

HAGEN, Earle H. Hagen

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'Andy Griffith' whistler was 88

Earle H. Hagen, the Emmy Award-winning television composer who wrote the theme music for "The Andy Griffith Show," "The Dick Van Dyke Show," "I Spy" and other classic TV programs, has died. He was 88. Hagen, who composed the jazz standard "Harlem Nocturne" and was a former big-band trombonist for Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Ray Noble, died Monday night at his home in Rancho Mirage, CA, said his wife, Laura. He had been ill for several months. After spending seven years at 20th Century Fox as an arranger and orchestrator, Hagen moved into television in 1953 after the studio cut back on its music department. Over the next 33 years, he composed music for more than 3,000 TV-series episodes, pilots and TV movies — as well as composing the themes for "That Girl," "The Mod Squad," "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.," and "Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer." Hagen also wrote a jazz arrangement of the traditional Irish tune "Londonderry Air," which served as the theme for Danny Thomas' "Make Room for Daddy" situation comedy. The Thomas show, which debuted in 1953, launched Hagen's longtime professional relationship with director-producer Sheldon Leonard. "There is no question in my mind that Earle Hagen is one of the most important composers in the history of television, if not the most important," said Jon Burlingame. When Hagen started his television career, Burlingame said, "there was very little original music being composed for television. He was one of the very few people who took the leap and saw the potential of music for television in terms of what could be accomplished dramatically and comedically." The happy-go-lucky theme for "The Andy Griffith Show" might be Hagen's most recognizable tune. It's certainly the most beloved. In his autobiography, "Memoirs of a Famous Composer Nobody Ever Heard Of," Hagen wrote that while sitting at home "wracking my brain for an idea for a theme for the Griffith show, it finally occurred to me that it should be something simple, something you could whistle. With that in mind, it took me about an hour to write the Andy Griffith theme." That night, he and several musicians recorded a demo of the theme for the opening of the show, with Hagen doing the whistling and his 11-year-old son Deane doing the finger-snapping. The next morning, Hagen took a copy of the demo to executive producer Leonard's home. As Hagen recalled: "He listened and said, 'Great! I'll do (the show's opening) at Franklin Canyon Lake with Andy and Ronny (Howard) walking along the bank with a couple of fishing poles over their shoulders." Hagen wrote music for as many as five weekly shows simultaneously, putting in "16-hour workdays, seven days a week, for 40 weeks a year," he told the online magazine Film Score Monthly in 2001. Hagen, who retired from television in 1986, taught the BMI workshop for film and TV composers for many years. Hagen's wife of 59 years, former big-band singer Elouise "Lou" Sidwell, died in 2002. In addition to his wife Laura, whom he married in 2005, Hagen is survived by his two sons, Deane and James; three stepchildren, Rebecca Roberts, Richard Roberts and Rachael Roberts; and four grandchildren.

HANSEN, Robert Paine Hansen

(Abstracted from information received from Alan McCullough)

Robert Paine Hansen, the son of Magnus and Mabel (Paine) Hansen, was born June 9, 1908, in rural Goldfield. He was raised and educated in the area of his birth and graduated from Goldfield High School in 1925. Robert married Eloise Hawkins on April 7, 1933, at her parent's home in Goldfield. Robert farmed in the evergreen neighborhood, near Goldfield for 40 years. He retired and moved to his new home in Goldfield in 1974, where he lived until moving to Rotary Ann in Eagle Grove. He was a member of the Goldfield United Presbyterian Church and the Evergreen Sporting Association. He enjoyed trapping, hunting, fishing, woodworking, bowling and golf for many years. Robert passed away January 12, 2017, at Rotary Senior Living, at the age of 108 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Eloise; brothers, David Hansen and Glen Hansen; sisters Edna Nelson, Esther Hanson, Dorothy Paine, and Kathryn Hansen; daughters-in-law, Barbara Hansen and Karlene Hansen; son-in-law, Charles Cumming; an infant grandson and a step great granddaughter. Robert is survived by his son, Richard Hansen of Eagle Grove; daughter, Diane Cumming of Ames; grandchildren, Kim (Alan) McCullough of Goldfield, Jody (Pete) Luh of North Tonawanda, NY, Chris Cumming of Torrance, CA, Tracy Cumming of Sacramento, CA and Todd Cumming of Ames; step grandchildren, Ron (Marie) Poncin of AZ, Kevin (Susan) Poncin of AZ, Natalie (Bill) Thompson of MI and Dave (Kellie) Poncin of Eagle Grove; 7 great grandchildren; 6 step great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; 4 step great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Thursday, January 19, 2016, at the United Presbyterian Church in Goldfield. Foust Funeral Home in Goldfield handled the arrangements. Burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Goldfield. Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

