

Norine M. Reitmayer

Norine M. Reitmayer, 71, of Concow, died Friday, March 14, 2003, in Paradise.

She was born March 16, 1931, in San Francisco and moved to Concow from Prunedale in 1994. She was an activity director for Skyline Nursing Home from 1980 to 1993 in Monterey. She was



**Norine M.
Reitmayer**

raised in Pacific Grove and was a professional dancer on roller skates when she was younger and a volunteer worker with the elderly. She enjoyed cooking, playing bingo, going to casinos and time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Alice Eugenia Reitmayer, in 1969.

Memberships: Del Monte Gardens Roller Rink and St. Thomas Catholic Church in Oroville.

Survivors: Husband, Emil Reitmayer of Concow; sons, Chester Reitmayer of Salinas, Christopher Reitmayer of Reno, Nev., and Emil Reitmayer II of Folsom; daughters, Tina "Berta" Jimenez of Salinas, Angela Whaley of Corry, Pa., and Josephine Reitmayer of Reno, Nev.; sisters, Jane Carney of Redding and Roberta Woodall of Sacramento; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

■ **Services:** Private family services with memorial gathering at 3 p.m. Friday, March 21, at the clubhouse, 20 Russell Road,

■ **Burial:** Monterey Cemetery.

■ **Memorials:** St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

■ **Arrangements:** Rose Chapel Mortuary, Paradise.

REITMAYER, Norine M.
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CALLAHAN, Richard
McKAIN, Mark
PAGE, Madeleine
STRAWN, Steve

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard Callahan
1944 - 2003

Richard passed on Thursday, December 18, 2003 in Oroville Hospital. Richard and his wife, Judy, were long time residents of our community. Richard owned and operated the Jarboe Gap Shell Station from 1983 to 1985. He is survived by his wife, Judy, Sisters Sandy of Florida and Ellen of Texas, two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. No services are planned at the time of this writing.

Mark McKain
1950 - 2003

Mark was married to Betty Forsee, the son in law of Jerry and Alice Forsee. He was going to be my neighbor and was in the preliminary stages of building his retirement home very close by. He passed suddenly at the age of 53 of an apparent coronary problem while up here working on his property. I was very much looking forward to Mark being a neighbor and friend.

Madeleine Page
1945 - 2003

The Internet spawns friendships in odd ways and places. Through various connections we make friends and spawn relationships with people all across the world, many of whom we know we will never meet. Madeleine Page was one of those people. She left this earth far too early, but while here was a bright light to all who knew here. You can read many of here posts from Usenet, or visit her website which is still available- www.mpage.net/

If you would like to do something to honor Madeleine's memory, please go to THE HUNGER SITE www.thehungersite.com/ and click on the "GIVE FREE FOOD" button there. It was one of her favorite charities. You can do this once per day.

Steve Strawn
11/9/1948 - 12/7/2003

Steve was a good husband, friend and neighbor. Without being asked, he would often take time and effort to help his neighbors any way he could. He is greatly missed.

WELLINGTON (PECK), Norine
The Union Democrat (Sonora, CA)
2-3-2004

Norine Wellington

Obituaries for February 3, 2004

Union Democrat, The (Sonora, CA) - Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Sept. 13, 1910 -- Feb. 1, 2004

Norine Wellington of Sugar Pine died Sunday at her daughter's home. She was 93.

She was born in Oroville, Butte County, and had lived in Sugar Pine for seven years with her daughter. She was a homemaker for 73 years.

Her family said she loved sewing and fishing.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Carmack of Sugar Pine; and three granddaughters.

No services are scheduled.

Donations can be made to Humane Society of Tuolumne County, P.O. Box 830, Jamestown, CA 95327.

