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### Bruce Edward Abraham - 1946-2006



Captain Bruce Edward Abraham Born February 4, 1946 in Bakersfield, California and passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 8, 2006. Many friends share a great loss from his sudden passing. We all have vivid memories of Bruce's fine wit and social criticism. In his career as a professional seaman he rose through U.S. Coast guard examinations to attain an Unlimited Masters license. Bruce was involved for many years with Greenpeace activities and served as 3rd mate on the Greenpeace vessel "Rainbow Warrior". He had extreme adventures all over the world and met life at full force. He held his beliefs dearly and lived a courageous life of environmental and political activism. William Blake wrote "In the universe, there are things that are known, and things that are unknown, and in between, there are doors". Bruce never bothered to knock! He was plainly and simply an unforgettable character. And so, as he would say when leaving on his voyages: "TA-TA" Please sign our Guestbook at Howden-Kennedy.com. Published in The Seattle Times on November 1, 2006



### Connie Lou Price (Adams) - 1945-2002



Connie was born May 3, 1944 and died August 25, 2002. A Memorial service was held for Connie Lou Adams Price on Saturday, August 31, 2002, at Church of Christ, 410 Monroe, Ford City, CA, at 2:00 p.m. After a battle with cancer, our precious daughter, sister, wife, mother and sister-in-law went to be with her Lord and Savior.

A Celebration of Connie's life for family and friends was held after the service at her daughter's home at 519 Lucard, Taft, California. Connie, I am going to miss you forever. Love, Leonard [Connie's husband

### Betty Tkac (Akins) – 1945-2009



Betty Annette Tkac, 64, of Coquille, OR was born on March 2, 1945 and died December 9, 2009 in Coquille, OR.

### Edward Elmo Albin - 1945-1999



Edward was born June 8, 1945 and died on March 27, 1999, in Portland, Oregon, where he was the owner of a bio-chemistry lab. Ed had a full scholarship to the University of California at Berkeley, where he graduated. He did post-graduate work at a variety of Universities. His occupation took him many places throughout the U.S. His favorite hobbies were reading and learning. He was a professional student all of his life. He died of cancer six months after being diagnosed. His parents were Edward F. Albin and Willie Mae Albin. He had one daughter, Wendy Marie.

### Tom Anton – 1945-2024



BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (KGET) — Funeral services are pending for Bakersfield attorney Thomas J. Anton, who died two weeks ago at a skilled nursing home in the southland. He was 80. Anton was born and raised in Bakersfield. A graduate of McGeorge School of Law, he was admitted to the California Bar Association in 1974 and went on to open his own law firm in Bakersfield in 1980.



One of his most notable cases was the lawsuit he filed against PG&E for contaminating drinking water in the high desert town of Hinkley — a follow-up lawsuit for more than 100 plaintiffs not included in the much-celebrated Erin Brockovich case.

But Anton's lasting legacy is one of unmatched support for America's servicemen and women deployed here at home and around the world. In 2001, he founded Cooks From the Valley, a local nonprofit that established a unique way of showing appreciation for our military by flying scores of volunteers to military bases and warships at sea around the world to serve a Central Valley barbecue to those who are serving our country. Over the last 20-plus years, Anton and his crews have served more than 185,000 Harris Ranch steaks to active duty military.



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Tom 's service consisted of: Member, Kern County Sheriff's Advisory Board, 1985—. General, Navy Legal (Kern County Chapter), 1986—. Director, Buck Owens Charities, 1975—. Member, Board of Directors, Italian Heritage Association, 1982-1983.

### Fred Aragon - 1945-2023



Together we mourn the passing of Fred and Wanda Aragon, Husband and wife. Freddie (Fred) was born October 28, 1945, in Bakersfield, California and passed on April 26, 2023. Wanda Aragon was born January 14, 1948 in Eugene, Oregon and passed on April 30, 2023. They were inseparable in life and so they too will share eternity together with one another. Fred graduated from East Bakersfield High in 1963 and joined the United States Marine Corps shortly after and was a Vietnam Veteran. He married his wife Wanda in 1981 and became a self-employed welder the same week, working previously for the Kern County Fire Department. His passion was European sports cars and he owned many through the years. Wanda graduated from Willamette High School in 1966 and previously worked for the Kern County Employees Federal Credit union. She loved her flowers and gardening and enjoyed the sports cars with her husband Fred.



Fred and Wanda are survived by their son Nolan Aragon and his wife Amy; son Travis Aragon and granddaughter Anthea; daughter Leah Aikey and fiancé Jeff and three grandsons Brandon, Tyler, and Jordan; daughter-in-law Nicci Brownlee and two grandsons Andrew and Brad Brownlee; pets Mitzy and Snot, and many extended family members and friends. Fred and Wanda were preceded in death by Fred's parents Emilio and Rosa Aragon, two brothers Gilbert and John, and Wanda's parents Archie Clark and Vivian Besanson, brother Gary and sister Ona, and son Jason Brownlee.

Our Heroes  
You held our hands  
When we were small  
You caught us when we fell  
You're the heroes of our childhood  
And our later years as well  
And every time we think of you

Our hearts still fill with pride  
Though we always miss you Mom and Dad  
We know you're by our side  
In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and through rain  
We know you're watching over us  
Until we meet again..

Burial will be on June 12 ,2023 starting at 10 am  
Bakersfield National Cemetery 30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd , Arvin, Ca 93203

### Luther Sherman Armstrong - 1944-1977

Private services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel for Luther S. Armstrong, 32, who died March 26, 1977. The Rev. Eugene Osencsits of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church officiated. Mr. Armstrong was a life-long Bakersfield resident. Luther was born August 28, 1944. He was employed by Ace Hydraulic Company. Survivors include the widow, Sharon; his father Luther, and two children, all of Bakersfield. Pallbearers were John Armstrong, John Etchart, Eugene Ryall, Glen Armstrong, Myran Hale and Jerry Meeks. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### Kenny Baker - 1944-1983

Graveside services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Park for Kenny Gene Baker, 38, who passed away March 12, 1983 in Bakersfield. Mr. Baker, a native of Bakersfield who was born December 12, 1944, had resided here all of his life. Kenny was a Viet Nam veteran. He had been a maintenance man for 2 years and was last employed by the Bakersfield City School District. Survivors include his mother, Anne Baker; brothers, Terry and Doug Baker; sister-in-law, Julie Baker; and nephews, Jason, David and Michael Baker, all of Bakersfield.

### Jo Ann Lopez (Barrett) - 1944-1993



Jo Ann Barrett was born October 27, 1944 and married fellow classmate Ronald J. Lopez on June 6, 1969 in Kern County. Jo Ann died September 28, 1993.



### Ralph Bartel - 1945-2025

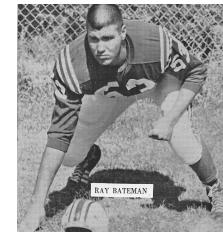


80 years old, Bakersfield, Died July 12, 2025. Basham Funeral Care.

### Raymond C. Bateman - 1945-1980



Services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel for Raymond C. Bateman, 34, who went home to be with the Lord, February 2, 1980. Mr. Bateman was born on September 18, 1945, in Long Beach and had resided in Kern County 34 years. He was a graduate of East Bakersfield High School in 1963, excelling in football and wrestling, attended the University of Illinois and University of Hawaii, in 1972 received a B.A. degree in Social Science at Cal-State and graduated from Rhema Bible Training Center, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma in 1979. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn of Bakersfield; one sister, Rebecca of Bakersfield; his parents, Ray and Mary Bateman of Bakersfield and his and his grandmother, Eva Grimes of Illinois. Internment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.



### Patricia Carol Self (Batesel) – 1944-2023



Bakersfield - An only child until her baby brother was born when she was 16, Patricia Pat Self dreamed that one day she would have a big family to put at the center of her life. On December 28, 2023, the large, loving family that she had dreamed of when she was young surrounded her as she passed away at her Bakersfield home.

Born in Wichita, KS, to Orville Arthur Batesel and Lela Fay Batesel, Pat Batesel grew up mostly in Bakersfield. A proud East High Blade, Pat bragged about attending every football game except one. She doted on her baby brother, Mike, and didn't mind that he often tagged along beside her, including on her first date at a drive-in movie theater with a guy named Burrell. The date apparently went well because the two were married on October 18, 1970.

Pat and Burrell started their family soon after, welcoming two sons and two daughters. Before becoming a full-time homemaker, Pat worked for Contel for nearly 18 years. Eventually, she returned to the workforce as a clerk for the Bakersfield City School District before retiring in 2006.



Travel was a lifelong passion for Pat. In fact, she always kept a toiletry bag packed for road trips, and would drop everything to accept a last-minute invitation, even if the destination was just the next town over. However, as her children would point out, for someone who loved the open road, she sure hated driving. Her favorite place on earth was the beach, where she enjoyed watching her grandchildren play.

Pat also took great pleasure in hosting birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and more at her home, which became the central hub for extended family gatherings over the decades. She would work all day in the kitchen cooking and baking, never asking her daughters for help, and loving every minute of it. She adored her many nieces and nephews and her bright blue eyes would light up when they popped by to say hi to Aunt Pat and Uncle Burrell.

The happiest moments of Pat's life came when each of her 10 grandchildren was born. She was such a devoted grandmom that it was rare to see her missing from the stands at their functions and sporting events. She would bake their favorite cakes or her famous brownies for birthdays, and at Christmas, she would make the best spread of goodies. One of her proudest achievements was printing out her photos and providing names and dates on the back so that this important family history will never be lost.

Pat is survived by her husband Burrell; children Lance Tucker Self (Amanda), Justin Self (Misty), Dawnelle Boardman (Robbie) and Vickie Piper (Jeremy); grandchildren Samantha Mayfield, Kaitlyn Boardman (MaKenna), Sierra Self, Breanna Hutchinson (Avery), Savannah Self, Brandon Self, Brandt Self, Dylan Boardman, Brady Self and Adisyn Piper; brother Mikeal Batesel (Vivian); niece Krista Day (Travis); and numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews, whom she loved dearly.

She was predeceased by her parents Orville and Lela Batesel; nephew Sean Mikeal Batesel; Aunt and Uncle Robert and Roberta Morrow; and in-laws Bill and Clara Self.

A memorial service for Pat will be held at 1 p.m. on February 17, 2024 at 19227 Flightpath Way.



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### Jack L. "Lincoln" Beckham - 1945-1997



Graveside services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3700 River Blvd. Jack L. Beckham, 51, ascended into heaven on July 3, 1997, after undergoing emergency heart surgery. Rev. Dough Davis officiated.

Born July 30, 1945, and raised in Bakersfield, California, he graduated from East High where he set a record for the swim team. He continued his education at Bakersfield College where he received his A.A. degree. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. In 1971, he met and married his wife of 26 years and they were blessed with two beautiful children. Jack was employed with Bechtel Petroleum for the last 16 years as a purchasing agent. He has many dear friends "on the hill." Jack loved life and everyone in it loved him. He added laughter to every life he touched and every person he met earned a nickname. Jack spent every vacation on Lake Tahoe in search of the "Big Mac."

He was preceded in death by his father Jack L. Beckham, Sr., and his stepfather, Judge Walter Osborn Jr. He is survived by his wife Kathy; children Angie (Boo-Ga-Loo), Tim (T-Bone), step-daughter Suzie; grandchildren Daryan (Boo Boo) and Zackery; mother Mary Osborn, sister Gail and husband Dennis Underwood; brother Bill and wife Benita; and numerous nieces and nephews. Honorary casket bearers will be Bob Mullins, Greg Daisa, Jim Selvaggi, Pat Creely, Jim Wilman, Gary Huth and Charlie Kim (No Balance).

### James "Jim" Guy Bennett - 1945 - May 24th, 2019



James "Jim" Guy Bennett, age 74, son of Guy O. and Ruth Hazel Bennett (née England), passed away surrounded by his loving family at Hanford Adventist Health on Friday, May 24th, 2019 after a brief illness. He was born on March 18th, 1945 in Bakersfield, CA. Jim graduated from East Bakersfield High in 1963, finished an Associate of Arts at Bakersfield college in 1965, and obtained a degree in Biology from California State University, Long Beach in 1968. Jim moved to Lemoore, CA to teach Biology at Lemoore High School, where he spent the next 40 years as a teacher, assistant principal, and finally principal. After retiring, Jim earned a Master's of Education in Administration in 2010 and returned to teaching biology part-time at Lemoore Middle College High School. He would have retired for the second time at the end of the school year, marking 51 years as an Educator in Lemoore.

Jim brought cheer to those around with his great sense of humor, infectious laughter, classic catchphrases, and a never-ending stream of puns. When he wasn't spending time with his family, Jim loved sitting on the patio building intricate PowerPoint presentations and drinking Diet Pepsi. An avid Yankees fan, Jim collected all sorts of Yankees paraphernalia. Jim loved Jesus and was deeply involved at church, most recently Koinonia Church in Hanford. Jim had a passion for volunteering and donated time to Walk to Emmaus among other organizations.

He will be remembered by his beloved wife of 26 years, Peggy; sons, David (Zarah Ersoff), Paul (Monica), and Tommy (Magda); daughters, Ambur George and Tiffani (Harvey) Hildebrant; granddaughters, Aniah and Abbey Rose; brothers, Bill and John (Susan); sister, Ethel Foerster. Jim is preceded in death by his parents and his older brother Bob.

A public memorial will be held for Jim in early September. This post will be updated with details when they are available. Throw you a fish Mr. Bennett. Now get to heaven, chop chop!

### William Lynn Bennett - 1945-1982



Bill was born April 29, 1945 in Kern County and died while traveling alone to Las Vegas for temporary naval recruiting duty in a single car accident in Indian Springs, Nevada. Bill, chief petty officer, was traveling on US 95. His car left the road and overturned about eight miles south of Indian Springs

Bill had served 16 years of active and reserve service for the Navy and had been presented with various awards for his recruitment service; and in 1980 was one of the top five naval recruiters in the nation. Bennett also coached BC's women's team for the last two years.

Bill attended Bakersfield College, Brigham Young University, and had a Masters Degree from Baylor University. He taught high school for two years in New Cuyama where he coached baseball and basketball teams. He also taught at East High for five years and coached the girl's basketball team. He taught two semesters at Foothill High and had coached two seasons of women's basketball at Bakersfield College at the time of his death. He was always active in the Navy Reserve and had been a building contractor for the last couple of years. Bill was respected by the young women and in two years made an outstanding contribution to the BC women's basketball program," said Sand Bowers, women athletic director at BC. "He really will be missed.

Surviving family members include his wife of 15 years, Kathleen Ann; three sons Zachary J., Cory Wade and Jamie William; one daughter, Brady Lynn; one brother, Donald; two sisters, Barbara Hunt, all of Bakersfield and Carol Trixton of Hawaii; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. Bennett, also of Bakersfield. Services were held at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel. Casketbearers were Paul Adams, Roy Tolson, Don Lemke, Louie Barraza, Jim Johnson and Larry Lazare. Honorary pallbearers will be Robert Wirth, Terry Newman, John Burnett and Elmer Scritchfield. Internment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park.



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### Sharon Stead (Blakemore) – 1945-2016



Sharon Stead peacefully passed away in Stewart, TN on June 9, 2016.



Sharon was born in Bakersfield, CA to Thomas and Sylvia Blakemore. Sharon went to school in Bakersfield, graduating from East High School. She then attended college in Missoula, MT where she graduated with a B.A.

After college, Sharon became an airline stewardess for United Airlines stationed in Chicago. While in Chicago, she married David Morris Markle and had two children; Pamela and Douglass Markle. After her divorce, she opened her own music box company, Designs by Sharon, based out of her home in Palos Park, IL. Her music box company was extremely successful and it took her around the world. She remarried to Kenneth G. Stead and moved to Frankfort, IL. When Ken retired from Stead Textiles, they moved to Lewistown, MT. There, Sharon opened Western Education, selling educational software and items to various schools in the Northwest.

Sharon is survived by her husband Kenneth G. Stead, Daughter Pamela Markle, Son Douglass Markle, Step Daughters Pat Spencer and Diane Bailey, brother Bob Blakemore and seven grandchildren. Sharon had several cousins, uncles and aunts of which live in Lewistown, MT. Sharon made lots of friends through her journey in life. She lived life to the fullest! She had a huge heart to a fault! She loved entertaining, gardening, design, reading, and fly fishing.

A private service will be held in Lewistown, MT on July 30th with family and a few close friends. Her ashes will be spread up on the ranch where the family originally settled. She loved Montana the most. Please keep Sharon in your prayers. She never wanted anything more than to please the people she encountered!!

### Robert Lee Boyer - 1945-2013



The first time I saw Bob, I told my sister, "That is the man I am going to marry." That was almost 31 years ago. – Susanne Boyer



A gigantic loss to the community, but mostly to the family and friends . . . Bob went home to heaven on April 23, 2013, after a 19-month battle with brain cancer.

Bob was born in East Los Angeles, June 2, 1945. His family moved to Bakersfield where Bob attended and graduated from East Bakersfield High School lettering in football and swimming. He continued his education at Bakersfield College where he participated on the water polo and swim teams. He was named Team Most Valuable Player in both sports. Bob completed his education at The University of Oregon where he was PAC 8 Champion in the 50 Freestyle, PAC 8 Record Holder in the 50 and 100 Freestyle, Team Most Valuable Swimmer, NCAA All American Swimming Team, and he competed in the 1968 Olympic Swimming Trials, where he missed by one place of making the team that would travel to Mexico City. Bob joined the Cabrillo High School Family in 1970 and retired in 2008. He taught math and served as Athletic Director for 11 years. He coached boys' and girls' water polo, boy's and girls' swimming, and girls' basketball. Bob won a total of 30 league titles in his coaching career at Cabrillo. His love of Cabrillo High and, specifically, its athletic programs were legendary. His "footprint" is seen throughout the campus. Bob Boyer leaves behind a legacy that touched the hearts of countless students, athletes, colleagues, friends and family.

Bob was a man full of smiles and good will. He never turned a friend or colleague away and always lent a hand when in both his personal and professional life. Bob remained in tremendous physical shape and maintained prowess in a wide variety of athletic endeavors throughout his life. Bob was also a true and committed family man. He loved every moment he could spend with every single member of his family. He is survived by his wife, Susanne; brother, Gary Boyer, his children and their spouses, Rob and Paula Boyer, Bryan Boyer, Jensine and Leif Hanson, and James Boyer, grandchildren Robbie Boyer (wife-Shannon), Grace Boyer, Alexa Boyer, Lillie Boyer, Kaia Hanson, Preston Hanson and Raquel Hanson.



He is preceded in death by his parents Charles Joseph Boyer and Hercelia Lois Harriman.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Lompoc (500 E. North Ave.) at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4.

The family requests that in-lieu of flowers donations be made to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care ([www.vnhcsb.org](http://www.vnhcsb.org)) or to the Village Chapel ([www.vvchapel.com](http://www.vvchapel.com)). Published on April 25, 2013 by the Starbuck-Lind Mortuary



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### Nash Adolphus Brown, Jr. - 1945-1995



A Memorial Service, led by Dr. John Marshall, was held on Monday, November 6, 1995, at 3 p.m. at the Rio Bravo Pavilion for Nash Adolphus Brown, Jr. who passed away at his home on Wednesday, November 1, 1995.

Nash was born February 4, 1945 in Bakersfield to Marjorie and Nash Brown. He attended Longfellow Elementary School, Washington Junior High School, East Bakersfield High School, Bakersfield College, and California State Polytechnic University where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Architecture was one of the loves of his life as well as his livelihood for twenty-five years.

For six years he served in the Military Police of the Army Reserves. More recently, he has served on the board of the American Lung Association of Kern County as chairman of the annual Lung Ride fund-raiser. He was a member of the 1994-95 Class Leadership Bakersfield and was a committee member of the Cancer Survivors' Plaza project. His associations included the 20-30 Club, Kern County Triathlon Club, the Bakersfield Bike and Breakfast Club, and the California Living Museum. Always a participant, he was a skier, sailor, runner, cyclist, swimmer, and pilot. Nash received the Kern Arts Council 1994 Award for New Architectural project.

He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years, Janice Allison Brown, uncles Robert Berry and Frederick Berry, cousins Dewey Berry and Don Berry and many wonderful friends. Those wishing to honor his memory may contribute to Link to Life, Cancer Survivors Plaza project, 4450 California Avenue, Suite K-362, Bakersfield, CA 93309.

### Conrad William Browne - 1945-2002



The Friends of Conrad Browne gathered in memorial on Saturday, December 7, 2002, at the Unitarian Fellowship, at 98 Sterling Road, in Bakersfield. Conrad was born July 30, 1945 in Los Angeles County, California. He passed away November 21st, 2002, at the age of 57. An informal service began at 2:00 p.m. We are all saddened by the unexpected passing of a dear friend and colleague. We would like to express our sincerest condolences to his family and relatives.

### Carl Bryan -1945-2022



Carl was born at Mercy Hospital just 9 months after his parents moved from Pennsylvania. Carl excelled at East High and received full scholarships from Cal Tech, Stanford and Carnegie Institute of Technology, (now Carnegie Mellon). He chose Carnegie Institute of Technology.

During his university years, he was drafted as part of the U.S. Army Signal Corps in Vietnam for 19 months before returning to school to get his bachelor of science degree in mathematics.



Carl was a true man of the people, spending countless years in the community as the co-founder of the Beethoven Chamber Music Festival along with other organizations like Kiwanis Club.

His most favored activity was being The Voice of the Renegades, announcing football, basketball and track and field events at Bakersfield College for decades as well as football at East High and track and field for many local high schools. He took great pride in being able to pronounce each athletes name correctly and knowing their stats.

An East High Hall of Famer, Carl also announced state cross country championships and four national track and field championships, along with two Junior Olympics as well as his most cherished - one Masters Track and Field.

When Carl was not announcing, he loved to travel and along with his wife, Suzanne, they were able to cross off many items on his bucket list.

Carl leaves behind his wife, Suzanne and her children and grandchildren as well as his sister Nancy Pritchard along with nephew Craig, nieces Lynn, Kitty, Connie and Candy.

A celebration of life will be held at Bakersfield College Stadium on the concourse which can be accessed from the Mt Vernon side of the stadium on March 3rd at 9:00am, prior to the East High Relays which will be held later that day. Final resting place will be Bakersfield National Cemetery. Donations may be made to East High Hall of Fame, contact Rick Van Horne at East High.



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### Susan Burnett -1945-2022



She was preceded in death by her husband Michael Goldberg, parents Dr. Ralph and Marian Burnett and brother Ralph Burnett Jr. and his wife Patricia. She is survived by her son Adam, brother Dr. John Burnett and his wife Angelic, nephew Michael Burnett, niece Ashley Burnett as well as cousins Tom Seibly, Geri Lou Bolz, Kent Seibly and Kay Hussey.