HARRIS, Christopher Michael Harris

(Abstracted from http://www.thepilot.com/obituaries/christopher-m-harris/article_Oc3491a6-7de4-11e7-946d-7b064c53e653.html)

Christopher "Chris" Michael Harris, age 25, of Jackson Springs, died in Afghanistan, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, when his patrol vehicle was struck by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device. He was born Nov. 3, 1991, in St. Petersburg, FL. He attended Grace Christian School in Sanford, where he was a member of the soccer and basketball team, and graduated in 2010. Chris was an avid fisherman and boater who loved spending time on the water and at the beach. He was an amazing husband, son and paratrooper. In October 2013, he joined the Army and as an infantryman was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute

Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, and the 82nd Airborne Division. Chris loved his family and his country with all his heart and was proud to serve as a paratrooper in the "Devil" Brigade. He was awarded the Bronze Star (Valor), Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge and Parachutist Badge. Chris is survived by his wife, Brittany Harris; parents, Dennis and Sue Kolean, of Jackson Springs; uncles, Mike Harris and Tony Parish, of Pensacola, FL; his uncle Bruce and aunt Cheryl and their children, Ryan and Kerri, of St. Petersburg, FL. Visitation at Jernigan Warren Funeral Home, in Fayetteville, will be Monday, Aug. 14, followed by a graveside service at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that you consider donations to Gold Star Survivors at www.militaryfamiliesunited.org. Arrangements by Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home.

HARTFIELD, Charleston Hartfield

(Abstracted from <http://obits.reviewjournal.com/obituaries/lvrj/obituary.aspx?n=charleston-hartfield&pid=186982201>) Although it is difficult to accept that Charleston Hartfield was stolen from us abruptly October 1, 2017, we will honor him by telling his story. Charleston Hartfield was born feet first and kicking into the world May 6, 1983, in Bellflower, CA, to Sheryl Hartfield and Carl Hartfield Sr. At an early age, Charleston was always anxious to learn, eager to tackle new challenges and a great student in class. He gave his life to the Lord and was baptized several times by his grandmother, Wilma. As they say, it takes a village to raise strong kids with love and support. Charleston was raised by his grandmother, Wilma, and his aunt, Trisha, in his early years. Thereafter, his honorary parents, Jeannie and John Murray nurtured him from a young teenager into manhood. Charleston joined the U.S. Army when he turned 17-years old after serving in JROTC for four years. Charleston was joined in marriage to Veronica in March 2002 and their union produced two remarkable children, Ayzayah (15) and Savannah (9). He was a devoted husband and father that focused on ensuring that his family's needs were exceedingly met. Everything he was and wanted to be was to honor his family. Charleston's love, his mischievous and infectious sense of humor and his determination to succeed in every endeavor became a catalyst for his exemplary 17-year military career with the U.S. Army under the 82nd Airborne and the Nevada National Guard. His overwhelming desire to belong, lead him to also serve his community for 11 years with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. As noted in his now Best Selling memoirs, he treated everyone with integrity, compassion and respect whether the duty was patrol or an uncover assignment. He took his oath to protect the safety of Las Vegas seriously and would not allow anyone to compromise the community's peace of mind. He found no greater joy than to watch the exceptional athleticism of his son in youth football with the Henderson Cowboys. He facilitated the league by becoming an Assistant Director and Coach. He also became a Team Dad when Savannah danced her heart out with the B Sharp Dance Crew. He will be dearly missed by his officer colleagues at the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, his fellow soldiers the U.S. Army National Guard 100th QM and every coach and football player of the Henderson Cowboys. He regularly inspired everyone he touched by challenging them to become bigger than themselves. Charleston mastered his video historian skills with his "Chucky Hart Productions" videos that chronicled Ayzayah's and Savannah's sports and dance participation. Charleston is survived by his wife, Veronica; son, Ayzayah; and his daughter, Savannah. He also leaves behind his mother, Sheryl; aunt, Trisha; his sisters, Mia, Denita and Yvronda (Necie); brother, Carl Jr.; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives that adored him alike. Service will be Friday, October 20, at Central Christian Church, 1001 New Beginnings Drive, Henderson. Graveside service following at Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive, Boulder City.

