

**MANNS, Robert L. Manns**

(Abstracted from one of Elmer's friends, Ann Schadler)

Robert L. Manns (Bob) Passed away on July 9th surrounded by his family. Bob was born on July 14, 1942 to Rebecca (Dunlap) and James Manns in Lansing Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Rouse-Richardson (Mickie), his children Greg (Carman) Manns, Nicole Kring, step-children Gloria (Al) Crippin, Paula (Mark) Head, Susan (John) Blalock and James (Kathleen) Richardson along with 11 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and his brother William (Rena) Dunlap. He also leaves very special friends, Ann and Jim Shadler. Bob was very proud to serve our Country as a Marine and retired as Deputy Chief from the Lansing Fire Department, The Fire Alarm Division. He then worked for Builders Square and retired from All Phase Electric in 2007. He asked that there be no memorial or service and hoped that the lives of the people he met will remember him in their own way. The family is being served by Swanson's Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be sent to Great Lakes Hospice, Lansing, Michigan.

**MARCHINGTON, Sean A. Marchington**

(Abstracted from the Bozeman (MT) Daily Chronicle August 17, 2006)

Sean Andrew Marchington, 18, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2006, in Bozeman. Sean is the son of Patricia (Albrecht) Marchington and Robert Marchington. He was born Saturday, Oct. 24, 1987, in Bozeman and has lived in Pine Creek-Park County; Cloverdale, CA; and Bozeman. Sean has been working hard to complete his G.E.D. which was very important to him. He had hoped to attend college in Oregon. He had some training in the culinary arts and enjoyed working as a cook. He also loved music and listening to his favorite artist TuPac. Sean was teaching himself to play the guitar. Throughout his life, Sean has been an extremely deep thinker, a sensitive and caring person, a very loyal friend and has tried to be the best person that he could be. In his writings and from the depths of his soul, he has tried to find answers within his world and believed in God to guide him. Sean's friends, his brother, Garet and their dog, Oliver have meant the world to him. Sean is survived by his parents, Patricia Marchington and Robert Marchington; his brother and sister-in-law, Sgt. Garet Marchington and Cpl. Mayra Marchington; his maternal grandparents, Harold and Phyllis Albrecht of SpringHill, FL; aunts, Pamela (Albrecht) McMillian of Knoxville, TN, and Marie (Marchington) Slanger of Fargo, ND; uncle, William Marchington of Jardine, Park County; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his cousin, Jessica; and his paternal grandparents, Roy and Nora (Broyles) Marchington. Sean's funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Dahl Funeral Chapel in Bozeman for his friends to pay their respects to him.

**MATTHEWS, Elizabeth A. Matthews**

(Abstracted from February 5, 2011, Sauk Valley Newspapers (Dixon-Sterling, IL)

Elizabeth A. "Betty" Matthews, 89, of Rock Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at Sterling Pavilion Nursing Home. Betty was born June 9, 1921, in Moline, the daughter of Daniel and Dorothy (Risdon) Forney. She was raised in Walnut, and was a member of the 50th class to graduate from Walnut High School in 1939. She married Glenn W. Matthews on Dec. 7, 1944, in Springfield. He died on May 4, 1986. Betty owned and operated Matthews Cafe, Milledgeville, for 10 years. She retired from the KSB dietary department in 1988. Survivors include one daughter, Jean (Neil) Richmond of Sterling; two sons, G. William "Bill" (Suzi) Matthews of Normal and Dan (June) Matthews of Vancouver, Wash.; two sisters, Priscilla Brittin of Carbondale and Clara Snell of Pekin; seven grandchildren, Emilie (Pat) Halm, Nate (Kim) Goldman, Ben (Kari) Matthews, Andrew (Janelle) Matthews, Rachel (Jesse) Holeman, Sam Matthews, and Madeline "Maddie" Richmond; and nine great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Kevin, Jake, Hannah, Lily, Ainsley, Isaiah, Andrew, and Grace. She was preceded in death her parents; husband; and one sister, Ruth Lawrence. Burial will be at Leon Cemetery, Prophetstown, Funeral Home, Rock Falls.

