

**CAMPBELL, Starr Lee Hailey Campbell**

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MAGNA, UT-Starr Lee Hailey Campbell passed away after a courageous 20 year battle with cancer. Magna's shining Starr was called home, surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her husband, Randy Campbell; children, Alicia (C. J.) Gardner, Stanley Campbell, and Hailey Campbell; 6 grandchildren, James, Jordan, Sarah, Olivia, Kaitlyn, and Brynlee; 2 brothers, Steven Hailey and Keith Hailey; and step mom, Nancy Hailey Jennings. She is preceded in death by her mother, father, grandparents, and many other loved ones. Funeral services will be Saturday, September 27, 2014 at Peel Funeral Home, 8525 W. 2700 S. Interment: Pleasant Green Cemetery. A

**CARPENTER, Karen Carpenter**

(Abstracted from information found on several internet websites)

The pop singer Karen Carpenter, who with her brother Richard sold more than 30 million records as the Carpenters, died Friday of cardiac arrest at Downey Community Hospital in Downey, CA. The 32-year-old singer was found unconscious by her mother, Agnes Carpenter, at her parents' home in Downey, a suburb of Los Angeles, and was taken to the hospital. The Carpenters were a major pop team for the first part of the 1970's, with 17 million-selling albums. Miss Carpenter's contralto was heard on such soft-rock singles as "We've Only Just Begun," "Rainy Days and Mondays," and a remake of "Please Mr. Postman." Their version of Burt Bacharach's "Close to You" won two Grammy awards in 1970, and their album "The Carpenters" won a third Grammy in 1971. That same year, their version of "For All We Know" won the Academy Award for best song. Karen Carpenter was born in New Haven, CT, on March 2, 1950. She and her older brother, Richard, started a pop-jazz trio with a friend in California in 1965, with Richard on keyboards and Karen on drums. The group won a battle of the bands at the Hollywood Bowl and was signed by RCA Records, but the two albums they recorded for the label were never released; they were considered "too soft." The trio subsequently disbanded. In their next group, the Carpenters began to incorporate vocals. Eventually they developed a smooth, densely layered sound built around Miss Carpenter's voice and Richard Carpenter's arrangements, and were signed to A&M Records in 1970. On the first Carpenters recordings, Karen Carpenter played drums, but she eventually gave that up to concentrate on vocals. Through 1975, two or three singles by the Carpenters regularly placed in the pop Top 10 each year, and in 1974 they performed at the Nixon White House. The Carpenters canceled an extensive European tour in 1975 because Miss Carpenter was suffering from nervous and physical exhaustion; she was bedridden for six weeks. They continued to record through the 1970's, but were less successful commercially. Their last album, "Made in America," was recorded in 1981, and met with only moderate success. According to Paul Bloch, a spokesman for the Carpenters, the brother and sister were planning to tour and record a new album this year. In 1980 Miss Carpenter married a real-estate developer, Thomas J. Burriss of Newport Beach, CA. Mr. Bloch said the couple were getting a divorce. He also said Miss Carpenter had suffered from anorexia during 1981 and 1982, but had recovered. "She looked great," Mr. Bloch said. "She was anxious to record her new album, and she was in good spirits." In addition to her mother and brother, Miss Carpenter is survived by her father, Harold, also of Downey.

**CARSON, Johnnie Carson**

(Abstracted from the Akron Beacon Journal January 24, 2005)

Johnny Carson, the quick-witted Tonight Show host who became a national institution putting his viewers to bed for 30 years with a smooth nightcap of celebrity banter and heartland charm, died Sunday. He was 79. Carson died early Sunday morning, said his nephew, Jeff Sotzing. "He was surrounded by his family, whose loss will be immeasurable," Sotzing told the Associated Press. Sotzing also said there will be no memorial service. He did not provide further details, but NBC said Carson died of emphysema -- a respiratory disease that can be attributed to smoking -- at his Malibu home. Carson often had a cigarette in hand in the early years of Tonight, eventually dropping the on-air habit when smoking on TV became frowned on. The boyish-looking Nebraskan with the disarming grin, who survived every attempt to topple him from his late-night talk show throne, was a star who managed never to distance himself from his audience. Carson made his debut as Tonight host in October 1962. His quickness and his ability to handle an audience were impressive. When his jokes missed their target, the smooth Carson won over a groaning studio audience with a clever look or sly, self-deprecating remark. Born in Corning, Iowa, and raised in nearby Norfolk, Neb., Carson started his show business career at age 14 as a magician. After World War II service in the Navy, he took a series of jobs in local radio and TV in Nebraska before starting at KNXT-TV in Los Angeles in 1950. There he started a sketch comedy show, Carson's Cellar, which ran 1951-53 and attracted attention from Hollywood. A staff writing job for The Red Skelton Show followed. The program provided Carson with a lucky break: When Skelton was injured backstage, Carson took the comedian's place in front of the cameras. In 1958, Carson sat in for Tonight Show host Jack Paar. When Paar left the show four years later, Carson was NBC's choice as his replacement. Carson's personal life could not match the perfection of his career. He was married four times, divorced three. In 1991, one of his three sons, 39-year-old Ricky, was killed in a car accident. In retirement, Carson and his wife, Alexis, traveled frequently. The pair met on the Malibu beach and married in 1987 when he was 61 and she was in her 30s. Carson's first wife was his childhood sweetheart, Joan "Jody" Buckley, the mother of

