

**DAILEY, Patrick Dailey**

(Abstracted from information found on the Bel Air Patch, Maryland website)

Senior Deputy Patrick 'Pat' Dailey was shot and killed in the line of duty while serving in Harford County. Patrick Dailey was one of [two deputies](#) in Harford County [killed in the line of duty](#) on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The 52-year-old, who worked in the court services division of the Harford County Sheriff's Office, was remembered as a hero. He was a former Marine and 30-year veteran of the sheriff's office, where he was instrumental in developing the Harford County Deputy Sheriff's Union in 1989, according to a statement from the union. He was also a life member of the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company. "Pat dedicated his life to protecting his community," the Joppa-Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company (JMVFC) said in a statement. Dailey joined JMVFC when he was 16 years old and his service to the fire company spanned 37 years, with positions including chair of the bylaws committee and nine years as a member of the board of directors. He is survived by two sons—17-year-old Tyler and 20-year-old Bryan—who have also joined the fire service. Additionally, Dailey is survived by his mother.

**DEL MONTE, William A. Del Monte**

(Abstracted from information sent to Elmer by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak)

The last survivor of the devastating San Francisco earthquake and fire of 1906 has died. William A. "Bill" Del Monte died Monday at a retirement home in Marin County. He was 11 days shy of his 110th birthday. His niece, Janette Barroca of San Francisco, confirmed his death of natural causes. He'd been doing "great for 109 years old," Barroca said. Del Monte was 3 months old when the quake struck — forcing his family into the streets to escape in a horse-drawn buckboard with fire burning on both sides. The family crossed the bay to Alameda County and returned to San Francisco after their home was rebuilt, Barroca said. His father had opened the famous Fior d'Italia on Broadway in 1886, which was destroyed in the quake but reopened in a tent not long after. Del Monte attended San Francisco schools and after graduation worked briefly for his father at the North Beach restaurant. In his teens he was interested in playing the stock market — and he was good at it. By 1929, when he was 23, he was worth \$1 million, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. He lost the money, but around the same time he gained a wife: Del Monte and Vera Minetti eloped to Reno in 1925 and were married for more than 55 years before she died in 1991. They never had children. Though his true passion was playing the stocks, he also ran a San Francisco Bay Area theater for years. Del Monte's death leaves a void in the city's history. At 113, Ruth Newman was the oldest remaining survivor of the earthquake before her death last summer. Four years old when the quake struck in the early morning of April 18, 1906, she never attended the city's annual quake commemorations. But Del Monte did over the years. In 2010, he was the only survivor who made it to Lotta's Fountain downtown, riding in the back of the city's big black 1930 Lincoln convertible. More than 1,000 people were killed in the earthquake and fire. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the quake's magnitude has ranged from 7.7 to 8.3. "The common thread I would draw with all of these survivors is they had a unique, dry, wry sense of humor as anyone would have at being so rudely tossed out of bed at 5:11 in the morning," said commemoration organizer Lee Houskeeper. "But none could compare to Bill. "He had absolutely the sharpest mind of anybody I've ever known. A sharp mind, a sharp sense of humor and he was a complete flirt. My guess is there are a lot of heartbroken nurses out there today."

**DERMYER, Chad Phillip Dermeyer**

(Abstracted from the website <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/jackson/obituary.aspx?n=chad-dermyer&pid=179496014&fhid=13740>)

