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John Reed "Jack" Ritchey

A memorial service will be held for Jack Ritchey at the VFW in Hawthorne, Calif., on Jan. 13, 2002 at 1p.m. 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 children; 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.

Clayton Gilbert Lusky

A private family memorial will be held for Clayton G. Lusky, who passed away on Dec. 19, 2001.

He was born in Duluth, Minn. on March 16, 1912 and came to California in 1937. He worked for Lockheed Aircraft for over 40 years. After retiring he moved to the Kern River Valley and was a resident for 35 years. He enjoyed fishing and gardening.

He was preceded in passing by his beloved wife Celia. He is survived by his daughter, Marlene Nelson of Lake Isabella; and his son DeWayne Lusky and his wife Caroline. Also surviving him are his four grandsons, Michael, Jeffrey and Wesley Nelson and Damon Lusky; five great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. He will be dearly missed by his daughter, who he spend so much quality time with, and by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Keith A. McDowall

Keith A. McDowall, 74, of Kernville, died of cancer at his home on Dec. 23, 2001. Keith was employed by Southern California Edison for 40 years until his retirement in 1990.

Keith was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict where he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member and past master of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827, the Royal Arch Masons chapter 162, the Scottish Rite Freemasonry of Bakersfield, the Knights Templar Commandery No. 39, the York Rite of Bakersfield, the Order of Eastern Star chapter 643, and received the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Keith was born June 13, 1927 in Exeter, Calif., to Archie and Mary McDowall, and grew up in Three Rivers, Calif. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Vinitia; a son, Greg McDowall of Monrovia; a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and David Roberts of Tustin; a sister, Bobbie Harris of Three Rivers; an aunt, Clara Alderson of San Luis Obispo; a sister-in-law, Euva Baize of Bodfish; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Services were held on Dec. 28, 2001 at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to Optimal Hospice Care, 1315 Boughton Dr., Bakersfield CA 93308, or the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Patricia Ann Hed

Patricia Ann Hed was born in Kansas on Dec. 14, 1922 to Cletus and Mary Noonan. Patricia entered into rest at Olive View Hospital in Sylmar on Dec. 23, 2001.

She came to California with her husband, Homer L. Hed, and lived in Arcadia. In 1956 they moved to the lake area. She was a great seamstress as well as being an accomplished cook. She worked at the Cozy Corner Restaurant in Kernville, later to become Pat's Cafe—of which she was the owner. She cooked at Ewing's for Jack Ewing and then up at Fairview, where she was a cook at Johnny McNally's restaurant. She worked there for Mary Ann Cole. After that she returned to Ewing's before retiring in the '80s.

Pat was an active member of the Woman's Club of the Kern Valley. She loved to golf and was an active member of the golf course. She could be seen many times out on the greens in the afternoons. She was also a devoted organ player at St. Jude's Church from the '60s into the mid-'90s.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, Homer L. Hed in 1992. She is survived by her one daughter, Geraldine Hogan of Santa Clarita; sons Michael Hed of Colorado and Donald Hed of Kernville; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Charles and James Noonan, both of Hanford.

She will be missed by her family and friends. Services will be held at noon on Jan. 3, 2002 at St. Jude's Catholic Church with graveside services to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

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

Edna Claudia Williams

A private memorial service is planned at a future date for Edna Claudia Williams, 88, who passed away in Stallion Springs, Tehachapi, Calif. on Dec. 6, 2001.

Edna was born on Feb 16, 1913 in Chance, Mont. to Claude and Estella Allen. Moving to California in the 1940s, she settled in Kern County.

Living on a ranch in Caliente with her husband, "Boy" Williams, they raised and nurtured over 50 foster children. They also donated land and helped in establishing the Caliente School in 1950. She was a charter member of the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association. Though busy with her duties on the ranch, she still found time for her interests of gardening, sewing, knitting, and tatting. She was known for her generosity to her family and friends, but also showed kindness to anyone in need. She was an avid lover of animals; however, she will most be remembered for the many lives she touched and impacted positively.

She is survived by her daughter, Alice Nathan and his husband Jerome, of Stallion Springs; granddaughters Kathy Cardon and Deborah Douglas-Hay; grandson Greg Barrett; great-grandchildren Jessica and Casey Cardon, Allie, Ben, Millie and Nick Hay, and Levi and Morgan Barrett; sister Zelda Bowers and husband Chuck of Bakersfield; brother John Allen and wife Lois of Bakersfield; and many, many foster grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Interment took place at the family cemetery, Rankin Cemetery in Walker Basin on Dec. 15, 2001. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Edna's memory to her beloved Caliente School, P.O. Box 116, Caliente, CA 93518.

The family wishes to thank Hoffman Hospice for a gentle and loving transition. Wood Family Funeral Service of Tehachapi handled the arrangements.

Thomas Lee Brown

On Nov. 18, 1932, Thomas W. and Clara Brown were blessed with a son, Thomas Lee, in Bradley, Calif.

Tom's older sister, Barbara, really loved her little brother, so much so that when they were younger she protected him to the fullest. You better not bully her little brother or you would have Big Sis to deal with. They had a lot of family in Bradley and they were all very close.

Tom was an ardent outdoorsman. This started at an early age. As a young boy he would trap small animals and earn a little money for their pelts. Then as he grew older he eagerly looked forward to the first day of hunting season. He also loved fishing and prided himself on taking care of his guns and fishing equipment.

Tom was always a hard worker, starting in his early teens, working at a logging mill near Glennville. After graduation from Bakersfield High School, he joined the Navy and served from 1950-1954. He returned home from the military and had a few jobs before he settled in the oil business. He started from the bottom and worked his way up to Vice President and Controller of D&G Oil in Las Vegas, Nev. He retired from there Nov. 1, 1997.

Prior to retiring, Tom met Ronda in 1994 at a family Christmas dinner. This was the beginning of a new relationship. In Tom's unique way he later proposed to Ronda by comparing their lives to a football game—saying "we are in the last half, so why not get on with our lives?" Thus a new union began with their wedding on April 29, 1995.

After retiring he chose to move to the Kern River Valley to live closer to his family. Tom was a very caring, thoughtful and generous husband, dad, grandpa and friend. His family meant the world to him.

Tom passed away on Dec. 22, 2001.

He was preceded in death by his mother and dad, Clara and Thomas W. Brown. He is survived by a loving family and numerous friends: his wife, Ronda L. Brown; daughter Jackie Carter and husband Chuck; son Douglas Brown and wife Barbara; daughter Becky Lee Fox and husband Jim; sister Barbara Pierce and husband Leonard; nephews Leonard and Mike and wife Wanda; great-niece Tiffany and great-nephew Clinton.

Stepchildren are Jim Fox and wife Becky, Carol Bimat and husband Bobby, Norman Fox and wife Judi, Jeffrey Fox, Terri Hacobian and husband Darwin, and Shellie Tipton and husband Bart.

Grandchildren are Jeffrey and Joey Carter; Tiffany, Trevor, Jason and Brian Fox; Kim, Jennifer and Megan Fox; Chelsea and Spenser Fox; Courtnie, J.D., Ty and Lynnae Hacobian; D.J. Selk; and Caitlyne and Jakob Tipton. Tom loved and was very protective of all his grandchildren.

Tom is now at peace with the Lord who made such a difference in his life. He will be forever loved and remembered by all of us.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Russell Eugene Henderson

Russell Eugene Henderson of Lake Isabella passed away Dec. 23, 2001 in Bakersfield at the age of 75. He was born in Tulsa, Okla. on Aug. 16, 1926.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Patricia Ann Henderson of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Linda and Gary Ward of Shingle Springs; son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Jane Henderson of Summer Set, son and daughter-in-law Ronald and Trisha Matthews of Apple Valley; son and daughter-in-law Dennis and Ellen Matthews of Arleta; granddaughter and grandson-in-law Rhonda and Jim Crawford of Lake Isabella; grandsons Rayme Ward of Cameron Park, Gary Ward Jr. of Placerville, Derrick Henderson of Missouri, Kenneth Matthews of Arleta, Ralph L. Reveles of Victorville, and Ricky Brandon of Apple Valley; granddaughters Rayda Takash of Sacramento, Amanda and Amber Henderson of Summerset, Melody Gray of Huntington Beach and Christy Brandon of Huntington Beach; many great-grandchildren, Kevin K. Rendon and Makayla Crawford of Lake Isabella, Alyssa, Austin, Taylor, Zachary, Bailey, Gabrielle, Joshua, Nathan, Taylor, B.J., Matt and Michael; and many caring and loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 4, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. Arrangement were entrusted by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



J.D. "Smokey" Freeman

J.D. "Smokey" Freeman, age 79, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001 at his residence in Onyx. He was born in Giles County, Tenn. on Dec. 24, 1922 and served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Mr. Freeman and his high school sweetheart, Louise Case, were married in Arkansas on Nov. 12, 1939 and soon thereafter moved to California. They lived in Southern California until 1949 when they relocated to Ridgecrest where they remained until 1980.

While in Ridgecrest, J.D. founded Smokey's Garage and Auto Parts where he worked as an auto mechanic for most of his life.

As a side job, Smokey was a singer and guitar player in a country and western band called Arizona Outlaws. He also enjoyed flying airplanes and was co-owner of Valley View Airpark east of Ridgecrest.

Smokey and Louise also owned and operated the Bar-S Motel in Ridgecrest until 1982, when they retired to Onyx.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Louise C. Free-

man, of Onyx; son James David Freeman of Lake Isabella; daughters Judith Anne Pullin of Norco, Calif., Linda Louise Malear of Lake Isabella and Lola Francis Edwards of Onyx; brother A.D. Freeman of Pine Grove, Calif. Mr. Freeman had 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002 at 1 p.m. at Holland & Lyons Mortuary in Ridgecrest. Reverend Bill Lewis of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church officiated. Private burial was at Desert Memorial Park in Ridgecrest.

Holland & Lyons Mortuary assisted the family with the arrangements.

Beth Mae Morrison

Beth Mae Morrison entered life on Jan. 8, 1925 in Taft, Calif. Born to her parents Herschel and Bessie Fray, Beth was raised with good traditional values and a strong sense of family. After moving from the Taft area at a young age, Beth moved to Bakersfield, where she completed her education and upbringing. In her years, she lived in several cities and towns, and worked as a retail clerk, waitress and most recently, a self-employed bookkeeper. Cooking, sewing and reading were some of her passions in life. But the most important thing to know about Beth was her all-consuming love for her family, and that she was the most wonderful wife. On Dec. 30, 2001, as these things do, Beth passed away and went home to be with her maker. Graveside

funeral services were held on Jan. 4, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with pastor Mike Splawn officiating.

Beth Morrison is survived by her husband, Lawrence "Larry" Morrison of Weldon; children Ben and Nina of Weldon and Doug and Judy of Medford, Ore.; grandchildren Bobby, Larry, Victor, Lisa, Michelle, Marabeth, Doug Jr. and Dustin; and 19 great-grandchildren. We love you and we are going to miss you.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Lee Etheridge

Richard Lee Etheridge was born Oct. 8, 1930 to Thomas and Cecil Etheridge in Omaha, Neb. and passed away Dec. 30, 2001. He was 71.

A Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean Conflict, Richard was a dedicated employee in the aircraft industry for 35 years and very much enjoyed his family, his yard work, painting, puttering and playing dominoes. He will be missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his wife, Judy of Wofford Heights; four daughters, Kelly Segler of Lake Arrowhead, Shannon Alonzo of Bullhead City, Ariz., Timmy Segler of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Loren Reinert of Palm Bay, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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

Sanford Elmer Silsby

Sanford Elmer Silsby passed away at home in Bodfish Dec. 27, 2001.

Sanford was born in Webberville, Mich. on June 17, 1918. He received an M.S. in education from the University of Michigan and was a guidance specialist employed by the Escondido Union School District. He lived in the Kern Valley for eight years and belonged to the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa.

Sanford is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marjorie V. Silsby; son Charles Silsby of Bodfish; son Ford Silsby of Bodfish; daughter Celeste Cersuey of Valley Center, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

His brother, sister and parents all predeceased him.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, officiated by Pastor Dan Hellyer with the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa. He will be buried in Darwin, Calif.



Gwendolyn Smith

"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven..."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1.)

A time to be born—

Gwendolyn Smith was born March 6, 1904 in San Jose, Calif.

A time to be born again— Gwen gave her life to Christ. When the Lord opened his heart, she, in response, opened hers. She was an active member of the Weldon Methodist Church her whole adult life, serving in many capacities.

A time to plant— Gwen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, rancher and teacher.

A time to love— Gwen was married to the late Stanley L. Smith for 46 years.

A time to live— Gwen lived a full and wonderful life. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and being an active member of the Weldon Methodist Church and the South Fork Woman's Club. She enjoyed many summers in the mountains running cattle and cooking for the many ranch hands. She had a great sense of humor; she could dish out the practical

jokes as well as take the many practical jokes from friends and family.

A time to die— Gwen went to be with the Lord on Dec. 30, 2001. She passed away peacefully at home.

A time to weep— Gwen leaves to cherish her memory her children; daughters Lorane Bailey and Joyce Shaw; her grandsons and their spouses, Stanley and Sharon Carver, Aaron and Leslie Branson; her great-grandchildren Kenny and Kristy Carver, Ariana and Kelsi Branson; and special friends Beth Gagnon, Starr Murphy and Cindy Alexander.

She was preceded in death by her husband Stanley L. Smith and grandson Bryce Carver.

A time to rejoice— it can be said of Gwen, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

A memorial service was held at the Weldon Methodist Church on Jan. 4, 2002.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman.

Gail Rochelle "Shelly" Freeman was born in Grand Forks, N.D. to George and Marge Crossen 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, Georgia Czechan 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.



Foley Robert Hamlett

Foley Robert Hamlett died after a long bout with cancer the evening of Dec. 22, 2001 at the Kern Village Board and Care.

His birthplace was Fort Worth, Texas on Feb. 19, 1921, born to Ruby and H.D. Hamlett.

At age 8 through 15 years of age, Foley lived with his Aunt Edna and Uncle Frank Harkrider in Ada, Okla. Then he moved to California to live with his mother and three brothers.

Foley enlisted in the Army during his teen years and served almost five years. He served three conflicts in World War II— Normandy, Germany and Belgium, from the second day of the Normandy Invasion to VE Day, and then came home on the Queen Mary. He was in the Tank Battalion.

Upon returning to California, he met and married Eunice Pennese in 1947. They were married 51 happy years.

He leaves two children and five grandchildren—a daughter, Micaela and husband Mark of Viola, Calif., grandchildren Heidi, Kira and Ian; a son, Frank and wife Karen, and two grandchildren, Casey and Connor, of Edmonds, Wash. He is also survived by

a brother, Bill, of Lakewood, Calif.

Foley's interests were fishing, camping and sports—especially baseball. He always had his eye out for a baseball game on TV.

His last place of employment was at Goodwin Pontiac in Burbank, as service manager.

Eunice, his wife, died in May 1999. They had for years hoped to move to the Kern Valley. Foley missed Eunice so much that he made the decision to move to Wofford Heights. His one year and 10 months here brought peace to his life. He enjoyed his new friends, and there were many. He also loved gazing at our beautiful scenery.

Two brothers predeceased him, Jack of Yorba Linda and Lefty (H.D.) of Weldon.

Foley attended his first Sunday morning church service after moving to Wofford Heights. And that Sunday he accepted the Lord as his Savior, at 79 years of age.

Memorial services were held Jan. 12, 2002 at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. The service was conducted by Pastor Eric Malamma.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Hoffman Hospice of Bakersfield or First Baptist Church of Lake Isabella.

Haskell "Hack" Howard

Hack Howard of Lake Isabella passed away at his home on Jan. 7, 2002, at the age of 79.

He was born on Sept. 15, 1922 in Fall Branch, Tenn.

He is survived by a loving family and numerous friends— two brothers, Paul Howard and Don Howard; daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Harry Smith; step-children Joyce Sullivan, Ray Hamm, Gail Kramer and Donna Morning; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews; and his good friend Esther Taylor.

He was a member of the Bodfish Beamers, the Kern Valley Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

There will be a memorial service at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella on Jan. 26, 2002 at 1 p.m.

Anna E. Butler

Anna Elizabeth Butler, 76, of Hillsdale, Mich., passed away Dec. 30, 2001 at her home. She was born Jan. 15, 1925, in Dayton, Tenn. to Charles and Pearl Goodson.

After working many years in retail in Toledo, Ohio, she retired in 1983 and moved to Wofford Heights. In 1988, Ann moved to Hillsdale to be close to her family.

She was married June 29, 1946 to Howard Butler, who survives her. Also surviving are two sons, Larry Butler and David Butler of Toledo; three grandchildren, all of Toledo; a brother, William Hicks of California; and a sister, Jean McGarity of Alabama.

There will be graveside services at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park in Toledo. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Hillsdale, Mich. Arrangements were entrusted to the VanHorn-Eagle Funeral Home in Hillsdale.

B. Dale McNeil

B. Dale McNeil passed away in the University of Loma Linda Hospital on Dec. 7, 2001. He had moved to Hemet in Dec. 2000 and went into the hospital on Oct. 7, 2001.

Dale was born Nov. 12, 1932 in Lordsburg, N. Mex., coming to California in 1952. He was retired from Flying Tiger Air Cargo and Federal Express Corp. based at Los Angeles International Airport as a mechanic-welder.

He and his wife Jackie came to Lake Isabella in May 1982 for a weekend of camping and enjoyed the area so much that they purchased a weekend retreat which turned into much more than just a weekend place for family and friends. Dale enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and archery. He felt the Valley offered everything for retirees.

Dale is survived by his loving wife, Jackie; three sons, Benton, Steven and Robert; one daughter, Deborah; eight grandchildren, Amber, Dawnna, Ryan, Jessica, Nick, Eric and Yanira; one brother, Jim; and three sisters, Laquetta Sabin, Nelda Hoffman and Lillie Deaton.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Hemet 4th Ward, and interment was at Riverside National Cemetery on Dec. 14, 2001.

Onnie Adolf "Lucky" Kyt

Lucky was born to Sylvester and Hanna Kyt on Oct. 6, 1923 in New Leipzig, N.D. He entered into rest at his home in Bodfish on Jan. 6, 2002. Lucky served in the Army as a TEC 5. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

He came to the Isabella Lake area in 1969 after working at Lockheed and others in the aircraft industry. He worked in Bodfish for Colvin Sheet Metal Company.

Lucky loved the area since he enjoyed hunting and fishing so much. He also loved to bowl and was a great dancer.

Lucky is survived by his wife, Noreen, of Bodfish; son Kevin Kyt of Wofford Heights; daughters Karen James of Missouri and Cheryl Brock of Bakersfield; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A void is left by his passing and a great loss to his family and friends.

Services were held at the Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella on Jan. 9, 2002, with Pastor Ardis Sandell officiating. He also received a full military service by the VFW Post 7665. Burial will be in the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

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

Kayaker's death continues to puzzle family

By Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writer

Following the tragic death of a loved one, time tends to bring closure.

But for the family of 41-year-old expert kayaker Barry Tessman, who disappeared one year ago today during his morning workout on Lake Isabella, there's nothing.

"We don't know anything more a year later than we did last Jan. 16," said Tessman's mother, Gerry Byrum.

He was last seen early on that Tuesday morning at Dean's North Fork Marina.

In addition to being an avid kayaker, Tessman was well-known as a professional photographer for National Geographic Adventure and other outdoor magazines.

Friends and family joined the Sheriff's Department in the search in the days following his disappearance, using their own boats, kayaks and all-terrain vehicles.



Tessman

More than 225 friends and family members gathered on the lake's shoreline to share their memories of him on Jan. 21 last year.

Thirty-two days after Tessman's Necky Phantom racing kayak was found—paddle jutting from the cockpit, empty, and drifting in the cold, glass-smooth water—the lake finally released his body. Left behind were his parents; his wife, Joy;

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their 3-year-old daughter and an unborn child.

After an initial autopsy by the Kern County Coroner's Office, the family commissioned a second autopsy, which confirmed the findings of the first.

Tessman had suffered a "blunt force trauma" to the head. The cause of death, however, was listed as drowning. No other injuries were found.

"As it stands now, it was an accidental drowning death," said coroner division chief Jim Malouf. "Even with professionals, things can happen. Accidents happen."

"I haven't heard anything in almost a year," he added, "but if something is brought to the coroner's attention, the coroner can amend a death certificate at any time. We don't have a statute of limitations."

The second autopsy report states, "The blunt force trauma to the head and the discovery of Tessman's body in Lake Isabella, coupled with the water temperature and Tessman's kayaking skills, leaves many unanswered questions."

The ultimate cause of his drowning was noted as "undetermined."

The family agrees that there are too many questions remaining unanswered.

"It doesn't make sense to a lot of people," Byrum said. "(The Sheriff's office) didn't give it a lot of time or attention. They said, 'He drowned. Well, there's the cause. That's it.' They never followed up on anything."

"There were no fresh scratches or bruises on his hands, knees or el-

bows as would occur in a fall on rocks, said Barry's father, Norm Tessman of Prescott, Ariz. "Short of swan diving headfirst into an empty swimming pool, it is difficult to mold these facts into a scenario that does not suggest foul play."

Added Tessman's mother, "The trail is pretty cold now and if this was some random act of violence, that person is still out there."

Officials see other possible scenarios as probable.

Said Malouf, "The blow to the head which we saw was probably caused by the boat. (Tessman) could have hit his head falling out, or hit it trying to get back in."

"This is physically impossible," said Barry's father. "There was no way he could have hit himself with any force. This might happen in a rapid in whitewater, — that's why we wear helmets — but this was a flat lake. And Barry's Kevlar racing boat may be 19 feet long, but it weighs almost nothing — less than 30 pounds — it's almost like a balloon. And if he fell out of it, how did the paddle get in the upright boat, and why wasn't it full of water?"

"This sort of damage requires a massive blow with something of the weight of a baseball bat."

After 34 days in the water, Tessman's body was in a state of decomposition which made determining when he received the blow to his head difficult.

He went on to cite that, "The paddle's presence inside the tippy Phantom sug-

gests Barry probably came ashore and climbed out. He would have helped anyone who claimed to be in distress. It would have been tough to have tipped over, wet-exited, righted the boat, and placed the paddle inside without filling the Phantom with water."

At the time of his death, Tessman was training for a 1,500-kilometer kayak expedition down the coast of Vietnam, sponsored by the National Geographic Exploration Council. Tessman was extremely fit, fellow kayakers report, and an expert and highly skilled kayaker. He led a team in the Aleutian Islands that paddled against high winds and massive waves. Training for that expedition had included self-rescues in the cold winter waters of Isabella Lake.

"(The coroner's office) would look at anything that came in, but it would have to be substantial," Malouf said. "As it stands now, it was an accidental drowning death. And I don't know that anyone would know (what happened) without witnessing (it). It becomes more difficult, the longer you have."

"There are so many unanswered questions on it, it's hard to know," said Tessman's friend Tom Moore. "His dad feels very strongly that there's some foul play involved. My biggest feeling is I'm just sad."

[Tessman's family has offered a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved in the death of Barry Tessman. Information should be sent to: P.O. Box 4407, Prescott, AZ 86302.]



Joy Tessman places a wreath in Isabella Lake in her husband's memory on Jan. 21, 2001.

Roberta M. Cook

Roberta M. Cook passed away Jan. 13, 2002 in Mountain Mesa at the age of 91. She was born in Quitman, Mo., on Aug. 9, 1910, the daughter of William and Nell Carmean. She also had a brother, William.

She had two daughters, Bonnie Myers and Maxine Giron and son-in-law Gerald Giron; six grandchildren, Darla Burrows, Joe Weaver, Judy Shenale, Robert Bailey, Amber Giron and Merri Lei Giron; and great-grandchildren Greg Hopkins, Tammie Hopkins, Michael Keeling and Kristen Bailey.

She learned to work very hard when she was young. After her marriage to Earl Cook, they settled in Charlo, Mont. where she ran a cream station. She had cows to milk, raised food to can and butchered chickens while Earl worked out of town during the week. Long hours of hard work led her to tell a friend one day, "for two cents I'd sell everything and leave here." He gave her an offer and she sold. They then moved to Grand Coulee,

Wash. where she worked as a cook and a waitress and later as a checker in a local store. In 1948 another move brought them to Bell, Calif. where she found work at Swift's meat-packing plant. Later she was a meat wrapper for 25 years. Upon retirement she and Earl enjoyed their home and loved to bowl and go to Las Vegas.

She was married for 56 wonderful years. After Earl's death she moved to Unionville, Mo. with her daughter Bonnie and son-in-law Bill, where she enjoyed a small town rural lifestyle. After her son-in-law Bill passed away, she and Bonnie returned to Lake Isabella to make their home for ten years. The valley was a safe and comfortable place to spend her last years and also brought her closer to her daughter Maxine and family and Bonnie's daughter and grandson Michael.

Although her last years were difficult due to health problems, she will always be remembered and respected and loved by her family and friends for her internal strength and determination.

Modene Martha Bosserman

Modene was born in Arkansas on Oct. 17, 1923 to William and Gertrude Jordan. She entered into rest at the Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield on Jan. 13, 2002. Two things she enjoyed the most were fishing and gardening. She was excellent at both. Modene is survived by her husband, Dick Bosserman of Bodfish; a son, Michael Bosserman of Anaheim Hills, Calif.; a sister, Anita West of Lake Isabella; and a granddaughter in Anaheim Hills. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services were held at the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home in Lake Isabella, with Jack Dilley officiating, on Jan. 21, 2002.

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

DEATHS

Robert Lee Eubanks, 76, Jan. 17, 2002 in Bakersfield. Mr. Eubanks was a resident of Lake Isabella. Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

David Allen Benevides. A memorial service will be held at Valley Mortuary on Jan. 24, 2002 at 2 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

[This space provided as a service to mortuaries and funeral homes.]

Peggy Pethel Hatchell

Peggy Pethel Hatchell, 68, passed away on Jan. 10, 2002. She was a recent resident of Cary, N.C. and a long-time resident of Lake Isabella. She was born July 5, 1933 in Charlotte, N.C. to the late Harry G. Pethel and Helen Howard Pethel and was the widow of David L. Hatchell.

Mrs. Hatchell attended school in Chester, S.C. graduating from Chester High School in 1951. She was the recipient of an honorary scholarship to Lander College in Greenwood, S.C. and the Lions Club Good Citizenship Medal. Mrs. Hatchell was employed by Chester Telephone Company from 1951 to 1976. She was a member of the Independent Telephone Pioneers Association and the Business and Professional Women's Club. She was also a member of the Triangle Church in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Mrs. Hatchell is survived by her daughters, Cathy Thatcher of Winchester, Va., and Vicki Rohde and husband Jim of Cary, N.C. She is also survived by seven stepsons, Tom Hatchell of Green Valley, Ariz., David Hatchell of Citrus Heights, Calif., Lonnie Hatchell of New Braunfels, Texas, Guy Hatchell of Buellton, Calif., Kelly Hatchell of Goleta, Calif., Marion Hatchell of Prescott, Ariz. and Melvin Hatchell of Chester, S.C.; two stepdaughters, Becky Winham of Paonia, Colo. and Patsy Young of Chester,

S.C.; six grandchildren and 15 step-grandchildren. She is survived by a sister, Betty P. Chappell of Chester, S.C.

A memorial service was conducted at the Triangle Church in Chapel Hill, N.C. on Jan. 13, 2002. A graveside service was held at the Royal Pines Cemetery in Winnsboro, S.C. on Jan. 14.

Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Wake County, 1300 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, N.C., 27605, or to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were handled through the Brown-Wynne Funeral Home in Cary, N.C.

Don Martin, *Sun* fishing columnist, succumbs

Don Martin, the *Kern Valley Sun's* fishing columnist for the past several years, passed away on Thursday after a long illness. The staff at the *Sun*, and the Kern Valley community, will miss Don's fish stories and jokes. We'd like to extend our sympathies to Mrs. Martin, along with our wishes that Don is now fishing happily on that big river in the sky.

Gladys Charlotte Campbell

Gladys Charlotte Campbell passed away Jan. 10, 2002. Gladys was born to William and Gene Worthington on Jan. 5, 1907. Gladys' father passed away when Gladys was five, so Gladys and her mother moved to Pontiac, Ill., where they lived until Gladys graduated from the 8th grade.

Gladys and her mother moved to Pomona, Calif. where Gladys graduated from Pomona High in 1924. In 1926, Gladys married Orion Campbell. One child, Helen, was born of this union. They lived in East Whittier, Calif. until 1945, when they moved to Old Kernville. Gladys remained in the Kern River Valley all the rest of her life.

Gladys was a pianist, and played for several churches and for many weddings and funerals of local citizens. She was very social and belonged to many organizations in the valley, including Eastern Star, as well as a P.E.O. chapter in Bakersfield.

Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, Orion Campbell. She leaves behind her daughter, Helen Witt; two grandsons, Stephen Witt of Bakersfield and Stuart Witt of Ridgecrest; four great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter, and one great-great-granddaughter.

Private burial will be held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were by Holland and Lyons Mortuary of Ridgecrest.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2002



Lonnie Millis Watts

Lonnie Millis Watts died Jan. 12, 2002 at the San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield due to a stroke. He was born Sept. 27, 1912 in Olustee, Okla. He lived in Bodfish for the past 10 years. He and his now deceased wife, Hazel Bernice Gibbins Watts, were married on Sept. 29, 1933 in Oklahoma City. They had 66 years together before her death March 21, 1999.

The couple moved to the Kern Valley in 1992, where they had spent many times camping and fishing at Miracle Hot Springs and Tillie Creek Campground since the late 1940s. They enjoyed many trip around the lake, stopping to fish or just enjoying the views, before her death.

Lonnie was the son of Robert Burton Watts and Caldonia Whitney. He was the youngest child of ten brothers and sisters.

Lonnie's mother passed away when he was about five years old. His father remarried to Emma Dickey O'Neal Whitney. She had several children of her own. The two families became one. Lonnie and Buster, as the youngest, became very close and had many adventures while they were growing up together on the farm. They were all hard workers and loved music, which Lonnie had been taught by his parents. Some of the older siblings learned by ear alone. He and his dad played for Saturday night dances. He was a good dancer and taught not only his daughter but some of his nieces to Jitter Bug and Lindy.

He came to California on a freight train in the '30s, then back to Oklahoma where his daughter was born. A son was born soon after his move to California. The rest of his family also came or was already here, settling mostly in Tulare, Santa Maria and the Los Angeles area. He and his family lived in Tulare and Bakersfield before settling in the Glendale/Burbank area.

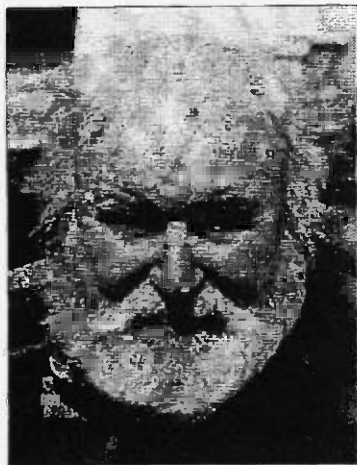
Lonnie was a good bowler with a high game of 299. He loved to play pool, fish and hunt as well. He was also an extra in the old Western movies where he would wear a white hat and then change to a black one and chase himself. He loved to tell jokes to his family and friends. He was

a member of the Elks and Moose lodges, both in Glendale and the Kern Valley.

He leaves behind his son, Bill A. Watts of Bodfish, grandson Daryl E. and great-grandson Robert A. Watts of Palmdale; daughter Jo Anne (Jody) Watts and son-in-law Ronald C. Chadduck of Bodfish, grandson Michael A. and wife Karen S., great-grandson Colin A. and great-granddaughter Laura E. Chadduck of Kirkland, Wash.; grandson Russell E. and wife Susan M., great-grandson Brian D. and great-granddaughter Loni Carol (his namesake) Chadduck of Thousand Oaks; his older sister, Eunice Watts Elliot, 92, of Tulare; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews scattered all up and down California as well as other states.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002



Sherwood "Bud" A. Wagner

Sherwood "Bud" A. Wagner of Weldon passed away Jan. 21, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital. He was 80 years old.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Karen; his sister, Lorraine H. Marcy of Lake Isabella; his brother, Frederick E. Wagner of Hemet, Calif.; nephews Brian H. Marcy of Southlake and Mark H. Wagner of Garden Grove; and a niece, Renee Sawyer of Hemet. He was preceded in death by both parents and a nephew, Vincent W. Marcy, Jr.

Bud was born on Nov. 24, 1921 in Elcho, Wis. to Frederick J. and Georgiana Wagner. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946 as a radio operator. He was an Industrial Arts graduate from the Chico. Later he worked in Civil Service as a draftsman in Hawthorne, Nev., Sierra Vista, Ariz. and Barstow, Calif. until his retirement in 1984. He loved family, friends and animals. He and his wife were involved in several parades in Nevada, Arizona and the Kern River Valley with their Palominos. His family and friends will feel the loss of him and his dry sense of humor for a long time.

