

**BABB, Franklin O. Babb**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/fosters/obituary.aspx?n=franklin-babb&pid=135465183>)  
CAPE CORAL, Fla. — S/Sgt. Franklin O. Babb, USAF Retired, died Sept. 6, 2009 at Hope Hospice Center, Cape Coral, FL. He was born in Rochester, NH, Nov. 3, 1933, the son of Helen (Shute) and Guy S. Babb. He grew up in Somersworth, NH, and was a graduate of Somersworth High School. He played the trumpet in the high school band. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Eighty-second Airborne Division. He loved to parachute and did it at every opportunity. He later transferred to the U.S. Air Force, from which he retired after serving three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include sons, Franklin Babb, Jr. of Alaska, Michael Babb of California; three grandchildren; a brother, Conrad Babb of Naples, FL; a sister, Barbara Nason, of Sanford, ME, and several nieces and nephews. Military funeral services will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery, on Nov. 20, 2009.

**BABCOCK, Jean Babcock**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?pid=175140181>)

Dec. 13, 1947 - Jun. 19, 2015

Jean Babcock, age 67, Wife of Charles Emsley Babcock, of Sarasota, FL, born Dec. 13, 1947 died on Jun. 19, 2015. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes Colonial Chapel is entrusted with the arrangements. Services will be Wednesday, at Toale Brothers Funeral Homes Colonial Chapel. Burial at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL.

**BABUS, Fred Babus**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newsday/obituary.aspx?pid=167575970>)

BABUS - Fred Babus was born on September 26, 1927 to his parents Louis and Anna (Feldman) Babus in Brooklyn, NY. He passed away on October 14, 2013 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL. He is survived by his daughter Susan (Tim) Johnson of Cape Coral, FL, his son Dr. Glenn (Leslie) Babus of New York, NY; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Fred is preceded in death by his beloved wife Winnie P. Babus. Fred served his country honorably with the US Army from 1946 to 1947 and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. A Committal Service will be celebrated on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Sarasota National Cemetery with military honors to follow.

**BACKEL, Stanley Backel**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newsday/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=171566210>)

BACKEL - Stanley, resident of Sarasota, FL, and a retired Business Owner and Colonel in the National Guard, died peacefully on Sunday (6/29/14). He was an outstanding husband, father and grandfather. His work ethic and love for life were admired by all; he will be deeply missed. He was born on February 26, 1919 in Mineola, NY. As the proud son of Polish Immigrants, "Colonel Stan" was 1 of 6 siblings. Stan graduated from Mineola High School in 1938, excelling in athletics as a member of the Football, Basketball, Baseball and Golf teams. As a hoopster, Stan was offered a scholarship to play basketball at Long Island University (a national powerhouse in its day), which he declined due to work and military commitments. During World War II, while serving in Germany, Stan served as a Captain in the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion. After completing active duty, he continued to serve his country as an officer in the National Guard. During his 30+ year career in the Army, Stan rose to the rank of Colonel, becoming responsible for the National Guard's 42nd Maintenance Battalion in Bronx, NY. As the life-long love of his life, Stan was married to his wonderful wife, Helen, on June 27, 1943. During their marriage, Helen and Stan raised 6 successful children and are now blessed with 16 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. After the War, Stan took over the operation of Long Island Motor Service, a successful family-run truck and car repair business in Mineola that his Dad started in the 1920's. Stan successfully ran and expanded the business over the years, until he handed over the reins to his son, Tom, in 1986. Stan loved life; outside of his business and military commitments, Stan became a master vegetable gardener, managing a "mini-farm" at his residence in St. James, NY. Stan was also an avid fisherman and boat owner, spending many a summer weekend in Freeport, NY, and then later in Montauk Point, NY, fishing off the shores of Long Island. After retirement, Stan and Helen moved to Florida, where Stan sharpened his skills as a "near scratch" golfer, shooting his age three times and scoring 2 hole-in-ones over a 2-month period. He is survived by Helen, his devoted wife of 71 years, and 5 out of 6 of their children: Michael, Bob, Marion, Sue and Rich. He is predeceased by his second son, Tom. Private funeral services will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238.

**BACON, Linda Elaine Bacon**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=159883170>)

Oct. 3, 1949 - Aug. 26, 2012

Linda Elaine Bacon passed away peacefully on August 26, 2012 at the V.A. Hospital, Bay Pines, FL from Amaloidiosis, a incurable disease. She is predeceased by her parents, Frederick Bacon and Mary Alice Bacon. She is survived by her sister, Laraine Phipps of Bradenton, FL. Linda graduated from Riverview High School in 1967 and worked as a Bookbinder for many years before starting her own company called Bookworm Bindery. Linda served proudly in the Air Force in 1968 - 1969. Linda will be buried at

the National Veterans Cemetery in Sarasota Florida on September 19, 2012 with an Honor Guard from the Air Force. Donations may be made to the Cat Depot in Sarasota Florida.

#### **BADER, Arlene Cole Bader**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-press/obituary.aspx?n=arlene-bader&pid=20368950>)  
Arlene Cole Bader, age 83, of Cape Coral, passed away December 16, 2006. She was a native of Oneonta, NY past president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Ladies of the Elks. Survivors include her husband Stanley Bader of Cape Coral, daughter Patricia Meyers of New Jersey, sister Lillian Card of Melbourne, FL, 2 grandchildren Allison Taubner of West Palm Beach, FL and Dawn Meyers of Atlanta. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33909. Arlene will be buried at the National Veterans Cemetery in Sarasota

#### **BADER, Stanley Bader**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-press/obituary.aspx?n=stanley-bader&pid=139301362>)  
Stanley Bader, age 87, of Port Charlotte passed away January 30, 2010. He was a native of New York City, Past President and Board of Director for the New Jersey Restaurant Association. He owned the Stake Out Restaurant located in Park Ridge, NJ for many years. While owner he was awarded with the Johnny Walker Golden Monocle Award, White Horse Hospitality Award, Holiday Magazine, and Dining Excellence Award. He was past Chairman of the South West Florida Chapter of SCORE. Lifetime member of the Elks, Park Ridge, NJ #2234; Lifetime member of the VFW, Cape Coral, FL. He was stationed in the Pacific/Saipan with the 283rd Ordnance Maintenance Company-Army. Also author of the "Diary of a Restaurateur". Pre-deceased by his wife Arlene Cole Bader. Survivors include step daughter Pat Meyers of Park Ridge, NJ; 2 step-granddaughters Allison Taubner, West Palm Beach, FL; Dawn Benjamin, Atlanta, GA; 2 step great-grandchildren; 2 nephews Harold (Judy) Cole, New Smyrna Beach, FL and Richmond, VA; John T. (Donna) Cole, Richmond, VA; and 2 nieces Judy Ditoma and Jeanne Price of Pomona, NY. Graveside services for Stan and his wife Arlene will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Friday February 5, 2010 with a reception to follow celebrating their lives at South Port Square, 23033 Westchester Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33980. Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33909.

#### **BADIE, Pamela J Badie**

(Abstracted from the News-Press on Nov. 6, 2013)  
Pamela (Pam) J. Badie passed away on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at home with the people she loved & her dog Molly. Pam came to Cape Coral with her husband Don in 1989 & worked for Title Companies as a Closing Officer in Lee County. She was very active in AA for over 20 years. She helped many people and was loved by everyone she touched. Pam loved her grandchildren especially Ali who she was devoted too. She loved her other grandchildren but was taken before they could know her love. Emma will never know how Pam loved her. Pam was preceded in death by her father Loren T. Coyle and mother Margaret L. (Evanoff). She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband Don P. Badie, son, Shaun Little John (Phoenix Schofield), Claire Demanget & David, grandchildren, Ali, Emma, Gage; sisters, Cheryl Coyle, Mary Vukelich, brother, Thomas (Peggy) Coyle, and many aunts, uncles & cousins. Memorial service at Hope Hospice Chapel 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

#### **BADMAN, Keith Hallock Badman**

(Abstracted from [http://poststar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/keith-hallock-badman/article\\_ce085a6e-d58c-11de-bf0b-001cc4c002e0.html](http://poststar.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/keith-hallock-badman/article_ce085a6e-d58c-11de-bf0b-001cc4c002e0.html))  
Lake George, NY and Fort Myers, FL -- Keith Hallock Badman, age 81, died of Alzheimer's Disease complicated by pneumonia Nov. 14, 2009 at the Douglas Jacobson State Veterans' Nursing Home in Port Charlotte, FL. Keith had been stricken with Alzheimer's Disease and was severely incapacitated for several years with the illness. Keith was born on Sept. 28, 1928 in Lake Ronkonkoma, NY. The son of Clarence Kurtz and Mildred Hallock Badman, Keith grew up in the Lake George township, graduating from Lake George High School. Keith entered World War II in June of 1946, after joining the Army. After receiving his wings and jump instructor rating, Keith was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division and deployed to Japan. Upon his return to civilian life, Keith began a career with The Coca-Cola Company that would span 48 years and earn him numerous awards for his management and employee relations skills. He, his wife, Dona Marie Angleson Badman and their four children moved with the company many times before retiring in Fort Myers, FL. Not one for inactivity, Keith came out of retirement three times, working for Tedder Distributing, helping his wife with her interior design firm, Dorian Habitations Inc. and finally, for J. J. Taylor Distributing, until the age of 73. Keith was an Exempt Fireman of the Lake George, NY, Volunteer Fire Department, a Charter Member of the Queensbury, NY, JayCees's, was active in the Gulf Ridge Counsel - Boy Scouts of America, a member of Rotary International, and a former director of the Sebring Racing Hall of Fame, Sebring, FL. While residing in Fort Myers and working for Coca Cola, Keith was a coordinator for the Calvin Pete Golf Tournaments as well as the Jimmy Conner's Tennis tournaments. He and his wife are active parishners of the Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Fort Myers, FL. Keith is survived by his wife, Dona Marie Angleson Badman of Fort Myers, FL; daughter Stephanie M. (Patrick) Neal of Slidell, LA; sons

William A. (Justine) Badman of Land O' Lakes, FL; Keith H. (Kathy) Badman II of Lehigh Acres, FL; Mark A. Badman of Atlanta, GA; Terry K. (Cheryl) Badman of Bensen, VT; E. Scott (Peggy) Badman of Rotterdam Junction, NY; a sister, Joyce B. (Chester) Ross of Lake George, NY; eight grandchildren, Hanna Elizabeth and John Patrick Neal, Nathan Alexander and Nicholas Alasdair Badman, Michelle Lynn and Jeremy Winston Badman, Scott Badman Jr., Kristen Lynn, Terry Kurtz II, Erin Isabel and James Robert Badman; one great-grandson, Peter Jessie Badman; two nieces, Barbara Ross (Joshua) Ward, and Deborah Ross Tatro; and two grand nieces, Emma and Nellie Wilson. Keith will lie in repose at Memorial Gardens, located at 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL, on Friday, Nov. 20, 2009. A Mass will be celebrated at the Church of The Resurrection of Our Lord, located at 8121 Cypress Lake Drive on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009. Interment will be Nov. 23 at the Sarasota National Cemetery located at 9810 State Hwy 72, Sarasota, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Keith's memory. The Church of the Resurrection of Our Lord, 8121 Cypress Lake Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33919; or to the Volunteers of America of Florida (Homeless Veterans), 1250 Taylor St., Suite 322, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

#### **BAERVELDT, Peter Baerveldt**

(Abstracted from the Herald Tribune on Nov. 2, 2008)

Baerveldt, Peter

June 4, 1920 - Oct. 29, 2008

Peter Baerveldt, age 88, Bradenton, formerly of Sarasota (1959) and Long Island, NY, died Oct. 29, 2008. A memorial service will be Saturday at the American Legion Post 312, 1610 67th Ave. E., Oneco. Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, is in charge of the arrangements. Survivors include daughters, Marilyn Patton and Joy of Bradenton; a sister, Sophie Hillenbrand, of Bradenton; and beloved daughter-in-law, Laurel Baerveldt. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care. Interment will be at the Sarasota National Cemetery located at 9810 State Hwy 72, Sarasota, FL.

#### **BAERVELDT, Peter John Baerveldt**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=86262024>)

Peter John Baerveldt, age 61, Sarasota, died Aug. 3, 2004. He was born July 6, 1943, in Mineola, NY, and came to Sarasota in 1957 from Uniondale, NY. He and his wife of 28 years, Lolly, co-owned China Trade in Sarasota. He was an Army veteran. Besides his wife, survivors include his parents Wanda and Peter, both of Sarasota; and sisters Marilyn Patton and Joy, both of Bradenton. A service will be today at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel. Interment will be at the Sarasota National Cemetery located at 9810 State Hwy 72, Sarasota, FL. Memorial donations may be made to a favorite charity.

#### **BAESL, John M Baesl**

(Abstracted from <http://www.ancientfaces.com/person/john-m-baesi/9078548>)

John M Baesl was born on June 26, 1911. He died on July 7, 2009 at 98 years of age. He resided in North Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida. He was buried in Sarasota National Cemetery Section 12 Site 218, Sarasota, FL.