Virginia State Trooper Chad Phillip Dermeyer, age 37, died March 31, 2016. Chad was a native of Jackson, MI. He graduated from the Virginia State Police Academy in 2014. Prior to that time he served as a Policeman for the City of Newport News and the Jackson Michigan Police Department. He had served with the U S Marines as a Machine Gunner. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, son and brother who has left us too soon, but his memory will live forever in our hearts. Chad is survived by his wife, Michelle Dermeyer; 1 daughter, Page Dermeyer; 1 son, Phillip Dermeyer; his mother, Anne L. (Scott) Barnett; his father, John (Chris) Dermeyer; 1 brother, John (Jen) Dermeyer, Jr.; 1 sister, Lauree Dermeyer; his mother-in-law, Katie M. Johnson; father-in-law, Tom Johnson; maternal grandmother, Dolores Field; maternal grandfather, Irving Osborne; paternal grandmother, Virginia Hoffman; nieces, Lily and Amiyah; and nephew, Nicholas; along with a host of other relatives. The funeral service will be Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Liberty Baptist Church, 1021 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, VA 23666. Private interment with military honors will be in Rosewell Memorial Garden Cemetery, Gloucester Point. In memory of Trooper Dermeyer please consider contributions to the Virginia State Police Association Emergency Relief Fund, 6944 Forest Hill Road, Richmond, VA 23225. (Check must note Trooper Dermeyer). Arrangements by Hogg Funeral Home and Crematory, Gloucester Point.

**DEVORE, Helen DeVore**

(Abstracted from information sent to Elmer by Randy Seaver, one of her relatives and one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Helen DeVore, 09/22/1921 ~ 09/09/2014 Chula Vista, CA -- Surrounded by family, Helen DeVore passed peacefully after 92 years of life. She will always be remembered for her soft spoken kindness and absolute devotion to her family. She was born in Santiago, Chile where her father, Charles Huffer, was an astronomer and her mother, Ruth, a missionary. Soon after her birth they moved to Madison, Wisconsin and her father taught astronomy for the university. Her mother died soon after their return

to the states and two years later her father married Elizabeth Hart, who was a wonderful mother to Helen. She graduated from Madison West High School and attended the University of Wisconsin. She received her elementary teaching credential in 1944. The following year, Helen was recruited to teach in California. She boarded a train with her best friend visiting sites along the way and ended up in Ontario, California where she taught kindergarten. That fall the school custodian introduced her to Chester DeVore, who had just returned home from the war. They were married in December 1946 and celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary before his death in 2011. It was in 1947 when Chet's own career in education began and they moved to Chula Vista, CA. Helen devoted her life to raising their four children. She was a model of traditional family values and the quintessential homemaker. She was involved with her children's education from practicing spelling words and volunteering with scouts to being in the PTA. She served as Cook School's PTA President in 1966. She chaired the Faculty Wives Club at Southwestern College where Chet served as President/Superintendent. She was also a Charter member of the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church where she served faithfully since 1956 as a Sunday school teacher, Deacon and Elder. Helen was ahead of her time with her nutritional homemade meals, fresh vegetables, and meatless Mondays always ready to be served at 5:30. She baked bread weekly and her roll recipe is still a family holiday favorite. She read cookbooks like novels, grew sprouts and made yogurt in her spotless kitchen, and always had home baked cookies in her freezer. She also was an accomplished knitter making sweaters and afghans with intricate patterns, got great enjoyment from playing the piano from church hymns to Chopin to Scott Joplin, and had a great appreciation for poetry. Helen spent many years researching and documenting her family ancestry and tracing her roots as far back as the Mayflower. Helen's life was happy and fulfilled, but her greatest joy came from being a wife and a mother. She guided her family with love, grace, and gentle strength and her legacy will always be found in the love of the family that she leaves behind. She is survived by her 4 children, twins Janet (Skip) Arnold and John (Sheila) DeVore, son James (Sori) DeVore, daughter Ann (Frank) Pugh, 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her half-brother James Huffer. Services will be held at the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church, 940 Hilltop Drive in Chula Vista on Saturday, September 13, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DeVore Memorial Scholarship Fund at Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910.