Heuton Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

LOPES, Adelene Victoria
Chico Enterprise Record
2-5-2004

Adelene Victoria Lopes

📄 Obituary ➤ Condolences

Adelene Victoria Lopes, 81, died on February 2, 2004 at Oroville Hospital from natural causes. A graveside service will be held at Cherokee Cemetery on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 1 p.m. Adelene (Vicki) was born in Havre, Montana on July 12, 1922 to Halvor and Gunda (Aamot) Olson. She was raised and educated in Havre. She often talked about Montana and her family. Her first marriage was to Walter Nelson, Sr. She later married Joseph A. Lopes, deceased. Together they farmed in the Woodland/Davis area for 28 years. She has resided in Oroville since 1986. During WWII, Adelene worked in the ship yards at Long Beach. She was a waitress for many years and owned the Dew-Drop-In restaurant in Gridley in the early 1960's. Adelene enjoyed working crossword puzzles, playing the lotto, casinos and watching Bob Barker "The Price is Right." She also enjoyed camping, fishing and crocheting. She was preceded in death by her parents, Halvor and Gunda Olson; brothers, Art, Hank and Benny Olson; sister, Esther Hamblock. She is survived by three sons, Walt Nelson and wife Debe of Oroville, Dennis and wife Deanna of Oroville, Tim and wife Kathy of Oroville; 11 grandchildren, Gwen Dusty, Amber, Brandi, Trevor, Libby, Dana, Crystal, Shasta, Nitysh and Camille; and three great-grandchildren, Devin, Jordan and Adrian; brothers, Lloyd Olson of Havre, Montana, Norman Olson of Ronan, Montana, Francis Olson of Spokane, Wa.; sister, Lorraine Cyr of Helena, Montana.

JONES (MILLS), Cleo Edith
Chico Enterprise Record
3-31-2004

Cleo Edith Mills Jones

☑ Obituary ➤ Condolences



A Funeral Service for Cleo Edith Mills Jones will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004 at Scheer Memorial Chapel in Oroville. Graveside Services will follow at 1 p.m. at Clark Cemetery in Yankee Hill. She was born October 5, 1918 to Noah and Mary Cooper Mills in Shell Knob, Mo. She was the seventh of ten children. She died March 27, 2004 in Oroville

at the age of 85. She was preceded in death by her husband of 30 years, Smoky Jones; eight brothers and sisters; and one grandchild, Jimmy Horton. Cleo is survived by one sister, Oneda Ray of Cato, Mo.; one son, Gene Frieze and his wife Rita of Oroville; two daughters, Edna Bailie and her husband Harold of Jenkins, Mo. and Mary Anne Horton and her husband James of Sheridan, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Cleo was known as "Grandma Cleo" to many people in her neighborhood. She was a generous woman who was always willing to help others. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Scheer Memorial Chapel is handling the arrangements.

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MOAK, John

Chico Enterprise Record

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John's Obituaries

MOAK, John Passed away in Ventura County on Saturday, April 3, 2004. He was born June 2, 1915 in Butte County, CA. He was a decendent of the first settlers who pioneered early CA. He moved to Sonoma County where he lived with his loving wife, Gloria Juarez, until her death in 1984. Since 1984 he has lived in Ventura with his son, Edward and daughter-in-law Marcia Moak. He is survived by his children Edward (Marcia) Moak of Ventura, Bob Moak of Yountville, Bud (Wanda) Moak of Healdsburg, Rosemary (Elmer) Walker of San Jose and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Friends are invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Rose Catholic Church in Santa Rosa. Private entombment Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Friends are also invited to attend a Rosary on Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at LAFFERTY & SMITH COLONIAL CHAPEL, 4321 Sonoma Hwy., Santa Rosa. Visitation will be held at the COLONIAL CHAPEL after 12 noon on Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

SOULE (NORTON), Alta Louise
The Sacramento Bee
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SOULE, Alta Louise Norton

Passed away on April 26, 2004. Alta Louise Norton Soule was born to Andrew and Alice Norton in Oroville, CA, on May 31, 1919. A long-time Sacramento resident, she is survived by her companion, Henry Grohman; her five children, Andrew Thompson (Edith) of Wellington, NV, William Thompson (Connie) of Sacramento, CA, Fern Wise of Hillsboro, OR, Fred Thompson (Annette) of Sacramento and Terry Soule (Dana) of Pollock Pines, CA. Alta had 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by 4 sisters, Josephine Darr of Quincy, CA, Cora Panero of Silver Spgs, NV, June Clark of Chico, CA, Dorothy Waters of Truckee, CA, and one brother, Alroy Norton of Long Beach, CA. She was preceded in death by one brother, Dan Norton. Most of Alta's life work was in laundry. She also did lots of volunteering for Goodwill Industries. She was a member and judge of the Begonia Society in Sacramento and has won several top honors on her own Begonias. She loved working with plants and flowers. Interment will be in the family cemetery in Pentz, CA.

