

KAUFMAN, Howard Robert Kaufman

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Judge Howard Robert Kaufman, age 84, went to the big courthouse in the sky 29 May 2015. Beloved father of Susan (Doug) Kaufman and Ilene (Luis) Rivera; grandfather of Dante; proceeded in death by his father Emil and mother Helen (Levy) and brother Carl; he spent his life serving others. Through volunteering and mentoring youth, through sharing his wisdom, humor and his zest for life, he left a mark on all he encountered. Growing up in Brooklyn, NY he attended American University in Washington DC and [Purdue University](#). He received his JD at [Northwestern University](#) in Chicago, IL; was a member of the United States Marines and an Eagle Scout. His career included practicing law as an Assistant United States Attorney General; Prosecutor in Elk Grove Village, IL; private practice in Elgin and in Chicago, IL, First Chief of Consumer Fraud for the State of Illinois and finally a Cook County, IL Judge. He loved to travel, loved to play sports, and had a competitive spirit and a warm place in his heart for his dear rescue Greyhound dog, Chase. He loved a good conversation, and was not afraid to share his opinion on most anything. As a father he instilled goals, direction and love to his children, as a partner he was caring, loving and giving. Graveside service at Beth Israel, Woodbridge, NJ. Memorials may be made to The Clayton Library Friends, PO Box 271078 Houston, TX 77277-1078; to an animal rescue shelter or an organization of your choice.

KEMP, Eleanor Frances Huse Kemp

(Abstracted from internet sources - this is Tom Kemp's mother, one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Mrs. Eleanor Frances (Huse) Kemp, age 89, wife of Willard H. Kemp, Jr. of Largo, FL, passed away peacefully April 7, 2013, just short of her 90th birthday. She was born April 30, 1923, in Laconia, NH and was the daughter of Walter D. and Louise (Richmond) Huse. Eleanor was active throughout her life in civic and women's clubs in Stamford, CT, and Largo. She was director of programs at the YWCA in Stamford for more than 20 years. She was a graduate of Laconia High School and the University of New Hampshire in the class of 1945, where she was a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. She was the camp director of Camp Woodlane, Girl Scouts of America, in Stamford and president of the Suncoasters in Largo. She was a member of the Seminole Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women. She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Willard H. Kemp Jr. of Largo, sons Robert Kemp of Stamford, CT; Peter Kemp of Wesley Chapel, FL; Thomas (Vi) Kemp of East Hampton, CT; and Bill (Luisa) Kemp of Stamford, CT, grandchildren Andrew, Sarah, Chris, Laura, Billy, Dennis and Kelly Kemp; numerous great-grandchildren and her brother, Army Maj. (Retired) Warren D. Huse, of Laconia, NH.

KING, LESLIE GEORGE (Les) Passed away suddenly at home on February 14th, 2016, aged 81 years. Loyal husband of Anita, much-loved dad of Ian and Sean and father-in-law to Nicky, loving grandpa to Amy and William and great-grandpa to Harry and George. Known by many, loved by all. The Funeral service will be held at Wymondham Abbey on Friday, March 4th, 2016 at 2.30 p.m. Would mourners please assemble there and respect the family's privacy at the house on the day. Flowers are most welcome, however, donations may be given, if desired, with cheques made payable to Star Throwers and sent c/o Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Home, Norton House, 17 Park Drive, Hethersett, Norwich, NR9 3EN.

KING, Simon King (Bobendeenol)

(Abstracted from the internet - this is June's nephew)

