

RADCLIFF, Susan K. Radcliff

(Abstracted from friends at the Noble County Ohio Genealogical Society)

Susan K. Radcliff, 59, of Caldwell, passed away Wednesday (Oct. 19, 2011) at Southeastern Med in Cambridge. She was born Nov. 26, 1951, in Marietta, to D. Willard and the late D. Jane (Morgareidge) Radcliff. She graduated from Caldwell High School in 1969 and Good Samaritan School of Nursing. She also received a BSN at Ohio University and MSN from Penn State University. She was a Lieutenant Grade in the U.S. Navy, where she was nurse during the Vietnam era. She was an RN and MSN at Medical Associates in Cambridge for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Caldwell, Noble County Chapter of Ohio Genealogical Society and was a commander at the American Legion Post 252 in Caldwell. She was preceded in death by her mother, D. Jane Radcliff. She is survived by her father, D. Willard Radcliff of Caldwell; one sister, Sarah Michel of Caldwell; one brother, David (Bobbie) Radcliff of Sanibel, FL; four nephews, David (Debbie) Radcliff, Matt (Anne) Radcliff, Nick Michel and Phil (Stephanie) Michel; two great-nephews, Alex Radcliff and Mason Michel; and one great-niece, Jaelynn Michel. Murphy-McCurdy Funeral Home in Caldwell, Ohio is in charge of the arrangements.

RAMSEY, Betty Jean Callender Ramsey

(Abstracted from information provided by Lana Hoing Kiser, a friend of Elmer's at Elmer's Genealogy Corner)

Betty Jean Callender Ramsey, 71, was born on December 27, 1941, in Madisonville, TX, to Laverne and Marguerite Callender and entered into the presence of her heavenly Father on the morning of June 29, 2013, following a lengthy struggle to recover from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Betty Jean was raised in Troup, TX, and graduated from Troup High School in 1960. Following in her mother's footsteps, she attended Tyler Junior College and Sam Houston State University where she graduated with a teaching degree in 1964. While at Sam Houston, she met and married Carrel O. Ramsey of Palacios, TX. Following college, Betty Jean and Carrel made their home in Palacios where they have lived, raised their family and been an active part of First Baptist Church and the community for many years. Betty Jean lived her life with three priorities: God, family, service to others. She became a born-again Christian as a child and she lived her life in a way that she not only said she was a Christian; she showed that to all who knew her. She had a servant's heart and was always willing to help anyone with anything, anytime of the day or night. She raised her family in a Godly home and was a constant support for her children. In her 44 years as an educator, her students also reaped the benefits of learning about God's love through a Christian teacher who was an example for them to follow. One of the things Betty Jean was most proud of was her four grandchildren. She was their biggest cheerleader in whatever they were participating in and often traveled between Katy, College Station or wherever they were participating in events just to be with them and support them. She was a familiar face to her grandchildren's friends, many of who referred to her as "Grandma" as well. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Carrel O. Ramsey; daughters, Shongh (Steven) Smith of Katy and Latrichia (Richard) Thomas of College Station. She will greatly be missed by her four grandchildren: Derek Smith, Connor Thomas, Brandon Smith and Janelle Thomas. She is also survived by her sisters, Kay Evans of Troup, TX, and Helen (Jerry A.) Cole of Bedias, TX. She is also survived by numerous other nieces, nephews and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Laverne and Marguerite Dishongh Callender and her brother-in-law, Glen Evans. A celebration of Betty Jean Callender Ramsey's life will be held at First Baptist Church, Palacios, TX, on July 3, 2013 with a private family burial to follow at a later time in Bedias, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Betty Jean Ramsey to First Baptist Church, Palacios or Bedias Baptist Church, Bedias, TX.

RAWLINGS, Michael J. Rawlings

(Abstracted from Elmer - One of Elmer's Fraternity brothers from the University of Toledo)

Michael J. "Mike" Rawlings, age 25, of Lambertville, MI died Sunday, April 5, 2009, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Born, Sept. 23, 1983, in Toledo, OH, he was the son of John K. and Lois J. (Eisenmann) Rawlings, Jr. Mike was a 2001 graduate of Ida High School and then received bachelor's of business, majoring in finance and entrepreneurship from the University of Toledo in 2005. He was a member and past president of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity. Mike started working with his father in the heating and air conditioning business at a very young age. After graduation in 2005, he purchased Walt's Heating and Air. In May of 2007, he changed the name to RW Heating and Air. He was a member of Toledo Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, Air Conditioning Contractors of America, Bedford Business Association, Better Business Bureau and BNI. Mike also loved to play softball, poker with his friends and spending time with his dog, Tara. Surviving are his loving parents, John and Lois Rawlings, Jr.; his grandparents, Thomas and Jane Eisenmann, John Rawlings, Sr. and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jennifer, and his grandmother, Florence Rawlings. Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home, 1640 Smith Rd. (at Jackman), Temperance, MI, is where funeral services will be held Thursday. Interment will follow at Erie Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Monroe County ISD or charity of the donor's choice.

REAGAN, Nancy Reagan

(Abstracted from the Legacy.com website)

Nancy Reagan, the former first lady of the United States, has died at the age of 94 on March 6, 2016. Reagan was born Anne Frances Robbins July 6, 1921, in Manhattan, the daughter of silent film and Broadway actress Edith Lockett and car salesman

Kenneth Robbins, who divorced when she was a baby. She was adopted later by her stepfather, Loyal Davis, and her name was legally changed to Nancy Davis. After attending Smith College, she pursued a career in acting. As a contract player with MGM, Nancy Davis became a well-known actress with roles in films including "Night Into Morning" and "Hellcats of the Navy." During her time in Hollywood, Davis was involved with actors including Clark Gable and Robert Stack, but the relationship that stuck was with the man who was then president of the Screen Actors Guild, Ronald Reagan. They dated for several years and married in 1952. Her acting career continued for some years after the wedding, including occasional television roles, but by the early 1960s, she had retired. In 1967, Reagan became first lady of California as her husband was elected governor. As first lady, she became a member of the California Arts Council as well as supporting organizations, including the Foster Grandparents Program and charities devoted to helping veterans and people with disabilities. She served as first lady for her husband's two terms, from 1967 to 1975. Though Ronald Reagan lost his first bid for the U.S. presidency in 1976, he won handily in 1980, and he and Nancy moved to Washington, DC. As the nation's first lady, she brought glamour to the White House that echoed that of the Kennedy administration, becoming known for her personal style and meticulous decoration and renovation of the White House. Also of key importance to her eight years as first lady was her "Just Say No" campaign against recreational drugs. Focusing on drug education and discouraging young people from drug abuse, Reagan mounted a highly visible campaign, appearing on talk shows, touring the U.S., and even making her pitch on episodes of "Dynasty" and "Diff'rent Strokes." While in the White House, Reagan was diagnosed with breast cancer and elected to undergo a mastectomy, in an echo to the diagnosis and action of previous first lady Betty Ford. Just as Ford's cancer fight helped raise awareness and open a dialogue about the previously hushed disease, so did Reagan's operation. In the months following her diagnosis and surgery, many U.S. women had mammograms done. After two terms as first lady, Reagan continued to champion drug abuse prevention, establishing the Nancy Reagan Foundation with the goal of educating people about the dangers of recreational drugs. She also became involved in Alzheimer's research organizations after her husband was diagnosed with the disease. She advocated for stem cell research and remained active in politics, hosting presidential debates in 2008 and 2012. Tributes have been coming in for Nancy Reagan. Arnold Schwarzenegger said, "Nancy Reagan was one of my heroes. She served as First Lady with unbelievable power, class and grace and left her mark on the world. She's with her Ronnie now, but those of us she left behind will miss her dearly." Reagan was preceded in death by her husband as well as by her stepdaughter, Maureen Reagan. She is survived by her children, Patti Davis and Ron Reagan, and stepson, Michael Reagan.