HEALD, Benjamin Wilson Heald

(Abstracted from The Orlando Sentinel. January 21, 1995)

Mr. Benjamin Wilson Heald, 38038 Crystal Lane, Umatilla, died Friday, January 20, 1995. He was a retired attorney. Born in Berlin, WI, he moved to Central Florida in 1981. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis. He was a Mason. Survivors: wife, Evelyn; daughters, Marilyn Tatum, Tavares, Ruth Frank, Tomah, Wis.; stepson, Jim Sewell, Orlando; half-sister, Marj Fease, Rhinelander, Wis.; six grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren. Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

HEIL, Susan Hunsche Heil

(Abstracted from Elmer's friend - Miriam Robbins brought this to his attention.)

Susan Hunsche Heil died on April 24th surrounded by those who loved her so very much. She is survived by her beloved husband, Lt. Col. (Ret.) James R Heil of Spokane, their children Nick Heil, Kayte Heil Gentry (Jon), granddaughters Taylor and Tannis Gentry, and her sister, Virginia Hunsche Randermann. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 21, 1937 to Charles and Miriam (Heinz) Hunsche. Susan grew up in Mount Healthy, Ohio, and in 1963 married her kindergarten sweetheart. With the arrival of their two children, Susan became a full-time and devoted mother raising her children to have open hearts and compassion. During her life, she resided with her family in New Jersey, the Philippines, Annandale, VA, and Spokane, WA. As a three-time survivor of breast cancer, she showed the world that nothing could stop her from living a life of passion and determination. Those who knew her describe her as a quiet but glowing ray of sunshine. Susan graduated from the Duke University College of Nursing in 1959. Her career accomplishments are numerous and include Staff and Surgical Recovery Nurse

in Cincinnati, OH, New York City, NY, and Browns-Mills, NJ. She believed in, and was always, a patient advocate. Her nursing career led her to an interest in clinical research, a field in which she worked for 15 years and from which she eventually retired. Susan had a lifelong interest in history and genealogy. She served as a Docent Trainer at The Smithsonian Institution/National Museum of American History, a volunteer at Eastern Washington Genealogical Society and a Program Director for the American Red Cross. She was a gardener, quilter, knitter, and dog-lover. Susan's energy and charisma touched so many; she will forever live in the hearts of others. A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, July 14th at 3pm in the Fireside Lounge at Center Place (2426 N. Discovery Place, Spokane, WA 99216). In her memory, we encourage donations to the Eastern Washington Genealogy Society, the Spokane Humane Society, Holy Family Hospital, National Public Radio, or the charity of your choice.