his three sons. Other survivors include his two sons, Christopher and Cory. He also married and divorced Joanne Copeland Carson and Joanna Holland Carson.

### **CASSIDY, Duane H. Cassidy**

(Abstracted from the Airlift/Tanker Association website)

The Airlift/Tanker Association salutes the enduring legacy and life-long contributions of General Duane H. Cassidy, USAF (Retired), who took his final flight into the wild blue yonder from Chapel Hill, NC on February 8th 2016 at the age of 82. A genuine American patriot, great champion of Air Mobility and gracious senior statesman, General Cassidy led the Airlift/Tanker Association as its Chairman of the Board of Officers from 1999-2003 and was inducted into the Airlift/Tanker Hall of Fame in 2006. "America has lost a great patriot, hero, officer and statesman. General Cassidy's warm smile, engaging personality and outstanding leadership by example lifted us all to greater heights. A long-standing member and leader in A/TA, he will be greatly missed by everyone in the air mobility community." Born in Coraopolis, PA in 1933, General Cassidy served his country for more than 35 years in the United States Air Force. Upon completion of aviation cadet training in 1954, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and continued on to navigator training. His initial operational assignments in the Air Force were flying B-25s and C-121s with the Air Weather Service, Air Rescue Service and Military Air Transport Service. He then entered pilot training in December 1958, after which he flew B-47 bombers for Strategic Air Command and served with the 810th Strategic Aerospace Division, whose mission included B-52 bomber and Minuteman missile operations. In 1968, he was assigned to the Republic of Vietnam, serving first with 7th Air Force before being transferred to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam Directorate of Public Affairs as an air briefer to the Saigon press corps. In 1969, General Cassidy began serving in various roles in Military Airlift Command (MAC), including executive officer to the deputy chief of staff for operations at MAC headquarters, and later as executive aide and pilot for the MAC Commander. In 1972 he assumed command of the 8th Military Airlift Squadron at McChord Air Force Base, Washington. He entered Air War College in August 1974 and then returned to MAC headquarters as the assistant chief of staff. In 1976, General Cassidy was assigned first as vice commander, then commander, of the 63rd Military Airlift Wing at Norton Air Force Base, California. He then returned to MAC headquarters, where he served as deputy chief of staff for operations. The General commanded the 21st Air Force at McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey from 1983-84, then transferred to U.S. Air Force headquarters at the Pentagon in Washington, DC, where he served as deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel. At the culmination of a distinguished military career, General Cassidy served as both Commander in Chief of the Air Force's Military Airlift Command from 1985-89 and the first Commander in Chief of United States Transportation Command from 1987-89. A command pilot and senior navigator with more than 8,000 flying hours in air mobility and bomber aircraft, his military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Air Medal. He also wore the Parachutist Badge. A loving father and husband, General Cassidy is survived by his wife Rosalie, daughters Diane and Susan, sons Mike and Patrick, plus their families, including eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Funeral services will be held on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery, with details released when available.

### **CATHY, S. Truett Cathy**

(Abstracted from the Chick-fil-A website, September 8, 2014)

Truett Cathy, Chick-fil-A Founder and Chairman Emeritus, dies at age 93. His restaurant Chain remained privately held, and was closed on Sunday.