REAGAN, Ronald Wilson Reagan

(Abstracted from several websites)

WASHINGTON (AP) - Ronald Wilson Reagan, the cheerful crusader who devoted his presidency to winning the Cold War, trying to scale back government and making people believe it was "morning again in America," died Saturday after a long twilight struggle with Alzheimer's disease, a family friend said. He was 93. He died at his home in California, according to the friend, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The White House was told his health had taken a turn for the worse in the last several days. Five years after leaving office, the nation's 40th president told the world in November 1994 that he had been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's, an incurable illness that destroys brain cells. He said he had begun "the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life." Reagan's body was expected to be taken to his presidential library and museum in Simi Valley, CA, and then flown to Washington to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda. His funeral was expected to be at the National Cathedral, an event likely to draw world leaders. The body was to be returned to California for a sunset burial at his library. Reagan lived longer than any U.S. president, spending his last decade in the shrouded seclusion wrought by his disease, tended by his wife, Nancy, whom he called Mommy, and the select few closest to him. Now, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton are the surviving ex-presidents. Although fiercely protective of Reagan's privacy, the former first lady let people know his mental condition had deteriorated terribly. Last month, she said: "Ronnie's long journey has finally taken him to a distant place where I can no longer reach him." Reagan's oldest daughter, Maureen, from his first marriage, died in August 2001 at age 60 from cancer. Three other children survive: Michael, from his first marriage, and Patti Davis and Ron Prescott Reagan from his second. Over two terms, from 1981 to 1989, Reagan reshaped the Republican Party in his conservative image, fixed his eye on the demise of the Soviet Union and Eastern European communism and tripled the national debt to \$3 trillion in his single-minded competition with the other superpower. Taking office at age 69, Reagan had already lived a career outside Washington, one that spanned work as a radio sports announcer, an actor, a television performer, a spokesman for the General Electric Co., and a two-term governor of California. At the time of his retirement, his very name suggested a populist brand of conservative politics that still inspires the Republican Party. He declared at the outset, "Government is not the solution, it's the problem," although reducing that government proved harder to do in reality than in his rhetoric. Even so, he challenged the status quo on welfare and other programs that had put government on a growth spurt ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal strengthened the federal presence in the lives of average Americans. In foreign affairs, he built the arsenals of war while seeking and achieving arms control agreements with the Soviet Union. In his second term, Reagan was dogged by revelations that he authorized secret arms sales to Iran while seeking Iranian aid to gain release of American hostages held in Lebanon. Some of the money was used to aid rebels fighting the leftist government of Nicaragua. Despite the ensuing investigations, he left office in 1989 with the highest popularity rating of any retiring president in the history of modern-day public opinion polls.

That reflected, in part, his uncommon ability as a communicator and his way of connecting with ordinary Americans, even as his policies infuriated the left and as his simple verities made him the butt of jokes. "Morning again in America" became his re-election campaign mantra in 1984, but typified his appeal to patriotism through both terms. At 69, Reagan was the oldest man ever elected president when he was chosen on Nov. 4, 1980, by an unexpectedly large margin over incumbent Democrat Jimmy Carter. Near-tragedy struck on his 70th day as president. On March 30, 1981, Reagan was leaving a Washington hotel after addressing labor leaders when a young drifter, John Hinckley, fired six shots at him. A bullet lodged an inch from Reagan's heart, but he recovered. Four years later he was re-elected by an even greater margin, carrying 49 of the 50 states in defeating Democrat Walter F. Mondale, Carter's vice president.

RECTOR, Melvin Rector

(Abstracted from <http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2016/05/24/wwii-vet-died-his-final-mission-london/84618100/>)

Until earlier this month, U.S. Army Air Corps veteran Melvin Rector had always regretted not having returned to the place where he served during World War II. This year, the 94-year-old Barefoot Bay man who served as a radio operator on B-17 Flying Fortress bombers decided to return to a country he last saw in 1945: England. It was such a milestone that the pilot of his American Airlines flight to England invited Rector to the cockpit and snapped pictures with the veteran. "The flight attendant stopped us and said, 'Mr. Rector, the captain would like to meet you.'" said Susan Jowers, who accompanied Rector on the trip. On May 6 he arrived in London for a tour of World War II sights and the places he had served 71 years earlier. Rector was scheduled to visit his former base RAF Snetterton Heath in Norfolk, but started the tour at the Battle of Britain Bunker in the Uxbridge area of London that first day. "He walked out of that bunker like his tour was done," said Jowers, 60, who first met Rector when she served as his guardian during a 2011 Honor Flight trip to Washington, DC. She said she became like a daughter to Rector after that. As he walked out, Rector told Jowers that he felt dizzy. Jowers took hold of one of Rector's arms while a stranger grasped the other. Rector died quietly there just outside the bunker. Jowers said she expected three or four people for the simple funeral service in London. That was until others found out about it. "They just wanted something simple, and when I found out a little background about Melvin, there is just no way that we were just going to give him a simple service," funeral director Neil Sherry told British ITV Network, which aired a news piece about Rector's funeral service. "We wanted it to be as special as possible." Though no one knew him, the Royal Air Force, U.S. Air Force and historians in London attended and participated in the funeral with military honors. "He certainly got a beautiful send-off," Jowers said. "People everywhere, from Cambridge to London heard his story." U.S. Army Maj. Leif Purcell told ITV he thought he and a few other U.S. military personnel would be the only ones to attend the funeral, but was surprised. "The representation from the Royal Air Force and the British Army that I saw here was phenomenal," he said. Rector's daughter, Sandy Vavruich, who lives in Gloversville, NY, said she was touched that so many people cared and showed up for her father's funeral in England. "You go to a foreign country and they have the love and honor a veteran," she said. "It was so nice that he had those to participate in his service." Vavruich said her father was in a peaceful place doing what he had set out to do. "He couldn't have asked for a better way to go," she said. "It was quick and painless. He had just gotten to see two planes and he passed away between them." Rector served with the 96th Bomb Group during the war, flying bombing missions over Europe. He served in the military from 1943 to 1951 and attained the rank of master sergeant. He last served in 1945 in England. "He planned it for like the last six months," said Darlene O'Donnell, Rector's stepdaughter who lives across the street from Rector's Barefoot Bay home. "He couldn't wait to go." O'Donnell said Rector volunteered with Honor Flight, helped out at his church and did other volunteer work. In 2011, he was taken on an Honor Flight, which takes World War II veterans on all-expense paid trips to Washington, DC to reflect at the monuments in their honor. He was paired with Jowers as his guardian for the trip. Her father also served in the Army Air Corps but died when she was very young. "Since then we became like father and daughter," said Jowers, who has an interest in World War II history. "There was just something about Melvin. We had a connection." A funeral service for Rector, a father of six, is set for June 9 at First Baptist Church of Barefoot Bay. Jowers said his remains were being repatriated Tuesday. "He completed his final mission," she said.