*Personal Note: Susie Burnett was always the life of the party. A descendant of Joel Palmer, Oregon Trail trailblazer, Susie came to Idaho to ride the Oregon Trail in 2015 – and she did!*



### Robert Bruce Burns -1945-1969



Services were conducted at the Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel at 11 a.m. tomorrow for Robert B. Burns, 23, of 6133 Los Robles Drive, who died May 30 [1969] in Thailand. The Rev. Louis F. Del Agila, pastor of the Church of Religious Science, officiated. Mr. Burns was born in Bakersfield on August 6, 1945, and had lived here all his life. He was graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963 and from Bakersfield College in 1966. He was a sergeant in the Air Force stationed in Thailand. [He also served in Vietnam.] Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burns of Bakersfield and two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Linebaugh of Bakersfield and Mrs. Margaret Best of Santa Monica. Pallbearers were Rudy Serrano, James Wight, Reginald Wight, Charles Schaper, James Scullin and Michael Martin. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### Verna Nugent Burrus – 1945-2017



It is with profound sadness that we announce that Verna Burrus, 71, had passed on Tuesday, April 25 in Bakersfield. She was born on September 26, 1945, in Alhambra, CA to Robert O. Nugent and Thelma May Nugent and had one younger brother, Steven Nugent.

The family moved to Bakersfield, where she attended and graduated from East High School in 1963. She later attended Federico's Beauty School and became a beautician, a job she loved because she felt she was helping people look their very best and in turn, would help them feel better.

Soon after she married Phillip Trammell, they experienced the loss of their only son, Phillip Trammell, Jr. who died at birth. In 1968, she was remarried to Norman Angelo and had their only girl Kellie Angelo. She later married Walter Jack Burrus in 1971.

Verna remained working in the profession she loved. She also became part owner of Bernard & Sons Meat Co. and soon after learned how to cut meat. Anything that she was interested in and didn't know how to do, she would learn and pour her heart into whatever it was. She became very good at what all things to attempted.

Verna was a very giving & loving person. She never met a stranger. She enjoyed cooking, camping, horseback riding and riding 4-wheelers. She was a resident of Bakersfield for most of her life. She moved to Winnemucca, NV, where she was a farm wife; growing hay and living a slower paced life with her husband, daughter, and grandchildren. She ran a Gold Crown Hallmark Store in Winnemucca for 3 years and was forced to close because of a family illness. She later moved to Topeka, KS with the love of her life Jerry Harper and they lived there for a year until moving back to Bakersfield in 2010, to be close to the family.

Verna loved her family and had a few dear friends that she considered family, Diane Nasalrod, Cherri Martinelli and Shelia Williams.

She is preceded in death by her granddaughter Alexandria Perry, parents Thelma & Robert Nugent; and ex-husband Walter Jack Burrus. Verna is survived by her brother Steve (Jeanie) Nugent; daughter Kellie (Tony) Canales; grandson Memo Varela; niece, nephews and loving companion Jerry Harper.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, May 4th from 5-9 pm at Hillcrest Memorial Park & Mortuary, 9101 Kern Canyon Rd. Followed by services on Friday, May 5 at 2 pm.

He Only Takes the Best

God saw she was getting tired. A cure was not to be.

So he put his arms around her and whispered: "come with me."

With tear filled eyes we watched her suffer and fade away. Although we loved her deeply, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands put to rest

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

Amen! Published in Bakersfield Californian from May 2 to May 3, 2017





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### Gloria Lynn Calderon – 1945 - 1967



Gloria was born October 12, 1945 in Bakersfield and she died there on August 14, 1967. The newspaper gave the following account: "Death of a 21 year old bride yesterday and the discovery of a body of a Venice man in Red Rock Canyon, has brought Kern County's 1967 death toll to 87, the California Highway Patrol reported today.

"Gloria Lynn Bryant, 21, of 2601 Fremont Street, the former Gloria Calderon, died yesterday at 2:35 p.m., in Kern General Hospital, where she was being treated for massive head injuries suffered Sunday in a motorcycle-automobile collision that also crippled her husband. "Her husband, Billy Arlis Bryant, 19, remains in serious condition at Memorial Hospital where he is being treated for a mangled left leg. "Bryant, and with his wife riding behind as a passenger, was southbound on the Olive Drive overpass of Highway 99 when a northbound sedan, driven by Lindsay businessman, Dallas G. Wood, 51 (also of Soda Springs, Idaho) made a left turn in the motorcycle's path, the CHP said. "Bryant's leg was pinned between the two vehicles and his bride tossed over his shoulder, into the windshield, then on to the roadway 12 feet beyond . . . of Wood's car."

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 17, 1967, at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel at 1:00 o'clock. Officiating was the Rev. Maurice F. Lyerla, Pastor of the First Christian Church with organist Pauline Fehrenbacher. Casket Bearers were: Mike Soto, Harvey Jackson, Rick Edgemon, Chuck Colvin, Dave Tessendor, and Tom Bracamonte. Interment was at Lakeview Lawn, Hillcrest Memorial Park, Bakersfield, California.

### Louis C. Candelaria – 1943 – 2015



Louis Charles Candelaria went home to be with Jesus Christ, his Lord and savior on April 18, 2015. Louis was born on November 7, 1943 in Bakersfield, CA where he lived all his life. daughter Renee (Brock ) Humecky; his brother Tim Candelaria; his grandchildren Brooke & Aidan Humecky, Niclas DeAngelis, Jacob Fieguth; and great-grandson Andre DeAngelis and his numerous other friends and relatives.

Louis was preceded in death by his Father Chet Candelaria, Mother, Lillie Fabbri Candelaria and Sister Lannie Candelaria.



Louis attended local grammar school and graduated from East High School in 1962 and then attended B.C. Shortly After graduating from High School Louis began working for Tidewater Oil Company, driving an oil truck. He began his career at Getty Oil Company in 1965. After 39 years retired from Chevron in 2004 as head operator from station #36 Louis was an avid Dodger fan, true blue to the end. He also enjoyed NASCAR and supported the local race car drivers, especially Kevin Harvick. He was a life time season ticket holder and fan of the Bakersfield College Renegades football team.

Candyman (his nick name) will be remembered with love and fond memories by all his family and friends.

"...The Lord will work out His plans for my life - for your faithful love,  
O Lord, endures forever..." Psalm 138:8

Visitation will be held at Basham Funeral Care (3312 Niles St) from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 23, 2015. Funeral services will be held in the Basham Funeral Care Chapel on Friday, April 24, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery (River Blvd). For additional information please call Basham Funeral Care at 873-8200. Basham Funeral Care

### Betty Jean Grondahl (Campbell) - 1944-2002



Betty Jean Grondahl Nee Campbell Kirtland was born Oct. 10, 1944 in Albuquerque, NM to Mildred and Henry Campbell. Betty graduated from East Bakersfield High School and joined the U.S. Army. She served in France and Germany and Panama. Betty joined the Regular Army in 1978 and served 3 years and five months in Korea. Betty and Jerry Grondahl were married in 1997 in Colorado Springs while Betty was a CNA at Evans Hospital, Fort Carson. She died August 12, 2002 in Boulder, Colorado.



### Judith Ann Underwood (Carberry) – 1945-2002



Judith Ann was born October 25, 1945 in Kern County. She was the daughter of Millard Oscar Carberry. She died on February 19, 2002 in Kern County. She was the mother of the following children: Robert D. Nelson, Errin L. Nelson, and twins Shannon K. and Sharon E. Nelson. She was preceded in death by her father Millard Oscar Carberry who died November 19, 1996.

### Judy Anne Royal (Chabot) - 1945-2016



Judy Anne (Chabot) Royal went to heaven surrounded by her family on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Judy was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor in August 2015. With constant care from her daughter, Collette Royal, Judy fought cancer with beauty, dignity and an unending optimism, which was an inspiration to all. Judy was born on September 16, 1945 at Mercy hospital, the 2nd child of Collette Celestine (Callais) Chabot and Virgil James Chabot. Judy attended East Bakersfield High and graduated in 1963. She went on to receive her Masters Degree and following her teaching career of over 20 years, she worked as a vice-principal, Principal, & Assistant Superintendent.



Her life focus was love, development and education of children. Her family was her world & she thrived on the service to others. Judy was "Grandma Judy" to over 150 of her daughter, Collette's foster kids. Judy is preceded in death by her husband Robert "Bob" Royal, son James Royal, and daughter Jennifer Royal. She is survived by her sister Virginia "Ginger" Chabot-Weeks, daughter Collette Royal, grandchildren: James Byron Royal, Michael Bryson Royal, William Pike Kleier, Mitchell Loren Kleier, Collette Celestine Kleier. & Callais Anne Kleier.

### Lawrence W. "Dusty" Chapman – 1945-2005



Lawrence W. Chapman (Dusty) Services: Sat., Dec. 3, 9:00 a.m. Services will be held in Lutheran Church of Prayer, 8001 Panorama Drive, December 3, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., for Lawrence William Chapman, 60, who passed away November 30, 2005, in Bakersfield, California. Pastor Gene Bush will officiate. Lawrence was born, January 5, 1945 in Douglas, Arizona and was a resident of Kern County for forty-five years. He was employed for thirty-eight years with Chevron Texaco as the head electrician. Lawrence was an avid fisherman and a huge football fan. Lawrence was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Jane Chapman. He is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Alice Chapman; brothers, Bob Chapman and Steve Chapman; sons, Kenneth and Jeff Chapman; daughter, Joann Oliver; step-children Becky Whitten, Davis Grass and nine grandchildren. He was a loving father and son. Visitation will begin Friday, December 2nd, at 2:00 p.m., in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel. Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors Legacy.com. Published in the Bakersfield Californian on 12/02/05.

### Owen Chappell - 1945-2025



Mr. Owen Thomas Chappell passed away on June 18, 2025, in Bakersfield, California, at the age of 80. Born on May 13, 1945, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, Owen lived a life marked by service, dedication, and a deep appreciation for both people and the natural world. Owen graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country with honor during the Vietnam War. From 1963 to 1967, he was stationed overseas in Japan as an Airman Radio Operator. His time in the military left a lasting impression on him and shaped many of his values throughout life.



Following his military service, Owen pursued higher education at Bakersfield Junior College, where he earned an Associate of Arts degree in Accounting. This foundation led to a long and varied career in accounting across California. Among the many places he worked, two stood out as his favorites: Chevron-where he began his professional journey-and Yosemite National Park-where he concluded it. In addition to his corporate roles, Owen also spent about a decade running his own property management business.

Owen had a lifelong love for sports and the outdoors. He was an enthusiastic tennis and baseball player and rarely missed a football or basketball game on television. A devoted Raiders fan, he also enjoyed watching NASCAR races. His passion for nature led him to explore numerous National Parks over the years. His time working at Yosemite just before retirement was especially meaningful to him; it combined his professional skills with his love for the outdoors.

Faith played an important role in Owen's life. Though raised in a Southern Baptist Church and stepping away from regular attendance during his early adult years, he returned to church life when his daughters were young. He became active at First Assembly of God in Bakersfield-



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singing in the choir, volunteering at events, playing on the church softball team, and engaging deeply with scripture through daily Bible reading. He was known for having thoughtful conversations with those around him and sharing encouragement wherever he went.

Owen is lovingly remembered by his two daughters, Tracy Guest and Cari Holt; three grandsons-Philip, Toby, and Gideon Guest; and his brother Doyle Chappell. He was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Millie Chappell; two brothers Crandel Chappell and Darrell Chappell; and sister Francel Rowell.

Owen Thomas Chappell leaves behind a legacy of quiet strength, enduring faith, and heartfelt connection with others. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him. A Funeral will be held on June 24, 2025, from 09:15 AM to 09:30 AM at Bakersfield National Cemetery 30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd in Arvin.

### Jim Chumley - 1945-1962



“The mother of Bakersfield's first football fatality victim today defended the sport and urged that other mothers and players not let the accident influence them against it. The statement of Mrs. James Haley followed the death of her son, James Chumley, Saturday afternoon in a Bakersfield hospital. “The 17 year-old East Bakersfield High School senior suffered a head injury in a tackling drill Wednesday and never regained consciousness, despite emergency surgery Wednesday night.

“Chumley, a 140-pound member of the East High class B squad, was starting his fourth season of football at the school. He collapsed after making a tackle. At the time, he was wearing a new leather helmet. “His mother revealed that he told her Tuesday night he “had hurt his head and had a stiff neck” after practice that day but did not think it was serious. Like all other players in the district, he had to pass a physical examination before being allowed to tryout for the team. “Mrs. Haley said her son had suffered a concussion from falling out of a car when he was 9, but had suffered no ill aftereffects of this in football. She also reported that attending physicians said the concussion had nothing to do with his death.

“The grief-stricken parent said that her son was “a little guy” but the only thing he wanted was to play football and grow up to be a man. “The biggest concern of the family and myself,” Mrs. Haley said, “is that other mothers not stop their sons from playing because of this. We feel that what happened was an unfortunate accident, a one-in-a-million chance.

“Football was Jim's whole life, and if I had the chance, I'd send him back on the field tomorrow. I think his happiest moment probably was when he made that last tackle. Football is a good, healthy sport, and I hope and pray that what happened to Jim won't stop other mothers from letting their boys play,” she said. Besides the parents, survivors include two sisters, Carolyn and Maria.” [From the Bakersfield Californian.] Jim was born April 23, 1945 in California and died in Bakersfield September 8, 1962.

“Funeral services will be held and interment will be in Tulare, birthplace of the victim. According to school district sports commissioner J. B. (Cap) Haralson, it was the first death in the history of Bakersfield and also Kern County football teams. Chumley was the nations sixth prep grid fatality of the year.

### Cathy Marie Powers (Claunch) - 1945-1984



Cathy was born September 7, 1945 in Kern County. She married in 1964 to Donald L. McBrayer and together they had one son, Gregory D. McBrayer. Cathy died at age 39 on December 23, 1984. *There would be a paper copy of her original obit in the Genealogy Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Beale Library.*

### Eddie Lynn Clymore - 1946-1993



Eddie Lynn Clymore, 47, 129 Zandale Drive, former teacher, U.S. Air Force veteran and son of Ross Wayne and Walsie Clark Clymore, Bakersfield, California, died Sunday, January 31, 1993 in Lexington, Kentucky, after a long illness. Eddie was born in Kern County January 14, 1946. During his service with the Air Force, he was stationed in Okinawa as a military policeman. He and his canine partner were assigned the duty of guarding the planes on the base. Eddie had been married twice but had no children. He worked as a teacher at a Beauty College in Hawaii prior to moving to Kentucky where he had numerous good friends. Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Jessamine County.



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### Gary Lee Clymore - 1944-1991



Services were held Thursday, June 6, 1991 at 10 a.m. at Calvary Bible Church, followed by graveside military services at Hillcrest Memorial Park for Gary Lee Clymore, 46, who passed away June 1, 1991 in Bakersfield. Pastor Jack Peacock officiated.

Mr. Clymore was born in Bakersfield, November 8, 1944. He attended local schools and graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. He joined the U.S. Navy in February of 1964, served two tours of duty in Viet Nam between October 1966 and August 1968; he served twenty-eight years in the U.S. Naval Reserve and had presently held the position of Command Master Chief. He received a B.S. degree in Biology in 1971, and an M.A. degree in Microbiology in 1975 from California State University Fresno; he was employed at Kern Medical Center as Chief of Microbiology for fifteen years. He went on to obtain an M.S. in Family Counseling in 1989 from California State University Bakersfield, and has since worked as a Marriage/Family counselor at Aslan Center in Bakersfield. Gary was a Christian.

He is survived by his devoted wife Cheryl; and "Joy of his Life" daughter Keri; parents Ross and Walsie Clymore of Bakersfield; brother Eddie Clymore of Kentucky.

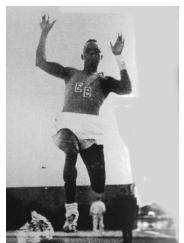
### Tobye Charlene Swichkow (Cohen) - 1945-2012



Toby Swichkow passed away on Dec. 22. She was buried in Bet Shemesh, Israel. She is survived by her mother, Alice Cohen of Skokie, IL; daughter and son-in-law, Chava and Gary Horowitz of Kochav HaShachar, Israel, and Brooke and Paltiel Brodsky of Queens, NY; nine grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Carl Tominberg of Lake Forest, IL; and good friend, Danny Swichkow of Buffalo Grove, IL. Toby was born in Bakersfield, CA, and moved to Chicago as a young adult, and moved to Omaha eight years ago. She was the current president of Beth Israel Sisterhood, and an active volunteer at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home.

Memorials may be made to Beth Israel Synagogue Toby Swichkow lending library or the Beth Israel NCSY youth group.

### Nathaniel Lee Cooper



Note: *It is believed that Nathaniel may have died in Los Angeles County on November 5, 1983, but an obituary from the town in which he lived cannot currently be found. There was not obituary or death notice for him in the Bakersfield Californian newspaper.*

### Frances Bratton (Cozort) - 1944-2002



Frances Ida Bratton September 22, 1944 - August 18, 2012 Frances passed away in Prescott, Arizona following a medical procedure. She is survived by her loving husband and friend Keith Bratton of 19 years, they enjoyed travel, square dancing and many church activities. Frances married James Helton in 1963 and raised 3 daughters, Debra Helton Arnold, Sondra Helton and Deanne Tracy. She is also survived by grandchildren Chelsea, Ashley, Anna, Courtney, Kaylean and 7 great grandchildren, son-in-law Zack Arnold, brother Paul Cozort and wife Shirley, sister Barbara Hayslett and husband Barry, niece Babette Baier and nephew Joshua, great nephew Elijah, Father-in-law Keith Bratton Sr. and wife Jewel. Frances was preceded in death by her Mother Esther Terry, father Knoble Cozort and mother-in-law Babs Bratton. Frances was a friend and confidant to many in the Bakersfield community during her career as a hair dresser for over 40 years. Frances lived life to the fullest and never met a stranger. A graveside service will be held Friday August 24th, at 10:45 AM at Bakersfield National Cemetery Arvin, CA with a reception to follow at Valley Baptist Church 4800 Fruitvale Ave.

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### Tigger Ortega (Crandall) - 1946-2002



Tigger, our beloved daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend, passed away suddenly on June 4 at Marian Hospital in Santa Maria, CA. She was born on February 15, 1946 in Bakersfield, CA, and spent her childhood there, graduating from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. She lived in Costa Mesa, CA for several years, before moving to Santa Maria in 1971. After briefly working at Iverson Motors and Coast Welding Supply, she began a 26-year career working at Allan Hancock College in Admissions & Records, Veterans Affairs, Student Services, and Financial Aid Offices, prior to her retirement in March 2001. Tigger was very active in California School Employees Association (CSEA), serving as Chapter President and member of numerous shared-governance and negotiating committees. She was selected as CSEA School Employee of the Year in 1986, was recipient of the Veterans Programs Administrators of California award for Outstanding Service to Veterans for Western Region of the United States in 1982, received the Outstanding Service Award from AHC Veterans Club (1975), served as President of Staff Senate, earned her A.A. Degree in Liberal Arts (Deans List), and had articles and poetry published in Incoming, an anthology of poetry about Vietnam veterans. Tigger helped many students achieve their life goals through alleviating financial barriers, providing words of encouragement and mentoring as an advisor and friend.



Tigger's beautiful mind, creativity, sense of humor and generous heart were amazing to us all. She was talented in so many areas of her life, and to express how much we love, admire and will miss her cannot be said with mere words. She was the jewel among us, providing support and advice, love and laughter in a way so special and incomparable. Tigger loved spending time with family, friends and her beloved dogs. She also had a fondness for shopping on QVC, was a brilliant interior decorator (several local restaurants and homes), and was an avid reader. She loved Christmas and Valentines Day, and rivaled department stores in decorating her home each year during those holidays. Tigger was also writing a novel and had craft projects ongoing at all times. She enjoyed her life and lived it to the fullest.

Tigger was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 21 years, Leo Ortega (1999), father, Hod Crandall, niece, Jana Skidmore, sister-in-law, Tina Crandall, and dogs Wheatie Louise and Carter. Survivors are mother, Jane Crandall, sister, Susie (Jim) Skidmore, brother, Bob Crandall (Terri Barber), former sister-in-law, Jackie Crandall, all of Santa Maria; sister-in-law Sue Ann (Roger) Palmer of Bakersfield; cousins, Lynn (Earl) Burnett of Arizona, Teddy (Franklyn) Harrison of Hawaii, Tico, Sheri, Gabriel, Eric & Darin Padayhag of Stockton, CA; nephews, Jim (Sandra) Skidmore of San Bernardino, CA, Jeff Skidmore of Arcadia, CA, Robby (Melissa) Crandall, Ryan (Michelle) Crandall, and Christopher Ortiz of Santa Maria; nieces, Susie Westbrook, Amanda (Anthony) Solis and Lacie Barber of Santa Maria; grandnephews, Bryce & Ryan Skidmore, Robert & Peyton Crandall; grandnieces, Carissa, Jennifer & Sarah Skidmore, Sadie Solis; Tigger's new puppy, Biff Corbett; numerous extended family, including Jack Bourdeau of Bakersfield, and Hank, Shirley, Gary, Kim & Marina Macagni of Santa Maria, as well as many dear friends, including Bill & Deb Turner.

Friends who wish, may contribute to a College Scholarship Fund established for Tigger & Leo Ortega, c/o Mid-State Bank & Trust, P.O. Box 6002, Arroyo Grande, CA 93421, or may make a memorial donation in Tigger's name to the Humane Society, 751 Black Rd., Santa Maria, CA 93458. A service was held for Tigger on Saturday, June 8, at First Christian Church in Santa Maria, under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary.

### Edward E. Cruz – -Est. 1945 – Est. 1968

Note: *It has been stated that Eddie Cruz died about June 15, 1968, however, no records have yet been found to verify this fact. He is not listed among the military personnel who died in Viet Nam in the Bakersfield Library's file.*

### Bonnie M. Allen (Curtis) – 1945-2024



Bonnie was born February 22, 1945, to Francis and Bettie (Hutchison) Curtis in Taft, California. Francis later married Frances Marie Davis who became "Mom" to Bonnie. Always a diligent worker, Bonnie had quite an assortment of jobs over the years. At the age of nine, she helped her Uncle Joe in the fields spreading manure, and at 13, worked for \$1.00 an hour, taking ropes off cattle. Her sophomore year at East Bakersfield High School, Bonnie worked for Farmers Insurance, answering phone calls, and working in the office. In her mid-20's Bonnie worked for Kern Rug, then with her sister Judy at Motor City, managing the switchboard and taking care of inventory control. Among other occupations, Bonnie was at one time a bookkeeper for Watson Real Estate. She also enjoyed working in oilfield services, and for North Kern Machinery, West Kern Machinery, D.M. Camp and Sons, and a favorite job, John Deere.