HOEKENGA, Earl Hoekenga

(Abstracted by courtesy of the Jacksonville Florida Times-Union, July 2, 1997)

Earl Hoekenga, who converted the financially ailing Ryder Truck Lines into the nation's third largest trucking company, died Monday. He was 81. Mr. Hoekenga spent 35 years in the trucking industry, 16 as president and chief executive officer of Jacksonville based Ryder. When he moved to Jacksonville to take over Ryder in 1966, the struggling company's annual revenues were \$60 million. When he retired in 1981, its revenues had grown to \$650 million. "He turned it around," said his daughter, Trena Nesler. "He was very fair, very honest and treated everyone the same, from the truck driver to the mail room clerk to the executive vice president." Mr. Hoekenga was a financial whiz who could go down a list of numbers and spot mistakes within seconds, she said. In the trucking industry, he earned a reputation for improved cost accounting methods and implementing incentive and profitsharing systems. After retirement, he formed Universal Select Inc., a company specializing in driver leasing, and Bridgestar Inc., a consulting firm specializing in truck lines. He remained active until his health declined a year ago. A native of Muskegon, Mich., Mr. Hoekenga graduated from Michigan State University in 1939. He served as a captain in the Air Force. He was a supporter of numerous religious, educational and charitable organizations. He served on the board of the United Way, Junior Achievement, Jacksonville University, Edward Waters College, Methodist Medical Center, Lakewood United Methodist Church and the Atlantic National Bank. Mr. Hoekenga also was a YMCA trustee, a member of the board of governors of the Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce and once served on the transportation committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. In addition to his daughter, survivors include his wife of 56 years, Helen Beattie Hoekenga; two sons, David and Christian Hoekenga; three other daughters, Ann Trebilcock, Linda Swanson and Gretchen Hoekenga; 19 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow at Lakewood United Methodist Church, 6133 San Jose Blvd. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, 4801 San Jose Blvd.

HOOVER, Robert A. Hoover

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/ns/bob-hoover-obituary/182118066>)

Robert A. "Bob" Hoover, a World War II fighter pilot who became an aviation legend for his skills as a test pilot and for his appearances in air shows, has died at age 94. Hoover died early Tuesday, said Bill Fanning, a close family friend for many years and fellow pilot. "He was every pilot's icon," Fanning said, recalling his friend as one of the premier test pilots of the 1950s and '60s. "Bob tested everything. He flew them all." Hoover was known for being the chase pilot for Chuck Yeager, who set an aviation record by breaking the sound barrier in 1947. Hoover went on to set his own transcontinental and "time to climb" speed records. The famous General Jimmy Doolittle who was a pioneering pilot himself, called Hoover the "greatest stick-and-rudder man who ever lived." Hoover's plane was shot down during World War II and he spent 16 months in a German POW camp. He escaped the camp by stealing a German plane and flying it to the Netherlands. Hoover became the backup pilot for his friend Chuck Yeager and flew chase for Yeager during his famous Mach 1 flight. He flew flight tests for the F-86 Sabre and the F-100 Super Sabre. Hoover later became a legend flying at air shows across the country. He retired from performing at air shows in 1999 at the age of 77. The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum tweeted, "We mourn the passing of our friend Robert A. "Bob" Hoover, "The Greatest Stick and Rudder Man Who Ever Lived." -

HOPKINS, Mark A. Hopkins

(Abstracted from <http://www.tributes.com/obituary/show/Mark-A.-Hopkins-105013225>)

Gunnery Sgt. Hopkins passed away on Monday, July 10, 2017. Gunnery Sgt. Hopkins was a resident of New Windsor, New York at the time of passing. Mark was born in Ypsilanti, MI, raised in Chesapeake, VA, and graduated from Great Bridge High School in 2001. Hopkins received the following awards and decorations: Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (5); Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (4); Humanitarian Service Medal (4); Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation; Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Letter of Appreciation; Certificate of Appreciation. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at Goodwill Church in Montgomery, NY. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hopkins Family Fund via Goodwill Church (online at <http://goodwillchurch.org/give> or mail checks with the fund name in the memo payable to Goodwill Church at 2135 State Route 208, Montgomery, NY 12549) or the Semper Fi Fund at <https://semperfi.org> Hopkins Family Fund c/o Goodwill

Church 2135 State Route 208, Montgomery NY 12549 Web: <http://goodwillchurch.org/give> Semper Fi Fund Web: <https://semperfifund.org>.

HORN, Gilbert Horn Sr.