REED, Jesse D. Reed

(Abstracted from <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mcall/obituary.aspx?pid=144225395>)

SPC Jesse D. Reed, USAR, age 26, of Whitehall, PA died Wednesday, July 14, 2010 while serving in the line of duty to his country in Southern Afghanistan. Born October 16, 1983 he was the son of Dolores A. Reed of Allentown and David Reed of Lopatcong, NJ. He and his wife Heather L. Reed (Santana) resided in Fayetteville, NC. Jesse was a 2002 graduate of Whitehall High School where he wrestled and played football. He was also a member of the Hokendauqua Fire Company. Survivors along with his wife and parents is a son, Dylan D. Reed; step-daughter, Brianna L. Bashore; step-mother, Robbie F. Reed; step-sister, Sharon R. Siniscalco; step-brother, James P. Stillman all of Lopatcong, NJ; father and mother-in-law, Nemesio and Ronda F. Rosado, Northampton, PA; sisters-in-law, Anita F. Thompson of Whitehall, PA, Ashley M. Santana of Northampton, PA; aunt, Catherine Mlynek of Orefield, PA; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. A new son, Jesse D. Reed, Jr., is expected to arrive in August. Arrangements are being handled by Schisler Funeral Home, Inc., 2119 Washington Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067 will

handle the funeral on Friday, July 23, 2010. Interment will follow services with military honors at Ceder Hill Memorial Park in Allentown, PA. Contributions: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the funeral home.

RICE, Marcia Arlene (Rinehart) Rice

(Abstracted by courtesy of The World Link, Coos Bay, OR, October 24, 2012

July 25, 1948 - Oct. 12, 2012

A memorial service will be held for Marcia Arlene (Rinehart) Rice, 64, of Coos Bay at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, at Faith Lutheran Church, 2741 Sherman Ave., in North Bend. Marcia was born July 25, 1948 in Portland, Ore., the second child of Delbert Roy and Betty (Gollnick) Rice. Marcia died Oct. 12, 2012, in Fort St. John, British Columbia while visiting her much loved daughter, son-in-law and grandsons. When Marcia was 15 years old her family moved to a farm east of Sand. She graduated from Sandy Union High School in 1967 and attended Eastern Oregon College and then completed her education at Western Business College in Portland. Marcia married Vernon James Rinehart, March 31, 1972 in Vancouver, Wash. The couple then moved north of Fort St. John, British Columbia that same year and cleared land and lived in a tent until the first snow when they finally moved into a 10-foot building with no electricity or running water. Marcia always said after that experience her idea of camping changed and camping needed to include a dishwasher, flush toilets and electricity. In 1975 the couple was blessed with a daughter, Erikka. Marcia ran a business from her home making business letters and labels for local business. She moved to Coos Bay in about 1994 and began working for Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend. Marcia was a professional genealogist who shared her experience and knowledge as a volunteer librarian at the Family History Center; a lecturer, a teacher, a member of the Oregon Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and generally helped others unravel their family history. Marcia is survived by her daughter, Erikka Lillico and her husband, Randy; grandsons, Ryan and Tyler; sisters, Beverly Rice and Gary Goodson of Coos Bay and Nancy Taylor of Portland; brother, Larry Rice and wife, Norma of Vancouver, Wash.; brother-in-law, Dale Rinehart and wife, Donna of Texada Island, British Columbia; niece and nephews, Jason Goodson and wife, Tanya of Coos Bay, Susan Schrantz and husband, Mike of Vancouver, Wash., Bryan Rice and wife, Kim of Fort Collins, Colo., Kimberly True and husband, Russ of Taylor, B.C. and Kris Rinehart and wife, Kathy of Port Moody, B.C.; and uncle, Irville Gollnick and wife, Melba of Willows, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vern Rinehart; brother-in-law, Charles Taylor; mother, Betty (Gollnick) Rice; and father, Delbert Rice. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 78960, Phoenix, AZ 85062 (www.mda.org) or the Preserve the Pensions War of 1812 Project, FGS P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720 (www.fgs.org).

RICHARDSON, Samuel H. Richardson

(Abstracted from the Charleston Mercury (Charleston, SC), October 4, 1859)

Died at his residence in Wakulla County, FL on September 15th, Col. Samuel H. Richardson was in the 60th year of his age. Mr. Richardson was a native of South Carolina, but immigrated to Florida in the year 1829 and was one of the very earliest settlers of the Hicks Town Hammock, in Madison County, where he continued to reside, beloved by all of his neighbors, until about the year 1851, when he removed to Wakulla. In all the attributed and social virtues which are necessary to make one useful to his family and his country, the lamented deceased was possessed with his full share. He loved his country well, and at her call never failed to respond. During the last War with Great Britain he served his full term as a soldier, in protecting the shores of his native State from invasion; and to those who remember and resided in Middle Florida during the Seminoles War, it is needless to say he fully discharged his duty in those dark and perilous times; not only as a private in the ranks, but also later as Lieut. Colonel, commanding the militia between the Aucilla and the Suwannee Rivers - the latter position assigned him by Gov. R. K. Call. Death is at all times sad, but, in Col. Richardson's his widow, surviving children and families have great consolation that, however painful to part with one so kind and affectionate, their loss is his eternal gain.