At the age of 16, Bonnie could be found racing her first car, a 1953 Ford, on private back roads and Chester Avenue. While she never got a ticket for racing, she did get her first ticket for running a stop sign at a dead end! In everything she did, Bonnie had only one speed – fast. Bonnie married Michael Ray Hinds in 1963. Together they had two children, Ron Hinds and John Hinds. Among other family activities, they all enjoyed riding motorcycles.

In 1983, Bonnie met Jay Allen at the Funny Farm, a place for dancing and dance lessons. Encouraged by her friend Carol, Bonnie taught Jay to dance. After four months, Bonnie and Jay went to Las Vegas where they were married on June 25, 1983, a marriage which lasted 25 years, until Jay's death in 2008. They moved to Taylor, Texas where Bonnie studied real estate and achieved her Texas Real Estate license, while



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also working at Sears. In 1985, they moved back to Bakersfield (Bonnie hated the Texas bugs) where she obtained her California Real Estate license.

For a number of years, Bonnie was also conservator, and took loving care of her cousin, JoJo, who was disabled from birth. Bonnie was not impressed with retirement, and in 2015 began working at Doughty-Calhoun-O'Meara, where she remained until her health prevented her from working any longer. Her desire, and that of her co-workers, was for her to be able to return to work, but sadly, that was not to be.

Bonnie is survived by sons, Ron (Kathy) Hinds and John Hinds, four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. Bonnie was also a loving grandmother to Jay Allen's grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m. in Hillcrest Chapel, followed by a graveside at 10:00 a.m. Following the graveside there will be a Celebration of Life at First Missionary Baptist Church, 1421 Wilson Avenue, Bakersfield, 93308.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of BONNIE M. ALLEN, please visit our flower store.

### **Steven G. Dean - 1945-1990**



Memorial services Friday, August 17 at 2:30 p.m. Oak Hill Funeral Home Chapel of Roses, 300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose, California for Steven G. Dean, 44, who passed away suddenly August 12, 1990. He was a native of Bakersfield and was born on October 2, 1945. He had been a teacher in San Jose for 15 years. He is survived by his wife Donna Dean, children Stephanie & Anthony Dean. His brother Donald Dean, sisters Gail Buckner & Carol Phillips. In lieu of flowers contributions preferred to the Dean children education fund, San Jose, California. Private inurnment, Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, California

### **Jorge Del Pinal - 1945 -2008**



Born May 2, 1945 and died Jan 12, 2008

### **Eddie Lee Dorsett - 1944-2006**



Eddie died in Crabtree, Linn County Oregon one day before his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 8, 2006. He was born December 9, 1944.

### **Deanna Louden (Duncan) - 1945-2022**



Deanna Louden, age 77, passed on July 10, 2022 at home. She was born on May 28, 1945 to Dale and Virginia Duncan in Bakersfield, California. She is survived by her husband Edward Mike Louden, her son Michael Louden and his wife Jenene, her daughter Melissa Woodall, and her husband James, and five grandsons, Timothy, Riley and Skyler Oberholzer, Duncan and Donovan Louden. Deanna loved spending time with family and friends, traveling, animals (especially her dogs), listening to country music and was an avid reader.

Graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Memorial, Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.





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### John Thompson Edwards - 1945-1970



Services were held in the Greenlawn Chapel at 3:30 p.m. for John Thompson Edwards, 24, 1120 Robinson Street, who died Saturday, September 12, 1970, in a Bakersfield hospital. The Rev. Thomas E. Davis officiated and interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Mr. Edwards was a native of Taft and resided in Kern County all his life. He was born December 13, 1945. He had been an apprentice-operating engineer for 2½ years and was last employed by Dravo-Atkinson & Grove. He was a veteran of Vietnam, 1964-1966, and was a member of operating Engineer's Union, Local 12. Survivors include the widow, Carol; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Edwards of Bakersfield; two brothers, Donald E. of Bakersfield and Ronald D. of Frazier; grandmothers, Carrie Edwards of Taft and Lola Potter of Oroville.

### Danny Elliott - 1945-2023



Danny was born on August 29, 1945 and died on July 21, 2023, weeks before his 78<sup>th</sup> birthday. He lived in Santa Maria and worked most of his life in sales. He had two children, a daughter, Andrea and a son, Danny, who predeceased him in 2008. Danny was a recovering alcoholic and was very proud of his 36 years of sobriety, an accomplishment of which his daughter Andrea was so very proud. Loved ones stated that Danny was really looking forward to his 60<sup>th</sup> high school reunion with his fellow classmates of the East Bakersfield Class of 1963.



### Judy Wilson (Endes) - 1945-2004



Judith Rose Wilson, age 58, of Bakersfield passed away July 4, 2004 in Bakersfield, California with her family by her side. She was born in Buke, South Dakota on October 23, 1945 to Ted and Julia (Rose) Endes. Her struggle with cancer is now over.

She graduated in 1963 from East Bakersfield High School. She was employed in the beverage business for over 30 years, mostly with 7up/RC Bottling of Bakersfield. She married John David Wilson on February 24, 1973.

She was a long time active member of Canyon Hills Assembly of God. Her happiest times were those involving her family. She also enjoyed food, recipes and cooking. Survivors include; her mother, Julia Endes, her siblings; Kenny Endes and wife Bonnie, Selden and wife Dora Mae, Lester Endes and wife Kathy, Danny Endes and wife Phyllis, Cathy (Endes) Hood and husband Rick. Her children; stepson Mike Wilson and his wife Annetta (Jones), Julia Wilson, Misty (Wilson) Lightner and her husband Steve, their children, Crystal, Erik, Aimee, and Acadia, and many beloved Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, and Nephews. All will greatly miss her joyful positive attitude and laughter. She is preceded in death by her husband Dave Wilson, father Ted Endes, and brother David Endes. No viewing is planned.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at Canyon Hills Assembly of God, 7001 Auburn Street, Bakersfield, CA. (661) 871-1150

### Wilson Estelle - 1945-2011



*Note: From his good friend, David Noe: Wilson was born in Kansas in 1945 and passes away in Vienna, Maryland in 2010 or 2011. David tells us that Wilson worked for the US State Department for most of his life. He was married and presumably had a family. Not much else is known at the time of this writing.*

### Cassy Stranberg (Eoff) - 1945-2010

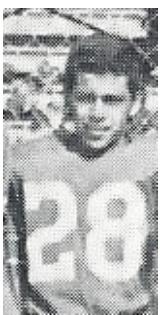


Daughter of Clarence Lavelle Eoff and Florence A. Fontes.



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### Larry Fernandez Jr. - 1945-2008



Larry Fernandez Jr. 1945 - 2008 Greenlawn Southwest A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 5, for Larry Fernandez Jr., at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 901 H St., at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Southwest Cemetery. Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Lazaro and Mercy, and son, Michael. He is survived by his soul mate and loving wife Isabel of 39 years. His children and their spouses, Cindy (Rick), Johnny (Tammy), Daythen (Sarah), Kim (Steve), Lori (Joey), Larry (Roxanne), Chuy and Heidi; adopted children, Steve and Ida Bates, and Jimmy Lewis. He has 25 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Along with those who loved him dearly, siblings and their spouses, Sara (Benny), Ruben (Lynn), Rick (Betty) and Nan; along with numerous nieces and nephews. Larry was the best husband, father, teacher, coach, friend and Bestest Grandpa and Great Grandpa, and a mentor to many of his apprentices. As a master craftsman he was known for his trademark statement, "Nothing is impossible, the impossible just takes a little bit longer". Our father had a passion for music, a collection of guitars, most famous: 1970 Gibson ES-335 w/walnut finish (BB King style) LTD. He performed with various Bakersfield bands. He's best known for his band the VO5 Royal Combo. (Cumbia!) He enjoyed Latin, country, R&B...BLAH BLAH



### James F. Fisher - 1945-2005



James Franklin Fisher (Jim) Services: Fri., Aug. 12, 9:00 a.m. Graveside services will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Park, 3700 River Blvd., for James Franklin Jim Fisher, 59, who passed away August 8, 2005. Jim was born on October 20, 1944, in Atoka, OK and resided in Kern County for 58 years. He worked as a loader for Golden Bear Oil for six years. He loved doing woodwork and had a great love of long distance bicycling. Mr. Fisher was preceded in death by his parents and son, Porter Wells Fisher. He is survived by his son, Ryan Fisher of Florida; sister and brother-in-law, Marylou and Peter Painter of Bakersfield; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lonn and Diane Fisher of Bakersfield and John Porter and Trudy Fisher of California Hot Springs; nieces and nephews Marie, Cindy, Jill, Peter Jr., Susan and Chris. The family wishes to thank the staff at Beverly Manor for all the care they gave to Jim. Visitation begins Thursday, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors [Legacy.com](http://Legacy.com). Published in Bakersfield Californian on August 10, 2005



### Richard Lee Flem - 1946-2001



Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, Friday, June 15, at 3 p.m. for Richard Lee Flem, 55, who passed away June 3, 2001. Richard liked watching the evening sunsets on the beach and he died while doing just that.

Richard was born February 23, 1946, in Bakersfield. He attended local schools and graduated from East High in 1963. He attended USC of Berkeley, earned a B.A. in History in 1967, MA in Education Leadership, and attended California Lutheran College in 1978. Richard held administrative services in standard secondary teaching and standard elementary teaching credentials. He also held teaching authorizations in History, English, German and Math. He spent over 30 years making children a priority in his life through his work in education. He also taught at Rio Bravo-Greeley Union School District and in Walnut Creek. His last position was Vice Principal on November 6, 1995 with Campbell Union School District at Monroe Middle School in San Jose. Richard was well like by Bess Johnson, principal and the staff at Monroe Middle School and was honored to have Richard on the staff. He touched all of our lives and all of our hearts. Monroe Middle School held a tree-planting memorial on June 7, 2001.

Richard was preceded in death by his father, Waldo A. Flem, mother, Dora E. (Orwick) Flem, and brother John D. Flem. Survivors include his sister, Margie Morovich; nieces and nephews, Daryl Flem and family of Hawaii, Darci Atkinson and family, Keith Morovich and family, Kevin Morovich and family, and Karen Morovich; brother-in-law, Robert Morovich; cousins, Dennis Paulson and Maryls Ellis of Pleasanton and long time high school friend, Gary Stein.

### Billy Keith Fogle - 1944-2010



Billy Keith Fogle "Bill" May 10, 1944 - September 13, 2010 Memorial services for Billy "Bill" Keith Fogle will be held at Grace Assembly of God (2800 Larson Ln.) on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. Bill was born to James and June Fogle in Vaughn, New Mexico on May 10, 1944. He grew up in Bakersfield and attended East Bakersfield High School. He raised his family in Stockton, California. Bill was a loving husband of 46 years to his wife Jan and a fun-loving, thoughtful dad to his daughter Staci and son James. Bill enjoyed his family and loved camping, hunting and fishing. He always had a smile on his face and was a friend to everyone. Bill is survived by his wife, Jan; daughter and son-in-law, Staci and Damon McMinn of Bakersfield, CA; son and daughter-in-law, James and Gina Fogle of Sherwood, OR; grandchildren, Tiffani, Nicholas, Joshua, Mason and Jacob; brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Peggy Fogle and Randy Fogle and Delores Fogle; uncle, Stan Fogle as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill was surrounded by his loved ones on September 13, 2010 when he passed peacefully from this world to be in Heaven with his Lord and Savior. The family wishes to thank Corrine Preston of San Joaquin Valley Pulmonary, Hoffmann Hospice for their loving care





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and support; Selena Sherman of Managed Care Systems and to Basham Funeral Care. For additional information, please contact Basham Funeral Care at 873-8200. Basham Funeral Care [www.bakersfield.com/obits](http://www.bakersfield.com/obits). Published in Bakersfield Californian on September 17, 2010

### Marsha Sandra Barnett (Frakes) – 1945-2013



Marsha Sandra Barnett December 29, 1945 - July 29, 2013 On July 29, 2013, Marsha Sandra Barnett answered the call to return home due to the effects and complications of long-term diabetes. She began her life's journey on December 29, 1945 in Bakersfield, CA with parents Clora and Myles Frakes and big sister, Maureen. She attended local schools and graduated from East Bakersfield High School. When Marsha and Mo were very young, their mother was diagnosed with TB and sent to a hospital in Tehachapi for an extended amount of time. How hard it must have been for two little girls to know where their mother was, but not get the daily love that they missed so very much. Marsha, claimed she spent most of the time her Mom was gone staying away from the watchful eye and always present switch of caretaker, Little Granny Frakes! When Marsha, was 10 years old, she was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and the life as she knew it was forever changed. At first, she would



go to a neighbor's who was an RN to receive her shots, but Marsha's strength and determination to take control of her disease began, and she learned how to administer her own insulin and manage her diet. That discipline remained throughout her whole life and she would be an inspiration to all who fight this debilitating disease. When Marsha was 13, younger sister Monica was born to complete the family. Never one to sit back and feel sorry for herself, Marsha worked hard at various jobs. She lived and worked on a horse ranch riding and caring for paint horses, was a vet tech for Dr. Zachary, received her certification in Phlebotomy, and clerked at a feed store. She would often joke that the hardest job she ever had was working at Smith's Bakery, and understandably so! Marsha was also an excellent cook and homemaker. Her life-long love of animals was known to all. She was never without a dog to keep her company, care for, and love. Marsha was predeceased by her parents and sister, Maureen Cunningham. Those left behind to mourn her loss are son, Stanley Barnett of Arkansas; grandchildren, Missy, Kevin and Sandra; sister, Monica Garcia; nieces, Stefanie and Miriam; nephews, Keith and Christopher; and long-time companion, Bob (Bubba) Koelzer. Also, dear to Marsha's heart were best girlfriends, "Aunt" Marie Sampson, Karen Hendricks and Gwen. Marsha was also loved, and will be missed, by Bob's extended family. Rest in peace, Marsha. May you know that your family and friends derive great comfort in believing that your body is once again whole and free from disease. Graveside services will be held on Friday, August 9, 2013, 10:00 A.M., at Union Cemetery, 730 E. Potomac Ave., Bakersfield, CA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Procare Hospice, 4800 Easton Dr. #104, Bakersfield, CA 93309; or Marley's Mutts @ (661) 821-1327.

### Daniel Gary Gamboa – 1944-2009



Daniel Gary Gamboa October 18, 1944 - August 23, 2009 Born in Maywood, CA to Senon and Genevieve. He is survived by his wife, Norma; children, Daniel Jr., Kristin, and Adrienne (Luis); 'chupper' girl, Kara and her daddy, Todd; brothers, Bob (Janet), Al (Sherrill), Jim (Evelyn), Chuck (Novella); and sister, Sandra (Sam); as well as many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, at Alma Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society . Published in Bakersfield Californian on August 28, 2009.



### Jesse Garcia Gaona - 1945-1986



Rosary will be recited tonight at 7 p.m. and Mass of the Resurrection will be said at 10 a.m. Monday, both at St. Joseph's Church for Jesse Garcia Gaona, 42, of Bakersfield, who died October 3<sup>rd</sup> [1986]. Reverend Msgr. John Esquivel will officiate. Interment will follow at Union Cemetery.

Jesse was born in Lindsay June 21, 1944. He was employed as an electrician for 17 years by P.G. & E. He is survived by his wife Maxine; his son John; daughter Christine Sanchez; son-in-law Ron Sanchez, Jr. all of Bakersfield; his parents Jesus Gaona of Bakersfield and Josephine Cervantes of San Francisco; brothers Venancio Gaona of Fresno and Manuel Gaona of Bakersfield; grandmother Maria Frausto Gaona of Bakersfield. Pallbearers will be John Gaona, Felipe Gaona, Cornelius Gaona, Ron Sanchez, Mark Gonzales, and Rudy Carrizales.



### Josephine 'Josie' Gonzales – 1945-2020



Sister Josie died suddenly in her hometown of Bakersfield on October 12, 2020 at the age of 75. She was born to Luis and Zapopan Nolasco Gonzales and grew up in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish where she came to know the Sisters of Mercy. She graduated from East Bakersfield High School then Worked in the business office of Mercy Hospital. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Burlingame in 1974 and professed her vows in 1978.

She studied guidance and counseling at Cal State Northridge and at Gallaudet University where she earned a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance with special emphasis on deaf ministry. In 1991 she earned an MA in Social Work from Catholic University of America.



Her ministries included Director of Ministry to the Hispanic Handicapped in the Los Angeles Archdiocese, ministry with Spanish speaking deaf in the Diocese of Orange, as well as social work in Los Angeles and Bakersfield. Her compassionate generous spirit led her to be of assistance to anyone she saw in need and in her retirement she kept busy doing errands for others and being social support to family and friends. She always enjoyed gatherings of family and friends and always enlivened them with her hearty laugh. She predeceased by her sisters Oralia and Ramona and is survived by her sister Mary Moreno, brother Jose and three generations of nephew and nieces, and her loving community of the Sisters of Mercy.

Due to current precautions services will be held outside at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 900 H St. Bakersfield, CA 93304. The rosary will begin at 9:30 am immediately followed by the Funeral Mass at 10 am. The committal portion of the ceremony will be held at Historic Union Cemetery following the Funeral Mass. Masks are required to be worn for the ceremonies and social distancing is encouraged. Memorial gifts may be made to the Sisters of Mercy, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010.

### Manuel Gonzales – 1945-2015



Manuel Gonzales Jr., 69, was born in Exeter, CA and lived in Bakersfield, CA for the majority of his life. Manuel passed away late Monday evening, at Southern California Hospital in Culver City, after several years of fighting to recover from the effects of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School, Bakersfield College, and earned his Bachelor's degree in Business from San Jose State University. He also received his Master's degree in Counseling from CSU Bakersfield.

On his 21st birthday, Manuel met the love of his life, Rachel Zaragoza. They married on August 5, 1967 and together raised six children. He invoked in his children his love of learning and his passion



for education, and inspired them to work hard, play hard, and to always do what is right.

Manuel spent 37 years working for Bakersfield College as a counselor and was Director of the EOPS Program. He made an impression on all who met him; colleagues and former students recount the immense kindness and compassion he shared with others. Throughout his adult life, Manuel also spent many hours volunteering with a variety of community organizations such as Chicano Unidos for Progress, Las Fiestas, Friendship House, Kern Hispanic Educators, and countless others. After his retirement in 2012, he continued his volunteer work as a founding member of the Children First organization.

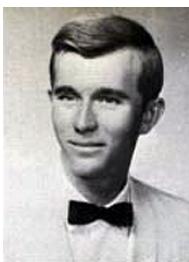
He will be forever remembered as a loving husband, proud father and grandfather, dear brother and uncle. He had a vibrant personality, great sense of humor, warm smile and giving heart. He lived his life with integrity, generosity, compassion and kindness and touched and inspired the lives of all who met him.

For Dad, family always came first. We spent many holidays, birthdays, and weekends celebrating, laughing and having fun together. Dad also loved to travel; in the years before he became ill, we took family trips to Italy, Napa, the Central Coast, Las Vegas, Montana, and a cross-country driving trip to Tennessee. His love of life and adventure was contagious! Dad was also an avid sports fan (LA Dodgers and SF 49ers), loved playing golf, enjoyed wine-tasting, and had a fondness for a variety of genres of music. Manuel is survived by his wife, Rachel; children Manuel III (Anita), Angela Hacker (Scott), Andrae, Erica (Matt), Marc and Crystal; grandchildren Matt, Nick, Alyssa, Madison, and Breanna; sister Evelyn; brothers Ruben (Pat) and David; brothers-in-law Reyes (Carolyn Rose) and Ysidro (Pattie); sisters-in-law Mary, Isabel (Paul), Carmen (Evaristo), Amelia, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Manuel Villanueva Gonzales Sr., mother Carole Rendon Gonzales, and brother Robert. Special thanks to the employees of Mercy and Memorial hospitals, Delano Regional Medical Center, Corinthian Gardens, and Southern California Hospital of Culver City for providing our dad with dignity, hope and care throughout the past 32 months. Viewing will be held on Tuesday, August 4 from 4:00-8:00pm, with a special prayer rosary at 6 pm at Greenlawn Cemetery Northeast, River Blvd, Bakersfield, CA. Burial mass on Wednesday, August 5 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph's Church, Baker St. Graveside burial immediately to follow at Greenlawn.



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### Allen Montgomery Guest - 1945-1988



No services will be held for Allen Montgomery Guest, 42, who passed away April 22, 1988 in a Bakersfield hospital. Mr. Guest was born September 27, 1945 in Richmond and had resided in Kern County for 42 years. He graduated from East High School in 1963 and attended Bakersfield College.

Survivors include his father, Oscar Guest; daughters, Suzanne and Noelle Guest; sister April Guest; nephews, Brandon and Joshua; aunt, Betty Johnson, all of Bakersfield and aunt, Georgia Slaughter of San Jose.

### Jeff Gustafson – 1945-2018



**From Kelli Allen, Jeff's daughter** - Today, February 7, 2023, my dad would've turned 78. We probably would've been going to eat at his favorite Chinese restaurant in town to celebrate. I can still see his smile and hear his goofy laugh just as if he was still here. I miss him everyday. I love you dad! Jeff Gustafson until we meet again, I'll hold you dear in my heart.

**From Ian B (Finn's son) Mochtar** - "Upon Jeff's death on July 18, 2019 - Words can't describe what I'm feeling. I just lost one of the greatest man that I am proud to call him DAD. He took me with opened arms and let me in and be a part of his family. I will never forget your kindness. May God give him eternal rest and give my sister Kelli Allen, brother Scotty Gee Sus Gustafson the strength to bear the great pain. R.I.P Jeff Gustafson (Dad)."



### Linda Lorraine Brammer (Harden) – 1945-2018



Born September 5, 1945, one of the last babies born on the US Naval Air Station in Tillamook, OR. She went to be with the Lord September 24, 2018 in Bakersfield, California. Linda was the second child of Happy Winsley Harden and Frances Marietta Bailey Harden. Since her dad was a career Navy man, Linda lived in several places as a child due to her father being transferred. When her dad retired from the Navy, the family moved back to Tillamook, OR, then moved to Taft, CA in 1955, and to Bakersfield in 1960.



Linda graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963 and went to Bakersfield College, obtaining her AA degree in Accounting in 1966. She went to work for the County of Kern in May, 1966, and worked for 35 years at the Department of Human Services where she was the

Finance Clerk. She met James Leon Brammer in June 1976 and married him on October 22, 1976. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Loahna Y. Harden Berry. She is survived by her husband of 41 years, James, her daughter and son-in-law Gail and Chris Ramos, grandson Andrew Ramos and granddaughter Grace Ramos, nephew and wife Dale and Mysti Berry, and her very special friends Cheryl and Tommie Mauck. Linda loved her family and friends, especially her Girls Night Out Group. She also loved researching her family history. She especially loved reading stories and books into her computer which her husband would put on CD's for her family. A Celebration of her life by family and friends will be held at her home on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 11 am until 2 pm. For directions, or more information, please call 661-703-8970. Casual Dress. Burial will be private at a later time at the Bakersfield National Cemetery. Published in Bakersfield Californian

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### Alan Scott Hall – 1945-1988



Born March 11, 1945 in California and died April 2, 1988 in King County, Washington.



