

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.

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 processed 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.

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 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.

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.

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 braggart. His actions spoke louder than words.

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.