#### **DICKEN, Charles Henry Dicken**

(Abstracted from the Rochester Post-Bulletin)

Dr. Charles Henry Dicken, 77, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, at Saint Marys Hospital of complications from a stroke. Visitation will be at the River Park Chapel, Macken Funeral Home from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. Burial will be a private ceremony in Monticello, Ark. Charles was raised in Monticello, Ark., and educated at Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., with a BA in chemistry and at the University of Arkansas Medical School with an MD and an MS in biochemistry in 1962. After medical school, he spent a year of internship in medicine at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham. The United States Army drafted him from 1963 to 1965 for duty with the Eighth Special Forces at Fort Bragg, N.C., and in the U.S. Canal Zone, Panama. Following his service, Charles came to Rochester for a three-year residency in dermatology at Mayo Clinic, 1965 to 1968. When he left Mayo, Dr. Dicken established a private practice in dermatology in Ogden, Utah, for eight years. In 1976, he returned to Rochester as a consultant in dermatology at Mayo Clinic where he enjoyed teaching both dermatology residents and Mayo Medical School students. Dr. Dicken retired after 20 years at Mayo Clinic and then entered practice in dermatology at Olmsted Medical Center for the next eight years. He was board certified, a professor, a member of several professional societies, and an author of numerous medical articles. Besides his medical practice, his special interests were education, tennis and reading. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Brenda (Conti); two children, Charles Junior (Kristine) of Winona, and Kyra (Cory) Reps of Northwood, Iowa; and seven grandchildren, Derek, Alexandra, Austin, Aspen, Cole, Tayler and Logan. Charles was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Memorials may be directed to: The Dr. and Mrs. Charles Dicken Endowed Scholarship, Hendrix College, 1600 Washington Avenue, Conway, AR 72032-3080; or The Conti-Dicken Family Scholarship Fund #CR002949, Gift Processing, Tufts University, 80 George Street, Medford, MA 02155

#### **DIMATTIA, Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr**

(Abstracted from Tom Kemp, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

STAMFORD, CT, June 27, 2014 - Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr., the Ferguson Library president who ushered the library into the digital age and during his 38-year tenure oversaw the renovation of the Main Library and all three of its branches, died on Thursday of cancer at the age of 74. Mr. DiMattia, known as Ernie to his legions of friends, was one of the longest serving library directors in Connecticut. Ferguson Library Board of Trustees Chair Michael J. Cacace said, "Ernie was an extraordinary leader of the Ferguson Library. However, the true measure of his loss will be felt throughout the community - because he was one of the unique leaders that make Stamford a wonderful place, sharing his wisdom, guidance, time and energy in so many ways. He was a good, kind and caring man; and the entire community mourns his loss." Mr. DiMattia came to the Ferguson Library in 1976, when library users still thumbed through card catalogs to look for a book, and library music collections were on vinyl. He saw the promise of the Internet early on, and in 1995, the Ferguson became the first public library in Connecticut to provide public Internet access. He was a fierce champion of the Ferguson and libraries in general, and held a series of leadership positions in the American Library Association, the Connecticut Library Association and other library organizations. He most

recently served on the board of the Connecticut State Library. Governor Dannel Malloy, who as mayor of Stamford, frequently debated with Mr. DiMattia over the library budget, said, "Ernie was a champion and advocate for libraries in a difficult time for libraries. He was the best, the dearest, smartest ...an incredible human being." In 1979, Mr. DiMattia oversaw the creation of the Friends of the Ferguson Library, the library's volunteer support group which now raises \$200,000 annually through its used book shop. That same year, he undertook the expansion and renovation of the Main Library's turn of the century building. A second renovation was completed in 2011. He opened a passport office and a Starbucks (the first public library in the U.S. to do so), which became important sources of revenue for the library. Mayor David Martin said, "Ernie's passion for the Library and helping the thousands of people who visited it was something I always admired. This is a great loss to both his family and to our community." In recent years, Mr. DiMattia became committed to ensuring public library access to ebook technology, chairing the Connecticut Library Association's Ebook Task Force from 2011-2012. He was ever interested in the changing role of libraries, and recognized that to stay relevant they had to reinvent themselves as community spaces and centers of continuing education. "He cared about the future of public libraries," said Sandra Goldstein, President of the Stamford Downtown Special Services District, and a member of the Ferguson Library Board of Trustees. "He cared about the community. He was an extraordinary man, loved by everyone, respected and admired by everyone." Mr. DiMattia served on the boards of a number of local organizations, including Junior Achievement, Stamford Rotary Club, Stamford Center for the Arts, United Way of Western Connecticut and the World Affairs Forum. He was an associate professor/visiting lecturer at the University of Connecticut School of Business, Rutgers University Graduate School of Communication and Information, Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science. He is survived by his wife Susan, and children Amy and Brian.