There will be private graveside services held at San Jacinto Valley Cemetery in Hemet, Calif. at a

Ruth Solberg

Memorial services were held Jan. 25, 2002 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for Ruth Solberg, who passed away on Jan. 20, 2002 in Bakersfield. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for seven years. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Sierra Performing Arts, the Historical Society and the Friends of the Library. She enjoyed singing and playing the piano. She spent most of her life in Staten Island, N.Y.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Albert Solberg. She is survived by her daughter, Anne Litz of Lake Isabella; daughter and son-in-law Evangeline and Kenny LeFever of New York; son Alvin Solberg and his wife, Helen; her brother John MacPherson Thomson; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Donald Martin

Donald Martin passed away Jan. 17, 2002 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital.

Don was born Nov. 16, 1935 to George and Helen Martin. Don grew up in Covington, Ohio and graduated from Covington High School in 1954. Later that year he married his wife Dona, who survives. They had three children, Scott of Reno, Nev., Randy of Yorba Linda, Calif. and Sheree of the Kern Valley. Don had two daughters-in-law, Shary of Reno and Mary of Yorba Linda; four grandchildren, Joe, Ryan, Ashley and Andrea; and one sister of Covington, Ohio, Ruby Kingrey.

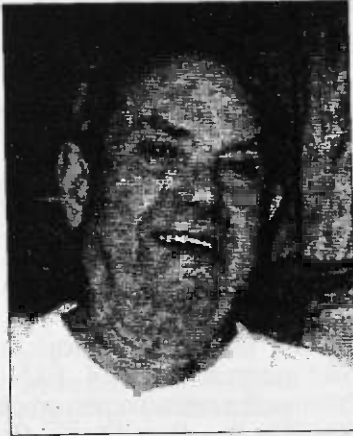
Don worked for Rogers Drums of Covington from 1954 to 1969. He and his family relocated to Anaheim in 1969 when Rogers Drums became part of CBS. Don retired in 1985. He and his wife moved to the Valley in 1986 and they opened Martin's Rod and Reel in Kernville. They closed the business in 1999.

Don was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was a member and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and was a writer for the *Kern Valley Sun*, where he wrote a fishing column.

Don will be sadly missed by his family. Don enjoyed fishing and hunting and all of his friends that he met over the years.

At the request of his family there will be no public service. At a later date there will be a public memorial.

Arrangements were made



Jack William "Gankee" Stowe

A private service for family and friends was held for Jack William Stowe, 80, who passed away Dec. 17, 2001 from a heart illness. He was born May 31, 1921 in Santa Ana, Calif. His loving wife, June, whom he met in high school, survives him after 60 years of marriage. He is also survived by a daughter, Judi, and husband Lonnie Wun, and a son, Tim, as well as four grandchildren, Cynthia, Sandi, Tihoti Goupil and wife Tasea, Titania and husband Jason Williamson who knew and loved him greatly as "Gankee."

He dearly loved his seven great-grandchildren, Kai Mondido, Corey Rule, Makaela, Taiana and Mahina Williamson and Siosi and Vaihere Goupil and many nieces and nephews. Jack also leaves behind sisters-in-law Mary Peters, Jean Kaufman and Della and Randy Fairbanks. His mother, father and brother precede him in passing. Jack joined the Army in 1939, stationed at the Presidio in San Francisco, where he at-

tended Airplane Armory School until shortly after Pearl Harbor when he was transferred to the Air Corps and sent overseas to the China Burma India Theater. Jack was honorably discharged in 1945 after six years of service for his country. Jack received medals in Expert Thompson Submachine Gun, Good Conduct, Asiatic Pacific Campaign, and a Distinguished Unit badge.

He returned to Southern California and worked as an inspector of roads and bridges for Orange County, Los Angeles County and the City of Long Beach.

He retired in 1972 and moved to Northern California where he and his wife operated a dairy for several years. For the past 15 years Jack spent his free and happy time carving beautiful and unusual items for the home and garden.

Jack and June moved to Lake Isabella three years ago, enjoying complete retirement in Mountain Mesa, continuing his woodwork and enjoying fishing, camping and boating with friends, neighbors and family.

Jack was a wonderful man and will be forever loved and remembered by all who knew him. He will be interred in the United States Veterans Cemetery in Loma Linda, Calif. with full honors.

The Lake Isabella Funeral Home made arrangements.

Solomon Henry Hall

Solomon (Hank) Hall was born in Pikesville, Ky. on April 5, 1932 to John M. and Mabel Hall. He passed away at his home on Jan. 19, 2002 after a brief illness.

He and his wife Marcella moved to Bodfish from Burbank in 1995.

Hank is survived by his wife of 36 years, Marcella; five sisters, Lorene Hayden, Shirley Milkoff, Charlotte Kingsbury and Juanita Olinger, all of whom live in Bullhead City, Ariz., and Levaun Spinner of Clifton, Va.; and one brother, Andrew J. Hall of North Carolina.

Hank was preceded in death by his mother, an older sister, Loretta Jones, and a stepson, Anthony W. Morales.

A Christian memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Jude Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Jan. 26, 2002 with the Rev. Ron Seidel officiating.

Interment will be at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

He will be missed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002



Lorraine Sangster

Lorraine Sangster of Wofford Heights, born Lorraine Taylor on Sept. 10, 1921, in Winfield, Kan., passed away on Jan. 8, 2002.

Beloved wife of Ralph for the past 63 years and the loving mother of Ralph, Jr., Gary and Sonie, Lorraine was also considered to be the best mother-in-law in the world by Denny. Her seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren will dearly miss her. Many more friends and family will remember her for her warm, loving personality and ready smile.

At the age of five, Lorraine moved to Borger, Texas, where she met and fell in love with Ralph when they attended rival high schools. They drove across the state line to elope on July 4, 1938.

After their second child was born, the Sangsters moved to California and found a home in Compton where they lived for over 25 years. During that time, Lorraine was a supportive wife and mother, raising a happy and healthy family. She was awarded a lifetime membership in the PTA and happily led the Brownie troop.

Lorraine was an artist. She enjoyed ceramics, hand quilting, painting, sewing, needlework and upholstering furniture—talents that have been passed on to her daughter and grandchildren.

Lorraine and Ralph moved to Wofford Heights after they retired in 1977. During her time in the Valley, she made many wonderful friends and participated in various clubs.

Lorraine will be missed and remembered by all that knew her and loved her.

Marjorie Virginia Silsby

Marjorie Virginia Silsby, 77, passed away peacefully at home in Bodfish on Jan. 21, 2002 after a battle with bone cancer.

Marjorie was born in Chicago on June 24, 1924. She was a retired nurse employed by the San Diego County Health Dept. She lived in the Kern Valley eight years. She belonged to the Christian Assembly of Mountain Mesa.

She was married for 54 years to S.E. Silsby, who passed away Dec. 27, 2001. She is survived by children Charles M. Silsby of Bodfish, Ford T. Silsby of Bodfish, and Celeste Camey of Valley Center; five grandchildren; and a younger brother, Frank Hines of Roselle, Ill.

Marjorie will be buried in Darwin, Calif. There will be a memorial service on Feb. 2, 2002 at Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa with Pastor Dan Hellyer officiating.

Arrangements by Hillcrest Mortuary of Bakersfield.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2002

William Arnold Atwood

A memorial was held Jan. 30, 2002 at Valley Mortuary for William Arnold Atwood. William was born Aug. 10, 1919 in Cornwall, Vermont, the son of Arnold and Ethel (Williams) Atwood, and passed away Jan. 26 at his home in Lake Isabella.

William and Lorraine Davies were married on July 3, 1965 in Santa Barbara and she survives, along with his brother and sister-in-law Wright and Marian Atwood; niece Susie Atwood; and nephew Scott Atwood.

William was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Corps. He was a sergeant in the 78th Service Squadron, 101 and 82 Airborne in the European Theater. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665 here in Lake Isabella. The VFW Honor Guard performed the military service and the buffet was held at the Post after the service. He was interred at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Cynthia Isaacs

Private arrangements were made for Cynthia Isaacs, who passed away at her home on Jan. 24, 2002. Cynthia was born Jan. 23, 1936 in South Port, England. She lived in Kern County for the past 25 years. She loved to quilt, sew and cook. Cynthia and

her husband Leslie enjoyed bowling before his death. In the last few years she liked to read and tape her favorite movies. Cynthia is survived by her father, Matthew Cowell of East Londo, South Africa; her mother, Josie Findley of the United Kingdom; her brother, David Cowell, who traveled here from the UK; and her brother-in-law and wife Hubert and Mable Isaacs of Bakersfield and her long-time companion, Anita Carrington of Lake Isabella, who was like a sister.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Martha Frances Brindley

Funeral services were held Feb. 13, 2002 at Valley Mortuary Chapel for Martha Frances Brindley. Officiating were Pastors Gary Nichols and Dan Hellyer of the Christian Assembly.

Martha was born to Elbert and Tina Thompson on March 24, 1918 in Rutherford, Tenn. and went to be with the Lord on Feb. 7, 2002 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with cancer.

Martha was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 34 years and worked for Community First Bank and the Community Credit Union. She was a charter member of the Eastern Star for 53 years. Her hobbies were needlepoint, crocheting, embroidery and knitting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Franklin Brindley, in 1998. She is survived by her three brothers-in-law, Dennis, Charley and Richard Brindley, and her church family and friends.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2002

William H. Merrell

Graveside services were held on Jan. 23, 2002 for our husband, our father, our grandfather, our friend—William H. "Bill" Merrell of Bodfish.

Bill was born on Aug. 2, 1931 in Birmingham, Ala. and passed away on Jan. 16, 2002 in Mountain Mesa after a long battle with diabetes.

Bill was a Korean War veteran, having done his tour of duty with the U.S. Navy.

Bill moved to Bodfish in 1974, along with his parents, who have both preceded him in death. He had numerous jobs in the Kern Valley, including working for the *Kern Valley Sun* and the *Ridgecrest Daily Independent*, which is where he met his wife of 23 years, Jeanne.

Bill went on to open his own saw sharpening business, which remained open until his illness got progressively worse approximately four years ago.

He loved collecting guns and had a collection to be proud of. He was a member of the NRA.

He leaves behind his wife, Jeanne, son and daughter-in-law Tom and Tammy Holcomb, daughter Kelly Folstad and her husband Brian, and a sister-in-law, Patsy Perkins, all of Bodfish; four step-children and spouses, Kim Aguilar and husband Joe of Canoga Park, Lynn Kaman and husband Doug of Clyde, Ohio, Steve Ruley and wife Sherry of Henderson, Nev. and Rick Ruley of Bakersfield.

He had 13 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two more who will be born in a few months, and numerous friends.

He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2002



Robert Lee Eubanks

Robert Lee Eubanks (Dad, Daddy, Pops, Grandpa, Bob), 76, was born Dec. 16, 1925 in Indianapolis, Ind., and departed Jan. 17, 2002, at which time he was residing in Mountain Mesa.

He was a loving husband, father, stepfather, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend to many. Robert was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army and also the U.S. Marine Corps. Everyone who knew him was touched by him and learned from him. He will be greatly missed and remembered forever. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye. Hopefully we can all honor his life by being loving, caring and forgiving individuals. God willing we will get to see him again in the Kingdom of our Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel of Mountain Mesa; son Francis (Jolly) Eubanks of California Hot Springs; daughter Laura Lee (Eubanks) Faricelli of Long Beach; son Raymond Eubanks of Plainfield, Ind.; stepdaughter Vickie Derington of California Hot Springs; five stepsons, Bill Gibson of Oakdale, Ill., Rick Gibson of Canebrake, Ron Gibson of Carpenteria, Gary Gibson of Lake Isabella and Harry Gibson of Canebrake; the children's spouses; at last count, over 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Eubanks of Benton, Ky. and Eugene Eubanks of Monrovia, Ind.; and many friends.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 16, 2002 at 11 a.m. at Kern Christian Church "The River" at 14900 Highway 178 in Southlake. Services will be conducted by Pastor Michael Splawn. Members of the VFW Color Guard in Lake Isabella will attend the memorial service to pay tribute to their fellow veteran.

Following the services the Eagles Women's Auxiliary No. 3156 will be hosting a potluck at the Eagles Lodge, 12251 Highway 178 in Mountain Mesa.



Madrid Marie "Maude" Barr

Madrid Marie "Maude" Barr passed away on Jan. 24, 2002. She was born Dec. 30, 1918 in St. Martinville, La.

She was a housewife, a 40-year visitor to Old and New Kernville and a 16-year resident of Wofford Heights. She was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, the Women of the Moose, the Elks, and TOPS.

She is predeceased by her husband, Robert "Buck" Barr. She is survived by seven children, Robert, David, Alan, Clark, Debra, Denise and Larry; six grandchildren, Michael, Brandon, Summerly, Brian, Jared and Kalle; sister Wanda and brother Elmo; and companion Fred.

She was an amazing mother, sister and friend who was loved by all and will be missed by all.

Services were held Jan. 28, 2002 in Laguna Hills, officiated by Rev. Paul Uhlar. Burial took place at El Toro Cemetery in Lake Forest.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2002

Margaret Elizabeth Yaeger

Margaret Elizabeth Yaeger went to her eternal rest Feb. 9, 2002 in Lake Isabella at the age of 85.

She was born to Christine Madelyn O'Brien and William Patrick Toland on Aug. 23, 1916 in Boston, Mass. In 1937 she married Albert Joseph Yaeger, who preceded her in death in 1991.

Margaret and Albert moved to Southern California in 1955 with their four daughters and settled in the San Fernando Valley, where she was employed by Lockheed for many years. In 1976 they moved to Lake Isabella and spent some traveling with the Elks camping club, The Wheels. They also had become socially connected with the Kern River Valley Sidewalk CBers, where they became known as "Kahlua King" and "Kahlua Queen."

Margaret liked to sew and crochet and tend to her roses. She was also very fond of her fruit trees and enjoyed canning the fruit they bore.

She also enjoyed writing poetry and in 1955 became involved with the Kern Valley Poets and Writers Club, and had some of her accomplishments published.

Margaret leaves behind four daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Henry Ridgway, Janice and Don Westphal, and Susan and Ed Eickhoff, all of Lake Isabella, and Gretchen and John Ruiz of Yucca Valley. There are also 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by a sister, Rita Kelley of Canyon Country; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service at 1 p.m. on March 2 at the Kern Valley VFW Post 7665 in Lake Isabella.

Arrangements were handled by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James R. Downs

James R. Downs, 79, passed away Feb. 7, 2002 in Wofford Heights. He was born Dec. 18, 1922 in Frederick, Okla.

He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. He dedicated 24 years of his life to a career in the U.S. Air Force. He retired in 1969 to enjoy his favorite hobby of fishing. This is how he came to live in this valley for 28 years. He was one hell of a fisherman! He had a wonderful sense of humor that he would always share. If you had the pleasure of being his friend you were always entertained by him not to mention he was always willing to help out no matter how big or small the task. When he could no longer go fishing, his hobby became drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes at local diners. This is how he established many long and lasting friendships.

He is survived by Gloria Morris, a dear friend and the mother of his six surviving children: sons Bill, Robert, and Richard Downs, all of San Bernardino, and daughters Carol Cooper of Riverside, and Freda Downs and Barbara Reymer of San Bernardino; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; his brother Bill Downs of Texas and sister Barbara Tindell of California.

He leaves behind many friends, with special thanks to Cheryl's Diner and Frank's Diner for just being there for him!

Services are pending and will be held at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

He will be missed by many.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2002

Jack R. Beaton, Sr.

Memorial services will be held at a later date for Jack R. Beaton, Sr., who passed away at home after a long illness on Feb. 13, 2002. Jack was born in Redford Township, Mich., on Feb. 2, 1942, and moved here to the Kern River Valley from Garden Grove. He purchased the Kernville Garage in 1978, and operated it for 25 years. He enjoyed boating and "pretending to fish," but most of all, he loved playing with his grandchildren. He was truly a people person. He was a member of the Moose Lodge as well as the Elks Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Barbara; his son and daughter-in-law Jack Jr. and Laurie Beaton of Bakersfield; son Tom Beaton of Wofford Heights; four grandchildren, Adam, Sarah, Jake and Delaney; and his brother, Donald Beaton of Weldon.

He will truly be missed by all those who knew him and loved him. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bradley Halver

A military service was held on Feb. 11, 2002 at 1 p.m. in Valley Mortuary Chapel for Bradley Halver, who was born Oct. 7, 1943 in Los Angeles, and passed away on Feb. 5, 2002 at his son's home in Bakersfield. He was the son of Raymond and Marian (Bradley) Halver.

Bradley Halver married Gloria Hallabrin on Sept. 13, 1963 in Oxnard, and she survives, along with sons Steven and Daniel Halver; daughters Deanna Halver, Mamie Hart, and Julia and her husband Frank; a sister, Karen; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Bradley served his country in the Navy, beginning in 1962, for four years, six months.

Military funeral service provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 7665, Honor Guard. Bradley will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and was a wonderful husband and father. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.

Camille Marie Bruster

Private arrangements have been made for Camille Marie Bruster, who passed away on Feb. 14, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Center in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Camille was born Dec. 25, 1914 in Brooklyn, N.Y. She and her husband moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977. She was a member of the Lake Isabella Horseshoe Club and the Golf Club. She also enjoyed sewing and doing beadwork. She and her husband of 53 years, Howard, enjoyed traveling together and took many cruises.

She is survived by her husband, Howard Bruster of Wofford Heights; daughter and son-in-law DeDe Bruster and Phil Cohen of Moorpark, Calif.; daughter Margie Kersey of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; her brother, Adolph Bayer; and two nieces.

She will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002

⊗ In Remembrance Of ⊗
DONALD MARTIN
There will be a memorial in his honor.
It will be held at 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 9, 2002
at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville.
⊗ *Family and friends are invited.* ⊗

William Russell Kaderley

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 2002 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church for William Russell Kaderley. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush.

William was born April 5, 1916 in Jasper, Mo. and passed away on Feb. 16, 2002 in Bakersfield.

William moved to the Kern River Valley 27 years ago from Venice, Calif. after retiring. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and gardening, and he especially enjoyed time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mable, in 1997. He is survived by his son, Russell Kaderley of Bodfish; daughter Patsy and son-in-law Michael Stroud of Lake Havasu City; daughter Nancy and son-in-law Kirkland Tracy of Charlottesville, Va.; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two brothers, Jim and Richard Kaderley; and a sister, Mayme Dennis. William will be missed by all.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Floyd Milton "Butch" Wiseman

A longtime resident of Squirrel Valley, Butch Wiseman passed away on Feb. 20, 2002 at the age of 59. Butch is survived by his wife of 39 years, Linda; his four children, Becky, Robert, Mendy and Donald; and five grandchildren, Hannah, John, Allie, Beau and Sarah. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed by family and friends alike.

Angela Maria Foster-Skates

Angela Maria Foster-Skates was taken from her loved ones on Feb. 17, 2002. She was riding in a vehicle and was thrown from it as it rolled several times. She was traveling just past old Kern Canyon Road heading towards Bakersfield on the 178 freeway. She was taken to Kern Medical Center where she passed away an hour later. She was 24.

She leaves behind two sons, Tyler and Michael, and their father, Mike Foster. Also surviving her is her husband, Russell Skates; three brothers and three sisters in Wofford Heights; her parents, Robert and Charlotte Whittington; and her grandparents, Charles and Marion Jones of Weldon.

Angie was a vibrant person full of life and fun. She was a popular bartender at many local area bars. She loved to fish and to be with the ones who loved her.

She will be greatly missed and remembered always with laughter in our hearts.

Services are pending.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002



Conrad Robles

Visitation was held on Feb. 20, 2002, followed by Rosary, at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella, for Conrad Robles. Memorial services were at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights on Feb. 21. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Conrad was born Aug. 1, 1920 in Floresville, Texas, and passed on Feb. 16, 2002 at Bakersfield Heart Hospital at the age of 81.

Conrad is survived by his wife of 61 years, Anita; daughter Frances Harbour and husband Bruce of Whittier; son Joe Robert Robles and wife Debbie of Moorpark, Calif.; four grandsons, one granddaughter, six great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter. Other surviving family members include brother Sixto Robles; sisters Mary Ann Torres and Sophia Santibanez; two special nieces, Eva Borrego and Mary Escalera and husband Frank of San Antonio; and nephew Julio Robles of Auburn, Calif.

Conrad was a veteran of the Army Air Corps and served in Burma in WWII. He retired from Rockwell Inc. on Aug. 1, 1982, and moved to Kernville. He was a member of the Lake Isabella VFW Post 7665, the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge No. 498, the Knights of Columbus Council No. 7927, the Kern Valley Wagoneers, and a lifetime member of the Elks.

Conrad, we love you and miss you, and you'll always be in our hearts forever.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Tessia Louisa "Tess" Windham

Tess Windham was born on April 17, 1915 in Columbus, Mont. to Justin and Lelah Fowler. She entered into rest on Feb. 16, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa at the age of 86, with her son Richard and her granddaughter Diane at her side. Tess was a great wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

Tess was known as the lady who ran the half-way house for animals. She had a great love for any of God's creatures. She also loved the mountains she could see from her home in Bodfish. She enjoyed the different seasons and weather changes in this area.

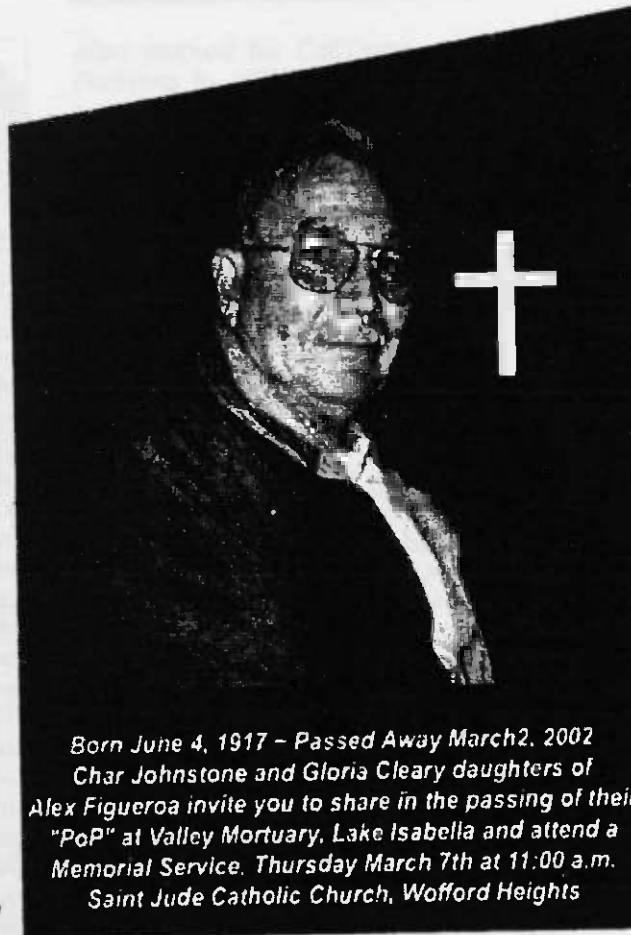
Tess was the voice you heard for 20 years when you called her son Richard's plumbing business. She was a switchboard operator for Ingleside Hospital in the San Gabriel Valley area for more than 15 years before she moved to the Bodfish area.

Surviving her are son Richard and wife Clare of Lake Isabella; son Ted and wife Yolanda of Santa Margarita, Calif.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, H.A. Windham and two daughters, Nancy Lee Windham and Rose Marie Clouse.

Tess will be sadly missed by her family, neighbors and friends. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002



Born June 4, 1917 - Passed Away March 2, 2002
 Char Johnstone and Gloria Cleary daughters of
 Alex Figueroa invite you to share in the passing of their
 "PoP" at Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella and attend a
 Memorial Service. Thursday March 7th at 11:00 a.m.
 Saint Jude Catholic Church, Wofford Heights



Alex Figueroa

In Remembrance Of
DONALD MARTIN

There will be a memorial in his honor.

It will be held at 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 9, 2002

at the Masonic Lodge in Kernville.

Family and friends are invited.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002

Mary Rachel Klatt

Mary Klatt was born in Osage City, Kan. to Fred and Hallie Tyson on Dec. 7, 1910. She passed away on Feb. 20, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Mary came to California in 1940 and lived in Los Angeles until 1984 when she retired after working 20 years for a sewing factory. She moved to the lake area after her retirement.

Mary loved living here since she was a great outdoor person. She loved to hunt and fish and was an excellent archer and a good fisherman. She was a member of the Rod and Gun Club. Mary was also a member of the Eagles here in the Valley.

Mary was preceded in death by her daughter Ruta Mae Tucker and her grandson Robert Tucker. Surviving her are her son, William Klatt; one sister, Violet Maryott of Pennsylvania; great-granddaughter Sandra and husband Jason Martin of Sacramento; great-granddaughter Mary Ann Tucker of Reno, Nev.; great-grandson Jonathan Gordon of Mountain Mesa; and Robert's wife, Sharon of Mountain Mesa.

Mary will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Louis John Kocsis

Louis was born to Peter and Rose Kocsis on March 24, 1925 in Ogemaw, Mich. He entered into rest on Feb. 26, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Louis was an outdoorsman who loved the mountains. He wanted to live in this area or in Utah. He decided that the lake area better suited his needs. His two loves were to fish and to hunt. He also enjoyed being with his friends at the Lode Bar in Wofford Heights.

Louis served in the Army during World War II, and then worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank.

Louis is survived by his son Rick of Wofford Heights; two daughters, Cathy Schmidt of Fort Wayne, Penn. and Connie Denning of Upland, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A void is left at his passing. He was loved by family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.



Leonard A. Hanning

Lifetime Kem River Valley resident Leonard Hanning passed away on Feb. 26, 2002, at 12:55 a.m. at the U.C. Medical Center in San Francisco.

He was born in Bakersfield, Calif. to Don and Josephine Weldon Hanning of Old Isabella on March 17, 1927. During World War II Leonard served in the U.S. Marine Corp as a guard on board a Navy ship. During this time he saw much of the Pacific front including China and the South Seas. Upon his discharge, he returned to Weldon where he and his brother, Walt Hanning, owned and operated the Hanning Bros. Ranch. He married Betty Ann Kegan of Mina, Nev. (now deceased) with whom he had eight children. In 1967 he married Marie Zabel. Living on the ranch, they raised their seven children. In 1976 they sold off most of the ranch and purchased Whispering Pines Lodge in Kernville, which they ran for 13 years. During this time Leonard

also worked for CalTrans. Retiring in 1989, they returned to the portion of the ranch that they had retained to open Hanning's Pumpkin Patch, which Leonard and Marie ran until 2000 when they moved to daughter and son-in-law Christi and Todd Fisher's Creston, Calif. ranch, where Leonard was residing at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his wife of 35 years, Marie Zabel Hanning; two sons; a daughter; two stepdaughters, 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; his brother and sister; and nine nieces and nephews. One infant son, John, infant twin daughters, Jerry Ann and Polly Jo, and son Casey preceded him in death. Surviving children include: Carson Hanning of Creston, his sons Nick and Andy of Julesburg, Colo., Patrick of Bakersfield, daughters and sons-in-law Kelly Hanning and her daughter Rusty Stone of Lake Isabella; Marty and Shannon Hanning Owens and their sons Carson and Jim of Reno, Nev.; Todd and Christi Zabel Fisher and children Vanessa Rivers and (twins) James and Brandon Rivers of Creston; Kenny and Becca Zabel Crosland of Bozeman, Mont. and their sons and daughter-in-law Neal and Ami Preston and their daughter Bradlie of Mt. Mesa; Cody Preston of Mt. Mesa; and Lane and Logan Crosland of Bozeman, grandson Ryan Hanning (son of Casey) of Los Angeles; Leonard's brother and sister-in-law Walter and Beverly Hanning and son

Cecil of Weldon and son Clay of San Jose, Calif.; and Leonard's sister Dorothy Felix and her children Leonard Wayne, Leslie, Laurie, Kim, Shelly, Tina and Paula, all of Dallas, Texas.

Leonard was a member of the Moose Lodge of Lake Isabella, the V.F.W. and the National Rifle Assoc. He had a life-long love of hunting, fishing and camping. His love of the land showed in his agricultural ventures, capped off by the tomato harvest of 2001.

His ashes will be retained by his wife Marie and will be mixed with her own and spread together.

Leonard was a wonderful husband and father and will be forever missed and remembered by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at the Four Square Church in Wofford Heights at 11:00a.m. on March 9, 2002, with a reception following at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella.

In lieu of flowers, any gifts will be donated by the family to The Family Link hospice house and UCSF Medical Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002



James Thomas Burdge

We mourn the loss of Jim Burdge, affectionately known as "JB" to many of his family and friends, who died peacefully on Feb. 27, 2002. He left this world for the next knowing he was loved by all who knew him. Graveside services were held on March 5, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights with Pastor Dante Tagonan of the Kernville United Methodist Church officiating.

Jim was born on Feb. 10, 1921 in Helena, Mont. As a young boy his family moved to Tujunga, Calif. where he met the love of his life, Lauretta. They married on May 17, 1942. He served in the Sea Bees 5th Special Battalion in the U.S. Navy. He and Lauretta moved to the San Fernando Valley and raised their three children. During the next 25 years Jim had three careers. He was a plasterer and foreman of a construction crew, manager of Hollyview Manufacturing, then general manager of

Doran Plastics. He and Lauretta took a weekend trip and, with their usual spontaneity, bought a mobile home in Bodfish in the Kern River Valley that they used for vacations. It wasn't long before Jim changed careers once again. They purchased the Kernville Texaco and bought a home in town.

Jim was always active in the community. He served a term as president of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, and while in office he initiated the building of the rodeo grounds. Whiskey Flat Days was always one of Jim's favorite events.

Jim loved life and lived it to the fullest. He filled his life with his family, his friends and his other passion, antique cars. You could always find him in his garage, working on his latest project.

Jim is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Lauretta; their daughter, Lynette and her husband Dan O'Neill of Seattle, Wash.; their two sons, Richard and his wife Chris of Kernville and Jim and his wife Nancy of Bakersfield; along with six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. It broke our hearts to lose him but he didn't go alone, for part of us went with him the day God called him home.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002



Alexander Vega Figueroa

Alexander Vega Figueroa passed away March 2, 2002 at his Lake Isabella home. Alex was born on June 4, 1917 in Holtville, Calif. He is survived by his two daughters, Char Johnstone of Lake Isabella and Gloria Cleary of Simi Valley; nine grandchildren— Ronald Johnstone Jr. of Kernville, Rena Hudson of Tehachapi, Tracy Shofner and Kevin Johnstone of Lake Isabella, Rueben Cabrera of Carlsbad, Calif., Paul Cabrera of Simi Valley, Ryan Cleary of North Hollywood, Colleen Cleary of

Mera Mesa, and Meagan Cleary of Simi Valley; 11 great-grandchildren— Alexander, Mandy, Joshua, Jeremy, Jacob, Kyle, Cody, Aaron, Alie, Alexandra and Jack; and two great-grandchildren, Sierra and Jacob.

Alexander served faithfully as the minister of hospitality at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Alex had many friends and family who loved him and he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone he met. He was a kind gentle man, who had a heart as big as his smile.

Father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather, you are our favorite person in all the world. You will be sorely missed by family and friends, but we know that you will continue to look in on us from heaven.

Frances Brown

After fighting a long battle with cancer, Frances Brown died Feb. 21, 2002 at the age of 75.

She is survived by five children— Emil Vasco, Marjorie Manning, Nancy Siebert, Donna Castle and

Patricia Vasco. She also leaves eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She never gave up, and was always concerned about everyone else. She will be dearly missed by those of us who love her. Our lives are truly better for her being in them.

So for any of you who are grieving, smile and be happy for that is what Fran would want!

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all of Fran's friends who loved her very much also.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2002

Virginia Marie Rose

Virginia Marie Rose was born to Hazel and Clemens Sutter on Aug. 15, 1921 in Dayton, Ohio and passed away at Kem Valley Hospital on Feb. 28, 2002.

She loved to read and crochet and a big part of her life was devoted to her church. Virginia never stopped learning. She learned to swim at 53, to ride a horse at 63 and went back to college at 73. She had her ears pierced at 80.

Virginia loved the lake area and her many friends and was known for her great sense of humor. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Warren Charles Rose. She is survived by one son, Donald Rose Jr. of Reseda; three daughters—Linda Stroup of Dyersburg, Tenn., LaVonne Hurley of Vista, Calif. and Melodie Craig of Lake Isabella; grandson Matthew Craig of Lake Isabella; granddaughter Robin Ladig; great-granddaughter Samantha Martindale; and many, many friends.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Private inurnment was held. The services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family-owned funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002



Peter Blair Dixon

Peter Blair Dixon, or Pete, as his friends knew him, entered this world on Aug. 19, 1950, and the Lord took him home on Feb. 22, 2002.