29th September 1967 - 22nd November 2009 He's on a new mission but he's truly, madly, deeply missed by Sam, and his beautiful children Gemma, Jessie and Jamie, grandchildren Libby, Lilli and Lolli and his dog who left him many presents, Holly You have left me with so many memories, my lovely Son. My life will never be the same again. I will love you forever. -Mum x x x. A dearly cherished son, brother and uncle. He was fearless, invincible and our hero. He never hesitated to protect and be there for others. He was never without a smile, never phased and one of a kind. Always in our thoughts, forever and ever in our hearts. He will never be forgotten, our one and only Simon King, a real Superman. -Love from Dad, Danielle, Megan and Charlie. SIMON, thanks for a lifetime of laughter. The world won't be the same without your unique take on it, but you will always be there in my heart. -Your sis Sadie x. I miss you Uncle Simon, you will always be next to me. -Love you, your niece Bell. My crazy Bobendeenol, thank you for being my brother, you will always be my super hero. I will love you for eternity. We will miss you always. -Niki and Little Sadie x x. Suddenly and unexpectedly on November 22nd, Simon passed away and left all his family in shock and devastation. "Kinky" has left us with so many memories he can never be forgotten. -Kathy, John, Hayley, Simon, Charlie and Evie. Rest in peace. Funeral service on Friday, December 11th, 2009 at Earlham Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations payable to Diabetes UK may be sent to R.J. Bartram & Son, 42 Fairland St, Wymondham NR18 OJS.

KIRK, Jeffrey Lynn Kirk

Marine Sgt. Jeffrey Lynn Kirk, 24, of Baton Rouge, LA; was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA; killed Dec. 12 by enemy action in Anbar province, Iraq. Kirk had already been wounded in the line of duty once and had asked to be sent back, family members said. When Jeffrey Lynn Kirk was considering

joining the Marine Corps as a student McKinley High School in Baton Rouge, his mother warned him of the possibility of dying in combat. His reply was "At least I would die doing what I wanted to do with my life," Lisa Kirk of Abita Springs said. Kirk, 24, was killed Sunday by enemy fire in Anbar province, Iraq. Lisa Kirk said although her son, whose interests included art and poetry, was an honor graduate and participated in the gifted program at McKinley, he had planned to enter the military even before graduation. "He wanted to be in the military. He wanted to be a Marine," she said. Kirk rose through the ranks to become a platoon sergeant in the Marines' Special Forces anti-terrorism security team, known as Fast Company, said Kirk's father, Peter. During his six-year military career, Kirk was awarded the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal, according to the Marine Corps. When it came time to re-enlist, Kirk was set to become a pistol instructor at the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA. After the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, however, he requested a transfer to an infantry unit to serve in Iraq, his father said. "He felt like if he didn't do this he would look back on his life as this was something he should have done," Peter Kirk said. Kirk was shot in the thigh in a November firefight; he was to receive a medal for valor in combat, his father said. After he recovered, Kirk requested to be put back in action. Although his enlistment was to expire this month, he chose to extend it to stay with his men, Lisa Kirk said. "He was truly dedicated to what he was doing," she said. After returning from his first deployment in Iraq, Kirk married "the love of his life" Carly Furr, of Baker, in September 2003, Lisa Kirk said. She said Kirk's wife, who resides in California, heads a volunteer group which supports the families of Marines deployed overseas, has attended funerals of Marines killed in action and written letters of condolence to their families. Upon release of Kirk's body, his family, including his 10-year-old brother Benjamin, will hold services for him. Burial will be at Port Hudson National Cemetery in Zachary, his mother said. Family and friends gathered at Florida Boulevard Baptist Church to remember Kirk's life — his coffin positioned in the center of the church near the altar, draped with an American flag and bathed in bright light. Kirk's family, including his widow, Carly, sat in the front center pews of the sanctuary with rows of Marines sectioned on either side.

KNOTTS, Don Knotts

(Abstracted from several sources)