#### **BAESL, Mary M Baesl**

(Abstracted from <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Mary-M.-Baesl-89891734>)

Mary was born on September 6, 1913 and passed away on Friday, November 19, 2010. Mary was a resident of North Fort Myers, Florida. She was buried in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

#### **BAESLER, Blaine Henry Baesler**

(Abstracted from [http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o\\_id=3230385&fh\\_id=11718](http://www.schleicherfuneralhomes.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=3230385&fh_id=11718))

A graveside service for Blaine Henry Baesler will be Friday, July 17th, at Lakewood Cemetery in Lake City. Blaine, age 94, a longtime resident of Nob Hill, San Francisco, CA, passed away on January 4, 2015. Blaine was born on December 21, 1920 in Lake City to Henry W. Baesler and Bertha M. Brinkman Baesler. He attended Winona State Teachers College before entering the U.S. Marine Corps in January 1941 and becoming a Fighter Pilot in November 1941. He served WWII tours of duty in Guadalcanal and aboard CVE-107 Escort Aircraft Carrier as Commanding Officer of the Fighter Squadron, through 1945. In July of 1943 he married Melanie Shanks in Sydney, Australia. They had four children. She preceded him in death in 1971 in Australia. After WWII Blaine began a 46 year career in the flexible packaging business and lived in San Francisco. In 1971 he married Josephine Wiebe. Josephine and her twin sister Rozzalynd have been well known in San Francisco as the owners of Twins Armoire, a fashion boutique at 860 California Street on Nob Hill. Blaine will be particularly remembered among friends for his sharp wit, and lifelong fascination with airplanes, Mercedes Benz cars, major league baseball, NASCAR, Formula 1 and fishing in Alaska. Blaine had a booming voice, a warm smile and a hearty laugh. He had endless curiosity, asked probing questions and was a lifelong learner. He inspired those around him with his enthusiasm for life and was vibrant and active until the end. With many friends and family members, Blaine drove across the United States 42 times. Blaine is survived by his wife, Josephine Baesler; his sister-in-law, Rozzalynd Wiebe; son, Derek Baesler of Seattle, WA; daughter, Melanie Winchester of Sarasota, FL; daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Bill Gladden of Savannah, GA; daughter-in-law, Sandy Baesler of Sarasota, FL;

six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents, and son, Boots Baesler of Sarasota. In lieu of flowers and remembrances the family suggests a donation to: The Marines Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or The Greater Lake City Community Foundation, PO Box 86, Lake City, MN 55041. He is buried in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

**BAESLER, Blaine Kirk Baesler**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=168646785>)

Jul. 23, 1947 - Dec. 18, 2013

Boots Baesler, age 66, of Sarasota FL, died peacefully at his home after a long battle with leukemia. Boots was born in San Mateo, CA, the 2nd child of Blaine Henry Baesler of Lake City, MN and the late Melanie Shanks Baesler of Manly, Australia. Boots attended public schools in Atherton, CA, Fox Point, WI, and New Canaan, CT, where he graduated with many close friends in the class of '65. Boots attended Boston University where he played on the college soccer team. He volunteered into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam in 1968 as an intelligence specialist with the 4th Infantry Division. Upon return to the U.S. in 1969, and while completing his tour of duty in Omaha, NE, he met and married the love of his life and wife of 43 years, Sandra (Belsan) Baesler. In 1972, Boots and Sandy immigrated to Australia. They toured the country, meeting and getting to know his many Aussie relatives. They eventually settled and worked in Rockhampton Queensland, making lifelong friends along the way. After returning to the U.S., Boots completed his education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education summa cum laude. He taught in the Millard, NE school district. Boots and Sandy moved to Sarasota in 1978, where they quickly become acquainted with members of the local track club, many of whom are their closest friends today. Boots worked 15 years at FPL as a customer service representative. In 2011, Boots was required to take disability retirement after his 15 year career as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Sarasota. Boots' driving force was to be an exemplary husband, parent, friend, and citizen. He was loyal, loving and devoted to his wife and family and will live in our hearts and memories forever. His warm hugs, keen wit, and gentle spirit will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Sandy; daughter Sarah Baesler Limbaugh and son-in-law Douglas Limbaugh of Greenville, SC; son Colin Baesler and daughter-in-law Jordan Zimmer Baesler of Cashiers, NC; father Blaine Henry Baesler and step mother Josephine Wiebe Baesler of San Francisco, CA; sister Diana Gladden and brother-in-law Bill Gladden of Savannah, GA; sister Melanie Winchester of Sarasota; brother Derek Baesler of Seattle, WA; grandson David Baesler and step grandchildren Cameron and Anna Limbaugh. Boots will be remembered by many as a leader, and longtime member of the Sarasota-Manatee Track Club, a coach in youth sports programs and as a serious Nebraska Cornhusker sports fan. The service will be held at the National Cemetery in Sarasota December 23, 2013.

**BAGBY, Jon Christopher Bagby**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-press/obituary.aspx?n=jon-christopher-bagby&pid=124552877>)

Jon Christopher Bagby, beloved son of Phyllis and Bob Bagby, died on February 18th, 2009 in Fort Myers, FL peacefully and quietly just as he lived his life. He was born on October 2nd, 1948 in Denver, CO and was raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Jon is survived by his parents Phyllis and Bob Bagby. He lived in Fort Myers, FL for the past 18 years with his family, Trish Bagby, John Crouse and nephews Michael and Christopher. Jon is also survived by sister Theresa (Mike) Madill, and three brothers Mike (Robyn) Bagby, Tim (Barb) Bagby and Tom (Gina) Bagby, 11 nieces and nephews, 13 great nieces and nephews, 3 aunts and uncles and many cousins. Jon was a United States Marine Viet Nam War Veteran who served his country proudly in active duty from May 1967-May 1970 and was also in the reserves from May 1970- May 1973. Jon was an unassuming, kind and courageous man who cared deeply for his family, friends and country. Jon's many interests included traveling, history, art, architecture, politics, religion, nature, sports and designer clothing. His passion was the U.S. Marine Corps history, conventions and activities. Jon's passing is a great loss to his family and many friends who will cherish his memories and sorely miss this kind and quiet man. A military memorial service celebrating Jon's life will be Wednesday February 25th, 2009 at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Cancer Society or charity of your choice in Jon Bagby's name. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

**BAGGETT, John Robert Baggett Jr**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?pid=168832592>)

John Robert "Bob" Baggett Jr., age 72, passed away on Monday, December 9, 2013 in Hudson, FL. He was born on May 29, 1941 in Atlanta, GA to John Robert Baggett Sr. and Essie Hines Baggett. John is survived by Sally James Baggett of Bradenton, FL and their children Catherine Susann Baggett Woodruff of King George, VA and John Robert Baggett III also of Bradenton, FL. His grandchildren are Sarah Woodruff, Shannon Woodruff, Lilly Baggett and Harlan Baggett of King George, VA. He is also survived by Susan Broom Baggett and her daughter Amie Blanton and a very special grandson Jaxsen Brantley also of Bradenton, FL. He is predeceased by his daughter Elizabeth Jane Baggett. John will be interred in the Sarasota National Cemetery in April at a date to be determined.

**BAGLEY, Catherine Bagley**

(Abstracted from <http://www.kays-ponger.com/obituary/174048/Catherine-Bagley/>)

Catherine Bagley, age 89, of Rotonda West, FL, passed away Wednesday, July 15, 2015, at Englewood Community Hospital, under the care of Tidewell Hospice. Catherine came to the area in 2012, from Connecticut, where she was born & spent most of her life. Catherine enjoyed being a bus driver & a Christian. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, George Bagley; 3 daughters; and many nieces, nephews, granddaughters & grandsons. Funeral will be held on Monday, July 20, 2015 at Calvary Baptist Church, 75 Pine St, Englewood, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to either Englewood Community Hospital, 700 Medical Blvd, Englewood, FL 34223, ph # 941-475-6571 or Tidewell Hospice, 1144 Veronica St, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, ph # 941-979-4300. Lemon Bay Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**BAIER, Bernice Elizabeth Baier**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?n=bernice-elizabeth-baier&pid=95441248>)

Baier, Bernice Elizabeth

April 20, 1926 - Sept. 29, 2007

Bernice Elizabeth Baier, age 81, Englewood, formerly of Roslyn, PA, died Sept. 29, 2007. No services are planned at this time. Englewood Community Funeral Home and Cremation Service handled arrangements. Survivors include her husband, Henry F.; sons Henry J. of Englewood, Thomas M. of Philadelphia and James E. of Warminster, PA; a daughter, Denise Evans of Doylestown, PA; sisters Ann Campbell and Gloria Keppard of Philadelphia; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**BAILEY, Alvin Beaufort Bailey**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?pid=176094977>)

Bailey, Alvin B

May 5, 1940 - Sep. 17, 2015

Alvin 'AB' B. Bailey, age 75, of North Port, formerly of Brick, NJ, passed away peacefully on September 17, 2015 at his daughter's home after an extended illness with his family by his side. He was preceded by his mother, Annie (Flowers) Bailey, father, Alvin B. Bailey and brother, James Bailey. He is survived by his beloved wife, Vicki L. Bailey, daughter, Carrie B. Griffin, son-in-law, John T. Griffin, grandchildren, Trevor and Kaitlyn, sister, Margie Murrell, brother, Alton Bailey, cousin, Diane Flowers, and many nieces and nephews. AB was born in Dillon, SC. He proudly served in the United States Navy as a hospital corpsman for ten years from 1958-1968. He graduated from the Bethesda Radiologic Technologist program during that time. AB served two tours of duty in Vietnam being stationed with Seabee units from 1967-1968. He was a radiologic technologist for thirty-four years at Jersey Shore Radiology in New Jersey. AB was also a graduate of Ocean County College (A.A.S.) and Monmouth University (B.S. Bus. and M.S.Ed.). His second career began after retiring to Florida in 2004 and becoming the bone density technician at Primary Care of Venice. AB was a member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), Allamanda Garden Club of North Port and Friends of the Library of North Port. A service will be Friday, October 16th at the Sarasota National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be Sunday, October 18th at LaRocca, 12500 S. Tamiami Trail in North Port. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Allamanda Garden Club of North Port Scholarship Fund, Friends of the Library of North Port, or Tidewell Hospice.

**BAILEY, Emma Loretta Bailey**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=119954571>)

Bailey, Emma L.

Nov. 11, 1924 - Nov. 6, 2008.

Emma L. Bailey, age 83, Sarasota, died Nov. 6, 2008. Services will be Monday at Palms-Robarts Funeral Home. Survivors include her husband, John Sr.; a son, John Jr.; a daughter, Lois; sisters Mable Crosietiere, Laura Knapp, Violet Kortright, Edith Blackwell and Nancy Tyler.

**BAILEY, Frances K Bailey**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=172995220>)

Bailey, Frances K.

Jul. 28, 1923 - Oct. 25, 2014

Frances K. Bailey, age 91, of Englewood, FL, formerly of McDonald, TN, died on Oct. 25, 2014. Services will be Tue., Nov. 4, 2014 at Lemon Bay Funeral Home in Englewood, FL. She will be buried in the Sarasota National Cemetery.

**BAILEY, Frederick Thomas Bailey**

(Abstracted from <http://www.kays-ponger.com/obituary/177449/Frederick-Bailey/>)

Frederick T. Bailey, age 76, of Punta Gorda, Florida, died on June 1, 2015 in Port Charlotte, FL. He was born on November 3, 1938 in Oswego, NY to Louis J. Bailey and Ethel Lamb Bailey. He came to this area from Phoenix, NY in 1996. Fred was a Radar Technician working for Lockheed Martin and retiring in 1995, He was a member of AOPA, Aviation Club and served in the US Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Bailey of 53 Years of Punta Gorda, Florida; his son, Mike Bailey of Punta Gorda, FL and his daughter, Dawn (Mike) Kennedy of Vidalia, GA, and his granddaughter, Kaylee; his 2 sisters, Theresa Panetti of Punta Gorda, FL and Evelyn Brooks of Oswego, NY, and several nieces and nephews. Kays Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home 2405 Harbor Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL is entrusted with the arrangements. Burial will follow at Sarasota National Cemetery with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory, may be made to the Disabled American Veterans at, 1232 Market Circle, Unit-2B. Port Charlotte, FL 33953.

**BAILEY, John Albert Bailey Sr.**

(Abstracted from [https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/obituaries/obit/14AA0BAF155797B0-14AA0BAF155797B0?search\\_terms=bailey%7Cjohn%7Ca.](https://www.genealogybank.com/doc/obituaries/obit/14AA0BAF155797B0-14AA0BAF155797B0?search_terms=bailey%7Cjohn%7Ca.))

Oct. 15, 1917 - Feb. 22, 2011

John A. Bailey, Sr. age 93, of Sarasota, formerly of Kiamesha Lake, NY died Feb. 22, 2011. Services will be held at a later date at Sarasota National Cemetery. A celebration of life will be announced at Oakwood Manor. Palms Roberts Funeral Home is in charge. Survivors include his son, John, Jr. of Lutz; daughter, Lois of Sarasota; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to The Women's Exchange.

**BAILEY, Larry Dean Bailey**

(Abstracted from [http://www.thenewsdspatch.com/obituaries/article\\_b8d0e11b-fd7f-5433-a55a-d8b9c2cdde76.html](http://www.thenewsdspatch.com/obituaries/article_b8d0e11b-fd7f-5433-a55a-d8b9c2cdde76.html))

Larry Dean Bailey, age 58, of Sarasota, FL passed away at his home in Sarasota on the 21st of May, 2012 from cancer. Larry was preceded in death by his father John William (JW) Bailey of La Porte, IN in 1990. Larry was born in Oakland, California on 29th of May, 1953, the second son of JW and Vera Bernice Bailey. He grew up in the small town of La Porte, IN where he attended Maple Elementary and La Porte High School. Larry loved playing a variety of sports and proudly served as the captain of his high school football team, the La Porte Slicers. Larry served 12 years in the Air Force as a medic, cardiopulmonary specialist and clinical educator and earning the rank of Staff Sergeant at the completion of his career. After leaving the Air Force, he went on to become credentialed as a Registered Respiratory Therapist, Instructor for Certification in Neonatal & Pediatric Resuscitation and a Clinical Educator which included Critical Care Services. Larry furthered his education and earned three degrees, the capstone being a Master of Arts in Business Management from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio. This paved the way to a variety of positions in hospitals across the U.S. As a Respiratory Care Coordinator at Community Hospital in Springfield, OH he managed a staff of 30 and at Children's Medical Center in Dayton, OH he honed his gift with children as a Neonatal Intensive Care Therapist. Larry delivered specialized care in his own unique way as he worked with vets at the Dayton VA Hospital all the while working weekends at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Greenville, OH to ensure his family was taken care of. He reached his pinnacle when provided an opportunity to be Clinical Director over five cost centers at The Hospital for Sick Children in DC. Seeking a less stressful environment, he found his way to St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham, WA, where he flourished for eight years in respiratory care, clinical education, and pulmonary diagnostics. Always the provider, he spent the last six years of his time with us working a 2nd job, 12 hr shifts every other weekend at United General Hospital in Sedro-Woolley, WA in order to help his wife attend college. While in Bellingham, Larry returned to military service in a volunteer capacity, as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Program at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. During his 38 years of service in the health care field, Larry took pride in being versatile and providing excellent patient care. He cared for and supported hundreds and thousands of patients. No matter where Larry worked, he always tried to improve procedures, processes, patient safety and encouraged teamwork among his co-workers. He accomplished innumerable achievements, received many awards and was recognized for his dedication to patient care. He was an inspiration to those he worked with and made it a point to go above and beyond, always with a spring in his step and a smile on his face. Larry was an avid motorcycle rider, loved walking, spending time at the beach, coffee at Starbucks and a cold Bud Light. He loved music and played the guitar. He was a collector of both books and movies; He loved old Westerns, both movies and T.V. shows and WWII war movies. He was a walking encyclopedia of old movies, especially Sci Fi's. He so loved old Sci Fi's that his phone ring tone was the theme to the original 1930's Flash Gordon series. If you asked Larry about his failures, he would mention a few marriages, an attempt to complete his PhD in business and most importantly, not spending enough time with his children. He would like to be remembered for his concern for his fellow man and lived life with conviction in accordance to Horace Mann's assertion, "Be afraid to die until you have won some victory for humanity." Larry firmly believed everyone should abide by this philosophy as it served him well. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his mother Vera, brothers Troy Eugene and John Bailey, sister Patricia Knickerbocker, all of Sarasota, FL and sister Daphne Moore of La Porte, sons Matthew and Anthony of Quincy, WA, daughters Renea Bailey of Springfield, OH, Angela Banfied of Woodstock, OH, Jennifer Bailey of Bellingham, WA, Courtney Bailey of Centerville, OH, and Lindsay Bailey of Knoxville, TN, nine grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews. He made lifelong friends whom will miss him dearly. In recognition of Larry's service to his country, he was given full military honors including a 21 gun salute and laid to

rest at Sarasota National Cemetery. In honor of Larry's dedication to patient care, contributions are being accepted for a paver to the new Cancer Center in Bellingham WA. A tile engraved with Larry's name will be placed on the walkway and will provide a lasting memory of his work at St. Joe's. Please contact Cozette Cichy at 360-676-7454

**BAISLEY, Thomas R Baisley**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Thursday, March 23, 2000)

Thomas R. Baisley, age 61, Sarasota, died March 20, 2000. He was born July 7, 1938, in Peekskill, NY, and came to Sarasota 20 years ago from Colombia, South America. A graduate of Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, MD, he retired in 1998 as project manager with Exxon Corp. He retired in 1980 as a lieutenant colonel in the Marines and was a member of the Retired Officer's Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of Exxon Annuitant Club and St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Mary R.; two daughters, Katherine M. Barrett of Chester Springs, PA, and Kelly A. of Malvern, PA; two brothers, C. William of Sarasota and James M. of Glencoe, IL; and three grandchildren. Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel is entrusted with the arrangements. A liturgy will be Friday at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Siesta Key. Burial will be in Florida National Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Patrick's Chapel, attention Father Jerry Nugent, 137 William St., Glasgow, Scotland.