RIFE, George Herbert Rife Sr.

(Abstracted from information found in the Toledo Blade on Dec. 31, 2010 - George used to work with Elmer at Wolverine Express)

George Herbert Rife Sr., age 89, passed away on December 25, 2010, at Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Toledo. He was born on October 10, 1921 to George and Dorthea Rife. Over the years, George worked at Auto-Lite, Toledo Scale, Wolverine Express, and McLean Trucking, retiring in October of 1986. He was an Army veteran of World War II, Fifth Infantry, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, Ardennes Campaign, where he was taken as a prisoner of war. He was honorably discharged in December of 1945. George was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Geraldine Rife. He is survived by his children, George Rife, Jr. of Toledo, Jerry (Glenna) Rife of Oregon, OH, Robin (Debbie) Rife, of Toledo, Susan (Bill) Kelley of Toledo, and Penny (Anthony) Yockey, of Berkeley Heights, NJ; 10 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; brothers, Richard Rife of Sylvania and Jack (Ann) Rife of Toledo; sister, Dorthea Welch of Upper Marlboro, MD, Bonnie Jennings of Northwood, Gloria Jennings of Port Clinton and Opal (Glenn) Sasscer of Toledo; brother-in-law, Donald (Irene) Young; and sister-in-law Margaret (Robert) Ewing, all of Toledo. Susan felt the day her Mom passed away, she lost her Dad, and was blessed with a good little boy. "Dad, Mom waited two and a half years outside the white gate for you, and now you two are one again. We love you and

miss you both, but we all know you both are in no pain, and in a peaceful place now." "I'm staying put." In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice of Northwest Ohio, Alzheimer's Disease Research, or Senior Independence Adult Day Center on Reynolds Road. Services will be private. Arrangements entrusted to Blanchard - Strabler Funeral Home.

ROBENHORST, Lawrence Robenhorst

(Abstracted from the Albertville, AL Sand Mountain Reporter, November 16, 2009)

Lawrence 'Rob' Robenhorst, 72, of Albertville, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice of Marshall County. Services were Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at Solitude Baptist Church. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery. Adams Funeral Home was in charge. Survivors include his wife, Annie Robenhorst, of Albertville; son, Rich (Leigh Ann) Robenhorst; and two grandchildren.

ROBERT, Rene Robert

(Abstracted from the St. Augustine Record)

Father Rene Robert died tragically on April 11, 2016 after attempting to minister to a 28-year-old man who had been recently released from a Jacksonville, FL jail. Father Robert was 71. But as horrific as his death was, Father Rene Robert would not want us to remember him for the way he died but rather how he lived. "Father Rene was a humble and generous servant of Our Lord and he shared his many gifts with the poor, the deaf community and with individuals whose lives have found themselves in jail or imprisoned. He put his faith into action through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy," said Bishop Felipe Estévez of the Diocese of St. Augustine. The adopted son of the late Bernadette and Donat Robert of Waterford, NY, Father Rene was born on Sept. 2, 1944. He called Waterford home. From the time he was a young boy, he knew he wanted to serve God's people. He entered the Conventual Franciscan Brothers Seminary in Watertown, NY, after graduating from Catholic Central High School in Troy, NY, in 1962. He discerned his vocation and studied for three years before professing vows. In 1966, he began ministering to the Catholic deaf community in the Diocese of Albany. He served at Assumption Parish, Syracuse, NY, Queen of Peace Friary, Middleburg, NY, and at the Franciscan Mission House, Rensselaer, NY. He obtained a bachelor's degree in deaf education from the University of Alabama in 1975 and a master's in education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1977. From 1970 to 1977, Father Rene was named moderator of the Pittsburgh Catholic deaf community where he served for seven years as the director of the religious education program at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. In 1977, he served for three years at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee, WI. On August 30, 1980, Brother Rene Robert was ordained to the permanent diaconate at St. Anthony on the Hudson, Rensselaer, NY, by Bishop Howard Hubbard of the Albany Diocese. One month later, Bishop John J. Snyder of the Diocese of St. Augustine appointed Brother Rene to serve as a full-time pastoral worker at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in St. Augustine teaching religious education and preparing Catholic students to receive the sacraments. During this period, he served on the National Catholic Office for the Deaf (NCOD) board for four years. He also worked as the representative for the Atlantic Seaboard region for NCOD. In 1987, he answered a call to the priesthood and began studying full time at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, MA. On August 19, 1989, Bishop Snyder ordained Father Rene to the priesthood at St. Mary's Parish in Waterford, NY. In 1990, he obtained his master's in theological studies from Washington Theological Union, Silver Springs, MD. In 1995, Father Rene left the Franciscan Order and became a priest of the Diocese of St. Augustine. The Franciscans served in the diocese at San Sebastian Catholic Church from 1980 to 1993. For the next 12 years, Father Rene continued to serve as chaplain at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind while also assisting at San Sebastian Catholic Church and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine. He served as a parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fleming Island until his retirement in 2012. "To those whom he ministered, Father Rene will be remembered for his kindness and endless love for them. He always saw the good in the people he served, reminding them that God created them for greatness with a good and noble purpose for others," said Bishop Estévez. Father Rene is preceded in death by his sister Cecile "Terry" Adams who died in 2012 in Waterford, NY. He is survived by Terry's husband Walter Adams of Waterford, his brother Brian E. (Gina) Robert of Waterford, Deborah A. Bedard (Terri O'Clair) of Watervliet, his half-sister Joan McAndrew of Cambridge, NY, seven nieces and nephews and 12 grandnieces and grandnephews. There will be a prayer vigil on Monday, April 25 at San Sebastian Catholic Church, 1112 State Road 16, St. Augustine. The funeral Mass will be concelebrated on Tuesday, April 26 at San Sebastian Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Father Rene Robert's name be made to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind and San Sebastian Catholic Church to continue his deaf ministry there. Craig Funeral Home Crematory Memorial Park is in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERTS, Neil C. Roberts

(Abstracted from <http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.php?recordID=2032>)

Neil Roberts was born on August 16, 1969, in Woodland, California. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on September 14, 1987, and completed basic training at NTC Orlando, Florida, in November 1987. Roberts next attended Aviation Electrician's Mate training at NATTC Millington, Tennessee, from November 1987 to May 1988, followed by service as an EP-3 Aries I aircrew member with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron ONE (VQ-1) at NAS Agana, Guam, from June 1988 to January 1992. During this time he deployed with his Squadron in support of Operation Desert Shield from August 1990 to January 1991, and Desert

Storm from January to March 1991. Petty Officer Roberts attended Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training at NAB Coronado, California, from January to October 1992, and then attended Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia, in October and November 1992. His next assignment was with SEAL Team TWO at NAB Little Creek, Virginia, from November 1992 to June 1999, and during this time he deployed to San Vito, Italy, to support Allied Forces during the Bosnian War from November 1993 to May 1994, and to Sarajevo, Bosnia/Herzegovina, with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force - Stabilization Force from September 1997 to October 1998. Petty Officer Roberts' final assignment was with Naval Special Warfare Development Group (DEVGRU) at Dam Neck Annex, Virginia, from June 1999 until he became the first Navy SEAL killed in action during Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan, on March 4, 2002. He was buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, Pennsylvania.