(Abstracted from information received from June Spear)

GREAT FALLS, Mont. — Gilbert Horn Sr., a Native American code talker who returned from World War II to spend decades serving the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Tribe as a judge and council member, has died of natural causes. He was 92. Horn died Sunday at Northern Montana Care Center in Havre, Kirkwood Funeral Home said. His memorial service was scheduled Wednesday. Horn was born on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in 1923. He joined the U.S. National Guard at age 15 as a way to escape the poverty of the reservation. He enlisted in the Army at 17 after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Horn was initially trained as a sharpshooter and later received some training in communications and encryption and joined other Indians who used their native languages to send coded messages during World War II. The work of the code talkers remained classified until 1968. Horn volunteered for service as a member of Merrill's Marauders, a special operations unit of 2,750 men whose mission was to cut Japanese communications and supply lines in the Burmese jungle. "It was a fighting unit, ready for action any time," Horn said during an interview for a story published in January 2014. "I wanted to go see the war. I didn't want to be in Montana all my life. I wanted to see what's across that big waters called the oceans." The unit made an 800-mile trek over the Himalaya Mountains into the jungle with only the weapons and supplies they could carry on the 720 mules and horses they brought with them. The Marauders fought through monsoon season. Troops suffered from malaria, dysentery and typhus. Horn was wounded four times. "There was no support. We didn't have any artillery. They just kept on knocking us down, whittling us down," he said in 2014. "It is hard to believe what we had to go through." Horn — one of 1,200 soldiers who survived the Marauders' campaign — was awarded a Purple Heart. Each soldier also received a Bronze Star. Despite his military heroics, when Horn returned to the reservation in June 1945, he said he was "treated like dirt." Veterans were supposed to be given preferential treatment when applying for certain jobs and qualify for low-interest federal housing loans, but he said that almost never happened. He worked on his grandparents' farm and received schooling in business management, psychology and legal work. Horn served on the Assiniboine Treaty Committee for 68 years. He was a member of the Fort Belknap Community Council for 19 years and was a tribal judge for eight years, during which time he wrote the first regulations for the tribe's juvenile court. He was a member of the health board that lobbied for a new clinic and also helped get the Head Start program established on the reservation. One of its buildings was named after Horn, whose Indian name is "Shunk Ta Oba Kni," or "Returns With Prisoner Horse." In 2013, he received an honorary doctorate in humanitarian services from Montana State University-Northern. In May 2014, he was named the chief of the Fort Belknap Assiniboine Tribe, the first tribal chief in more than 125 years. Horn is survived by 10 of his 11 children, 37 grandchildren, 71 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

HOWARD, Richard Howard

(Abstracted from <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/breaking-news/os-kissimmee-police-shooting-sam-howard-20170819-story.html>)

Kissimmee Police Sgt. Richard "Sam" Howard, age 36, was killed helping a fellow officer in the community he served for 10 years. He died Saturday, succumbing to injuries he suffered in a double shooting the night before that's rocked the law enforcement community. Fellow officer Matthew Baxter initiated a routine check into three suspicious people near the intersection of Cypress and Palmway streets Friday. Howard was in the area and went to back up Baxter when he heard his call, a Kissimmee Police spokeswoman said. At some point during the exchange, 45-year-old Everett Glenn Miller pulled out a handgun and shot the two officers. Baxter died shortly after the shooting, according to police. Howard clung to life for until the next day. Howard's "auntie" Darlene Richardson said his family came in to see him before taking him off life support Saturday. It was his mother's birthday. "He always wanted to be a cop, ever since he was a kid, he always wanted to arrest the bad people," Richardson said. "He didn't want to see nobody hurting." Howard was married to an elementary school teacher and had a teenage daughter, his cousin Michael Howard said. The sergeant had just earned a promotion last month, according to the Kissimmee Police Department.

HUDNER, Thomas Hudner Jr.