**MATTHEWS, George O. Matthews**

(Abstracted from The Telegraph Herald (Dubuque, IA) - July 28, 1998)

George O. Matthews, 77, 2208 Hollywood Blvd., Iowa City, formerly of Eldridge, Iowa, and Dubuque, died following a lengthy illness Friday, July 24, 1998, at home. Services will be at New Horizons United Methodist Church, Coralville, Iowa. Mr. Matthews worked in sales for the Miracle Maid Cookware Co. He was born on Sept. 24, 1920, in Prophetstown, Illinois, son of Howard H. and Martha H. (Winkler) Matthews. He married Wilma Branding on Sept. 28, 1957, in Granite City, Illinois. The couple made its home on the family farm, where George was raised, until 1975. They later lived for a short time in Dubuque and Eldridge. They moved to Iowa City in 1986. He graduated from Prophetstown High School. Surviving are his wife, Wilma, of Iowa City; three daughters, Lois Matthews, of Jersey City, NJ, Beth (David) Butler, of Wichita, Kansas, and Jane Matthews, of Dubuque; two grandsons, Matthew and Kevin Butler; his brother, Ralph Matthews, of Prophetstown; and his sister-in-law, Betty Matthews, of Dixon, Illinois.

**MEREDITH, Cheerio Meredith**

(Abstracted from various sources)

Cheerio Meredith, born Lucile Hoffmann on July 12, 1890 in Missouri. She was originally a stage actress until breaking into films and TV. She was a regular as Emma Brand and Emma Watson on The Andy Griffith Show and appeared in One Happy Family as

Lovey Hackett. She died in Woodland Hills, Los Angeles, CA December 25, 1964 of undisclosed causes. I (Elmer Spear) found that she had a son named Josef Hoffman Meredith and he died July 11, 2007 in Burbank. She is buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills), Los Angeles County, CA.

#### **MILLER, Diane Disney Miller**

(Abstracted from Elmer's Facebook friend Terri O'Connell)

Diane Disney Miller, Walt Disney's only biological child, died November 19, 2013 at age 79. Diane also was the wife of Ron Miller, who served as CEO of the Walt Disney Company in the early 1980s, until he was replaced by Michael Eisner in 1984, as part of a company defense against hostile takeover attempts. Miller was born Dec. 18, 1933 and died at her home in Napa, CA, reportedly of complications from a fall earlier this year. Walt and Lillian Disney also adopted a daughter, Sharon Mae Disney, who died in 1993.

#### **MILLER, John E. Miller**

(Abstracted by courtesy of the Sand Mountain Reporter January 18, 2007)

John E. Miller, 76, of Albertville, died Monday, Jan. 15, 2007, at his home. Services were Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. at Adams Funeral Home Chapel. Survivors include his wife, Ann Hill Miller, of Albertville; children, John F. (Patricia) Miller, of Ohio, James A. (Kim) Miller, and Janet C. (Bob) Keister, of Pennsylvania, Jay (Christine) Miller, of Nevada, and Nancy Hill, of Huntsville; brother, James (Helen) Miller, of Oregon; sisters, Marriette Stamper, of Iowa, Lois (David) Schlabach, of Florida, and Doris Kramer, of Oregon; sisters-in-law, LaVerne Miller, of Kansas, and MajBritt Miller, of Sweden; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

#### **MILLER, Stephen Miller**

(Abstracted by courtesy of Cindy Taylor - Here is the obituary from Columbus Daily Enquirer....printed May 6, 1893)

Death of a Noted Character - Mr. Stephen Miller died at his residence, sixteen miles north of this city in Harris county, Friday night at 7 o'clock. The deceased was very old, being ninety-one years of age, and was a remarkable character well known throughout this section. He possessed a wonderful appetite, and his capacity for eating was astonishing. He was a member of the Baptist church. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and the remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near his residence. I have another article written a week after Stephen's death, who was a friend or neighbor of Stephen Miller. He described Stephen as a larger than life character, who had the respect of his neighbors and was an honest man. The article stated Miller had lived most of his life in the western part of Harris County with his wife, Charity

#### **MISHLER, Imogene D. Mishler**

(Abstracted from Gene Davies, a friend of Elmer's - this was Gene's sister)

Imogene D. Mishler, age 86, of Riverton, KS, went to be with Lord on Friday, June 21, 2013, in Joplin, MO. Her parents were Henry and Mildred (Camp) Davies. She was born in Galena, KS, and graduated from Galena High School in 1944. She worked at Camp Crowder for three years, at Parsons Ordinance Plant for two years. She was employed by Empire District electric for 43 years. Imogene was a member of Sixth Street Baptist Church in Galena, and a lifelong resident of Riverton. She is survived by two brothers, Marion Davies and wife, Maxine, Webb City, MO, Gene Davies and wife, Cindy, Caldwell, KS, a nephew, Mike Davies and wife, Sherri, of Galena, and the pride and joy of her life, great nephew, Gage Davies, of Galena. No services are planned. It was her wish to be cremated. Contributions may be made in her memory to the youth fund at the Sixth Street Baptist Church, Galena. Arrangements under the direction of Mason-Woodard Mortuary & Crematory.