Known by many and loved by all who knew him, Pete will be dearly missed. Pete was truly an inspiration of happiness to us all. He knew how to take the worst, and make the best of it. There was rarely a time when he wasn't smiling. Those who knew him describe him as "all heart." This is how we will always remember him. Though he didn't have much, he was always the first to offer whatever he did have. We were blessed by his presence for 51 years, though it seems like such a short time. He always offered a shoulder to cry on, or even just a friendly word of advice, but that helped many. Pete was truly a gift. He will always be cherished in our hearts and minds forever.

Pete is survived by his son, Nathaniel Blair Dixon, daughter Randi Anne Dixon, and many friends who loved him dearly.

William Alan Rose

Bill, as he was known, was born on April 23, 1949 in Pasadena, to Bill and Ruth Rose. He passed into eternal rest on March 8, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital. He is survived by his parents, Bill and Ruth; a sister, Vera; a brother, Guy; and his companion, Melody.

Bill lived in Kern County for 25 years and was employed by the county as a maintenance technician for the Parks and Recreation Department.

He served his country during the Vietnam War with the U.S. Army.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date in Pasadena. Bill will be greatly missed by family and friends. Private services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002



Florence Edna Silveira

Florence Edna Silveira passed away on March 13, 2002. She was born May 22, 1910 in Los Angeles, the daughter of Emma Shaner.

Florence and her husband, Johnnie, met in El Monte, Calif. She was selling tickets at a local movie house and he bought tickets from her. When it was time for her to quit, she would join him inside. They married in 1930. They settled in West Los Angeles where Johnnie was head production manager of the ice cream department at Adohr Milk Farms on La Cienega Blvd. Because of the many creations and gold medals at the Pomona Fair, Johnnie and Florence were invited to become a part of the famous Farmers Market at 3rd and Fairfax in L.A. Their ice cream became quite popular. Johnnie made over 30 flavors and Florence managed their store and made ice cream cakes and molds for every occasion. She was well known for her beautiful fruit bowls. Each fruit was made from its flavor of ice cream.

They ran their ice cream business for 16 years, then retired to Pismo Beach, Calif. Johnnie passed away on Father's Day 1976 and Florence continued to stay until 1987, when she moved to Lake Isabella to be close to her daughter and son-in-law. Barbara and Bill were able to buy the property next to theirs and set up a mobile home on it for Florence.

She leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bill Heizer of Lake Isabella; her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Joanne Silveira of Oroville, Calif.; granddaughter and husband Lori and Kevin Riley of Chico, Calif.; and great-granddaughter Sarah Kurofsky of Moorpark, Calif. She was an amazing lady, mom, mother-in-law, grandma, "Sweetie" and a friend who was loved by all.

Mom, we love you and you will always be in our hearts. Graveside services were held March 19, 2002 at the Arroyo Grande Cemetery in Arroyo Grande, Calif.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002



George Mitchell Croft

George Mitchell Croft was born on Oct. 2, 1912 in Hopkinsville, Ky., to Luther Benson Croft and Katie Pansy Mitchell. He died on March 10, 2002 following surgery.

George moved with his family to the Los Angeles area in 1917 where he graduated from Washington High School. George worked in the building trade as a lather and also worked in a knitting mill before becoming a carrier for the U.S. Post Office in 1939, where he worked until he retired to Kernville in 1969. He served in the U.S. Navy from Dec. 1943 to Feb. 1946 stationed at the San Francisco Fleet Post Office and then at the Advanced Base Depot in San Bruno. There he met and married a Navy Wave, Grace (Gay) Jahnke. After his retirement from the Post Office, they managed the Sierra Trailer Lodge in Kernville for three years.

George loved photography and he had his own darkroom. He also was a model train enthusiast. He loved music and played the trumpet. He loved fishing. He enjoyed traveling both in his RV and on cruises.

George was a 20-year member in good standing at the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358. He had also kept his NALC union card for over 60 years.

George leaves Gay, his wife of 56 years; a sister, Kathryn, of Atascadero and her family; and a brother, Richard, of Fountain Valley, and his family. His daughter by a previous marriage, Georgia, predeceased him but he leaves her three children, Gerry, Nancy and Chris White and two great-granddaughters, Stacey and Tonya. He also leaves many wonderful friends in the Kern River Valley.

A memorial service was held on March 16, 2002 at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by the Mish Funeral Home (Centennial) in Bakersfield.

Fredrick "Fred" Alphosus Cassidy

Fred Cassidy was born in Pueblo, Colo. on Nov. 19, 1914 and entered into eternal rest in Hanford, Calif. on March 9, 2002. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick and Lillian Cassidy, and his loving wife of 53 years, Eleanor.

Fred is survived by two daughters, Cecelia Misner of Carson, Calif. and Theresa Burke of Hanford, Calif.; four sons, Fredrick Jr. of Winters, Calif. and Patrick, William and Paul, all of Bodfish; two sisters, Kathleen Askew and Patricia Elbersol of Colorado; and four grandchildren.

He was a World War II veteran, honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Forces on Dec. 29, 1945.

Fred was employed as a machinist for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Co. He retired after 30 years of service. During his employment, he was a member of the Rod and Gun Club. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus in Los Angeles.

Fred and his family moved to the Kern River Valley in 1977. He loved the outdoors and worked part-time with the Forest Service for 20 years. His hobbies included building bird houses and wishing wells.

The last few months of his life were spent doing what he does best— gambling. He will be missed by his family and his many friends here in the valley. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2002



Crystal "Chris" Sutton

Chris Sutton of Wofford Heights passed away quietly in the home of her daughter in Redondo Beach on March 1, 2002 after a hard-fought year-long battle with cancer. She was 77 years old.

Chris was born on May 11, 1924 in Crystal Plains Township, Kansas. She moved to the South Bay area of Los Angeles in 1942 after high school graduation. In 1947 she met and married Bill Sutton and settled in Hawthorne, Calif. to raise their three daughters. She retired from Continental Airlines in 1982 and she and Bill moved full time to their home in Wofford Heights. She was active in Ladies of the Elks and was named "Lady of the Elks" for 1995-1996.

Chris is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bill; and daughters Deana (Terry) Trefz of Newbury Park and Linda (Tom) Dill of Redondo

Beach. She was "Grandma Rose" to six grandchildren: Tracy (Nick) Lacasella of Rancho Santa Margarita, Jenny (Brian) Smith of Atlanta, Ga., Christian Trefz of Newbury Park, Calif., Katie Dill of Boston, Mass., and Scott and Jeana Dill of Redondo Beach. She was great-grandma to Khelsea Trefz, Devyn Smith, Zachary Lacasella, Chase Smith and her own angel, Gabriel Lacasella, who was born on Christmas Day 2001. Also surviving are her brother-in-law Kenneth (Peggy) Sutton and sisters-in-law Bernice Barga, Ruth Duntz, Verna Duntz, Margarite Duntz and Bernadine Duntz. "Aunt Rose" will be missed by scores of nieces and nephews around the country. She was preceded in death by daughter Jeanne Sutton in 1971, and her parents and six siblings. Family was her greatest joy in life.

Chris's family wishes to thank Dr. Jaime Lee Ho and his staff for all their loving care, Dr. Chang and Josephine and all the nurses and respiratory staff at Kern Valley Hospital. We cannot possibly repay all the kindness from the Elks and Ladies of the Elks—especially those of Aggie, Lonnie and Julia. Thanks to Leah and Vaughn Gillette, who were always there when we needed them. Donations in her name may be made to the valley hospice program.

Victoria Lynn Busch

Victoria Lynn Busch was born March 17, 1953 in Santa Monica and died March 11, 2002 in Kernville.

Loving mother of Jessica Busch of Camarillo, Calif, Vicki grew up in Southern California and Sydney, Australia. A strong and expressive woman, she touched the hearts and minds of everyone she met.

A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara, Vicki loved art and created some fine works of her own.

Vicki taught in Ventura for a time as an ESL instructor and more recently worked part time at Camp Owen. In fact, she seemed most happy when teaching.

In addition to her daughter, Jessica, Vicki is survived by her husband, William Busch; her father, John H. Johnson of Kernville; her mother, Dorothy Fergusson of Santa Monica; and brothers Chris Johnson of Santa Barbara and Craig Johnson of Fort Walton, Fla.

A memorial service was held at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on March 16, 2002.

Arrangements were made with the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002



Daniel A. Lodygowski

Daniel A. Lodygowski, 67, passed away March 16, 2002. Dan served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1955. He received a National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and United Na-

tions Service Medal. He worked as a tuckpointer on the high rise buildings in Chicago and later in Los Angeles. After that, Dan was a finish carpenter. He lived in Montrose, Calif. but spent his free time in Kernville where he later retired. Dan had many friends in both Montrose and Kernville.

As Dan requested, there was cremation and no services.

Donations to the Leukemia Society in Dan's name would be appreciated.

Although Dan has passed away, he will never be forgotten.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002

Evelyn J. Lane

Evelyn J. Lane entered life on May 28, 1934, in Nashville, Ark. Evelyn was raised in Arkansas until she was five years old and then moved to Oklahoma, where she grew up. It was during this time that she learned many of the skills that she later became known and beloved for by her family. She became a good cook, and she loved to sew, quilt and knit, and she loved doing puzzles. In 1951, she married the love of her life, Wendell Jackson Lane. The two settled down in the city of Bell Gardens, Calif., where they began to raise their family together. The two purchased property here in the Kern River Valley and later moved to the Canebrake/Onyx area. By looking at Evelyn's garden at their new home, you could tell that her

favorite time of year was the springtime. She was a tremendous gardener. But most importantly, Evelyn was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She dearly loved her family and always stood by them. Along with her family, she also had a wonderful loving relationship with her dogs and especially her pig. Sadly, after 47 years of marriage to her adoring husband Wendell, he passed away in the evening hours of Sept. 15, 1998. Evelyn stayed strong for her family and continued on bravely. Unfortunately, she too fell ill and she passed away on March 14, 2002. Graveside funeral services were on March 20, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Dan Hellyer of the Christian Assembly of Mountain Mesa is presiding. Evelyn will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Evelyn J. Lane is survived by her children, Wendy Sanders of Washington state; Martin Lane of Chino, Calif.; Valoree Morris of Diamond Bar, Calif.; and Scott Lane of Anchorage, Alaska. Also surviving her are her grandchildren Martin Lane, Jr. of Los Angeles; Adam Sanders of Kernville; Amber Donaldson of Oregon; Travis Lane of Anchorage; Dillion Lane of Anchorage; Scot Lane Jr. of Anchorage; Jenna Morris of Diamond Bar; and Riley Morris of Diamond Bar. Evelyn is also survived by two great-grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher, born Feb. 25, 1914, passed away at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on March 22, 2002. He is survived by his brother, John Welcher of Colton; his sister Imo Ryan of San Juan Capistrano; his son, John E. Welcher and daughter-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; and daughter Joann Taylor of Bodfish; 10 grandkids; many great-grandkids; several great-great-grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Panama, Ark., raised in Oklahoma, and then moved to California when he was about 17. He was involved in racing at Muroc and Mirage dry lakes with his brother John, Vic Edelbrock, the Miller Brothers, Roy Richter and many other friends. He was an avid motorcycle rider starting out in 1932 on an Indian Scout and Harleys. He worked at Douglas Aircraft in Tool and Design during the Second World War. After the war he worked as a mechanic for several years, then started his oil field contracting business called Welcher Hydraulics in the Los Angeles area. He retired and moved to the Los Angeles area in 1967. He was also, in his later years, a member of

the Over-the-Hill Motorcycle Club here in the Valley and stopped riding when he was 81. He was also Amateur Radio Operator WA6TGP. We know that he is going to be missed by family and friends. He believed in the Word of God that says, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ." All the family would like to thank Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Acute Care and the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility for their kind care. There will be no services per Dad's request.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002

Robert Hans Bredal

Private services were held at Rose Hills Memorial Park on March 27, 2002 for Robert Hans Bredal, who passed away March 21, 2002 in Laguna Hills, Calif. of cancer and pneumonia.

Bob was born Nov. 10, 1920 in Chicago. He attended Valparaiso University from 1939 until June of 1942, majoring in accounting. His college degree was put on hold when he enlisted in the Coast Guard in June 1942 during World War II. After his discharge in 1946, he married his sweetheart, Dorothy, and completed his last year of college at Valparaiso, graduating in June of 1947. Together, Bob and Dorothy moved to California and he worked for Peat Marwick Mitchell in San Francisco. They bought a home in San Lorenzo and had one daughter, Pamela. In 1957, he became a Certified Public Accountant.

Eventually, Bob moved his family to Pasadena, Calif. to go into business for himself. His dad worked alongside him and they enjoyed many years together. Later, after taking many weekend trips to Lake Isabella, he and Dorothy decided to move there and Bob closed his Pasadena office and opened his own CPA firm in Wofford Heights.

He became involved in many civic and community organizations—the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Exchange Club, the Kern Valley Elks, the Rod and Gun Club and the Masons. He often held the office of treasurer because he had a way with numbers. Bob also volunteered his help with VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) where he taught people how to help others prepare their income tax returns. This was especially helpful for those in the lower income tax bracket. Bob and Dorothy also became involved with the CB group. He was known as “Calculator” (naturally) and Dorothy was “Blue Eyes.”

Over the years, he loved listening to his many record albums, working on his stamp and coin collections, fishing (when he had the time) and playing golf. He enjoyed the game of Cribbage and let's not forget dominoes. And he read anything by Louis L'Amour.

Bob “officially” retired in September 1993, but you could still find him busy at his office. Retirement never seemed to suit him. When Dorothy passed away in August 1999, Bob remained in their home. They had been married for 53 years. He was not accustomed to being alone, but he wanted to remain in “God’s Country,” as he called his home in the Valley.

When he suffered a stroke in October 2000, it affected his right side and it became clear that the time had come for him to move closer to his daughter and her family in Orange County. He lived in Villa Valencia, a lovely Skilled Nursing Facility in Laguna Hills, and he adjusted to his new life there. He was confined to a wheelchair, but it never stopped him from joining in the various activities they provided.

In the fall of 2001 it was discovered that he had oral cancer. He was very courageous throughout his fight against the disease and the side effects of the radiation, but a cure was not meant to be. Pneumonia eventually took his life. His family was with him when he passed away peacefully into God’s loving arms. It comforts us to know he is in Heaven with Jesus.

Bob will always be remembered in our hearts as a man with integrity, a loving dad and grandfather, a good friend to all he met and a terrific CPA. He leaves behind his daughter and son-in-law Pam and John Lincoln and his grandson Andrew, all of Lake Forest, Calif.; and his wife’s sister and her husband, Sandra and Vern Domeier of Boise, Idaho. We will miss him very much.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002



Faye Juanita Goff

Faye Juanita Goff was born April 10, 1920 in Kellyville, Okla. Faye moved to Lake Isabella with her husband Bernie Goff in 1969. Faye was a member of the VFW in Lake Isabella and was also a member of the Eagles in Mountain Mesa. Also she belonged to the Bodfish Beavers. Faye was preceded in death by her husband Bernie Goff; her son Rodney Guy; three brothers (one of whom passed away 12 hours before her); and two sisters. Faye leaves behind many loved ones—two daughters, Larue Alegria of Lancaster and Katherine Maloney of Bakersfield; nephews Robert Jones, Craig Maxwell, Virgil Maxwell, Spencer Jones and Dale McMillan; nieces Carrie Pedroza, Teresa Williams, Tawanna Cecil, Debbie Jones and Reba Westreicher. Faye loved to fish and she loved to care for her lovely roses. Faye entered eternal life on March 21, 2002 at the

Skilled Nursing Facility in Kern Valley Hospital, with her niece Tawanna Cecil by her side. Faye had lived at the nursing home for three years. Faye will be greatly missed.

Services entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

To Those I Love And To Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me and let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

I gave you my love,

You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.

Thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time that I traveled alone.

So grieve awhile for me if grief you must,

then let your grief be comfort by trust.

It's only for awhile that we must part,

So bless the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away, for life goes on.

So if you need me, call and I will come.

Though you can't see me or touch me I'll be near,

And if you listen with your heart you'll hear,

All my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and say, "Welcome home."

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002



Edward Louis Zingelewicz

Graveside services were held March 30, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Edward Louis Zingelewicz who passed away in Mountain Mesa after a long illness. Edward was born March 11, 1929 in Erie, Pa. He and his wife moved to the Kern Valley in 1994 after retiring from the motion picture business. He worked as a set painter for 30 years and was known as "Killer."

He enjoyed gardening and fishing and "Our Place" to have a beer with his friends.

Edward is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janice; son and daughter-in-law Dan and Carolyn Zingelewicz of Canyon Country; daughter and husband Candice and Larry Watson of Agoura Hills; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother and sister-in-law Frank and Mary Zingelewicz of Erie, Pa.; brother and sis-

ter-in-law Steph and Aderline Zingelewicz of Erie, Pa.; sister and husband Gladys and Al Barcynski of Erie, Pa.; sister and husband Jean and Bob Olszewski of Los Alamitos, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mary Elizabeth Gerald

A memorial Mass is scheduled for today, April 3, 2002, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights for Mary Elizabeth Gerald, who passed away on March 26, 2002. A second memorial Mass is scheduled for April 5, 2002 at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua in Gardena, Calif.

Mary was born on Oct. 19, 1921 in Grand Junction, Colo. to her parents Joseph and Louisa. After high school, Mary spent some time in college picking up some of the skills she would need for her future career.

Mary moved to California and began working for the Walt Disney Studios as an illustrator/ animator and then at Warner Brothers Studios. She worked on Fritz Freleng's animation team as an assistant animator bringing the "Looney Tunes" characters to life. Mary's hand helped bring Bugs Bunny and many other favorites into our homes.

Mary met and later married the love of her life, Ray Gerald. As much as she loved being a part of ani-

mation history, Mary gave up her little piece of "Americana" to become a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She chose to devote all her time to building her family and raising them the right way. Being the matriarch of her family did not extinguish the creative flair that dwelled inside her. Mary continued to work in her own private studio and became very active in her church.

After moving to the Kern River Valley in 1994, Mary became highly involved at St. Jude's Catholic Church, where she became an artistic painter. Anything the father would ask her to design/paint, she would take on wholeheartedly, and create it with style and elegance.

Mary is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Lisa and Fred Clifton of Wofford Heights; son and daughter-in-law Jay and Carl Gerald of New York; grandchildren Sarah Bean of Lakewood, Calif.; Samantha and Katie Clifton of Wofford Heights; and two great-grandchildren, Rosalie and Vincent Bean of Lakewood, Calif. Mary is preceded in passing by her loving husband of 44 years, Ray Gerald.

Mary was a wonderful woman who has given so much to us all and has gone to be with the Lord. She will be truly missed by all of her loving family and special friends and by all who knew and loved her.

Arrangements were by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002

Robert S. MacKenzie

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Taft on March 22, 2002 for Wofford Heights resident Robert S. MacKenzie, 70. Mr. MacKenzie was born in Decatur, Ill. on Sept. 8, 1931 and passed away on March 19, 2002 at a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. MacKenzie came to Wofford Heights in 1989 and managed the Jessie James Trailer Park for many years. Mr. MacKenzie was preceded in death by his wife, Diane MacKenzie. His survivors include his son, Brian Scott MacKenzie of Bishop; his sister, Joy Lamb of Illinois; his two daughters, Katherine Tyson of Bakersfield and Victoria Chavez of La Crescenta; his six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were under the direction of the Erickson & Brown Funeral Home in Taft.

Lucy Ethelyn Cross

Lucy Ethelyn Cross was born on Jan. 12, 1908 and passed away on March 25, 2002.

Lucy was a 13-year resident of the Kern River Valley. The last four years she resided at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital. Her big smile was because of Doug, Bruce, Keith and Buelah and good friend Myrtle.

Lucy's loving marriage of 62 years was ended in 1995 with the death of her husband, Richard.

She was the proud mom of seven, grandma of 19 and great-grandma of 20. Her two oldest sons preceded her in death.

Survivors include her children, Richard (June) Cross of Lake Isabella, Maudee Akers of Burbank, Helen Bright of Seneca, S.C., Robert (Verna) Cross of Hutchinson, Kan. and Victor (Jan) Cross of Buhler, Kan.

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on March 27, 2002. Officiating was Pastor Preston North of the Mt. View Baptist Church.

Rest in peace, "ol' Mom."
We will miss you.

Karl A. Hanson

Karl A. Hanson was born April 21, 1928 and passed away on March 18, 2002.

Karl was born in Osco, Ill. to his parents, Alice and Gustaf Hanson. He was one of five children—sister Nora Mae and three brothers, Albert, Ralph and Robert. He attended schools in Osco, Woodhull and Moline, Ill. He served in the U.S. Maritime Service in 1945 and the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. He married Ann Churchill from East Moline in 1947. Ann predeceased him in December 1997. They were blessed with four children—daughters Julie and Kathy and sons Kirk and Kelly, as well as several grandchildren. After his honorable discharge from the Army he and his family resided in Rock Island, Ill. prior to moving to California in 1952. His working career required him to travel extensively in the United States as well as, for two years, during 1958 and 1959, in Europe—primarily Italy, Austria and Switzerland. He and Ann moved to Bodfish in 1987 for their retirement years. One of his regrets was that his work required so much travel that he couldn't spend as much time with his family, during his children's "growing up" years, and friends as he would have preferred. However, he did feel privileged to have made so many good acquaintances and a few very dear friends during his travels. He preferred that everyone thinks of him as "just traveling" again, this time on his trip to eternity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002

Daniel John Kornoff

Daniel John Komoff, 53, passed away on March 29, 2002 at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield. Services were held April 4, 2002 in Los Angeles.

Daniel was born in Oceanside, Calif. on March 14, 1949. He had lived in the Kern River Valley for the past three years and was employed by Thomas Refuse of Lake Isabella where he was operations manager.

Daniel belonged to car clubs such as the Kern Valley Cruisers.

Daniel is survived by his parents John and Vera Komoff of Vista, Calif.; his companion, Mary Leavitt of Lake Isabella; and loving friends John, Jerry and James Grose and James and Jay Leavitt and son and daughter Nathan and Natalie, all of Washington state. He is also survived by brothers Jay of Wyoming, Jim of Los Angeles, Harry of Australia and Billy of Arizona.

Daniel loved his job and employers at Thomas Refuse. He loved living in Lake Isabella. Daniel fought a very courageous battle with cancer for the last seven months. He was a very loving, caring and giving man. He will be sadly missed. he is at home with Jesus. Rest in peace, my love, until we meet again.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2002

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher

Orville "Snuffy" Welcher, born Feb. 25, 1914, passed away at Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility on March 22, 2002. He is survived by his brother, John Welcher of Colton; his sister Imo Ryan of San Juan Capistrano; his son, John E. Welcher and daughter-in-law Darlene Welcher of Southlake; daughter Joann Taylor of Bodfish; 10 grandkids; many great-grandkids; several great-great-grandkids; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Panama, Ark., raised in Oklahoma, and then moved to California when he was about 17. He was involved in racing at Muroc and Mirage dry lakes with his brother John, Vic Edelbrock, the Miller Brothers, Roy Richter and many other friends. He was an avid motorcycle rider starting out in 1932 on an Indian Scout and Harleys. He worked at Douglas Aircraft in Tool and Design during the Second World War. After the war he worked as a mechanic for several years, then started his oil field contracting business called Welcher Hydraulics in the Los Angeles area. He retired and moved to the Kern River Valley in 1967. He was also, in his later years, a member of the Over-the-Hill Motorcycle Club here in the Valley and stopped riding when he was 81. He was also Amateur Radio Operator WA6TGP. We know that he is going to be missed by family and friends. He be-

lieved in the Word of God that says, "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord Jesus Christ." All the family would like to thank Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Acute Care and the Kern Valley Skilled Nursing Facility for their kind care. There will be no services per Dad's request.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Jerry Wayne Phipps

Memorial services were held April 9, 2002 in the Chapel of Memories in Norwalk, Calif. for Jerry Wayne Phipps of Wofford Heights, who passed away March 30, 2002. He was 59.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 38 years, Barbara; daughters Shara-Lea Phipps of Cleburne, Texas, and Kathleen Patterson and husband John of Victorville, Calif.; mother-in-law Eleanor Gritton of Mountain Mesa who called him "my boy;" and his faithful dog, Jake.

In Jerry's passing he leaves behind many family and friends who will always remember him as the man whose favorite words were "I can fix that"—and he usually did.

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

Robin Ann Condon

Robin Ann Condon was born on Dec. 15, 1953 and passed away on April 2,

2002.

Robin was a resident of Wofford Heights for three years. She and her husband, Thomas Condon Jr., were married for 30 years this past February. She was the proud mother of five children and grandmother of seven. Her father, Robert Bird, preceded her in death in 1970 and her youngest daughter, Lauren Michelle Condon, in 1991.

She is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Condon Jr.; son Thomas Condon III; daughters Carie Condon, Julie Condon and Kimberlie Gagnon. Grandchildren include Jacob, Sara, Joshua, Hailei, Taylor, Ashley and Garrett. Robin is also survived by her mother, Mary Bird; sisters Connie Sevaatasi, Nina Briggs and Sherri Bird; and brothers Lynn Bird and Robert Bird.

She was loved by us all. We will miss her and share her memories for years to come.

A memorial service was held April 6, 2002, alongside the Kern River.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002

"Everyone Called Him Stoney" In Memory Of Danny Stone 1956 - 2002

If you lived or spent time in Kernville in the 80's, you may remember when the Riverside Cafe sold and became "STONEYS" Riverside Cafe. It was 1982 Danny Stone took over the cafe, thus the STONEY Burger was born. I remember being asked by friends if I'd eaten at the new place yet, so I decided to give it a try... it was the best burger I had ever had.

Along with his burgers Danny, only 26 at that time, was building quite a reputation of his own, kind of a wild child, to put it mildly. You either like him or you didn't, there was no inbetween, if he was in the room, you knew it.

In 1984 Danny's dad Bill Stone retired from SCE and relocated to the valley with wife Bonnie. Later Bill and Danny joined forces and became business partners. In a conversation I had with Bill, he said, "the reputation of the STONEY burger surprised me, heck, I didn't even know he could cook!" Everyone wanted to know the secret ingredients. Bill said that Danny would tell them..."it's the order everything goes on the bun, what you put next to each other." One employee recalls, "people would literally come from all over for a STONEY burger." To this day those that remember Stoney's will say, "along with the owners, the place was legendary". When they sold the cafe in 1987, the secrets left with them. Danny moved to Bakersfield and ended his career in the oil fields as a Directional Driller.

As I remember and say goodbye to you Danny, I would also like to thank you for giving me the two most precious things in my life, my grandchildren. Your daughter Rachelle and son Joshua are your life's greatest achievement.

Love Michele

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Daughter: Rachelle Stone, 11, of Lake Isabella

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Plus:

Many other family members & friends



Danny with daughter Rachelle & Matty

Dorothy M. Betterton

Dorothy M. Betterton, 89, died recently at a Las Vegas care center.

She was born Nov. 19, 1912, in Meeker, Colo. A retired beauty operator and former owner of Las Vegas Beauty School, she was a 55-year resident of Las Vegas.

Mrs. Betterton resided in Lake Isabella for about 10 years in the 1980s. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Kernville, belonged to the Eagles Lodge and also to several CB clubs, where she was known as "Reindeer."

She is survived by her son, Gary Pellissier, and stepdaughter Susan Phillips, both of Las Vegas; stepson Robert McElvany of Oklahoma; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at Palm Mortuary-Downtown in Las Vegas, followed by burial at Palm Memorial Park.

William Davenport Kampmann

William Davenport Kampmann was born on Dec. 12, 1931 in Mesa, Ariz. to John and Marie Kampmann. He passed away on March 21, 2002 at his home in Wofford Heights.

Bill, as he was known, had a regular daily routine. Had his first cup of coffee at the Hideaway at 6 a.m., then to the Sportsman's around 7 a.m. Bought a newspaper and then headed home until around 2 p.m. when he went to eat

a bite and have a drink or two. He was a member of the Elks Lodge No. 2358 and the Moose Lodge No. 498.

He was a great party person and enjoyed being with his friends. He was very sports-minded, played softball, loved shuffleboard. He played golf for years until walking became a problem. He attended car shows and took pictures, loved car races and enjoyed motorcycles.

Bill is survived by two brothers, Richard Kampmann of Santa Monica and John Kampmann of Lake Arrowhead.

His friends will greatly miss his presence here in the valley.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, family owned and operated.

Albert Lester "Al" Moore

Al Moore was born in Lancaster, Texas, to Kirby and Eula Moore, on Sept. 29, 1913. He entered into eternal rest in Bakersfield on April 5, 2002, at the age of 88.

Al met and married Frances Gertrude Latham in 1939. This June they would have been married 63 years. Shortly after their wedding, they moved to Visalia, Calif. where Al worked in a bowling alley as a pin setter. They remained in Visalia for two years, after which they moved to Torrance where Al was near his work as a welder in San Pedro. He retired after 29 years.

His young life was revived when worked on sev-

eral farms as a farm hand. In Caliente, he raised hogs, chickens and also had a herd of cattle. Al also had horses and rode in many parades. He and Frances moved to Lake Isabella when the ranch became too much for him to handle.

Al was a gentle man. He was loved by his family and all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Surviving Al is his wife, Frances; son Ronald and wife Sharon Moore of Bakersfield; daughter Jeanie Meggitt of Newhall; grandsons Shawn Meggitt of Redondo Beach and Wayne Moore of Bakersfield; and a special sister-in-law, Joy Moore of Walker Basin.

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Seasons Of My Life

*What happened to the spring time?
It was here just yesterday.
Did I really spend those precious hours
Just whiling the time away?
I remember summer.
It came and then it went.
Now I can't relive those days
Not always wisely spent.
Now that it's fall
How wise I've suddenly become,
No time to waste or hesitate
For soon I'm going home.
Will winter find me wanting
For just one more day,
To do the things I meant to do,
Say the things I meant to say?
Thank you Lord for all those days
I have beyond this date.
I'll try to use them wisely
Before it really is too late.*

—Lori Hebestreit

Celebration of life get together for

Daniel Kornoff

April 31, 2002 2pm to 4:30pm

Lake Ridge Estates Community Building

2807 Erskine Creek Road
Lake Isabella, California
(2nd Driveway In)

For information call Joan at 376-4718 or 379-2618 x101

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2002

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Danny with daughter Rachelle & Matty

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2002

Carl Rothbauer

Carl Rothbauer, age 86, of Onyx, passed to his eternal rest on April 15, 2002.

Mr. Rothbauer was born Nov. 25, 1915 in Phillipsburg, Mont. to Theodore Rothbauer and Anna F. Rothbauer (nee Raisig).

On Feb. 14, 1973, Carl and Marjorie Giel Homburg were married in Pacoima, Calif. In 1976, Carl and Marjorie moved to Onyx from the San Fernando Valley where Carl had worked for Anheuser-Busch as a brewer for 30 years.

History, politics in general, dancing and traveling were things he thoroughly enjoyed doing.

He was a lifetime active member of the Moose Lodge and was very interested in the Kern River Valley Historical Society.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; a nephew, Theodore Rothbauer and family; and special friend and caregiver, Jeanne Maglott.

Funeral arrangements were made with the Lake Isabella Funeral Home and services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with Dr. Bert Simpson officiating.

Montella Sue Lane

Montella Sue Lane was born Jan. 8, 1912 to Tometrews and Maudie Townes, on Payson, Okla. and passed away on April 14, 2002 in Lake Isabella.

She was very friendly and loved everyone. She was always ready to help anyone in need. She was a very independent person. At the age of 14, she rode her horse from Winthrop, Ark. to Payson, Okla. alone. During the Depression, she made soap out of lye and lard and sold it to help support her family. She was a great seamstress and loved it. She could make dresses from memory.

She moved to this area 55 years ago. During this period she worked for the Naval Weapons Center as a classified documents clerk for 15 years, then retired to the Lake Isabella area in 1975.

Mrs. Lane was preceded

in death by her husband, Leo S. Lane. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Sue Danielson of Lake Isabella; a son, James F. Crawford of Lake Isabella; sister Mae Alexander of Atlanta; sister Jackie Green of Winthrop, Ark.; brother Dorsey Miller of Texarkana, Ark.; brother Myrion K. Miller of Winthrop, Ark.; and brother Wayne Miller of Folsom, Calif.

Graveside services were held at Kern River Valley Cemetery on April 17, 2002. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2002



Adele "Pineapple" Heitman

"Piney" was delivered into this world on April 14, 1923, and was reunited into the loving arms of her husband, Charles "Chuck" Heitman, on April 15, 2002.

Adele left behind three sons and two daughters—Richard Maldonado and his wife Lisa of Honolulu, Hawaii, Dale Heitman of southern Oregon and his wife Roberta of Drain, Ore., Eddie Heitman and his wife Donna of Lake Isabella, JoAnn Anderson and her husband Louis of Virginia Beach, Va., and Barbara Wilde of Lake Isabella and her husband Steve of Ridgecrest.

Adele also leaves behind 21 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and an array of family and friends around the world.

Piney was a lady who was so full of love and compassion that anyone who crossed her path was deeply touched and would remember her from that day on. Her

love has filled our hearts, and her smile has brightened our lives.

May the dance floor always be lit up and the tiny bubbles floating around. We love you and will cherish you forever.