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/theeveningleader/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-hudner-jr&pid=187229385>)

BOSTON — Thomas Hudner Jr., a former U.S. Navy captain and pilot who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroics during the Korean War, has died at age 93. Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services Secretary Francisco Urena said Monday that Hudner died. Hudner was the former commissioner of the department. Hudner was awarded the Medal of Honor during the Korean War in 1950 after his plane came under enemy fire and he crash-landed in an unsuccessful effort to save the life of his wingman and friend, Ensign Jesse Brown, the Navy's first black combat pilot. Last year, 50 Navy petty officers serenaded Hudner outside his Concord home on his 92nd birthday. Hudner stood and saluted. Hudner watched this year as the USS Thomas Hudner was christened at Bath Iron Works in Maine.

HUGHES, Melissa Ann Fevig-Hughes

(Abstracted from <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/kalamazoo/obituary.aspx?n=melissa-fevig-hughes&pid=180296004&fhid=8372>)

Melissa Ann Fevig Hughes, age 42, of Kalamazoo, died tragically Tuesday June 7, 2016, from injuries sustained during a bicycle run with "The Chain Gang" on N. Westnedge Avenue in Kalamazoo, MI. Melissa was born February 9, 1974, in Kalamazoo, MI, the daughter of Michael and Gail (Meissner) Fevig. A lifelong Kalamazoo area resident, she was a graduate of Plainwell High School, received her associate degree in sonogram at Jackson Community College and her biomedical degree at Western Michigan University. Melissa was an outstanding athlete during her school years, receiving a Class B state championship award for volleyball, also competing in cross-country. She performed as a percussionist with Plainwell High School, Western Michigan University Band, and was a Taiko drummer at Kalamazoo College. She was employed as an analytical chemist with Covance Laboratories in Battle Creek and had worked as an ultrasound technician with Borgess and Bronson Hospitals. Melissa continued her athletic endeavors in her adult years and was an avid outdoorsperson, always looking for a new adventure. She could often be found participating in a variety of extracurricular activities, whether it be walking, hiking or mountain climbing, pedaling miles on her bicycle, running trails, races and marathons, "completing the Chicago Marathon", competing in corporate Olympics, or by just completing her first triathlon. You would always be greeted by Melissa with a wonderful, heartwarming smile on her face. The most important priority of Melissa's life is that she lived for her daughters, and they loved her very much. They had just come back from an excursion to Mammoth Cave over spring break and had a wonderful time. Melissa loved spending time with her family and friends. Surviving are her two daughters Carly Hughes and Sydney Hughes; her parents Mike and Gail Fevig; her brother Matthew Fevig; her grandmother Adelaine Fevig; her former husband Guy (Jenny Sue) Hughes; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. A celebration of Melissa's life will be Tuesday, June 14th at Centerpoint Church (2345 North 10th St.) A private family burial will take place in West Cooper Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions in Melissa's memory be directed to a fund established for her daughters: Hughes Education Fund, c/o 5/3 Bank, 1282 M-89, Otsego, MI 49080. Arrangements by Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Westside Chapel.

HUNT, Earl H. Hunt

(Abstracted from the Fort Wayne, IN Journal Gazette, July 30, 2003)

Earl H. Hunt, 95, died Tuesday, July 29, 2003, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. Born in Earlville, Iowa, he was Secretary / Treasurer with Duff Truck Lines in Lima, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 1981. Survivors include daughters, Judith A. Potosky and Nancy L. Cerney, both of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean H., Oct. 26, 1992. Service is 10:30 a.m. Friday, with calling one hour prior, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 4916 Trier Road. Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Entombment in Catholic Cemetery. Memorials to Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne, Earlville United Parish, Earlville, Iowa, Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago, Ill.