ATLANTA, Sept. 8, 2014 - In a message sent to employees today, Chick-fil-A® announced that its founder and chairman emeritus, S. Truett Cathy, died Monday at the age of 93. He died peacefully at home, surrounded by loved ones. Born March 14, 1921, in Eatonton, GA, Cathy was four years old when his family moved to Atlanta, where he attended Boys High, now known as Grady High School. In 1946, Cathy relied on a keen business sense, a strong work ethic and a deep Christian faith to build a tiny diner in the Atlanta suburb of Hapeville, GA. He developed it into Chick-fil-A, which today has the highest same-store sales and is the nation's largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain based on annual system-wide sales. It was at the original restaurant that Cathy created the sandwich that became the company's signature item. Credited with creating the original Chick-fil-A Chicken Sandwich and pioneering in-mall fast food, Cathy built one of the nation's largest family-owned companies, as Chick-fil-A reached \$5 billion in annual sales in 2013. Currently, there are more than 1,800 Chick-fil-A restaurants operating in 40 states and Washington, DC. Remarkably, Cathy led Chick-fil-A on an unparalleled record of 47 consecutive years of annual sales increases. Cathy's oldest son, Dan, became president of Chick-fil-A in 2001, and chairman and chief executive officer in 2013, while Truett Cathy continued in the role of chairman emeritus until his death. Cathy was a devout Southern Baptist who taught Sunday school to 13-year-old boys for more than 50 years. As an extension of the founder's faith and the clearest example of incorporating biblical principles into the workplace, all Chick-fil-A restaurants—without exception—operate with a "Closed-on-Sunday" policy. Rare within the food service industry, this policy allows employees a day for family, worship, fellowship or rest, and also underscores Cathy's desire to put principles and people ahead of profits. Chick-fil-A will remain privately held and closed on Sundays. Cathy was often quoted as saying: "I'd like to be remembered as one who kept my

*priorities in the right order. We live in a changing world, but we need to be reminded that the important things have not changed. I have always encouraged my restaurant operators and team members to give back to the local community. We should be about more than just selling chicken; we should be a part of our customers' lives and the communities in which we serve."*

Cathy's business approach was largely driven by personal satisfaction and a sense of obligation to the community and its young people. His WinShape Foundation, founded in 1984, grew from his desire to "shape winners" by helping young people succeed in life through scholarships and other youth-support programs. In addition, through its Leadership Scholarship Program, the Chick-fil-A chain has given more than \$32 million in financial assistance to Chick-fil-A restaurant employees since 1973. As part of Cathy's WinShape Homes® program, 13 foster care homes were launched and operated by Cathy and the WinShape Foundation to provide long-term care for foster children within a positive family environment. WinShape Homes has provided a safe and secure home to more than 450 children in which they could grow physically, spiritually and emotionally. WinShape Camps® was founded in 1985 as a residential, two-week summer camp to impact young people through experiences that enhance their Christian faith, character and relationships. Each summer, more than 18,000 campers attend WinShape Camps. In 2003, Cathy helped his son and daughter-in-law, Bubba and Cindy, celebrate the opening of WinShape RetreatSM, a high-end retreat and conference facility located on the campus of Berry College in Rome, GA. The multi-use facility hosts marriage-enrichment retreats along with business and church related conferences, and in summer months houses WinShape Camp for girls, directed by Cathy's daughter, Trudy Cathy White. Cathy received countless awards over the years, including most recently becoming a Georgia Trustees Inductee (2013); Fayette County (Georgia) Chamber of Commerce Dreambuilder Award (2012); Children's Champion Hunger Award (2011); World Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award (2010); Salute to Greatness Martin Luther King Jr. Award (2009); William E. Simon Prize for Philanthropic Leadership (2008); Paul M. Kuck Legacy Award (2008); President's Call to Service Award (2008); the Cecil B. Day Ethics Award (2008); The Tom Landry Excellence of Character Award (2007); Greater Dallas FCA Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Poultry & Food Distributors Association (2005); Norman Vincent & Ruth Stafford Peale Humanitarian Award (2003); Catalyst Lifetime Achievement Award from Injoy/John Maxwell (2003); Georgia Sports Hall of Fame - Chairman's Award (2003); Ernst & Young - Entrepreneur of the Year - Lifetime Achievement Award (2000); and Horatio Alger Award - Horatio Alger Association, Washington, DC (1989). Cathy was the author of *It's Easier to Succeed Than to Fail* (Thomas Nelson Publishing, 1989); *Eat Mor Chikin: Inspire More People* (Looking Glass Books, 2002); *It's Better to Build Boys Than Mend Men* (Looking Glass Books, 2004); *How Did You Do It, Truett?* (Looking Glass Books, 2007); and *Wealth, Is It Worth It?* (Looking Glass Books, 2011). He also was co-author of *The Generosity Factor* with Ken Blanchard (Zondervan Publishing, 2002). In addition to presiding over one of the most successful restaurant chains in America, Cathy was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jeannette McNeil Cathy; 2 sons Dan T. and Don "Bubba" Cathy; 1 daughter Trudy Cathy White; 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