RODERICK, Thomas Roderick

(Abstracted from Elmer's friend Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak the Bangor (ME) Daily News September 20, 2013)

Dr. Thomas Roderick former president of the Maine Genealogical Society died Sept. 4 in Bar Harbor, was a dear man who generously shared his knowledge as a geneticist to further and enrich the family history studies of MGS members and others around Maine and in other parts of the country. We will miss him. His talks were challenging, but never condescending. For many of us, he was the helping hand that guided us up a step or two in understanding genetics and appreciating concepts such as mitochondrial DNA — the genetic material that comes from the mother's mother's mother's mother's mother and so on. A senior scientist at Jackson Laboratory, Tom knew Bryan Sykes, author of "The Seven Daughters of Eve," and was a close friend of Dr. Victor McKusick, the Parkman native who researched at Johns Hopkins Hospital and was key to the Human Genome Project. Tom was credited with coining the term "genomics." From Tom, we learned about a family history mystery that was solved by tracing the presence of hemophilia; about the prevalence of deafness on Martha's Vineyard, and about the advantages of studying genealogy of a place such as Iceland, where nearly everyone really is related to each other. He founded the Annual Short Course on Medical and Experimental Mammalian Genetics, which brings geneticists from around the world to Bar Harbor, and co-founded the Center for Human Genetics in Bar Harbor. The center offered free clinics for families with medical issues in genetics. Tom also responded kindly to the millions of questions he was asked by non-scientists, from "Why are my children's eyes blue?" to "Should I be worried that my great-grandparents were first cousins?" I asked him the second one, and was relieved to find out that lots of people can trace their ancestry back to first cousins who married and had children, and things usually turned out fine. From Tom I learned about organizations such as the International Society of Genetic Genealogy. Visit the website at isogg.org and learn more about famous genealogy and haplogroups, etc. Tom had a wonderful sense of humor to go along with his kind demeanor. He loved the Maine Genealogical Society and its chapters, and he was a blessing to all who knew him. He came from Michigan and didn't have much New England ancestry at all, but he chose to be buried in Bar Harbor. I am glad about that. My condolences go to Hilda and Tom's family, and a sincere thank you for sharing this dear man whose work has benefited countless people. Donations in memory of Dr. Thomas H. Roderick may be made to The Jackson Laboratory, 600 Main St., Box 610, Bar Harbor, ME 04609.

RODGERS, Joshua P. Rodgers

(Abstracted from http://www.pantagraph.com/news/local/obituaries/joshua-rodgers/article_fc24cb1d-7372-533a-9825-ece8fecbfef5.html)

BLOOMINGTON — Army Ranger Sgt. Joshua P. Rodgers, age 22, of Bloomington, was killed in action Thursday (April 27, 2017) in Nangarhar Province during a joint operation with Afghan forces. Josh was assigned to Company C, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and stationed at Fort Benning, GA. He was on his third deployment to Afghanistan. His celebration of life will be Saturday at Eastview Christian Church, Normal. Kibler-Brady Ruestman Memorial Home, Bloomington, is assisting the family with arrangements. A private family interment will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Josh Rodgers Scholarship Fund, in care of Normal Community High School. Josh was born Aug. 22, 1994, in Bloomington, a son to Kevin and Vonda Coulter Rodgers. Surviving are his parents, Kevin and Vonda Rodgers, Bloomington; two sisters, Emily Rodgers and Hannah (Nathan Iloilo) Rodgers, Bloomington; a brother, Ashton Rodgers, Bloomington; a niece, Victoria Rodgers, Bloomington; grandparents, Russ and Diana Coulter, Gibson City, and Christine Rodgers, Bloomington; aunts, uncles and cousins, Duane, Trish, Makayla and Delanie Fisher, Aurora, CO; Joe and Carrie, Tyler, Cecil and Charlie Rodgers, Bloomington; and Dan, Marcie and Charlotte Rodgers, Janesville, NY. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Mike Rodgers. Josh attended Northpoint Elementary, Kingsley Junior High and Normal Community High School. After graduating from high school in May 2013, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and completed One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, as an infantryman. Following completion of the Basic Airborne Course, Rodgers was assigned to the Ranger Assessment and Selection Program 1, also at Fort Benning. He graduated from RASP 1 and was then assigned to 2nd Platoon, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, where he served as a machine gunner, light machine gunner, gun team leader, and Ranger fire team leader. While serving our country, Josh deployed three times to Afghanistan, earned the coveted Ranger Tab, the Parachutist Badge and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge Expert-Rifle. He was also awarded the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-

Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal. Posthumously, Sgt. Rodgers was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medal with Valor. Though we mourn, we must remember the good times and cherish them forever. Josh loved his country, his family and friends, the military, and especially, his fellow Rangers and regiment. Josh knew his purpose in life and was living out his dream. He was an amazing friend with a big heart. Josh had a smile that could light up any room and a very contagious laugh that was loved by all. He was a man of very few words, but when he spoke you listened. Through hard work and determination he continually led by example and made everyone around him proud. His generosity was unwavering and if you needed anything from him he was always there. We encourage all of those who once knew Josh to not make this a final goodbye, rather a see you later. As Josh told his grandma before he left, "If I don't come home, I will be with Jesus." Although Josh may physically be gone, his presence on earth will forever remain near. His soft-spoken words will continue to be our daily motivation. Josh was, and forever will be, a warrior. Tenacious, humble, determined and supportive. He was a true inspiration to everyone who knew him. Our service men and women are drawn to join for a multitude of reasons, but underlying the search for adventure, the desire to see the world, the need for a "steady" job, is generally a rich vein of patriotism and a healthy dose of desire to serve and protect. Although rarely acknowledged, each one knows that a military life also means separation, hardship, often times living in adverse conditions, and the unspoken exposure to danger. Though it is rarely brought out into the light, this knowledge is tucked away and balanced by the pride in serving our country, affinity to their chosen military branch, and loyalty to their brothers and sisters in arms. For those like Josh who died in service, we do not believe that their lives were "lost," as that minimizes the sacrifice." "Lost" implies a helpless, directionless, and wandering. Josh and every other person who honorably serves in our military knows and accepts that risk, but does it anyway. They are smart, strong, talented and focused, filled with honor and pride.