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### Judy Lee Byrd (Harris) – 1945-2020



Judy Byrd ~ Feb 21st 1945 - Dec 27th 2020. Judy Lee (Harris) Byrd was born in King City CA. to Clifford and Blanche Harris. The family moved to Bakersfield when Judy was 5 yrs old where she attended local schools, graduating from East High and then Bakersfield College with an AA degree. After graduating college, she met and married the love of her life Mel Byrd on October 28, 1967. She and Mel were happily married for 53 wonderful years. In 1971 Judy gave birth to their son Kelvin and 10 yrs later they adopted their daughter Trisha. When the kids were young the family enjoyed camping and trips to the beach. Judy was also known for being a talented interior designer, seamstress and painter as well as working with wood and even designing and making some of her own furniture. Judy worked at Sears for over 30 yrs in the display department where she met and made many lifelong friends. After retirement she and Mel spent time between their cabin in the mountains and the house at the beach as well as occasional trips in their motor home.



Judy was a generous and giving person and one of her greatest joys was shopping and spending time with her two best friends Pat Eyraud and Jan Fowler. Judy was a true animal lover. She and her dog Macie were inseparable.

Judy was proceeded in death by her father Clifford and step mother Ruth Harris, her mother Blanche and step father Ralph Arms, her brother Steve Harris, her father and mother-in-law Robert and Tootie Byrd and her brother in law Marvin Byrd. Judy leaves behind her husband Mel, her son and daughter in law Kelvin and Tracy, her daughter Trisha, 6 grandchildren 1 great granddaughter, 4 nieces and their families as well as many extended family members. Judy was a beautiful person inside and out and will be deeply missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing her. The family would also like to thank Tommy and Lorie Fox for all of their love and kindness throughout these difficult times. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and per Judy's request there will no services.

### John Lee Harris - 1945-1985

An hour of meditation was held at 7 p.m. in Rucker's Chapel for John Lee Harris, 40, of 1106 "L" Street, who expired in a local hospital on June 17, 1985. Funeral services were held Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. in the St. John M.B.C., 1300 East Brundage Lane, with the Pastor Rev. T. Toliver officiating. Interment will be held in Shafter Cemetery.

Mr. Harris was born January 1, 1945 in Berino, New Mexico and had lived in Bakersfield for the past 35 years. His survivors include his father, Thurman Harris of Pixley, California; mother, Eddie Mae Harris of Bakersfield; two daughters, Pamela and Lynn Harris, both of Bakersfield, Tracey Harris of Florida; seven brothers, James, Morris, Andrew, Johnny and Bill Harris, all of Glendale, Arizona, Vincent and Bryant, both of Oakland, California, two sisters Lovenia Harris of Oakland, California, two sisters, Lovenia Harris of Oakland California, and Shellie Walker of Bakersfield; grandparents Elnora Harris of Palo Alto, and Alma Moten of Bakersfield; and many other relatives and friends.

### Laura Ann McClintock (Hay) – 1945-2007



Laura Ann Hay McClintock, 62, of Bakersfield was born September 4, 1945 and died quietly at home surrounded by family and friends on September 6, 2007. Laura was the youngest child born to Gerald and Viola Hay on September 4, 1945. Born into the pioneer Hay family of Bakersfield, Laura was lucky to spend her early years in the Alta Vista area playing with her cousins and spending summertime at the Hay cabin at the Jack Ranch. Riding horses with her friend Anne Lundy was a pastime she loved and passed to her daughter, Sally. Laura attended Longfellow Elementary and graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. Little did she know that her true love graduated that same year in her class! Laura went on to attend Bakersfield College and the University of Colorado but her true career was keeping up her home and loving her family and friends. In 1983,



Laura married the love of her life, Rod McClintock, whom she had known throughout grade school and high school. Rod teases that she went so far as to date one of his college roommates to get close to him! In their 24 years of marriage, they brought together a close family of four children and many extended family members. Cooking was a favorite hobby for Laura and a great part of our family memories are those of time spent around the dinner table. Summers in Pismo were a highlight for her that included beach time, naps, dinners at Giuseppe's and many glasses of wine. Laura took several trips that included Europe, Hawaii and a "girl's only" vacation to colonial Williamsburg with her good friend, Lynne Sill. Throughout her life, Laura made deep and long-lasting friendships. She kept in touch with all those she loved and always found time for those who needed her most. One special group in her heart was the Liberty Patriots parents group whom she got to know while her son, Kyle, played football. Many a Friday night were spent in the bleachers cheering on the team with great laughs. This group has stayed the best of friends ever since. During the past few years, Laura renewed her faith and returned to St. Francis Church, always sitting in her favorite spot to hear mass said by her dear friend, Father Craig Harrison. Her faith and the unending support of all those who loved her allowed her to bravely take on the journey through cancer to her final destination. Laura is survived by her husband, Rod McClintock, and family: Joan Van Alstyne and husband, Steven of Bakersfield, Sally Parks and husband, Mike of Bakersfield, Myriah McClintock of Ventura and Kyle McClintock of Bakersfield. In addition, Laura was looking forward to her first grandchild to be born in March. She is also survived by her brother, Roger Hay of Bakersfield and his family. In addition, Laura leaves behind many cousins and their families. Laura was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Joan Hay Bunker. Our love and thanks go out to our family and friends who were there through good and bad times and did so much to make her time with us full of love and laughter. The family would like to extend our gratitude to Dr. Ravi Patel and the staff of Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center for taking such wonderful care of her. Without your dedication, her



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time would not have been as long or as full. Father Craig Harrison has been a gift of comfort both for Laura and our family, we are deeply grateful for all you have done for her and all that you have said to ease our loss. Family and friends are welcome to attend a Memorial Mass to be held on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5:30 in the evening at St. Francis Church. Remembrances may be made in lieu of flowers to the American Cancer Society. This life, what a precious, brave journey. To be held dear in our hearts and kept close forever. Published in the Bakersfield Californian on 9/8/2007.

### Samuel Otto Hensley - 1945-2023



Samuel Otto Hensley, age 77, of Sacramento, California passed away on Saturday, February 4, 2023.

### Grace Kirkendall (Hernandez) - 1945-1988



Former Bakersfield resident, passed away in San Jose, California, January 26, 1988. She was an electrologist, owner of her own business in San Jose. Also involved in theater acting since 1980 with several theaters, last affiliated with Saratoga Chamber Theatre. She was born August 10, 1945. Grace was a 1963 graduate of East Bakersfield High School. Former wife of Steve Kirkendall, mother of Steven Jr., Nicholas and Joseph Kirkendall. Loving sister to Richard Hernandez of Portland, Oregon, Lorin Hernandez of Bakersfield, Bill Doane of Westlake Village, Savas Hernandez of Culver City, Julie Torres, Tonia Chapman and Beverly Anaya all of Bakersfield. To all family members she was affectionately known as "Punkin." She was 42 years old and a native of Randsburg, California, raised in Bakersfield. Services were held January 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in Hillcrest Memorial Park Chapel.

### Cheryl M. Chapman (Hill) - 1945-2011



In Loving Memory of Cheryl M. Chapman September 6, 1945 - July 20, 2011 Cheryl passed away after a long illness on July 20, 2011. She is survived by her 3 children Kenneth Chapman, JoAnne Oliver, and Jeffery Chapman, grandchildren LeeAnn and Erin Oliver, and Ryan and Ethan Chapman. Services will be held on Wednesday July 27 at 10am at Greenlawn on Panorama.

### Ernest Martinez Hinzo - 1944 - 2022



Ernie passed away on February 18, 2023 at the age of 77. Family and friends can send flowers and condolences in memory at <https://www.echovita.com/us/obituaries/ca/bakersfield/ernest-martinez-hinzo-14281360>. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Ernest Martinez Hinzo to pay them a last tribute. Ernie was a varsity letterman in Cross Country, and was chosen as the Outstanding Senior Cross Country Athlete. Not much is known of his life after EB, nor was there an obit on file. A graveside service will be held on March 9, 2023 at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary 9101 Kern Canyon Rd, Bakersfield, CA 93306. If any reader can help fill with information of interest to our class, please email [rleehammett@gmail.com](mailto:rleehammett@gmail.com), and I will insert it for the next version of this document.



### John Edward Hodel – 1945-2021



John Edward Hodel was born to Clifford H. and Viola B. (Nikkel) Hodel in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 1, 1945, and grew up in Bakersfield, California. John passed away at home in Bakersfield on March 6, 2021.



After graduating from East Bakersfield High School and earning his degree at Golden Gate University, John enjoyed a long career as an accountant in both his own CPA practice and later retiring after ten years as an auditor with Kern County.

John was a faithful member of Bakersfield First Church of the Nazarene. He served in the 'Bus Ministry,' sharing Christ with the local community, and was active in various Bible study, fellowship, and mission groups over the years. For many years he served as a member of the Kiwanis Club (president 1992-93) and as a volunteer for the Jameson Center, for which he was given the Meritorious Service Award.

In 1984 John met Carolyn, a musician, teacher, active church member, and mother of three. She and John were married June 15, 1985. He instantly became "Papa" to Bethany, Meghan, and Cameron. He was a devoted husband to Carolyn and a loving provider to all four. John enjoyed many years of being Grandpa to Jeremiah, Dylan, Boston, and Niklas, and father-in-law to Aaron, Kyle, and Mary.

Besides being a promise keeper and servant of Christ, John was perhaps best known for his infectious laugh. You may also equate him with the words 'Dodger fan,' 'ice-cream lover,' and 'Santa Claus,' who he emulated every Christmas for many years, bringing cheer to kids of all ages. He also loved praise and classical music, sports cars, working out, games, barbecuing, and hosting parties.

John was predeceased by his wife Carolyn, his parents, and his sister Faith Yett. John is survived by his children and grandchildren, his sister and brother-in-law Gloria and Don Hall, and his nieces and nephews, Kevin, Amber, Andrew and Heidi.

We wish to say a special thank you to Dr. Amit Shah, for his many years of unparalleled care for John, and Bristol Hospice, for assisting us in giving comfort to John at home in his transition from life to rest.

### Richard Kent Holden – 1945-2023



From cowboy to log-home builder to web designer to drone pilot, Richard was a man of many talents and interests, but first and last, he was a fighter. He was born to Muriel Christine (Ashe) and David Holden in Victoria, Texas near the airbase where his father was stationed. His early years were spent in location's around California while his father pursued his medical degree. The family settled in Bakersfield, his mother's hometown when he was 9.



There he forged a strong bond with his maternal grandfather, Dick Ashe, for whom he was named. In Bakersfield his four siblings were born: Doug (1955-1961), Diane (1957-2019), Donna and Debbie. In 1961, the family endured the death of his brother Doug from Leukemia and of his beloved grandfather. These two losses marked the rest of his life.

Richard graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963 and spent a few less-than-stellar semesters at Bakersfield College before enlisting in the army to meet his goal of becoming a pilot, not such a wise thing in the midst of the war in Viet Nam. But, that wish came true" he attended OTS and flight school before being sent to fight in Viet Nam in a helicopter. After that perilous and transformative experience, he served in Germany flying nuclear weapons around Europe, a piece of cake after Viet Nam. Richard served with distinction. His decorations include a Bronze Star, Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valor, Viet Nam Service Medal, Republic of Viet Nam Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, and the Army Aviation Badge. M Later in life, Captain Holden flew drones around Boise, a kind of substitute for being in the air.

During his tenure in the army, He married Karen Allison. They had three children: Mathew, Jeremy, and Anne Elise. Jeremy blessed him with a wonderful granddaughter, Leah. Anne Elise and her husband, Ben Mitchell gave him 3 lovely grandchildren: Riley, Annabelle, and Makenzie.

After discharge from the Army, Richard earned his BS in economics and his MBA from California State University, Bakersfield. He worked in various businesses around Bakersfield until he moved to Texas in 1982, where he ultimately found his way into internet technology, a field he loved.

Eventually, however, the allure of Bakersfield brought him back to California in 2002. Richard married Marci Lingo in November 2003, and together they fine-tuned their lovely home on Cedar Street. He taught computer graphic design at Taft College, Near Bakersfield, relearned to ski and had a pin in his knee to show for it, zipped around in fast cars, and reunited with his Viet Nam squadron in the Blackhawks. He had run from the pain of his experience in the war, but confronted it in this organization, which came to mean so much to him.



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Upon Marci's retirement, he and Marci moved to Boise to be near family and a ski hill. Moving to Idaho helped fulfill another dream: he rode as a cowboy during the Carter Ranch semi-annual round-ups in Blackfoot. In Boise, he made wonderful friends and developed deeper bonds with his Boise family.

During his battle with cancer, he cherished the visits from friends and family. Richard also demonstrated his love of life and his optimism. Something of a dreamer, he believed he could fight the formidable odds that define stage 4 pancreatic cancer. HE wanted chemo, preferably the strongest, so he could live in this world with Marci, his family and friends, and his beloved pets. But finally, the odds against him were too great, and he lost the last of his battles on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the presence of four people he loved fiercely.

Two charities near to Richard's heart were the Idaho Food Bank and Idaho Humane Society.

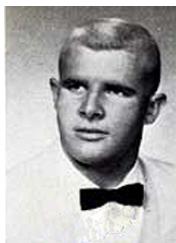
### Mike Horton – 1945-2010



Michael J. Horton October 5, 1945 - September 29, 2010 Mike Horton was born in Culver City, CA on October 5, 1945. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years Jan; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Jess Wright; two grandchildren, Rachel and Logan; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and James Wyatt and nephews, James and Bill. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Gene Thurmans and wife Melody and nephews, Brady and wife Tracy, Matt and Casey; as well as two great nephews and a great niece. He is also survived by his best friend who was like a brother, Terry Johnson. Mike attended local elementary and junior high schools graduating from East Bakersfield High School where he held the position of pitcher on the baseball team. After serving in the [United States Navy](#) he went on to Idaho State University where he graduated in 1971. Upon returning to Bakersfield Mike taught at local schools and was coach for the East High girl's basketball team. He then became an agent / owner for Allstate Insurance until retiring in 2000. He and Jan moved to Lynnwood, Washington where he became a substitute teacher for local high schools and the girl's golf and basketball coach at Mariner High School. In his free time Mike enjoyed golfing, playing with his grandchildren, and playing poker, both on-line and at the local casinos. At Mike's request there will be no services. Mike will be missed by all who loved and knew him. He will be hard to forget! [www.bakersfield.com/obits](http://www.bakersfield.com/obits). Published in Bakersfield Californian on October 3, 2010



### Gerald Hugh Howell - 1945-1967



Services were held in the Greenlawn Memorial Chapel Friday at 1:30 p.m. for Gerald "Jerry" Hugh Howell, 22, 1120 North Lupine Street, Lompoc, who died June 26 1967 in a Santa Barbara hospital. The Rev. Father Kenneth Milford officiated and internment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Mr. Howell was born June 10, 1945 and was a native of Berkeley and had resided in Santa Barbara County six years. He was a student at the University of California at Davis. Survivors include his parents, B. H. and Vivienne Howell of the home address. Pallbearers will be Dennis Harper, Leon Tedder, Dwight Goehring, Left are Delis, Rex Reed, Mike Reed and Darrel Morley.

### Frederick Anderson Howell – 1945-2018



73, 30-Jun, Divine Funeral & Cremation, Ojai.

### John Richard Huber – 1945-2001



John died in a kayaking incident in Costa Rica in 2001. He and his son, Daniel were caught in a sudden storm. Daniel made it back, but John was swept out to sea. He was a resident of Pacifica, California at the time of his death. He had earned his Master's Degree in German and was a technical writer for Apple Computers for over 20 years. He had recently been employed by Etranslate prior to his death. He was survived by his former wife Denise, son Daniel, age 24, and daughter, Elizabeth, age 27.

The following newspaper article tells the story: "Hope fades for Pacifica man lost at sea off Costa Rica," By Chris Hunter: It's been a week since 21-year-old Dan Huber told his father, 55-year-old John Huber, a Pacifica resident, to hold on while he went to get help. The two were in kayaks last Wednesday afternoon, enjoying what many tourists to the Central American



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country of Costa Rica enjoy, when the seas became rough and what is normally a 20-minute paddle from the mainland to a small island popular for its snorkeling and shell beach became a nightmare for the Huber family.

Dan Huber, a student UC-Santa Barbara, had been in Costa Rica studying Spanish. His father, a senior technical writer for Etranslate in San Francisco and a recent Pacifica resident, had gone to visit his son. The two had been enjoying a day of kayaking and snorkeling when their return trip became disastrous. Published reports have stated that it is rare for kayaking tourists to get into trouble going to the small Isla Capitan, which is about one mile offshore. But last Wednesday, April 18, after spending the day snorkeling and enjoying themselves, the weather and waves turned rough as the Hubers headed back to the mainland. "John told Dan to go ahead and go to shore," said Carla Hargrave, John's sister, in a Tribune interview on Tuesday. "He returned about an hour later with help but couldn't find John."

According to his sister, John Huber was not "in great shape," but was fit. Since last Wednesday night, Dan Huber has obviously been "upset" but is keeping busy with search activities. Although officials from the U.S. Embassy have warned that it is doubtful that Huber could have survived alone at sea for such a long time, family members are continuing to hope for the best. Both the Embassy and the U.S. Red Cross had suspended their official searches as of last Sunday, April 22 [2001].

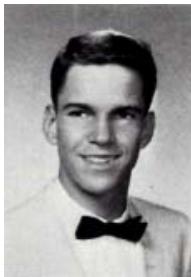
"We'd like to offer a reward," said Carla Hargrave. "But we've been told it could confuse people. Usually they recommend waiting. They're getting so much help now. All the students from the school are helping out." The Huber family has been grateful to the massive amount of help being offered to them by the local fishing village.

The family has hired private planes to assist in scanning the water and beaches in the vicinity of the fishing village of Tamarindo, on the Pacific Ocean coast of Costa Rica. "We haven't found any evidence," says Hagra. "I don't know whether that's a good thing or a bad thing." When Dan Huber left his father to get help, the seas were getting rougher. Their kayaks were capsizing and John Huber was exhausted from the strain of righting his. Dan Huber left his father with a life jacket, a paddle and the kayak he was in. Because of the short nature of their paddling trip, they did not carry provisions. "Right after that it got dark," says Carla. "They waited until the following morning to mount the search."

John Huber had only recently purchased a condominium in Pacifica and begun living in the city within the past year. "He had been living in San Jose," said his sister, who lives in Sacramento. Shortening his commute up the Peninsula to his job at ETranslate was the primary reason Huber chose Pacifica as his new home. His son, Dan, had never lived here. Neither had his wife, from whom he is divorced. "John loved Pacifica," said his sister. "He couldn't say enough about it."

Although the outlook is indeed grim, the Huber family is continuing to keep faith that John Huber has somehow managed to avoid a watery death. "Maybe he saw Cast Away," said his sister, speaking about the popular film in which a man survived a terrible plane crash and kept himself alive on a deserted island for four years. "Maybe he learned something from Tom Hanks."

### Gary Ingersol - 1945 - 2023



Aubrey, Gig's daughter posted this on his page when he died on July 28, 2023 .....

"My dad passed away this morning. I wish I could speak on his last months more positively, but the reality is that he had terminal brain cancer, and his body and mind were tortured, and he suffered. In general, he was stubborn and unkind at times, but overwhelmingly hilarious and warm to make up for it. He was making jokes until he lost the ability to speak. He is my best friend, and I wish we could have known each other longer in this life, and I'm going to miss him forever!"



### Paul Jaime Islas - 1944-1987



A combined Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial were held in Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1124 Columbus, Wednesday, February 22, 1987 in a Bakersfield hospital. Father William Stenger will officiate and interment will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Islas was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on April 1, 1944 and had resided in Kern County for 30 years. He was a forklift operator for 15 years and was last employed with Tenneco Almond Plant West and Keystone Resources. Survivors include his wife, Lois; son, Paul Islas Jr.; step-daughters and their husbands, Sally and Ross Felix, Brenda and Manuel Ornelas, and Debbie and Ruben Castro; step-son, Ted Noriega; mother and step father, Caroline and Aurillo Martinez, all of Bakersfield; seven grandchildren; brother, Mike Islas of Fresno; and step brothers Adam Guerra of McFarland and Jessie Guerra of Oregon. Pallbearers were Adam Guerra Jr., Mike Islas, Manuel Ornelas, Felix Guerra, Paul Islas Jr., and Ted Noriega.



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### Weldon Ronald Jackson - 1945-2011



Weldon Ronald Jackson 1945 - 2011 Weldon Ronald Jackson, born September 16, 1945, beloved husband, father, uncle, and grandfather, went to his reward on September 29, 2011. Dad was born in Wenatchee, WA, to Loe and Pearl Jackson, raised in Bakersfield, CA, and graduated from East Bakersfield High School with the class of 1963. He was preceded in death by his precious baby boy, Kevin; his father and mother, Loe and Pearl Jackson; sister, Veneta Stamper-Dawson; brother, John Jackson; and son-in-law, Daniel Dawson. He leaves behind his cherished wife of 47 years, Donna; daughter, Rhonda Dawson and grandsons, Andrew and Jordan; daughter, Kim Reed and husband, Paul; brother, LaVerne Jackson and wife, Paula; sister, Euneva Dawson and husband, Albert; brother, Veachel Jackson and wife, Barbara; sister-in-law, Nola Jackson (wife of John Jackson); Uncle Al and Aunt Virginia Clark; Uncle Chester and Aunt Janell Wilkerson; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. In September of 1964, Dad met the woman of his dreams; and in December of the same year, he made Donna Welch his partner for life. For 47 years, they faced the joys and hardships of life together. Dad spent his life building a reputation of integrity and quality work ethic in the construction industry. As manager/part owner of Western Building Materials, he developed a familial relationship with his partners and crew, whom he loved. Dad loved his Bible, praying with his wife, and Sudoku. He was a mathematics genius who could do complex trigonometric equations in his head. Dad could fix anything; he was a consummate perfectionist and would make sure his projects were absolutely perfect. His greatest joys were Mom's fried potatoes and pork chops, his grandchildren, and his family. Viewing will be Wednesday, October 5, at Greenlawn Southwest, 2739 Panama Lane, from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Memorial service will be Thursday, October 6, at 10 a.m. at Truth Tabernacle, 214 Hosking Ave., Bakersfield, CA. [www.greenlawnmortuaryandcemetary.com](http://www.greenlawnmortuaryandcemetary.com) Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary [www.bakersfield.com/obits](http://www.bakersfield.com/obits)



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### Jane Jacobus - 1945-2018



Jane was born on 07/28/1945 and passed away on January 1, 2018 in Pahrump, NV. She Previously lived in both Camarillo, CA and Bellevue ID.