#### **MITCHELL, Edgar Mitchell**

(Abstracted from the website Legacy)

Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 astronaut who was the 6th man to walk on the moon, has died in Florida, according to The Associated Press. He was 85. This year marks the 45th Anniversary of the Apollo 14 mission, which lasted from January 31 - February 9, 1971. A capable pilot and man of diverse and colorful interests, Mitchell was the Lunar Module Pilot on his lone trip into space. During the mission he and Commander Alan Shepard spent more than nine hours on the lunar surface, collecting 95 pounds of rock samples, walking over two miles, and in Shepard's case, golfing. The success of Apollo 14 in 1971 was important to NASA following the nearly-catastrophic Apollo 13 mission. "Had we blown it, had it failed for whatever reason, that would probably have been the end of the Apollo program right there," Mitchell said in a 1997 interview. "Looking at Earth from space and seeing it was a planet in isolation... that was an experience of ecstasy, realizing that every molecule in our bodies is a system of matter created from a star hanging in space," Mitchell told The Telegraph in 2014. "The experience I had was called Samadhi in the ancient Sanskrit, a feeling of overwhelming joy at seeing the Earth from that perspective." During the return voyage Mitchell conducted a series of ESP experiments attempting to communicate messages with friends on Earth. He claimed the experiments were successful but some in NASA were uncomfortable with his public fascination with telepathy. After leaving NASA he founded the Institute of Noetic Sciences to study consciousness and paranormal phenomena. He was also interested in faith

healing and on numerous occasions spoke to the press about his beliefs in UFOs. Mitchell was born on September 17, 1930, in Hereford, TX. He received a degree in Industrial Management from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1952 before joining the [U.S. Navy](#). While in the Navy he completed his Doctor of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. He was selected to be an astronaut in 1966. According to his daughter, Kimberly Mitchell, he died at a West Palm Beach hospice after a short illness.

#### **MOORE, Hazel W. Moore**

(Abstracted from the Charles C. Young Funeral Home Website)

Hazel W. Moore, age 85, a longtime resident of Ross, Ohio passed away at her residence on Monday, January 28, 2013. She was born on July 4, 1927 in Waycross, GA the daughter of Charlie and Julie (Altman) Crews. In 1945, she married Roy L. Moore in Brunswick, GA. She is survived by her two sons, Daniel Moore of Harrison and Stan (Michele) Moore of Fairfield; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one brother, Gene Crews; and many other loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; 2 brothers and 11 sisters. Visitation will be held at Charles C. Young Funeral Home, 4032 Hamilton Cleves Road, Ross, OH on Friday, February 1, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Venice Cemetery in Ross. [www.charlesyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.charlesyoungfuneralhome.com)

#### **MOORE, Joanna Cook Moore**

(Compiled Abstracted from many sources)

She was born Dorothy Cook November 10, 1934 in the elder of two daughters, in Americus, Sumter County, GA, to Henry Cook, an atomic scientist, and Dorothy English Cook. When she was a child, her parents and younger sister were involved in a fatal car accident. Her mother and sister died immediately, while her father died a year after the accident from the injuries he sustained. Moore's grandmother raised her until she became mentally and physically incapacitated. Moore was then adopted by a wealthy local family and changed her name from Dorothy to Joanna. As a teen, she married, and quickly divorced, Willis Moore. After the divorce, she attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. While attending college, she entered and won a beauty contest and was brought to Hollywood. Moore's acting career began when she was spotted at a cocktail party by a producer for Universal. She is best remembered as the benevolent girlfriend of Sheriff Andy Taylor in the early TV episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show." At the peak of her career, she married actor Ryan O'Neal in April 1963, and together they had two children, Tatum and Griffin O'Neal. They divorced in February of 1967. She died November 22, 1997 at Indian Wells, Riverside County, CA and is interred at Oak Grove Cemetery, Americus, Sumter County, GA.