**BAITHER, Jean T Smallwood Baither**

(Abstracted from the Bradenton (FL) Herald - Sunday, April 17, 2011)

Jean Smallwood Baither, age 90, died Sunday, April 10, 2011. Born in Chattanooga, TN on June 18, 1920. During WWII she joined the Army Air Corps and served in England, France, Luxembourg and Germany with the headquarters Eighth Air Force. Survived by her husband, Roy of Bradenton; daughters, Karen (Bob) Armstrong of Bradenton, Alice (Dave) Ruleman of Warrensburg, MO; brother, Richard (Martha) Smallwood of Dallas, GA; grandchildren, Robert Armstrong of Bradenton and Sarah Armstrong of Redding, CA. Jean was a member of the Manatee Co. Historical Society, Manatee Co. Audubon Society and the Sarasota-Manatee Antique Bottle Collectors Association.

**BAKAN, Norma A Bakan**

(Abstracted from The Courier-Journal on Feb. 3, 2013)

Norma A. Bakan, age 88, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Louisville, died January 31, 2013. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Victor Bakan; three sons, Ronald (Barbara), Steve (Diane) and Richard (Debbie); five grandchildren; and sister, Marie Crider (Ray). Service will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery.

**BAKER, Andrew Lee Baker**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/Andrew-Baker-obituary?pid=1000000157412545&view=guestbook>)

Andrew Lee Baker, age 55, died April 26, 2012. Services Friday, May 4, at the Funeral Home. Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL. Arrangements entrusted to Westside Funeral Home, 204 7th Street, West, Palmetto, FL.

**BAKER, Carl George Baker**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?n=carl-george-baker&pid=133754336>)

Carl George Baker, age 62, of Sarasota, died Sept. 15, 2009. There will be no local visitation. A memorial service will be Saturday at Jones Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sarasota National Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Gregory; brothers Willie Jr. of Quincy, Ricardo of Cleveland Heights, OH, and Theodore Adams of Cleveland; and a sister, Bonita Baker of Cleveland Heights, OH.

**BAKER, Delbert Glenn Baker**

b. 01/14/1937, d. 12/19/2012, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

**BAKER, Don Baker**

b. 09/23/1940, d. 09/18/2014, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

**BAKER, James Baker**

b. 06/13/1948, d. 10/28/2012, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

**BAKER, James Russell Baker**

James Russell Baker passed away July 20th, 2015, at home in Apollo Beach surrounded by his family. He was a loving father to his five children Michelle, Jeffrey, Kevin, Michael and Kimberly. He joins his wife Rita who passed away two years ago. Jim was born in September 1, 1946 in Michigan to William and Murriel. He came from a large family of many brothers and sisters who

have always loved and supported him through his years. He joined the United States Air Force where he served 23 years of honorable service, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant. Jim was always quick with a funny story or joke. He loved his friends and family dearly. He was the rock in the family who could always be counted upon to listen to your problems and give advice that was always taken. He will be missed greatly. Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL, Section 7, Site 775, US AIR FORCE, MSGT, VIETNAM

**BAKER, Janet R. Baker**

b. 09/18/1936, d. 07/05/2007, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL, Wife of John Francis Baker Jr.

**BAKER, John Charles Baker**

b. 03/12/1929, d. 12/17/2014, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, John Francis Baker Jr.**

b. 03/02/1938, d. 10/04/2013, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, Joseph Winston Baker**

b. 05/01/1932, d. 09/06/1995, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, Kenneth Foster Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Saturday, February 5, 2011)

Kenneth F. Baker, age 72, of Punta Gorda, formerly of Columbus, Ohio died Jan. 25, 2011. He was born Oct. 28, 1938. Services will be Feb. 16, 2011 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Sarasota. Inurnment will be at Sarasota Veterans Cemetery with Military Honors. Survivors include his daughter, Ruth Anne McDaniel of North Port; son Kevin of Punta Gorda; sisters, Mildred Jean Grell of Calif., Jacqueline Bernard and Cheryl Cervi, both of Florida, Marilyn Cordle, Janet Hagerman, Donna Sabo, Candyce Mathew all of Ohio; brother Edward John of Texas; and three grandchildren.

**BAKER, Kenneth Wayne Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Thursday, October 11, 2012)

b. 12/19/1950, d. 10/07/2012, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL, Kenneth Wayne Baker, age 61, of Tallevast, FL, died on Oct. 7, 2012. Services will be Sat., at Bryant's Chapel CME Church in Tallevast, FL. Funeral arrangements by: Westside Funeral Home.

**BAKER, Laverne E. Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Thursday, September 4, 2014)

Laverne E Baker, age 91, of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Freeport, IL, died on Aug. 24, 2014. Services will be Fri., at Incarnation Church in Sarasota, FL. Laverne was born May 5, 1923 in Freeport, IL. He was predeceased by his wife, Carol (Mason) Baker, and his son, Phillip J. Baker. He is survived by his daughter, Marguerite Sue Johnson, his son, Michael Baker, both of Sarasota, and his sons Steven Baker of Venice, and Patrick Baker of Port Charlotte, Florida. Other survivors include nine grandsons, two granddaughters, eleven great-grandchildren all in the Sarasota area, and five sisters, all residing in Illinois and Texas. Laverne was a many-times decorated veteran, serving 42 months in the South Pacific in WWII, and was credited with saving the lives of four of his fellow soldiers in the book Children of Yesterday, by Jan Vaultin. He had many careers, including: Factory worker, office manager of an ice cream plant, self-employed accountant, tavern owner (The Wheel Inn - Freeport, Illinois), controller for a contact-lens manufacturer, and numerous other occupations. Later in life he worked in the bakery at Publix, and was a greeter at Walmart until age 87. Laverne loved fishing and golf, and was an avid reader. He was a walking encyclopedia of sports trivia, especially baseball. He was a Rays fan and a die-hard Cub fan. He had a great sense of humor and was cracking jokes to the end. A mass will be held for him at Incarnation Church. In lieu of flowers please send contributions to Tidewell Hospice or the Pines of Sarasota. Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, Pamela Ann Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Saturday, January 26, 2013)

Pamela (Cady) Baker, age 69, passed away on January 22 at her home in Sarasota Florida where she has resided for 31 years. Pam moved to Florida with her husband, Jack, to play more golf, but instead got interested in selling real estate. During her very successful career, she was named the State of Florida top selling agent for Prudential Real Estate. Pam was born in Toledo, Ohio where she attended Little Flower School and St. Ursula Academy. Before her marriage she worked as a data entry clerk at Johns Manville. Her great interest in golf began when she belonged to Brandywine Country Club and played in the ladies golf league. Pam is preceded in death by her parents, Matilda and Cleon Cady and brother Michael Cady. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, John, sisters Karson Weaver and Debbie (Walter) Opaczewski, sister-in-law Evelyn Robinson, nieces Laura



(Scotty) Tabachnick, Annie Herron, Diana (Steve) Roe and nephews Wade Opaczewski and Michael Robinson. Because of her great love for animals, especially her three dogs, Kahlee, Cocoa and Logan, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to the Humane Society of Sarasota, 2331 15th Street, Sarasota, FL 34237. Services will be private. A memorial will be held at a later date. Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

**BAKER, Philip Jon Baker**

b. 11/19/1947, d. 09/25/2010, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, Phillip Baker**

b. 07/02/1949, d. 01/27/2016, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,

**BAKER, Rebeca Micaela Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Sunday, January 13, 2013)

Jan. 11, 1946 - Jan. 11, 2013

Bequi Micaela Baker, age 67, of Bradenton, FL, formerly of Michigan, died on Jan. 11, 2013. Funeral arrangements by: Shannon Funeral Home Westview Chapel, Bradenton. Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL, Wife of Douglas A Baker

**BAKER, Rita Jeanne Baker**

b. 03/10/1946, d. 03/26/2013, Interment Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL,, Wife of James Russell Baker

**BAKER, Thomas Michael Baker**

(Abstracted from Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - Sunday, April 12, 2015)

Nov. 22, 1952 - Apr. 4, 2015

Thomas M. Baker, age 62, of Sarasota, FL formerly of Millburn, NJ passed away peacefully on Apr. 4, 2015, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Teresa; loving father to Lauren (Barry) Mott and Michael (Jaime Lyn) Baker, all of Sarasota, FL; brothers, Robert (Valarie) Baker and Paul (Leslie) Baker, all of NJ; step-brother, David (Colleen) Vierschilling of NY; beloved grandfather to, Aiden and Ava Lyn, Bailey and Nicholas. Thomas served in the US Army from 1972-1974, was a dedicated member of the Boys Scouts of America from 1989-2010 and an active member of the Colonial Oaks Baptist Church, Sarasota, FL. He was a loving husband, father, brother and grandfather who will be dearly missed. Committal of ashes will be in Sarasota National Cemetery on Fri., Apr. 17, 2015. A memorial service will be Sat. Apr. 18, 2015 at Colonial Oaks Baptist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

**BAKER, Vernon L Baker**

(Abstracted from Charlotte Sun (Port Charlotte, FL) - Sunday, September 23, 2012)

Vernon L. Baker, age 69, of North Port, FL, went home to be with Jesus Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2012. He was born March 30, 1943, in Loogootee, IN, and moved to this area 18 years ago from Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Vernon retired in 1993 from the U.S. Army as a Master Sergeant, and after retirement he was employed as a Child Abuse Investigator for the Department of Children and Families in Sarasota County, FL. He was a volunteer at Charlotte Regional Medical Center and an avid golfer, bowler and fisherman. Vern received his BS degree from the University of Central Texas. He was a member of the Murdock Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Dawn; daughter, Susan (Steve) Hutton of Commiskey, IN; son, Todd Baker of Commiskey; sisters, Cheryl Newman of Indianapolis, IN, and Gaylene Cummings of New Ross, IN; brothers, Tracy Baker of Indianapolis and Randy Baker of Washington, IN; four grandchildren; and 14 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Ruth Baker; and his brother, David Baker. A Celebration of Life will be Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, at the Murdock Baptist Church, 18375 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL, with graveside services following at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL. Memorial donations may be made in Mr. Baker's memory to the Murdock Baptist Church, 992 Tamiami Trail, Suite G, Port Charlotte, FL. 33953 or Tidewell Hospice Inc., 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238. Arrangements were made in Port Charlotte.

**BAKER, Wilma Jean Baker**

(Abstracted from Ledger, The (Lakeland, FL) - Thursday, July 31, 2014)

LAKELAND - Wilma Jean Baker, age 84, passed away from Parkinson's Disease on July 30, 2014. Born April 5, 1930 in Daviess County, Indiana, she was the youngest child of Earl Ellis, Sr. and Lillie Mae (Banta) Ellis. She married Harold Gene Baker and celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on July 4, 2014. She is preceded in death by 3 of their four children: Stephen Alan Baker, Barbara Ann (Baker) Burris, and Gordon Ray Baker. Their youngest child, Jane Marie Baker, resides in Lakeland, FL. Harold and Jean have two grandchildren: Christopher Eugene Burris of Austin, TX, and Brittany Rene Baker of Marietta, GA. They also have one great grandchild, Brittany's son, Michael Stephen Winter in Tennessee. There are numerous nephews and nieces. Her remaining surviving sister is Ruth Ross in Mishawaka, IN. Jean Baker was a nationally acclaimed member of The

American Rose Society. She won top awards at international, and numerous national rose shows. She requested no services or memorials. Her remains will be interred at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL.

**BALDASSARE, Daniel I. Baldassare**

(Abstracted from <https://obitree.com/obituary/us/new-jersey/freehold-township/clayton--mcgirr-funeral-home/daniel-baldassare/2991405/>)

Cpl. Daniel I. Baldassare, age 20, of Colts Neck, NJ died aboard the KC-130 while serving his country as a United States Marine. Daniel was born in Manhattan, NY and lived in Orangeburg, NY and Old Tappan, NJ. A resident of Colts Neck, he was a graduate of the Class of 2015 where he competed with the Colts Neck High School football team for four years. During his senior year of high school, he enlisted in the Marines and, prior to arriving at boot camp at Parris Island, he attended Marine Corp poolee training to prepare for recruit training. He graduated boot camp in December of 2015. Cpl. Baldassare was recently promoted to the rank of Corporal and was based out of Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, NY. He was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Daniel was a witty character with a passion for history. He was interested in diverse things and hyper-focused on studying them. Dan found his solace driving while listening to country music and bible verses. His interests included playing the ukulele and harmonica, and riding his skateboard. Daniel had a connection to the ocean, and loved going to the beach with family and friends, especially Long Beach Island and Manasquan Beach. A powerful presence, he could always rally the troops. An influential leader, Daniel was a man of character, integrity and honesty. His name was chosen because the biblical Daniel was a hero, loyal, a patriot and he defended his beliefs. He lived out the characteristics of his chosen name. Daniel had a drive and determination for what he liked with fierce perseverance. He was cultured and exposed to adaptability. Daniel was adventurous with a love of accomplishment. He had a calling to dare to be different. Daniel was generous, humorous, and loving. All along, he was preparing to remove himself from civilian life. As a Marine, Daniel continued to be a leader serving our country. His sister, Felicia was not only his sister, but his best friend and confidante. Their bond can never be broken even in death. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Vincenzo Baldassare; and maternal grandparents, Antonino and Maria Cordaro. Cpl. Baldassare leaves behind his parents, Antonina Baldassare of Eastchester, NY, and Vincent I. Baldassare and his wife, Kelley of Colts Neck, NJ; his sister, Felicia Baldassare of Colts Neck, NJ; paternal grandmother, Teresa Baldassare of Rochester Hills, MI; uncle, Aldo Baldassare of Rochester Hills, MI; aunts, Adriana Cordaro of Park Ridge, NJ Milena Gralow of Montvale, NJ; and cousins, Christina Gralow, Amanda Gralow and Steven Gralow; numerous great aunts and uncles and their families. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at the Colts Neck High School football field on Tuesday, July 25, 2017. Interment with full honors will follow in Brigadier General Wm. C. Doyle NJ Veterans Cemetery, 350 Province Line Road, Arnetown, NJ. Remembrances in his name may be made to the Semper Fi Fund for Disabled Veterans, 825 College Boulevard, Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057. Arrangements are entrusted to the Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home, Freehold Township.