#### **CHERRY, Fred Vann Cherry Sr.**

(Abstracted from the Tech & Military website)

A Suffolk, VA native who was held prisoner of war in Vietnam for more than seven years died Feb. 16, 2016. U.S. Air Force Col. Fred Vann Cherry was 87 years old and living in Maryland. His son, Fred Cherry Jr., said his father viewed the time in captivity as part of what he had signed up for. "He knew what to expect," Cherry said. "To dad, those seven and a half years was his duty." Cherry was the first and highest-ranking black officer to become a prisoner in Vietnam. He was shot down Oct. 22, 1965, at the age of 37. His wife and five children were living in Japan at the time. In a talk given at the U.S. Naval War College in 2012, the elder Cherry candidly discussed all aspects of his imprisonment. He took off from Thailand about 10 a.m. that day to target a missile installation, Cherry told the audience. He flew about 600 miles an hour for 32 minutes and was hit by ground fire just prior to arriving at his target. He was so close to the ground he could see the Vietnamese firing on him, he said. "I saw them start to shoot," he said. "The muzzle flashes got my attention. I felt my aircraft take a very definite hit." Cherry kept flying briefly, attempting to gain control of the aircraft. However, he had to eject when it exploded. As he was falling, people on the ground continued to shoot at him. "They missed. That was the important thing," he said during the 2012 speech, prompting laughter. His parachute opened just 200 feet from the ground. The impact broke his left shoulder, left ankle and left wrist. Field workers took his weapons and imprisoned him. He eventually arrived at "The Zoo," a prisoner-of-war camp. "We were severely punished as new arrivals," Cherry said during the 2012 speech. Prisoners were beaten, made to kneel on rocks and other sharp objects, subjected to solitary confinement and more, according to the Naval War College talk. Cherry's injuries from his fall were not treated until another prisoner of war, Lt. j.g. Porter Halyburton, was confined with him. Halyburton, who spoke alongside Cherry in the 2012 presentation, said he pushed the Vietnamese to get treatment for Cherry by telling them he would die if he wasn't treated. "I knew they didn't want that, because we were valuable property," Halyburton said in 2012. The surgery on Cherry's shoulder was botched and left him with more open wounds, which the Vietnamese again did not treat appropriately. Cherry remained unable to lift his left arm above his head for the rest of his life. "Fred never complained about anything, in spite of this incredible pain and discomfort he went through," Halyburton said in 2012. The friendship between the two men -- whom the Vietnamese put together mistakenly thinking that racial tension would break them -- became the subject of a book, "Two Souls Indivisible: The Friendship that Saved Two POWs in Vietnam," by James S. Hirsch. Meanwhile, Cherry's family was worried about him. "We knew he was shot down," the younger Cherry said Wednesday. "It took months before they

could confirm he was alive and being held captive." Communication between Cherry and his family was scarce, but a few letters did manage to get through. So Cherry knew, by the time he got out of imprisonment, that two of his sons had signed on to serve -- one in the Navy and one in the Army. The third son also later enlisted. The younger Cherry was stationed in Germany when he learned, through a list of POWs being released published in the Air Force Times, that his father was being freed on Feb. 12, 1973. "I said, 'Man, you have to send me home,'" the younger Cherry recalled telling his supervisor. "About an hour later, they had packed all my stuff up, and they had a Jeep and my airplane tickets." Cherry arrived at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland just before his father's plane touched down. He was surprised to find that he was now the same height as his father. "As a kid, your dad is big, bigger than life," he said. "He gets off the plane and he's my height." He and his brother, who greeted their father in uniform, soon found that the fact they were outranked by their father was not lost on him. "He was telling us where to walk," Cherry said. "He was still an officer, and we were peons." Cherry would go on to retire on Sept. 1, 1981, after attending the National War College and being assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency and having served more than 30 years in the Air Force. He started his own engineering company. "I've never, ever, ever heard any ill will against my father," Cherry said. "Everybody that met him adored him, respected him and loved him." Cherry's awards and decorations include two Purple Hearts, the Silver Star, the Air Force Cross, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars with Combat V, the Prisoner of War Medal and more. A scholarship in his name is given annually by the Suffolk Foundation.