### **DIXON, Alyce Dixon**

(Abstracted from internet sources)

The oldest female Veteran, the high-spirited, fun-loving, amazing local celebrity, Alyce Dixon, died peacefully in her sleep on January 29, 2016 at the Washington DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center's Community Living Center. She was 108 years old. She is well-known in the community for her elegant sense of style, her long repertoire of eyebrow-raising jokes and very strong opinions. She credits her long life to sharing and caring. "I always shared what little I have, that's why He let me live so long. I just believe in sharing and giving. If you have a little bit of something and someone else needs it, share," she said. Dixon was born in 1907 in Boston, MA when an American's average life expectancy was only 47 years. She was born Alice Ellis in Boston. At the age of 16, she changed the spelling of her name to Alyce after seeing a picture show starring actress Alyce Mills. She lived life on her own terms from that day forward. She was married for a time, but divorced her husband over an \$18 grocery bill. He found out she was sending money home to her family and put her on a strict allowance. This didn't sit well for the independent young woman. "I found myself a job, an apartment and a roommate. I didn't need him or his money," she said. She later joined the military in 1943. She was among one of the first African-American women in the Army. As a member of the Women's Army Corps, she was stationed in England and France where she played an important role in the postal service as part of the 6888th Battalion. After leaving the Army, she served the government for many years at the Census Bureau and in the Pentagon where she served as a purchasing agent, buying everything from pencils to airplanes. She retired from government service in 1973. At the medical center, she was affectionately called the "Queen Bee" and was known for impeccable dress. She never left her room without fixing her makeup and hair. She always wore stylish clothes and jewelry and sported well-manicured nails. She loved to sit in the medical center Atrium and watch the people. She was disappointed in how young women dress today. "I tell everyone to dress nice for yourself and you'll feel better, even if you don't feel good," she said. "Wear your jewelry, fix your hair. No one has to tell you that you look good...do it for yourself." She led a long and full life. She has met presidents, the first lady, members of Congress, high-ranking military officers, celebrities and musicians. She also held media interviews with many local and national outlets. According to medical center director, Brian A. Hawkins, MHA, she will be missed, "...especially the caregivers and Veterans of our Community Living Center. She was one-of-a-kind; a strong-willed, funny, wise, giving and feisty WWII Veteran. Her message touched a lot of people."

### **DOHERTY, Glen Anthony Doherty**

(Abstracted from internet stories - he was one of the four murdered in the attack on the U. S. embassy in Libya)

Glen Doherty, age 42, grew up on Glen Lane in Winchester, graduated from Winchester High School in 1988, and remained close to his Winchester friends throughout his life. Glen Anthony Doherty was the second of three children born to Bernard Doherty, now of Charlestown, and Barbara Doherty, now of Woburn. His older brother is Greg Doherty of Kensington, CA, his younger sister Kate Quigley of Marblehead. The siblings were great lifelong friends. They grew up in Winchester, across the street from a patch of woods where they first fell in love with the outdoors. Ben Doherty, the son of Irish immigrants who kept a chicken farm in Billerica, is a former boxer and Massachusetts boxing commissioner, as well as a successful stockbroker, who raised the children to be athletic, tough, hard-working and family-minded. Barbara Doherty, who opened and for years ran a candy store in Lexington called The Candy Castle, is an extremely warm-hearted and friendly woman who raised her children to be kind to everyone, and who opened her home as a second home for all her children's friends. Glen was very loyal to his friends