**BALDAU, Richard Stanley Baldau**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/heraldtribune/obituary.aspx?pid=163344155>)

June 19, 1934 - Feb. 20, 2013

Richard Stanley Baldau, age 78, of Sarasota, FL, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away on February 20, at Lakewood Ranch Medical Center. Dick was born in Lakewood, Ohio, but spent most of his childhood on the east side of Cleveland, graduating from Shaw High School, studying at Hiram College, and earning his degree from Western Reserve University. He served in the Army from 1957 through 1959, including 16 months in Korea. His professional career focused on civil rights enforcement. He worked with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on school desegregation in the southern United States, and then with the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Labor on equal pay for equal work issues, new career paths for women, and national training on equal opportunity compliance. He was active in Community Theater, working with the Silver Spring Stage in Maryland and serving as executive director of the Maryland Association of Community Theaters. In Sarasota he worked with the Guild of the Asolo Repertory Theater, serving as co-president and as chair of its tour guides. He also volunteered at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and at the Institute for Advanced Medicine. He is survived by his wife Virginia, his daughter Stephannie, his son Todd and granddaughters Kira and Sarah. He will be greatly missed. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Asolo Repertory Guild or to your local community theater.

**BALDAUF, David Baldauf**

(Abstracted from <http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/trenton/obituary.aspx?pid=174827343>)

VENICE, FL - Former Trenton resident David "Tubby" Baldauf, age 94, a 35-year resident of Venice, FL, passed away April 22, 2015. He leaves behind, his wife of 70 years, Florence Elma; daughter, Karen Brown of Trenton; son, David L. Baldauf and partner Rochelle Goren of Massachusetts; grandchildren, Kimberly Baldauf and Christopher Baldauf of Massachusetts; step-grandson, Matthew Brown and wife Susan, and step-great-grandchildren, Ryan and Macy Brown of Florida; sister-in-law, Jennie Edwards of Willingboro; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. David served as a sergeant in the Antilles Air Command during

World War II, and was a member of VFW Post 3525, Hamilton, NJ. He was an avid golfer and a longtime member of Sabal Trace Golf Club in Florida. A private burial will be at the National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL.

**BALDING, Lawrence Ernest Balding**

Born 08/23/1939, Died 09/30/2013, Burial: Sarasota National Cemetery Sarasota, Sarasota County, FL Section 7, Site 1027, US MARINE CORPS, S SGT, VIETNAM

**BARKLEY, Carolyn Linda (Lopes) Barkley**

(Abstracted from Elmer's friend Pat Richley-Erickson)

Virginia Beach - Carolyn Linda (Lopes) Barkley, 65, of Wintergreen, VA passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2013 at Augusta Health. Born December 16, 1947 in Springfield, MA, she was the daughter of the late Olivio and Lois (Smith) Lopes. She was the granddaughter of Clifford F. Smith, long time City Clerk of Springfield, and Mildred Carolyn Abbe. In addition to her grandparents and parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William L. Barkley in 2010. Carolyn earned her B.A. from Wellesley College and her Masters in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. She was employed by the Virginia Beach Department of Public Libraries for over thirty years. After her retirement, Carolyn continued to work as a freelance editor and researcher. She spent much of her time traveling. Carolyn has been the genealogist for Clan Barclay International, served as President of the St. Andrew's Society of Tidewater, the Scottish Society of Tidewater, the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society, the Virginia Library Association and many more too numerous to list. Most recently, Carolyn was President of the Wintergreen Nature Foundation. Survivors include her son, Kelley and wife Kimberly (Murray) Powell of Roanoke; granddaughters, Megan Murray, Samantha Kate Powell and Mackenzie Grace Powell all of Roanoke. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Waynesboro Chapel of Reynolds Hamrick Funeral Homes, 618 W. Main St., Waynesboro, VA with Pastor Matthew Coiner officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to donate may make donations to the Wintergreen Nature Foundation, R.R. 1, Box 770, Roseland, VA 22967. Relatives and friends may share condolences and memories with the family online by visiting [www.reynoldshamrickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reynoldshamrickfuneralhomes.com).

**BARNES, J. Patrick Barnes**

(Abstracted from the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe Nov. 21, 1999)

J. Patrick "Pat" Barnes, age 33, of Amarillo, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 1999, at Seattle. A private gathering of family and friends will be Tuesday. Arrangements in Seattle were handled by Bonney Watson Funeral Home. Mr. Barnes was born in Seattle and graduated from Washington State University where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He moved to Amarillo two years ago as general manager of Lamar Outdoor, a billboard company. He served as vice-president of the Kiwanis Club and participated in the Asarco Bowling League. He volunteered with several charities. Before moving to Amarillo, he spent five years in Los Angeles and Atlanta at a billboard buying service, Outdoor Services, and two years in Memphis at Universal Outdoor. He married Tena in 1994 at Atlanta, GA. Survivors include his wife; and daughter, Riley Nicole.

**BARNEY, Douglas Barney**

(Abstracted from a news article on FOX13 news, Salt Lake City, UT)

Officer Douglas Barney, 44, was shot and killed in the line of duty on Sunday, January 17, 2016, while trying to question a man who seemingly had done nothing more than leave the scene of a traffic accident. An 18 year veteran police officer, Doug loved law enforcement and interacting with the community. Doug was perfectly suited to law enforcement, never able to sit perfectly still, always eager for something exciting, and relating to other people in a down-to-earth, sincere way. Doug was born June 3, 1971 on a military base in Taiwan to Douglas Scott and Darlene Heinz Barney. Doug was raised in Anaheim, CA, and worked at Disneyland as one of his first jobs. He attended Clara Barton Elementary School and Loara High School. He played water polo and was on the high school swim team. Just before his senior year, his family moved to Orem, UT where Doug graduated from Orem High School. He loved the move to Utah and being able to ride dirt bikes daily in the hills behind his family home. After graduation Doug worked a series of jobs, mostly in the auto mechanics field like his father. He loved working on cars and raced his cars a couple of times at the old Bonneville Raceway. Doug and his wife, Erika, grew up near each other in Anaheim and he liked to tell stories of how he had always had a crush on her. When Erika moved to Utah to attend BYU they continued their friendship and he tried his hardest to get her to commit to dating him (she had a habit of inviting her roommates along when he asked her out for pie.) In 1995 he showed up to her apartment unexpectedly and asked her to marry him. He asked again every day for several months until she finally accepted. Doug married Erika Gilroy on February 17, 1996 in his family home in Orem. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Jordan River Temple. Doug passed away one month before their 20th wedding anniversary. After their wedding Doug told Erika that although he loved working on cars, it was a bit too lonely of a type of work for him. He didn't like being underneath the cars by himself all day long and would tend to move around looking for conversations with other mechanics. He admitted to his wife that he had always wanted to be a police officer and, with her blessing, began applying with different agencies. Doug was hired as a corrections officer with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's

Office in December of 1998 and one year later was hired as a patrol officer. He worked primarily in Kearns and Magna, Taylorsville City, and Holladay City during his career. Doug earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah by taking two classes a semester while working full time to support his family. His degree was in Sociology with a Criminal Justice certificate. Doug is survived by his wife, Erika, their three children, Matilda 18, Meredith 16, and Jacob 13. He is also survived by his mother, Darlene, and his three siblings and their spouses, Tammy (Jason), Russell (Heather), and Brian (Jennifer). He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas Scott Barney. Between Doug's and Erika's siblings there are 23 nieces and nephews who love Doug, and each are pretty sure they are his favorite. Doug had a special way of relating to children and loved to hold them, tickle them, and incorrectly guess their age. His church family knew it was his habit to come to church and look around for someone with a new baby to sit near, with the hope that the baby would get fussy and they would let him hold it. Doug was a devoted husband and father who loved spending time with his family and talking about them when he couldn't be with them. He loved teaching his kids how to shoot guns, appreciate cars, and the basic approach to a few defensive control techniques. He loved music and listened to every conceivable type of music. For years he kept a cassette tape keyed up in his patrol car to Kenny Rogers' Long Arm of the Law, which he would sing loudly when a prisoner seemed especially sulky on the way to jail. The end result was usually that they would come into the jail laughing together. Doug was well known for his boisterous personality. He was larger than life in every way. He was very funny and was often able to diffuse a tense situation with a perfectly timed joke. It is very hard for a criminal to consider violence while laughing. Doug's law enforcement brothers remember him for his signature greeting of, "hey, brotha!" or "hey, sista!", and an almost knocking-the-wind-out pat on the back Doug struggled with bladder cancer and the side effects of treatments and surgeries for many years. He was frustrated by the time it took him away from work and from his family, but had an amazing ability to stay positive and upbeat and even lighthearted about the challenges. His only desire, always, was to be able to get back to work and to take care of his family. Doug will be forever missed. The family would like to thank the community, both locally and nationally, for the outpouring of love that has been given this week. Services will be held at the Maverik Center, 3200 Decker Lake Drive, West Valley City, UT on Monday, January 25, 2016. Interment will be at the Orem City Cemetery.

#### **BARNEY, Greg Barney**

(Abstracted from the Legacy website)

Greg 'Lem' Barney had numerous titles over the course of his 25-year career with the Riverdale Police Department: sergeant, captain, interim police chief, major. But to his wife and 15-year-old twin sons, he was simply husband and dad. In their first joint statement since Barney was shot and killed Thursday, Lisa, Robert and Greg Barney said their "hearts are heavy with the sudden passing of our dear Greg." He "loved his job and took great pride in protecting and serving the City of Riverdale," they said Friday. "We sincerely appreciate all of your prayers, words of encouragement, and reflections."

#### **BARNWELL, Glenna Boyd Barnwell**

(Abstracted from Barbara Cox one of Elmer's friends - this lady was Barb's aunt)

Glenna (nee Boyd), of Cincinnati, Ohio, age 88 years, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at Meadowbrook Care Center. Born May 1, 1925 in Maumee, OH, she was the last surviving daughter of Lela and Claire Boyd. She is predeceased by former husband John Barnwell; older sisters Lenoir, Marion, Helen and younger brother Bill. She is survived by two sons, John Barnwell of Naples, FL and Boyd Barnwell of Cincinnati, OH; three grandsons Ian, Bradley and Daniel; numerous nephews and nieces. John and Boyd wish to extend their gratitude to Meadowbrook Care Center for their wonderful support and care of Glenna. Memorial service will be at future date.

#### **BARRAZA, Jose Daniel Barraza**

(Abstracted from the El Paso Times)

A U.S. Border Patrol agent was killed when he crashed into the back of a semi-truck Monday on Interstate 10 near Fort Hancock, officials said. Agent Jose Daniel Barraza, age 29, had finished his shift as a dog handler at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint and was driving home to El Paso when for unknown reasons he slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer, Texas Department of Public Safety and Border Patrol officials said. The driver of the semi-truck, Kethni Jyles, 48, of Hattiesburg, MS, was not injured in the collision in Hudspeth County, DPS said in a news release. A Border Patrol dog named Vino who was riding with Barraza in an agency Ford F-150 was not injured, said Bill Brooks, spokesman for the Border Patrol's Big Bend Sector, which includes the I-10 checkpoint near Sierra Blanca. Law enforcement dogs often live with their handlers. Texas DPS Sgt. Elizabeth Carter said that the truck had a cage for the dog. The accident was under investigation and cause was unknown, Carter said. Weather conditions were clear and dry. Both Barraza and Jyles were wearing safety belts. Channel 14-KFOX video of the crash scene showed a truck with its front half crushed as if it had gone underneath the back of the trailer. A photo from a bystander at the scene after the crash showed Border Patrol agents and emergency crews kneeling in prayer. Brooks said that he did not have information on how long Barraza's shift had been prior to the accident. He said that agents typically work eight-hour shifts. Barraza had been with the Border Patrol since 2008, Brooks said. "Joey was an outstanding

person who did everything with a smile and was very passionate about his job but above all extremely passionate about his family." Barraza leaves behind a wife and two young sons.

#### **BARTELT, Justus S. Bartelt**

(Abstracted from <http://thefallen.militarytimes.com/marine-staff-sgt-justus-s-bartelt/4716080>)

Marine Staff Sgt. Justus S. Bartelt died July 16, 2010 serving during Operation Enduring Freedom. Justus, age 27, of Polo, IL; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, NC; died July 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Justus Bartelt was born on the Fourth of July and decided roughly a dozen years later that he would to serve the country whose independence that day celebrates. He planned to join the military — a goal that was, like much of his childhood, shared with his slightly younger cousin David. "There wasn't a street in town, a tree we didn't climb, shoot paintballs from," David Bartelt said. "There wasn't a ditch we didn't jump with our dirt bikes. There wasn't any stone unturned." Justus Bartelt's mother, Jeannie Kyker, said he'd been "a tyrant to his sisters, as any brother would be." "He was a best friend to those who knew him as a friend," she said. "He was a true and loyal family member and he was a true and loyal marine." Bartelt joined the Marines after graduating from Polo Community High School in Polo, IL, in 2001. When he was deployed in February, he instructed his mother not to worry, she said. The 27-year-old died July 16 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province during his third tour of duty. He was assigned to Camp Lejeune. Survivors include his father, Steven, and three sisters, Shayann, Simber and Kellen.

#### **BAUSS, Harold H. Bauss**

(Abstracted from an email from Deanna Bauss Mitchell, Harold was Elmer's 2nd cousin)

Harold H. Bauss, age 73, of Grand Chute, (actually Appleton) WI passed away Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016. He was born June 16, 1943 in Bay City to the late Hugo Herbert and Arlene (Kurtz) Bauss. Harold graduated from Midland High School in 1962. Shortly after graduating high school he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War. He married Kathy Ballmer Sept. 24, 1971 in Midland. Once married they left their Michigan roots and made the big move to Wisconsin. Together they were blessed with three children, Carol, Debbie and Hans. Harold was employed with Presto Products for over 25 years before pursuing other interests before his retirement. Harold was known for being an outdoorsman; he enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling with his wife, Kathy. He also was an avid coin collector and one could easily find him tinkering on something. Above all Harold was known for being a "people-person" and his bright smile. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy; three children, Carol Bauss; Debbie (Ray) Fadroski and Hans (Adrinne) Bauss; five grandchildren, Isaac Fadroski, Hunter Bauss, Aaron Fadroski, August Bauss and Neil Matthews; his two sisters, Betty (Jay) Moca and Deanna (Dwain) Mitchell; 1 brother-in-law, Robert (Carolyn) Ballmer; and by many nieces, nephews and other relatives. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his in-laws, Robert and Barbara Ballmer; and his sister-in-law, Maryann Filson. The memorial service will be held at a future date.

#### **BAXTER, Matthew Scott Baxter**

(Abstracted from <https://obitree.com/obituary/us/florida/kissimmee/conrad--thompson-funeral-home/matthew-baxter/3068923/>)

Matthew Scott Baxter, age 26 of Orlando, FL passed away Friday, August 18, 2017. He was born in Baltimore, MD and moved to Orlando six years ago from West Virginia. Matthew was a Police Officer for the Kissimmee Police Department. Matthew was a Big Brother, Big Sister Volunteer and a Christian by faith. Matthew is survived by his loving wife: Sadia Baxter of Orlando, FL; daughters: Sariah Rodriguez, Isabella Baxter, Zarah Baxter and Sofia Baxter all of Orlando; sisters: Mia Lynne Brown of Kentucky, Hope Danielle Brown of West Virginia, Elizabeth Ann Salyers of Orlando, FL and Haley Elizabeth Brown-Starry of Middletown, MD; and mother: Donna Brown of West Virginia. Services to Celebrate the Life of Matthew Scott Baxter will be Thursday, August 24, 2017 at the First Baptist Church of Orlando, 3000 South John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32805. Matthew will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Orlando following the service. The Baxter family is being cared for by: Conrad & Thompson Funeral Home, 511 Emmett Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741.