RODRIGUEZ, Sylvia Rodriguez

(Abstracted from information received from June Spear)

Sylvia Rodriguez passed away peacefully July 12, 2007. Born in St. Louis, MO, she leaves behind her devoted husband of 61 years, Joseph. Sylvia was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynne Racine in 1993. She leaves a son, John Rodriguez and wife Dawn, daughter, Bunny Hayden and husband Peter, as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was retired from Belks Credit Dept. She was a loving and joyful wife, mother, and aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church parish since 1970, upon relocating from Miami. A Memorial Mass will be at St. Joseph's Catholic Church on Monday, July 16, 2007 with interment to follow at Glen Haven Memorial Park, Winter Park.

ROEBECK, Roberta M. Roebuck

(Abstracted by Elmer - Related to Elmer on his Miller side of the family)

Roberta M. Roebuck of Commerce City, a business owner and beautician, died April 11, 2000 in Lakewood, Colorado. She was 82. Services were April 15 at Rice Chapel. Interment was in Elmwood Cemetery, Brighton. She was born Roberta M. Hight on Nov. 1, 1917, in Gering, NE. On Dec. 9, 1944, she married John F. Roebuck in Denver. He died in 1988. She worked for the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and co-owned and operated the Irondale Grocery Store and Empire Sales Co. She was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Order of the Eastern Star. Her interests included gardening and music. She is survived by a daughter, Lynn Hall, of Conifer; a sister, Bernice Dyer, of Lakewood; and two grandchildren.

ROHRBAUGH, Lewis Bunker Rohrbaugh

(Abstracted from <https://blog.eogn.com/2016/01/12/update-lewis-bunker-rohrbaugh-r-i-p/>)

Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, F.A.S.G., of Marco Island, Florida, and Worb, Switzerland, one of genealogy's most dynamic and widely-respected writers and publishers, passed away in Naples, FL on 2 January 2016, after a short stay at Avow Hospice. Despite an illness that became critical several months ago, he was able to continue his research in early Swiss records up until a few days before his death. Lew was born in Philadelphia on 28 October 1941, son of Lewis Henry and Ruth Elizabeth (Bunker) Rohrbaugh, and a Birthright Quaker. He attended Westtown School in West Chester, PA, and then Amherst College, where he was a member of Phi Delta Sigma fraternity. After graduating in 1963 with a degree in Economics, he completed six months of training in the U.S. Army Reserves. He then began a professional career in the banking industry as credit analyst for Provident National Bank in Philadelphia, but quickly moved into the investment banking business, first with Butcher and Sherrerd brokerage in Philadelphia, and then with Endowment Management & Research Corporation in Boston. His final stint as an employee was a year as a vice-president of Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder in New York. In 1973 he formed his own consulting company and became one of the first securities analysts to extensively cover the burgeoning Japanese market; primary clients during that 15-year period were Endowment Management, Nikko Securities of Tokyo, and GT Management of London. His first marriage, in 1964 to Suzanne Potts, ended in divorce a decade later. He married, second, on 28 June 1980 in Rockport, ME, Carol Allen Cressman, daughter of Dr. Paul Gerhardt and Betty (Allen) Cressman, who survives him. It was at the time of his second marriage that he changed his name from Rohrbaugh to its original spelling, Rohrbach. Genealogy was a strong interest for Lew dating back to his childhood and influenced by his mother, Ruth (Bunker) Rohrbaugh, who herself did significant work in the field. His family also provided another important connection, summers on the Maine coast. As a teen-ager Lew conducted a

thriving lobster business, maintaining his own traps in the harbor. Given his love of books, genealogy, and Maine, combined with an outstanding business sense, it was a natural move in 1978 for Lew to establish a small publishing business, Picton Press, in his home in Rockport, Maine; after a period in Camden, he settled it in an old farmhouse in Rockport. The focus was on transcription of old records, but a "vanity press" division, Penobscot Press, handled books funded by their authors. Lew had already published the first two volumes of his own Rohrbach Genealogy, in 1970 and 1977; the third appeared in 1982. In 1983 he put his investment career aside in order to focus on developing Picton as a leader in excellence in the industry. One of its early publications was Boston Taxpayers in 1821. Although he continued his own research at a steady pace, Lew was personally involved in every aspect of Picton: when necessary he jumped in and rewrote passages, he indexed books, and he went to genealogical conferences marketing them. Picton's specifications for book production were just a bit more stringent than those of other companies; attention was given not only to appearance, but to such details as heavier boards in the bindings and high quality acid-free paper. His home in Rockport was packed to the gills with books, and in the 1990s Lew invited a few people whose work he had published to serve on the board of a new venture, an Institute for the Study of Colonial History. Even though meetings were expected to be infrequent and small, the effort came to naught when small town New England politics interfered and the Selectmen rejected the establishment of an institution that strove to celebrate the history of the place. Finally, he sold Picton's Rockport house and moved the business to rented quarters in Rockland. Throughout the years, Lew and his small staff at Picton performed wonders for Maine research, bringing out editions of classics with new introductions, publishing vital records of Maine towns and other books for the Maine Genealogical Society, and, finally, digitizing Maine town records and making them available on CDs. (An offer to do the same for Rhode Island was met with distrust by town clerks and never got off the ground.) Lew's wife Carol says, "Maine was his new world heritage and a place where he began his work of assembling and publishing vital records in association with the genealogical community. But Switzerland was his identity and core." In 2001, hoping to give their young daughter a taste of another culture, Lew and Carol moved to Worb, Switzerland, for what was intended to be a year's stay; Staatsarchiv Bern gave him a work permit in exchange for his writing a book for them. That year turned into a long-term residency, as the reserved Swiss uncharacteristically welcomed the family — a time recalled by Carol as one of the happiest in Lew's life. Finding that "the 15th and 16th centuries were where he wanted to spend his research efforts and the Canton of Bern was so generous in offering up to him some of their treasures," Lew had his large collection of books shipped from Maine to Worb. Although frustrated by the fact that he could never master the spoken Bern Deutsch dialect, he learned to read the ancient script. A few months before his death, knowing that he was working against time, he wrote to a friend, "There is something simply magical about being about to go into old German from the 1500s and 1600s which has never been transcribed much less translated, and solving problems." Lew's partnership with the Bern Archives resulted in several books and numerous CDs of German Churchbooks and other early records. His Guide to Swiss Genealogical Research was published by Picton in 2010, and Volumes 4 and 5 of his Rohrbach Genealogy appeared in 2012 and 2014. Lew's first five volumes on various Rohrbach families, many of whom were not related to him personally, are considered among the best and most well-documented books on American families with German and/or Swiss origins ever published — classics in their field. At the time of his passing, Lew was working feverishly on proofreading and adding footnotes to Volumes 6 through 10, which cover all Swiss Rohrbachs c1250-2015 including their thousands of descendants in America; the indexes alone have about 150,000 entries. His goal was to make the entire Rohrbach series, in his words, "the best single-surname genealogy of the last century." His memberships included the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the Pennsylvania German Society, the Swiss American History Society, the Maine Genealogical Society, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maine, the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, the Camden [Maine] Yacht Club, the La Jolla [California] Beach and Tennis Club, and the Island Country Club, Marco Island, Florida. He was a Trustee of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, from 1991 to 1993. He was certified as a C.G. for 40 years, and in 2015, shortly before his death, he was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. Lew was meticulous, a scholar's scholar — and his absolute passion for genealogy came through via the excellent quality of his own many publications (not to mention those of Picton Press): he accomplished what many genealogists can only aspire to achieve. Although often a lightning rod for controversy, he was at heart "a giver," happily dispensing advice and sharing his expertise with any family historian who sought him out. In 2014, he gave his 12,000-volume library (about 11,000 books and 1,000 quarterly journals, shipped back from Switzerland) to the St. Louis County Public Library's Special Collections. He leaves his wife, Carol Cressman Rohrbach, daughter Elisabeth ("Liz") Rohrbach Andrews, son-in-law Christopher John Andrews, and a multitude of friends and colleagues in both the United States and Switzerland who will miss him greatly. The publication of his final Rohrbach volumes is scheduled for 2017. Picton Press will close but its legacy will continue. The Rohrbach Foundation, which Lew formed to underwrite historical and educational projects, will distribute Picton's inventory to libraries throughout the county.