There will be a memorial at the Moose Lodge in Lake Isabella on April 27 at 1 p.m. All are welcome.



Celia Barclay

Graveside services were held April 4, 2002 at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Palmdale, Calif. for Celia Barclay. Rev. Joe Silva from Quartz Hill Assembly of God was the Officiant. After a long struggle with a serious illness, God called Celia home on March 31, 2002.

Celia was born on Aug. 31, 1915 in Beattyville, Ky. She was married to Albert Barclay, who predeceased her in death. Her surviving children are Julia Spencer of Mountain Mesa, Beulah Selzer and her husband Jim of North Hollywood, Calif., and Robert Barclay, also of North Hollywood. Other sur-

vivors include 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Celia also had two grandsons who predeceased her.

Celia had lived several years in Weldon before moving to Lancaster. When she became ill, she moved to North Hollywood.

Throughout Celia's entire life, her undying faith in God prevailed. Even during her illness, she told her family and friends that Heaven was going to be wonderful and she wanted to see all of them there someday. Her faith in God kept her strong. Even in pain, she always had a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye.

God Has Promised

By Elsie Natalie Brady

God has kept His promise

To send the rain and sun,

The splendor of the seasons,

The night when day is done.

Everything we treasure

Here on Earth below,

Is given without measure

With love, to thrive and grow.

God has also promised

That one day we shall see

His Kingdom and the glory,

For all eternity.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002

Russell Dean "Dean" Hunter

Dean Hunter was born in Clinton, Okla. to Cortez and Frankie Hunter on July 24, 1926 and passed away in Bakersfield on May 4, 2002. He was 75 years old.

Dean came to California during the Dust Bowl days and settled in Lamont. He entered the U.S. Navy at the age of 17 and served during World War II. After his service time he became an iron worker as a welder and belonged to the local union No. 433. He retired in 1988 and moved to the Lake Isabella area.

Surviving him are his wife, Audrey of Southlake; sons John of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Michael of La Mirada, Calif.; daughters Cathy of Big Bear, Calif., Gwen of Downey, Calif., Beverly of Palo Cedro, Calif. and Peggy of Fullerton, Calif.; brothers Cortez Jr. of Southlake and Loren of La Mirada; a sister, Margaret of Collinsville, Okla.; several nieces and nephews; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Dean was loved and will be missed by all.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of Lake Isabella Funeral Home on May 11, 2002 with John

Kuttig officiating. Interment took place at Kern Valley Cemetery on May 13, 2002.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

William F. "Sarge" Inskeep

William F. Inskeep—"Sarge" as everyone in this area knew him—was born on Feb. 10, 1920 in Columbus, Ohio to Earl and Laura Inskeep, one of eight children. He entered into eternal life on May 8, 2002 in the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles.

Sarge joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 and volunteered for submarine duty. Some of the subs he proudly served on for eight years were R-11, USS Rasher, USS Bowfin, and USS Puffer. All of his service was during WWII. After his eight years of service, he left the Navy and joined the U.S. Army and served two tours, in Korea and later Vietnam. Altogether, he served nearly 32 years service time for his country.

Even when he was in the Army he served on ships and called it the Army's Navy. He was wounded in Vietnam. Sarge was extremely proud of his service time.

After he retired from the service, he settled in Califor-

nia, living in Glendale for several years. He came to the Kern Valley in 1974, where he remained until his death.

Sarge belonged to the Masonic Lodge No. 178, Western Mine Council No. 612-06-49, and VFW Disabled American war veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Marge Inskeep of Kernville; daughters Jeanann Curry of Columbus, Ohio, Nevada, Joyce (Bobby) Stites of Oregon and Lorraine (Mike) Findley of Wofford Heights; sons Frank (Irene) Webb of Valencia, Dana Hartman of Las Vegas and William Inskeep of Montana; brother Daniel (Mary) Inskeep of Marion, Ohio; sisters Martha (Monroe) Farber of Del Ray Beach, Fla. and Virginia (Bob) Dutcher of Ocala, Fla.; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He will certainly be missed by family and friends.

Services will be held at Mountain View Baptist Church in Lake Isabella at 11 a.m. on May 15, 2002, Pastor C. Preston North officiating. Burial to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2002



Etta Alene Barbarick

Etta Alene Barbarick was born in Vernon, Texas to Albert and Tina Mason on Dec. 22, 1908. She entered into rest on May 4, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital at the age of 93.

Etta left Texas in 1936, moving to Lynwood, Calif. and then to Los Angeles in 1947. In 1950, she moved to Porterville, Calif. and later moved back to the Lynwood and Colton area. In 1969, she came to the Lake Isabella area where she remained to her death.

Etta loved to sew and crochet and was excellent at both. Cooking was like a hobby to her, especially baking bread. When she was eight years of age, she won first place at the county fair in Texas. She learned a lot of secrets about cooking from her mother-in-law, who came

from Germany. She made candles and soap for family use. She loved all crafts and excelled in anything she did, even though she was blind in one eye for years.

Etta is survived by a son, Bill Barbarick of Corona, Calif.; three daughters, Ann Firth of Lake Isabella, Betty Millwee of Springville, Calif. and Darlene Hemenway of Bodfish; a sister, Claudia Hutchinson of Pateras, Wash.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 22 great-great-grandchildren.

A great void is left by her passing and all will greatly miss her.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Mesa Church of Christ on May 11, 2002 at 11 a.m., with Elder Lynn Klase officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Cypress, Calif. on May 13, 2002 at 11 a.m.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Marjorie I. Welch Olsson

Mrs. Marjorie I. Welch Olsson of Rockaway, Ore. passed away on April 29, 2002 in Tillamook, Ore. at the age of 69. Born in St. Augustine, Fla. on Dec. 30, 1932, to Clifton Ashe and Vera Lanier, Marjorie grew up and went to high school

in St. Augustine, moving to Boston at age 17. In 1956 she moved to California, living in Downey, Whittier and for many years in Lake Isabella before coming to the Tillamook area in 1990.

In Lake Isabella she owned and operated the Canebrake Restaurant, and she worked for Bank of America in Los Angeles for eight years. Mrs. Olsson was a past member of the Elks, Moose and VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 77 in Lake Isabella. She loved the peace and quiet of the outdoors, and was happiest with a fishing pole in her hand. Marjorie loved working with her rose plants, and enjoyed going to yard sales, crafting, cooking, and going to casinos. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Welch, in 1992, and by a brother, Gerald Ashe, in 1962.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Olsson of Rockaway, Ore.; two sons, Donald Welch of Indiana and Thomas Welch of Seattle; daughter Lisa Welch of Phoenix; brother Wayne Bush and sister Shirley Robertson of St. Augustine, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 3, 2002 at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook. A memorial service will take place at Kern Valley Cemetery on May 20, 2002 at 1 p.m., service by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002



Wilma Charlotte Walker

Wilma Charlotte Walker was born on Oct. 19, 1919 in Jackson County, Ala. to Paul and Alma Thacker. She passed away on April 29, 2002.

Early in her life, Wilma and her family moved to Texas where she grew up and began raising her family. In the early 1950s, Wilma and her family moved to California. She came to the Kern River Valley in 1993.

Wilma was a member of the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. She was active in Women's Sunday School.

Wilma is survived by her brother Paul and his wife Annie Thacker of Harbor City, Calif.; brother Zell Bouldin of Tehachapi; brother Bob Thacker of Texas; daughter-in-law Bobby Walker of Lake Isabella; grandchildren Steve and Leslie Walker of Fullerton, Calif.; grandchildren Christy and Bob Pocorena of Chino Hills, Calif.; four great-grandsons; and her special church family.

A memorial service was held on May 1, 2002 at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church. Graveside services were held on May 6, 2002 at Artesia Cemetery in Cerritos, Calif. Pastor Preston North presided over both services. Wilma will be truly missed by her family that she cared so much for and by all those special friends who knew and loved her.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Marjorie I. Welch Olsson

Mrs. Marjorie I. Welch Olsson of Rockaway, Ore. passed away on April 29, 2002 in Tillamook, Ore. at the age of 69. Born in St. Augustine, Fla. on Dec. 30, 1932 to Clifton Ashe and Vera Lanier, Marjorie grew up and went to high school in St. Augustine, moving to Boston at age 17. In 1956 she moved to California, living in Downey, Whittier and for many years in Lake Isabella before coming to the Tillamook area in 1990.

In Lake Isabella she owned and operated the Canebrake Restaurant, and she worked for Bank of America in Los Angeles for eight years. Mrs. Olsson was a past member of the Elks, Moose and VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 77 in Lake Isabella. She loved the peace and quiet of the outdoors, and was happiest with a fishing pole in her hand. Marjorie loved working with her rose plants, and enjoyed going to yard sales, crafting, cooking, and going to casinos. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Welch, in 1992, and by a brother, Gerald Ashe, in 1962.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Olsson of Rockaway, Ore.; son Donald Welch of Indiana; son Thomas Welch of Seattle; daughter Lisa Welch of Phoenix; brother Wayne Bush of St. Augustine, Fla.; sister Shirley Robertson of St. Augustine, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on May 3, 2002 at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook. A memorial service and inummment will take place at Kern Valley Cemetery at a future date.

Peter Nyhuis

Peter Nyhuis was born in Holland, Mich. on Oct. 6, 1918 and to Marnis and Marie Nyhuis. He entered into eternal rest on April 30, 2002 at the age of 83 in Bakersfield.

He left Michigan in 1928 and moved to Wheaton, Ill. In 1942, he moved to Seattle, Wash. and from there to Westchester, Calif. in 1944. He came to the Kern River Valley in 1977.

Peter was Mason Past Master, Past High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons No. 162, a member of the Kern River Valley Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville, Past Illustrious Master of Bakersfield Council No. 28, Past Eminent Commander of Bakersfield Commandry No. 39, K.Y.C.H. Fresno Priory No. 71, Shriner Al Mataikoh Grand Convention Order of High Priesthood State of California, Southern California Past Masters Association, Lake Isabella Shrine Club, Grand Council Thrice Illustrious Masters, Golden Quest York Rite College No. 119, Super Excellent Master of Southern California.

Peter was well loved and well respected by his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his two sons, Peter Andrew Nyhuis and wife of Oro Valley, Ariz., and Dean Allen Nyhuis of Lakewood, Calif.; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his special friend Becky Noel of Lake Isabella.

A memorial service will be held at the Masonic Lodge No. 827 in Kernville on May 8, 2002 at 2 p.m. He will be buried at sea off the coast of Southern California.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Peter's name to your favorite charity.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Raymond Theodore "Ray" Henson

Ray Henson was born in Blytheville, Ark. on Sept. 20, 1926 to James and Mary Henson and entered into rest on May 1, 2002 at the age of 75 in Lake Isabella.

He came to California after his discharge from the United States Navy in 1947. He met and married Margaret Holder in 1949 in Riverside, Calif. and resided there until 1975 at which time they moved to Wofford Heights and continued with his contracting business of painting houses.

Ray is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret; and three daughters, Mary Henson of Carlsbad, Calif., Donna Corser of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Christine Henson of Cambria, Calif.

Burial will be at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002

Richard Dillon Smith

Richard Smith was born on July 23, 1920 in Middletown, Ohio and passed away on April 16, 2002 in Weldon.

Dick graduated from Middletown High School in 1938 and then attended the University of Cincinnati, graduating with a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering and Metallurgy in 1943. He served in the United States Navy during World War II in Washington, D.C. and at the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) in China Lake, Calif., where he was in charge of the design, construction and facilitating the Heat Treatment Facility in the Michelson Laboratory. On Aug. 16, 1944, he was married to Marguerite Peacock. Their first two children, Richard Jr. and Marguerite, were born while they were living in China Lake. A third child, Donald, was born in 1953 in Pasadena. Following his retirement, he became involved with the University of La Verne Extension Division. Seven years ago he decided to purchase his Weldon property and became involved with the Nature Conservancy and served on the Kern River Valley Revitalization Committee. Dick was active in his neighborhood and was a committed volunteer for the South Fork Union School District and the South Fork Healthy Start Program.

Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marguerite; children Richard Jr., Marguerite and Donald, all of California; and four grandchildren.

There was a memorial service on May 4, 2002 at the Weldon Southern Baptist Church in Weldon, officiated by Robert Lewis.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the South Fork Union School District in memory of Richard D. Smith.

Paul Ritter

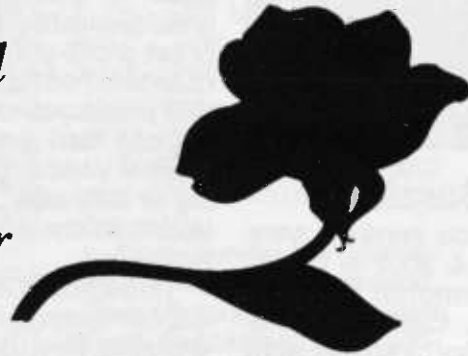
Paul Ritter was born June 9, 1939, and went to be with the Lord on April 23, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Millie Ritter, and a stepson, Ron Martinovich of Glendale; a son, David, of Ventura; a daughter, April Moreno of Hemet, Calif.; a brother, John Ritter of Las Vegas; a brother, Bruce Ritter of Bodfish; his mother, Lillie Ritter of Lake Isabella; three grandsons; and two granddaughters.

Memorial services were held on May 4 at the Kern Valley Bible Church in Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002

In Loving Memory of Donna Landry

*She was a wonderful
woman, loving
mother and wife.
Donna will be in our
hearts forever.*



*Please Join Us
to
Celebrate the Life
of*

Bill Rose, Jr.

*Saturday, May 11th, 2002
11:00 a.m.*

*Come for a Memorial Barbecue
Impact*

*1680 No. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103
(626) 798-0884*

*If you have any pictures of Bill, please bring them.
Go to Yahoo.com for a map*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002



Celia Barclay

Graveside services were held April 4, 2002 at Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Palmdale, Calif. for Celia Barclay. Rev. Joe Silva from Quartz Hill Assembly of God was the Officiant. After a long struggle with a serious illness, God called Celia home on March 31, 2002.

Celia was born on Aug. 31, 1915 in Beattyville, Ky. She was married to Albert Barclay, who predeceased her on Sept. 3, 1988.

Celia had five children. Two

of her daughters, Pauline Leftwich and Ann Clarkson, preceded her death. Her surviving children are Julia Spencer of Mountain Mesa, Beulah Selzer and her husband Jim of North Hollywood, Calif., and Robert Barclay, also of North Hollywood. Other survivors include 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Celia also had two grandsons who predeceased her.

Celia had lived several years in Weldon before moving to Lancaster. When she became ill, she moved to North Hollywood.

Throughout Celia's entire life, her undying faith in God prevailed. Even during her illness, she told her family and friends that Heaven was going to be wonderful and she wanted to see all of them there someday. Her faith in God kept her strong. Even in pain, she always had a beautiful smile and a twinkle in her eye.

God Has Promised

by Elsie Natalie Brady

God has kept His promise

To send the rain and sun,

The splendor of the seasons,

The night when day is done.

Everything we treasure

Here on Earth below,

Is given without measure

With love, to thrive and grow.

God has also promised

That one day we shall see

His Kingdom and the glory,

For all eternity.



Gay Jett

Gay Jett was delivered Dec. 28, 1923 in Long Beach, Calif. She was reunited into the loving arms of her husband, Walt, and son Gail on April 22, 2002. Graveside services were held April 30, 2002 at Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, Calif.

Before moving to the valley Gay and family resided in Redondo Beach where she owned and operated a catering service. After retiring and moving to the lake, Gay became very active in the community. She belonged to the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church, and the U.M.W. She was president twice of the California Grandmothers Club No. 94, Sr. Regent of the Women of the Moose No. 1297, a local friendship club, also the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary, working both at the hospital and thrift shop.

Gay was known for her good cooking, cheery smile and encouraging word for everyone she met.

Gay was loved and will be missed by a large extended family of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

There will be a memorial service on May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Chapel U.M.C. with Pastor Ardys Sandell officiating.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002

Denise Reid

Private arrangements have been made for Denise Reid of Mountain Mesa who passed away after a long illness on April 25, 2002. Denise was born Nov. 1, 1961 in Gadsden, Ala. and moved to California in 1971. She moved to the Kern River Valley four years ago.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed fishing. Her family was the most important thing to her. She loved spending time with them. She was a very special lady.

Denise is survived by her longtime companion of 11 years, Andy Williams; son Chris and his wife Stosha Mercer; daughter Nancy and husband John Barber; son Ronald Hall; mother Frances Watson; sister Kathy Mayo and her husband Randy; brother Ray and his wife Colita Cole; and three grandchildren, Alisha, Johnathon and James. We will all miss you.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary.

Betty Jane Schaefer

Betty Jane Schaefer passed away April 17, 2002 at age 79. She was the loving mother of Sandra Feldman, Janice Bennett and Shirley Floody.

Betty is also survived by five grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Private services took place and were arranged by Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cypress, Calif.

Donald L. Stubblefield

Donald L. Stubblefield was born on May 14, 1946 and passed away April 24, 2002.

Don was born in Bakersfield and moved to Johnsondale in 1949 at the age of three. He spent the rest of his life in "God's Country."

Don loved fishing, hunting and visiting with his friends in the valley.

Don is survived by his longtime friend and companion, Diane Wallace of Kernville; son Curtis Stubblefield; and grandson Thomas Stubblefield of Bakersfield. He also left behind his sister and brother-in-law Velma and Jack Montgomery; sister and brother-in-law Katherine and Floyd Paisley of Morro Bay; sister-in-law Jo Cooper of Wofford Heights; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his daughter Donna and his brother Kenny.

His many, many friends will long remember him for his warmth and the jokes he had ready for all.

We will miss him greatly.

A memorial will be held at Riverside Park, May 11 at noon. All are welcome.



Richard Eugene "Dick" Smith

Dick Smith was born Dec. 17, 1935 in Lansing, Mich. and passed away on May 10, 2002 in Wofford Heights. He is survived by his wife, Billie Smith; daughters Jewell Hoffman of Oceanside, Calif. and Sharri Cazares of Kernville; brother Elmer Smith of Colorado; brothers Tom and Russell and sister Rosemary of Michigan; and seven grandchildren—Summer, Rick, Jill, Tanner, Michelle, Amy and Priscella, all of California.

Dick Smith served in the U.S. Navy for 14 years and retired from McDonnell Douglas. He loved golf and going to Vegas.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary, Lake Isabella.



John H. Randall

John Randall came into this world Jan. 8, 1927 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son to Margaret and Parker Randall. During World War II he was stationed in the China-Burma Theater (in what is now Pakistan.) It was there he met Lillian Gardner. There were married after they got out of the service, and settled in Inglewood, Calif. They had two sons, Christopher and John. In 1984, they moved to Wofford Heights.

John was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Golden Eagles. He was one of the founding members of the Kern River Valley Gun Association. He was a member of the Elks and Moose Lodges. An avid photographer, John probably took pictures of just about everything and everybody in the Kern River Valley. John and Lillian (Lill on the Hill), his wife of 54 years, threw big parties for their friends at their house up Evans Road in Wofford Heights. He was president of H.F. Int'l (a sideband radio club with thousands of members worldwide).

John passed away on April 30, 2002 of pneumonia at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. John (Jack) will be missed by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his brother, George; his sons, Christopher and John (Jay); his daughter-in-law, Maria Elena; his two granddaughters, Cynthia and Nicole; and his nieces Sandra Shatley and Sandra Miller.

A memorial service will be held at the Elks Lodge in Wofford Heights on June 9, 2002 at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2002

Lois Dunning Plumb

Lois Dunning Plumb, 91, passed away May 10, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Lois was born in Morristown, S. D., on Oct. 1, 1910. She lived in the Lake Isabella area for the past four years.

Lois enjoyed her family and knitting afghans for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading.

Lois is survived by her children, Curtis Plumb of Santa Monica and Nancy Jose and her husband Bob of Lake Isabella; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brother Claude Dunning of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and sisters Dorothy Rossback of Kernville and Patricia Heady of Huntington Beach, Calif.

A memorial service was held on May 15, 2002 at Weldon Southern Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Bill Lewis.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Nancy Jane Boulware

Memorial services were held May 18, 2002 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Lake Isabella for Nancy Jane Boulware, 91, who passed away May 7, 2002.

Mrs. Boulware was born on March 23, 1911 in Hannibal, Mo. and resided in Kern County for 20 years. Mrs. Boulware had worked as a clerk for a dry cleaning business. She is survived by her family, congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mrs. Boulware had a firm belief— "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4)—and she was faithful to that belief.

"Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life, those who practiced vile things to a resurrection of judgment" (John 5: 28-29).

Services handled by Greenlawn Mortuary, Funeral Directors, Bakersfield, Calif.

Leland "Lee" Goss

Leland "Lee" Goss was born on a grape ranch, northeast of Fresno. His parents were Calvin Richie and Mabel O. Goss. Lee was the youngest and fourth child. He had three sisters, Vera, Ardith and Frances.

Lee graduated from Bell High School in L.A. and attended Compton Jr. College. His trade was Millwrights of United Brotherhood of Carpenters, and he achieved the status of business manager and representative before retirement.

He was a member of the Al Malaikah Temple, Elks Lodge No. 2358, Moose Lodge, Kern Valley Golf Course, and the Kern Valley Gun Association.

His first wife, Margaret, passed away in 1982. They had three children— Gary L., Timothy J. and Mary Shannon. Lee has five granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Lee married Arminta (Minty) Osborne in 1990 and lived happily ever after. Thank you, Minty!

Jerry Colman McMahan

Funeral services were held May 14, 2002 at the Christian Assembly Church in Mountain Mesa for Jerry McMahan, who went home to be with the Lord on May 8, 2002 in Bakersfield. Officiating was Pastor Dan Hellyer. Interment was at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif.

Jerry moved to the Kern River Valley four years ago after retiring from the air conditioning and heating business. He and his wife attended the Full Gospel Fellowship under Pastor Gary Nichols; then in October 2000 upon the retirement of Pastor Nichols they attended the Christian Assembly under Pastor Dan Hellyer. Jerry became their sound man and all-around handyman.

Jerry was a member of the Kern Valley Corvette Club and loved attending antique car shows. His favorite hangout was the Pizza Factory every Friday night. He was known for the practical jokes he played on the Friday night group.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Navona McMahan of Lake Isabella; daughter and husband Kim and Dan Davis; daughter Janet Bradney; daughter Kathy and husband Charlie Keith; daughter Christine and husband Christopher Callahan; son Marshel Crank; daughter Debbie and husband Kenneth Stanley; two sisters, Tildon Smith and Mary Hines; and seven grandchildren. Jerry will be greatly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Arthur "Art" Edward Peterson, Jr.

Art Peterson was born in Sisson, S.D. to Arthur and Virginia Peterson on Aug. 8, 1915 and entered into eternal rest on May 15, 2002 at his home in Lake Isabella.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy during two wars. He worked as an electrician in the steel mill industry for over 25 years.

Art loved animals and working in his garden. He enjoyed family outings and loved to barbecue. He really appreciated the Fourth of July fireworks displays. He had such an interest in history, he could not pass a monument by without stopping to read it. He loved to read.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosemary. He is survived by his daughters, Patty Rowland of Palmdale, Calif. and Pam Peterson of Lake Isabella; sons Arthur Peterson of Little Rock, Calif., Allan Peterson of Minneapolis and John Peterson of Lake Isabella; sister Margaret Crandall of Trinidad, West Indies; grandchildren Kellie, Derek, Tanya, Kentress, Melody, Tom and Wynter; and great-grandchildren Brady and Hannah.

Private services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Junior Clell High

Junior High was born to his parents John and Gertie on March 20, 1927, in Lindsay, Okla. and passed away on May 14, 2002, in Mountain Mesa.

When he was 10, Junior and his family moved to Shafter, Calif., where as a young man, he began working in the farming industry. In 1973, while working in Bakersfield, Junior met the love of his life, Melissa Jane Brown. The two married and began building a life together, moving to Lake Isabella in about 1987. Junior and Melissa spent time here outdoors fishing and pursuing their second love, country music.

Memorial services were held on May 18 in the chapel at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Pastor Preston North of Mountain View Southern Baptist Church officiated.

Junior Clell High is survived by his loving wife, Melissa, of Lake Isabella; his brothers, Robert High of Lake Isabella, Jack High of Stockton, Calif., and Charles and Bobby High of Poplarville, Miss.; sisters Pearl Thompson, Sybil Olson, Edna Shreffler and Linda Zilch, all of Fresno, Calif.; special friends Kenneth and Pattie Riggs of Anderson, Calif., Bob and Sue Coogle of Lake Isabella and Marilyn Strong and Jack Montgomery, also of Lake Isabella. Junior was preceded in passing by his brother, Newton High of Grover City, Calif.

Junior will be truly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Michael Evan Miranda

Michael Evan Miranda was born in Redlands, Calif. to Phillip and Beverly Miranda on Oct. 4, 1962. Michael passed away in Bodfish on May 9, 2002.

Michael was raised in the Kern Valley and spent his life here. Michael graduated from Kern Valley High School. He was very active in sports and was quite a baseball pitcher.

Michael was very proud of his sons, Klayton and Nathaniel, and his brother Matt. Mike was also very proud of his Indian heritage, his stay in the Army, his fishing skills, his artistic endeavors and his big rig trucking business, Miranda Trucking.

Mike was taught to fish by his Grandpa Barr when he was very young and you could find him most days

down at the lake fishing and enjoying the scenery.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Phillip W. Miranda, Sr. and his brother, Phillip W. Miranda, Jr.

He is survived by his mother, Beverly Miranda and brother Matthew Medland; sons Nathaniel and Klayton Miranda; Uncle Randy and Aunt Rochelle Bart; longtime love and companion, Julie Greenwood; faithful friend since kindergarten Sean Dowd; aunts and uncles Virgil and Bertha Eller, Robert and Gerrie Creech, Jim and Alberta Garrett, Don and Wilma Sprouse, Ruthie Bencoma, Clifford Miranda, Edna Stone, Rocky and Judy Stone, Dale and Betsy Johnson, Anthony Stone and Josephine Stone; great-uncle Jim Andreas and many cousins.

Michael touched many hearts with his beautiful blue eyes and big smile and willingness to help others. He will be everlastingly and deeply missed by family and friends.

Funeral services were entrusted to Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella and VFW Post 7665 on May 16, 2002 at the old cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pallbearers were Dan Wagner, Matt Medland, Mark Iverson, Sean Dowd, Talbert Malone, Bert Eller and Beverly Miranda.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

To Lois

*Not for you a darkened trench, where
you must lie among the stench of rotting
bones... your own.*

*You chose to have your ashes blow
O'er fields and forest far below,
Wafting in the sunset's glow. Serene. Alone.*

With Love,

Your sister Dorothy Rossback

Grace Gibbs Chadduck

Grace Gibbs Chadduck was born Jan. 28, 1910 in Union, Hardin County, Iowa, and passed away May 29, 2002 at the age of 92. She was the last of her family of three sisters and two brothers. Her parents were Eliza Gibbs, born in New Providence, Hardin County, Iowa and Maggie Novella Whitehead Gibbs, born in Yadkin County, N.C.

Grace and her brothers and sisters were raised on the farm in Iowa, moving to Marshalltown, Iowa after their father's death. The family then moved to California except for one brother, who remained in Iowa.

She met husband Walter Carroll Chadduck when he brought her older sister home from a date. They were married on July 25, 1931. They

had three children— son Ronald and two daughters, Jean and Doris.

Grace raised her family with husband Walter in Glendale, Calif. She also raised two of her grandchildren. She was a mother most of her life. Upon passing of her husband Walter Feb. 5, 1998, she lived in Glendale until October 1999, when she moved to Bodfish to live with her son and daughter-in-law.

Grace leaves behind son Ronald Carroll Chadduck and his wife Jody of Bodfish; daughter Jean Chadduck Alan of Tahoe, Nevada; daughter Doris Lindsey of Glendale. She also leaves six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren— Mike, wife Karen and children Colin and Laura Chadduck of Kirkland, Wash.; Russ, wife Sue and children Brian and Loni Carol Chadduck of Thousand Oaks, Calif.; John

Alan of Glendale, Calif., his daughter Lauren Alan of Bakersfield, Calif., David Alan of Glendale, Calif., Leah Lindsey Hays and husband Rob of Reseda, Calif. and Brendon Lindsey of Glendale, Calif.

Grace will rest with her two sisters and husband at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Glendale, Calif.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2002

Lena Mae Pysarchyk

Lena Mae Pysarchyk was born April 14, 1913 in Fowler, Kansas and passed away at Kern Village Assisted Living in Kernville on May 26, 2002.

Lena Mae was preceded in death by her loving husband, Paul; her son, Jimmy Lee, three brothers and four sisters. She is survived by her brother, Bill Cavner, of Manti, Utah; nephew Bill Cavner of Merced, Calif.; and niece Jean Carson Lewis of Conroe, Texas.

Lena moved to California during the Depression. Her love of dancing and music followed her throughout her life. She was a dance instructor and never missed a chance to kick up her heels at the Wednesday night Senior Center dance. She also enjoyed traveling. She was a past member of the Women of the Moose, the Bodfish Beavers, the Grandmothers Club and the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

A celebration of her life was held on June 2, 2002 at 1 p.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church. Burial followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. Lake Isabella Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Remembrances may be made to Hoffman Hospice, 6501 Schirra Court, Suite 301, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

Viola Zuma Bench

Viola Zuma Bench was born in Tishomingo, Okla. on Oct. 15, 1913 and entered into eternal life on May 23, 2002 in Bakersfield, Calif. She was a resident of Bodfish, Calif. for 15 years, and was a devoted mother and loved taking care of her home.

She is survived by her daughters— Nadine Matthews of Las Vegas, Nev.; Louise Rochman of Chatsworth, Calif.; Beverly Vavra of Bodfish; and Betty Still of Southlake— and a brother, Odie Chaney of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Graveside services were held at Eternal Valley Cemetery in Newhall, Calif. on May 31, 2002 with Pastor Jack Dilley officiating.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Mavis Merrick

Graveside services were held June 6, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for Mavis Merrick, who passed away on June 2, 2002. Officiating was Pastor Gene Bush of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Lake Isabella.

Maris Vera Heath was born to Kenneth and Julia Heath on July 19, 1917 in Osseo, Wisc. She moved to California at age 16 to be close to her dear sister Doris and then they moved to Inglewood where she met and married her husband Fred. Mavis stayed home while Fred worked and she raised seven children. She loved camping, fishing and gardening. She also went back to school in 1968 at El Camino College. She loved to write and wrote for the Reader's Digest at times. Mavis was a very gentle and loving person and her family was the most important thing to her. She was always giving of herself. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Fred, and her daughter Julia.

Mavis is survived by her daughter Betty and husband Mark Beasley; daughter Patti and husband Danny Rabitoy; daughter Diana Keck; daughter Susan Blair; son Fred and wife Debbie Merrick; son Larry and wife Janyse Merrick; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; brother Harold Heath; and two sisters, Mattie Thomason and Shirley Heath. She will be missed very much.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002

Ralph Douglas Hogan

Ralph Douglas Hogan, 82, passed away June 4, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Mr. Hogan lived in the Mountain Mesa area for the past 23 years after moving here from the Chino area in the late 1970s.

Mr. Hogan was the past president of the Good Sam Club's Kern Valley Rovers chapter. Before moving to the Kern River Valley, Ralph spent many years in the construction trade where he was a superintendent with Spencer and Jones.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, Homer and Essie. He is survived by his

loving wife of 29 years, Allegra "Dodie" Hogan; son Ralph Jr. (Freda) of South Carolina; daughter Vikki (Terry) Lambert of Alta Loma, Calif.; son Ed (Donna) Hogan of Bakersfield; daughter Rose (Albert) Guerrero of Inyokern; son Rick of Ely, Nevada; son Bob (Lori) Hogan; daughter Jane of Arcadia; son Joe (Antoinette) of Highland, Calif.; grandchildren Sheri, Jeff, Todd, Chad, Jennifer, Doug; Sarah, Andrea, Joel, Gabrielle, Lee Phillip, Adam, Amanda, Amy, Christian and Jeremiah; and numerous nieces and nephews in Mississippi and Tennessee.

A memorial service for Ralph was held June 7, 2002 at the Christian Assembly in Mountain Mesa. Pastor Dan Hellyer officiated. Visitation followed at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment was on June 8 at the Oakdale Memorial Park Cemetery in La Verne, Calif. Pallbearers were Ed Hogan, Bob Hogan, Joe Hogan, Doug Hogan, Albert Guerrero and Terry Lambert.

As the family wishes, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2002



Catherine "Kitty" Watkins

Longtime Kern River Valley resident Catherine "Kitty" Watkins, 61, died June 5, 2002 at San Joaquin Community Hospital in Bakersfield.

Mrs. Watkins was born July 25, 1940 in California. She was a resident of the Kern River Valley for 27 years and taught school in the local school system for 10 years.

Many will remember her for her "Kitty Korner" column in a local newspaper, where she wrote of life's events. She often wrote about the happen-

ings of her children Stacey and Steven, and the family pets.