### **CLEARY, Edward V. Cleary**

(Abstracted from information for Elizabeth Anne Goodhind-Banas one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

Edward V. Cleary born in Massachusetts on June 6, 1935, passed away on July 22, 2014 in Lorton VA. He is survived by his loving wife Carol Cleary, his children: Carolyn Luke, Maureen Cleary, Donald Cleary, James Cleary, and Joseph Cleary; and his step-children: Carol-Ann Lingenfelder, Pamela Layton, and Joseph T. Freeman. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Mountcastle Turch Funeral Home 13318 Occoquan Rd, Woodbridge, VA on July 26, 2014.

### **CLOUSER, Sunny Lou Clouser**

(Abstracted from information received from Lana Kiser, one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Sunny Lou Clouser of Madisonville, TX, died tragically on January 8th, 2015 at the age of 70. Sunny is survived by her mother, Laura Phillips; her husband, Marshall Clouser; her children, Eddie and Kat; her son-in-law, Travis Hunt; her sister, Raedean Woodyard and her children, Courtnie Mercer and Josh Woodyard; and her brother, Edward Phillips and his children, Shanna Rixon and Ross Phillips. Sunny dedicated her life to her family, and there were no limitations to the efforts she made to provide her children a fulfilling childhood and adulthood. She found the most joy in bringing happiness to those around her, and her kind heart extended to any animal in need she came across. A biography written by Sunny herself was discovered by her family shortly after her death, which captures her life as she saw it. In honor of her, her family has chosen to publish this document in place of a traditional obituary:

I was born in Del Rio, Texas, slightly less than two hours before midnight, on the last day of the year 1944. I guess that I started out "a day late and a dollar short" (old West Texas expression), since the first baby of 1945 received a large number of very nice gifts and a photo in the paper. Other than a tax deduction for my parents, the arrival of the last baby of 1944 didn't cause much of an impact on the community. Nothing has ever come easy for me, but somewhere in my mixed-up ancestry (English, Irish, German, Dutch, and even a little Cherokee Indian), there is a hard-headed gene, and some would say I got more than my share. I have always been opinionated and determined (my family usually referred to it as stubborn), and I have always worked hard to achieve my goals. After my parents divorced, I was raised by my maternal grandmother (Laura "Mimy" Burk), who inherited more than her share of that particular gene as well. I can say that her job was pretty easy for a while, because I was a very quiet, shy, and compliant child. Around the second grade, that changed dramatically, as my own independence began to emerge. I truly believe that much of my new-found self-esteem and confidence resulted from the discovery that I could sing, and others enjoyed hearing me. For the first time in my life, I felt truly good about myself. That is why I am so passionate about providing opportunities for others, especially children and youth, to be involved in cultural arts activities. In my opinion, nothing fosters self-esteem like receiving praise for accomplishments and being proud of what you have created. Whether art is expressed through music, dancing, singing, writing, painting, photography, or any other area, it is a positive experience, and possibly for others, like me; life changing. I attended Del Rio schools through the seventh grade and then moved to El Paso to live with my mother, step-father, brother Ed (4½ years younger) and sister Raedean (12 years younger). I attended Bel Air High School, in the Ysleta District. It was in its second year, so most of the students were new to each other, and that made the transition easier. I graduated second in a class of approximately 350. My college route took a lots of bends and twists, beginning at the University of Houston at night school in 1965 while working during the day, and finally ending with my graduating Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Teaching from Sam Houston State University in 1971. Since arriving in Madisonville as a young bride in 1967, I have been active in many church and community service activities. I served as president of the Madison County Hospital Auxiliary, the Alpha Mu Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Madisonville PTO, Madison County Arts Council, Madisonville Community Theatre, Madisonville Downtown Area Merchants Association, and most recently, the 2011 and