Don Knotts, the skinny, lovable nerd who kept generations of television audiences laughing as bumbling Deputy Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show," has died. He was 81. Knotts died Friday night of pulmonary and respiratory complications at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Beverly Hills. Unspecified health problems had forced him to cancel an appearance in his native Morgantown in August 2005. The West Virginia-born actor's half-century career included seven TV series and more than 25 films, but it was the Griffith show that brought him TV immortality and five Emmies. The show ran from 1960-68, and was in the top 10 of the Nielsen ratings each season, including a No. 1 ranking its final year. It is one of only three series in TV history to bow out at the top: The others are "I Love Lucy" and "Seinfeld." The 249 episodes have appeared frequently in reruns and have spawned a large, active network of fan clubs. As the bug-eyed deputy to Griffith, Knotts carried in his shirt pocket the one bullet he was allowed after shooting himself in the foot. The constant fumbling, a recurring sight gag, was typical of his self-deprecating humor. Knotts, whose shy, soft-spoken manner was unlike his high-strung characters, once said he was most proud of the Fife character and doesn't mind being remembered that way. His favorite episodes, he said, were "The Pickle Story," where Aunt Bea makes pickles no one can eat, and "Barney and the Choir," where no one can stop him from singing. "I can't sing. It makes me sad that I can't sing or dance well enough to be in a musical, but I'm just not talented in that way," he lamented. "It's one of my weaknesses." Knotts began his show biz career even before he graduated from high school, performing as a ventriloquist at local clubs and churches. He majored in speech at West Virginia University, then took off for the big city. "I went to New York cold. On a \$100 bill. Bummed a ride," he recalled in a visit to his hometown of Morgantown, where city officials renamed a street for him in 1998. Within six months, Knotts Lara Lee Szuchna had taken a job on a radio Western called "Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Riders," playing a wisecracking, know-it-all handyman. He stayed with it for five years, and then came his series TV debut on "The Steve Allen Show." He married Kay Metz in 1948, the year he graduated from college. The couple had two children before divorcing in 1969. Knotts later married, then divorced Lara Lee Szuchna. In recent years, he said he had no plans to retire. The world laughed at Knotts, but it also laughed with him. He is interred in Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles, California. Knotts is survived by his wife of three years, Francey Yarborough, and two children, Karen and Thomas, from his first marriage.

KOONTZ, Carl A. Koontz

(Abstracted from the kokomoperspective.com/obituaries website)

Carl A. Koontz, age 26, Kokomo, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2016, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after being shot while on duty. He was born on April 8, 1989, in Kokomo, the son of Allen P. & Jackie Koontz. On April 27, 2013, he married Cassandra Summer Floyd and she survives. Carl was a 2007 graduate of Western High School and received his Bachelors in Business Finance in 2011 from Indiana University at Kokomo. He graduated from the Police Academy on July 22, 2013. Carl started with the Howard County Sheriff's Department on July 15, 2013, and was a member of the F.O.P. Carl had worked for Marsh Super Markets as a butcher. Carl is survived by his wife, Cassandra S. Koontz, Kokomo; 1 son, Noah Allendale Koontz; his parents, Allen and Jackie Koontz; 1 sister, Alice Koontz; his grandparents, Ann and Allen Koontz, and Alice and Carl Durham;

mother and father-in-law, Sherry and Jerry Floyd; sister-in-law, Lindsay Floyd; niece, Vaida Arwood; aunts and uncles, Paul Casteel, Mike Casteel, Danny (Glenda) Casteel, Diane Howard, and John (Mitzi) Koontz, along with several cousins. Carl was preceded in death by his uncles, Lt. Don Howard and Gary Rhinebarger. Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at Northwestern High School, 3431 N 400 West in Kokomo. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Carl's memory to Noah's Education Fund. Stout Funeral Homes is assisting the family with arrangements.

KUYKENDALL, Lee Arlon Roten Kuykendall

(Abstracted from Elmer's genealogy friend - Tina Sansone - her granddaughter)

A graveside service for Lee Arlon Roten Kuykendall, 90, is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday at Oaks Hill Cemetery. She died May 28, 2013 at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. One of her survivors was Tina Sansone her granddaughter. Ms. Kuykendall died May 28, 2013 at Sanctuary Hospice House in Tupelo. Corinthian Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

KYLE, Chris Kyle

1974-2013

(Abstracted from many newspaper sources)