ROHRER, Patrick Thomas Rohrer

(Abstracted from <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansascity/obituary.aspx?n=patrick-thomas-rohrer&pid=189330121&fhid=4643>)

Patrick Thomas Rohrer, age 35, Olathe, KS passed away Friday, June 15, 2018 at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS. Memorial service will be Thursday, June 21 at the Children's Mercy Park/Sporting KC, 1 Sporting Way, Kansas

City, KS. Memorial contributions may be made to Patrick Rohrer Memorial Fund, Greater KC Public Safety Credit Union, 2800 E. 14th Street, Kansas City, MO 64127-0020. Patrick was born March 29, 1983 in Merriam, KS to John and Marcia Rohrer. He was a graduate of Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in 2001, Kansas State University in 2006 and later studied Criminal Justice at Johnson County Community College graduating in 2017. During high school, Patrick was a varsity letterman on the swim team and also appeared in school musicals all four years. He began work at the Wyandotte County Sheriffs Department 2011. Patrick joined Cub Scout Pack 3298 at Mill Creek Elementary. He joined Troop 401 at Salem Lutheran Church, Lenexa, KS in 1994. He became an Eagle Scout in 1998 and was a runner in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. He did two treks at Philmont Scout Ranch. In September 2007 Patrick married Sarah Carr. They had two children, Emma N. Rohrer, 2008 and Connor T.W. Rohrer in 2012. Their family motto was, "Keep on Swimming". He loved family, friends, enjoyed Comicon, brewing ale and playing video games with friends and family. Emma said, "He liked to play video games with kids". He was a kind hearted jokester-geek. He loved his job, proud of what he did and was happy with his life. He was courageous, not afraid to be himself and generous as a friend. He always made others want to be better. Patrick was survived by his wife, Sarah Rohrer, daughter, Emma N. Rohrer; son, Connor T. W. Rohrer; parents, John and Marcia Rohrer, Shawnee, KS; sister, Melissa Rohrer, Windham, CT; grandmother, Clarice McGraw, Hutchinson, KS; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dan and Barbara Carr, Shawnee, KS; brother-in-law, Stephen Carr, Gardner, KS and various aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be greatly missed.

ROMANCO, Ralph D. Romano, Sr.

(Abstracted from information found on the Internet - Elmer and Ralph worked together at Duff Truck Lines in the 1960's) Ralph D. "Sonny" Romano, Sr., age 61, of Penridge Road, Toledo, died Thursday, April 22, 1993 at his residence after a short illness. Ralph was born July 13, 1931 in Cleveland, OH and raised in Rossford, Ralph married Doris M. Elekonich on February 14, 1953. Ralph was a driver salesman for the Toledo Florist Exchange for 23 years retiring in 1991. For the past year Ralph was associated with Bolanis and Associates. Ralph was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church and a former member of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine Church and their Holy Name Society. Surviving are his wife, Doris M.; 1 son, Ralph D. (Abby Reese) Romano, Jr.; 4 daughters, Mrs. Deborah (Mark) Weber; Mrs. Tana (Joseph) Johnoff; Mrs. Jodi (Ron) Stachowiak; Mrs. Holly (Michael) Welling; and grandchildren Reese Elizabeth Romano; Lindsey Ryan and Nolan Weber; Tyler and MacGregor Johnoff; Tom Walpole; R. J. and McKenzie Stachowiak, 2 brothers Vincent (Teri) Romano of Naperville, IL and Robert Pollick; and 4 sisters, Mrs. Dorothy (Donald) Oberski; Mrs. Eleanor Zdybek; Mrs. Josephine Jamerson; and Mrs. Irene (Thomas) Schroeder. Neville Funeral Home, Southwest Chapel, 7438 Airport Highway, Holland, OH is handling the arrangements. Mass of Christian burial will be held in Christ the King Catholic Church, Interment will be private. Tributes made be made in the form of contributions to Northwest Ohio Hospice Associates. Ralph touched many lives through compassion, understanding, friendliness, and honesty. He was a salesman's salesman. Reliable, happy, trustworthy and never a bragger. His actions spoke louder than words.