2012 Texas Mushroom Festivals. I revived the tee-ball and soccer programs when my children were younger and ran both while my children were playing. I was active in youth baseball as a sponsor and "team mom." I served as coordinator for girls' softball for several years. I served on the Madison County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for several years, and am honored to have been selected as Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year." Along with a wonderful and dedicated organizing group, I am pleased and gratified to say that I was instrumental in the founding of the Madison County Arts Council and the development of its most ambitious project, the Madisonville Community Theatre. I have always been an over-achiever, working twice as hard as those far more gifted in various areas, to achieve the same or even better results, because I was well, hard-headed. I am extremely competitive, love challenges, and will work to exhaustion to complete a project. I am a true perfectionist, and I know that I drive others crazy with my concerns about minor details. It is hard for me to delegate responsibility, and extremely hard to allow others be the "Chief." I am discovering, in my more mature years, however, that I can let others be in charge, and that sometimes it is okay to just follow directions, rather than to give them. Whether I have truly wised up or am just "worn out", I consider this a positive sign. I am passionate about many things: my family, my faith, my community, my pets, and of course, everything artistic. I love performing and enjoy and appreciate the performances of others. I am artistically challenged in the visual arts area, and yes, I confess to being envious. I love to write, especially really stupid poetry that has to rhyme. I love to write stories and articles, and I am a voracious reader, particularly legal thrillers, detective stories, murder mysteries, etc., probably because they do not require a lot of thought and little emotional involvement, and they help my brain take a short vacation. I have shared my life and my home with animals all of my life. I cannot imagine how anyone could abuse or neglect them. Although right now, we have far too many "inside" cats due to health issues which prevent them from going outside, we love and enjoy them. Thankfully, my husband loves animals too, and we have rescued countless dogs and cats over the years and provided medical and emotional support. My adult children have also adopted and rescued several animals, so I guess it has been passed on to them. A memorial service will be Wednesday, January 14 at the First United Methodist Church in Madisonville.

#### **COCHRANE, Louise Odell Blanks Cochrane**

(Abstracted from information from various internet sources)

COCHRANE, Louise Odell Blanks, age 99, passed away December 10, 2015. She was born at Long Branch Plantation, Halifax County, Virginia, the youngest of 14 children to Francis Elizabeth Carr and William Jefferson Blanks. Mrs. Cochrane is survived by her husband of 81 years, James Harwood Cochrane. Their marriage stood as the 10th longest surviving marriage in the world by Wikipedia. Louise was the mother of four children, Judith Carr Cochrane Gilman-Hines (Spencer Hines), Suzanne Hope Cochrane Austell Martin (deceased), Treena Louise Cochrane (died in infancy) and James Harwood Cochrane Jr. She was "Lulu" to eight grandchildren, Emily Louise "Amy" Gilman Remke (Chris), Wilba Pettus Gilman Jr. (Kathy), James Christopher Gilman (Renee), Anne Gail Jennings (Gary), Suzanne Lucretia Austell, Elizabeth Hendren McKenney (deceased), Jennifer Giles Austell, Anna Dozal Hogan (Arthur); and 15 great-grandchildren. A faithful member of Tabernacle Baptist Church since 1934, she was baptized and married by Dr. Aubrey Williams. Mrs. Cochrane taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and served in the Woman's Missionary Union. She was an active member in various organizations including the Tuckahoe Woman's Club (President 1978 to 1980), The Woman's Club, Rockville Woman's Club, Richmond Artists Association, Rappahannock Art League and a founding member of the Tuckahoe Artists Association. Gifted in the creative arts, she was a painter, seamstress, needlewoman and rosarian. As her centennial birthday approached, she had prepared a one-woman art show for The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts for her January 30, 2016 celebration. Mrs. Cochrane acted as a member of The Council and a VMFA Board Member. Her charitable donations are far reaching but she was most notably connected with Tabernacle Baptist Church, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden's Rose Belvidere. She was a patroness to the Richmond Symphony and Virginia Opera and often included them in her milestone celebrations. When the Cochranes planned their Hanover County home, Walnut Hill, in Rockville, they painstakingly salvaged the interior woodwork from her birthplace after it had been destroyed by a hurricane. The Cochranes lived at Walnut Hill for 51 years before moving to Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. Funeral arrangements by Dignity Memorial- Woody Funeral Home-Parham, 1771 N. Parham Rd. A celebration of her amazing life will be held at Tabernacle Baptist Church on Monday. A private interment at Westhampton Memorial Park will follow. Memorial gifts may be made to Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1925 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23220 or the charity of your choosing.