He said he killed 160 people, perhaps many more, making him one of the leading US military snipers of all time. In the course of four combat deployments to Iraq, he said insurgents nicknamed him "the devil of Ramadi" and placed a \$20,000 bounty on his head. "After the first kill, the others come easy," Kyle wrote last year in his best-selling memoir of Iraqi war service with the elite Navy SEALs. "I don't have to psych myself up, or do something special mentally - I look through the scope, get my target in the cross hairs, and kill my enemy, before he kills one of my people." Despite a career mostly lived by the gun, Kyle's death was nonetheless shocking. He was killed in a double slaying at the Rough Creek Lodge and Resort shooting range about 50 miles southwest of Fort Worth. Kyle, former Texas ranch hand and bronco buster who called himself the antithesis of the "refined assassin," joined the SEALs in 1999 and served four combat deployments before retiring in 2009. The SEALs specialize in surgical strike forces, and Kyle's steady nerve, his patience for stalking and his pinpoint marksmanship through his rifle scope earned him two awards of the Silver Star and five awards of the Bronze Star. His book, *American Sniper: the Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History*, sold hundreds of thousands of copies. Co-written with Scott McEwen and Jim DeFelice, *American Sniper* rode a crest of interest in behind-the-mystique, preserve-the-mystique SEAL volumes such as *No Easy Day*, Matt Bissonnette's pseudonymous account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden. Kyle was at the Rough Creek Lodge for a charity event to support his Dallas-based security firm, Craft International. Kyle also helped to start a non-profit group, the FITCO Cares Foundation, to supply at-home fitness equipment to emotionally and physically wounded veterans. With his Texas drawl, hulking physique and tightly reserved public manner, Kyle drew a degree of celebrity in the past year as he appeared on late-night talk shows and in the NBC competition show *Stars Earn Stripes*, which pairs military and law enforcement veterans with actors in drill exercises. In an interview, Kyle agreed that it was "kind of frowned on" in commando circles to become a public figure. "But I'm not trying to glorify myself," he said. "I didn't want to put the number of kills I had in there. I wanted to get it out about the sacrifices military families have to make." Christopher Scott Kyle was born on April 8, 1974 and grew up on a ranch in Odessa, Texas. As a young man, he hunted deer and pheasant with a bolt-action 30-06 rifle and rode bulls and broncs in rodeos. "When I grew up, I only had two dreams," he said last year. "One was to be a cowboy and another was to be in the military. I grew up extremely patriotic and riding horses." After studying ranch and range management at Tarleton State University, he returned to ranching before enlisting in the Navy with the ambition of joining the SEALs. He recalled his first kill in Iraq, of a woman walking with a child. Through his scope, he watched her remove a grenade from under her clothes, just as a group of Marines was approaching. It was a disquieting experience that made him hesitate at first from firing. "She had turned herself into a suicide bomber," Kyle later said. "Her intention was to kill herself and blow up the Marines.... Either way she was going to die." His sniper shots ranged mostly from 200 to 1,200 yards. Remarkably, while on assignment near Sadr City in Baghdad in 2008, he managed to kill an insurgent from about 2,100 yards away. The fighter was about to launch a rocket-propelled grenade at an Army convoy and, besides distance, Kyle had to consider factors such as wind and vibration from the shot. "God blew that bullet and hit him," Kyle said. Amid the bravado, *American Sniper* explored the impact of military life on Kyle's marriage. On an assignment in Baghdad, he wrote in the book, he called his wife on a satellite phone only to be interrupted by burst of gunfire and then a rocket-propelled grenade. The phone stayed on for much of the battle, then went dead. It was days before Kyle could call his wife and reassure her he had come through. He wrote that he left the military to save his marriage. The Pentagon does not typically confirm sniper kills publicly, but Kyle wrote that the Navy credited him with 160 kills as a sniper. That would make him a vastly more accomplished sniper than the previous known US record-holder, Adelbert F Waldron III, who was credited with 109 kills in Vietnam. Finnish sniper Simo Hayha killed more than 500 Soviets during World War II, by most estimates a world record in known combat operations. *American Sniper* provided rare insight into a sniper's telescope-lens view of the world, where there exists by the nature of the work only friend and foe. "For the most part, the public is very soft. You live in a dreamworld," Kyle said last year. "You have no idea what goes on on the other side of the world, the harsh realities that these people are doing to themselves and then our guys. And there are certain things that need to be done to take care of them." Chris Kyle is survived by his wife, Taya, and their two children.