#### **BEARD, Timothy Field Beard**

(Abstracted from the Feb 20, 2015 Berkshire (MA) Eagle)

GREAT BARRINGTON » Author-researcher Timothy Field Beard, formerly of Sheffield and one of the preeminent genealogists in the United States, died on Feb. 13. He was 84. Beard is best known for his critically-acclaimed book, "How To Find Your Family Roots," a 1,000-page tome published in 1977 by McGraw-Hill of New York City. Beard was one of the 50 Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists, an organization that honors the finest genealogical researchers in the country. That post is a lifetime honor, granted to only 50 researchers at a time. Beard was elected in 1997. He was a member of a host of prestigious genealogical organizations, serving as president of the Order of Colonial Lords of Manors of America; a member of the Society of Colonial Wars; past register general of the Sons of the Revolution; past president of the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne, a member of the Society of Cincinnati in the State of Maryland; commander of the Order of Indian Wars of the

United States and past president general of the Saint Nicholas Society of New York City. Beard was the great-great-great-grandnephew of David Dudley Field, who compiled the first history of Berkshire County. His grand-uncle was Sir James Stuart-Menteth, third baronet of Mansfield House, New Cumnock, Ayrshire, Scotland, according to Eagle files. "Since early childhood, he has been absorbed with the histories of both his extended families and those of others, tracing some of them to seemingly impossible lengths back to the days of Charlemagne, the monumental eighth-century Frankish king who founded the Holy Roman Empire," Kathryn Boughton wrote in a 2010 profile of Beard for The Register Citizen in Torrington, CT. In that interview, Beard — who was named for his great-great-great-grandfather, Timothy Field — said, "When you teach history without names, it becomes just dry facts. ... People were the ones who lived history. When people say they don't like history, well, it's the way they teach it." Born on Dec. 19, 1930, in Great Barrington, he was the son of Stuart-Menteth Beard II and his wife, Natalie Sudler (Turner) Beard. The family lived in Sheffield, and owned and operated the Sheffield Inn for many years, according to Eagle files. Beard graduated from The Indian School in Lakeville, CT; Berkshire School in Sheffield and in 1953, became a graduate of Williams College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. He returned to Sheffield following graduation and helped his family run the Sheffield Inn before moving briefly to England. Upon his return he attended Columbia University in New York City, earning a master's degree in library science. In 1963, he married the former Annette Knowles Huddleston of Clanton, AL. She died in New York City in January of 1995. Beard was employed by the genealogical department of the New York Public Library for 21 years. Following that, Beard served as director of the Minor Memorial Library in Roxbury, CT. A veteran of the Korean War, Beard served as supply officer at the Bordeaux-Mérignac Air Force Base in France during that conflict. Monica Pattangall of Lenox, who has also been involved in genealogy and who notified The Eagle of Beard's passing, said that Beard, "spent nearly all of his life within shouting distance of US 7, from Sheffield to Williamstown to Roxbury." "I am among the many who will miss him," she said. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of press time.

#### **BECK, Marilyn Lashbrook Beck**

(Abstracted from information received from Patricia Thomas Martin, one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Marilyn Lashbrook Beck, age 66, Clermont, passed away August 28, 2016 at South Lake Hospital. She was born January 21, 1950 in Huntington, WV daughter of the late Clara Kelley & Lloyd Lashbrook. She was a homemaker and local resident since January of this year from St. Cloud, FL. Survivors include her husband Michael Gray Beck & daughter Heidi Beck of the home; son Jeremy (Elena) Beck of Atlanta; 2 brothers Larry (Alba) Lashbrook and David (Jan) Lashbrook both of Fort Lauderdale, & nieces & nephews. Marilyn was the most loving, compassionate person you would ever meet. Marilyn's passion was children. She spent years working with Child Evangelism Fellowship, teaching people how to work with children at Florida Bible College, and authoring Best selling award winning Me Too! Series of children's books. Her funeral will be at Becker Funeral Home, 805 West Mineola Avenue, Clermont, FL 34711 on Thursday September 1st. In lieu of flowers we are asking for a memorial donation to John and Jennifer Phillips. Jennifer mentored Heidi in Junior High and High School, and they are adopting a baby named Luna. They are still short of funds. Marilyn's big prayer request in her final days was for God to grant a speedy adoption process. The donation information is: <https://purecharity.com/phillips-india-adoption>. Your donation through this website is tax deductible. Marilyn's heart was so big for children and we would like her memory to be around Baby Luna.

#### **BECKERS, Lyles L. Beckers**

(Abstracted from the September 29, 2014 Napa Valley (CA) Register)

Lyle L. Beckers, age 81, died on Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, in Gainesville, GA. Born on Aug. 23, 1933, in Gregory, SD, Lyle had a distinguished military career as a fighter pilot and squadron commander of the 35th TFS, U.S. Air Force. He earned two Silver Stars as the result of shooting down two Russian MIGs, and did three tours in Vietnam, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Lyle began a second career as a real estate developer, with ventures in Las Vegas and the Napa Valley. Lyle relocated from Napa to Gainesville in 2008 to live with his daughter. Lyle is survived by his wife, Jeannie; 3 children, Patti Latimer of Sacramento, CA; Lisa Beckers of Skokie, IL; and Laurice Repke of Gainesville, GA; dear siblings Mary Jensen, William Beckers and Helen Hennessey; and 5 grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery (date TBD). Donations to the Alzheimer's Association have been suggested.

#### **BÉDARD-LAZOWIK, Rita Bedard-Lazowik**

(Abstracted from Lynn Palermo one of Elmer's friends - this lady was Lynn's aunt)

Rita Bedard-Lazowik (née Vaillancourt) - Peacefully passed away on Friday, July 19, 2013 in Sudbury, surrounded by her loving family at the age of 84 years. Predeceased by her parents Edouard and Annie (née Prieur) Vaillancourt. Beloved wife of Larry Lazowik of Alban. Predeceased by her first husband Louis Bédard. Loving mother of Denise Godin (Daniel), Raymond Bédard (Denise), Greg Bédard (Andrea), Guy Bédard (Nathalie) and Marie Bédard (Patrice). Predeceased by her son Ronald Bédard. Lovingly remembered by her step-son Micheal and his children Jasmine and Cody. Cherished grandmother of Christopher, Chantalle (Warren), Julien, Sylvie (Jeremy), Yves (Kim), Mireille (Michel), Andrée (Éric), Justin, Deanna, Nicolas and Véronique. Predeceased by her grandson Mathieu. Great-grandmother of Sophie, Alexander, Owen, Réanna and Danyka. Sadly missed by her siblings, extended family and many friends. The family will receive relatives and friends at the Cooperative Funeral Home ,

222 Lasalle Blvd, Sudbury, on Tuesday, July 23, 2013. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at St-Jean de Brébeuf Church, Sudbury. In lieu of flowers, donations (by cheque only) to Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario would greatly be appreciated.<sup>1</sup>

**BEMINIO, Anthony David Beminio**

(Abstracted from <http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Anthony+%22Tony%22-Beminio&lc=4501&pid=182309438&mid=7151709>)

Anthony "Tony" Beminio, age 38, ended his final watch on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Funeral services will be Monday, November 7, 2016, at Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines with burial to follow at Glendale Cemetery. Anthony David Beminio was born November 21, 1977, in Fort Dodge, IA, to Frank and Patricia (Sweeney) Beminio. Tony grew up in Eagle Grove and Iowa City, and attended Iowa City West where he excelled in football and wrestling. Following graduation, Tony continued his education and athletic career which ended at Simpson College earning a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, and later the University of Cincinnati where he earned his Master's of Science Degree. Tony began his law enforcement career in 2001 when he took the oath to protect and serve with the Indianola Police Department. In 2005, Tony transferred to Des Moines and was currently serving as one of the Des Moines Police Department's finest. He took a leadership role when he achieved the rank of Sergeant. Tony also served in many areas of the department including the Metro S.T.A.R. Team. Tony was a humble man who was honored and dedicated to protect and serve the community. He also spent time as a school resource officer (SRO) at local schools, and was loved and respected by his brothers and sisters in blue. Tony was also a devoted husband to his wife, Zoe, and wonderful father to his three children, Cameron, Haley, and Maddox. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Iowa Hawkeyes fan, and enjoyed deer hunting and riding his Harley Davidson. Most of all, Tony treasured time spent with Zoe, attending his children's athletic events, and being together as a family. Tony will be deeply missed by his wife, Zoe Beminio; children: Cameron Beminio, Haley Beminio and Maddox Beminio; his parents, Patricia and Frank Beminio; sister, Krista Beminio; nieces: Jillian Eberly, Katelyn Eberly and nephew Jakoby Carolus. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Geneva and Francis Sweeney and paternal grandparents: Myrtle and Fauncey Beminio. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Anthony Beminio Memorial Fund at the Des Moines Police Officer's Credit Union.

**BENNETT, Gilmer Tunnie Bennett Sr.**

(Abstracted from information received from June Spear)

Graveside services for "Chief" Gilmer Tunnie Bennett, Sr. of the Talimali Band of the Apalachee Indians will be Saturday, October 24, 2015 in the Apalachee Indians Graveyard, Libuse under the direction of Rush Funeral Home, Pineville. Chief" Gilmer Bennett, Sr., born 2 April, 1932 died Thursday 22 October 2015, age 83, of Libuse, entered eternal rest at Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, Alexandria, Louisiana. He was a native of Monroe. Chief Bennett served his country proudly in the Korean War as a U.S. Marine. He was a retired carpenter. His commitment to his heritage was his bond. Chief Bennett awakened the existence of the Apalachee tribe, after contacting a veteran archaeologist who considered the mission-era Florida tribe missing for centuries, who was believed to have gone into hiding in the 1800's. Chief Bennett's story is recorded in the "Handbook of North American Indians" at the Smithsonian Institute. He was a strong believer of preserving nature. He left a strong legacy of commitment of work and family values and ethics to his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, McNeely Bennett and Frances Vallery. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife of 59 years, Jeanette Serena McCullin Bennett of Libuse; sons, Gilmer Tunnie (Renee) Bennett, Jr., of Libuse, Arthur Ray Bennett of Libuse, Little John (Brenda) Bennett of Libuse; daughters, Shalyian Bennett (John) Jenkins of Dry Prong, Zina Lee Bennett Spears, Serena Evon Bennett (Daniel) Simonsen of Bossier City; former daughter-in-law, Carrie Bennett of Arizona; 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

**BERGELT, Patrick R. Bergelt**

(Abstracted from Fisk Funeral Home and Crematory Service website - Philip was the son of Ann Bergelt, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

Patrick R. Bergelt, age 49 of Orlando, FL passed away on August 12, 2017 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 30, 1967 to Philip and Honora "Ann" (Carey) Bergelt in Tampa, FL. Patrick served in many capacities in the printing industry for many years. Patrick is survived by his loving family; mother, Ann Bergelt of St. Cloud, FL, brothers, Philip R. (Mary Altman) Bergelt, Jr. of Saint Cloud, FL, Paul R. (Patricia) Bergelt of Kissimmee, FL; an uncle, Oliver Carey of Saint Cloud, FL; 1 nephew, Paul R. Bergelt, II of Kissimmee, FL; 2 nieces, Paige R. (Gage) Middleton of Jacksonville, FL, Parker R. Bergelt of Kissimmee, FL. He was preceded in death by his father, Philip R. Bergelt, Sr. in April of this year. The family will receive friends for a memorial service on Sunday August 27, 2017 followed by a memorial gathering in the funeral home chapel. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made in his name to the following organizations. Moose Lodge #2427 15695 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32820, Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council 1951 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL 32703 or Cornerstone Hospice and Palliative Care 5655 Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809. Arrangements are under the care of Fisk Funeral Home and Crematory, 1107 Massachusetts Avenue, Saint Cloud, FL 34769. 407.892.2155.

**BERGELT, Philip Robert Bergelt Sr.**

(Abstracted from Fisk Funeral Home and Crematory Service website - Philip was the husband of one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

Philip Robert Bergelt, Sr. of Saint Cloud, FL passed away on April 12, 2017 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 9, 1940 to Charles and Hermine (Wilmes) Bergelt in Cincinnati, OH. He was an Assistant Program Director for the Department Of Motor Vehicles for the State of Florida, a District Commissioner of the Osceola County District for the Boy Scouts of America. He also was a Past Commander for the American Legion Post # 80 in St. Cloud. Philip is survived by his loving family; wife, Ann Bergelt of St. Cloud, FL, three sons, Philip Robert (Mary Altman) Bergelt, Jr. of Saint Cloud, FL, Paul R. (Patricia) Bergelt of Kissimmee, FL, Patrick R. Bergelt of Orlando, FL; grandson, Paul R. Bergelt, II of Kissimmee, FL; two granddaughters, Paige R. Middleton of Jacksonville, FL, Parker R. Bergelt of Kissimmee, FL and brother-in-law, Oliver A. Carey of Saint Cloud, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents; Charles and Hermine Bergelt and 2 brothers; Eugene L. Bergelt, Sr and Lawrence A. Bergelt. A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday April 23, 2017 in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow on Monday April 24, 2017 at Florida National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the United States Navy. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in his name to the Charity of your choice. Arrangements under the care of Fisk Funeral Home and Crematory, 1107 Massachusetts Avenue, Saint Cloud, FL 34769. 407-892-2155.