#### **COFFEY, Charles Edward Coffey**

(Abstracted from information from various internet sources)

Charles Edward Coffey, age 81, of Shelbyville, went home to be with the Lord on August 24, 2015 at his home. Services will be held Saturday, August 29th at the First Christian Church of Shelbyville, TN. Charlie was born on June 28, 1934 in Bedford County to Gladys Victory and Dewey Coffey. Charlie was the fifth of 10 children. Charlie served in the Army, and was both a successful college football coach and businessman, as well as loving father and husband to 4 children. He last served as head football coach at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA and founder and owner of Nationwide Express Trucking Company before retiring. He was a proud grandfather of 10, and great-grandfather of one. Charlie had been a member of First Christian Church since he was 7 years old and a follower of Christ for as many years. Coffey was preceded in death by his parents and several of his siblings. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Mai Coffey, and his 2 daughters and 2 sons: Suzanne Mielke and Cindi

(Rush) Johnson both of Charlotte, NC, Mike (Christy) Coffey and David (Tanya) Coffey both of Shelbyville, TN. Survivors also include his treasured 10 grandchildren, Matthew Mielke of Charlotte, Meredith (Chas) Crenshaw of Greenville, SC, Charlie Coffey of Shelbyville, TN, Hunter Johnson of Daytona Beach, FL, Emily (Alan) Feldbruegge, Peter Johnson of Charlotte, NC, Katherine Coffey of Nashville, Parker Johnson of Knoxville, TN, Allie Coffey of Shelbyville and Mary Elizabeth Johnson of Charlotte, NC. Charlie has one great-grandchild, Levi Crenshaw of Greenville, SC. Brothers and sisters: Preceded in death by Marie Coffey and husband Robert King; Preceded in death by Ray Coffey, survived by wife Evelyn; Survived by Dot Coffey whose husband Quincy Dooley is deceased; Survived by Shirley Coffey whose husband Frank Davis is deceased; Survived by Betty Coffey whose husband Haywood Russell is deceased; Survived by Peggy Coffey and husband Herbie Gibson; Survived by Evelyn Coffey Methvin. Funeral services will be Friday, August 28th at the First Christian Church. Charlie died as he had lived, fighting. He was a good man and he made a difference. Memorials can be given to the First Christian Church of Shelbyville, TN, or the Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, TN.

#### **CONRAD, Constance Conrad**

(Abstracted from information sent to Elmer by Kurt Witcher)

Constance "Connie" Conrad, 66, of Evansville, IN passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at St. Mary's Medical Center. She was born September 1, 1949, in Evansville, to the late Charles and Madeline (Kratz) Willman. She was the current president of Tri-State Genealogical Society and had served on the board of the Indiana State Historical Society. She was a past 4-H Leader for ten years and was a member of Melody Hill Free Methodist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Connie is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ervin R. Conrad; daughter, Chrystal (Tim) Nation; grandsons, Carter and Nathan Nation; brothers, Fred (Barb) and Melvin (Mary) Willman; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be Saturday, December 5, 2015, at Alexander East Chapel, with burial in Park Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Willard Library.

#### **COOPER, Besse Cooper**

(Abstracted from a story by Associated Press December 4, 2010)

MONROE, Georgia (AP) — The woman who was listed as the world's oldest person died Tuesday in a Georgia nursing home at age 116. Besse Cooper died peacefully Tuesday afternoon in Monroe, according to her son Sidney Cooper. Monroe is about 45 miles east of Atlanta. Cooper said his mother had been ill recently with a stomach virus, then felt better on Monday. On Tuesday he said she had her hair set and watched a Christmas video, but later had trouble breathing. She was put on oxygen in her room and died there about 2 p.m., Cooper said. "With her hair fixed it looked like she was ready to go," he said. Besse Cooper was declared the world's oldest person in January 2011. In May 2011, Guinness World Records learned that Maria Gomes Valentin of Brazil was 48 days older. Valentin died the next month. "It's a sad day for me," said Robert Young, Guinness senior consultant for gerontology. He recalls meeting Cooper when she was 111 and took note of her mental agility. "At that age she was doing really well, she was able to read books," Young said. Last year on Cooper's 115th birthday, she celebrated with friends and relatives, enjoyed two small slivers of birthday cake and was serenaded by a musician from Nashville who sang "Tennessee Waltz." Sidney Cooper said his family will likely hold a funeral for his mother later this week. Besse Cooper was the first Georgian to hold the world record. She was born in Tennessee and moved to Georgia during World War I to look for work as a teacher. The title of world's oldest person now belongs to 115-year-old Dina Manfredini, of Johnston, IA, Young said. The oldest known person of all time was Jeanne Calment, a French woman who lived to be 122 years old and died in 1997.

