundup for approximately 10 years, and finally retired to spend more time doing the things she enjoyed. There will be a memorial service and get-together with friends and family at the Hideway in Wofford Heights on Dec. 15, 2001 at 2 p.m.



Virginia Marie Bales

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2001 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Virginia Marie Bales, who went to be with the Lord on Dec. 6, 2001 after a long illness. Virginia was born June 12, 1918 in Santa Barbara.

Virginia was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 40 years, with the last four at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital, where she was always in prayer for her friends in the nursing center. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, doing crafts and studying her Bible.

She is survived by her children, Jeanette and Leonard Phillips of Kernville, Marilee Hyatt of Lakewood, John Bales and wife Jody of Washington, Mary Pearce of Bass Lake, and Tommy and Ronda Bales of Porterville; four sisters, Dorothy, Rosemarie, Betty and Norma; 15 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and her close friends, Bill and Maryann Cole and family.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

Kenneth Dale Smith

Private arrangements were made for Kenneth Smith of Weldon, who passed away after a short illness. Kenneth moved here with his family from Las Vegas. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a real outdoorsman.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Vivian; his mother, Carolyn Fuson of Weldon; and his children—Kenny Smith of Simi Valley, Michael Smith of North Carolina, Megan and Kristen Smith of Weldon, and a stepson, Robert Durant. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Sylvia, Lori Ann and Destiny, and a brother, Kevin Ray Smith of Bakersfield. He is preceded in passing by his daughter, Kendra. Kenneth will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Margaret Lee Winemiller

Private services were held for Margaret Lee Winemiller. Margaret was born on Dec. 26, 1930 to Manley and Marion Ellis. She passed away on Nov. 29, 2001 at her home in Wofford Heights.

Margaret lived in the Kern Valley area for 31 years. She loved to play bingo. She also enjoyed working in her garden and taking care of her fruit trees. She did a lot of canning. Her statement about the Wofford Heights area was that it was God's Country.

Margaret is survived by four daughters—Lorie Zubrycky of Onyx, Nancy of LaHabra, Peggy Terrell of Anaheim and Paula Fahilga of Highland Range, Colo.; and one son, Steve Evans of Lake Forest, Calif. Margaret also had 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She had a lot of friends as well. Her family will miss her.

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

Louise Anna Verser

Louise Anna Verser was born to Clifford and Betha Mitzner in Kansas City on Oct. 16, 1914. She entered eternal rest on Nov. 30, 2001 at Kern Valley Hospital. Private services were held.

Louise was Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star in Boulder City, Nev. She loved to camp and enjoyed the out of doors as well as a great love for travel. Louise was an excellent cook and loved to work in her kitchen. Louise is survived by her husband, Burnett, of Weldon; her son, Bobby Verser, of Las Vegas; and a stepdaughter, Sonya, of Fairfield, Ohio.

Louise's passing brings a void to her family and friends.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001

In Memory Of
John K. Van Rensselaer
May 1, 1925 - December 14, 2000

Dad,

It's almost a year since you have been gone. Even though you're gone you are always in our thoughts. Words cannot express our feelings for you, for your life, and for your love of us. You are truly missed but never forgotten. Kiss Mom.

*Your kids,
Patty, Sandy,
Pam & John*



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001

Bernice Genevieve Loveall

Bernice Genevieve Loveall entered life on Oct. 12, 1915, in Rockwell City, Iowa. Born to her parents, Harry and Matilda Collins, Bernice was raised with good moral values, intestinal fortitude and a strong work ethic. Bernice loved to work. She worked in real estate sales, retiring from Century 21 after 30 years in order to care for her mother for a short while. Later, Bernice wanted to move to Rivemook Campground to the permanent section. She then returned to work for Don and Linn Pascoe, owners of Rivernook. There she did some office work but she ended up doing mostly gate security. Bernice had a good run at working again, and made an impact on the lives of the people at Rivemook. She later returned to retirement and spent time with her loving family. But as these things do, Bernice fell ill and passed away on Dec. 12, 2001. She is to be buried at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Bernice will be missed by all who knew and loved her, and the folks at Rivernook shall very much miss her and will always remember her as a "tough ol'

turkey."

Bernice is survived by her daughter Kay and husband Glen Adkins of Kernville; grandchildren Joe Adkins and his wife Ann of Bakersfield, Mollie Adkins of El Segundo and Scottie Adkins and his wife Gwen of Montana; seven great-grandchildren; sisters Harriet Carstens of Lake Isabella, Clara Neville of Prinville, Ore. and Darlene Jacobson of Sacramento; and brothers Garland Collins of Weldon and Paul Collins of Kernville.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Robert Amos Mott

Robert Amos Mott was born Nov. 28, 1915 to Amos and Grace Mott in the family homestead in Nehill, Mont.

The family moved to Billings, Mont. where Bob attended school. He graduated in 1933 from Lincoln Jefferson High. Over the years he attended class reunions that he truly enjoyed.