#### **MOORSHEAD, Halvor Moorshead**

(Abstracted from information received from Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak, one of Elmer's Genealogy friends)

The many friends and acquaintances of Halvor Moorshead will be saddened to learn that he passed away suddenly yesterday at the age of 71. He was well-known in the genealogy community as the founder of *Family Chronicle* magazine in 1997, followed by other publications including *Internet Genealogy*, *Discovering Family History*, and the companion title, *History Magazine*. Halvor was also a genuine nice guy. He loved people and loved his work. Since his retirement, Halvor returned to an earlier love, that of radio. He was the chair of WhiStle Radio in Stouffville, Ontario. Halvor leaves behind his beloved wife Marian, along with Victoria, Alexandra, Timothy, and Christina, along with 2 grandsons, Trevor and David Moorshead, and his younger brother, Robin, in England and family members around the world whom he discovered and brought together through his love of family history.

#### **MORRISON, Carl S. Morrison, Jr.**

Abstracted from the Orlando Sentinel on September 3, 2009

Air Force LT. Col., born April 12, 1921 in Plymouth, NH to Carl & Helen Morrison, and raised in Lebanon, NH and graduated Lebanon High School lettering in ski jumping, football and baseball, passed away at the age of 88, on Monday, Aug. 31, 2009. While attending Norwich University in Vermont, where he was a Theta Chi, he was called into service by the United States Air Force at the beginning of World War II. While training as a night-fighter pilot in Orlando, he met his wife, Jane Cotton, and they were married in Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College, in Jan. 1943. He was named at the age of 23 commanding officer of the 416th Night Fighter Squadron, where his men referred to him as "the old man". He flew a total of 188 combat missions in the European Theater, receiving among his many decorations, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with four oak-leaf clusters. Returning to Orlando in 1946, he owned and operated two drug stores, sold them and became a retail sporting goods dealer with as many as eight locations in the State of Florida. Honesty, integrity and fairness were his principles in dealing with customers and friends. An important part of his life was his involvement in Little League where he served as sponsor, coach, umpire and President of his league. He did not have a selfish bone in his body, and worked and sacrificed in giving his family the desires of their hearts. Loving the outdoors, and admiring God's handy work in nature, his hobbies were hunting and fishing. His passion for fishing took him and his son from Alaska to the Florida Everglades. After retiring in 1989, he became an avid golf player. He belonged to the Military Officer Association of America, Retired Officer Association, the

416th Night Fighters Association, and National Wildlife Association. Membership in St. John Lutheran Church in Winter Park, Florida added many friends whose friendships he still holds dear. Carl was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, guiding us with his love, care, and strength. Left to cherish his memory are Jane, his wife of 66 years; Kathleen, his daughter; Buster, his son; Nancy, his daughter-in-law; Kymerly Joyner, his eldest grand-daughter; Taylor, his grandson; Travis, his youngest grandson; Carol Flaurand, his half-sister; and several nieces and nephews. The viewing of Lt. Colonel, Carl S. Morrison, Jr. will be held on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Baldwin Fairchild Chapel on Lake Ivanhoe. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, 10 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, 1600 South Orlando Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. Interment will follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Orlando, Florida. Family will receive friends succeeding Interment from 1 to 3 p.m. at the home of his son. Also available is an online guestbook at [orlandosentinel.com](http://orlandosentinel.com), and [baldwinfairchild.com](http://baldwinfairchild.com) that will allow you to share photos, sentiments, and more.