### Tommy Lee Johnson - 1945-1976



An hour meditation was held in the Chapel of Rucker's Mortuary for Tommy Lee Johnson, 30, 2033 West Oldfield Street, Lancaster, who died March 16 1976. Funeral was held in the Seventh Glorious Church of God in Christ with Bishop S. R. Martin of Oakland officiating. Interment followed in Union Cemetery. Mr. Johnson born August 3, 1945, a native of San Francisco, had resided in Lancaster five months and in Bakersfield 29 years. He was a member of the Seventh Glorious Church of God in Christ, and a veteran of the Vietnam War. Military rites will be conducted at graveside by VFW Post 3741. Survivors include the widow, Beatrice; parents, Elder and Mrs. T. D. Johnson of Bakersfield; son, Thomas Anthony of Bakersfield; 3 step-sons, Anthony, Howard, and Bobby DeLouth, all of Lancaster; stepdaughter, Christina DeLouth of Lancaster; 6 brothers, The Rev. Ted, David, Don, James and Marvin Johnson all of Bakersfield; 7 sisters, Ruby Sanders, Evon Nichols, Dorothy Robinson, Maethan Hill, Myrna McMurray, Mickey and Ronetta Johnson, all of Bakersfield; and grandfather Israel Patterson of Bakersfield. Pallbearers will be James Young, Leon Francis, Bobby Goody, Buddy Whitfield, Billy Mack and LeRoy Richardson.

### Vernell Johnson - 1945-1999 - ??



Note: *It is believed that Vernell may have been the Vernell Johnson who died in Los Angeles County on January 7, 1999. However, there are Vernell Johnsons living in West Palm Beach, Florida and in the following towns in Texas: Henderson, Bivins, and Oakwood. More research is needed to determine if he is deceased.*



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### Robert Alan Jones - 1945-2016



Robert Alan Jones, age 71, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, with beloved family by his side. Bob was born in Palo Alto, CA, to the late Melvin and Evelyn Jones, and was older brother to Bill. He received a degree in history from Fresno State College, served as editor of the yearbook, and was a member of Theta Chi. He then embarked on a 48-year career with New York Life, soon to be proud new father to Kelley and Kerrey. In 1979, he married Joan Preston Smith, and became step-father to Kerry, Ken, and Kathryn. Bob played basketball growing up and shared his enthusiasm for sports by coaching little league, his kids' soccer and softball teams, instilling his usual no nonsense, tough love ethic. He was his daughters' greatest fan, never missing weekly, year round games. This continued with grandsons, Matt and Ian, where again Bob was a fixture at Clovis West High School games and swim meets, tracking stats, discussing strategy and sharing articles. Bob was an avid Bulldog supporter and San Francisco Giants fan. Bob took great joy traveling with Joan for NYL events. He loved his work, meeting new people, and recounting the details of their lives. Foremost, he loved people and their stories. He cherished extended family, lifelong friendships, his dogs, and western movies. Bob was so proud of his children and grandchildren and loved each unconditionally. Bob was a devoted follower of Christ and was inseparable from his soul mate Joan. He was a kind, thoughtful man; generous, doting father; and loving husband who is greatly missed. Bob is survived by Joan, his wife of 37 years; children, Kathryn Bilello, Ken Smith, Kerry Smith, Kelley Jones and Kerrey Hunt and husband Rick; grandchildren, Matthew and Ian Bilello, Brandon, Anjanae, Vanessa, Shaina and Jared Hunt; and brother, Bill Jones and wife Sloan. A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at Northwest Church on Friday, August 26, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Remembrances may be made to Northwest Church; or the donor's favorite charity.



### Don Kileen - 1945-2018



Don Kileen, 73, beloved husband, brother, father, grandfather, mentor and friend, secure in his salvation through Jesus Christ, passed from this earth peacefully on August 16th.

Don loved being around people and they loved him right back! He had a knack for making family get-togethers more fun and memorable and he loved his sports - Go Renegades, Dodgers, and Oregon Ducks! Although woodworking, home remodeling projects and just fixing things were a favorite pastime, Don had a special passion for music. He was an active member of the Barbershop Harmony Society for 40+ years and earned numerous local, national and international awards over that time. Don's vocal gifts and tireless work ethic combined to create marathon rehearsals and memorable performances for others to enjoy.



Don was born in Bakersfield to parents Donald Eugene and Louise Kileen and graduated from EBHS, BC and CSUB (1972). After his 1963 graduation from EB, Don enlisted in the [US Navy](#) and courageously served his country during the Vietnam conflict, which has always been a great source of pride for his family!

Over the years Don held a variety of accounting/finance positions for local oil and agriculture firms and the US Dept. of the Treasury. He and Kathy thoroughly enjoyed residing in Bakersfield, Grover Beach and Glennville before retiring to Oregon in 2006. The allure of family (grandkids) brought them back to Bakersfield in 2017.

Survivors include Don's beloved wife, of 21 years, and soul mate, Kathy; sisters Judy Poole of Bakersfield and Cookie Schekel of Albuquerque, NM; brothers John Kileen (Teresa) of Las Vegas, NV, Mike (Cheryle) of Bakersfield and Doug (Angie) of Bakersfield; daughters Deanna Calley (Patrick) of Bakersfield and Darcie Kileen (Nate Hemming) of Milwaukee, WI; son Donald (Laura) of Bakersfield; brother-in-law Joed Jones (Annie) of Bakersfield; stepson Sam Swanson of Bakersfield; stepdaughter Stacie Barreth of Bakersfield; 8 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Don's family wishes to express special thanks to extended family and friends for all their love, prayers, and support. They also want to extend their gratitude to the professionals at Adventist Health Bakersfield's 4th floor south and Hoffmann Hospice Home for the skills, compassion, love, and tears they shared with Don and his family, who found comfort in their care.

Services: August 23rd, 10:45 AM, Bakersfield National Cemetery; a Celebration of Don's Life will follow.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to: Hoffmann Hospice Home ([hoffmannhospice.org](http://hoffmannhospice.org)) and/or Far Western District - Youth In Harmony c/o Rich Owen, FWD Treasurer, 2209 Terrace Way, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

### Gary Kinsman - 1945-2004



Born 9 Aug 1945 and died 10 Jan 2004 - White City, OR



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### Hope Arechiga (Kirk) – 1945-2022



Hope Esperanza Arechiga Kirk, 76, precious mother and grandmother passed away peacefully in her daughter and son-in-law's home Thursday, December 1, 2022. Hope was born to Andres Avina and Viola (Estrada) Arechiga. She attended Potomac Elementary School, Lincoln Jr High, and East Bakersfield High School (Class of 1963). Hope is survived by sisters Margaret and Diane Arechiga, brother and sister-in-law Andrew and Victoria Arechiga, daughter and son-in-law Anthony and Juliann (Sanchez) Cisneros, grandchildren Cierra and Matthew Cisneros. Thank you to Diane Arechiga, Sebrina Sanchez, Edna Cisneros and Pete Zardeneta. We could not have managed without the loving care and hands on support you provided to my mom. Graveside service: Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 2pm Historic Union Cemetery, 730 E Potomac Ave, 93307 (East grounds). A Celebration of her life will follow at Rice Bowl, 1119 18th St, 93301.

### Donald Kurtz – 1945-2024



Donald Franklin Kurtz, Sr., aged 79, passed away on August 12, 2024, in [Bakersfield, California](#). Born on May 24, 1945, Donald, affectionately known to his friends and family as Don, dedicated many years of service as a Kern County Sheriff Deputy, Claims Manager for State Fund, and later as a Private Investigator.

Donald was a proud alumnus of East Bakersfield High School and furthered his education at California State University Bakersfield, laying a strong foundation for his varied and impactful career.

In addition to his professional life, Donald had a passionate interest in model trains, a hobby that brought him immense joy and satisfaction throughout his life.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Kurtz; his children, Don and Dawn Kurtz, Jr., and Karen and Alvin Lovett; as well as his cherished grandchildren, Calvin & Caitlin, Dillon & Kyra, Patricia & Sam, Joseph, Nathan, and Alyssa. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Neveah, Joanna, Presley, Juliette, and Cahal. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Gladys Kurtz, and his siblings, Elizabeth and Douglas Kurtz.

A funeral service to honor Donald's life will be held on August 20, 2024, at 10:00 am at GreenLawn Mortuary on Panorama Blvd. The family invites all who knew Donald to join in celebrating his legacy.

### Penny Hertz (LaFluer) - 1945-2010

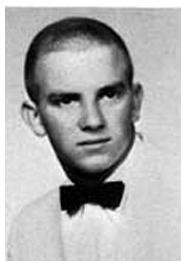


Penny LaFleur Metcalf Hertz November 15, 1945 - January 10, 2010 Visitation for Penny LaFleur Metcalf Hertz will be held at Basham Funeral Care (3312 Niles Street) on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Pavilion on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. Penny was born November 15, 1945 in Ville Platte, Louisiana and she passed away January 10, 2010 in Bakersfield, CA. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Ronald Metcalf; second husband, David Hertz and her parents, Aswell and Helen La Fleur and the father who raised her, Dr. William Sidders. She is survived by her son, Lance Metcalf; son, Adam Metcalf; son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Deann Metcalf; 9 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Lisa La Fleur; brother and sister-in-law, Brad and Mary La Fleur; sister, Kathy Sidders as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and



friends. Penny passed away at San Joaquin Hospital surrounded by her family who loved her dearly. After gracefully battling an illness, the Lord saw fit to take her home. She worked as an Administrative Assistant at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary for many years until she retired this past year. She was a very loving person who was extremely dedicated to her children and family. She wanted nothing more than to do for others and make them happy. She will be so dearly missed. The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at San Joaquin Hospital and also thank Susan and Samantha at Bakersfield Healthcare facility. For additional service information, please contact Basham Funeral Care at 873-8200. Basham Funeral Care. Published in Bakersfield Californian on January 13, 2010

### Gordon Ray Lee – 1944-2005



Gordon Ray Lee Services: Thurs., Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m. Memorial services will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, 3700 River Blvd., for Gordon Ray Lee, 61, who passed away October 16, 2005. Rev. Milt Cole will officiate. Mr. Lee was born on August 3, 1944, in Bakersfield. He had worked as a boat mechanic for 24 years. Mr. Lee is survived by his wife, Janette Lee; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Jessica Lee; son, Eric Lee; grandson, Dylan Lee; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Glenda Lee and Monty and Jan Lee all of Bakersfield. No visitation is scheduled. Greenlawn Mortuary Funeral Directors Legacy.com



**Leslie Lerner - 1945-2016**



**Kathleen Ann Leverett (Killebrew) - 1945-1997**



Kathleen Ann Leverett born March 27, 1945 in La Junta, Colorado, passed away November 2, 1997. Wife of Gerald Leverett; mother of Emily; daughter of Hallie and Leroy E. "Pat" Killebrew. She is also survived by her brother Tom Killebrew, his wife Mary Lou; nephew Patrick; niece Katie and mother-in-law, Virginia Leverett.

She attended East Bakersfield High School, Bakersfield Community College, and California State University Fullerton. One of life's rare treasures is to be blessed to know and love someone as dynamic, loyal, caring, and loving as our Kathy! She was truly a lady filled with a love of life, a zest for doing, and the ability to give to her loving family, her friends and her community. Kathy's life was dedicated to service and to helping her many beloved community activities. Kathy Leverett will always be loved and remembered by so many who will truly feel the void of her loss. Kathy, we shall all miss you.

As she left high school her vitality and her incredible ability to lead became visionary and legendary. Kathy's partner and the love of her life, Gerald, always was there to support and encourage her talents. Kathy's beloved daughter, Emily, was the focal point of her life.

Kathy's devotion to community was demonstrated by her lifelong commitment to service. She was involved with many community non-profit organizations including Lori Brock Junior Museum, Past President of Community House, pas President of Bakersfield Art Foundation, Pas President of the Junior League of Bakersfield, and Pas President of the Mental Health Board. She was also the author of "Kern's Movers and Shakers," a history of Kern County. Kathy was also a founding member of the Beautiful Bakersfield Committee. In addition to her energy and generosity, Kathy's unflagging enthusiasm was contagious and benefited each organization she touched.

Those of us who knew and loved our Kathy will understand when we say, "Please, no carnations!" Kathy wanted to be remembered by donations to the American Cancer Society. To our dearest Kathy, we love you and we shall always have a place set for you at Monthly Bridge. Your love will always be in the hearts of family and friends. Graveside services were conducted by the Reverend Donald Shelton on Wednesday, November 5, 1997 at 11 a.m. at Union Cemetery.

**Ron "RJ" Lopez – 1944-2012**



Ron "RJ" Lopez July 4, 1944 - November 2, 2012 Rosary services will be held Thursday, Nov 8th, 2012 at 6:00pm at Greenlawn Funeral Home in the chapel. Viewing will be from 4:30 - 6:00PM. Mass will be held Friday Nov 9th, 2012 at St. Frances Church at 11:00 AM. Ron was a hairdresser for 48 years. He loved his profession and was very talented. Our Brother had an immense artistic nature. He saw beauty in everything and would capture this in his art. Ron served in the [Army](#) for 2 years. Upon arriving home he married his long time friend and sweetheart Joanne. They had twenty wonderful years together until Joanne's passing in 1988. Ron had a tremendous social life and many wonderful friends. Ron was known to others as a distinguished, friendly, and caring gentleman. He was full of life, loved to dance, and lived for laughter. He was very sharp-witted and loved to tease his sisters. Ron was preceded in death by his late wife Joanne, Mom and Dad, John and Marian Lopez. He leaves to survive him sisters Patricia and Judy, brothers Richard and Jerry. 7 nieces, 12 great nephews, and 2 great nieces. Pallbearers will be his brother Richard, best friend Bill Burbage, Great nephews, Brenden, Trenton, Chad and his Godson, Andrew. [www.bakersfield.com/obits](http://www.bakersfield.com/obits). Published in Bakersfield Californian on November 7, 2012





### Terry Glenn Maddux – 1945-2025



Terry Glenn Maddux, age 80, was born on March 19, 1945 in Bakersfield, CA. He passed away on April 7, 2025 in Reidsville, North Carolina. Terry was born and raised in Bakersfield, California to parents, Glenn and Edna Maddux.

Terry attended East Bakersfield High School Class of 1963 where he excelled in multiple sports. In football, he was an All City running back both his junior and senior years, and was chosen as the All City "Back of the Year" in 1962. He was also selected as an All City athlete in both basketball and baseball in his senior year. Terry won the coveted Sam Lynn Award as the top athlete in Kern County.



Terry attended Oklahoma State University on a football scholarship, but was unable to compete due to a severe knee injury. Terry was drawn to the livestock world at an early age and showed both steers and sheep in his youth, and continued on as a professional as an adult. For a fifty years, he showed more National Champions than anyone else in his field.

Terry is survived by his older brother, Harry Maddux and his younger sister Gail Maddux. Also daughters, Debbie Bowman (Rich), and Becky. Grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Seth), Jake and Dani.



*Bobby Blade*



### Raymond Peter Martinez –



*Note: A phone call to the telephone listing for he and his wife resulted in a very quiet, brief conversation where she said that he had died. He is not listed in the California Death Index covering the years 1940-2000, nor is he listed in the Social Security Death Index or in the Obituaries online in the Archive section for having died after 2000 in Kern County. Neither Greenlawn or Hillcrest Mortuaries had him listed on their records.*

### Robert Lee (Bob) Martini – 1945-2011



Robert Lee Martini (Bob) December 24, 1945 - December 10, 2011 Robert Lee Martini (Bob) passed away on Sunday December 10th in Bend, Oregon. Bob, 65 was born on December 24, 1945 in Long Beach, Ca. to parents Ralph and Mabel Martini. Bob is survived by his wife of thirty years Jackie Martini and sons Bobby, Scott and Jim, Mother Mabel Martini, mother in law Colleen Embry, sister Sherri Salcido and brother in law John Salcido, sister Jean Karr and brother in law Terry Karr, brother in law Stan Embry and sister in law Penny Embry, Nephews Tony, Todd and Tye Josue, Jason Karr, and nieces Jennifer Falco, Allison and Erica Embry, and more family and friends that will always be remembered with love. Bob grew up in Bakersfield, Ca, and graduated East Bakersfield High and attended Bakersfield College.



He enlisted in the Navy in 1966 and finished his tour and service in Vietnam in 1969. Bob went to work for the Kern County Fire Department in 1970 and retired in 1996 with twenty-six years of service. Bob, a man of many talents sold real-estate, raised livestock, enjoyed gardening and automotive repair, and was never without his "to do list." Bob and Jackie shared a sheep business with Colleen and Carl Embry, where they attended numerous fairs with their nephews, and many great friends.

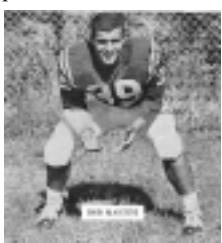
With the birth of his youngest son Bobby in 1987, Bob's life would forever be changed. In 1996 Bob, Jackie and Bobby moved to Portland, Oregon where most of his time now was spent being a father to young Bobby and supporting Jackie with her work with Albertsons. Bob enjoyed his time raising Bobby and became a regular "school room dad," and officiating Bobby's swim meets. At these meets Bob was loved by many new friends and the parents of many became lifelong friends.

In 2001 The Martinis moved to Toledo, Ohio where Bob continued to raise Bobby and again met many new friends such as Jack and Chris Carroll that touched Bob's life in a new and profound way. In 2005 The Martinis moved back to Oregon and this time to Bend, Oregon, "Gods Country." Bob accepted the fact that he was a professional mover but felt that Bend just may be the place he finally settled, but just maybe. Bob became an Oregon "Duck" fan where his son Bobby completed his business degree at the University of Oregon and then saw him start



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Pharmacy School at Oregon State University. Bob was a proud father and saw his son Bobby grow to a fine young man. Bob will always be proud and will continue to watch his son carry on the Martini name with honor.



Bob loved to watch the Deer in his pasture, cut and chop wood and take care of the property on Cody Road. Bob and Jackie met many more lifelong supportive friends. Bob shared his love for God in a deep felt way with his wife Jackie, and both of them shared their growing strength together. Bob felt blessed when his two nephews Todd and Tye recently moved to Bend where he could share his "to do list" and visit and share the beautiful city of Bend. Bob has always lived life to the fullest and became very passionate in his walk with Jesus. Bob was a proud veteran and respected the many soldiers that continue to protect our freedom. Bob was a loyal man where everyone he met often became a friend and was treated like family. He loved his family and friends very much and his sense of humor, teasing, and passionate lust for life will be missed by all. We all love you Bob and will someday be with you again. A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place in Bakersfield at a later date. Autumn Funerals in Bend, Oregon, is entrusted with the arrangements.

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### Rodman (Rod) Lynn McClintock – 1945-2024



Bakersfield – Rodman (Rod) Lynn McClintock, of Bakersfield, California, was born on October 6th, 1945, in Los Angeles, California. He was the eldest child of Rodman and Eileen McClintock. Rod passed away peacefully on June 28th, 2024, in Bakersfield, surrounded by family and loved ones after a long and courageous battle against Alzheimer's disease.



Rod enjoyed an exciting and joyful childhood that would make any young boy envious. He spent his early years on his grandfather's "Mataguay Ranch," located northeast of San Diego. Rod fondly recounted stories of shooting guns, fishing, swimming, and even riding horseback to the bus stop during the school year. One favorite story was about dove season, when his father and grandfather would place him in the driver's seat of a Jeep, put it in gear, and have him drive across the fields to stir up birds for the shooters. The adults would take turns chasing him down and turning him around for another run.

During his teenage years, Rod attended East Bakersfield High School, where he met many lifelong friends and the love of his life, Laura Hay McClintock. One of his greatest memories from high school was the legend of "The Pie Wagon." He and his surfing and skateboarding buddies bought an old pie delivery van and converted it into a makeshift camper, traveling along the scenic West Coast from Mexico to Big Sur during summer breaks. Their adventures landed them features in several surfing magazines over the years.

Rod epitomized the definition of a hard worker. He graduated from Cal Poly SLO after being drafted during the Vietnam War and working summers in the Forest Service to pay for tuition. After graduation, he became a teacher at Foothill High School, where he taught for 35 years before retiring in 2008. During his tenure at Foothill, he coached several sports and had a positive, lasting impact on every player who experienced his competitive, hard-nosed, yet caring coaching style. Until the day he passed, Rod was hard-pressed to go anywhere in town without encountering a former student or player who would approach him with a warm smile and a funny story. Several years after his retirement, Rod was inducted into the Foothill High School Hall of Fame, an honor he was extremely proud of and celebrated by wearing his H.O.F. ring everywhere and showing it off to anyone willing to listen.

Rod was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Laura Hay McClintock. Together, they raised four wonderful children and created a lifetime of beautiful memories with family and friends. Some of their best times were during their annual summer trips to Pismo Beach, where extended happy hours, great food, wonderful company, and deep laughter often lasted until the early hours of the morning.

Rod is survived by his son Kyle (Mallorie) McClintock, daughter Myriah (Dusty) McKenzie, stepdaughters Joan (Steven) Van Alstyne, and Sally Parks. He leaves behind five grandsons: Brady and Grant Parks, Calum and Briggs McKenzie, and Jake McClintock; and one granddaughter, Tommie Jo McClintock. He is also survived by his brother, Brian (Teresa) McClintock, and was preceded in death by his sister, Jo Anne McClintock.

Although Alzheimer's may have taken away Rod's warmest recollections, it will never rob us of the wonderful memories we have of him. His quick wit and sharp sense of humor could bring the house down, and he always prided himself on his ability to make people smile. He would take comfort in knowing that a smile will come across our faces each time we remember him.

Our family would like to send a special thank you to Olga Hall for taking such great care of our father. We would also like to thank Jethro and Cecilia Lazaga at The Trinity for your dedication to making his final journey in life as comfortable and compassionate as it could have been. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Rod's name to the Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County (ADAKC).



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### Judith Lynn Leslie (MacCormack) – 1945-2003



Judy died on March 13, 2003, at the age of 58, due to illness. She had resided in Springfield, VA, since 1983 but her hometown was Bakersfield, California. She was born in Kern County on January 7, 1945.

She was the beloved wife of John E. Leslie, loving mother of Jeanine Piening, Jennifer Cooper, and John Donohue. Daughter of Edward and Catherine MacCormack. Sister of Jerry MacCormack. Grandmother of Samantha and Joey. She was a Cosmetologist and Instructor and member of the Board of Barbering & Cosmetology. You will be greatly missed. Rest in Peace.