RONE, Hugh Riley Rone

(Abstracted from information from a Donald Trump rally)

Hugh Riley Rone, age 19, of South Amboy, NJ died suddenly on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in a motorcycle accident on the Garden State Parkway. He was a lifelong resident of South Amboy and a 2015 graduate of South Amboy High School where he played on the varsity soccer, baseball and basketball teams. He was named Co-Athlete of the Year in 2015 along with his lifelong friend Tim Kales. He was currently a student at Middlesex County College, going on to Mercer County Community College to fulfill his lifelong dream, since the age of 3, of becoming a funeral director like his father. Riley was employed by his family business, The Gundrum Service "Home for Funerals" and also worked as a lifeguard for Sun & Surf. He was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy. Riley was a true patriot and lover of history and his country, and looked forward to voting for the first time in the upcoming election. He was among the first to board the Trump Train. An accomplished athlete, he played basketball at St. Mary's, Sacred Heart CYO and South Amboy Recreation; baseball for The Gundrum Service Little League Team, the Sayreville Riverdogs, American Legion Post 62, South Amboy and was an All Division Baseball Player his junior and senior years; South Amboy Indoor Soccer, played on Sayreville Phoenix travel soccer team and South Amboy High School, playing on the Division Championship team his senior year with his sister Regan Rone as head coach, receiving All Division Soccer Player. He was also the captain of the South Amboy High School soccer team. He was the grandson of the late Jane and Bernard Reszkowski and Hedwig and Henry Zawistowski, he is survived by his parents Hugh G. and Barbara Zawistowski Rone; three sisters Ryan (Sean) Moran, Randi (James) Simonetti and Regan Rone; a niece Maisie and three nephews Anthony, James and Rory. Funeral services will be Monday, June 6, 2016 at The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church. Interment will be at Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the South Amboy Policemen's Benevolent Association.

ROUNDS, Bronson Duane Rounds

(Abstracted from what was sent to Elmer by his good genealogy friend Myrt - this was her grandson)

Bronson Duane Rounds, age 26, returned to his Heavenly Father on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. He was born Aug. 18, 1989, in Logan, UT, to Jeff Rounds and Cathy (Rounds) Mohr. Bronson was raised in Providence, UT, and attended Cache County and Logan schools. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and grew up in the Providence 12th Ward, where he participated in the Boy Scout program and earned his Eagle Scout award. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, hunting, rock climbing and fly fishing with his dad on the Snake River. He was blessed with many talents and excelled in every activity he participated in; including soccer, baseball, swimming, lacrosse, hockey, golf and skiing. He became a skilled welder while working with his father at the family's muffler shop. Riding and working on Harley Davidson motorcycles was a favorite hobby of his. Bronson shared a love of aviation with his late Grandpa Rounds (Pop). His most recent passion was the thrill of skydiving. Music was Bronson's creative outlet. He had a great love for both listening to music and creating it; he was gifted with a unique talent for singing and playing acoustic guitar. He had a great ambition for reading and learning. With his broad cultural eye he studied various languages, religions and history. He had a natural curiosity for life and was enthusiastic in learning, mastering and sharing the experience and knowledge he gained in pursuing whatever he committed himself to explore. Bronson made friends easily, and his best friend in life was his mom. Family was a very important part of his life. He looked forward to family gatherings, with Thanksgiving and Christmas being his favorites. Bronson was a very compassionate and loving man, empowering and touching the hearts of those around him. Above all, he was devoted to serving others. Good deeds filled his everyday life, and he aspired to form a non-profit organization to serve the less fortunate in Middle Eastern and third world countries. He is survived by his mother, Catherine Mohr of Logan, UT; his father and stepmother, Jeffrey (Tammy) Rounds; and his sister, Hannah of Hyde Park, UT; grandparents Harvey and Chrystal Mohr of Providence, UT, Linda Rounds of Menifee, CA, grandmother, Pat Erickson (Gordon) of South Jordan, UT; as well as many uncles, aunts and cousins in Utah and California. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jack Rounds, and his aunt, Janeal Curtis. Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016, at the LDS Church at 355 Canyon Road in Providence, UT. Allen-Hall Mortuary, 34 E. Center Street, Logan, UT is handling the arrangement. Interment will be in the Providence City Cemetery following the funeral services.

RUCH, Maurice D. Ruch

(Abstracted from information found on Find A Grave)

Maurice passed away peacefully. Maurie was born in Conde, South Dakota July 22, 1922 and died July 27, 2008 in Anoka County, MN. Maurie was diagnosed with P.S.P. for which there was no cure. His journey was long but he confronted his fate with his usual quiet dignity. Preceded in death by his parents, Raymn & Maria Ruch, two brothers and three sisters. Survived by Vivian, his loving and devoted wife of 55 years, who cared for him through the final days of his journey; brother-in-laws, Erdon (Nina) Barrie and Rolland (Charlene) Barrie. Served in the Army 1941-45, decorated as a Sgt. Attended South Dakota State as graduate Engineer. Initial career at Honeywell Stinson, later as an Engineer for State of MN. Longtime resident of St. Anthony and loyal member of the Kiwanis. Many loving and caring nieces and nephews who shared his life as an incredibly humble and gracious person. Maurice was a friend to all. He loved children and his quiet, caring way was shared by all who knew him and loved him. His favorite sport was hunting and fishing. He enjoyed the big bands and the song he loved was "Sentimental Journey". We all wish him to continue his journey as he lived his life. He is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN, USA, Plot: Section 17, Site 738.

Footnote: My wife posted a picture on Facebook of an Eagle perched on a soldier's tombstone in a military cemetery. The eagle was on Maurie's stone.

RUNYON, Robert Richard Runyon

(Abstracted from Fran Jensen one of Elmer's genealogy friends)

Robert Richard Runyon 1929 ~ 2014 of Draper, Utah-Robert (Bob) Richard Runyon, our loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Jan. 10, 2014. He was 84 years old. Bob was born on Feb. 14, 1929 in Sioux City, IA to Robert George and Ethelyn McComas Runyon. He married his eternal companion Joyce Marie Johansen on June 4, 1954 and was later solemnized in the Los Angeles, CA Temple. He had many talents and interests. He loved to play golf with his son and grandsons. He taught their children the love of skiing, both snow and water, fishing and spent a lot of time enjoying those together. He and his wife enjoyed traveling to many countries with family and friends. His mechanical intuition was uncanny. He could fix anything. He had a muffler shop, then later a boat and speed shop, both in California. His claim to fame was making the cover of Hot Rod Magazine in 1964. He was not one to step into the limelight, yet always the first to help others. He was a lover of chocolate, a good burger and a certified malt connoisseur. Towards the end he couldn't speak much, but always found a way to say the most important words. He started a family business named CEM, in 1979, which continues on today. He was a faithful member of the LDS church and served in various callings. He felt his most important calling was being a home teacher. He is survived by his wife Joyce, 1 son Rob (Lisa) Runyon, 1 daughter Mari (Craig) Nielsen, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 16 at the South Mountain 8th Ward, 1911 East 14100 South, Draper. Mountain View Memorial Mortuary, 3115 East 7800 South is in charge of the arrangements.