### **MORRISON, Jane C. Morrison**

April 13, 2016

Born October 22, 1922, in Orlando, Florida to Hugh & Martha Cotton, and raised in Orlando, Florida, attended Hillcrest Elementary, Memorial Junior High School, passed away at the age 93, on Wednesday, April 13, 2016. After attending Orlando High School, Jane then was accepted into Rollins College and attended Rollins from 1940 through 1943. There she met her husband, Lt. Col. Carl S. Morrison, Jr. on a blind date and they were married in Knowles Memorial Chapel, Rollins College, on January 9, 1943. While a student at Rollins College, she was part of the Chi Omega Sorority, and also a Phi Beta Kappa for being in Honor Society for high academia. When Jane's husband returned from World War II as a decorated war hero in 1946, she assisted him in opening two drug stores and then sold them, and then began a retail sporting goods dealer with as many as eight locations in the State of Florida. Jane volunteered as a Pink Lady at Florida Hospital during the 1970's and 1980's. Jane had many hobbies, one of which was a passion: collecting. Some of the items she would collect were stamps from around the world, concentrating mostly in European and Russian. She was an active member of the Orlando Stamp Club for twenty five years, and served as Treasurer. Jane also enjoyed collecting antiques, including furniture, china and stemware, as well as post cards of "Old" Orlando, Silk Santa Claus', and Hold to Light. One of the most passionate things she collected was her Harrison Fischer Collections'; she was one of the largest Harrison Fischer collectors in the world, holding two complete collections of Harrison Fischer original prints. Jane also loved playing bridge with her Chi Omega bridge group once a month, as they would rotate hosting at their homes, country clubs, or restaurants. They would travel together, their favorite place to go was various beaches and Savannah, GA. She enjoyed playing card games, board games and loved watching Jeopardy because she knew the answer to every question. She was as smart as a whip! In her later years she enjoyed attending St. John Lutheran Church, in Winter Park, Florida, where she and her late husband were members and had many friends whose friendships she still holds dear. Jane was a wonderful wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, guiding all of us with her wealth of wisdom, strength, knowledge, and sense of humor. Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Kathleen Jane Morrison born on October 17, 1947, and her son, Sherwood Cotton Morrison, born on March 8, 1953 and her daughter-in-law, Nancy Helen Morrison, born on December 13, 1957, and her three grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Joyner, born on September 18, 1969, Taylor Patrick Morrison, born December 19, 1984, and Travis Carlton Morrison born on March 31, 1991. Jane's husband of 66 years, LT. Col. Carl S. Morrison, Jr. and her brother, Hugh M. Cotton, Jr. are both deceased. Out of all her accomplishments she would say her greatest achievements would have been in the lives of her family she created and adored. Her creative mind, kind heart, brilliant smile, a way of teaching her children and grandchildren proper manners, which they will cherish, and them listening to the simple story she told of long ago would make us sparkle. To her family she was known as Mom, Grandma, but more importantly love so unconditionally for having such unconditional love for her family. Her generous heart filled her home with love, family and she knows she was loved by the Lord. She was always so happy and always said "as long as she had her family, she was always happy, and would never wanted for anything else."

### **MURPHY, Audie Leon Murphy**

(Abstracted from internet sources)

Audie Leon Murphy (20 June 1925 - 28 May 1971) was one of the most decorated American combat soldiers of World War II, receiving every military combat award for valor available from the U.S. Army, as well as French and Belgian awards for heroism. Murphy received the Medal of Honor for valor demonstrated at the age of 19 for single-handedly holding off an entire company

of German soldiers for an hour at the Colmar Pocket in France in January 1945, then leading a successful counterattack while wounded and out of ammunition. Murphy was born into a large sharecropper family in Hunt County, Texas. His father abandoned them, and his mother died when he was a teenager. Murphy left school in fifth grade to pick cotton and find other work to help support his family; his skill with a hunting rifle was a necessity for putting food on the table. Murphy's older sister helped him to falsify documentation about his birth date to meet the minimum-age requirement for enlisting in the military, and after being turned down by the Navy and the Marine Corps he enlisted in the Army. He first saw action in the Allied invasion of Sicily and the Battle of Anzio, and in 1944 was part of the liberation of Rome and invasion of southern France. Murphy fought at Montélimar, and led his men on a successful assault at the L'Omet quarry near Cleurie in northeastern France in October. After the war, Murphy enjoyed a 21-year acting career. He played himself in the 1955 autobiographical *To Hell and Back* based on his 1949 memoirs of the same name, but most of his films were westerns. He made guest appearances on celebrity television shows and starred in the series *Whispering Smith*. Murphy was a fairly accomplished songwriter, and bred quarter horses in California and Arizona, becoming a regular participant in horse racing. Suffering from what would today be termed posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), he slept with a loaded handgun under his pillow and looked for solace in addictive sleeping pills. In the last few years of his life he was plagued by money problems, but refused offers to appear in alcohol and cigarette commercials because he did not want to set a bad example. Murphy died in a plane crash in Virginia in 1971 shortly before his 46th birthday, and was interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Murphy married actress Wanda Hendrix on 8 January 1949, and their divorce became final on 19 April 1951. Four days later he married former airline stewardess Pamela Archer. He had two sons with Archer: Terry Michael Murphy, born in 1952, and James Shannon "Skipper" Murphy, born in 1954.