HUNT, Johnnie B. Hunt

(Abstracted from a New York Times article of December 8, 2006)

Johnnie B. Hunt, who built a nationwide freight-hauling empire after calculating that driving a single transport truck was rather less profitable than owning and managing thousands of them, died Thursday. He was 79. His company announced his death. A family spokesman said Mr. Hunt had been in critical condition at a hospital since Saturday, when he slipped on ice at his home in Goshen, AR, and fell, striking his head. The son of a sharecropper, Mr. Hunt had little formal education, having dropped out of school in the sixth grade to help support his family. But he had a keen entrepreneurial sense. In 1961, after nine years behind the wheel of his own truck, he founded the cargo hauling enterprise that grew to become J. B. Hunt Transport Services. Today, it is the nation's largest publicly traded trucking company. The fleet of five trucks and seven trailers he purchased to start the company has grown to 11,000 and 47,000, respectively, all of them electronically tracked from the company's sprawling headquarters in Lowell, near Fayetteville, in northwest Arkansas. In 1989, in partnership with Burlington Northern Sante Fe Railway, the company created an intermodal division in which freight containers could be hauled interchangeably by truck or rail. The venture proved enormously profitable -- "the envy of the industry," Thom S. Albrecht, a transportation analyst for Stephens Inc., said Thursday. In the quarter that ended Sept. 30, J. B. Hunt reported earnings of \$58 million on revenues of \$858 million. It employs more than 16,000 people. "The uniqueness of his vision was to standardize the company's fleet, its services and even its drivers' uniforms," Mr. Albrecht said of Mr. Hunt. "He positioned his company beautifully to take advantage of trucking deregulation in the 1980s." Mr. Hunt retired as chairman in 1995 and as "senior chairman" in 2004. He cut a colorful figure in Arkansas. Unfailingly polite, he stood more than six feet tall and almost always wore a Stetson hat and cowboy boots. Gold dollar signs secured his French cuffs, and from a gold money clip he dispensed \$100 bills to the needy, explaining that his memories of childhood as a poor sharecropper's son were still vivid. Johnnie Bryan Hunt was born on Feb. 28, 1927, in rural Heber Springs, in north-central Arkansas. He was not yet a teenager when he began gathering up wood shavings

from his uncle's sawmill, where he worked, and selling them to chicken farmers for use in their coops. In 1952, he married the former Johnelle DeBusk, who survives him, as do a son, Bryan, and a daughter, Jane. His wife and son are directors of the company. Though officially retired, Mr. Hunt took up real estate development in recent years, building a million-square-foot office and retail complex near his home, among other ventures. All have been profitable.

HUNTER, Jonathon M. Hunter

(Abstracted from http://www.dailyjournal.net/2017/08/04/columbus_man_serving_in_army_killed_in_afghanistan/)