As a commercial artist for the *Indio Daily News*, she was instrumental in producing an award-winning tabloid for the Bob Hope Desert Classic golf tournament in Palm Springs. Her drawings were recognized by leading businesses in that area and were often used in their advertisements. She also won first place in cover design in a California newspaper contest. It was while working at the *Indio Daily News* that she met her husband, John.

Her family remembers her as a wonderful wife, mother, and most especially grandmother to her granddaughter Lexie. She was a great friend to those whom she considered friends. They will remember her as a soft-spoken person who rarely raised her voice and was always there to lend a hand when needed.

She was preceded in death by her son, Stanley, 6, and her father, Stanley Twaroski, 98.

Mrs. Watkins is survived by her husband, John Watkins; and her children and their

spouses Stacey and Adam Sanders and Steven and Jennifer Watkins and granddaughter Lexie Watkins.

Visitation was Sunday evening at Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella. Services were Monday at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights and burial took place at Kern Valley Cemetery.

John Harlan Peterson

Private arrangements were made for John Harlan Peterson, who passed away after a long illness on June 10, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Mr. Peterson was born Jan. 20, 1909 in Valley, Neb. to John and Amanda Peterson. He moved to Pasadena, Calif. in 1939 and met his wife, Alberta, in 1942 at Douglas Aircraft where they both worked. They were married in 1944 and moved to Kern County in June 1947 where John went to work for the Naval Weapons Center in Ridgecrest. They bought their property in Weldon in 1961 and have been residents since 1964.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lela. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alberta; his sister Maruly Johnson of Texas; brother Warren Peterson of Washington; several nieces and nephews; and his loving companion, "Cutie Pie."

The family would like to thank the Gambro Dialysis in Bakersfield and Emmanuel San Joaquin Nursing Home for their outstanding care given to John and most of all our wonderful friend Susan.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Richard Eugene "Gene" Kennedy

Gene Kennedy was born on Dec. 15, 1937 in Alliance, Neb. and passed away on June 11, 2002 in Lake Isabella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Alice Kennedy; his brother, Robert Kennedy; his son, Richard E. Kennedy; and his stepson, James Johnson.

Gene is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nakota; sons John Johnson and Robert Johnson of Oregon, William Johnson of Corning, Calif., Edward Kennedy of Phoenix, Ariz. and Rudy Kennedy of Oregon; daughter Gail Browning of Bakersfield; 20 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers Donald of Missouri, Maurice of Independence, Calif., Charles and James of Oklahoma and Clifford of Johannesburg, Calif.; sister Sharon Scarbrough of Terra Bella, Calif. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene attended Randsburg High School from 1951 to 1954. He then served in the U.S. Army.

Gene lived and worked most of his life in Kern and Inyo counties as a master mechanic, a rancher and later in life as a motel manager with his wife, Nikki.

He enjoyed racing stock cars, camping, fishing and traveling. He was a devout follower of the NASCAR circuit and will be missed each Sunday when the checkered flag drops.

Services arranged by the Bonewell Family of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Doreen N. McIntosh

Doreen N. McIntosh passed away on June 5, 2002 at the age of 71.

She is survived by daughter Heather Pemberton and soon-to-be son-in-law John Russo of San Pedro, Calif.; daughter Wendy and J.C. Frank of Lake Isabella; son Randy C. McIntosh of Lake Isabella; her only grandchild, Jarrod R. McIntosh of San Pedro; sister and brother Gail Gallow and David Smith of Toronto, Canada; and many friends in the Lake Isabella area. She will be greatly missed by everyone.

Thomas Harvey Matlack

Longtime resident of the Kern Valley, Thomas Harvey Matlack, descendent of the Hinkey family of Kernville, is with his beloved Jesus and his family and friends who have gone on before. After a short bout of Lou Gehrig's disease, Tom passed away peacefully April 16, 2002. At his bedside his loving wife Nancy was in constant attendance. He is also survived by his loving children, Tom Jr. of Boise, Idaho; daughter Maria McAbel of Sparks, Nevada; other family members Ann Clements, Dennis Hinkey and Jimmy MacPherson of the Kern Valley; his stepson Simon; and his stepdaughter Sacheen.

Quoting Scripture, Thomas said, "My end is better than my beginning." Thomas was loved and will be missed by all of those whose lives he touched.



Wilma "Pearl" Rich Delano

Graveside services will be held June 25, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Wilma "Pearl" Rich Delano.

Wilma was born on June 25, 1910 to William Morris and Eugenia Mae Stubbs in Pawhuska, Okla. She was married to Francis Rich for 54 years until his death in 1982. She married Paul Delano in Lake Isabella and they were married for 15 years until his death in 2000. Pearl, a resident of Lake Isabella, died in an Alzheimer's Home in Fullerton, Calif. on May 4, 2002.

Pearl is survived by her six children—Wendell Rich and wife Elayne of Lake Isabella, Joan Logan and husband Art of Fremont, Calif., Mary Richardson and husband Jim of Yorba Linda, Calif., Christy Rich and wife Vivian of La Jolla, Calif., Danny Rich of Flagstaff, Ariz., and John Rich and wife Dana of Flagstaff, Ariz. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 21 step-great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and three

step-great-great-grandchildren.

Pearl lived in Kansas until 1941 when the family moved to Long Beach, Calif. In 1970 Pearl and Francis retired in Lake Isabella. She loved to fish and was an expert. She knew where the best fishing holes were located, whether by boat or shore. She also loved to garden and dance. Pearl will always be remembered for her "Pearlisms."

Arden Larsen

Arden Larsen was born to Lewis and Caroline Larsen on Jan. 6, 1915 in Mason City, Iowa. He entered into rest early in the morning on June 8, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Arden moved from Mason City to McAllen, Texas in 1917 at the age of 2, and at the age of 4, moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa. He went through school in Council Bluffs and graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1934.

Arden worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad as a roundhouse clerk until 1940, at which time he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He served as an aircraft mechanic until 1943, receiving his discharge in 1945 at the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He married in 1942, and had a son, Donald Larsen.

Arden also worked for Langendorf Bakeries from February 1947 to September 1970 as a driver and also a salesman in the cookie division.

Arden moved to the Wofford Heights area in 1970 and met and married Betty McVesty on Nov. 8, 1972. Betty preceded him in death in August 1995.

After moving here he took a job with the Corps of Engineers as a maintenance plumber and stayed with them for the next six years, finally permanently retiring in 1978.

Arden loved the lake area and enjoyed many hours hunting and fishing.

He is survived by one son, Donald of Torrance, Calif.

Graveside services were held June 11, 2002 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dille officiated.

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

Gertrude "Trudy" Louise Dickson

Trudy Dickson was born in Bells Run, Pa. on Nov. 21, 1921, to her parents William and Lola Howden. She was raised in Weidsville, N.Y., and moved to Kernville in 1956 with her husband Harold Barnes and their four children. She worked on the fire camps as a cook when needed with her husband who was the ranger at Kennedy Meadows. After Harold tragically died in a forest fire in 1961, Trudy met and later married Richard T. Dickson in 1973. They traveled with a logging crew all over Northern California. Richard passed away in 1992, prompting Trudy to return to Kernville to spend time with her grandchildren. Trudy enjoyed playing bingo, was a member of the VFW, and attended the Kernville Baptist Church. Gertrude "Trudy" Louise Dickson passed away on June 17, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Her loving family and special friends gathered graveside on June 22, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights to pay their last respects to a special lady that they all knew and loved so much. Trudy will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She will live in her hearts and our memories forever.

Gertrude "Trudy" Dickson is survived by her daughters Shirley Wagner of Kernville, Linda McDonald of Torrance, and Judy Henderson of Glide, Ore. Also surviving Trudy are her 18 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Edith Howard of Pennsylvania and Helen Young of New York; sister-in-law Elenor Howden of New York and by her many special friends. Trudy is preceded in passing by her two husbands; by two brothers, William and James Howden; her son Harold "Buzz" Barnes; her daughter, Carla Jean Barnes, and by her grandson Joseph "Joey" Wagner. Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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He is survived by one son; Donald of Torrance, Calif.

Graveside services were held June 11, 2002 at the Kern River Valley District Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated.

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

Zelda Stephenson

Zelda Stephenson was born on Feb. 1, 1915 in Wagoner, Okla. and passed away on May 19, 2002 in Bakersfield.

She was married for 57 years to the late Albert "Bud" Stephenson. Zelda lived in Bodfish since 1976. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara (Wesley) Johnson of New Jersey; son Bruce (Georgia) Stephenson of Bodfish; son Alan Stephenson of San Diego; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Zelda was a homemaker and loved to cook. Her favorite pastime was fishing with Georgia. Mom, we love you and we will miss you dearly.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

Cecil Ray Kirby, Sr.

Cecil Kirby passed away on May 26, 2002, due to heart failure. He was a resident of Bodfish. Three children survive him: Stanley Allen Kirby of Barstow, Cecil Ray Kirby Jr. of Kansas and Mary Ann Ray of North Carolina. Cecil served in the Air Force and was buried at Riverside National Cemetery. He had over 40 years with the Carpenter's Union No. 150. He was an active member of the Kern Valley Moose Lodge No. 498. His favorite restaurant was the Dam Korner No. 1 where he would meet his 9 o'clock friends for breakfast most mornings.



Gladys P. Tice

Gladys P. Tice was born in Rogers, Ark. on Dec. 14, 1912 to Lonnie C. and Lilla May Patterson, and passed away on June 20, 2002. She was 89 years old, and a resident of Lake Isabella for the past 33 years off and on.

She is preceded in death by her husband Wallace (Wally) Tice on Jan. 31, 1987 in Alturas, Calif., after 47 years of marriage. He was a Kern County building inspector for 17 years in the Lake Isabella area. She was also preceded in death by her son, Jimmy W. Hargrove of Lake Isabella in May 1990, her parents, two sisters and a brother.

She is survived by her daughter, Jarrell D. Ryan of Alturas, Calif.; her son, John W. Tice and wife Rose of Lake Isabella; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; her sister Ruth Coalson of Westminster, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



Eva Esther High

Private arrangements were made for Eva Esther High, who passed away on June 22, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

Eva was born on June 26, 1911 in Grisham, Ore. and moved to Pasadena, Calif. with her husband in 1931. They moved to the Kern River Valley in 1971.

Eva loved to crochet and cook. She was a member of the Kern Valley Bible Church and lived a very full life. She enjoyed her friends and most of all, she loved her family and doing for them.

She is survived by daughter Violet and husband Bob Cossey; daughter Nancy Yemmons; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Elmer Peake. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Lloyd High.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Alpha Mae Shipley

Alpha Mae Shipley was born April 5, 1906 to Calvin and Nellie Long in Boone County, Mo. She was the oldest of nine children. She passed away June 25, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

Alpha married Albert Daniel in December 1926. He preceded her in death after 62 years of marriage.

She was the proud and loving mother of four children. Three of them preceded her in death—two daughters, Mary E. Batner and Vivian R. Marsh, both of Columbia, Mo., and one son, William M. of Southlake.

She is survived by one son, Donald C. of Southlake; daughter-in-law Glenda of Southlake; son-in-law Kenneth S. Batner of Columbia, Mo.; and one sister, Lena Richmond of Kansas City, Kan.

Alpha was blessed with nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Alpha loved to crochet and made many afghans for everyone. She also loved to cook big Sunday dinners for all the family.

Alpha will be greatly missed by everyone and will remain in our hearts forever.

Interment was at Kern Valley Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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Anna John Tuttle

Graveside services were held on June 26, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery for Anna Tuttle, who passed away on June 24, 2002.

Anna John Tuttle was born on Dec. 7, 1928 in Tipton, Okla. and moved to the Kern County area as a child with her parents. She moved to the Kernville area and later graduated from Johnsondale High School. Anna was a resident of Kern County for more than 60 years. As a teen she worked at the pack station at Roads End with the Pascoe family, where she met her husband to be, Alan. She married him on June 29, 1946. They made their residence in Wofford Heights, where they began raising their family while she worked at the hospital, which was then

in Wofford Heights. Soon she began ranching and farming in the South Fork area. She was inspector on the Election Board in Wofford Heights in excess of 25 years.

She was very active in the rodeo, barrel racing, pole bending and team penning. In later years she was very active in the Senior Center where she was vice president for the senior program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alan, in September 1992. She is survived by her son, Alan "Bo" and his wife Brenda; daughter Susie and husband Michael Brown; three grandchildren, Shannon "Sam" and husband Charlie Flores, Liberty and husband Joe Grubb, and Rhonda Tuttle; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel and Brennen Grubb and Adriann Flores— and one on the way.

She is also survived by her brother, Don Wren, sister Ruth Jones, and other relatives as well as many friends around the valley.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Ann Tuttle

*There's very few around
Ann Tuttle never touched
Her heart was open wide,
Loved us all so much.
She grew up in the saddle
And horses were her love.
At round-up time in heaven
Her brand will shine above.
Remember well, we do
A tale we were to know.
While herding scores of cattle
Appeared a buffalo.
Well, Ann was sure surprised:
Her horse turned in fear,
She nearly lost her saddle
The horse was in high gear.
Many times we were to share
And in her presence see,
She and bubby Alan,
Happy as could be.
In our C.B. family
Cowbell was her name.
So proudly she bore it
And dancing was her game.
She could do the wirry gigs
And she never tired,
Her dance card always full.
Her presence was desired.
We'll miss her every day
And deep within our hearts
For all the years to come
Her name will be a part.*

— June and Herm Stevens

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2002

Clara Marie Anderson

Clara Marie Anderson was born Oct. 21, 1924. She passed away July 4, 2002 at the age of 77.

The eldest child of Art and Marie Malone, Clara spent many wonderful years in the Kern River Valley. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jack; sons Jack Jr. and Eric; father Art; sisters Joyce and Edith; and brother Willard. She will be loved and missed by those who survive her—daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Tom Kramer of Ridgecrest; son Gary and Lori Anderson of Spokane, Wash.; grandchildren Michelle Tweedel of Stockbridge, Ga., Eric Galvin of Ridgecrest, Corbin and Carly Anderson of Spokane, Wash., great-grandchildren Austin and Brady Tweedell of Stockbridge, Ga., mother Marie Malone; brothers Harvey, Stanley, Loren, and Boyd; and sisters Patricia and Dorothy.

Graveside services were held on July 9, 2002 at KernValley Cemetery. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

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Thelma I. Hamer

Thelma I. Hamer was born to Frank and Hannah Durbin on May 3, 1914 in Portland, Ore. She passed away June 29, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital in Mountain Mesa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, in 1981.

She is survived by a son, Gerald, and daughter-in-law Dianna; daughter Peggy and son-in-law Ted Michel, all of Heppner, Ore.; sister Virginia

and brother-in-law Floyd of Gardena, Calif.; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed going to the Elks Lodge with her husband, and she loved to go shopping. She needed four closets just for her things. She will be dearly missed.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella.

Kenneth Jerold Jackson

Kenneth Jerold Jackson was born in Sallisaw, Okla. on June 26, 1931 and passed into the Kingdom of God on June 27, 2002. Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary in Bakersfield on July 2, 2002.

Kenneth served his country as a paratrooper during the Korean Conflict. He operated a backhoe business for years and spent his retirement in his beloved Lake Isabella. He enjoyed morning coffee with his

brother, Billy, monthly dinners with his loving family and visiting with friends and his special bowling buddies.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Gayle Jackson; daughter and son-in-law Brenda and Paul Vissering; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth "Wayne" and Karen Jackson; grandsons Greg and Bryan Jackson and Danny Palafox and their families; and granddaughters Jessica Graves, Diana Meyers and Callie Vissering and their families. Kenneth will be especially missed by his special friend, Peggy Phillips.

Kenneth was the much loved brother of his sisters and their husbands—Mildred and Earl Pippin, Helen and Ed Kuhn, Geraldine Jackson, Linda and J.R. Bangloy—and his brother and his wife, Billy and Betty Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jessie and Jewel Jackson, and his brother, Cobby.

Kenneth was a wonderful father, loving grandfather and uncle, a terrific "big brother" and a loyal friend.

We know you were welcomed into the hands of Jesus and have been reunited with Mother and Daddy and all other loved ones who were there to greet you. You are forever in our hearts as a special "one-of-a-kind" man. We love you always. Your family.

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NG THE KERN VALLEY

Local family of 6 drowns in lake

► *Largest drowning incident in county history*

By Jeanne Miller
& Pam Stewart
Kern Valley Sun Staff Writers

Several pair of small shoes, container of juice and a bag of potato chips remained on the shore of Isabella Lake on the afternoon of July 2.

Their owners never returned to claim them — six more victims of the cool and inviting water of the

reservoir. Following the worst water-related tragedy in Kern County history, mourners gathered around a makeshift cross on the shore Tuesday night to remember Wofford Heights residents Martin and Charlotte Skaggs, both 45, and four of their six children: 10-year-old Melanie, 8-year-old April, 7-year-old Lindsey and 5-year-old Travis.

Two older boys, Cody, 14, and

Jeremy, 12, did not go to the lake with the rest of the family that day, and are now staying with their grandparents in Weldon.

In what Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks called a "tragic accident," the Wofford Heights family died, most likely— according to Sheriff's Department investigators— when one or more of the

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young girls stepped off a shallow sandbar into deeper water. The body of Martin Skaggs, who suffered from back and leg problems, was located by Search & Rescue volunteers in the same vicinity. He may have tried to bring them to safety before also finding himself in trouble.

Charlotte Skaggs and Travis were pulled alive from the water by nearby campers shortly after 3 p.m. Skaggs might have seen her husband's attempt to help the girls and tried to swim to his aid, according to officials. Travis, in all likelihood, followed his mother. She was transported to Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, where she died later that night. Travis was airlifted to Valley Children's Hospital in Madera, where he died on Thursday.

A 911 call brought in Search & Rescue volunteers who later located the bodies of Martin, Melanie and Lindsey Skaggs. The body of April, the only one of the family who was not considered to be a weak swimmer, was not recovered until the following day.

It was not an easy end for a family that had not enjoyed an easy life. Charlotte



Melanie

and Martin Skaggs were separated at the time of the accident. Charlotte and the children were staying with friends, until they could manage a home of their own.

"Their separation has been on-going since the marriage started," said the former husband of Charlotte's late daughter by another relationship, Mike Foster. "It was just that kind of a relationship."

Both Martin and Charlotte had had drug-related convictions, according to Sgt. J.C. Plank of the Kern County Sheriff's Lake Isabella substation. One local resident said, "The Sheriffs knew who they were." That, according to Plank, was an accurate assessment.

Foster's former wife, Angela Foster Skates, died in a roll-over accident in the Kern River Canyon in February of this year, leaving Foster with



April

their two small sons — Charlotte Skaggs' grandchildren. They were a close family, according to Foster. "She was a loving and caring mom," he said. "If you saw her somewhere, the kids were right in the back seat. It was a careful of heads."

"She was very fun-loving. Some of the best times I've had laughing, I've had with her."

The Kern Valley community has come together — not just to mourn — but to raise money for burial expenses and for an educational fund for the remaining two children. A fundraising car wash, held in Lake Isabella Saturday, raised close to \$1,200, with several more planned.

Funeral services for the family are scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights, followed by a graveside service at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.



Lindsey



Travis



Robert Earl "Bob" Hagood

Bob Hagood was born in Columbus, Miss. on Dec. 2, 1925 to William and Clara Hagood and entered into eternal life in Bodfish on July

11, 2002.

He served his country with the U.S. Navy during WWII after which he became a Merchant Marine.

Bob worked in the aircraft industry for a while before becoming a meat cutter and worked for Imperial Farms for 20 years, then for Golden West Meats before retiring. After retirement, he and his wife Rose bought a motor home and traveled for a year, visiting 23 states, before finding a home in Bodfish.

He loved to hunt, fish and bowl and loved his biscuits and gravy.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Mike Kelley of Washington. He is survived by his wife, Rose; daughter Vickie Hav of Lancaster, Calif.; daughter Theresa Cordato of Torrance, Calif.; daughter Jacqui Smith of Tennessee; daughter Rachael Husted of Florida; son Randy Steeley of Washington; sister Dorothy Suggs of Inglewood, Calif.; brother Russell Hagood of Texas; brother Joe Hagood of Washington; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Services will be held on July 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella, with interment to follow at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.



Violet L. Greenwood

Violet L. Greenwood passed away July 8, 2002 in Weldon at the age of 79.

Violet was born in Oklahoma on February 11, 1923. She lived in the Kern River Valley for 27 years. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club.

Violet was predeceased by her husband, Thomas Greenwood, in 1985. They were married for 40 years.

She is survived by daughter Sharon Greenwood-Montero of Weldon; son David Greenwood of Corona, Calif.; son Jerry Greenwood of Fontana, Calif.; son Barry Greenwood of Northern California; and six grandchildren.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

I would like to thank God for allowing me to take care of my mother for the past two years of her life. It has been my pleasure and my honor to do so. We will all miss her. — Sharon Greenwood-Montero

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002

In Memory Of
Jean Wyly

July 25, 1923–May 17, 2002



Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather, WW II Veteran

**Rest In Peace,
Your Loving Children –**

Jim, Alan, Chris, Steve, Ann, John, Marion, Lois

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002

Remembering

George M. Ferrans
1971-1999

George was killed on the Kern River
July 19, 1999, during a whitewater rafting
"Safety Adventure Swim"

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace, has brought me safe thus far,
And grace has led me home.*

You will always be in the hearts and
minds of Your Family
Soft and safe to thee George...

Robert Harry Passig

Robert Harry Passig, 81, of Redondo Beach and Lake Isabella, died July 10, 2002 at home.

Born July 12, 1921 in Clinton, Iowa, he was the son of the late Carl and Hazel Passig. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eileen O'Connor Passig, and his sister, Lois Wood.

Bob served in the Air Force as a sergeant in Burma during World War II. He was a self-employed auto mechanic for many years, and worked for both MGM Studios and CBS Television City in the Transportation Department until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and playing the guitar. He loved animals, especially cats, and provided a home for many strays.

Surviving are one brother, Richard and wife Barbara of Washington state; daughter Linda and husband Raymond Crough of Frederick, Md.; and two granddaughters, Casey and Amanda Crough, also of Frederick.

Bob will be deeply missed and remembered by his friend, Pauline Boyle.

Funeral arrangements were made by Rice's Mortuary of Frederick, Md.

Ernest Pel Adams, Jr.

Ernest Pel Adams, Jr., was born Sept. 15, 1934 and passed away July 15, 2002. Ernest was the proud father of six children— Dave Adams of Bodfish; Diane Verreras of Lake Isabella; Ernie Adams of Diamond Bar; Rick Adams of Chino Hills; and Mike Adams of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Laurie Adams David, and by his wife, Barbara, to whom he was a dedicated husband. He also has one brother, Dan Adams of Walnut Creek. In addition he left behind 13 beautiful grandchildren who will miss him very much. Ernest served his time proudly in the U.S. Army and retired from Southern California Edison in 1986 after 27 years service.

To all who knew our father, he was a man that you'd never forget. An individual of character or candor. He will be missed but never forgotten. Graveside services will be held July 29, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2002



Josephine Priscilla Boyd

Funeral services were held July 22, 2002 at the Church of the Nazarene in Lake Isabella for Josephine P. Boyd, who passed away at the age of 92 on July 16, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Officiating was the Reverend Steve Miller.

Mrs. Boyd was born Sept. 26, 1909 in Sapulpa, Okla. and came to California with her husband, Hack, in a covered wagon. They settled in Inglewood, Calif., which was mostly bean fields at the time.

This is where she raised her family.

They moved to the Kern River Family in 1971. She was a life member of the Church of the Nazarene and she enjoyed camping and fishing with her family. She was a great cook and enjoyed canning. She always had a smile on her face, and always found something to laugh about.

Josephine and Hack were married for more than 60 years before he passed away. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hack; two daughters, Gloria and June Kay; a grandchild, Mark; and a great-grandson, Eric. She is survived by her four children, Ben and his wife Jean Boyd; Larn and his wife, Barbara; daughter Carolyn Edwards; and son David and his wife Nancy Boyd; 14 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Edna and Wilma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mary Jane Moses

Mary Jane Moses, 71, loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away on July 16, 2002. She died peacefully at home in Redmond, Wash., surrounded by family.

She was a longtime resident of Bodfish and Trona, Calif. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, Warren G. Moses. She is survived by three children, Warren Dale Moses of Brentwood, Calif.; Robert Dean Moses of Texas; and Mary Alonna Gaines of Redmond, Wash.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Services and interment were held at Trona Cemetery on July 22, 2002. The family requests that memorials be sent to the Parkinson's Foundation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002

Margaret Amedea Mestyaneck

Margaret Amedea Mestyaneck, a longtime resident of Squirrel Valley, passed away at home July 17, 2002.

Born in Tuluca, Ill. on April 16, 1903, Margaret was 99.

She is survived by grandson Glenn King of Suquamish, Wash.; granddaughter Gail Kern of Carson City, Nev.; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and son-in-law Fred King of Squirrel Valley.

Margaret was a member of Eastern Star No. 640 in Desert Hot Springs and a member of Grandmothers Club No. 94 in Lake Isabella.

She enjoyed card parties, gardening, roses and visits with family members and friends.

Cremation arrangements by the Neptune Society.

She will be missed dearly.



Susan Myric (Witt) Milligan

Susan Myric (Witt) Milligan was born December 31, 1922 and passed away July 26, 2002 at the age of 79.

Sue was born and raised in Randsburg, and lived in the Kern Valley for the past 60 years. She leaves behind her son and daughter-in-law Russ and Carolyn Milligan; daughter Sandy (Milligan) Smith and

friend Denny Knight; grandchildren Chrissie Mansour, Randy Milligan, Jess Montgomery, Chase Smith and Jamy Smith; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Hi, Jim and Mike Witt.

She is preceded in death by brothers and sisters Mac, Hardee, Wade, Albert, Robert, Tim, Ruth, Margaret, and Mary.

Sue leaves behind many friends in the valley, and lots and lots of great memories. She is going to be greatly missed by all.

Memorial services will be held Aug. 2, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Mt. View Southern Baptist Church, 2959 Erskine Creek Road in Lake Isabella.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the clubhouse at the church.

Services entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002



Howard Thurman "Seahawk" Bruster

Howard Bruster, 87, of Lake Isabella, went to his Heavenly Father on July 5, 2002 in Tucson, Ariz., surrounded by his family. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Camille Bayer Bruster. Howard was an avid CBer, boater, camper and horseshoe player. He is survived by his two daughters, Deedee Bruster Cohen of Moorpark, Calif. and Margie Kersey of Tucson, Ariz. Howard also leaves behind a posterity of seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Those who knew Howard and called him friend will miss him dearly.

God saw that he was get-

ting tired and a cure was not to be.

So He put His arms around him and whispered, "Come with me."

With tearful hearts we watched him peacefully fade away.

Although we loved him dearly, we could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands to rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

As requested by Howard, no memorial service will be held. His ashes will be mingled with those of his dear wife, Camille, and spread in the ocean near Catalina Island where he spent many happy times with Camille and his daughters. Donations may be made in Howard's name to the Carondelet Hospice Services at 1802 W. St. Mary's Rd., Tucson, Ariz. 85745, who gave so generously to make Dad's final days more comfortable.

James Carl Belcher, Ceora Jane Belcher

James and Jane Belcher passed away on July 23,

2002 in Weldon.

They were raised in Lavonia, Mich. and were high school sweethearts. The two later married and they raised their family in Michigan. In 1962, James and Jane picked up roots and moved to Lancaster, Calif. area where James began working at Edwards Air Force Base. James and Jane continued to live and work in the high desert until 1982. The two then retired and moved to the Kern River Valley, settling down in Weldon.

James was a member of the Moose and Jane was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lancaster. The two enjoyed camping, fishing and spending time with their grandchildren. They will be truly missed by all who knew and loved them, and by all those they loved.

Graveside services were held on July 30, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Father Patrick Persinger of St. Jude's Catholic Church officiated.

James and Jane Belcher are survived by son Joseph Belcher and his wife Jacquelen of Lavonia, Mich.; son John Belcher and his wife Eileen of Lancaster; daughter Patricia Rusa of Lompoc, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. James and Jane were preceded in passing by their sons Charles, James Jr. and William.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002



Michael Joseph Erhardt

Michael Joseph Erhardt passed away of complications from pneumonia on July 27, 2002 at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif. Michael was born in 1926 and was a U.S. Army WWII Purple Heart veteran. He retired from the Buick Motor Division in Flint, Mich.

He resided in Barstow, Calif. and is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Kathryn Mae Erhardt. He is also survived by a son, Kenneth Michael Erhardt and his wife, Brenda; a daughter, Linda Kaye McAndrews and her husband, Tom, of Riverside, Calif.; son Robert Lee Erhardt and his wife Ann of Sacramento, Calif.; and son Michael Allen Erhardt of Moreno Valley, Calif.

He was preceded in death by two grandsons, and is survived by 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Aug. 5, 2002 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Military honors included the 21 gun salute.

Dorothy Elizabeth (Holderle) Colombini

Dorothy Elizabeth (Holderle) Colombini, 81, died June 21, 2002 at her home in Portland, Ore. following an extended illness.

She was born Feb. 26, 1921 in St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of the late Charles and Viola (Dames) Holderle. She is survived by a daughter, Eileen Clevenger and her husband Blair of Portland, Ore.; a grandson, Todd Kelley of San Diego, Calif.; a sister, Shirley Mills of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; a nephew, Steven Mills of Long Beach, Calif.; two nieces, Lori Finney of Baltimore, Md.; and Jackie Gray of St. Louis, Mo.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles and Harold Holderle.

She was a longtime resident of Oildale and Lake Isabella, and spent several years in Morro Bay, Calif.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lake Isabella. Remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements by Omega Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Portland, Ore.

Mable Blevins

Mable Blevins was born on Dec. 18, 1932 and went to be with our Lord on July 29, 2002.

She lived in Weldon for the past two years and had lived in Kern County for the past 25 years. Mable is survived by her children, Roland Blevins of Lamont, Warren Blevins Jr. of Lake Isabella, Joann Miller of Bakersfield, Charles Blevins of Weldon, Ronald Blevins of Weldon, Tim Blevins of Weldon, and Deborah Flynn of Mt. Mesa; 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Full-Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa on Aug. 9, 2002 at noon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002



Leslie Fredrick "Les" Schmidt

Leslie Fredrick "Les" Schmidt was born on Oct. 31, 1935 in Los Angeles and passed away of pancreatic cancer on July 29, 2002 at the age of 66.

The only son of Ena S. Schmidt of Wofford Heights, he will be missed by his loving mother, his daughter Kristin Winsor and grandson Dustin Rhinehart of Bakersfield; his half-sister, Geraldine Sullivan and family of Burbank, Calif.; aunt Joseph Barker of Studio City, Calif.; and her son Edward and family of Chatsworth, Calif.

Les is also loved and will be greatly missed by his beloved Betty Schmidt of Southlake and family, who took care of him in his final days.

Les served his country with the U.S. Navy. He lived in the Kern River Valley for 16 years after a career as a professional gardener in Los Angeles and was a physical therapist assistant here in the valley.

He loved fishing, model railroading, gardening and the beach.

There will be a memorial gathering of friends and family on Aug. 17, 2002 at noon at his home at 20 Senjayho Lane in Wofford Heights.

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

A Special Tribute
 To Our Sister
Clara Malone Anderson
 10/21/24 to 7/4/02



Our eldest sister and a feisty Irish gal who feared naught. A quick temper that might show up if she wasn't in the mood for teasing. If you decided to test her, better not be standing too close, 'cause you might feel the pain of her life. Adeline and I will miss you. Love Harv

Big sister to nine of us, and many others that "joined" our family through the years. Always put her family first. Loved being a part of such a big family. Always had a great sense of humor and could laugh at herself. We will miss her very much. Stan & Family

Sometime loud, blunt, frank and outspoken, and maybe a few colorful curse words to get her point across. Made friends easily and kept them for a lifetime. That was just the way she was. Loren

A dedicated and loyal family member, sister and friend. My very best supporter and critic in whatever I did. Always had an instant opinion, but left a door open for listening. Love you and miss you. Patsy & Pat
 I will think of you always on my gambling trips. I know you have already found that big slot machine in the sky. Til we meet again. "Maria & Elena"
 Love you "Dotty"

In Remembrance: (Our last visit was her gracious smile and laughter and her concern for all her family members' well-being and happiness.) Even when she called me a "Dumb Head" it was with love. Bud & Julie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2002

David Bryan Harvey

David Bryan Harvey was born July 17, 1946 in Pasadena, Calif. and passed away Aug. 4, 2002 at his home in Lake Isabella.

He is survived by his beloved mother, Wilma Pollock; his sister, Gloria Green of Prescott, Ariz.; his cousin, Gloria Stevens of Bakersfield, Calif.; his sister-in-law Dianne Harvey of San Francisco; niece Lisa Staal of Twin Peaks, Calif.; nephew Craig Wycoff of Mission Viejo, Calif.; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in Arkansas and Texas. He was preceded in death by his twin, Danny Bruce Harvey, in 1978; his father, Willie Harvey, in 1954; and his stepfather, Harold Pollock, in 1979.

David graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies. He served his country courageously as an Army Medic during the Vietnam conflict. Dave retired in Sept. 2001 from the U.S. Forest Service after 20 years, having worked previously 10 years for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Land Management in both Minnesota and Arizona.

David was an avid marathon runner and hiker with a great love of God's creation and enjoyed photographing its great beauty. He belonged to the National Audubon Society and was a very active volunteer at the Kern River Preserve. Dave was also a member of the Sierra Club and Kern County Search and Rescue. He volunteered at many local organizations including Camp Owen and was very concerned with protecting our national environment.

A memorial service was held Aug. 7, 2002 at the Kernville United Methodist Church with the U.S. Forest Service officiating the service and interment took place at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Diane Timm

Diane Timm, born on Oct. 8, 1940, in Clovis, N.M. to Clyde and Charlie Faye Massongill, went to be with the Lord on Aug. 5, 2002.

Diane is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Stephen; her children, Carrie Watson and Randy of Rohnert Park, Calif., Crystal Andrew and Mark of Lancaster, Calif., Stephen Timm and Jennifer of Lancaster, Candy Garcia of Lancaster and Cherie Timm of Merritt, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; a sister, Roxanne Carter of Mukilteo, Wash.; and a brother, Duane Massongill of Las Vegas, Nevada.

A memorial service to celebrate Diane's life was held Aug. 9, 2002 at New Hope Community Church in Lancaster.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2002

Bernice June Williams

Bernice June Williams, 74, a 15-year resident of Bodfish, passed away on Aug. 2, 2002.

Bernice was born Jan. 25, 1928 to Evelyn Ereta and Ferdinand Olak Nordstrom of Detroit, Mich.

Bernice is survived by her husband, Ted; her two daughters, Jacqueline E. Raffa of Bodfish and Johanna E. Willett of New Market, Ala.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Bernice and Ted were married in Buffalo, N.Y. on May 6, 1949 after a whirlwind romance and courtship of six weeks. Bernice

and Ted remained lovers, friends, confidants and husband and wife for 53 wonderful years.

Bernice's husband Ted and her daughter Jacqueline were by her side when she passed.

Bernice requested there be no memorial service. Her ashes will be spread at sea in an area of the South Pacific very dear to her and her family, where many wonderful years were spent together.

Anna Belle Slaton

Anna Belle Slaton, 92, passed away on January 18, 2002. She lived in Lake Isabella for 30 years.

She was born in Oklahoma in 1910. She was adopted from a Choctaw Indian reservation. She had no birth certificate, so her exact date of birth is not known.

Her occupation was in ceramics and she was employed by the Glendale Company.

She was widowed for over 25 years. She is survived by her children Maxine Dunlap, Mary O'Neal, Margaret Ann Miller, Raelene Goddard and James A. Miller; 20 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and her good friend, Shirley Keeling.

A memorial service will be held on Aug. 22, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital at 10 a.m. in the day room. Officiating will be the Rev. Ardis Sandall.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2002

John Whitker Stafford

Private arrangements have been made for John W. Stafford, who passed away Aug. 17, 2002 in an auto accident in Lake Isabella.

Mr. Stafford was born May 21, 1923 in Boling Green, Ohio. He served in the Navy during WWII in the Pacific. After returning from the service, he received his Bachelor's Degree from UCLA and proceeded into his lifelong work

of engineering and sales. He had two great passions in his life— he was an audiophile and loved the Big Band era, and he was a member of the Kern Valley Gun Club and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was also an excellent woodworker. He enjoyed the outdoors very much, which was one of the reasons he moved here to Wofford Heights after retiring. John was preceded in death by his loving wife of 35 years,

Granny Faye.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Debbie Stafford of Rancho San Diego; daughter and husband Catherine and Robbie Manning of Apple Valley; and four grandchildren, Kerri Manning, Kimberly Manning, Caitlin Stafford and Cole Stafford. He will be missed by his many friends and family.

John will be buried with his family in Boling Green, Ohio. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Virginia Marie Flynn

Virginia Marie Flynn, 73, passed away on Aug. 3, 2002 at her Mountain Mesa home. Her four children, Ellen Gragg and Jim, Charles and Kevin Flynn and their families were with her. Virginia had been ill for a short time.

She dedicated her life to her family and working in the service of others. As a school-teacher, Virginia taught special needs children in the Orange County and Magnolia school districts. Upon retirement from teaching in 1989, Virginia and her husband, Chuck, moved to Mountain Mesa. They enjoyed traveling, volunteering and playing golf. They volunteered for the National Park Service in Death Valley for six years. Virginia continued her volunteer work after Chuck's death in 2000. Her activities included chairing the Scholarship Committee for the Death Valley '49ers and volunteering at the curatorial facility at Death Valley National Park and Manzanar Monument.

Virginia was loved and will be missed by a large family, including her children and their spouses— Ellen and Durk Gragg of Loomis, Calif., Jim and Nancy Flynn of Coarsegold, Calif., Charles and Kimi Flynn of Aptos, Calif., and Kevin and Laurie Flynn of Scottsdale, Ariz.; grandchildren Bryan, Roo, Amanda, Cody, Sierra, Kyle, Ali and Aspen; sisters Eleanor Campbell of Kernville and Gloria Kreisher of Bakersfield;

brother Ed Wasielewski of Phoenix; brother-in-law James Campbell of Kernville; nephew Bob Campbell of Inyokern; niece Julie Hawkins of Visalia; great-nieces Wendy Hawkins of Monterey, Holly Forseth (Campbell) of Chicago and Heather Campbell of San Francisco; and great-nephews Brad, Nic and Adam Hawkins of Visalia.

Her niece Susan Campbell preceded Virginia in death.

A celebration of Virginia's life will be held Aug. 24 at the home of Bob and Alice Campbell, 1055 Sierra Vista, Inyokern at 4 p.m. Please contact Kevin Flynn at (480) 948-9082 for directions.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Virginia's name to: Death Valley '49ers Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 338, Death Valley CA 92328 or Friends of the Kern Valley Libraries, P.O. Box 554, Kernville CA 93238.

For additional service information, please contact Basham Funeral Home, 3312 Niles, Bakersfield, (661) 873-8200.

Charles Edward Spiegel

Charles Edward Spiegel was born to Edward and Ollie Spiegel in Port Lavaca, Texas on Jan. 17, 1913. He entered into rest on Aug. 9, 2002 at the age of 89 at his home in Lake Isabella with his wife and family by his side.

Charles worked at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif., where he was a mock-up mechanic for 36 years. He loved to hunt and fish, especially with his buddy, Bill Helton, who preceded him in death. He loved his garden and took pride in seeing it grow. His prize was a 38-pound pumpkin that he grew.

Charles is survived by his wife, Elmira, of Lake Isabella; sister-in-law June Williams and her daughter Michelle of Lake Isabella; sister Thelma Spiegel of Reno, Nevada; great-niece Dorothy, granddaughter Katherine Weiss and godson Donald Wines, all of Lake Isabella; four sons— Charles Spiegel and wife Sherry of Los Angeles, Roger Spiegel of San Diego, Raymond Feliz and wife DeDe of Las Vegas and Frank Feliz of Las Vegas; daughter Susan Dukeshire and husband of Sunland, Calif.; 15 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Charles loved his family and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services were entrusted to the care of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2002



Jessie Ellen Rucker

Memorial services were held Aug. 15, 2002 at Mt. View Southern Baptist Church for Jessie Ellen Rucker, who went to be with the Lord on Aug. 12, 2002 after a short illness. Officiating was Pastor Preston North. Graveside services were held at Mt. View Memorial Park in Barstow on Aug. 16, 2002.

Jessie was born in Yale, Okla. and came to California at the age of 8 to the San Joaquin Valley with her family. There she met and married Leroy Tyler in 1946 and they moved to Newberry Springs in 1950. She was very active in the Newberry Community Church and was a member of the Newberry School District Board. She and Leroy owned Tyler Well Drilling and Excavation and also the Newberry Market. After Leroy's death she moved to Barstow where she worked for the Barstow School District and finished raising her family. She then married Ed Rucker in 1978 and in 1980 Ed and Jessie moved to the Kern River Valley and they became the proprietors of the Onyx Emporium.

Upon retiring they traveled extensively and spent many hours hunting and fishing. She was a member of Mt. View Southern Baptist Church and TOPS No. 436.

She was preceded in death by her husband Leroy Tyler and in 1971 and Ed Rucker in 1995, and two brothers.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Kathie and Gene Orton; daughter Linda and son-in-law Rick Beacham; daughter Jane and son-in-law Frank Hill; two brothers and five sisters; six grandchildren—Melissa and husband Mike Guido, Amanda and husband Jeff Johnson, Lucy Beacham, Nickolas Beacham, Amy and husband Kevin Howe, and Timothy Hill; and four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jennifer, Julianna and Garret.

Jessie will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She is with her Lord now.

Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Recently my dear friend lost the love of her life to cancer.

Carol and Charlie moved here to the Valley in July of 1999 from Portland, Oregon to help care for his ailing mother (although whether she was really ill or not is in question).

Charlie had resided in Oregon for 23 years after serving his time in the U.S. Marines and fighting for his country in Vietnam.

He then met the love of his life, Carol, in 1995. He and Carol had their first date on Aug. 14, 1995— seven years to the day before they laid Charlie to rest.

While residing in Lake Isabella, they accumulated property together

while Carol worked the first year and a half, paying all bills.

Charlie was a jack-of-all-trades, mainly being self-employed, working construction most of his life.

Charlie was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt. As Carol wasn't really into hunting, she and Charlie did a lot of fishing together, which she learned to love as Charlie did.

In May 2001, Carol left the Smoke Shop where she had worked for almost two years, and opened up her own cigarette business. Charlie told her, "This is your baby, run it the way you want," and she did with a lot of sweat and determination.

She worked 12 hours a day, seven days a week for a year, until Charlie went into the hospital and was diagnosed with cancer of the brain.

She then closed the store in June, as she was traveling to the VA Hospital in L.A. every day to see Charlie.

Unfortunately, there was trouble with Charlie's family during this time. There is a question about their control of Charlie's assets, including a car that Charlie had bought her six years before.

Two and a half weeks before Charlie passed, they removed him from the hospital and brought him home to his mother's residence.

I saw my dear friend Carol go through so much pain, she wasn't even allowed to grieve in peace, and didn't deserve the treatment she got.

See, due to the nature of Charlie's illness, he could not fight back, nor speak on Carol's behalf.

I know where Charlie wanted to be— home with the love of his life. He told me himself when I visited him in the hospital that he had asked Carol numerous times to marry him.

Charlie loved her more than life, as she loved him.

We have come to the conclusion that none of these people have ever known the kind of love and devotion that Charlie and Carol shared.

One thing they can never take away from her is the memories they both shared.

Carol, Charlie will always be with you in spirit and heart.

Your friend always,

Love, Phyllis

Della Dee Henson

Della Dee Henson, 86, passed away Aug. 26, 2002 at the Skilled Nursing Facility in Mountain Mesa. She had been ill for quite some time. Her three daughters and family members were with her. She dedicated her life to her family and being of service to others.

Della had worked as a baker for many years for the Ford Motor Co. in Kansas City, Mo. and in Southern California. She moved to this area after retirement some years ago to be with her daughters. She enjoyed short car trips, yard sales and dining out as well as family dinners.

Della was preceded in death by three daughters, Charlotte, Karen and Wanda. She is survived by three daughters, Bonnie Chastain, Beverly Rogers and Sharon Nelson; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her twin sister, Dorothy, her sister Martha and their families in Missouri.

Services were held on Aug. 29, 2002 at 10 a.m. at Lake Isabella Funeral Home with Pastor Gary Nichols officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Covina, Calif. on Aug. 30, 2002.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Virginia Nell "Babe" Andrews

Virginia Nell "Babe" Andrews, a longtime Weldon resident, passed away at home peacefully on Aug. 22, 2002, following a year of complications due to a stroke and heart attack.

Born Feb. 14, 1914 in Sulphur, Okla., she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, John Herbert Andrews. Babe and John were married Feb. 2, 1935. They moved to Manhattan Beach, Calif. in 1941 with their children, Jona Lee and Mike. They remained there until retirement, when they moved to Redondo Beach. In 1959 they came to Weldon. They led a happy, family-oriented life and were close to their family, extended family and circle of friends.

Babe was a devoted stay-at-home wife and mother who was always cheerful and interesting. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a quick mind.

Babe took enormous pride in her family, which consists of her loving chil-

dren, Jona Lee Huefe and Chris Michael Andrews and his wife JoAnn; grandchildren Edward Huefe III, Valerie Canamar and husband Kevin, Trevor Andrews and Jay Andrews; and great-grandsons Jack and Logan Canamar.

Babe was always a lot of fun and her warm, loving presence will be missed by everyone who knew her.

A memorial service was held at the Weldon Methodist Church on Aug. 31, 2002.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



Charles Keith Swain

Charles Keith Swain peacefully passed away Aug. 11, 2002 in Bodfish after an intense three month battle with cancer.

Charles was born Aug. 28, 1950 in Porterville, Calif. and was raised in Bakersfield. He graduated from West High School in 1968 and shortly thereafter joined the Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. He spent four years in the military, earning multiple awards including National Defense, Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals and also received expert shooter badges.

He resided in Portland, Ore. for 20 years, after military service, where he ran his own construction company. Four years ago he moved to Lake Isabella to be near his family and care for his mother. He worked part time for Urner's as an appliance installer while managing his rental properties.

Everyone who ever met Charles adored him. He was always interesting to talk to and had a knack for making you feel at ease with his wonderful sense of humor and genuinely warm smile. He was first to volunteer his time and equipment to help family and friends. His true loves included fishing, hunting and cooking. He loved taking his drift boat out in the early morning fish-

ing the rivers of Oregon. He must have had at least a dozen tackle boxes filled with his special lures.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Jennifer; mother, Dorothy Anderson; sister and brother-in-law, Lela and Steven Steiber; aunt and uncle Lela and Kenneth Clark; cousin Kenneth Clark Jr.; and niece and nephew Heidi and Steven Steiber.

Visitation for Charles Keith Swain was held at Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella on Aug. 13, 2002. Private graveside services were held Aug. 14, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.



Alene Green

Alene Green, who lived in Granada Hills, Hemet and San Jose and retired in Bodfish, died July 31, 2002 in Bakersfield. Survivors include mother Alice Sottile of Bodfish; son and daughter Mario and Angelea Harrison of Granada Hills; and sister Deni Green and nephew Michael Green of San Jose. Memorial services were at Granada Hills Baptist Church. Donations can be made to account number 1461558353 at Wells Fargo Bank, 10260 So. DeAnza Blvd., Cupertino, Calif. 95014.

Arrangements by Bakersfield Family Funeral Directors.

Nadine T. Scoggan

Nadine T. Scoggan, 82, of Weldon, passed away on Aug. 4, 2002.

Nadine was born in Urbana, Mo. on Oct. 19, 1919. She lived in the Kern River Valley for 31 years and was employed as a cook at Nelda's Diner.

Nadine was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Her love of America was surpassed only by her love for her family.

Nadine was married for 40 years to Fred S. Scoggan, Jr., who passed away in 1985. She is survived by her children, Myrtle A. Shott of West Covina and Fred S. Scoggan III of Corning, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Aug. 12, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Arrangements by Ridgecrest Mortuary of Ridgecrest, Calif.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002



Monica Shannon McRoy

Monica Shannon McRoy of Bakersfield, and formerly of Lake Isabella, was born on April 4, 1982 in Redwood City. She passed away in an auto accident in Bakersfield on Aug. 30, 2002.

Monica was a student at Fredrico's Beauty College in Bakersfield. She was a very outgoing, friendly, lov-

ing person who was full of life. She loved red roses and raccoons. She especially loved camping in Boggs Forest. She also enjoyed being with her daughter Kiah and children in general. She loved days in the park with her family. She was a very loving mother, daughter, sister, partner, aunt and friend. She will be truly missed by all who knew her. She's our brown-eyed angel.

Monica is survived by her partner of four years, Justin Hunter; parents Clifton M. and Marsha McRoy of Ripon; daughter Kiah Eliza-

beth Hunter of Lake Isabella; brothers and sisters Shawna, Christina and Michayla McRoy, all of Ripon; grandparents William and Virginia McRoy of Ripon and Regina Bertolucci of San Francisco. She is predeceased by her grandfather, Louie Bertolucci.

Services were held Sept. 10, 2002 at P.L. Fry and Son Funeral Home in Manteca.

Remembrances may be sent to the Bank of Stockton, Trust Fund for Kiah Elizabeth Hunter, 234 W. Main St., Ripon, CA 95366.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Maitland L. Jones,
88. Memorial service
Sept. 19, 2002 at 2
p.m. at First Baptist
Church, Kernville, Rev.

Richard Lewis officiat-
ing. Refreshments fol-
lowing. Arrangements
by Valley Mortuary of
Lake Isabella.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002



Ambrose Wilson Spencer

Ambrose Wilson Spencer entered life on Dec. 20, 1910 in Newark, N.J. He lived and traveled with his parents, Earl and Margaret Spencer, and later moved to be with his grandparents on the Navajo Indian Reservation while they were fur traders. When Ambrose entered his teen years, he came out west with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show as a cowboy and bull rider.

While in the West, he played in silent movies on the big screen, and later worked as a Merchant Marine. During World War II, Ambrose proudly served his country in the United States Navy performing one of his unique skills. As he grew up speaking the Navajo Indian language, he became what was then called a "Wind Talker," using his Navajo language to transmit messages across the country without the risk of it being deciphered by the enemy. After the service, he worked as an electrician for most of his life and did high power lines here and in Alaska, becoming a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

He later retired and came to the Kern River Valley, selling down in Kelso Valley and becoming a rancher, as well as operating an antique store in Weldon. He was a life member of the V.F.W., Moose, Elks, Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society,

and the Altar Society.

Ambrose touched the lives of many people here, but on Sept. 1, 2002, Ambrose Wilson Spencer passed away. A Rosary was held for Ambrose on Sept. 8, 2002, at Valley Mortuary Chapel in Lake Isabella. Funeral Mass was held on Sept. 7, 2002 at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights, with Father Patrick Persinger officiating. Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield.

Ambrose Spencer Wilson is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children John, Robert, Margie, Jeanette and Jennifer; brothers Paul, John, Charles, William and Harold Spencer; sisters-in-law Betty and Margaret Woods; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Mary H. Garcia

Mary H. Garcia, born Aug. 15, 1920, passed away Sept. 10, 2002, surrounded by her loving family in her home. She is survived by her husband, Henry. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary Aug. 17, 2002. She is also survived by her three children, Henry Jr., David and Dolores, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was loved dearly and will be missed with even more love.

Care by Rose Hills, Whittier, Calif.

Maitland L. Jones Howes

Maitland L. Jones Howes, 88, of Lake Isabella, passed into the arms of our Lord Jesus on Sept. 5, 2002, after a long illness. She expired at home where she wanted to be with her loved ones.

Maitland was born in Webster, Maine July 17, 1914 to Weston Bernard Jones and Rena Mae Taylor Jones. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Joseph Stuart Howes of Sun Valley, Calif.; her brother, Willard M. Jones of Norway, Maine; her sister, Dorothy C. Remillard of Lewiston, Maine; and her nephew, Dana J. Lariviere of Lake Isabella.

Dr. Gary Finstad and the wonderful caring staff at Kern Valley Hospital worked hard to keep Maitie with us for over three years. Maitie never gave up and was looking forward to her 90th birthday.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia Jones Lariviere and nephew David K. Lariviere of Lake Isabella. Maitland was a resident of California since 1946.

Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella is in charge of her arrangements.

A memorial service will be held on Sept. 19, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Kernville with Rev. Richard Lewis officiating. Refreshments will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall adjacent to the church.

She was loved and will be missed by those who knew her.

Linda Kay Braswell Calvo

Linda Kay passed away Sept. 6, 2002, after a brief battle with cancer, with her family near.

Linda was born April 27, 1949, in Cleveland, Miss. She leaves her father and mother Troy and Pauline Braswell; brother Troy Braswell Jr. and his wife Ruth; son Mathew and his

wife Stacey; son Shiloh; and her daughter Tiffani and spouse Paul. The great joy of her life was her grandchildren Ariana, Mikey, Paul Jr., Megan and Ryan. She has joined her brother Edward.

Linda's career was as a barber and a beautician. She worked many years in the Barber Shop in Kernville and beauty shops in Lake Isabella. She loved keeping the family with the best-styled hair in town.

Her life was not an easy life. She suffered from a severe case of polio when she was 2-1/2 years old, and when she was three the doctors at the polio hospital, Ranch Los Amigos, placed her in a body cast until she was 13 years old. Our Linda never gave up. She raised her children, worked, and was a loving daughter, mother and grandmother. She loved sewing for her grandchildren until they were old enough to say, "Thanks, grandma, but it's OK for us to buy our own clothes." She was creative with her talent for making all of our greeting cards for any occasion.

We shall miss your special cards, your love and your laughter.

A memorial service was held Sept. 10, 2002 at the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Her interment was at the family site in Inglewood Park Cemetery in Inglewood, Calif.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Gifts

*The gift of love...
you gave us free
Warm smiles...
for all to see.
You placed a memory...
warm and dear
Around each heart...
to soothe each tear.
You have slipped away...
as ocean sands*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2002



Bob Powers

Bob Powers was born in "Old" Kernville (the site now lies in the lakebed of Isabella Lake) on June 7, 1924. He was proud to be the fifth generation to live in the Kern River Valley. He passed away at the Kern Valley Hospital on Sept. 11, 2002.

Bob was a cowboy, served in the U.S. Navy, and retired from the U.S. Forest Service. His passion for local history inspired him to author nine books, which

chronicle the history of a large portion of Kern County.

Bob loved life and lived it to the fullest. Every day was an adventure to him. He loved his Lord, his family, his many friends, cowboying and the Kern River Valley.

Bob leaves his wife of 51 years, Marge; children David and Vickey, Ken and Chris, Bob and Miki; Susie and Bill Williams. He was devoted to his 11 grandchildren—Jackie and husband Scott, Thomas, Daniel, Justin, Brian, Katie, Melissa, Kristen, Matt, Michael and Joseph.

His parents, Marvin and Isabel Powers; two brothers, Marvin and Bill; and a son, Thomas, preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tree of Life at Kern Valley Hospital or Family Life Centers Ministries.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella on Sept. 21, 2002 at 2 p.m.

William James "Bill" Pickering

William J. "Bill" Pickering was born on July 19, 1918 in Edgewater, N.J. He was married to Marie G. Pickering on Dec. 21, 1947. He is preceded in death by his only daughter, Virginia Marie. Bill served in the Army for five years and spend most of his working days with Alcoa in Edgewater, N.J. He and Marie moved to Lake Isabella in 1982 to be close to their only grandson. Bill is survived by his wife, Marie; grandson Scott Lyttle and his wife, Courtney, of Bakersfield; granddaughter Cathi Stoy of Bakersfield; granddaughter Vicki Licht and her husband Gary of Huntington Beach; great-grandchildren Brandi and Andrew Stoy and Kristi and Matthew Licht; a great-great-grandson, Joshua Stoy; and nephews Robert Dandorf and wife Eileen of New Jersey and Warren Dandorf of Tennessee.



Martin Everett "Robbie" Robbins

Robbie Robbins was born in Bloomfield Township, Des Moines, Iowa on April 6, 1922 and entered eternal rest at his home in Squirrel Valley on Sept. 12, 2002. He had suffered for many years with heart problems and diabetes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William M. Robbins and S. Elizabeth Tavenner Robbins; and a brother, Lewis W. Robbins. He is survived by his wife, Marceile (Marcie) Robbins; two sons, Gary M. Robbins of Sylmar, Calif. and Tim E. Robbins of Burbank, Calif.; a granddaughter, Cristina R. Robbins of Burbank; sisters Eleanor L. Noe of McMinnville, Ore., and Selma M. Sheets and her husband James of Ottumwa, Iowa; brother Richard R. Robbins and his wife JoAnn of Johnston, Iowa; and many nieces, nephews and cousins in California and Iowa.

Robbie was raised in Des Moines before entering the U.S. Navy Oct. 8, 1942. He had his boot camp training in Great Lakes, Ill. before being sent to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was discharged Sept. 28, 1945.

He and his wife made their home in Burbank for many years. In business for himself, M&M Contracting Corporation, in the Los Angeles area as general contractor and cabinet maker, he did many remodels of teller lines for the Bank of America.

Robbie was a man of many talents and hobbies. He loved working with wood, making jewelry from his collection of rocks, hunting, fishing, hiking, and traveling in their motorhome. He retired, because of his heart condition, to Squirrel Valley in 1980.

He was a lifetime member of the Good Sam Club (and was past president of the local chapter, the Kern Valley Rovers), a lifetime member of the National Rifleman's Association, a lifetime member of the local VFW, a charter and lifetime member and past president of the Foothill Gem and Mineral Society of La Canada, and a long standing member of the carpenters union.

Services were held on Sept. 18, 2002 at the First United Methodist Church in Burbank with Rev. Larry Stamper officiating. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood Hills.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

John Matthews

Memorial services were held Sept. 17, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery for John Matthews, who passed away on Sept. 9, 2002 at the age of 89.

Mr. Matthews was born March 13, 1913 in Lawrence, Mass. and moved to California during the war. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 as a Military Policeman. He then settled in Glendale, Calif. and worked for Northrup.

After retiring, John moved to the Kern River Valley, where he enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

He is survived by his three nieces and their families, Emily and Howard Pomeroy, Patricia and John Fruin and Linus Ingle.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Jean Brawley

Jean Brawley passed away Sept. 16, 2002. She was 91 years old. Jean was born to Nora and J.W. Hervey in Joplin, Mo. on May 12, 1911.

She was preceded in death by her dear and loving husband, John L. Brawley, 10 brothers and two sisters.

Jean was a 25-year employee of Pacific Telephone Company, and a member of the Moose Lodge and the Bodfish Beavers.

She is survived by her son, Jim Phillippi; two grandchildren, Lisa Hiemenz of Fallbrook and Lee Phillippi of San Diego; and step-granddaughters Carol Sickafoose and Michelle Young.

Graveside services were held on Sept. 21, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Benny Capdeville

Benny Capdeville was born on May 1, 1925 in Port Hueneme, Calif. The son of Louis and Beatrice Capdeville, he was one of eight children. He passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Sept. 14, 2002. Services were at the Highland Chapel United Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Benny was a truck driver, served in the U.S. Marines and retired from federal civil service at Point Mugu in 1977.

The family lived in Camarillo, Calif. for 25 years before moving to the Kern Valley in 1985. Benny was a member of the Lake Isabella Moose Lodge, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of Highland Chapel United Methodist Church.

Benny is survived by his wife of 51 years, Billie; and children Sally and Bert Keldgord, Jacque and Nate Blue, and Carol and Abby Palmer. His surviving grandchildren are Kathleen and Steven Freeland, Jim and Rebeka Blue, Heather Keldgord, Preston Keldgord and Hannah Palmer. He is also survived by sisters Camilla Terry and Amber Noonan, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His parents, Louis and Beatrice Capdeville; siblings Margaret Birri, Katherine Demok, Viola Capdeville, Louis Capdeville, Henry Capdeville and his grandson, Steven Palmer, preceded him in death.

Benny was the perfect example of a family man. We will all miss Benny's sense of humor, his independence and his courage. We are proud of his fighting spirit, which was shown so clearly against all of his health problems, and look forward to our reunion in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Highland Chapel Methodist Church in Lake Isabella.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Oma Irene Fitzgerald

Graveside services were held on Sept. 19, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights for Oma Irene Fitzgerald, who passed away on Sept. 13, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Oma was born to Willie and Roxie Trent on July 16, 1911 in Dexter, Mo. She is survived by her daughter, Anna Marie Carrington; daughter Loretta Jean Donnelly; son William Bryon Reynolds; daughter Linda Espe; sister Imogene Terwilliger; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Oma Irene Fitzgerald was a loving and caring mother and grandmother. Her tenacity and endurance throughout her illness was amazing. The love she had for her family, her strength and her will to live were the key source of her longevity. She will be deeply missed by all of us.

For additional service information please contact Basham Funeral Care of Bakersfield at (661) 873-8200.

"Happy" Jack Watson

Happy Jack Watson was born in Bailey, Texas on Jan. 25, 1931 to Everett and Sally Watson. He entered into eternal rest on Aug. 15, 2002 in Bakersfield at the Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

He is survived by his wife and soul-mate of 18 years, Lorraine "Lorie" Watson of Lake Isabella; sons Gerald Wayne of North Long Beach, Calif., Happy Jack Watson and his wife Sharon of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Gary Lynn Watson and his wife Anita of Downey, Calif.; stepsons Gary Harkey and his wife MariAnn of Lake Isabella, and Chuck Harkey and his wife Teresa of Mesa, Ariz.; stepdaughter Jackie Lynn Harkey of Snowflake, Ariz.; special grandchildren Adam and Amanda Harkey of Lake Isabella; 10 other grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Happy Jack worked for Finn Industries as a machinist manufacturing boxes for 20 years, and lived here in the lake area for 11 years.

He was an avid golfer and pool player and loved to play in pool tournaments. His favorite pastime was camping and fishing with the Harkey family. He was on the lake and river fishing as often as possible.

Happy Jack had many friends and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Services were held on Aug. 20, 2002 in the Rose Chapel of Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Interment followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Esther M. Anderson

Esther M. Anderson was born in Quincy, Ill. on May 20, 1933. She passed away in her home in Ridgecrest on Sept. 12, 2002.

Esther had many experiences in her life when only God's grace kept her alive. When she was a girl growing up near Wilsall, Montana, she nearly died from the whooping cough. After a snowstorm trapped her and her mother in their home with little food, her mother had to kill the last chicken to make a broth to keep Esther alive.

Esther was always a hard worker and had to drop out of high school to help support her family. It was a proud moment when in her early forties, she earned her GED and then started taking college classes.

She worked her way up through the ranks in the telephone business. She began as a receptionist, then a service representative, but looking for a challenge and higher pay, she learned the plant side of the telephone business, and retired as a test board-dispatcher-central office worker. Many times she crossed the all-male gender line and proved that women were just as capable as men to work technical telephone positions.

Many people knew her for her musical ability. She primarily played guitar, violin, piano, organ, and accordion, but with her natural ear for music she could learn any instrument, including the banjo, five-string banjo, clarinet, and the saxophone. With many instruments she was self-taught.

In the early 1960s she played with Kern County musicians Chuck and George Laffoon, Emmett Miller, and Lucille and Tom Duke. They had some great jam sessions with Chuck on banjo, George on fiddle, Emmett on mandolin, Lucille on upright bass, and Tom on guitar.

Her main goal, though, was to serve the Lord. Esther was blessed with a wonderful voice, and with Richard accompanying on guitar, they had a musical ministry wherever they lived, from Montana to Oregon, to Alaska, to California. They had a half-hour radio show in Montana, and performed on public television stations in Portland, Oregon, with the Lucky Mason Singers,

More recently, the Andersons attended Full Gospel Fellowship in Mt. Mesa, where many were blessed by their music. The Andersons have provided music at many churches in Ridgecrest, and went wherever they could offer their God-given talents.

In her love for the Lord and desire to help others, she and Rich helped the fledgling Assembly of God in Trona. In one of their last performances earlier this year, the Andersons played at the dedication ceremony for the Trona Assembly of God. Many present have remarked on the beautiful songs and accompaniment.

Esther also loved to provide music for the Inyokern and Ridgecrest Senior Centers, until ill health prevented her from continuing.

Despite her full-time career, she still found time to cook wonderful meals, and holidays were always a special joy for her family. She was a devoted wife and mother.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Anderson; her son, Allyn Amsk; stepsons Rich, Ed, and Jimmy Anderson; stepdaughter Ruth Eyerly; many stepgrandchildren and great-grandchildren; her nephews Kirby, Terry, and Dan Hoagland; and nieces Connie Jones and Jodi Hoagland.

Services were held at Calvary Assembly of God in Ridgecrest on Sept. 17, 2002.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2002



Harry E. Winham

Harry E. Winham was born July 7, 1946 in Mobile, Ala. He passed away Sept. 13, 2002. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

Harry was a retired Navy Sea Bee. During his military service he advanced to Petty Officer 1st Class and was awarded three good conduct medals, an M-16 sharpshooter medal, a Battle E ribbon, a Sea Service Deployment ribbon and a Navy Achievement Medal.

He and his wife, Mary, lived in Gainesville, Texas after his Naval retirement until moving here to Weldon a year and a half ago. He suffered the loss of his wife Mary a year ago in July. Harry is survived by his two sons, Michael of Spokane, Wash. and Tony of Gainesville, Texas; brother Ronald of San Bernardino, Calif.; sister Bernadette Diben of Utah;

and six grandchildren.

He will also be greatly missed by his Aunt Darlene and Uncle Jerry of Weldon; his Aunt Doris and Uncle Jim of Bakersfield; and all who knew him.