**BIEREN, Austin L. Bieren**

(Abstracted from <http://www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com/notices/Austin-Bieren>)

Austin Leo Bieren, age 25, died on March 28, 2017 in Syria. He was born on January 7, 1992 in Pendleton, OR to John Timothy Bieren and Tracy Ann (Gibson) Finck. Austin attended and graduated from Umatilla High School in 2010. Austin loved to hunt, fish, and hunt some more. He enjoyed anything and everything outdoors, the true definition of a mountain man. He avidly worked out and did everything to stay healthy and active. He joined the Air Force right out of high school in November 2010. After basic training, he married his wife, Rachel (Kennedy) Bieren, and they both moved to Minot, ND and were there for three years, and then moved to Colorado Springs where Austin worked at Peterson AFB. He was deployed three times. Bieren's awards include the Aerial Achievement Medal with one device; Air Force Achievement Medal with two devices; Meritorious Unit Award; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Good Conduct Medal with one device; National Defense Service Medal; Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with one device; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border; Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with one device; Air Force Longevity Service; U.S. Air Force NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon; Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with one device; and the Air Force Training Ribbon. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Thomas Keith Bieren, and his grandmother, Susan Gibson. Austin is survived by his wife, Rachel Bieren; mother, Tracy Finck; stepfather, Jody Finck; father, JT Bieren; stepmother, Amber Bieren; sister, Brianne Bieren; nephew, Jaren Journot; grandparents on both sides; and his aunts, uncles, and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, Rachel will be setting up a memorial fund in Austin's honor. The funds will be used to make special gifts for Austin's many military friends in remembrance of Austin. The fund is located at any US Bank, "Austin Bieren Memorial Fund". A celebration of life service with military honors will be Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the Umatilla High School Gymnasium, Umatilla, Oregon. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

**BINTZ, John Carl Bintz**

(Abstracted from internet sources- Elmer loved to eat at the Apple Mountain restaurant when Elmer lived in Saginaw)

John Carl Bintz, of Thomas Township, Michigan (1931 - 2015) passed away recently at Covenant Rehab at the age of 84 years. He was born February 5, 1931 in Saginaw to the late Carl and Elizabeth (Sanderson) Bintz. John attended Saginaw Public Schools and then graduated from St. John's Military Academy in Wisconsin in 1950 and Michigan State University with a degree in Horticulture in 1955. He was proud to serve as a 1st Lieutenant in the U. S. Army as second in command of a Nike Missile Base until 1958. He married Joan Heiderer July 28, 1955. After John Bintz finished his service to his country, he began working along with wife Joan on their apple farm located in Freeland. Even after adding an "old fashioned" cyder mill, general store and gift shop, the family still needed a winter endeavor to keep employees working all year round. It was at this point that they set out to create a ski hill. A small feat would be an understatement considering this was to take place on flat land. As Joan said, "A lot of ski areas were started and had maybe seventy-five feet or so (of slope) already. We had nothing." Starting with a used tractor and a total of 300 acres of land that he and Joan had purchased, John began his unique undertaking to create the original ski hill. This construction work began in the spring of 1960. What was to be the first part of this project was completed for the 1961-62 winter ski season. At this time the man-made hill had a thirty (30) foot drop. But again, this was just the beginning. Expanded in 1964 and completed for the 1964-65 season the hill increased to a 150 foot drop. The last major change to the ski hill took place in 1968 where the drop increased to 201 feet. Bintz Apple Mt. was awarded an outstanding National Ski Patrol over the years and had an amazing Professional Ski Instructors organization. Along with the



creation of the ski hill came the resort buildings at Bintz Apple Mountain which were all constructed and renovated by the couple, including the lodge and church where hundreds of weddings took place. In 1968, Bintz Apple Mt. Steakhouse became a popular eatery and in the 1970's there was a ski shop and also three Bintz Sports stores created by the family. Over the years, the Bintzs employed over 20,000 people. Locals fondly called it "Bintz's Bump". John and Joan Bintz were inducted into the Michigan Ski Hall of fame in 2012 and nominated for the National Ski Hall of Fame in 2014. John recently told Heidi that he wants his legacy to be "Bintz Apple Mt" even though he LOVED being an apple farmer. He was proudest of his 3 children and 2 granddaughters. Besides creating and building Bintz Apple Farm and Ski Resort he was very involved in the community. Serving on many board of directors and memberships to local organizations (too many to name them all). Thomas Township Planning Commission (54 years); Family Federal S & L - chairman (15 years); Saginaw General Hospital (now Covenant) board member and chairman of the board (16 years); Saginaw Club member and past president (50+ years); Saginaw Country Club, member and past golf tournament winner; Northwest Kiwanis Club, member (55 years); Saginaw County Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year; Michigan State University Alumni Association & Agriculture Alumni Association - president, State of Michigan Labor Board. John was an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Surviving besides his wife Joan, are their daughter Heidi Bintz, Vail, CO and granddaughters Elle and Sophie Friedman; sons Carl (Kim) Bintz of Lake Tahoe, CA; John Bintz of Chicago, Illinois; sister, Roberta Bintz Wiley of Fenton; brothers-in-law, Max (Edwina) Heiderer and Commander Robert Heiderer; sister-in-law Mrs. Conrad (Carol) Heiderer; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Bintz Foster and Gretchen & Fred Langschwager. Funeral service will take place Friday, June 12, 2015 at the W. L. Case and Company Funeral Chapel, 201 N. Miller Rd. Entombment will take place at Oakwood Mausoleum. Those who wish may consider donations to the Saginaw Castle Museum of history or Covenant HealthCare Foundation or a charity of their choice.

### **BOOKS, Dewey Readmore Books**

Abstracted from Russ Oechlin, Journal correspondent, Posted: Friday, December 1, 2006

SPENCER, Iowa -- One of the world's most famous felines, Dewey Readmore Books, died Wednesday in the arms of librarian Vicki Myron who had acted as his "mother" for most of the last 19 years. Dewey was adopted as the library cat at the Spencer Public Library in January 1988 when he was found in the book drop on a cold Monday morning. Myron said the thermometer read minus 10 degrees when she reported to work that day. Once in the building, she heard a muffled whimpering sound and she and another librarian soon uncovered one very small, very chilly yellow kitten under a pile of books. "We didn't know if someone abandoned him or if a Good Samaritan found him on the street and shoved him in the book drop to get him out of the cold," she explained. "His paws were frozen. We warmed him up and fed him and he just purred and cuddled. From day one, we felt he'd be the right personality for the public. He's always loved people and meetings." Dewey attained instant fame. News and television crews came from as far away as Japan to do stories about him. At last check, Myron said she found 222 "hits" for Dewey's name at the Internet site "Google. Myron said she knew she had a celebrity on her hands when she conducted the contest to name the library's kitten shortly after he was found. While previous library contests had attracted only a dozen or so entries, a total of 387 names were submitted. Dewey Readmore Books was named after the Dewey Decimal System that is the cataloging system used in many libraries. The cat's celebrity brought him pen pals in England, Canada, South Africa, Belgium and France, in addition to adding to the approximately 100,000 visitors the library sees each year. "The TV staff from Tokyo didn't believe me when I told them people arranged their vacations just so they could stop here to meet him," Myron explained last year. "But then a family from Rhode Island came in just to have their picture taken with him. They were on vacation and rented a car in Minneapolis just so they could drive down here and see Dewey." Dewey's fame also helped raise thousands of dollars for the library. Myron notes that Dewey was somewhere in his 90s in cat years. He had been experiencing health problems recently and was diagnosed with a stomach tumor shortly before Nov. 18, which was officially marked as his 19th birthday. The librarian said Dewey recently weighed less than 5 pounds after hitting nearly 9 pounds in his younger days. Even with more than a can of cat food each day and some "people food," too, his weight continued to decline. A recent library newsletter noted that Dewey "loves scrambled eggs in the morning and Arby's roast beef, plain cheeseburgers, tuna sandwiches, boiled ham and chicken garlic TV dinners still make him come running." Myron's comments in the November newsletter explained, "Some folks think that he should retire and come to my house to live out his days in quiet. But that would be worse than prison for him. He hates being alone and can't stand the days we are closed. He still insists on going to meetings and events even if there are 200 people milling around." Library staffer Kim Peterson said Dewey "had been ill for a couple days, then looked like he was rallying." It was when he started "acting funny trying to hide," that Myron took him to the vet and he was put to sleep. Because Myron has been out of town since Dewey died, Peterson says plans for a memorial are uncertain. But, she said, there is discussion of having Dewey cremated and his ashes buried on the library grounds. The library has sold thousands of postcards featuring the famous feline. And they are still available at the Spencer Library or on the library's Website: [www.spencerlibrary.com](http://www.spencerlibrary.com). The site also has a page of pictures titled "A day in the life of a special library cat." A December 2003 e-mail from Japan is typical of the many Dewey Readmore Books received from admirers the world over: "Hello!! My name is Kuropee Nishiyama from Japan. Today I watched you on the TV. In Japan there is no library cat. So I am very surprised!! I thought that you are really smart!! I send this e-mail because I want to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

## **BOSTICK, Guy Bostick**

(Abstracted from information from various internet sources)

WINTER HAVEN - Guy Bostick, the founder of Comcar Industries Inc., known for his keen business acumen and dedication to his family and the community, died Friday, August 28, 2015, at the age of 94 of natural causes at his home in Winter Haven. Bostick Distributors found its home in a small truck stop near Winter Haven, which led to the beginning of the Commercial Carrier Corp. fleet, incorporated in 1953. Bostick expanded the business and went on to become "one of the great entrepreneurs Florida has ever known," said Barney Barnett, vice chairman of Publix Super Markets. "He did a world for Polk County," Barnett said. "He lived a great life and he is going to be missed." Bostick was a self-made man whose focus in life was hard work, according to colleagues and friends. "He was a man dedicated to his family, his business, the trucking industry and the communities of Auburndale and Winter Haven," said family lawyer Richard Straughn. Before he got into the trucking business, Bostick was a Florida Highway Patrol trooper in the mid-1940s and the Bartow police chief at the age of 25. He decided to focus on what would become his life's work, and traded his family car for a down payment on a truck of his own. "He wasn't looking forward to facing my mom after that," Bostick's son, Mark, said with a laugh. Bostick was asked to haul milk from Wisconsin to Florida for \$300 and the rest is history. Comcar has now developed into a family of companies that involves trucking, warehousing, truck parts as well as truck and trailer repairs. A perfect example of the American Dream, Comcar grew from its humble beginnings to a number of subsidiaries covering 48 states. "He started with that one truck and now the company has about 3,000 trucks," Mark Bostick said. Bostick was the chairman of Comcar Industries Inc. until he retired from his day-to-day duties in 2001. Colleagues and friends said other than deep sea fishing, work was Bostick's way of relaxing, and they said he was at the office almost every day until he was 81. Even after retiring, Bostick was said to stay informed about the business and would drive by various facilities several times a week. "What would I do with just a 40-hour work week?" Bostick would ask. Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, a friend of the Bostick family, said it was his sense of humor and devotion to his family that made Bostick the man he was. "His business acumen is only exceeded by his wit and humor." "He was as funny as could be," Judd said, and he related a story about how Bostick once provided security for future President Harry Truman during his time as a U.S. senator. He said Truman asked Bostick to have a libation with him and when Bostick declined because he was in uniform, Truman told him to go borrow some of his clothes, even though Truman was a man of shorter stature than Bostick. "His pants came up to his mid-calf," Judd said with a laugh, adding how much he admired and respected Bostick for his work ethic and always friendly demeanor. Bostick was very involved in civic activities and giving back to his community. He served on numerous boards and committees. He was a past chairman of the Board of Trustees of Winter Haven Hospital. The heart center at the hospital is named after his family. He was the chairman of the Board of Directors of Associated Industries in Florida as well as donating to multiple charities. He was a major donor to the University of Florida where the golf course clubhouse is named after him. Judd said Bostick was very active in many civic endeavors to help those less fortunate in his community. "Guy Bostick loved his community, was devoted to his family and passionate about his Gators," said Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam in a statement. "He leaves behind a large and loving family, leaders in the trucking industry, and a stronger, better community for his legacy of giving." Bostick, a Georgia native, was the youngest of 11 children born to tenant farmers before the Great Depression. His family moved to Springhead, a community near Mulberry when he was young and where he got his first job picking strawberries. Bostick served in the Navy Seabees during World War II and after medical discharge worked a few jobs before becoming a trooper for the Florida Highway Patrol and later the police chief for the Bartow Police Department at 25. "He served as Bartow's chief of police when the 'department,' was little more than a phone nailed to an oak tree," Putnam said, adding Bostick followed his entrepreneurial passion and started his small trucking company that he built into one of the largest in the nation, all from his, "modest office in Auburndale." Bostick was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Jeannete Bostick, in 2004. They were married for 62 years and had two sons, Mark and Bill, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mark Bostick said his family is sad and misses him but said his father lived an incredible, long life and the family is thankful for that. "We really want to celebrate his life," he said. A memorial service for Bostick will be Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven.

## **BRACKEEN, Timothy James Brackeen**

(Abstracted from internet sources)

SHELBY-Timothy James Brackeen, age 38, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, at Carolinas Medical Center after being shot and killed while pursuing a criminal. Born in Fort Knox, Tennessee, he was the son of James Allman Brackeen and wife Phyllis of Savannah, GA and Donna Bryan Crotts and husband Ray of Shelby. Tim was a devoted and loving husband, father, son, and brother. He was an active member of Faith Baptist Church where he served as an usher/security team member. He was a K-9 Officer for the Shelby Police Department, where he served the citizens of Shelby for over 12 years. He was passionately committed to being the best K-9 handler he could be. Tim was honored with being presented with the "Officer of the Year" award in 2012. In his spare time, Tim enjoyed woodworking and many outdoor activities. Tim is preceded in death by grandparents, Frances Bailey, Melvin Bryan, James Elzie and Seretha Brackeen. In addition to his parents, Tim is survived by his wife of 18 years, Mikel Raelyn Brackeen; a daughter, Daphney Brackeen of the home; a brother, Stephen (Heather) Brackeen of Shelby, a sister, Laura

Brackeen (Tim) Rabon of Raleigh, step-brother, Lt. Col. Ray Crofts and Eunjeong of Germany; step-sister, Angela Alexander of Shelby; mother-in-law, Mary Pace of Trion, GA; grandparents, George Bailey of Shelby and Geneva Mitchell-Stover of Savannah, GA; sister-in-law, Rebekah (Randy) Moon of Trion, GA; many loving nieces and nephews; and his K-9 partner, "Ciko". A public visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, at Bethel Baptist Church, the family will not be present. Funeral service will be Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at Keeter Stadium, 230 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC 28152. Burial will follow at Sunset Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Shelby Police Department, K-9 Unit, 311 S. Lafayette St., Shelby, NC 28150. Cecil M Burton Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family of Officer Brackeen.

**BRADFORD, Capt. Richard H. Bradford**

(Abstracted from the Charleston Mercury (Charleston, SC), November 13, 1861)

Died on the morning of the 9th of October last, from a shot in the breast, while storming the Yankee entrenchment on Santa Rosa Island, Capt. Richard H. Bradford, of Madison County, FL, son of R. H. Bradford, Sr., of Leon County, formerly of North Carolina. Few deaths since the beginning of this wicked war, have cast as deep a gloom over a wide circle of friends and relatives as that of Capt. Bradford. Only twenty-five years of age - generous, amiable and modest, and at the same time energetic, firm, and conscientious in the discharge of every duty, Capt. Bradford had taken a position at the bar of Florida, seldom if ever, attained by one of his years. Some three years since he located himself in Madison, FL and such was the purity and elevation of his character, and such the promise of his well cultivated talents, that he was soon invited by Judge D. H. Mays, to an association with him in the practice of law. The rapid increase of their professional business, together with the universal and deep sorrow of his countrymen at his early death, will attest the strong hold which he had gained upon their judgment and affections. Capt. Bradford graduated with distinction at the University of North Carolina, and pursued his legal studies there and at the University of Virginia, for about eighteen months. Laying well the foundation, upon which he began to build a wide-spread and enviable legal reputation. During the agitation of the question of secession, no man felt a deeper interest or took a more active part than Capt. Bradford; and when a call was made for volunteers for the defense of Pensacola, he was the first man in his county to offer his service. His fellow citizens rallied around him, and, with great unanimity, elected him their captain. A few weeks before his death he made a brief visit to his fond and devoted parents affording them a last opportunity and seeing and embracing their affectionate and gallant son. The prominence of his command in the attack on Santa Rosa Island, is evidence enough of his high standing and superiority as an officer in the estimation of the commanding General. He fell upon the enemy's breastworks, with uplifting sword, and two chambers of his revolver emptied - calling gallantly upon his comrades to "Rally to the charge." He has fallen - a hero - in a just and righteous cause, and his memory will ever live fresh and unailing in the hearts and kindred and countrymen.