### Shirley Smith (McMillan) – 1945-2013



Shirley Ann Smith October 5, 1945 - July 19, 2013 Shirley Ann Smith, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, became God's newest angel on Friday July 19, 2013, at the age of 67. A Bakersfield native, she was born to Jack and Wanda McMillan on October 5, 1945. Following her primary education and graduation from East High School, Shirley met her future husband Bruce and they attended Bakersfield College together. In her early career, Shirley worked for the Social Security Administration before proudly resigning to be a stay at home mother. As her children grew, Shirley again entered the work force enjoying a nearly 17 year career with the Houchin Community Blood Bank. A true people person, it is at the Blood Bank where she loved interacting with the public and made many dear and treasured friends. A devoted Christian, Shirley faithfully attended Fruityvale Community Church until it became Riverlakes Community Church. At Riverlakes, Shirley participated in numerous bible study classes, in addition to, being a Communion volunteer. Shirley will be remembered by those who love her for having a gentle, but 'S.A.Ssy' spirit. She was known for always being the one to offer a smile that made others smile, a kind word, an encouraging note, or a reassuring bible verse so that you knew God was with you and would help you 'make crooked things straight.' Isaiah 41:10 and 42:16 were among her favorite verses. Shirley is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, C. Bruce Smith, her son Christopher, her daughter and husband, Kara and John Stephen, granddaughter Kayla Stephen, sister Carroll Thornburgh and husband George, sister Pamela Hansen and husband John, as well as her loving nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their gratitude to Jeanne Schamblin, Mary Romero, and the Spruce Home Care Givers for the love, care, and compassion they showed to Shirley in her final months. Shirley will be laid to rest at Hillcrest Memorial Park and Mortuary. The family will hold a private celebration of life dinner in the coming weeks. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Riverlakes Community Church Women's Ministry or Marley's Mutt's Pet Rescue. [www.bakersfield.com/obits](http://www.bakersfield.com/obits)

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### Dwight McGee – 1945-2014



**Taken from a letter to Joy Lampe – September 5, 2016 . . . .**

Thank you for the information about your mini reunion. It sounds like a lot of fun. We will not be able to attend. Dwight passed away August 6, 2014.



The collage below shows many of the things he thought were important. Namely, church volunteer work, calling on shut-ins, work with the homeless and passing out food packages to the street people in our area.

His second passion was therapy dog work. We (Dwight, me, Meg and Izzy) made many visits to facilities in our area with the Love on a Leash program. At home we fostered and trained many dogs to ready them for their forever home. And of course along the way adopted some. Meg and Izzy were adopted from the Central Coast SPCA. We volunteered for many of their events, especially Santa Paws. Have your dogs photo taken with Santa, our number one fundraiser every year. I deeply miss him.



I want you to know he was very active until his last week. He fell on July 30, 2014 and fractured C4/5 vertebrae. It was so sudden and crushing for us. He was unable to move and on August 6 his body could take no more. I know he is a guardian angel because all he ever talked about and planned his life for was helping others. I am so blessed to have 46 years as his wife and soul mate. We always had fun together which helped us tackle the problems of life. The best part is I am looking forward to our eternal future together. I can't wait to see what he is doing. I know God is using him in wonderful ways.

Jan McGee for my beloved Dwight.



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### Linda Tatum (McMahon) – 1946-2008



Linda L. Tatum was born January 29, 1946 in Bakersfield CA. She went to be with her heavenly father on December 18, 2008. Linda married the love of her life, Robert D. Tatum on September 20, 1963. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and a wonderful friend to all who knew her. Linda fought a courageous battle with cancer for six and a half years. She handled her illness with grace, dignity and beauty. She was always willing to share her deep love of the Lord, she made everyone feel special and was always there to encourage or lift up others. Her favorite saying was, "A merry heart maketh good like a medicine." Linda was preceded in death by her father, Dexter H. McMahon. She leaves behind her husband of 45 years, Robert D. Tatum; her daughter, Michele R. Sherer; and son, Roderick D. Tatum and his wife, Leah Tatum; her five precious grandchildren, Ashlyn Sherer, Tatum Sherer, Brandon Tatum, Christian Tatum, and Jamieson Tatum. She also leaves behind her loving mother, Glendalene McMahon; brother, J.B. McMahon and his wife, Jan McMahon and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and cousins. During her illness her family was overwhelmingly cared for, loved and supported by her special friends. We would like to say a special thank you to Richard and Marsue Williams, Nancy Wooden, Sandra Oxford, and the angles at Odyssey Hospice. Thank you Jonah, Danielle and Carrie. Even though she was taken home much too early, she lived her life as a pillar for Christ. She held her values in high regard and for those of us she loved, she did it with intense vigor. No one who has crossed her path has not been stamped with a footprint on their heart. There will be a memorial service Monday, December 29, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Bakersfield First Assembly of God, 4901 California Ave. For additional information, contact Basham Funeral Care at 873-8200. Linda L. Tatum 1946 - 2008 Basham Funeral Care. Published in Bakersfield Californian on December 27, 2008.



### Robert James McKnight - 1945 – 2013



Burial arrangements under the direction of Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### Sandra Jan Webb (McWatters) - 1945 - 2010



Sandra Jan McWatters Webb 1945 - 2010 Sandra Jan McWatters Webb was born in Bakersfield, CA on September 4, 1945 and also spent several cherished years living in Los Osos, CA. Her many passions included God and the church, family, music, flowers, and education. She is preceded in death by her parents, Ray and Inez McWatters, among other loved family members. She is survived by her loving husband of 38 years, Larry Webb; her children Richard Armenta, Janelle Webb, and Wendy and Marcus Phillips; her grandchildren Tyler and Austin Phillips and Karalee Webb; and her sister Joan Warren. She also leaves to treasure her memory many loved family and friends who brought her much joy throughout her life and much peace as she struggled with the cancer that brought her to the arms of Jesus on July 10, 2010, sooner than we were ready to say good-bye. A memorial service will be held on July 18th, 2010 at 3 p.m. at Bakersfield First Church, 2801 Hughes Rd., Bakersfield, CA 93304 with a reception immediately following.

### Chriss Miller – 1945-2025



It is with a heavy heart, and perhaps a well-chilled glass of white, that we say goodbye to Christine "Chriss" Doyle Miller, who left us on August 16, 2025. Born in Bakersfield, California on July 9, 1945, she was a true Bakersfield native who graduated from East High Class of '63.

Chriss eventually made her way to the Bay Area, where she finally settled in the heart of wine country, Sonoma. There, she lived out her days with her feline companions, Bubbles and Bob. A dedicated professional, Chriss spent 20 years at Bank of America before finding her true calling as an Administrative Services Tech for the Marin County Department of Health Services—Children's Mental Health. She retired in 2017, ready to embrace the good life. And embrace it she did. Chriss was a woman who knew the importance of a good vintage and the restorative power of a spirited water aerobics class at Sonoma Fit.



She is reunited with her parents, Bakersfield Municipal Court Judge Doyle Miller and Janette Miller, and her two younger sisters, Valerie and Jeanie Miller. Chriss was a devoted aunt and great-aunt, and her memory will be cherished by her surviving nieces, Daunya Richfield, Mercedes Thayer, and Leona Miller, and her nephew, Steve John Mondini, along with all her great-nieces and nephews.





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Chriss will be deeply missed by all who knew her. The family wishes to thank everyone for their heartfelt condolences and for their contributions to her "Wine in the Afterlife Fund." It seems fitting that even in passing, Chriss' spirit could lighten the load for those she left behind.

To honor Chriss, we invite you to do as she would have done: make a donation to your local animal shelter, plant some beautiful azaleas, and raise a glass of good wine. She'd love that.

### Roger Lee Molhook – 1945-2016



Roger passed from his earthly life on March 7th, but his memory lives on in the hearts of his family and a multitude of friends.

Roger was born in Bakersfield to Gladys and Adrian Molhook. He graduated from East Bakersfield High and San Jose State College. He was a proud veteran and served in the Navy during the [Vietnam War](#). He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marion, son Tyler and wife Amanda, Son Drew and wife Candace and Granddaughters Addilyn and Ellie. Brother Nick and wife Ann, Sister Martha Castro.



Roger lived life by his own rules and had a creative and intelligent mind. He was affectionately called; Mad-dog, Rog, Dad, Grandpa and Honey and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Rest in peace. Graveside service will be held Saturday, March 12 at 2:00PM at Greenlawn Cemetery - River Blvd.

### Joseph Lawrence Monfort – 1945-2016



A long-time resident of Carpinteria, Joseph Lawrence Monfort passed away April 6, 2016, just three weeks after moving north to Brookings, Oregon



### Mona Lee Wilson (Moore) – 1945-2016



Mona Lee Wilson was born in Barstow, California on August 5, 1945. She passed away suddenly on December 5, 2016. Mona's parents, Thomas and Evelyn Moore, and her siblings Linda Sallee and Tom Moore lived and thrived in Bakersfield, each of them creating families of their own.



Mona was a small town girl with big ambitions, the first of which was raising her children, of which she took great pride. Sons Mark (now Marz Richards) and Adam Setser were born into the world in 1970 and 1973. Her relationship with her sons was filled with love, laughter, and a lifetime of shared wisdom. Both Marz and Adam acknowledge the tremendous gift it was to have this woman as their chief steward in life.

While her boys were attending high school, Mona was working full time as an administrative assistant at Memorial Hospital and getting her Bachelor's degree at California State University Bakersfield. When her first son graduated from college with his Bachelor's degree, she was completing her Master's while working as an elementary school teacher.

Her drive and energy were legendary and these traits propelled her from the classroom into administration as a Principal in the Panama Buena Vista School District, where she served until her retirement.

She loved traveling, art, literature and the cinema in a manner that was positively infectious and spread to all who knew her. She picked up the gardening bug from her mother, which was a good thing, as she also loved every cat she ever met. Her yard always provided a good home and playground for her many pets over her lifetime.

In 1992, she met Richard Wilson and began the great romance of her life. Mona and Richard married in 1996 and traveled the world together with happy adventures in locales from the Amazon to Jerusalem. Together they built a home to welcome family and friends on any joyous occasion and it was there they made every gathering truly special. She is survived by her husband Richard, her children Marz Richards (Tennille), Adam Setser (Larrianne), Lisa Hockersmith, Mark Wilson (Margie) and Mike Wilson (Charissa). She had 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Siblings Tom Moore and Linda Sallee and many nieces and nephews.



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She was a member of Riverlakes Community Church and her love of Jesus was her pride and joy. A memorial service will be held at Riverlakes Community Church, 4301 Calloway at 11:00am on Saturday, December 17th. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Mona's name to The Cat People.

### Terry Russell Moore - 1944-2020



Terry R. Moore 75 of Bakersfield, passed away on January 4, 2020 after a short bout with esophageal cancer. He was born on December 13, 1944 in Stockton, CA.

He is preceded in death by his parents Tom and Lorene. He is survived by his son Michael Brunson of Bakersfield, sister Sandra Moore and brother-in-law Mack Porter of Palm Desert.

He is a 1963 graduate of East Bakersfield High School and also received a BA in psychology from CSUB. He served in Vietnam on the USS Mark plying the waters of the Saigon and Mekong Rivers. He found his passion as a personable bartender well known for his special Bloody Marys. He was a great storyteller and always had a joke to share and known for his quick wit. He even had nicknames for his regulars. Later in his life he enjoyed taking long walks visiting with the neighbors and especially their pets. He will be dearly missed. At Terry's request there will be no services.

### Patricia Morin - 1945-1987

Recitation of the Rosary was held in the St. Joseph Catholic Church on Sunday, September 20, 1987 for Patricia L. Morin, 42, who passed away September 15<sup>th</sup> in Caliente. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Morin was born May 9, 1945 in Bakersfield and had lived here all of his life. He was a truck driver for 20 years and was last employed with Force Foods Company. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Morin; daughter and son-in-law, Tami and Jimmy Martinez; Mark and Matt Morin; sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Leo Colunga; sister, Helen Diaz; brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Becky Morin; parents Ig (Vincent) and Elvira Morin; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jimmy and Mary Enriquez, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jimmy and Irene Enriquez, and Frankie and Norma Enriquez; brothers-in-law, Roy and Freddie Enriquez, all of Bakersfield; 15 nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts and uncles.

### Dave Carl Moyer - 1944-1986



Services were held in Hillcrest Chapel, Tuesday, May 13 [1986] at 11 a.m. for Dave Carl Moyer, 41, who died May 8, in San Luis Obispo. Pastor T.L. Byrd of Bakersfield New Life Center and Rev. Dale Huddleston officiated at the services.

Mr. Moyer was born in Blackwell, Oklahoma, September 22, 1944, and had lived in the Kern County area for many years. He had served as a Deacon of Bakersfield New Life Center and had worked in Children's Ministry at the church and also played on the softball team. He enjoyed camping with his family and his hobbies were carpentry and he loved to ride motorcycles. Mr. Moyer was co-owner of U.S. Valve, Inc. of Bakersfield. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School. He is survived by his wife Teena; a daughter Tricia Louis Moyer of Bakersfield; a son Rodney Scott Moyer of Bakersfield; parents Raymond E. and Alice E. Moyer of Bakersfield; brothers Rooney R. Moyer of Livermore, California; Max A. Moyer of Lancaster, Jerry W. Moyer of Bakersfield and Phillip I. Moyer of Huntington Beach; a sister Alice Faye Roberts of Bakersfield. Casket Bearers will be Robert Witcher Jr., Ken Claiborne, Truitt Carroll, Roland Turnel, Jim Bench, Jim Whittington. Honorary Bearers will be Don Spots, Rick Lisenbee. Internment will be in Holy Cross Lawn, Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### Judith Ellen Niemeyer (Munger) - 1945-2015



Judith Ellen Niemeyer, 69, died at 3:10PM, Friday, January 30, 2015 at the home of her brother, Bob Kagler in Bakersfield, California. She was born May 8, 1945 in Bakersfield, California to Velma and Bennie Munger and was honored to be a step-daughter to Dick Kagler of McFarland, California.

She married Larry L. Niemeyer on December 18, 1965. They served as missionaries in Africa for 48 years, living in Zimbabwe, Zambia and Kenya where she learned three languages. Besides living and serving among diverse people, teaching literacy, life skills, Bible and Christian living, she was a loving friend to thousands, a neighbor, disciple-maker, prayer partner, mentor, teacher and coach, as well as a "mother" and "grandmother" to many. Her home was in Nairobi, Kenya.



Family was always a priority to Judy: her husband - Larry, sons - Heath (Virginia) and Ronan (Trinidad), daughters-in-love - Gina and Stephanie, grandchildren - Lucas, Marcus, Nicolas, Genevieve, Tannon and Gianna Judy. Her final days of a battle with cancer were spent with



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these plus her mother - Velma Kagler (91), brothers - Richard and Bob, sisters - Beverly and Candy, their spouses, nephews and nieces. All have survived her.

Her schools included Pioneer Elementary of Bakersfield, and East Bakersfield High School, Pacific Christian College (Long Beach), Hope International University (Fullerton) and Daystar University (Nairobi).

She loved people, captured their lives in her photography, face-booked with them, wrote wonderful letters and cards, remembered their birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other important dates. She was a kind hostess and loved to get visitors around to the people, families, churches, projects, sites, game parks and restaurants of Africa. In it all, she was Communications Director for Harvest Heralds, Inc.

The visitation was from 4:00PM until 8:00PM on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Bakersfield. The memorial and graveside services will be held at Skyline Memorial Garden and Beaverton Christian Church in Portland, Oregon on Monday, February 9 at 11:00AM and 1:00PM respectively.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harvest Heralds, Inc., PO Box 1147, Beaverton, Oregon 97075-1147. Designate them for Judy.Danny Nelson - 1944-1999

Daniel Oliver Nelson passed away on December 22, 1999 in his sleep at his home in Barstow, California, where he had lived since moving from Bakersfield approximately 33 years before, after returning from his service in the army, in Germany and Viet Nam. He had worked for the Santa Fe Railroad since that time. Never having married or had children, he is survived by Dorris Nelson Baker and her husband Lorne of Oxnard, California, and their son Jeremy of the U.S. Navy. Danny was preceded in death by our parents approximately 12 years before that. He was a very quiet and unassuming man but was loved by all who got to know him. He was born in Illinois on September 5, 1944. [Information from his sister, Dorris Nelson Baker.]

### Bertha Jynell Jan' Fogle (Musick) -1944-2020



Bertha Jynell ( Jan Fogle ) was born on November 8, 1944. Jan was a dedicated Wife, Mother, Nana, and Friend. Although Jan had many roles throughout her life, Jan was first and foremost a Christian. Jan loved Jesus and spoke with him daily. Jan would often be found reading her bible, writing in her journal, or praying with the Lord. If Jan told you she was praying for you, she meant it with all her heart. Those that knew Jan will miss her steadfast and Godly influence in their lives. Jan went to be with the Lord peacefully on the evening of September 24, 2020. Jan is survived by her children and their spouses, Damon and Staci McMinn, James and Gina Fogle, her grandchildren, Tiffani, Mason, Nicholas, Joshua, and Jacob. Brother in law Randy Fogle and Sister in law Delores Fogle, and many nieces and nephews.



Celebration of Life Service will be held on October 17, 2020, 11:00 am, at Grace Assembly of God 2800 Larson Lane, Bakersfield CA The family wishes to thank Hoffman Hospice Home and their staff for the comfort and care they gave to Jan and her family.

### Ronald E. O'Farrell - 1945-1970



Ronald E. O'Farrell was born on August 7, 1945 in San Bernardino County. He attended Arizona State University on a baseball scholarship. While in Arizona, he met his wife Terry and together they had a son, Robert Edward "Robbie" O'Farrell. During the summers, Ron worked on the Santa Fe Railroad. After his son was born, he and his family lived in Needles, where he lost his life at age 25 years.

### Susan Olague (Ozuna) - 1945-2023



Fondly remembering a life well lived. - August 4, 1945 June 22, 2023

Buena Park Susan Nancy (Olague) Ozuna, 77, died at her home in Buena Park, CA on Thursday, June 22, 2023. She was born on August 4, 1945, in Bakersfield, CA to Josephine and Joseph Olague.



Susan married Carlos Ozuna in 1965 and they were blessed with seven children. They celebrated 57 years of marriage prior to her passing. Susan's greatest joy was spending time with her children and grandchildren and spent most of her days enjoying their visits. No summers were complete without an annual trip camping near the river in Sequoia. She enjoyed going on cruises with Carlos and her family when she had the chance. She always looked forward to her trips to Laughlin, NV with Linda and Bobby Aguilar and Rachel Arias. She also enjoyed looking outside to her bountiful backyard filled with flowers, fruit trees, and a robust garden that Carlos lovingly maintained.

She is survived by her loving husband Carlos, their children Joseph (Lori) Ozuna, Steven (Renee) Ozuna, Teresa (Jim) Fram, David (Sheila)



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Ozuna, Denise (Tom) Greer, Christopher (Leisa) Ozuna and Jaime (Spencer) Starrh; their 23 grandchildren April, Chelsea, Sam, Rachel, Breanne, Ashley, Jake, Lauren, Cameron, Brooke, Morgan, Sam, Jack, Daniel, Victoria, Alex, Ryan, Elizabeth, John, Aryah, CJ, Marley and Braeden; her brothers and sisters in law, Bob and Mary Ellen Olague, David and Avis Olague, Mike and Chris Olague, and Mark and Cathy Olague; her sisters and brothers in law, Sylvia and Robert Anaya, Linda and (Bobby deceased) Aguilar, Diane and Gilbert (deceased) Ochoa, her brother and sister in laws Rachel and (Mike deceased) Arias, Armando and Rosa Ozuna, Margaret and (Mario deceased) Perales, and Ted and Julia Ozuna, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Susan was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Josephine Olague, and her sisters Eleanor Zamora and Barbara Holquin. Thank you to Kaiser Hospice and Palliative Care and their amazing nurses for the exceptional care they provided for Susan.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened. Dr. Seuss

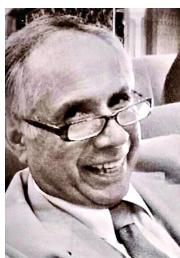
### Socorro Pena - 1945-2022



Socorro 'Soc' Pena, age 77, formerly of Bakersfield, CA went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

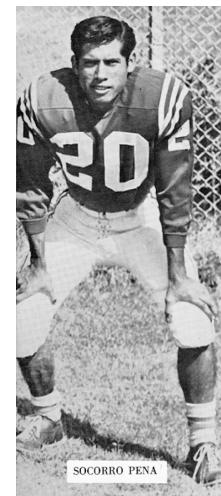
He was a graduate of East Bakersfield High School in 1963 where he excelled in football and track. Soc was an active member of Lifepoint Church in Arroyo Grande, CA. Soc enjoyed watching sporting events, especially if it meant watching one of his children, grandchildren, or nieces and nephews.

Soc's greatest joys were spending time with family and most importantly sharing the gospel. He was known as being the go to for family dinners and special occasions.



Preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Gee, parents Aurelia and Ponciano Pena and son Michael Pena.

He is survived by his siblings, Marcelina, Angie, Lucy, Ruth, Delfino, Cecelia, Maggie and Jesse; wife Christine Pena, daughters Nicole Pena, Shawna Pena-Claggett, and his son-in-law Tim Claggett; grandchildren Jennifer, Jason, Myah, Vance, Gabby, and great grandchild, Roxy. He will be dearly missed and never forgotten.



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Viewing will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 5:00PM at Marshall-Spoor Funeral Home, Grover Beach, CA. Service will be held Friday, February 25, 2022 at 11:00AM at LifePoint Church, Arroyo Grande, CA.

### Cathy Paddock (Peper) - 1945-2021



Born July 22, 1945 in Tucson, Arizona to parents Anna and Bill Peper, and sister to Anne Peper. Loving wife to Gary Paddock for 52 years, and mother to Tanya Nousch (spouse Eric Nousch), Bryan Paddock (spouse Jamie Paddock), and Carrey Paddock. Forever Nana to her grandchildren Taylor, Ethan, Morgan, Zeven, Ryalen, and Revik.



Cathy was active in her community helping as a teacher's aide and mentor, providing her attentive and adoring nature to all those around her. Her passions included her family, crafts, and sharing her radiant and positive light with others. She always left a smile and laugh in her wake, and a room better than how she found it. If you needed a shoulder, a friend, a mom, or a nana, she would be whatever you needed, just so you knew you were loved. All will agree, it's no question where. Cathy is, she's with her loved ones in heaven, looking over all of us, our guardian angel..

Services will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles (1718 17th St., Bakersfield, CA 93301), Monday June 14th, 2021 at 11:00 am. The family welcomes all those who would like to celebrate the life of Cathy Paddock. Family also asks that instead of sending flowers, you donate to the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History. An organization Cathy supported and loved for their work and education for the community and children.