Services were held in Spokane on Sept. 18, 2002.

Sydney David Smith

Sydney D. Smith of Wofford Heights, beloved father, grandfather, son, brother and uncle, left this life on Sept. 16, 2002.

Sydney was a citizen of the Kern River Valley for over 20 years. Syd is survived by his four children, David, Mike, Cindy and Jerry Smith; his mother and stepfather Verna and Eugene Clement; and his brother Brian Clement. Syd is also survived by several grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

May peace of mind be with you now in your everlasting life beyond. We will all miss you.

Philip Bennett

Philip Bennett was born June 26, 1914 in a small village near London, England and passed away Sept. 13, 2002 at his home in Weldon.

Philip was an electronics engineer. He worked mostly with Motorola, with the last few years at Syscom in Ridgecrest.

He was raised in a log cabin on Lake Muskoka north of Toronto, Canada. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and skiing. He once competed in a cross-country ski race against the Canadian and Finnish ski teams. He came in third, only beaten by two Finns. He was instrumental in the development of the first Canadian radar system. It was actually installed in his attic. He moved to the Chicago area approximately

1951 to work at Motorola. In 1957 the family was transferred to Scottsdale, Ariz. He continued working at Motorola on weapons systems. He would often need to go spend time on naval ships. In 1968 he moved to Ridgecrest to work at Syscom. A few years later he retired and moved to Weldon.

He enjoyed the outdoors, especially gardening and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Vera (Pat) Bennett, of Weldon; daughter Marilyn Pike and son-in-law Bobbie of Kerman, Calif.; son Rick Bennett and daughter-in-law Mari of Bend, Ore.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at the family home in Weldon at a later date.



Frederick K. Beach

Frederick K. Beach, 79, a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend, passed away in Northridge, Calif. on Sept. 20, 2002.

Fred was born on Nov. 13, 1922 in Kansas City, Kan. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp as a teenager. He joined the United States Marine Corps and proudly served in the South Pacific during WWII.

Fred and his beloved wife Ann traveled to Europe and took a number of sea cruises. They traveled to all of the 50 states. Forty-eight of them they visited while traveling in their motor home. The last of their journeys took them to Alaska. For the past 11 years, Fred and Ann have made their home in Bodfish.

Fred is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann; their son Fred and his wife, Barbara; daughter Kathareen Stotmore, grandchildren Kimberly Lyons, Leonard Stotmore, Cole Beach and David Beach; and two great-grandchildren, Garrett and Nathan Lyons.

A memorial service was held Sept. 27, 2002. Arrangements by Lake

Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



Byron K. Chadwick

Byron K. Chadwick was born in Qulin, Mo. on Oct. 7, 1928 and died Aug. 28, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Willaden Chadwick; daughter Sheila Ramsden of Riverside, Calif.; son Bobby Chadwick of Lake Isabella; son Jimmy Chadwick of Huntington Beach, Calif.; son Mark Chadwick of Los Osos, Calif.; son Timothy Chadwick of Santa Marguerita, Calif.; grandchildren Dana Olague of Riverside, Calif., Ryan Chadwick (who is in the Army in Kuwait), April Ramsden of Calimesa, Calif., Brandi Meeker of Riverside, Brandon Chadwick, Holly Chadwick and Kaylee Chadwick (all of Lake Isabella) and Cody Chadwick of Santa Marguerita; great-grandson Brendon Kyle Chadwick of Lake Isabella; son-in-law Dennis Ramsden of Riverside; daughters-in-law Randi Chadwick of Huntington Beach, Calif. and Karen Chadwick of Lake Isabella; grandsons-in-law Vince Olague and Eric Meeker of Riverside; sisters Cozetta Soper of Watervilete, Mich., Evelyn Tallman of Bakersfield, Maxine Sutherland of La-

guna Woods, Calif. and Ina Garner of Long Beach, Calif.; brother Gene Boyt and wife Marie of Visalia, Calif.; and many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

His interment was in the Riverside Veterans Memorial Cemetery Sept. 13, 2002. He was well loved by his family and will be missed by all.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2002

OBITUARIES

Norman Clark Eccles passed away on October 6, 2002 at his home in Kernville.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, October 10, at 10 a.m. at Kernville United Methodist Church



Norman Clark Eccles

A memorial service was held Oct. 10, 2002 at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Norm Eccles. Officiating was Pastor Dante Tangonan.

Norm was born April 2, 1933 in Fresno, Calif. and passed away Oct. 6, 2002 in Kernville.

Norm served as a cook in the Navy and then went on to work for Southern California Edison for 20 years. He started in 1969 and transferred to the Kern River Valley in 1974. He retired in 1989 and moved to Bakersfield, where he worked for Kern Hydro until he retired again in 1999. At that time he moved back to the Kern River Valley to be close to his friends and family.

Norm was Whiskey Flat Mayor in 1976, known as "Stormin' Norman." He loved camping and barbecuing and the open air on his Harley. He built barbecues for many people around the Valley and was always willing to barbecue for other people having parties.

Norm is survived by his wife, Diana of Kernville; son Michael Eccles of San Francisco; Jay and his wife Malora Marks of Mountain Mesa; daughter and son-in-law Ena and Gary Kaiser; daughter Shelley Johnson of Bakersfield; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and his sister and brother-in-law Millie and Ron Howell.

The family would like to thank the wonderful people at Optimal Hospice who have been there for them.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Bobby Ray Clark

Bobby Ray Clark passed away on Oct. 4, 2002.

He was born in Blythesville, Ark. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. After the war, Bobby moved to California where he worked for Lockheed Aircraft. There, he was a flightline mechanic working in the aerospace division in Burbank. After obtaining a high security clearance, he worked in the "Black Projects" division, manufacturing the "Blackbird" and "Stealth" aircraft, among others. After 30 years Bobby retired and moved here to the Kern River Valley. While here, Bobby enjoyed working with guns, fishing, listening to his scanner and just being near the lake and river.

Graveside services were held on Oct. 12, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. The VFW Post 7665 officiated. Bobby will be truly missed by his loving family and all of his special friends.

Bobby Ray Clark is survived by his children, Randy, Sandra, Loreice, Michael, Deborah and Steven; grandchildren Matthew, Amanda, Amber, Gabrielle, David, Shawna, Dylan, Aryn, Christopher, Chayanne, Nathan and Jordan; his mother Ladrennia; sister Bonnie; and brother Van Chris.

Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

In Memory of Gary Abernathy

Dec. 26, 1972–Oct. 18, 2001

If I knew it would be the last time
that I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew that it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and a kiss
and call you back for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would video tape each action and word,
so I could play it back each day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra moment
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I would be there to share your last day,
I was sure you would have so many more
if only I knew not one would slip away.

I thought we would always have tomorrow,
to make up for a fight
and I could get a second chance
to make everything just right.

But Uncle Gary, I was wrong
the short time I had was all I got
but if you were here I would say I love you
and you will never be forgot!

Love, Ashley Dye

Burt Monroe Ulmer

Burt Ulmer was born June 26, 1956 and passed away Oct. 3, 2002. He was a faithful husband, father and servant for our Lord.

Burt resided in the Kern River Valley for 36 years and was best known as "Burt the Bus Driver." He is survived by his wife, Darlene; son Jereme and his wife Yvone; daughter Sherry; four grandchildren, Danielle, William, Teresa and Christopher; and his brothers Paul and James Ulmer. Burt enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and most of all, motocross riding.

Burt worked for the South Fork Union School District for 28 years as a maintenance/bus driver and had the privilege of driving second-generation students, whom he dearly loved.

After his motorcycle accident in Sept. 2000, Burt gave up racing and used his bike as a means of exercise and a conversation opener to relate his near-death experience to everyone he met. Burt felt that God had let him come back to let everyone know that they need to get their lives straight and focused on Jesus before they pass on.

His family wants to thank the many residents of the Valley for their support at this very difficult time and the prayers which saved his life on that fateful day in September 2000.

His memorial service was held Oct. 12, 2002 at Weldon Southern Baptist Church.

His happiness, enthusiasm and zest for life infused all who met him. He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten. Every time you see a school bus, remember Burt.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.



Robert Lewis "van" vanBenthuisen

Robert L. "van" vanBenthuisen was born on Nov. 4, 1928 in San Diego, Calif. and passed away in Bakersfield on Sept. 26, 2002.

"van" was very proud to have been a member of the United States Marine Corps. He received three Purple Hearts while serving his country in Korea. He later graduated from college and taught higher math in the Los Angeles area and was awarded a lifetime teaching credential. "van" was a retired licensed Professional Land Surveyor and mentored and instructed many in the art of surveying.

His love of singing led him to become a member of S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A and the "Reseda Valleyaires." He was a past president of this chorus and held many other offices as well, including Area Counselor.

"van" and his wife, Carolyn, lived on their sailboat, Pacificaire, for 16 years and were very active members of the

Ventura Yacht Club. They were both avid sailors and loved cruising the Channel Islands as well as coastal cruising. In 1992 "van" and Carolyn moved to Lake Isabella and became "landlubbers."

"van" is survived by his beloved wife, Carolyn; daughter Christine and husband Ralph; son Nels vanBenthuisen and wife Debbie; stepdaughter Susanne Rheinschild and husband Phil; stepdaughter Mary Keltenbach; stepson Jonn Tayler and wife Eroca; stepson Michael Keltenbach and wife Mary Ann; stepson Patrick Kaltenbach and wife Dianne; grandchildren Ed Krusey and wife Hana, Tiffany and K.C. Krusey, Danielle and Kevin vanBenthuisen, Erica, Marie and Corinne Rheinschild, and Bel, Nita, Hannah and Angela Kaltenbach; his fishing buddy, Walt Manwell; and his precious dog, Tar.

A mass will be said by Father Patrick Persinger on Nov. 15, 2002 at 6 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Wofford Heights. There will be a burial at sea on Nov. 16, 2002 at 9 a.m. out of Ventura Harbor.

"van," you were loved and you will be missed terribly.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

Ralph C. Loy

Ralph Loy was born Aug. 16, 1906 and passed away Sept. 12, 2002.

Ralph was born in Pueblo, Colo. to Arthur and Maggie Loy. Ralph was one of seven brothers and sisters, who all preceded him in death. Ralph moved to Santa Ana, Calif. in the late 1920s on a college scholarship for football at USC. When he arrived he needed a job and applied at Southern California Gas Company. He got the job and worked in Santa Ana, where he met and married his wife of 67-1/2 years, Leone Loy, who preceded him in death.

Ralph and Leone had two sons, Dick and Donnie. Donnie passed away at the age of six.

Ralph received a promotion in 1944 at the Gas Company to be in charge of

the motor pool at the main office in Los Angeles. So he moved his family to the San Gabriel Valley.

Ralph and Leone loved camping, hunting and fishing and came to the Kern River Valley for many years before deciding to retire in Wofford Heights in 1973.

Ralph is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dick and Donna Loy of Squirrel Valley, grandchildren Tab and Janet Loy of Riverside, Mike and Julie Hutchens of Bakersfield, many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Bernice Terry of Wofford Heights and Esther Reithour of Carlsbad, Calif., and many nieces, nephews and friends.

A private celebration of life for the immediate family was Pop's wish.

We wish to thank CARE Ambulance, the Sheriff's Department, fire department and Valley Mortuary for help in caring for Ralph. Your support with us will not be forgotten.

We miss you, Pop.

Maurice Doyle Chase

Memorial services will be held on Oct. 26, 2002 at 11 a.m. at the Kernville United Methodist Church for Maurice Doyle Chase, who passed away on Oct. 9, 2002 after a long illness. Officiating will be Pastor John Carpenter.

Morie was born Oct. 14, 1922 in Maxbass, N. D. He was in the Navy during World War II and then went into construction. He was a carpenter for over 55 years. He

was a Mason and enjoyed woodworking and gardening.

Morie was preceded in death by his daughter Elaine Wever and his brother, Stewart. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Wanda Chase of Kernville; son Larry Chase of Dana Point, Calif.; daughter Kathy Bausha of Colorado Springs, Colo.; brother Howard Chase; sister Paula Belthius; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed. Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

James Wilbur Hall

James Wilbur Hall was born in Minneapolis, Minn. on Oct. 18, 1923 to Charles and Elizabeth Hall and passed away at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital on Oct. 16, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Eudora Hall of Weldon; daughter Anita Louise Bonbright and her husband, Lee, of Cameron Park, Calif.; brother Gerald Hall of Encinitas, Calif.; sister Myrtle Richardson of Redding, Calif.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren of California; and several nieces and nephews of California.

James served his country during World War II with the U.S. Navy.

He and Mary retired in 1983 and came to Weldon from Whittier, Calif. He worked for a few years here with the Forest Service.

His favorite pastime was fishing.

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

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned and operated funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002

Thank You



My heart felt thanks to all those who helped make Stormin' Norman Eccles' last months happy and memorable, and made our trip to the coast — Morro Bay — possible.

The business owners, employees and customers of Ewing's on the Kern, the Sportsman Inn, Slater's Pub, The Hideaway and Kathleen's Salon, Optimal Hospice Care and all our personal dear friends and family.

We love you, and may God bless.

Diana Eccles

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2002



Billy A. Couch

Billy Couch died Oct. 19, 2002, in Bakersfield after a heroic struggle with a variety of health problems. He lived alone and had only a few distant relatives in Oklahoma.

A graduate geologist and later a fighter pilot from 1953 to 1959, he moved to Bodfish in the late 1980s. He became active in the Kern River Valley Historical Society in 1988. When long-standing curator Bob Merriam retired in 1990, Billy became only the third curator in museum history. He was a member of the search committee that acquired the new museum site in Kernville (formerly a medical building) and was instrumental in setting up the exhibits there. He was a key figure in the museum for five years; a tour leader; a mentor for docents; and he was active in fund raising.

Then Billy dropped from museum work and became active in developing the fish hatchery. He contributed to many of the improvements there. In both of these endeavors he was generous with donations to fund various projects. As it was once

said, "He put his money where his mouth is."

Billy worked best when he was "solo," both in his professional and social life. Although he had romantic interests, bachelorhood won out. He was especially good with children; they followed him around the museum as if he were the Pied Piper, listening to every word.

The Valley is a better place for his efforts. There is little more important than that. No formal memorial service is contemplated, but friends and organizations will pay him due respect in different ways.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2002

Norma Irene Payne

Norma was born on Jan. 28, 1927 in Blytheville, Ark. to Narl and Clara Nunally and entered into eternal life on Oct. 4, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

Norma lived in Lake Isabella for 16 years.

She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. Norma made friends easily and loved those she met. Her children looked to her as the best mother anyone could have. Every wonderful thing that could be said about a mother and grandmother would apply to Norma.

Norma was preceded in death by her husband, James Payne, and her son, Jimmy.

She is survived by three daughters, Clare and husband Rich Windham of Lake Isabella, Brenda and husband Bryan Boggs of Lake Isabella, and Linda and husband Brian Franklin of Bellflower, Calif.; five grandchildren, Richard Windham of Lake Isabella, Kelly Windham of Lake Isabella, Norma Jones of North Carolina, James Payne of North Carolina, and Kim Barela of Bellflower; two great-grandchildren, Stephen Jones of North Carolina and Destiny McIntosh of Bellflower; brothers and sisters Elsie and Bob Williams, Buddy and Patty Nunally, Sonny and Shirley Nunally, Linda Mims, Ruth and Randall Ludwig, Charles and Delores Nunally and Dale Nunally.

Please remember, if you still have your mom or dad, please talk to them and love them while they are here.

Funeral services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Oct. 8, 2002, with interment at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated.

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Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



James John Shiffer Sr.

James John Shiffer Sr. was born Oct. 4, 1917 to John and Faustina Shiffer. He went to our Lord Jesus on Oct. 23, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Minnie Shiffer of Lake Isabella; daughters Mary Lou and husband Bob Camacho of San Francisco, Doris Carolyn and husband Charles Turner of Bodfish, Barbara Jean and husband Don Mendoza of Pacifica; Shirley Ann and husband Bill Aviles of Mill Valley, and Constance Darlene and husband Bill Stewart of Garden Grove; son James John Shiffer Jr. and wife Linda of Glendale, Ariz.; 18 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a member of the Weldon Southern Baptist Church, served in the Army during World War II, was a longtime member of the American Legion, and retired from Owens Illinois Glass in Vernon, Calif. in 1980 with over 30 years of employment.

Jim and Minnie moved from Camp Verde, Ariz. to Lake Isabella in 1996.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary in Lake Isabella. Services were conducted by Pastor Bill Lewis at Weldon Southern Baptist Church, Oct. 26, 2002.

Jim is loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

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In Loving Memory
of
Mel Jansen

3/12/1930-11/20/2001

*It's been 1 year, the pain is no less,
The sorrow of losing you is no less.
Wishing you the joy of eternal life.
Peace my love,
Sharon*



Robert W. Rieder

Robert W. Rieder, 76, of Weldon, passed away Oct. 14, 2002 at the Mercy Medical Center in Bakersfield after a long illness. He was born in Manchester, Conn. and attended local schools up to the time he could enlist in the U.S. Army Infantry to serve his country. Throughout his life he demonstrated a dedication to everything he came in contact with. He was always there when you needed him. He served in WWII receiving many medals of honor, including the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the Battle of the Bulge. He was a dedicated employee, retiring from Rocketdyne Power and

Propulsion in California after 37 years of service, only missing several days due to a hospitalization. Bob possessed a love of animals, motorcycles, outdoors and traveling the United States. He leaves his father, Frank Rieder of Manchester; two daughters, Christine Horwath of Weldon and Carleen Rice of Columbia, Conn.; granddaughter Meghann Rice of Storrs, Conn.; brother and sister-in-law Richard and Joann Rieder of Weldon; sister Evelyn Thur of Orlando, Fla. and 13 nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. The family will be mourning his passing and celebrating his life privately.

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**In Memory
of
Pauline Addison**

Pauline's friends and team members at Century 21 Lake Isabella Realty grieve the terrible and untimely loss of our friend. She was so special to us for many years. Pauline was a highly respected proven leader in the valley and the real estate profession. She loved the real estate profession, her team members and her many clients.

More importantly, Pauline had a close relationship with God, was a deeply devoted wife and mother and loved her husband Bob and their beautiful family.

We will greatly miss her wonderful sense of humor, friendship and contribution to each of our lives. There is no doubt that she is with God and leaves a huge void in the hearts and lives of those who had the privilege to know her.

Our prayers are with Bob and the Addison family for their loss of someone so special.





Marie Apalatea Malone

Marie Apalatea Malone was born on her family's ranch on December 23, 1904, and passed away on October 27, 2002. She was preceded in death by her husband Art, daughters Joyce, Edith, and Clara, and one son Willard. She is survived by two daughters Patsy Henry and Dorothy Denson and four sons, Harvey, Stanley, Loren, and Boyd.

Marie was born on a ranch that is now the town-site of Kernville. In 1923 she married a young cowboy by the name of Art Malone. They both loved children and proceeded to have a litter of 10, although at times, there were many more than that, because the town kids loved to come out to the ranch to play and stay overnight or longer!

Although the past few years she had been in a nursing home in the Kern River Valley and had lost some of her hearing, eyesight, and memory, she nevertheless remained the matriarch of her family. Everyone will miss the little old white-haired lady who roamed the halls of Kern Valley Nursing Home in her wheelchair.

May she find peace, tranquility, and a comfortable and fast wheelchair in Heaven.

The viewing was held on Friday, November 1. Graveside services were held on Saturday, November 2, 2002, at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights.



Margie C. Richardson

Mrs. Margie C. "Babe" Richardson, 82, of Lake Isabella, died on Oct. 24, 2002, at Kern Valley Hospital.

Babe was born March 4, 1920 in Columbus, NE to Andrew and Rose Gumm. She married Rex B. Richardson of Long Beach on June 6, 1946.

Babe worked as a welder during World War II at Cal Shipyards in Long Beach, then as a quality control supervisor at Pan-Pacific Fisheries until her retirement in 1981.

After having a vacation home in the Kern Valley since 1962, upon her husband's retirement in 1983, they moved to the valley permanently.

She enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and music, and was active in the Eagles.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Rex Richardson, of Lake Isabella; her sister Roene Barta of Boulder, Colorado; her daughter, Billie Jean Barcalata of Newberg, Oregon; four grandchildren, Pat Arasmith of Columbus, NE, Cindy Arasmith of Newberg, Oregon; Terri Segelke of Anaheim, and Stacey Barcalata of Hollywood. She had seven great-grand children and 2 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur Gumm.

There will be no services. She will be interred in Arkansaw Memorial Cemetery in Arkansaw, Wisconsin, at a later date.

In memory from her loving family.



Nancy Joan Moffitt

Joanie was born in Farmersville, Texas to John and Rushia James on March 27, 1933. She entered into eternal life on October 28, 2002, at her son Jerry's home in Lake Isabella.

She was a very upbeat person who loved to entertain, laugh, and enjoy life. One of her greatest joys was to dance and bring enjoyment to others. She was very active in the ministry of her church, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

Joanie was especially proud of her Texas roots. Whenever she would mention Texas, she would place her hand over her heart. She left Texas at the age of nine with her family during the Dust Bowl era. Her trip to California was likened to John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*. She was a very interesting person to talk with about the trip.

Graveside services were held in Shafter Cemetery in Shafter, California on Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, with her son, Elder Jerry of the Mt. Mesa Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, officiating.

Joanie will be missed by her many friends, and especially by her family.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



Beulah Quiocho

Beulah Quiocho passed away in her sleep on October 31, 2002. She was 80 years old.

Beulah was born on August 22, 1922 in Stockton, California. Her parents were on their way to California by wagon train, and they had to stop the wagon train in Stockton for her birth, so she was indeed, a native Californian.

Beulah was married to Leroy Smith and had three children, Darrel Smith of Lake Isabella, Darlene Quiocho of Lake Isabella, and Dianne Kopenski of Laguna Hills.

After the death of her husband she married Clay Quiocho, and resided in West Covina. On his death she moved to Lake Isabella and resided with her son, Darrell and his wife, Janet.

She is survived by her three children, nine grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

There was a viewing on Monday, November 4 at Valley Mortuary and services and interment at Rose Hills in the Los Angeles area on November 5.

Beulah was a member of St. Jude's church in Wofford Heights. She was a loving mother and fiercely proud of her children and family.

She was a lover of nature and enjoyed watching the birds from her window and enjoying the scenery here in our beautiful mountains. She loved dancing and music and especially singing. She had been known to break out in song if the occasion called for it. We commend her now to heaven and the angels and I'm sure she will take advantage of that situation to sing a song or two.

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Delma Lee Barnes

Delma was born on June 15, 1930 in West Virginia to Forest and Edith Haggarty. She passed away on Oct. 23, 2002 at her home in Wofford Heights with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Jack M. Barnes and her stepson Barry Barnes. She is survived by daughters Brenda Radmacher of Van Nuys and Bonnie Barnes-Harper of Wofford Heights; stepson, Jack Barnes of Canton, Ohio; grandchildren Gloria, John, Lisa, Sean, and Christian of California and Tracy, Audra, Jack Jr., Barry Jr., Cherrie, and Mike of Ohio.

Graveside services were held at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights on October 25, 2002 with Hoffmann Chaplain Bert Simpson presiding.

She worked at the Valley Kitchen where she met many of her friends. She and Jack owned the Arcade Saloon and many evenings she worked there. She was a hard worker in all her endeavors.

Delma was very gentle and kind and will be missed by her family and friends. However, her love and fond memories will be in the hearts of her family forever. Her desire was for those she left behind to rejoice and be happy, for she is at peace. She strongly believed we would all be together again and she would be waiting with open arms.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Francis "Frank" Louis Schwartz

Frank was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on April 20, 1915 to Henry and Margaret Schwartz and entered into eternal rest on October 28, 2002, at Kern Valley Hospital in Mt. Mesa.

He married Dorothy Caron on February 13, 1943 in Fall River, Massachusetts. They have enjoyed 59 years of marital bliss. They moved to Lakewood, California and stayed until he retired in 1975, at which time they moved to the Kern River Valley area. Prior to moving here, they would spend vacations at the Rivernook Campground in Kernville.

Frank loved to camp and fish for trout. He also loved his rose garden, where he grew beautiful roses. He was a great one for barbecuing and would enjoy a glass of wine while doing so.

He was a life member of the VFW.

Frank is survived by his wife Dorothy of Weldon; "son" Rod Blankenship of California; daughter, Cynthia Kinney of Washington; brother, Harry Schwartz of Virginia; sister, Emma Foisy of Massachusetts; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services were entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Kenneth Archie Taylor

Kenneth Archie Taylor, age 82, went home to be with Jesus on Monday, October 28, 2002. He was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, on February 23, 1920, and served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.

He and his beautiful wife, LaDonna, who preceded him into the Father's arms, moved to California in 1951. They lived in Bishop for approximately 16 years, then moved to the Kern River Valley in 1967. He worked for Southern California Edison for 30 years and had been retired for approximately 20 years. He was a very Godly man with great faith in his Lord Jesus Christ.

A beautiful example of love.

A service was held on Friday, November 1, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella, with Pastor Eric Malamma officiating. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, in Princeton, Minnesota.

Kenneth Archie Taylor is survived by three children, Dale Taylor of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Carolyn Brown of Lancaster, California, and Marilyn Truedel of Ukiah, California. He had seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were arranged by Valley Mortuary.

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"Suds"

Eddie Edwards

2-17-1942—11-2-1997



No farewell words were spoken, no time to say good-bye. You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. I miss you more every day. Cross my heart.

Jeannie

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002

Marie Hitchcock

Marie Hitchcock was born Aug. 18, 1910 in Cookeville, Tenn. to Zeb and Hilda Kirby.

In 1929 she saw George (Arson as his friends and family knew him) Hitchcock walking down the opposite side of the main street in Hooker, Okla. and said, "I am going to marry that man!" It was love at first sight. They were married on Sept. 5 of that year, and were together until he died on July 2, 1974. In 1941 they moved to California, where Arson worked for Standard Oil in El Segundo and she worked for Hoffman's Television, among other places. During the war she was a welder in the shipyards. They had three children, Clifford, Georgia and Kenny, but also helped raise their nephew, Charlie Hitchcock, for several years and raised one grandchild, Cheri Horgan. In 1967 they moved to the Kern River Valley to retire, and they were very active in the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. They loved to camp and fish. After "Pop" died in 1974

Mattie lived with her children for most of the rest of her life, but that did not mean she wasn't active. She traveled all over the United States, took cruises, and visited relatives everywhere. She ice-skated for the first time at the age of 75!

Mattie finally rejoined Arson on Oct. 25, 2002 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am sure there was a mighty homecoming that night, as she was preceded by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Steve Horgan, two sisters, Alice Hill and Maud Hitchcock, and a brother, Millard Lee Kirby, and numerous cousins she was close to.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Bettie Hitchcock of Wichita Falls, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Coe Anna Hitchcock of Lake Kickapoo, Texas; daughter Georgia Hayes of Wofford Heights; Charlie Hitchcock of Calabasas, Calif. and his family; grandson Chip Hitchcock and his wife Anita of Wichita Falls, Texas and their daughters Stasia and Carol Jean and their fami-

lies; granddaughter Linda Bergeron of Mississippi and her children Elana and Kelly Wayne and their children; granddaughter Donna Carlos and her husband Bert of Washington state and her husband Chris and Jennifer and their children; granddaughter Cheri Horgan and her children JJ and Stevie, all of Delaware; granddaughter Crysta and Michael Icone and their family of Washington DC; granddaughter Billie Lofly of Wofford Heights and her children Randi, David and George and their children; granddaughter Julie Chapman of Lake Isabella and her children Chester and Billy Ray; granddaughter Laura Hitchcock of Kentucky and her children; grandson Jim Hitchcock of Florida; grandson Bill Smith and his wife Lupe and their children of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Steve's son Jason Horgan and his family of Orange County, Calif.

Mattie was buried in Cookeville, Tenn., next to her husband, on Oct. 28, 2002.



John Walter Griggs

John Walter Griggs was born to Lovina Angela Rhoads and Charles Bruce Griggs on Oct. 27, 1930 in San Diego, Calif. and passed away Nov. 5, 2002 in Delano, Calif. John's parents preceded him in death.

John made his own way starting at the age of 14. He was a true self-made man. John joined the U.S. Army on his 18th birthday. He went to Germany and built roads and bridges for our men. He was a true American.

John was a union man. He was a member of Operating Engineers Local 12 for 38 years and proud of it. He was a workingman.

John came to the Kern River Valley in 1968 to work on the freeway. He thought Bodfish was the

perfect place to retire and spent his last 13 years as a permanent Bodfish Canyon resident.

John was a member of the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and a loyal member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

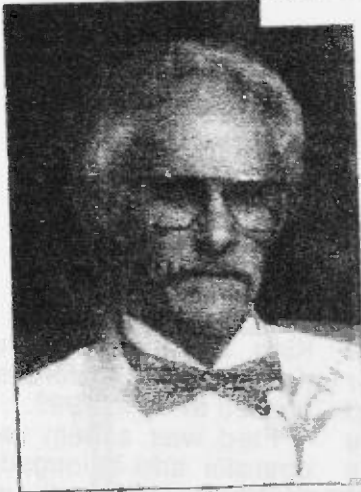
John loved to dance and attended the Senior Dance on Wednesday nights at the Senior Center and spent time with his many friends. He was loved and respected by so many.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sisters Margaret, Mary and Patricia; his brother, Steven; his niece, Cathy; his good friend Mike Mikesell; and his bull terrier, Buster.

John is survived by three brothers, Charles, Bill and Bernard; brother-in-law George; nieces and nephews whom he dearly loved; his daughters, Elizabeth and Dena; grandsons Paul, Brad and Colton; his only granddaughter, Baby Jordan; his friend Lewis; his mother-in-law, Virginia; and many special children and friends who know who they are. At home he leaves his bull terrier, Zeus, and his wife and partner, Linda, who loves and misses him very much.

This world has lost a good and honest man.

Private arrangements by the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.



Frank D. R. Corcoran

Frank D.R. Corcoran, 65, passed away Oct. 26, 2002 at Kern Valley Hospital.

Frank was born in Ivanhoe, Calif. on May 31, 1933. Frank was retired from Occidental Petroleum Corp. Frank had served in the Army and Army Reserve and had a Associate's Degree in Physiology and a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Engineering.

Frank was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Rod and Gun Club here in Wofford Heights. Frank is survived by his wife Tammy Corcoran; mother Flora; brother Don; two sisters, Betty and Pat; two daughters, Sandy and Kelly Ann; three step-children, Allison, Garrett and Erin; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Frank was a good friend to many and a loving husband to his wife Tammy, and leaves behind many memories to those he called his friend. Frank will be missed by many but not forgotten.

Frank will be laid to rest at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, date still pending.



Nancy Carol Gaylord

Nancy Carol Gaylord, 49, of Lake Isabella for the past five years, died Oct. 30 after a long illness. She was born Aug. 15, 1953 in Detroit, Mich. but raised in California. She graduated from North High School in Bakersfield. Nancy married and moved to San Angelo, Texas in 1971, where she was a dialysis specialist nurse for 10 years until she became disabled with her back. Nancy moved back to California in 1997.

She is preceded in death by her father, George E. Gaylord. She is survived by two daughters, Aimee Clifton and Becky Grinsteiner of San Angelo; mother Hesta Mae Eachern of Lake Isabella; two sisters and a brother, Nita McCall and George Gaylord of Lake Isabella and Bev Bottomly of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

Our precious Nancy will be remembered for her never-ending sense of humor, her extravagant love of people and animals and her simple devotion to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Family services were shared on Nov. 7, 2002 in Lake Isabella.



Nelda Jo Baratti

Nelda Jo Baratti passed away Nov. 5, 2002 in Bakersfield.

She was born Nelda Jo McConnell in Texas on Aug. 27, 1927. She came to the Kern River Valley upon retirement 25 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; children Paul, Jenny and Judy and their spouses; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She loved yard sale-ing and was the best friend and neighbor anyone could have. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her

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Willie Odell Henderson

Willie Odell Henderson entered into eternal life on Nov. 3, 2002. He was born Aug. 3, 1944 in Alamogordo, N.M. and was raised in Johnsondale when it was a lumber mill. He graduated from Johnsondale High School in 1964. He served in the Marine Corps and was a Vietnam vet. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. His life was devoted to his wife and to his grandchildren, who adored him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward Cecil Dowell and Royal Joyce Dowell and Delmar Henderson. He is survived by his wife, Terri Henderson of Bakersfield; daughter Patty Frenes and

son-in-law Bob Frenes of Lake Isabella; daughter Tammy Heidelberger and son-in-law Steve Heidelberger of Lake Isabella; step-daughter Rhonda Esry and son-in-law Tony; step-son Sonny Miranda and wife Kary; granddaughters Brittany Gettig, Amanda Gettig, Taylor Esry, and Sheldon Esry; grandsons Bryan Frenes and Cole Frenes of Lake Isabella and Westley Heidelberger of Lake Isabella; sisters Cathy, Frankie, Mildred and Penny; and brothers David and Mike Henderson of Oregon. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace.

Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Fredrick Howard King

Fredrick Howard King, 79, passed away at Kern Valley Hospital on Oct. 20, 2002.

Fred was born Sept. 26, 1923 in Alameda, Calif. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a WWII veteran. Fred was a Los Angeles City Fireman and retired after 25 years of service.

He came to the Kern River Valley in 1974, moving to Squirrel Valley. His wife was Jacqueline Anita

King, and they were married 54 years before she passed away in 1999.

Fred was a ham radio operator and belonged to the Sidewalk CBers (he was known as "Stanley Steamer"). He enjoyed traveling in his RV and loved garage sales.

He is survived by his daughter, Gail Kern of Carson City, Nevada; son Glenn King of Suquamish, Wash.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews. His sister, Carol Robbins of Concord, Calif., passed away the same day as Fred, at 76.

Arrangements by the Neptune Society.

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In Loving Memory of Robert William Rieder

Nov. 19, 1925 to Oct. 14, 2002

Family and friends please lend me
your ear

I'd like to tell you something I think
you should hear

It's about my Dad and I thought you
should know

Fate brought us together and we
never let go

Dad and I met when I was just two
By the time I was three he was my
"Bob-A-Lou"

He took me on as one of his own
Helped me through life till I was full
grown

He didn't have to, it came from his
heart

He just wanted me to have a good start

My life wasn't easy without a mother
They moved me around from one place to another

But no matter where I'd end up to be
Robert stayed close and watched over me

Little Chrissy Kimmy with a frayed family tree

He's been there in good times, he's been there in
bad

Trust me when I say he's the World's Best Dad

I know there were times I gave him a scare
I worked really hard to give him white hair



Dad always did the best that he could
Taught me family values, taught me
to be good

He'd be there to catch me when I'd
have a fall

Pick me back up and say to stand
tall

I imagine that this is what God had
in mind

When he created fathers as perfect
as mine

A man you can count on, a man
you can call

Even in those teen years when you
knew it all

My birthday, Christmas or even
New Year's

The mailbox would hold some fatherly cheer

His love was loyal, steadfast and true
He'd make me smile even when I felt blue

Dad proved to me love is thicker than blood
To be proud of yourself to treat others with love

We needed each other as life rolled along
Now it looks like I'm the one to be strong

The day has come now I never wanted to see
The angels have called, he had to leave me

I sure will miss him and thank God above
For blessing my life with Dad's gracious love

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Wendel William Heirigs

Wendell William "Bud" Heirigs, 81, died Nov. 7, 2002 at his daughter's residence in Ventura, Calif. Also known as "Butch," he was an optician for 35 years, practicing in Long Beach, Ventura and Orange County, Calif. before retiring and relocating to Wofford Heights.

He was born Nov. 25, 1920 in Freeman, S.D. to Wendel Lawrence Heirigs and Nona Edna (Shoen) Heirigs. Wendel graduated from Colome High School and in advanced study, earned optical degrees from Optical College in Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles City College.

Wendel served in the U.S. Navy as Chief Special Artificer (Optical), during which time he participated in the Philippine Liberation and earned various medals, before being honorably discharged in 1946. That same year he married Marion Florence Smith. Wendel was a family man who served as Little League coach and Indian Guide Leader for his sons. While he loved watching sports, he also appreciated the beauty of music, particularly waltzes. His hobbies were cooking, canning and wine making, as well as camping and fishing. In addition, he was an accomplished craftsman woodworker. Together with family and friends, he enjoyed picnics at the park, clamming at the beach, barbecues and family reunions. He was also a member of the Los Angeles Optical Association and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Wendel is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marion F. Heirigs; sons and daughters-in-law Mark W. and Carol M. Heirigs, Larry W. and Janet L. Heirigs, Kim W. and Catherine Heirigs, and Phillip L. and Barbara J. Heirigs; and daughter and son-in-law Deborah J. Talmadge and Robert L. Carter.

He is also survived by grandsons Scott L. and wife Tanya Heirigs, James W. Heirigs, Blake R. Hammer, Brian W. Hammer, Jay P. Heirigs, Ryan T. Heirigs; granddaughters Michelle L. and husband Gabriel McVey, Stephanie L. Heirigs, Nichole M. Heirigs, and Amanda J. Carter; as well as great-grandson Brett W. Heirigs and great-granddaughter Lauren C. Heirigs.

Other survivors include sister and brother-in-law Lorraine and Lloyd Nance; brothers and sisters-in-law John and Terry Heirigs, Mark and Nina Heirigs, Charles Heirigs and Robert and Betty Heirigs, as well as eight nephews and nine nieces.

Visitation and recitation of the Rosary were Nov. 13, 2002 at Ted Mayr Loma Vista Chapel in Ventura. Funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 14, 2002 at Sacred Heart Church in Ventura. Burial followed at Ivy Lawn Memorial Park.

Arrangements under the direction of Ted Mayr Funeral Home, 3150 Loma Vista Rd., Ventura, Calif. 93003.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

Claude Hurley, Jr.

Claude Hurley, Jr. was born in Diaz, Ark. on Dec. 17, 1925 to Claude and Retha Hurley.

Claude passed away on Nov. 12, 2002 in Mt. Mesa with his family and friends by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Retha. He is survived by his wife, Vina; sons Kenneth and Randy Hurley; brother Kenneth G. Hurley; sisters Judy Abrew, Jean Woodard, Mae Dunworth, Sue Burbey and Mary Anway; nine grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Claude was a longtime resident of Vacaville, Calif. before retiring to the Kern River Valley, where he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mt. Mesa with burial at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

Juanita Falk

Funeral services were held on Nov. 15, 2002 at the Family Life Center in Wofford Heights for Juanita Falk, who passed away on Nov. 9, 2002 in Mountain Mesa. Officiating was Pastor Brian Polston. Interment was at the Kern River Valley Cemetery.

Juanita was born Feb. 16, 1922 in Sand Springs, Okla. and moved to California at a young age with her family. She and her husband of 61 years, Dale, met while attending church as teenagers. They fell in love and were married in 1941 in Torrance, Calif. They raised their family there and when Dale retired in 1984 they moved to the Kern River Valley, where they became members of the Family Life Center. Juanita loved to crochet and read. She was a wonderful mother, wife and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Dale; son and daughter-in-law Leon and Gloria Falk; daughter Lorretta Merritt; daughter and son-in-law Donna and Bill Dorr; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She will be missed by all. Arrangements by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Gordon Lee Shay

Gordon Lee Shay entered life on March 9, 1950 in Bakersfield. Raised a people person, Gordon worked for Pacific Telephone as an operator, assisting the public with all their needs. Gordon married and raised a daughter. He was a good son, father and grandfather. Gordon passed away on Nov. 9, 2002. Graveside funeral services were held on Nov. 15, 2002, at the Kern Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, with Pastor Preston North of the Mountain View Southern Baptist Church presiding.

Gordon Lee Shay is survived by his mother, Mary Shay of Lake Isabella; his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Whiteman and her husband Justin of Reno, Nevada; his sister, Susan Gasset of Long Beach, Calif.; and by two grandchildren, Ashley Whiteman and Dustin Whiteman, both of Reno, Nevada.

Gordon will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services arranged by Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Mattie Hitchcock

Mattie Hitchcock was born Aug. 18, 1910 in Cookeville, Tenn. to Zeb and Hilda Kirby. In 1929 she saw George (Arson as his friends and family knew him) Hitchcock walking down the opposite side of the main street in Hooker, Okla. and said, "I am going to marry that man!" It was love at first sight. They were married on Sept. 5 of that year, and were together until he died on July 2, 1974. In 1941 they moved to California, where Arson worked for Standard Oil in El Segundo and she worked for Hoffman's Television, among other places. During the war she was a welder in the shipyards. They had three children, Clifford, Georgia and Kenny, but also helped raise their nephew, Charlie Hitchcock, for several years and raised one grandchild, Cheri Horgan. In 1967 they moved to the Kern River Valley to retire, and they were very active in the First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella. They loved to camp and fish. After "Pop" died in 1974 Mattie lived with her children for most of the rest of her life, but that did not mean she wasn't active. She traveled all over the United States, took cruises, and visited relatives everywhere. She ice-skated for the first time at the age of 75!

Mattie finally rejoined Arson on Oct. 25, 2002 in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am sure there was a mighty homecoming that night, as she was preceded by her parents, her husband, a grandson, Steve Horgan, two sisters, Alice Hill and Maud Hitchcock, and a brother, Millard Lee Kirby and numerous cousins she was close to.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Bettie Hitchcock of Wichita Falls, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Coe Anna Hitchcock of Lake Kickapoo, Texas; daughter Georgia Hayes of Wofford Heights; Charlie Hitchcock of Calabasas, Calif. and his family; grandson Chip Hitchcock and his wife Anita of Wichita Falls, Texas and their daughters Stasia and Carol Jean and their families; granddaughter Linda Bergeron of Mississippi and her children Elana and Kelly Wayne and their children; granddaughter Donna Carlos and her husband Ben of Washington state and her husband Chris and Jennifer and their children; granddaughter Cheri Horgan and her children JJ and Stevie, all of Delaware; granddaughter Crysta and Michael Icone and their family of Washington DC; granddaughter Billie Lofty of Wofford Heights and her children Randi, David and George and their children; granddaughter Julie Chapman of Lake Isabella and her children Chester and Billy Ray; granddaughter Laura Hitchcock of Kentucky and her children; grandson Jim Hitchcock of Florida; grandson Bill Smith and his wife Lupe and their children of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Steve's son Jason Horgan and his family of Orange County, Calif.

Mattie was buried in Cookeville, Tenn., next to her husband, on Oct. 28, 2002.

George Ira Strobridge

George was born on April 18, 1920, to Harvey and Florence Strobridge in Benkelman, Neb. He passed away on Nov. 7, 2002 at Emmanuel Convalescent Parkview in Bakersfield after an accident at his home in Wofford Heights.

George was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Thelma; and his oldest son, Rodney, who was killed in Vietnam.

He is survived by a son, Brian, of Colorado, and a daughter, Constance, of Oklahoma; granddaughters Susan and Deborah; five great-grandchildren; brothers Boyd and Donald; sisters Erlene Kleinhans, Wilma Turner and Christina Seltzer, all of California.

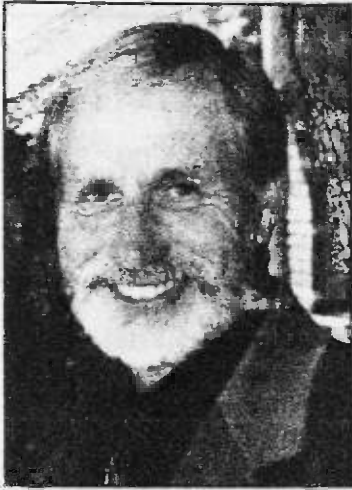
George spent his early years in Colorado Springs, Colo. He served his country with the U.S. Naval Service during WWII. He moved to California in the early 1950s. He lived in Torrance until his retirement and moved to Wofford Heights in 1984 with his wife, Thelma.

George loved all of his family and was faithful to his church, the Family Life Center. He enjoyed going to the Lake Isabella Senior Center on Wednesday evenings for the music and dancing. It was one of the highlights of the week he looked forward to attending.

George will be missed by all who loved him so much.

George's funeral service was graveside at Green Hills Cemetery in Rancho Palos Verdes, officiated by Pastor Jack Dilley of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.



James Russell Gardner

James Russell Gardner passed away on Nov. 6, 2002. He was the son of Dr. J. Russell Gardner and Mrs. Marion Anderson Gardner. He is survived by his wife, Joanie Gardner; his two sisters, Elaine Baugus and Sharon Sims; his three sons, Gregory, Jay and Guy Gardner; and his six grandchildren, Lindsey, Samantha, Russell, Haley, Quinn and Cooper Gardner.

Jim was born in Berkeley, Calif. on Sept. 13, 1934. His father was a Nazarene pastor and college professor. This work took the family to Nampa, Idaho, Alhambra and Pasadena, Calif., and then to Kankakee, Ill. Jim graduated high school at Kankakee High School and attended college at Pasadena College where he earned his Bachelor's Degree. He then attended Cal State Long Beach, where he earned his Master's Degree in Sociology.

He served in the U.S. Army where he worked as an orderly at the Army Hospital in the Psychiatric area. Right after the service, Jim worked at American Airlines. He went on to the American Institute of Family Relations and at the same time contin-

ued to take classes for further research and traveling opportunities. He eventually started his own Marriage and Family Counseling practice in his home in Manhattan Beach, Calif. After his marriage to Joanie in 1993 he started as a Marriage and Family Counselor at Desert Council Clinic and also for College Community Service in Lake Isabella. Jim left in June 2002 to develop the foster family agency "Impact Community Youth" in Kernville, which provides homes to high risk youth in foster care. He was a member of the Kernville United Methodist Church and an avid golfer and sports fan.

On Oct. 12, 2001 at Bull Dog Stadium in Fresno, Calif., Jim and Joanie Gardner accepted Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior while attending one of the Rev. Billy Graham's crusades.

Jim has impacted us all and we will miss him dearly, but we're comforted by the promise of salvation in Jesus and the blessed insurance that Jim is now in the presence of the Lord.

Joanie Gardner would like to thank Dr. Pormir, Dr. Dlugos, Dr. Finstad, Kern Valley Hospital and the entire ICU staff, Valley Mortuary, Mike Pettit, and Linda Bosworth.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002

Charles Duane Ewing

Graveside services were held Nov. 19, 2002 at the Kern River Valley cemetery in Wofford Heights for Charles Duane Ewing. Charles was born May 24, 1926 in Ft. Collins, Colo. and passed away after a short illness on Nov. 15, 2002 in Mountain Mesa.

He moved to California in 1941 to the Bakersfield area. He was president of the Fred Nelson Equipment Rental business for 30 years. Charles was a ham radio operator (KB6MOK) and an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Norma Ewing; sons Michael and Dale Ewing; daughters Cherrie Berry and Karen Nelson; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made with Valley Mortuary of Lake Isabella.

Buddy Richard McDaniel

Buddy Richard McDaniel was born June 20, 1927 in Okemah, Okla. and passed away Nov. 16, 2002.

Bud served in the United States Air Force, beginning just after the Korean Conflict. He served during the Vietnam War and retired from the service in 1975. During his time in the military, he received many medals including the Bronze Star, Oak Leaf Clusters and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

In retirement, Bud chose to pursue another career, beginning work with the Varda Alarm Company in Bakersfield. Bud was a member of the Rod and Gun Club in Wofford Heights.

Bud was preceded in death by his father, George McDaniel, and his brother, Gerald McDaniel. He is survived by his wife, Barbara

McDaniel; mother Pearl McDaniel; daughters Robin Christian of Frankston, Texas, Patti Redding of Nevada, and Melissa Williams; sisters Betty Queen, Lillian Owens and Velma Boman of Bakersfield, Louise and Lee Arnold of Pearl River, N.Y., Sue and Ronald Arvizu of Delano, and Wilma Chase of Fairbanks, Alaska; brother Bobby McDaniel of Huntsville, Ark.; sister-in-law Carmen McDaniel of Lake Dallas, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Bud was "Grandpa" to many. He was well liked and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2002 at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights, with James Clawson and Ron Arvizu officiating.

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

Death notice

Kim Anderson of Lake Isabella passed away Nov. 17, 2002 in Booneville, Mo. Services are pending. Arrangements by Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2002

Ella Jane Hixon

Ella Jane Hixon was born to Ruben and Sophia Elmore on Jan. 23, 1921 in Ida, Okla. She went to be with her Lord on Nov. 12, 2002.

Ella was a very open-hearted person. She raised her son and daughter as well as her brothers and some of her nephews and nieces. Ella was also a good seamstress and loved to sew, knit and crochet. She was a great mother.

Ella is survived by her son, Jack Hixon of Onyx; her daughter, Jane Hixon of Lake Isabella; a brother, Paul D. Elmore; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Nov. 18, 2002. Services were entrusted to the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

"Smile Around The Tears"
Death seems to steal our loved ones away

While, "let us have them a little longer" we pray

But to the one who goes, death sets them free

I don't know about you, but I do know about me

It is better to rejoice when loved ones die

It is at birth that we are supposed to cry

This is stated in God's word so very clear

But this truth of God, humans don't want to hear

They rejoice at birth, while they cry at death

However, the tears are for the ones who are left

Yes, how did we get ourselves so turned around

That we fear and sorrow, to be set in the ground

For dust we were, and to dust we must return

Will it take forever, for the human to return

That God has reasons for all that He does

The way it is, is still the way it was

His way is above our ways, we can read

If in God's Holy Word we will faithfully feed

We want to go to wonderful, we earnestly say

But the way we act about death, it's not that way

Heaven sounds wonderful and we want to go there

It is how we must go, that gives us a scare

So the next time I lose a loved one, I can but try

To rejoice, and around the smile, I know I'll cry

I'll try to smile knowing that now they're free

Yes! I will try to smile around the tears you'll see

— By Jane Hixon, based on Ecclesiastes 7:2-3

Walt Bown

Walt Bown passed away on Oct. 29, 2002. He was 87 years old, and had resided in Bodfish since 1971. He owned and operated a fabric store in Lake Isabella with his wife, Georgia, until 1977. Walt is survived by a daughter, Kathleen; two sons, James and Charles; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; innumerable friends, and his companion of 13 years—Fergy the feline. He will be especially missed by his friends at the Senior Center, with whom he lunched daily for the past several years. His family would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the close friends and neighbors who assisted Walt through the past several years. At his request there will be a private memorial for immediate family only. The family requests all memorials be donated to the Lake Isabella Senior Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2002

Maynard "Babe" Brandon Olson

Babe Olson was born Jan. 1, 1919, in Webster City, Iowa, to Thomas and Gladys Olson. Babe entered into rest on Nov. 22, 2002 at his home in Weldon.

He joins his wife Violet and daughter Joan, who preceded him in death.

Babe lived in the Kern Valley-Weldon area for the past 30 years, enjoying many of the activities he dearly loved, sharing them with his children and grandchildren. Camping on the Kern River and jazz festivals were his favorites.

Babe was known for his wonderful woodworking projects that he made and gave to his family and friends. The Senior Center, Happy Hookers and local eateries have a number of Babe's special towel and condiment holders.

Services were held on Nov. 29, 2002 in the Rose

Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home. Pastor (and friend of the family) Jack Dilley officiated.

Babe will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Private inurnment was held with interment at the Kern River Cemetery in Wofford Heights.

Babe is survived by his son David Olson and his wife Faith; grandson Todd Olson; great-granddaughter Carli Olson; grandson Ted and his wife, Tisha; granddaughter Laura Etheridge; granddaughter Debbie Etheridge; great-grandchildren Nodia and Zackery; and son-in-law Bud Etheridge.

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

William J. "Buck" Barlow

William J. "Buck" Barlow entered life on May 11, 1920, in Van Zandt County, Texas, and passed away on Nov. 23, 2002 in Lake Isabella. Buck is survived by his wife, Eleanor A. Barlow; son Stephen W. Barlow; daughter Sherra Lee Reedy; son Paul Bruce Barlow; son David Alan Barlow; son Thomas Lynn Barlow; son Robert Warren Barlow; son Jonathan Daniel Barlow; stepson L. Scott McClure; and by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also, Buck is survived by his hunting and fishing friends.

Services entrusted to Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2002

Leonard Harold Radford

Leonard Harold Radford was born Jan. 19, 1920, in Willow Springs, Mo., to Earl and Eva Radford. He passed away on Nov. 27, 2002 in Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, Ariz., as the result of his third bout with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn, of Mesa, Ariz.; daughter Joyce Francis, also of Mesa; and brother Leo C. Radford of Salem, Ore.

Leonard arrived in the Los Angeles area with his parents about 1927. He graduated from Inglewood High School, then attended Frank Wiggins Trade School where he studied sheet metal. He later worked for Douglas Aircraft, where he met his bride-to-be, Evelyn Trotter. They were married on Feb. 12, 1943.

He served in the U.S. Navy 96th Construction Battalion, the Sea Bees, from November 1944 through February 1946 in the Asian Theater.

Leonard and Evelyn made their home in Torrance, Calif., and built a commercial

egg ranch business. They bought their first property in Lake Isabella in 1956, gradually built their new home, and moved here in July, 1965. They later built and lived in two different homes in Bodfish Oaks. Leonard was especially well known around L&M Lumber, where he worked for more than 30 years. He was a proud life member of the V.F.W. Post 7665 of Lake Isabella.

They loved "their" Kern River Valley, but felt the need to move closer to Joyce and her husband, Dick, in Arizona, for health reasons.

Inurnment will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix, with military honors.

Geneva Edna Snyder

Funeral services for Geneva Edna Snyder were held at Greenhills Mortuary Chapel in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. on Nov. 30, 2002.

Geneva Edna Snyder was born on Jan. 27, 1905 in

Marion, Ill. and she passed away on Nov. 23, 2002 in Bakersfield.

Geneva was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Snyder, and her son, Jack Snyder. She is survived by daughter Shirley Snyder; daughter and son-in-law Pat and Dick Attridge; daughter-in-law Barbara Snyder; brother and sister-in-law Bayliss and Faye Murphy; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Geneva enjoyed gambling, bingo, and going to Las Vegas, where she would play the slot machines. She raised her family in Lomita, Calif. In 1988, she moved to Lake Isabella where she lived with her daughter, Shirley. She was observant of people, their eyes and the way they smiled. She was very kind and gentle. She loved her family very much and she was very proud of her family. She was loved by all who knew her and she will be deeply missed. For additional information, please

contact Basham Funeral Care (3312 Niles Street) at (661) 873-8200.



Glenn Ray Bolyard

Glenn was born March 1, 1913 in Tustin, Calif. to Guy Holland and Daisie Cree Bolyard. He entered into eternal rest on Dec. 4, 2002 in Lake Isabella and was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Hazel, and his brother, Melvyn Bolyard.

He is survived by daughter Susan Davenport and her husband Bruce of Wharton, Texas; son Ron Bolyard of Onyx; grandson Greg Grimes and wife Alicia of Houston, Texas; sister Lorraine Valdez and husband Ralph of Las Vegas, Nevada; and his dog, Heidi.

Glenn married Hazel Gladys Kidd in Compton, Calif. on Dec. 22, 1936 and then moved to Shafter, Calif. where he worked in the "oil patch," as he lovingly called the oil fields, as a welder for Superior Oil Company. He worked for the oil company in New Zealand in 1941. He moved to Oildale in 1944 and retired to Onyx in 1976. There he was a rancher and farmer until his complete retirement in 1998.

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

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake



Virgil A. Mosman

Services were held Nov. 22, 2002, at St. Jude Church in Wofford Heights for Virgil A. Mosman. He was born Jan. 7, 1915 and passed away Nov. 18, 2002.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Bonnie; son Bill of Trona; daughter Sandy of Bakersfield; brother Webb of Lake Isabella; three grandsons, James, Gary and Steve; granddaughter Kristin; and six great-grandchildren.

Virgil moved his family from Carroll, Iowa to Trona, Calif. in 1948 when he was employed as a painter at the chemical processing plant for nearly 30 years. Since his retirement in 1977, he and wife Bonnie have resided in Lake Isabella.

George Edward Kanyuck

George Edward Kanyuck, 79, of San Marcos, passed away Dec. 4, 2002. He previously lived in Weldon for 20 years.

George was born on Jan. 30, 1923 in Nanticoke, PA. He served in the Army Air Corps, then the U.S. Air Force for 10 years. He was a Sergeant Major, serving in World War II and Korea. He came to California and worked on experimental aircraft for Northrup and worked as a civilian at Edwards Air Force Base. He was an inspector for Northrup Corp. for 20 years.

George was preceded in death by his wife, Maxine Kanyuck, in 1996. He is survived by son George Kanyuck, Jr. and son and daughter-in-law Kenneth and Wanda Kanyuck, all of Vista, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law Christine and Gerald Bullard of Oceanside, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law Anne and John Pawlik of Zephyr Hills, Fla.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9, 2002 at Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Interment followed.

Mortuary services provided by Allen Brothers Mortuary, Vista, Calif.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

Mary J. Maher

Mary J. Maher, our beloved Mother and Nana, died on Nov. 24, 2002. Mary was a resident at the Skilled Nursing Center at Kern Valley Hospital. Mary was born in Grapevine, Texas, on Feb. 1, 1911, second oldest of six children. After leaving the farm as a teenager, she found work in Ft. Worth, Texas. She was married there in 1926 and then moved to El Paso, Texas. She was married there in 1926 and then moved to El Paso, Texas. Mary and her five children came to Los Angeles in 1939. She started work at Plumb Tool Co. (later Proto Tool). She divorced in 1944 and continued working there during the '40s and '50s. After remarriage and retirement, she moved to Squirrel Valley and had a home built on Seclusion Road. Mary was a longtime resident of Squirrel Valley. She became an avid gardener, growing beautiful flowers in her yard that attracted many viewers. She was a wonderful cook, as well as being noted for her skills in crafts. She was a member of the Grandmothers Club and supported the Kern County Sheriff's Association with her donations. Mary devoted her life to being a loving and giving wife, mother and grandmother. She touched a multitude of people. To know Mary was to love her. Her family celebrates her life.

Mary is survived by one sister, Georgie Garber of Little Rock, Ark.; five children— Gene Brazzil and wife Jen of Jackson, Calif., Betty Jo Davidson and husband Dave of Diamond Springs, Calif., George Brazzil and wife Linda of Little Rock, Ark., Mary Ellen Hollands of Newport, Ore., and Kathryn Perry and her husband Perry of Yakima, Wash. Mary's husband, Lawrence Leo Maher, preceded her in death in 1994.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002



Gertrude Louise Harmon Pinney

Gertrude Louise Harmon Pinney passed away Nov. 29, 2002. She was born in 1921 in Newell, W. Va. to Victor and Mary Harmon and spent the first part of her life there. In 1938 she married Grant Pinney. The marriage lasted until Grant's death some 61 years later. Gertrude had five children—Grant Robert, John Scott, Dianna Louise, Pamala Kim and Kathlean Ann. John Scott was killed in action in Vietnam.

Gertrude was employed at various jobs during her life but always felt that her most important position was wife to Grant and mother to her children. When her husband went to college after World

War II, Gertrude put so much effort into his college work that when he graduated, she was given a "PHT" degree—putting hubby through.

Gertrude and her husband and children left West Virginia in 1948 and traveled to Tempe, Ariz., where Grant went to college. The family then went to Seligman, Ariz. and then on to Avondale, Ariz. where Grant taught school. In 1953 the family moved to China Lake, where Grant and Gertrude worked as the ultimate couple for many years before they retired from the schools and moved to Lake Isabella.

In the years after Grant's retirement, Gertrude and Grant formed a consulting firm and represented many of the Native American reservations in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho in their fight to keep federal funds for education coming to the tribes.

Probably one of Gertrude's favorite jobs was when she worked with the special education students in Ridgecrest and China Lake. The special ed students became part of her extended family until she retired from working.

Gertrude was, in the eyes of those who knew her, the

perfect wife and mother. All of her love and all of her time were given to those in her family, but she always made time to love and nurture those in need, whether they were family or not.

Gertrude is survived by her living children Robert, Diana, Pam and Cathy as well as her sisters Sue Knepper of Anaheim and Virginia Bundy of Bodfish; a brother, Jerry Harmon of Lake Isabella; and a multitude of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gertrude was extremely active as president of the Democrat Club and was very active in her church at the Highland Chapel. She was named the Woman of the Year by the Democrat Club.

There are no words to express the feelings of those who knew and loved Gertrude. She was a woman whose life was made up of giving and caring and it would be impossible to try and say how very much she will be missed.

Services were held Dec. 5, 2002 at Highland Chapel in Lake Isabella. Burial was in Ridgecrest.

Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home, a family owned funeral home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

Remembering...
John Van Rensselaer

5/1/25 to 12/14/00



Such a great
husband!
You will always
live through
all our videos
together!!

Your Loving Wife
Cathy Van Rensselaer

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2002

Sheila Jane Robinson

Services were held at Mt. View Baptist Church in Lake Isabella Dec. 12, 2002 for Sheila Jane Robinson, who passed away Dec. 7, 2002. Sheila was born Jan. 26, 1938 in Seattle, Wash.

We have lost a treasure from our valley. Her smile, her sunshine, her love of children will be sorely missed.

Sheila was the type of person who, even if she has gone home to our Lord, will always be here. Her presence will always be felt as long as those of us who knew her are alive to tell the story about the lady with the smiling face

and charm enough to talk you out of your shoes, if it meant helping others.

No words could ever tell the story but I am sure of one thing, God has already put her in charge of one of his special projects here on earth.

So if you think you saw that electric wheelchair buzzing down Lake Isabella Blvd., you aren't crazy— she is just simply a new kind of angel.

Good night, Sheila. I can't kiss your cheek good night, but I will always be blessed because you were in my life.

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Agnes R. Weldon

Memorial services for Agnes R. Weldon were performed by Tom Rex on Nov. 30, 2002 at the Weldon Family Cemetery.

Agnes Weldon was surrounded by her family's love and care when she passed away at San Joaquin Hospital in Bakersfield on Nov. 23, 2002. Agnes was the second oldest of 13 children. She was born Agnes Rosalia Denes on Nov. 13, 1921 in Elyria, Ohio. Agnes came to the Kern River Valley in 1950. She and her sister Elizabeth ran a small cafe called the Rodeo Cafe in Bodfish. It was there she met her husband, Henry Weldon. As a couple they settled in Kelso Valley where they raised cattle on the Weldon Ranch. Over the years Agnes and Henry had six children— Judy, Trent, Corine, Martin, Rebecca and Bryan. Agnes' brother, Frank Denes, remembers their coming to the Valley,

Agnes meeting Henry ("the love of her life") and the happy full life that followed. Agnes lived a good life on the ranch surrounded by beautiful tree-covered mountains and the open valley. Agnes was preceded in death by her husband Henry and sons Trent and Martin. Agnes had nine grandchildren— David and Lora Weldon, J'Nel, Raymond, Jacob and Robin DeuPree, Chandra, Elizabeth and Hanna Weldon-Reed. She also had three great-grandchildren, Dylan Lopez, Tyler and Matthew Weldon. Agnes was remembered lovingly by a large number of friends and family. All in attendance were in agreement that Agnes was a loving mom, a kind and generous woman, a true matriarch to family and friends. She was loved and will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known her. Thank you to all who attended the services. A special thank-you to Agnes' brother Frank and her sister Liz for traveling so far to be by her side.

Jack G. Wetzel

Jack G. Wetzel was born in Leslie, Mich. on Aug. 14, 1916, to John and Myrtle Wetzel. He met and married Nina Ruth St. John in 1938. Jack served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He received the Silver Star, Purple Heart, three bronze battle stars and many other honors. Following the war he and

Nina moved to California where Jack worked in the aerospace industry. He retired from TRW in 1979, and they moved to Wofford Heights where they had a weekend getaway home.

Jack belonged to the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge and the Wofford Heights Improvement Group. He loved to golf and was an avid baseball fan. His beloved wife Nina Ruth preceded him in death in 1987. He was also preceded by one son, Douglas Wetzel, and one brother, Don Wetzel. In later life Jack developed a friendship with Amelia (Millie) Clark and the two of them traveled the northwest U.S., British Columbia and Alaska together.

Services were held in the Rose Chapel of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home on Dec. 13, with Bob Costa officiating. Interment services followed at the Kern River Valley Cemetery with the Lake Isabella VFW Post 7665 in charge. Jack is survived by two sons, Don and wife Ricki of Alta Loma, Calif. and Dennis and wife Lynn of Bodfish; daughter Denise Butler and husband Ed of Lake Isabella; foster son Doug Oudin of Catalina, Calif.; two sisters, Unabel Pawson of Parma, Mich. and Dorothy Whipple of Tampa Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and by his very special friend Millie Clark of Canoga Park, Calif. Jack will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Services were entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2002

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham entered life on May 5, 1921 in Texas. Raised by his parents Joseph and Mary, Rex was brought up with a strong sense of family and devotion to the Lord. In his life, during World War II, Rex proudly served his nation in the United States military. Rex worked as a Regional Sales Manager for Baker, Bishop and King. He was fortunate enough to have found and married the love of his life, Gladys, and to have been blessed with a family together with his loving wife. Rex enjoyed golfing and fishing in Lake Isabella. He and Gladys traveled quite a little bit until Gladys fell ill. Rex was also an avid gar-

dener. James Rex Cunningham passed away on Dec. 11, 2002 in Yucca Valley, Calif. Graveside funeral services were held on Dec. 17, 2002 at 10 a.m. at the Kern River Valley Cemetery in Wofford Heights. Pastor Jack Dilley officiated. Rex will be missed by all of his loving family and special friends and by all those whose lives he touched.

James Rector "Rex" Cunningham is survived by his son, Curtis Cunningham and his wife Bonnie; granddaughter Kelly Smith and her husband Chris of Bloomington, Calif.; grandson Craig Cunningham of San Clemente, Calif.; great-grandson Cameron Smith; and by other special family and friends. Services entrusted to the care of the Lake Isabella Funeral Home.

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