#### **CORBITT, Weldon P. Corbitt, Jr.**

(Abstracted from the St. Petersburg (FL) Times March 7, 2006)

Weldon P. Corbitt Jr., 84, of Lutz, died Thursday (March 2, 2006). After serving more than 26 years in the U.S. Army, he retired as a master sergeant. A musician, he served as the director of the U.S. Army Field Band. During that time, he played for the funerals of both Gen. Douglas MacArthur and President Dwight Eisenhower. He is survived by his wife, Doris O. Corbitt of Lutz; two sons, Weldon P. Corbitt III, Sebring, and the Rev. Merrill Corbitt, Illinois; a daughter, Tracy Jane Corbitt, Wakulla Springs; three stepsons; three grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. Garden of Memories Funeral Home, Tampa.

#### **COTTRELL, Thomas W. Cottrell Jr.**

(Abstracted from the Brucker-Kishler Funeral Home website)

Officer Thomas W. (Tommy) Cottrell Jr., age 34, was shot and killed on January 17, 2016 in Danville, Ohio in the line of duty. He was born August 22, 1981 in Newark, OH. He was a 2000 graduate of Newark High School and received his degree in Criminal Justice from COTC in 2002. After graduation Tommy began his career in law enforcement. Tommy is survived by life partner Tanya Rayburn; loving mother Melissa Osborn of Ohio; daughters Courtney, Brooklyn and Alycia Cottrell; step sons Cody and Trevor Elliott; sister Nicole (Donald) Kohlmier of GA and nephew Luca; and maternal grandmother Linda Thwaits. Tommy was preceded in death by his grandfather Thomas Thwaits. Funeral services for Officer Cottrell will be held on the campus of OSU/COTC - Adena Hall, Newark on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Interment will follow at Wilson Cemetery. Brucker-Kishler

Funeral Home, 985 N 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Newark is handling the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in the name of Tom Cottrell Jr. for a COTC Scholarship Fund for those involved in law enforcement is being established C/O First Knox Bank.

**CREWS, Willie Eugene Crews**

(Abstracted from information received from Jason Crews, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

Willie Eugene Crews, 48, of Paris, TX went to be his with his Savior on Friday, February 7, 2014 in Paris Regional Medical Center. Willie was born on October 19, 1965 in Paris a son of Willie Dee and Nina Mae Posey Crews. He graduated from Paris High School and attended First Baptist Church. Willie loved camping, bluegrass music and was an avid football fan always cheering for the Dallas Cowboys. He was asked if he watched the super bowl this year. His answer was no the Cowboys were not playing in the bowl. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers and 5 sisters. Willie is survived by 1 sister Pat (Jerry) Thompson of Paris; brothers Mike (Patty) Crews of Maxey, J. D. (Shirley) Crews of Paris, and Ralph (Julie) Crews of Powderly; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services will be Monday, February 10, 2014 in the chapel of Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Springhill Cemetery.

**CROW, Joseph Medicine Crow**

(Abstracted from the website: <http://www.legacy.com/news/celebrity-deaths/notable-deaths/article/joseph-medicine-crow-1913-2016?preview=7276866>)

Joseph Medicine Crow, the respected historian of Montana's Crow tribe, died Sunday in Billings, Montana, according to multiple news sources, including The Associated Press. He was 102. No cause of death was immediately available. Medicine Crow's writings on Native American history and reservation culture were widely acclaimed. But the last surviving war chief of his tribe was known best for his writings and lectures on the Battle of the Little Bighorn. On Aug. 12, 2009, Medicine Crow received the Presidential Medal of Freedom - the highest U.S. civilian honor - from the President of the United States in a ceremony at the White House. In 2001, during a June 24 dedication of a "Peace Memorial" in Garryowen, Montana, near the site where the Battle of the Little Bighorn began, the tribal historian spoke of unity. Joined by other Native Americans and assorted guests at the ceremony, he urged reconciliation and unity among all races of people. Medicine Crow was born Oct. 27, 1913, near Lodge Grass, Montana. He received a bachelor's degree from Linfield College in 1938. The following year, he received a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Southern California. A U.S. Army veteran, Medicine Crow served from 1943 to 1946. He was a recipient of a Bronze Star, as well as the Legion d'honneur. He authored several books, including "Crow Migration Story," "Medicine Crow," "From the Heart of Crow Country," and a handbook of Crow tribe laws and treaties.