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### Robert Dwight Pendleton - 1945-2020



Robert Dwight Pendleton passed away on Saturday May 30, 2020 at the age of 75. He was born in Bakersfield, California and resided there for the majority of his life. Dwight "Butch" Pendleton graduated from East High School, Bakersfield, California in 1963. He was a decorated veteran who proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. After returning from war, he earned a Baccalaureate Degree. He later married his High School sweetheart Victoria Yancey in the summer of 1972. He joined the Kern County Sheriff Office, served with distinction. Later he successfully completed FBI indoctrination with candidates half his age. The path he chose was right for him and ultimately he retired as a Kern County District Attorney investigator.

Dwight's faith was strong. He accepted Jesus as Lord. He was a charitable man exhibiting kindness and compassion towards everybody he met. He loved life and a unique way of recognizing potential in people. He was an avid sportsman uniquely capable of balancing the sport of the hunt while maintaining compassion for animals. He was most loved for his bright smile, endearing sarcastic sense of humor, and razor sharp mind. He was loved by many and will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his nephew Matthew, niece Jennifer, and nephew Kirk.

He was preceded in death by his wife Victoria, father Loyd, mother Dollie, and brothers Harell and Darrell. No gravesite services. Please make donations to local cancer funds.

### Betty Simpson (Potter) - 1945-2007



Betty Louise Simpson Aug. 8, 1945 - Mar. 15, 2007 Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary Betty Louise Simpson a Bakersfield native for 61 years, passed away suddenly on March 15, 2007 at Mercy Southwest Hospital with her loving family by her side. Betty was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend. She was a very caring, thoughtful, patient and kind woman who lit up any room she walked into. She spent her life making people feel comfortable and loved. Betty graduated in 1963 from East Bakersfield High, attended Bakersfield College. Betty was active in the community, former Miss Kern County, Maid of California representing Kern County at the State Fair. Throughout her life Betty was an active member of the: The Kern County Museum, Museum Bloomer Girls Founder, Libertas Eastern Star, Vintage Car Club of Bakersfield and Rosedale 4-H. Betty is preceded in death by her mother and father, Ross Simmons and Maxine Potter. She is survived by her husband, Larry Simpson; her dad, Marvin Potter and wife, Minnie Dee; sister, Marge Fredenburg and her husband, Jerry; sister, Marlene O'Rourke and husband, Kevin; son, Branden Parker and his wife, Jimi; son, Roderick Parker; son, David Simpson and his wife, Marcia; daughter, Becky Johnson; 7 grandchildren, Jacob, Jared and Amanda Johnson, Laura, Sam and Mathew Simpson and Peyton Parker; and numerous nieces and nephews. Betty was not only an active member of the community, but lived to make the lives of everyone around her happy! She will be deeply missed by all that had the privilege of being part of her life. Graveside services are scheduled for Monday, March 19, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. at Greenlawn Southwest Memorial Park, 2739 Panama Lane. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, March 18, 2007 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Published in Bakersfield Californian from March 17 to March 18, 2007 Preston A. Powell - 1944-1986



### Preston A. Powell - 1944-1986



Preston A. Powell expired August 25, 1985 in a local hospital. Funeral services were held in the Union Baptist Church, and interment took place in Union Cemetery. Mr. Powell was born November 20, 1944 and was a native of Los Angeles. He lived in Bakersfield for the past 39 years and in the state of California for 41 years. He was a member of Union Baptist Church and Charles Chops Lodge No. 325 Elks. His survivors include his spouse, Delma Sue Powell of Bakersfield; his father, Jack Powell of Bakersfield; four sons, Terrance, Charles, and Jamal Powell, all of Bakersfield, and Preston A. Powell, Jr. of the U.S. Army; two daughters, Prestina, Erica Lynn Powell of Bakersfield; three brothers, Osborne Degraffenreid, Walter and Car Powell, all of Bakersfield; four sisters, Catherine Griffin, Mary Dorsey, and Lucinda Cook, all of Bakersfield and Onita Simmons of Los Angeles; two grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Preston A. Powell expired August 25, 1985 in a local hospital. Funeral services were held in the Union Baptist Church, and interment took place in Union Cemetery. Mr. Powell was born November 20, 1944 and was a native of Los Angeles. He lived in Bakersfield for the past 39 years and in the state of California for 41 years. He was a member of Union Baptist Church and Charles Chops Lodge No. 325 Elks. His survivors include his spouse, Delma Sue Powell of Bakersfield; his father, Jack Powell of Bakersfield; four sons, Terrance, Charles, and Jamal Powell, all of Bakersfield, and Preston A. Powell, Jr. of the U.S. Army; two daughters, Prestina, Erica Lynn Powell of Bakersfield; three brothers, Osborne Degraffenreid, Walter and Car Powell, all of Bakersfield; four sisters, Catherine Griffin, Mary Dorsey, and Lucinda Cook, all of Bakersfield and Onita Simmons of Los Angeles; two grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.



### Khongchai (Robert) Pusavat - 1945-2008



Born October 13, 1945. Passed away in Huntington Beach, CA on May 6, 2008

### Patricia Elizabeth McDonnell-Gilmore (Raffeedy) - 1945-2007



Pat aka Frankie passed away on Saturday January 13th peacefully in her Rosedale home. Born in Detroit, MI on November 26, 1945 to Norma and Jaleel Raffeedy. The family later moved to Bakersfield and added sisters Thrya and Jaleela. Pat was a graduate of East Bakersfield High class of 1963. She then moved to New York where she married the late James F. McDonnell and started a family of her own. James F. Jr. was the first born and brought much joy to their growing family. Kevin Patrick was the second son and was tragically taken from the family at an early age. Their third son Gregg was born and the family was complete. In 1985 Pat lost her husband to a tragic accident. She stayed in New York until 1992 when she realized it was time to come home to Bakersfield. Pat arrived in town with the same enthusiasm as she did with all things in her life. Pat helped anyone she could and was involved in many organizations in which she held various posts. Pat began her travels in 1993 and there was no stopping her. Pat saw the world (while on her cell phone) and enjoyed every minute. Pat found her second partner, Roy Gilmore. Pat and Roy enjoyed many travels together for years until she became ill in September of 2005. Although Pat was a fighter she could not win this battle. Pat is survived by her mother Norma Raffeedy, sister Thrya and Marvin Riley, sister Jaleela Kuge, son James McDonnell his wife Jennifer and daughter Maggie, son Gregg McDonnell his wife Janessa and daughter Lily Jean, niece Jennifer Horton husband Chris and son Jeffrey, Roy Gilmore and his grandson Zachary Entriken. Services will be held Wednesday, January 17, at 2 PM at Hillcrest. Patricia Elizabeth McDonnell-Gilmore Nov. 26, 1945 - Jan. 13, 2007. Published in the Bakersfield Californian on 1/16/2007

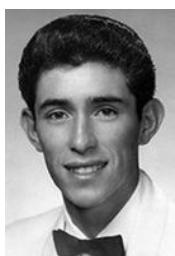


### Janice M. Ream (Sears) - 1945-1974



Services were held in Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel Friday at 11 a.m., for Janice M. Ream, 28, 1809 Shirley Court, who died March 11, 1971 in a Bakersfield hospital. The Rev. William McCord of Trinity Methodist Church officiated. Mrs. Ream was born in California on September 21, 1945 and had resided in Bakersfield 25 years. She was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church and of the Kern County Employees Association. Mrs. Ream is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sears, brothers, Vernon Jr. and Mike Sears, all of Bakersfield; and 3 sisters, Carolyn Simons and Pat Toft of Bakersfield, and Peggy Mistark of Connecticut. Pallbearers will be William "Bill" Pike, George Amo, Doug Simons, Charles Strong, Russ Glover, and Bill Long. Honorary bearers will be Rolan Simpson, Lynn Brown, Guy Fast, Elias Cantu, Jack Briggs and Aron Smith. Interment will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

### Max P. Rodriguez - 1944-2014



January 05, 1944 — December 30, 2014 Max, beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed on December 30th in Los Angeles, California at the age of 70. He was born January 5, 1944 in Ballinger, Texas. At the age of 7 he moved with his parents to Bakersfield, California. Max graduated from East High School in 1963 and attended Bakersfield College. He was drafted into the Army in 1966 and proudly served our country. He was a member of the Local 220 Laborers Union and worked many years for Griffith and Omega Construction Company. He was generous and a hardworking man. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sporting events. He was their number one fan. Max also was an active bike rider and enjoyed visiting his friends around the neighborhood. Max is survived by his wife Diane Rodriguez, son Max "Popa" Rodriguez, daughter Maryann Rodriguez and grandchildren Ryan Rodriguez, Eric Parra, Joey Parra, Jasmine Rodriguez and Madeline Rodriguez. He is also survived by his mother Lydia Rodriguez, brothers Adolph, Pete, Roy, Abel and sisters Linda Sumler and Lori McMahan. Deceased family members father Maxcimino and brother Londie. In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. Francis Church Youth Center. Viewing January 7th from 4-6pm at Doughty- Calhoun-O'Meara. Rosary January 8 to be held at 8:30 am with mass starting at 9:00am at St. Francis Church. Reception at church hall following service. Burial January 9th at 10:45am at Bakersfield National Cemetery Doughty- Calhoun-O'Meara Funeral Directors





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### James Michael Rogers – 1945-2011



James Michael ROGERS 3/23/45 ~ 9/10/11 Mike passed away suddenly on September 10, 2011 in Victoria BC doing what he loved, which was boating. After retiring in 2007, Mike took every opportunity to enjoy the Northwest waterways at the helm of 'Life is Good' on many excursions with family and friends. Mike had a gift of making those around him feel so comfortable in his company. He will be deeply missed for his loving heart, great sense of humor, easy laughter and that wonderful voice. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 49 years Patricia Rogers, beloved children Gwendalyn Maginnis (Patrick) and Matthew Rogers and adored grandchildren, Evan and Kate Maginnis. His brother Bob Rogers (Robin) and sister Harriet Long (Richard) and many cherished nieces, nephews, family and friends. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers remembrances can be made in Mike's name to the Special Olympics of Washington, 18909 7th Ave, Ste 1509, Seattle, WA 98101 Phone: 206-362-4949 ext 206. Published in The Seattle Times on October 2, 2011.



### Lynette Mary Stanley (Romley) – March 6 1945 – May 6, 2019



Lynette Mary Stanley was born on March 6, 1945 in Bakersfield, California to William (Bill) and Marguerite Romley. Lynette passed on May 6, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 74. Lynette is survived by her husband of 52 years, Tom Stanley, her son and daughter-in-law, Brent & Kim Stanley and son, Scott Stanley. She is also survived by two granddaughters, Lauren & Allie Stanley.



Lynette graduated from East Bakersfield High School and Bakersfield College. Lynette worked at Coffee's men's store after Tom & Lynette were married. When Brent and Scott were born, her focus became on being a mother. She spent many years volunteering in her sons' classrooms and activities. She fondly worked as a teacher's assistant at Franklin Elementary School, where she made many lifetime friends. Over the years Lynette was a Den mother for Cub Scouts and president of the school PTA. When the boys were older Lynette went to work at Jim Burke Ford. She worked in various office roles before her retirement from Jim Burke Ford after 22 years.

Lynette's biggest love was her family. Anytime family and friends could gather were precious times that made Lynette happiest. Lynette was a true friend that was always willing to lend a hand when others were in need. Lynette had many affectionate nicknames that included, "Lynettey," "MaBuzz," "Mama Stanley." Lynette was a mother to not only her children but often was a mother figure to others around her. Friends of her sons would often be invited to come over for dinner and were expected to share what was going on in their lives at the dinner table. Her amazing cooking and loving nature often had friends joining the family for dinner. When told that her food was great, she would always say, "I am not a fancy cook. I just cook simple good recipes." Many knew of Lynette for her unique flakey crust cinnamon roll. She would donate cinnamon rolls to charity events and always be surprised by how much they went for.

Lynette's cherished name was "Grammy" to Lauren and Allie. Together they enjoyed making many special recipes and baking cookies with Grammy. Lynette passed on her love of baking to Lauren & Allie who continue to bake whenever they have time. Lynette was known to always have stories and photos of the girls to share with others.

Lynette enjoyed getaways to Pismo beach, where she always enjoyed walking in the sand and the cool weather. Stanley family trips to Huntington Lake were also cherished by her.

Our family would like to thank the staff at Kern River Transitional Care for their loving care for Lynette and support for our family during this difficult time. Thank you to Tom & Lynette's neighbors for all you have done for them through this journey.

Services for Lynette will be held at the Bakersfield National Cemetery (30338 E. Bear Mountain Blvd Arvin, CA 93203) on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 10:45am. In addition to her deep love for her family and friends, Lynette's love for animals was unmatched. She had a very special place in her heart for all pets. In lieu of flowers our family asks that you consider donating in memory of Lynette to Marley's Mutts ([www.marleysmutts.org/donate](http://www.marleysmutts.org/donate)). Donations can be mailed to 1121 West Valley Blvd Suite I #140, Tehachapi, CA 93561. Marlene Jean (Rose) Erkel – 1945-1985



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### Marlene Jean Erkel (Rose) – 1945-1985



Marlene was born in California on March 27, 1945 and died in Los Angeles County on June 19, 1985. We have yet to obtain the town in which she died so we can access an obituary notice. Marlene's mother, Glenella May Rose, died in Kern County on May 9, 1996, and her obituary might have some information on Marlene. Marlene did have one brother, Darrell Ross Rose who was born November 10, 1947, who is still living in Bakersfield. His number might be the D. R. Rose listed at 661-872-8058.

### Susie Kuhn (Ryan) – 1945-2015



It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that the Class of '63 Reunion Committee informs the class that Susie Ryan Kuhn passed away on the evening of July 17, 2015 at about 7:30PM. Susie was a member of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Committee, taking charge of telephone communications and searching for lost classmates. She enjoyed working around her house, and took special pride in her garden. Susie reminisced often about the good times she experienced at EB.



No services are planned, per her request. A celebration of her life may be planned at a later date.

### Paula Anne Jay (Sanders) – 1945-2015



Paula was born on October 23, 1945 and passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2015. Paula was a resident of Pipe Creek, Texas at the time of her passing.

Funeral arrangements are pending and when complete will be announced by GRIMES FUNERAL CHAPELS OF BANDERA.

### James Dwight Sanders - 1945-2023



Jim was born in Bakersfield, CA on May 14, 1945. He became a Seal Beach Police Officer when he was 21 years old. During his time in Seal Beach, he was Traffic Division Commander and President of PORAC. Jim was medically retired in 1976 and with his wife and son moved to Williamsburg, VA, where he dove into politics and became the first Executive Director of the Republican Caucus in Virginia. He was a Campaign Manager in Arizona for a Congressional Campaign then worked on several campaigns in Virginia.



In 1986 he became an investigative journalist and a published author of six books: *Soldiers of Misfortune*, *The Men We Left Behind*, *The Downing of TWA Flight 800*, *Altered Evidence*, *First Strike*, and his latest, *When Stalinists Ruled America*. Jim was an avid political thinker and loved to have heated discussions with everyone. He fought to reveal government coverups and to bring the truth to light and was working on one more final TWA Flight 800 book, which sadly will not be completed.

Jim and Liz celebrated their 50th anniversary October 28th. Their biggest achievement and proudest moments are of their son, Eric, who is a pilot. Jim passed away on December 17, 2023.

### Valerie Margaret McCollum (Sanford) - 1945-2025



A beautiful journey & life has come to an end on March 4, 2025. The biggest most beautiful heart stopped beating & Valerie went to her heavenly home after a long brave battle. Valerie was born October 23rd 1945 to Allene & Vern Sanford in Bakersfield California. She grew up in Hillsdale Michigan. Although she loved to travel she settled in Anderson Indiana in the 60's. She was passionate about her family. She loved hosting holidays & her door was always open for many generations.



She was an incredible interior designer for many years. She chose to become a corporate secretary for E & B paving where she proudly retired in 2009. She loved spending time with her family, photography, bingo, reading, & her cats. She is survived by her friend & the love of her life for over 60 years Doyle. Her son Patrick & his wife Elyse. Her granddaughters Ashley (Jeff), Karson (Nick), Kendall, & grandson Kamden. Her great grandchildren Lina, Draven, Augustus, & Hallie. Brothers Vern Allen (Rhonda) & John. Nieces & Nephews



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Heather, Tiffany, Sean, Grant, Ashley, Tarri, Rusty, Jared, Allene, Jason, Nicole, & Cheri. As well as her long term devoted Caregiver Brianna Brewer, her beloved cat Endora, Along with so many family & friends who will miss her. Valerie was met by many loved ones that preceded her in passing. Her nephew Vincent, her best friend & Sister Carol Lee, her father, her nephew Aaron, beloved mom Allene Colville, & her daughter Kimberlee Allene just to name a few.



Her family would like to thank the staff from Heaven Sent, Community Hospice, as well as the many generations of family & friends whose lives she touched. We have chosen to have a celebration of life & her 80th birthday this fall on 10/25/25 at The Veterans Club Of Madison County.

### Charles Alden Schaper – 1945-2006



Charles Schaper was born on September 30, 1945 in Bakersfield, California to Al and Thelma Schaper. He graduated in 1963 from East Bakersfield High School, and then attended Bakersfield College where he received an associate degree. He continued his education at Brigham Young University and earned a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing in 1969.

Charlie loved sports, and he played volleyball with friends who were members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was through this association that he joined the Church while in high school. Charlie continued to play volleyball in the Church athletic program while at BYU.

Charlie met his wife Kerry in spring 1967 at BYU. They were married in the Salt Lake LDS temple on January 23, 1968. After completing his education, Charlie and Kerry returned to their home state of California where they worked and started their family. In 1977, a new job opportunity brought them to Littleton, Colorado, where they have lived since then.

Charlie loved his family. His mother Thelma, still lives in Bakersfield. Charlie and Kerry have two children and four grandchildren.

### Kenneth Robert Schuricht – 1945-2013



Kenneth Robert Schuricht September 5, 1945 - March 23, 2013 Kenneth Robert Schuricht was born on September 5, 1945 in Los Angeles to Walter and Alma Schuricht. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. In 1970 he graduated from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. Ken's degree in Print Management brought him to the Pacific Northwest where he worked for many years with United Graphics Inc. In time Ken was transferred to another division, Bank Check Supply. He was ultimately promoted to plant manager and then to the position of General Manager of the Central Division. His work took him to new places over a period of many years, including Centralia, Walnut Creek and Memphis. Ken finally made his way back to Seattle where his last printing job was with Heath Printers. In May 1989 Ken met his future wife, Mary Hall, on a blind date which had been arranged by mutual friends. They were forever after together and were married in June, 1991. Early on in their courtship Ken talked about his dream of having a hardware store in the country. They never let that vision leave them and they purchased Winslow Hardware in October 1994.



Ken and Mary loved fixing up the old store and renamed it Winslow Hardware and Mercantile. Ken loved helping people with their projects, always taking time to make sure that they got the right answer. If he wasn't sure, his quick and fine intelligence helped him to create a solution. During the hardware store years, Ken and Mary travelled to many hardware shows throughout the United States and never tired of meeting new people and learning new things. In 2005 Ken closed the hardware store and went to work with Mary at Winslow Paint Company, which they had opened in December 2001. Again they put their passion into helping people and in living their lives together. Ken loved to travel. In his last days on this earth he told Mary that he had wished that they could have done more. He was fortunate to make several trips to Japan and New Zealand. They also had special memories from time spent in Greece, Spain, France, Australia and Fiji. Ken was a passionate cyclist, riding the hills of Bainbridge Island with his dear biking buddies. He rode the Seattle to Portland bike ride (STP) several times, often completing the ride in one day. He rode Ride the Hurricane, the bike ride to the top of Hurricane Ridge in 2011, and in the spring of 2012 he and his biking friends drove to California and followed the Tour of California, riding many of the stages ahead of the professional cyclists. Ken and Mary lived a quiet personal life with one another and with their close circle of friends. He spent many hours walking the beach at Hawley Cove, finding treasures and throwing the ball or the Frisbee for one of their golden retrievers. Ken and Mary moved into their dream home in November 2003 and shared that beautiful space until they retired from the paint store in June 2012. In those years he was happiest when he was working on a home project, his table saw out and his radio tuned to the Seattle Mariners. He also took up cooking and perfected not only his lasagna recipe but was able to fulfill the dream of having a "deep pit" barbecue that he built to cook his birthday dinner roast. Ken loved spending time with his four grandchildren who would call out to him in a melody of young voices, "Poppy" or "Poppa."

In August 2012, two months into retirement, Ken was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of multiple myeloma, a bone cancer. He was always upbeat and optimistic until his final days, continuing to provide comfort to those who were trying to comfort him. He was surrounded with family and friends in his final days and we continued to love him until the very end.



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Survivors include wife Mary Hall, Bainbridge Island. Daughter Carly Cloer (Terry) of Spokane and their sons Grant and Alex; daughter Lisa Hamilton (Joel) of Edmonds and their two daughters Ana and Kailey. Brother Jim Schuricht (Kathy) of Incline Village, Nevada and Sausalito, California. Brothers in law Phil Hall (Theresa) and Kelly Hall of Bainbridge Island, John Hall (Barbara) of Monarch Beach, California and Sister in law, Claire Shaw, of Westlake Village, California; also nieces and nephews, Michael, Jillian, CJ and Laura. It was Ken's wish to have a Celebration of Life and his desire will be fulfilled on Saturday, May 4th, at the Manor House at Lynwood Center, Bainbridge Island, from 1 pm to 3 pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate the life of this beautiful man. The family asks that donations in Ken's memory be made to the Bainbridge Public Library, a wonderful source that Ken discovered in the past several years.

### **Rudolph Anthony Serrano, Sr. - 1945-2002**



Rudolph Anthony Serrano, Sr. 6/13/1945 2/17/2002 Rudolph Anthony Serrano Sr., a man who touched the hearts and souls of all who met him, joined the Lord on February 17, 2002. Funeral services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4100 Pin Oak Park Blvd., Monday, February 25th at 10 a.m. under the direction of Bishop Cross. A special military burial followed at Greenlawn Southwest Memorial Park, 2739 Panama Ln.

Rudy, the oldest in his family, was born June 13, 1945 in Bakersfield. He graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963 and went to Bakersfield College. While at Bakersfield College he played trumpet in the band and ran on the cross-country team. In 1966 he enlisted in the Navy, where he served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War. In 1970 he left the Navy and went back to Bakersfield College. During this time he met Francisca Gutierrez and fell in love. They were married on April 21, 1973 and spent 28 wonderful years together. During this time they had three children: Rudy Jr., Ricky and Ruthy. Rudy received his BS Degree in Science from California State Bakersfield in 1979. While working on getting his teaching credential and Masters Degree in Education he was hired on with Tenneco Oil, where he worked from 1978 to 1989. He then worked for Chevron Oil for eleven years. During this time he was also an active member of the Naval Reserves until he retired in 1991 with 25 years of military service. He was an active member of the Kern County Officials Association (KCOA) and Amateur Softball Association (ASA). He officiated basketball, softball, baseball and flag football. He loved music and dancing. Rudy is survived by his wife; two sons; and a daughter. He is also survived by his sisters, Yolanda Serrano, Ophelia Miranda and family; step-mother, Sara Serrano; step-brother, Robert Serrano and family; step-sisters, Amelia Padilla and Yolanda Delgado and family. Rudy is also survived by his many in-laws, nieces and nephews.