A 2011 Columbus East High School graduate who found a way of life he loved in the U.S. Army was one of two American soldiers killed during a suicide bombing attack on a NATO convoy in southern Afghanistan. The death of U.S. Army Sgt. Jonathon M. Hunter, age 23, during Wednesday's bombing attack was confirmed by his father, Mark Hunter of Columbus, IN and his mother, Kimberly Thompson of Nashville, IN. The attack that claimed the life of the former Columbus East student and football player occurred near the city of Kandahar, according to a Pentagon source. The Taliban took responsibility for the attack. Hunter was part of an international force referred to as the Train, Advise and Assist Command south, a reference to their location in the country. Jonathon Hunter served with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. He was deployed to Afghanistan on July 1 of this year — his first deployment. It came about nine months after he married Whitney Michelle (Stewart) Hunter, of Fayetteville, NC, on Oct. 15, 2016. Jonathon Hunter's role in Afghanistan was to provide security, his mother said. Kimberly Thompson said the news of her son's death has left her feeling numb. "I'm very, very proud of who he has become and what he did for our country," she said. "It's a double-edged sword. I'm incredibly proud he served our country; it's what he was called to do." Members of the Indiana National Guard informed the soldier's parents Wednesday night. "I was sitting out on the deck and I heard a knock. I saw the blue berets. I opened the door, and I was asked if I was the mother of Sgt. Jonathon Hunter. I said, 'Yes, and I know why you are here,'" Kimberly Thompson said. His mother and other family members are working with the U.S. military on plans to have Hunter's body flown from Dover (Delaware) Air Force Base to Columbus Municipal Airport, in anticipation of holding services in the Columbus area. Joining the military wasn't the first option for Jonathon Hunter after high school. He attended Indiana State University in Terre Haute for three semesters. There, he accepted an Air Force ROTC scholarship because he didn't want to burden his family with paying for college, his father said. At various times Jonathon Hunter pursued music and criminal justice degrees. For a while, he had dreams of becoming a recording producer, Mark Hunter said. When he gave up on that career pursuit, however, Jonathon returned to Columbus, his dad said. And on April 8, 2014, Jonathon put off plans to immediately finish college and gave his full commitment to the U.S. Army, his mother said. "Jonathon always did well with a strong discipline. He recognized the military could do that for him and keep him focused," his mother said. "He knew he needed a little more focus and discipline in his life." Mark Hunter said his family has had a tradition of military service since the Civil War, and that his son join the Army with plans to complete college after serving his country. Jonathon Hunter found success serving in the Army. He earned his Expert Infantryman Badge late last year, and more recently had been promoted to sergeant, Kimberly Thompson said. She said he was proud to serve as a mentor to the men under his command, but was humble about what he was doing. "I would say, 'What are you doing?' He would say, 'I'm just doing my job, protecting our country, protecting our freedom,'" his mother said. Mark Hunter last saw his son when he came back home on leave in late June, he said. Although they saw each other daily, Jonathon Hunter spent much of his time back in Columbus visiting with several old friends, he said. The last time Kimberly Thompson talked with her son was July 18, she said. "He just said, 'I'm doing good, Mom, I'm just on a security detail,'" the mother said. When Mark Hunter last talked with his son Saturday, his son told him he was interested in getting trained to become an Army Ranger. Although Jonathon Hunter assured his father all was quiet prior to another security detail, he said "he was ready to do some fighting," Mark Hunter said. The father was scheduled to leave early this morning to drive to Dover Air Force Base, which houses Mortuary Affairs Operations. Services and memorials are expected to be later scheduled according to the wishes of Kimberly Thompson, he said. While people will remember Jonathon Hunter's service and sacrifice, he also was known or being a genuine person with a kind, warm soul, and dedicated to his family, his mother said. "He had a contagious, infectious smile and laugh," Kimberly Thompson said. She added that he had a soft heart for people with special needs, too. "He saw them as real people. He never saw color or social economic differences," Kimberly Thompson said. Surviving family: his wife, Whitney Michelle Hunter; father, Mark Hunter; mother, Kimberly Thompson; stepfather, Brian Thompson; brother, Marcus Hunter; sisters Lindsey England, Kelsey Thompson; brother-in-law, Andy England; niece, Bailey England and nephew, Jordan Burton.

HURD, Gene Hurd

(Abstracted from our son, Audy Payne who was one of his friends)

Gene "Tony" Hurd, was called home by the Lord from his residence surrounded by his loved ones on April 12, 2013. He was born in Warrenton, VA on July 7, 1948 to parents Gene and Betty (McCorder) Hurd. He was a retired union lather. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, and playing pool. He took pride and much joy in teaching his children all of these. He was married to the love of his life, Connie for 34 years. He is preceded in death by his father, Gene and his mother, Betty. He is survived by his loving wife, Connie (Mock) Hurd of the home, sons: David Hurd and wife Racheal of Mountain View, AR, Paul Wallace of Florida, Anthony Hurd of Florida, and Charles Hurd of Florida, daughter, Lissa Zajac and husband Billy of Mountain View, AR,

brothers: Freddy Hurd and wife Debbie of Florida, Billy Shafer and wife Viola of Texas, and Johnny Saharski and wife Charlene of Oregon, sisters: Joanie Chesser and husband Billy of Florida, and Janet Lipinski and husband Dan of Connecticut, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday April 16, 2013 at Roller Crouch Funeral Home with burial in Sunnyland Cemetery. The family would like to thank Hospice for the care and compassion she gave Tony and our family. Roller Crouch Funeral Home, Batesville, AR is in charge of the arrangements.