In 1939 he joined the Army. He served in the European Theater and served in the Paris Embassy. He was discharged as a Warrant Officer in 1948.

Bob moved to California and worked for a glass blowing company. He took early retirement and moved to Bodfish, where he would have four seasons. He made many, many friends. Bob loved the mountains.

Bob was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Bodfish Beamers bottle club. He enjoyed eating at the Dam Korner in Lake Isabella and visiting Slugger's.

Bob was the last of his family. His parents, three sisters and two brothers preceded him in death. Surviving are five nieces and five nephews. He passed away in November of 2001 and he will be greatly missed.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman was born in Grand Forks, N. Dak. to George and Marge Crossan on March 19, 1940. She came to California in 1989 and lived in North Hollywood before moving to the lake area in 1994.

Shelly, as most knew her, was very active at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. It was at the Moose Lodge in 1997 that she met Jerry and they were married in 1998.

She loved to cook and was very good at it. She made cookies, cakes and banana bread for the Southlake Fire Department at least once a month.

Services were conducted by C. Preston North, Pastor of the Mountain View Baptist Church on Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

Shelly is survived by her husband, Jerry Freeman of Weldon; sons Mike Bennett of Sand Springs, Okla., Mark Bennett of Tulsa, Okla., Brian Bennett of Jacksonville, Fla. and Jerry Freeman of Riverside, Calif.; daughters Brook Bennett of Studio City, Terri Berry of Norwalk and Sharon Lopez of Cathedral City; three grandchildren; and a sister, George Ezechan of Southlake.

She had a great love for her family, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were held on Dec. 20, 2001 at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella. Services were entrusted to the care of the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Richard Riedel

Richard Riedel was called to the Lord on Dec. 18, 2001. He spent a lot of summers in the Kern Valley as a youngster. He enjoyed riding and going to the high country with his cousins. He was a resident of the Valley for approximately 10 years total. Richard is survived by his wife of 35 years, Norma; his mother and stepdad, Helen and Jack Pierce; his stepsister and brother, Nancy and Buck Pierce; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Cliff and Casey Johnson; niece Caroline Johnson; nephew and wife Michael and Gina Johnson; two grandnephews, Nathan and Maxwell Johnson; maternal aunts Mary Sutton, Grace Kissack, Clara Lees and uncle Water Lees; and his church family at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Richard's funeral was on Dec. 21, 2001, and his interment was on Dec. 24 in Orange County at Westminster Memorial Park Eternal Light Mausoleum.

Richard will be remembered for his kind, easygoing nature, sense of humor and love of the game of golf. He was 61.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Frank Weinmuller

Frank Weinmuller was born in Austria to Joseph and Anna Weinmuller on Oct. 26, 1908. He entered into eternal life early in the morning on Dec. 16, 2001 at his home in Southlake.

Frank came to the United States in 1908. In 1921, he returned to Europe and then returned to the United States. He came to the Southlake area three years ago where he resided with his son, Joseph.

Frank had a very interesting life. He was a very gifted man. He made his own rocking chair as well as a rowing machine that had rollers to massage his back and shoulders. He made many articles out of wood. He also made a papier maché figure of a dog for his son, Frank.

He loved music so much that he made a fiddle that he played. He also played the accordion and the harmonica. He also made a flute that he played. He was talented in oil painting as well. One picture that still hangs in the family home is of the good shepherd holding a lamb and sheep, but the river flowed between the shepherd and the sheep—depicting that we should stay close to the shepherd, not leaving anything between him and ourselves.

He was a house painter in Europe and learned how to paint things to look like many different kinds of wood and even to look like marble. He took a lot of pride in all of his work and it showed through in the works themselves.

Frank was a devout Catholic Christian. He and all his talent will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by sons Joseph and Frank, both of Southlake; six grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Visitation was on Dec. 20, 2001 with Mass on Dec. 21 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. Father Patrick Persinger presided. Burial was at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

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

John Reed "Jack" Ritchey

A memorial service will be held for Jack Ritchey at the VFW in Hawthorne, Calif., at a later date. Jack was born July 8, 1934 in West Virginia and he passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Dec. 19, 2001 at 9:15 in the morning in the arms of his loving wife of 32 years, Shannon.

Jack was a resident of Weldon for the past two years. He is survived by his wife, Shannon; five grandchildren; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers; and one sister.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Colleen Yasin

Colleen Yasin passed away Dec. 8, 2001 in Bakersfield at the age of 55. She was born in Pennsylvania on Oct. 13, 1946.

She is preceded in death by both her parents, Thomas Yasin Jr. and Agnes A. Yasin, and her brother Todd Yasin.

She is survived by her brother Mitch Yasin of Hawthorne; son and daughter-in-law Jon and Diana Yasin of Lake Isabella; son and daughter-in-law Nicole and Vince Gonzalez of Tulare; grandchildren Jessica and Ashley Yasin and Kamryn and Peter Gonzalez; nieces Erin, Megan and Kelley; nephew Ryan Yasin and many friends.

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