### **Kenward Keith "Ken" Sewell - 1945-1995**



Services were held at Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, 3700 River Blvd., Wednesday, February 1 at 1:30 p.m. for Kenward Keith "Ken" Sewell, 50, who passed away January 29, 1995 in Bakersfield. Pastors Phil Neighbors and Roger Spradlin of Valley Baptist Church officiated.

Mr. Sewell was born January 22, 1945 in Washington, North Carolina and had resided in Kern County 45 years. He was active in the Melodrama, which he loved, being there for 18 months. Ken graduated from East Bakersfield High in 1963.

Survivors include his daughters, Monica and Elayne Sewell, both of Redondo Beach; parents, Keith and Ollie Sewell of Bakersfield; sister, Kay Willis of Bakersfield; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Jim Boyance of Bakersfield, Kathy and John Osmond of Redondo Beach and Verna and Ed Rivers of De Queen, Arkansas and numerous other relatives. Ken was a friend to all who knew him.

### **Ronald D. Simmons - 1946-2004**

Ronnie died July 25, 2004 in South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California. He was born January 20, 1946.

### **David Slaughter - 1945-2022**



David Lee Slaughter, passed away at Memorial Hospital on November 13, 2021. He was born September 26, 1945 in Bakersfield, California the fourth child of Lincoln "R" Slaughter and Helen Marie Main Slaughter. He graduated from East High in 1963. Attended BYU where he met his beautiful wife to be, Beverly Ann Tschanz. He continued his education at UC Los Angeles.



David became an Enrolled Agent and an Accredited Tax Accountant and eventually bought his father's CPA practice.. David and Beverly had two sons, Reginald David and Jaso Thomas.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Beverly, his son, Reginald, his parents, Lincoln and Helen Slaughter, his sister, Phyllis. Left to remember him with love are his son, Jason(Danielle), grandsons Joshua, Jonathan and Jeffrey. His siblings, Nicholas "R" Slaughter (Detra) and Marie Slaughter Whitfield (Ted). Funeral services will be held November 20, 2021 at the LDS Chapel at 2828 McCray Street at 11am. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Northeast. David is in the care of Kern River Family Mortuary



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### Raymond Glen Smith – June 16, 1945 – April 15, 2019



Raymond Smith was born March 11, 1945 to Elwood K. Smith and Elevin M. Patton. Ray was one of four brothers and one sister. One brother has also passed.

Ray came by invitation to fellowship with the youth group at Eastside Christian Church in his junior year at East Bakersfield High School. There he formed lasting friendships with others which have continued.

Following graduation from EBHS in 1963, he followed Judy Munger Niemeyer to Pacific Christian College in Long Beach, CA. At PCC, Ray shared an apartment with other students with plans for Ministry. Three of those found service in ministry later following their College years. And Ray was one with an open heart for ministry.



Following one year at PCC Ray felt called to the Military and enlisted in the US Air Force. After 18 Months Ray was given a medical discharge. He found employment in several areas and including work in Seattle, WA, working at Boeing. There, in 1971 Ray met his wife, Ginger. Where you ask? Ginger was doing a ministry internship at Puget Sound Christian Indian Mission in Seattle. Ministry was found and shared with Ginger, who became Mrs. Ginger Daniels Smith on June 16, 1972. In 1971, at the National Missionary Conference, in Portland, OR, Ray introduced Ginger to his friends Larry and Judy Munger Niemeyer from PCC.

Ray and Ginger have adopted four children; three of who still live in the Tacoma, WA area. Ray was hospitalized in January with a lingering ailment from which he died on April 15, 2019.

Penned by Curtis McDonald also a Ministry Roommate with Ray at PCC and life long friend.

### Theron S. Taber – 1945 – November 2016



Theron "Buzz" Taber was in the Republic of the Philippines when he passed. Our best guess is that he was living in the Visayas region of the Republic of the Philippines – most likely in the city of Dumaguete on the Island of Negros. This region is in the middle of the Philippines.



My remembrances of Buzzy are all terrific. He was a distance swimmer extraordinaire – a scholar (Gold Seal Winner), and an all-around great guy. Our best conversations were in the cafeteria – where things were relaxed, and yet busy all the time. I sat with he, Dick Holden, Harry Wetzler and Larry Brown often. Dick remembers him telling the story about talking with a Navy recruiter about serving on a PT boat. The recruiter told him they didn't have PT Boats anymore, at which point Buzzy informed him that he was no longer interested in the Navy. I invite all his "buds to share their stories.

*Note: The following is from his family. Much of the commentary is in the language of Visayan, so take what you can get. I tried to get brother Jeffrey (also a swimmer and friend of Buzzy) to translate. His wife, Sandra could not translate, as she only speaks Tagalog.*

Niece, Tinaco Roselyn writes :

"You sacrifice and work hard for us. Your love towards our family is unconditional. Though you were not allowed to travel because of your condition but then again you choose to be with us until your last breath.. Your memories tito will be kept in our hearts forever. We love you tito buzz. I know God has a greater plans for you out there....."

Nephew, Rolando Tinaco writes in Visayan (Some translation is in the text):

Ang buhay nang tao sama sa adlaw nga adunay pag subang og adunay pag salop. Angg buhay nang tao usahay may kalipay og adunay kagoul sa panahon karon kami nakatagamtam og kagul anan sa pag salup sa kinabuhi sa akong brother in law nga usa ka foreigner apan nag pasalamat kami sa ginoo og sa akong brother in law nga luyo sa iyang gibating balatian sa America mas gipili niya ang makasama ang Tinaco family sa kahuli hulihan sa iyang kinabuhi. Kaya nagpasalamat kami ni Mr. Theron Simeon Taber wherever you are we are proud of you and we love you. Thank you so much Tito Buzz. May you Rest in Peace.



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### Donna Weeks (Tessandori) - 1945-2024



Soldotna resident, Mrs. Donna Tessandori Weeks, 79, died Monday, August 26, 2024, at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska.

Donna was born July 4th, 1945, in Bakersfield, California to Lovie and Lee (Womak) Tessandori. She graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. She furthered her education by getting a double master's degree from Cal State in Bakersfield in 1973. She was the mother to Gilbert and Christian Tessandori.



Donna taught school in McFarland, Fairfax, and Bakersfield City School District for 30 years. She was a member of the Civil Air Patrol as a Captain in California. She flew privately with multiple ratings and flew her own plane in all of the continental United States, including Alaska. Donna was a member of the Bakersfield Chapter 99's for many years. She loved owning and operating her quilting and fabric store and was very involved in the Republic Women's Organization.

Donna is survived by her husband of 51 years, Larry Weeks of Soldotna.

Arrangements made by Peninsula Memorial Chapel & Crematory.

### Dianne Van Norman (Townsend) – 1945-2009



(July 24, 1945 - August 30, 2009) Linda Dianne Van Norman passed peacefully and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday evening, August 30, 2009. She was 64.

Dianne was born July 24, 1945 in Bakersfield, California the daughter of Louis and Frances (Brown) Townsend, she was the oldest of three sisters. She graduated from East Bakersfield High School in 1963. In July 1965 she married Charles Van Norman and moved to Lancaster, California where they resided for 33 years. Dianne spent many years as a homemaker, lovingly raising her family and also dedicated 23 years working as the Executive Director of the Society of Flight Test Engineers in Lancaster. She was actively involved and served as President of the Children's Hospital Auxiliary, PTA and was a life member of the First Baptist Church of Lancaster. In 1998 she and her husband retired to Smith Valley, Nevada where she resided until her death Sunday. Dianne has devoted much of her time and energy to the care of her family members, including her father-in-law, Philip and grandchildren, Brandon and Amanda.

Dianne is survived by her husband of 44 years, Charles; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Peggy Van Norman of Valencia, CA and their three children, Matthew, Emi and Noah; her son, Timothy Van Norman of Fallon, NV and his children, Brandon, Amanda; her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Eric Boysen of Torrance, CA and their sons, Ryan and Caden; her Father-in-law, Philip Van Norman; her two sisters, Peggy (Mike) Ward and Janice (Richard) Carlson; a sister-in-law, Betty (Carl) Rheingans; four nieces and spouses, four nephews and spouses and numerous cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her Mother-in-law, Nora Van Norman.

A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, September 5th at the Smith Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Travis Walker officiating. Private family burial will be held at the Hillcrest Cemetery. Family and Friends may sign the online guest book at [www.FRHF.net](http://www.FRHF.net). Arrangements are under the direction of Freitas Rupracht Funeral Home 25 Hwy 208 Yerington (775) 463-2911. Donations may be made in Dianne's name to Smith Valley Youth Foundation PO Box 191 Wellington, NV 89444.

### Patrick "Don" Vega - 1945-1980



Don was born in Kern County one St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1945. After leaving East High, he attended Bakersfield College. On August 15, 1965, Don married Beverin Elena Ennen an East High alumni, class of 1964. He served in the Army from 1966 to 1969, assigned to the infantry. During the time he served in combat in Vietnam, he was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart.



At the time of his death, Don was an 11-year veteran of the Bakersfield Police Department. He received several letters of commendation during that time. He was well liked and respected in the department. He was soft spoken, very competent and very professional," said Capt. Ed Miller. "He worked long hours and was devoted to his profession." Miller worked with Vegas in the vice division a few years previously. Don was promoted to sergeant in 1978. At the time of his death he was in charge of the traffic division on the afternoon shift, which ran roughly between 4 p.m. and midnight. As a policeman, he received several letters of commendation.

Friday, June 20, 1980, at 11:20 p.m., Don was responded to an injury accident that had been reported. He was westbound on White Lane, turning left onto Wible Road, reports say, with his red lights on, and had the left turn green arrow when he turned. Unfortunately, a 16-year old Garces High School Student reportedly ran the red light and struck Don on his motorcycle.



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The flag flew at half-mast outside the police building; inside, as the flag flew at half-staff outside the police station, fellow officers sipped coffee and broke the news to others just coming to work. Most couldn't believe it happened. "I've been shot at three times," said Detective J. J. Foy, a long-time officer, "It's something you just don't think is going to happen to you. I can't believe it." Visitors filed past the black-bordered photo of Sgt. Patrick D. Vegas. Below the photo hung a black wreath. Inside Capt. Bill Thompson took calls from all over the state – about 100 police officers making arrangements to attend the funeral Wednesday for Vegas, the first Bakersfield police officer killed in the line of duty in 28 years.

Senior patrolman J. D. Foreman was called out to assist an unusually heavy workload that night. "I went from my home to the accident and saw that motorcycle lying on the ground. It was really a shock to me." Like Vega's, Foreman rides a motorcycle. Another officer held back the tears as long as he could then broke down. "I'm sorry," he said. "A cop isn't supposed to cry."

Don is survived by his wife, Bev, a son, Chad, and a daughter, Darci, mother Elizabeth Craft, and two stepsisters, Lillian and Laura Craft, all of Bakersfield. His family requests that donations be made to the Sgt. Patrick Don Vegas Scholarship Fund, in care of the Bakersfield Police Benefit Association, P. O. Box 88, Bakersfield 93302. Don was a member of the Southern Baptist Church. Services were held the following Wednesday at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 9101 Kern County Road.

### Patricia Mary Marshall (Vigstrom) - 1945 -2019



Patricia Mary Marshall passed away on February 27, 2019, 4 days before her 74th birthday. Patricia was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer on March 21, 2017 and spent the next 23 months fighting this horrible disease. She passed away the day after the time given to her on this earth by her doctor. She did it "her way".

Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, Sven "Charlie" Vigstrom and Rosalie Arnold and two younger brothers, John Vigstrom and Eddie Arnold.



Patricia is survived by her husband of 54 years, Ronald Marshall and 2 children, Brian and Angela, step daughter Melanie, plus eight grand children and one brother, Richard and two sisters Vicki and Julie. She lived her first 62 years as a resident of Bakersfield, California and graduated from East High in 1963. She spent over eight years as a "checker" at Thriftmart before "retiring" to be a fulltime wife and mother. In 2007 She and Ron moved to Cypress, Texas to be closer to their daughter's family.

Patricia loved being a wife and mother, but cherished being "Nana" to her grandkids. She loved going to Disney World with her family and Cruising with her beloved husband. She also loved working in her yard and enjoying her pool. She would tell you that her best feature was that her house was always clean, but that was only a small portion of who Patricia was. She was a loving and caring person, who put everyone ahead of herself. She will be missed by all who knew her.

As she was a staunch supporter of Veterans, in lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the [Wounded Warrior Foundation](#) in the name of Patricia Marshall.

### James William Walsh- 1945 -2025



James William Walsh passed away knowing he was loved on Sept. 10, 2025.

Jim was born in Bakersfield, Calif., in April of 1945 to his proud parents, Muriel and William Walsh.

Jim's education was attained in Bakersfield, Calif. He was a proud graduate of East High School and went on to Bakersfield College. He graduated from California State University with a bachelor of science in business administration and went on to get his masters in school administration from Fresno Pacific University. Jim went on to be the CEO of some large firms in the Central Valley, but was finally able to transition to his true love, teaching.



Some may remember his computer class at Jacobson Middle School. He introduced his class to the internet. They spoke with astronauts on the space shuttle and government officials in countries around the world. Jim went on to become a principal at Browning Road School and then McFarland Middle School. He ended his career as principal of Mojave High School.

Jim loved his family. He showed it in so many ways. Jim was married to Judy Walsh for almost 56 years. They shared a wonderful life together. They traveled to so many places and created many beautiful memories. Jim leaves behind his three loving daughters. Wendy Walsh and her children, Amanda Johnston, Shane Johnston and Shawn Walsh. He adored his great-granddaughter, Emma. Shawna LaMarsh has shared her life with him in so many ways. And Michelle Walsh now lives in Idaho with her children.

Jim and Judy moved to Bear Valley Springs in 1977. He served as general manager of the Bear Valley Springs Association. He enjoyed his life here and loved working on the house and out in the yard. Jim leaves us with so many wonderful memories. We were so lucky to have him.



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### Gary Lee Ward - 1945-2002



Gary was born August 9, 1945, in Ranger, Texas. He was raised between SW New Mexico, with summers spent in Ranger, Texas, with his great-grandmother Alice, and step-grandfather, Farmer. He attended East High during his senior year. He graduated from Bakersfield College with a degree in criminal justice. He joined the California Highway Patrol in 1967, served 10 years as a highway patrolman.

In 1976, Gary began his long and dedicated career with the railroad. He served Southern Pacific/Union Pacific Railroad for 25 years. He performed the positions of brakeman, switchman, hostler, & retired in September 2001, serving 20 years as a locomotive engineer. Gary was an accomplished musician. He played drums, piano, and his cherished instrument, the guitar. He played with many bands in New Mexico and California. He loved music, nature, life and his motorcycle, but most of all, he loved his wife.

Gary Lee Ward, 56, went to be with the Lord May 10, 2002, after a long courageous battle with cancer. He was survived by his loving and devoted wife Laura. His father Matthew Lawrence Ward, of Atwater, CA; brother Larry R. Ward of Eureka, CA; and sister Darla J. Gehres of Atwater, CA. Daughters are Kimberly Ann Ringer of Modesto, CA; Karen Elizabeth Howard and Chaney Marie Smith, of Bakersfield, CA. His son, pride and joy, Raymond Elden Ward. Two step-daughters, Laura Jeannette Cutshall of Las Cruces, NM; & Amanda Elain Cutshall, of Bakersfield, CA. He leaves 7 grandchildren: Andrew, Nicholas, Matthew and Carolyn Ringer; William and Christopher Young and McKenna Smith. His mother, Billie Marie Davenport Ward and his infant son, Matthew Wayne Ward preceded in death. Gary will be missed greatly by all who knew him. He will be loved until apples grow on orange trees.

### Scott Weringer - 1944-1979



Scott was born October 11, 1944. He married Karen Sewell of the East High Class of 1965 and sister of Ken Sewell in April 1964. Together, they had one son was named after Scott. According to family members, Scott was working in the oilfields in Alaska in May 1979 when his death occurred. It has been reported that he became ill, possibly with pneumonia while in a remote area and was unable to obtain medical treatment in time. In addition to his wife and son, his parents Virginia Lee and Joseph F. Weringer survived him.

### Mary Beth King (Werle) - 1945-2018



Mary Elizabeth "Beth" (Werle) King, age 73, passed unexpectedly and tragically on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at her place of residence in Bakersfield, CA. Though her sudden death has left her family saddened and in shock, we have chosen to remember her as she was before this life became too much for her gentle spirit to bear.



Beth was truly the belle of the ball any and everywhere she went. Her bright smile, big hair, sparkly jewelry, classy clothes, and boisterous laughter immediately commanded the attention of all those around her. She knew how to have the best of times and encouraged all to enjoy life to the fullest. She loved her God, her music, and her family tremendously.

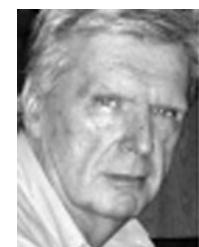
Beth is proceeded in death by her beloved mother, Francis Werle and her precious grandson, Tanner DeWitt. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, John King; their children Kim Wilson (husband Charles), Kyle King, and Kourtney DeWitt (husband Stuart); siblings James Werle, Janice Werle, and Annette McDonald; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 21st at 3020 Olympie Drive. Please join the family in cherishing the memory of Beth's life. Published in Bakersfield Californian on July 14, 2018

### Don Westfahl - 1945-2015



Born May 24, 1945, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Donald L. Westfahl Sr. and Letha Eileen Becker Westfahl, Donald Leroy Westfahl Jr. died July 3, 2015.



Don spent most of his formative years in Bakersfield, California. He attended Horace Mann Elementary School, Sierra Jr. High School and graduated from East Bakersfield High School. He received his degree from Bakersfield Jr. College attended and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University Of California Santa Barbara, then returned to Bakersfield, attended California State University Bakersfield and received his Masters Degree in English. For a short while, Don taught elementary school in Bakersfield, California. Thereafter, he joined the U.S. Army, served loyally and was honorably discharged. He entered the Peace Corp., was trained and sent to Ouallam,



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Niger. Don was an excellent English scholar and put to use his academic talents and skills for the remainder of his life. He was retained as an English teacher serving in Tabriz, Iran teaching technical English to Iranian Naval cadets. From Iran, he relocated to Tabuk, Saudi Arabia to teach technical English to Saudi Arabian Air Force cadets. He returned to San Francisco, California for two years and attended San Francisco State University. Returning to Saudi Arabia making his home in Riyad, Don assumed the position of English Professor at the King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals. He relocated to Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia where his formidable English teaching resume' brought him success through contracts with Aramco, KSA and other Saudi companies.

Don's life centered on teaching the English language. He spent nearly four decades dedicated to education. He saw much of the world returning to the United States to visit family only briefly and infrequently.

### **Charles "Dwayne" Wilbanks - 1945-1981**



Charles "Dwayne" Wilbanks was born May 30, 1945 and died in Broomfield, Boulder County, Colorado in November 1981. After leaving East Bakersfield High, Dwayne served in the U.S. Navy. He met his wife, Vernel Ragsdale and was married in 1966. Shortly thereafter they moved to Colorado. There he worked as an auto mechanic and also in a management position for Goodwill Industries. He died at age 36 of a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife and four children.

### **Juanita Ann Zebley (Widaman) - 1945-1999**



Celebration of life was held on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Chapel for Juanita and internment following. Juanita loved life, especially the outdoors. Her animals were very special, her bond with Frank was extraordinarily close. Her love for gardening was very evident with having a bountiful crop each year and sharing the fruits of her labor with family and friends. Upon being invited to her home, you were treated to a culinary delight. She set her table using all of her treasured collectibles. She looked forward to traveling in their motor home on vacations all over the United States visiting family and friends. Anyone that knew Juanita knows of her job loyalty and her ability to see that the job got done.

She is survived by her loving husband, Don; her mother, Grace Widaman of Bakersfield; her daughter, April and husband Joe Chanes and three grandchildren, Joe, Ashley and Jordan of Tukwila, Washington; brother Alan and wife Lynn Widaman of Twin Falls, Idaho, as well as nieces and nephews and many loving friends and extended family.

### **Shirley Kathryn Wold - 1945-2018**



On September 23, 2018, our sister, aunt, great aunt, and friend Shirley Kathryn Wold went peacefully to meet her maker. Shirley was born November 20, 1945 in Bakersfield, CA. Her early years were spent in Fresno, CA and then she moved to Bakersfield, CA.



Shirley was an elementary school teacher with the Bakersfield City School District for her entire teaching career. She graduated from Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She earned her teaching credential from California Lutheran Intern Program. She was hired by BCSD in 1970 and started teaching 1st grade at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. She later taught 1st grade at Harris, and K, 1st, and 2nd grades at Horace Mann.

Shirley was selected to serve in the Mentor Teacher Program to assist many veteran teachers with their teaching skills. She was respected for innovative teaching methods especially in creative writing and art. She was one of the first teachers to accept computers in the classroom.

Shirley was active in Bakersfield Elementary Teachers Association (BETA), CTA and NEA. She participated at the Local, county, state, and national levels. She served in many positions, including president. Shirley was a valued teacher advocate who selflessly contributed her time and energy to her fellow teachers. Shirley was one of the go-to people for bargaining chairs. She was level headed and always interested in what was best for the whole bargaining unit. She was very knowledgeable in all areas of the bargaining process. Many teachers who never met or knew her owe a lot to her bargaining savvy. Shirley continued to be active in retirement. She was a member of both CTA-Retired and immediate past president of Kern Retired Teachers Association. She was also active in the Kern City Association of Kern City.

In addition to this, she was a wonderful person and had many friends. She was kind with a hearty sense of humor. Shirley enjoyed kayaking, camping, local theater productions and trips to casinos.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, as well as her step-brother Rodger L. Burcher. Shirley is survived by her brother Robert Wold Sr., step-sister Nancy Wagner, brother Thomas Wold, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

As her step-sister, I was allowed to go on this journey with her along with her cats, Nigel, Rosie, and Precious, who were faithful to the end. A big thanks to Hoffman Hospice and Round the Clock Staff and my daughter Kim. Without you, we would not have made it. Per her instructions we were not supposed to do an obituary. But we just could not let her active, fun filled life go without acknowledgment. I found this tucked



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away in her purse from a night out for Chinese Food: "You are kind hearted, hospitable, cheerful and well-liked. "That you were, our Sister, Aunt and Friend.

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