**BRADLEY, Debra Anne Bradley**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/debra-bradley-obituary?pid=1000000180275543>)

Debra Anne (Maino) "Debbie" Bradley of Augusta, MI age 53, died tragically Tuesday, June 7, 2016 from injuries sustained during a bicycle run with "The Chain Gang" on N. Westnedge Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI. Debbie, the daughter of Thomas W. and Judy K. (Moore) Maino, was born on October 25, 1962 in Jackson, MI; was a 1980 graduate of Jackson Lumen Christi High School; received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Western Michigan University and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Ferris State University. She was a Registered Nurse for 30 years, which included Gull Lake Community School Nurse, but her passion was Neo-Natal Care. Debbie was a bike enthusiast and was an active member of the "The Chain Gang" having ridden the Michigan roadways. She was a member at St. Ann Catholic Church of Augusta and the Sherman Lake YMCA. Debbie was an avid runner, attended art fairs loved live music and theater, sports, losing her phone, collecting unique jewelry, loved wine, beans of all varieties, healthy living and eating, supporting FIRE UP CHIPS and GO STATE and calico cats. Debbie was united in marriage to Thomas R. Bradley in Michigan Center, MI on October 27, 1990. Surviving is her husband of 26 years, Tom; her daughter, Madeline A. Bradley, a 2016 graduate of Gull Lake High School; her son, Colton T. Bradley, a junior at Central Michigan University; her father, Tom Maino of Michigan Center, MI; two sisters, Catherine M. Maino of Charlottesville, VA and Christina R. (Richard) Cook of Jackson, MI; her brother, Thomas D. (Cecile) Maino of Las Vegas, NV and numerous nieces and nephews. Debbie was preceded in death by her mom, Judy in 2006. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 14th at St. Ann Catholic Church, 12648 East D Avenue, Augusta. Family and friends will continue Debbie's life celebration with a time of fellowship and a luncheon immediately following the Mass in the Church Social Hall. Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care, Richland Chapel, 9170 East D Avenue (M-89) is handling the arrangements. Final interment will be in Day Cemetery, Ross Township, later this summer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Debbie's honor may be directed to Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center, 6225 North 39th Street, Augusta, MI 49012 or the Gull Lake Community Schools Foundation, 11775 East D Avenue, Richland, MI 49083. For a life so short there could not have been a larger spirit who lived. Debbie Maino Bradley essence was beyond spirit. Compassionate, loyal, fierce, passionate, giving, lively and infectious smile is unparalleled. All who knew her were touched by her essence. Her love ran strong for her family, friends, community, Gull Lake Schools, faith and the Sherman Lake YMCA. For those who would not speak, Debbie would speak in their stead. She took no hesitation to defend those who would not or could not take a stand. Debbie, a defender and protector...the core character

defining her. Not just for those she loved and who love her but for those who were blessed to cross her path. The attribute of courage is assigned to some but earned by few. Debbie's courage began as a whisper, built as a statement and evolving if necessary as action! Her devotion to anything or anyone she cared about was unwavering. Most of all to her family. There was never a time that she was not in the stands, walking the halls or in her vehicle carrying the kids from here to there. Outside of the fashionable and vibrant style that she adorned, she would always be seen in Gull Lake or Central Michigan clothing. Her devotion influencing her deeds to her apparel. If anyone is in wonder of the influence Debbie had on not just her world but that all around her, search "Debbie Maino Bradley on Facebook. The outpouring of love, sadness, thankfulness and expression of friendship is beyond measure. We would all feel blessed to have the impact she obtained and truly sets an example for us all to strive and achieve. "

#### **BREITBART, Andrew Breitbart**

(Abstracted from LOS ANGELES (AP) - Conservative media publisher and activist Andrew Breitbart, who was behind investigations that led to the resignations of former Rep. Anthony Weiner and former U.S. Agriculture Department official Shirley Sherrod, died March 1, 2012 in Los Angeles. He was 43. He was born February 1, 1969. Breitbart's website, bigjournalism.com, announced Thursday he died of natural causes in Los Angeles in the early morning hours. His death was confirmed by Breitbart.com editor-in-chief Joel Pollak, who said he was at the hospital, and by the Los Angeles County coroner's office. Breitbart was walking near his house in the Brentwood neighborhood shortly after midnight Thursday when he collapsed, his father-in-law Orson Bean said. Someone saw him fall and called paramedics, who tried to revive him. They rushed him to the emergency room at UCLA Medical Center, Bean said. Breitbart had suffered heart problems a year earlier, but Bean said he could not pinpoint what happened. "I don't know what to say. It's devastating," Bean said. He is survived by his wife Susannah Bean Breitbart, 41, and four children.

#### **BROOM, James Christian Broom**

(Abstracted from information received from our friend on Elmer's Genealogy Corner, Kathryn Lake Hogan)  
James Christian Broom died April 6, 2014 at the tender age of 14. He was the cherished son of Patricia Broom and Allan Broom; loving brother and best friend of Jordyn and Jacob; adored grandson of Melvin Raugust and the late Frieda (2008), Sandra Martin, and James & Peggy Broom. He will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins, all of British Columbia and Alberta. Best friends with Simon Baker and Winston Shantz. James was born in Burnaby, British Columbia on August 22, 1999 and lived in Krefeld, Germany for almost 5 years. He has lived in Windsor with his family since August 2008. James was a devoted student of Maranatha Christian Academy where he was known by all and admired for his uniqueness and brilliance. In grade 8, he achieved 9th place for all of Ontario in the Gauss Math Competition. He was an avid reader and had such a thirst for knowledge. James was a kind and respectful young man who will be dearly missed. A heartfelt thank you goes to Ms. Johanna Dyck, Mr. Dave Gourley and the entire staff at Maranatha Christian Academy. Special thanks to Hank Stam for his continued love and support and many thanks to the first responders for their immediate care and respect for our family, and to the medical staff at the Children's Hospital of Michigan for their patience and support of our family and friends during this difficult time. If you so desire, donations to Maranatha Christian Academy, a school that was dear to James' heart, would be appreciated by the family. In memory of James, consider the uniqueness in others as a gift from God, as he always did. Visiting will be Thursday at Families First, 3260 Dougall Avenue. South Windsor 519-969-5841. On Friday, family and friends are invited to meet until the service at Heritage Park Alliance (2501 Sixth Concession). Cremation to follow.

#### **BROWN, James Daniel Brown**

(Abstracted from Elmer's genealogy friend Valerie Brown Elkins - his daughter)  
James Daniel Brown, 73, passed away on June 2, 2013 of natural causes. Jim, as most people knew him, was born in Nashville, TN on May 23, 1940, the only child of Samuel Thomas Brown and Mertice Beatrice Beck. He moved to Napa, CA with his parents as a child. While in high school, he met Sandra Doris Greenwade. Jim and Sandy were married on October 8, 1959, during Jim's leave from the United States Air Force. They were married for nearly 54 years. Jim and Sandy were transferred to Makah Air Force Base in Washington State during his tour of duty. They remained in Washington for much of their married life. During their years in Washington, Jim and Sandy had seven children: Valerie Brown (Morris) Elkins of Grantsville, UT; Nancy Brown (Mark) Clay of Chandler, AZ; Suesan Brown (David) Kennard of Lexington, OH; Pamela Brown Tilley of Mount Vernon, WA; Jennifer Brown Masterson of Bellingham, WA; Jonathan (Sara) Brown of Erda, UT; and Danielle Brown of Bellingham, WA. Jim's natural curiosity and varied interests led him into many different careers over his lifetime, although he usually could be found working as a salesman where he found the greatest success with his talents and interests. Jim and Sandy moved to the Mesa, AZ in 1993 and lived there for thirteen years before relocating to Boise, ID where they have lived since 2006. Jim was grandfather to twenty-six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Jim's grandchildren are: Brittany Elkins, Jacquelyn

Elkins, Brandon Elkins, Tiffany Clay, Brian (Tamran) Clay, Kale Clay (deceased), Jessica Clay (Kyle) Hornbaker, Kassy (Josh) Evans, Rebecca Clay (Max) Schmidt, Jordan (Michelle) Clay, Megan Clay, Nathan Kennard, Ryley Kennard, Noah Kennard, Sam Kennard, Dane (Ashley) Tilley, Taylor Tilley, Shelby Tilley, Alexis Tilley, Christian Masterson, Zachery Masterson, Addison Brown, Savannah Brown, Christian Brown, Kingston Brown, and Emmett Brown. Jim's great-grandchildren include: Chris Hornbaker, Mason Hornbaker, Julianna Evans, Paisley Schmidt, and Stevie Rae Clay. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and his grandson, Kale Daren Clay. A viewing for the family will be held at Summer's Funeral Home on Sunday, June 9, 2013. Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 10, 2013. A viewing for friends will be Monday with services following at the LDS Bristol Heights Ward building, 6375 N Royal Park Ave Boise, ID 83713. Interment will be held at Idaho State Veterans Cemetery following the services, located at 10100 Horseshoe Bend Rd, Boise, ID. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made at <http://www.ldsphilanthropies.org/>.

#### **BROWN, Joshua D. Brown**

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/triblive-tribune-review/obituary.aspx?pid=179975403>)  
Joshua D. Brown, age 40, of Canton, OH, formerly of Westmoreland County, PA, died in a tragic motor vehicle accident Saturday, May 7, 2016 in Williston, FL. He was born Jan. 20, 1976, in Great Lakes, IL. Joshua graduated from Franklin Regional High School in 1994, attended the University of New Mexico and enlisted in the Navy in 1997. Joshua became a master EOD technician and due to his determination and dedication, he achieved his aspirations to be part of the Navy SEAL teams. He dedicated 11 years to the Navy and was an honored member of the elite Naval Special Warfare Development Group (NSWDG). After his discharge, he worked for Tactical Electronics and then created his own successful technology company, Nexu Innovations Inc. Joshua is survived by his parents, Warren and Sueanne Brown of Stow, OH; his sister, Amanda (Jeremy) Lee; six nieces and nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. His second family in the Navy now have the watch. A celebration of his incredible life will be Sunday, May 22, 2016, at the Silver Lake Country Club, 1325 Graham Road, Silver Lake, OH. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations be made to Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness.

#### **BROWN, Lisle G. Brown**

(Abstracted from James K. Jeffrey one of Elmer Spear's friends)  
Lisle G. Brown, 69, of Huntington, died June 14 at St. Mary's Medical Center. He was Curator of Special Collections at James E. Morrow Library, Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. Lisle was to celebrate 40 years of service at Marshall this week. Funeral services will be Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Huntington. Burial is in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Huntington. He leaves a wife Merry Brown several children and a host of grandchildren.

#### **BROWN, Roscoe Conkling Brown Jr.**

(Abstracted from <http://www.timesargus.com/article/20160708/NEWS04/160709682>)  
Roscoe C. Brown Jr., a college educator, a Tuskegee airman in World War II and a go-to voice of reason during New York City's racial volatility in the 1970s and '80s, died Saturday in the Bronx. He was 94. His death, at Montefiore Medical Center, was confirmed by his son Dennis Brown. After directing the Institute of Afro-American Affairs at New York University, where he was also a professor of education, Brown served as the president of Bronx Community College from 1977 to 1993 and then as the director of the Center for Education Policy at the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. He was probably best known for flying 68 combat missions as a fighter squadron commander of the nation's belatedly celebrated first black military aviators, known as the Tuskegee Airmen, based in Tuskegee, Alabama. But he also played an influential if subtle role in local political and municipal affairs as an adviser to black elected officials and as a founder and then president of 100 Black Men, a civic group formed in New York City in 1963 using the number as a symbol of solidarity in its effort to improve conditions among African Americans. Brown had few political aspirations himself (the only major races he participated in were New York City Marathons, nine of them), which made his pronouncements on topical issues seem less strident or self-serving than those from most office seekers. Roscoe Conkling Brown Jr. was born in Washington on March 9, 1922. His father, born George Brown, was a dentist, a public health service official and a member of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Federal Council of Negro Affairs, known as his "black Cabinet." He changed his name to Roscoe Conkling Brown to honor the U.S. senator from New York who championed the rights of blacks during Reconstruction. Roscoe Jr.'s mother was the former Vivian Berry, a teacher. He attended the segregated Dunbar High School and, infatuated after seeing Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis at the Smithsonian Institution, longed to become an aviator. He rose to captain and was credited with being the first black fighter pilot to shoot down a German fighter jet. In 2007, he and other surviving Tuskegee Airmen were collectively awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Brown received a bachelor's degree from Springfield College in Massachusetts in 1943 and after the war earned both masters and doctoral degrees from New York University. He served in many civic posts, including as a consultant to the National Park Service, proposing an Urban Park Corps for the Gateway National Recreation Area. He married the former Laura Jones. In addition to his son Dennis, he is survived by another son, Donald, and daughters Doris Bodine and Dianne McDougall. Mayor Bill de Blasio ordered on Tuesday that the city and state flags be flown at half-staff in Brown's honor until July 9 at sunset.

**BRUHL, Walter Bruhl Jr.**

(Abstracted from information that four different folks sent to Elmer)

Walter George Bruhl Jr. of Newark and Dewey Beach is a dead person; he is no more; he is bereft of life; he is deceased; he has rung down the curtain and gone to join the choir invisible; he has expired and gone to meet his maker. He drifted off this mortal coil Sunday, March 9, 2014, in Punta Gorda, FL. His spirit was released from his worn-out shell of a body and is now exploring the universe. He was surrounded by his loving wife of 57 years, Helene Sellers Bruhl, who will now be able to purchase the mink coat which he had always refused her because he believed only minks should wear mink. He is also survived by his son Walter III and wife Melissa; daughters Carly and Paige, and son Martin and wife Debra; son Sam and daughter Kalla. Walt loved and enjoyed his grandkids. Walt was preceded in death by his tonsils and adenoids in 1935; a spinal disc in 1974; a large piece of his thyroid gland in 1988; and his prostate on March 27, 2000. He was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 20, 1933 at 10:38 p.m., and weighed in at a healthy seven pounds, four ounces, and was 22 inches long, to Blanche Buckman Bruhl and Walter George Bruhl. He drifted through the Philadelphia Public School System from 1937 through 1951, graduating, to his mother's great relief, from John Bartram High School in June 1951. Walter was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War, having served from October 1951 to September 1954, with overseas duty in Japan from June 1953 till August 1954. He attained the rank of sergeant. He chose this path because of Hollywood propaganda, to which he succumbed as a child during World War II, and his cousin Ella, who joined the corps in 1943. He served an electronics apprenticeship at the Philadelphia Naval Yard from 1956-61; operated Atlantic Automotive Service Stations in Wilmington during 1961-62; and was employed by the late great DuPont Co. from 1962-93. (Very few people who knew him would say he worked for DuPont, and he always claimed he had only been hired to fill a position.) He started at the Chestnut Run Site as a flunky in the weave area of the Textile Fibers Department, and then was promoted to research assistant, where he stayed from 1963-72. In 1972 he accepted a position as an equipment service representative with the Photo Products Department at the old DuPont Airport site (now Barley Mill Plaza). In 1973 he was promoted to manufacturing engineering technologist and was employed in that capacity until, after 31 years with The Co., he was given a fine anniversary dinner and a token gift and then "downsized" in December 1993. He was rehired as a contract employee in June 1994, doing the same job that he had been "downsized" from, and stayed until July 1995. He started his own contract business and worked at Litho Tech Ltd. from 1996-99. There will be no viewing since his wife refuses to honor his request to have him standing in the corner of the room with a glass of Jack Daniels in his hand so he would appear natural to visitors. Cremation will take place at the family's convenience, and his ashes will be kept in an urn until they get tired of having it around. What's a Grecian Urn? Oh, about 200 drachmas a week. Everyone who remembers him is asked to celebrate Walt's life in their own way; raising a glass of their favorite drink in his memory would be quite appropriate. Instead of flowers, Walt would hope that you will do an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for some poor unfortunate soul in his name. A memorial luncheon in Walt's honor will be held Saturday, March 15, at Deerfield, Newark.