and family. He kept the same core group of friends since elementary school, and it was their loyalty to each other and fun-loving nature, as well as Barbara's welcoming home, that brought them from being a one-time crew of social misfits to the center of an awful lot of damn fun people of all stripes who remain tight to this day. After high school, Glen attended Embry Riddle aeronautical university in Arizona, where he flew planes, rode a motorcycle and decided that the only thing cooler to do than what he was doing would be to up and leave. His fearlessness took many forms throughout his life, but was always at his core. He became a ski bum at Snowbird, Utah, in the winters, working at restaurants and becoming a phenomenal skier on both regular and telemark skis, as well as a talented cook and after-party expert. In the summers, he was a white water rafting guide down the Colorado River, where his knowledge of the outdoors, his responsibility and his abilities to tell a great tall tale and to get everyone to have fun made multi-day journeys from Moab to Lake Powell experiences of a lifetime for many. He was always a hard worker and extremely responsible, which never managed to drive a wedge between him and the lovable riff-raff who shared his lifestyle. His athleticism also led him to become a triathlete during this period. The many friends he gathered during these years always remained as dear to him as he was to them, and he took every opportunity, usually meaning a few weeks a year, to return to his beloved mountains and friends in Utah.

**DOOLITTLE, John Michael Doolittle, Jr.**

(Abstracted from information received from Billy Payne, one of Elmer's shirt tail relatives)

WAGENER, S.C. - John Michael Doolittle, Jr., age 18, entered into rest Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. John Michael was the loving son of Alice Garvin Doolittle and John Michael Doolittle, Sr., loving brother to Lacie Nicole Doolittle all of Wagener and Heather Harmon of Leesville. He was the grandson of Mary and Billy Payne of North Augusta, the late Samuel Mack Doolittle, and Lloyd and Velda Garvin of Wagener. John Michael had several aunts and uncles and cousins; which include Dawn, Dale and Amanda Doolittle, Zach, Jake and Seth Garvin, Rosita, Cecilia and Nick Navarro, and Mack and Timothy Doolittle. John Michael was born Dec. 25, 1989. He was a member of Bethcar Baptist Church and a lifelong member of Fox Town Buck Club. John Michael was a big Georgia Bulldogs football fan as well as a Dallas Cowboy fan. He was employed by Yohe Plumbing in Aiken. He loved to spend time with his friends. Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home, 163 Main Street South is handling the arrangements. The Memorial Service will be Saturday in the Bethcar Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the church or charity of your choice.

**DUVALL, Charlotte Freels Duvall**

(Abstracted from information received from three of Elmer's Miami genealogy friends)

Charlotte Freels Duvall, age 95, died Saturday, April 2, 2016 in Miami, FL. She was born and raised in Morristown, the daughter of James Cleveland Freels, owner of Freels Drugstore, and his wife, Aileen Fisher. She earned degrees at Mount Vernon Junior College, Washington, DC and University of Miami, class of 1942. She met her husband of 69 years, John Emack Duvall of Cheraw, SC at a dance in Coral Gables, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband and brother, James Cleveland Freels, Jr. She is survived by her three children, Mary Aileen (Harold) Smith, Charlotte Denise Macdonald West and Mareen Walker (Millicent) Duvall; three grandchildren, Jonathan Walker (Karen) Duvall, Taylor Mareen (Ryan) Bennett and Gideon Williams Duvall; 3 great-grandchildren, Micah Walker Duvall, Gabriel John Duvall and Charlotte Rose Bennett; 2 sisters, Mary Nelson White and Julia Chwalik. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, Beaux Arts and Coral Reef Yacht Club. She enjoyed genealogy research and was a member of many hereditary societies including DAR, NSCDA, CDA, NSDAC, FFV, DFPA, Order of the Crown, Colonial Governors, and Crown of Charlemagne. Services were held in Cheraw, SC on Saturday, April 9. Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Cemetery Association, PO Box 1196, Cheraw, SC 29520.