**BRYNE, Arlene Elizabeth Cole Byrne**

(Abstracted from Sue Hawes, Mrs. Byrne's daughter and Elmer's friend)

Byrne, Arlene Elizabeth (Cole), age 81, of Hingham, MA formerly of North Quincy, died May 19, 2013. Beloved daughter of the late Allan and Frances (Hanlon) Cole. Devoted mother of Kevin Byrne and his wife, Michelle of Hingham, Terry Byrne and his fiancée, Betty Dalton of Dawsonville, Georgia, Sue Hawes and her husband, Daniel of Portland, Maine, Sally Gorham of Hanover. Cherished grandmother of six grandchildren, Shannon, Jason, Ashleigh, Danielle, Eric and Amelia. Sister of Virginia Saville of Hanover, twin brother Allan C. Cole of Middleborough, and William Cole of Florida. She is also survived by her former husband, Donald A. Byrne of Brewster. Arlene was a member of Catholic Women's Club of Hingham and a communicant of Resurrection Parish. After graduating from North Quincy High School in 1949, Arlene worked as a flight attendant for Northeast Airlines (Delta) and was a member of the Clipped Wings group. After raising four children, Arlene volunteered for over 20 years at South Shore Hospital Nuclear Medicine, Patient Information and as a Director. A regular poll worker in Hingham, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, reading, gardening, ballroom dancing, walks on Nantasket Beach and cooking, especially hosting holiday meals for extended family for many years from her home of 45 years on Andorra Lane. Her family thanks the staff of Southwood Nursing Home and Beacon Hospice for the care and comfort provided to Arlene. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hingham Public Library Leavitt St. Hingham, MA 02043. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours on Wednesday 4-8 PM in the Pyne Keohane Funeral Home, 21 Emerald St. (off Central St.), HINGHAM. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in the funeral home at 9:15 AM on Thursday prior to the Funeral Mass in Church of the Resurrection, Hingham at 10 AM. Burial will be private.

**BRYNE, Donald Austin Byrne**

(Abstracted from information received from Sue Hawes, one of Elmer's FB friends)

Captain Donald Austin Byrne was born in Manhattan, NY in 1934. The son of Terence Julius Byrne and Margaret Mary Ferguson, Don was raised in Flushing, Queens, NY. After primary school at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, he graduated in 1951 from Xavier High School and its ROTC program. He briefly attended Stevens Institute of Technology before enlisting in the United States

Air Force. After graduating in top 10 of his class at United States Air Force Aircraft & Powerplant Mechanic School, Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, TX, his primary flight training took place at Stallings Air Base, Kinston, NC, and Basic flight training at Bryan Air Force Base, Bryan, TX (Class 55-J). He served on active duty between 1952-1959 and was active in the Air Force Reserve until 1970. Eastern Airlines hired Don in 1958 and after close to 30 years of fling for Eastern, he retired as Captain. Throughout the 1990's Don flew his Cessna 310R on charter flights for his business, Chatham Air Charter. He served the Chatham (Massachusetts) Municipal Airport as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Airport Support Network Volunteer. Don also volunteered for Angel Flight NE, providing free air transportation for needy medical patients. In 1980, Don was thrilled to fly "Fifi," a B-29 bomber, to move it from Grand Rapids, Michigan to St. Louis, Missouri for an air show. Don married Arlene (Cole) Byrne of Quincy in 1958. After having four children together, they divorced and she predeceased him in 2013. Don married Judith Conrad Doonan in Chatham in 1985. Together they operated Grassy Acre Cottages on Main Street in Chatham. In 1999, Don and Judy retired to Brewster where they made happy memories with their large blended family. Don was an avid reader, fisherman, and woodworker. Many days, Don & Judy could be found digging clams on the beaches of Cape Cod, checking their lobster traps, or enjoying long walks at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History and the Cape Cod National Seashore. After residing on Cape Cod since the mid-1970's, Don became ill during a visit to Florida in February 2016. Along with his widow, he is mourned by two sons, two daughters, three stepchildren, and 14 grandchildren.

#### **BUCKMAN, Richard Buckman**

(Abstracted from information sent to Elmer by Bill Wittich who has known Elmer for nearly 50 years)

Richard Buckman, age 75, of Beebe, Arkansas, died Saturday, August 22, 2015. He is survived by 1 daughter, Evonne (Ricky) Manous; granddaughters, Tracy Wright, Bethany Jones and Shannon Manous; great-grandchildren, Alexander Manous-Green, Michael Manous-Green, Aidan Jones, and Abigail Wright; along with numerous extended family and friends who loved him dearly. In lieu of flowers, please do not vote for Hillary - his dying wish. Cremation arrangements by Smith-Westbrook Funeral Home, a certified Veterans Care provider. [www.westbrookfuneralhome.com](http://www.westbrookfuneralhome.com)

#### **BUHL, Jerry J. Buhl**

(Abstracted courtesy of the Milwaukee (WI) Journal Sentinel September 14, 2003)

Buhl, Jerry J. 68, of Sturgeon Bay, died at home on Sept. 9, 2003. He was born on May 6, 1935, in Milwaukee to Oliver and Valida (nee Zimmermann) Buhl. On March 4, 1955, he married Nancy Pihl in Milwaukee. Jerry retired as president of TCI and was the owner of SEKO Air Freight of Milwaukee. He served his country in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. Jerry was active in a variety of community organizations and clubs. He served on the board of directors of the Milwaukee Bay View and South Shore YMCA, acting as chairman from 1968-1970. He was also a member of the SEKO Advisory Board. Jerry's company, SEKO Air Freight, Milwaukee, was recognized as Business of the Year in 1998 by the St. Francis Chamber of Commerce. Jerry was also active in the Milwaukee, Green Bay and Sheboygan Traffic Clubs. He was currently a member of the Sturgeon Bay Rotary, the Door County Maritime Museum, the Sturgeon Bay Yacht Club, and the Door County Historical Society. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Nancy (nee Pihl); three children, Jeffrey (Giovanna) Buhl of Milwaukee, Julieanne (Rick) Sabbatini of Greenfield, Jennifer (Richard) Powell of Pittsburgh; grandchildren, Melissa (Troy) Wisniewski, Steven and Samantha Sabbatini, Claire and Jack Powell; great grandchildren, Anna Wisniewski; one sister, Judith (Harold) Dunn of Florida. Memorial Services will be held at the family home, 4575 Laurie Lane, Sturgeon Bay, on Thurs., Sept. 18 at 4PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in honor of Jerry to the Door County Maritime Museum, Door County Memorial Hospital, the Door County YMCA or Unity Hospice. The Forbes Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

#### **BURKS, Clifford M. Burks, Sr.**

(Abstracted from internet sources)

Sgt, Maj. Clifford M. Burks, Sr., age 90, of Little Rock, formerly of Monticello passed away Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at his home in Little Rock. He was born August 8, 1923 to the late Guy and Winnie Gober Burks. "Click" grew up in the Bowser community, graduated from Drew Central High School, attended Arkansas A&M College (now UAM) and married Pauline "Polly" Porter on August 22, 1942. During their 67 years of marriage, they raised four children, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Mr. Burks was a retired decorated World War II Marine Veteran and a member of the Church of Christ. Other than his parents, he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Carl, Charlie and Jay Burks and three sisters, Myrtle Knowles, Jane Butler and Coty Ashcraft. When our country entered World War II, "Click" enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in 1942 and reported for duty at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. During the war he participated in numerous key battles of WWII. He saw action at Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, Peleliu, and Okinawa. He received both of his Purple Hearts at Peleliu and his Bronze Star at Okinawa. After the war he returned to Monticello, but his country called and he answered. He re-enlisted in 1950 to serve in the Korean War. He also served two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his 33 year career in the Corps, "Click" served to protect his country all over the world. He faced many hardships and dangers so that we would not have to. He attained the highest enlisted rank of Sergeant Major and was nominated for Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps in 1977. After retirement, Sgt. Maj. Burks was JROTC instructor at Parkview High School in Little Rock where he

had a positive influence on many young people's lives. He served as past post commander and chaplain of the VFW Post 9095 in Little Rock. Survivors include 2 sons, Clifford M. Burks, Jr. of Smithwick, TX and Carl (Debbie) Burks of Cedar Creek, MO; 2 daughters, Julie Foster and Paulette Burks both of Monticello; 2 sisters, Ruby Jeter of Nashville, TN and Guylene Simmons of Lewes, DL; 6 grandchildren, Juddy (Sharon) Burks, Archer Neilson, Gabe (Chassity) Burks, Elizabeth Burchfield, Cody (Michele) Foster, and Jay (Jamie) Foster; and 7 great-grandchildren, Teresa, Kamrynn, Katelyn, Nicholas, Brooklyn, Luke and Jaycie. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, activities he enjoyed all of his 90 years. They say that old soldiers never die, they only fade away, but whether you knew him as Daddy, Pop, PawPaw, Click, Sgt.Maj., S.O.B. or the Warhorse, he will never fade from our hearts and memories. Funeral services will be Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Stephenson-Dearman Chapel. Burial with full military honors will be in Union Ridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to VFW 9095, 1121 Gamble Rd, Little Rock, AR 72211.

**BURNS, George J. Burns Sr.**

(Abstracted from the Forest Leaves (River Forest, IL) April 24, 2002)

George J. Burns Sr., 85, a longtime resident of Oak Park, died April 17 in his home in Clarendon Hills. Mr. Burns Sr. was born Sept. 30, 1916 in Chicago. He was a veteran of the Armed Forces serving in the 103rd General Hospital Unit overseas in charge of transportation. He was a member of Amvets Ted Knusman Post 13 and a member of St. John of the Cross Church in Western Springs. He was an insurance broker for more than 50 years and a member of the Million Dollar Roundtable for insurance sales. Mr. Burns Sr. was the husband of the late Eileen, nee O'Neill; father of Kathleen (J. Stephen) Ramey, Joanne (Gerald) Murray, Tom (Jeanne) Burns, Patricia (Michael) Collins, Mary (Robin) Demouth, George (Marci) Burns and Terrance (Christine) Burns; grandfather of 25; and uncle of many. Visitation was held April 21 in Elliston Funeral Home, Hinsdale. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 22 in St. John of the Cross Church, Western Springs. Interment was in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. Memorials were suggested for Sarah's Inn, P.O. Box 1159, Oak Park, IL 60302.

**BUTCHER, Susan Howlet Butcher**

(Abstracted from several internet sources)

Four-time Iditarod champion Susan Howlet Butcher died Saturday in a Seattle hospital of complications from a recent bone marrow transplant, a hospital spokeswoman said. She was 51. Butcher dominated the 1,100-mile sled dog race from Anchorage to Nome in the late 1980s, bringing increased national attention to the grueling competition. She won the 1986 race to become the second female champion, added victories in 1987, '88 and '90 and finished in the top four through 1993. "What she did is brought this race to an audience that had never been aware of it before simply because of her personality," She also made headlines in 1979 when she helped drive the first sled-dog team to the 20,320-foot summit of Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America. The University of Washington Medical Center said Butcher's family would not comment to the media Saturday night. According to Butcher's Web site, a bone marrow transplant performed May 16 cleared her system of cancer. But she also developed graft-versus-host-disease, in which transplanted cells start attacking her digestive system. She was moved to intensive care Friday because of a fever and a change in the potassium level in her blood. "I am sitting with her now and she is sleeping comfortably," husband David Monson wrote on his blog Friday on [www.susanbutcher.com](http://www.susanbutcher.com). "We expect that if she continues to be stable she can move back into her old room soon. I have learned over the last eight months though to never make predictions. Just focus on what is in front of you right now. It is the most important." Butcher ran her last Iditarod in 1994 when she and Monson decided to have children. They have two daughters, Tekla and Chisana. Three years ago, when she was considering a comeback, doctors found Butcher had polycythemia vera, a rare disease that causes the bone marrow to produce excess blood. Butcher planned to compete in a 300-mile race last winter, but was unable to compete after she was diagnosed with leukemia in early December. "Now my goal is to try and stay alive and fight leukemia," she told The Associated Press. "No questions asked, that's what I am going to do." During her chemo treatments, Butcher daydreamed about land in the White Mountains she and her husband bought last fall. They planned to build a bigger cabin on the land that comes with 300 miles of groomed trails perfect for mushing dogs right out the back door. "I got the cutest, loveliest group of well-

**BYERS, Andrew David Byers**

(Abstracted from <https://www.greenberetfoundation.org/memorial/andrew-d-byers/>)

Major Andrew David Byers was born on September 2nd, 1986. Byers, who was selected as a General Wayne Downing scholar, had an incredibly bright future as a leader in the Special Forces Regiment. Maj. Byers graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in History. After commissioning as an Infantry officer, he served with the 1st Battalion, 381st Infantry Regiment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division where he completed a combat rotation to Iraq as a Rifle Platoon Leader. Maj. Byers joined the 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Family in the summer of 2014 and served as the Executive Officer for Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 10<sup>th</sup> SFG (A) supporting a successful company deployment for training to the Joint Readiness Training Center. After serving as the XO for four months, Maj. Byers was assigned as the Detachment Commander of SFOD-A 0224 in October of 2014. During his tenure as the Detachment Commander, he led the detachment on an austere deployment to Chad. He then led the detachment through a rigorous Pre-Mission Training cycle in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan. SFOD-A 0224 deployed to Afghanistan in June 2016 where Byers trained, advised,



and assisted the Afghan Ktah Khas (KKA) unit. The KKA are a strategic level Afghan unit focused on targeting Taliban leadership, and Maj. Byers conducted 7 Afghan-led, 13 enabled, and 5 partnered operations with the KKA before being killed in action on 03 November 2016 in Kunduz Province. Maj. Byers' military education includes: Modern Army Combatives - Level 1 Certification, Infantry Basic Officers Leader Course, Airborne School, Ranger School, Maneuver Captains Career Course, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape School, Special Forces Qualification Course, Detachment Leaders Course, Military Freefall School, and Static Line Jumpmaster Course. Maj. Byers' awards and decorations include: Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal with one Campaign Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO medal, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Military Free-Fall Parachutist Badge, Parachutist Badge. Maj. Byers is survived by his wife and both of his parents.