CHAFFIN, George

Chico Enterprise Record

5-8-2004

GEORGE CHAFFIN

☑ Obituary ➤ Condolences



A Memorial Service for George Chaffin, 74, of Oroville, will be held on Monday May 10, 2004 at 2 p.m. First Congregational Church, Bird and Oak Streets in Oroville. George passed away on May 6, 2004 at Oroville Hospital. George was born December 8, 1929 in Los Angeles to Adelbert and Margaret Chaffin. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science degree. George ranched for over 40 years running Chaffin Orchards. He was a valued member of many organizations, including the Butte County Farm Bureau having served as a past president and a 4-H All star George was a member and past president of the Oroville Fellows club and served on the California Olive Advisory Committee and Oroville Hospital Board of Directors. George was a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma. He enjoyed hunting, and fishing, and traveling worldwide. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law Carol and Kurt Albrecht of Oroville; longtime friend and companion Cecelia (Sis) Tunnell of Oroville; grandchildren Aaron Albrecht, Tatianna Albrecht, Tracy [Turner](#), Luke Albrecht, Chris Albrecht, Mark [Johnson](#), T. J. Albrecht, and Joshua Albrecht. He was preceded in death by a son Bill Chaffin and his wife Jeanne. Donations may be made in George's name to the Oroville Fellows Club Scholarship Fund or the Butte County 4-H. A visitation will be held on Sunday May 9, 2004 from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson Street. Private family interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery.

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STAFFORD (NAVES), Donna Lee
The World (Coos Bay, Oregon)
5-25-2004

DEATH NOTICES

Donna L. Stafford — 73, of Coos Bay, died May 24, 2004, in Coos Bay. Arrangements are pending with Coos Bay Chapel, 267-3131.

HARDY, Wilbur Clement
Chico Enterprise Record
6-10-2004

Wilbur Clement Hardy

☑ Obituary ➤ Condolences



Wilbur Clement Hardy died Monday, June 7, 2004 at age 91, of natural causes. Wilbur was born in Sacramento on October 30, 1912 to Nathan and Mae Hardy. He lived in Oroville for 26 years and Concow for 30 years. He worked for 39 years for Western Pacific Railroad. Wilbur loved to fish, camp, and travel. He leaves behind his wife of 66 years, Dorothy Fern Hardy; a sister, Ursula Dennis of Hayward; a daughter, Joann Richardson and husband Gary of Michigan; two sons, Jerry Hardy and wife Jan of Paradise and Lewis Hardy and wife Kathy of Oroville; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Burial Services will be at Oroville Cemetery with a Graveside Service at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2004. Donations may be made in his name to Oroville Rescue Mission or First United Methodist Church in Oroville. Oroville Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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VanCLEASE, Velma Eleanor
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Velma Eleanor Van Cleave

📄 Obituary ➤ Condolences



A funeral will be held for Velma Eleanor Van Cleave, 90 of Chico, on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 10 a.m. at the Brusie Funeral Home. She passed away Friday, June 11, 2004 at Enloe Hospital. She was born March 11, 1914 to Oliver and Katie Josephson in Yankee Hill. She attended schools in Sterling City and Oroville High School. She worked as a waitress in the dining room for the Stolte and Conn Construction Co. at the Herlong Ammunition Depot. She worked as a machinist apprentice at Yard 2 in Richmond. While living in Humboldt County she worked as a filleter and packer for the Lazio and Eureka Fisheries. Velma enjoyed the outdoors and liked to camp and fish. Her hobbies included music, Indian bead work and crafts. She was a member of the Home League of the Salvation Army. Her survivors include: one brother, Frank Josephson of Medford, Oregon; four grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Velma was preceded by her daughter, five brothers and one sister. Visitation will be held from 5 - 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

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STAFFORD (CARNAHAN), Katherine Maxine
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Katherine Stafford. A Memorial service will be held Saturday, June 26 at 1 p.m. for Katherine Maxine Stafford, 81, of Oroville. Katherine was born on October 24, 1922 in Gillman, Missouri to Wallace and Fannie Carnahan. She had been a resident of Oroville for the past 66 years. Her husband, Willard preceded her in death as well as two sons, Calvin and Ronald. Katherine retired from Pacific Coast Producers as Head Floor Lady after 47 years. Katherine was number two on the seniority list for the cannery at the time of her retirement. She also worked at the local Olive Processing Plant for several years. She always made time for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Katherine loved attending their various sports activities through the years. She also enjoyed fishing. Katherine is survived by three daughters, Donna Christopherson of Durham; Bonnie Litton of Valley Springs; Sharon McGarr of Citrus Heights; and a son, Gary Stafford of Dracut, Mass.; and nine grandchildren: Lyn, Gail, Sandy, Eric, Michelle, Renae, Colleen, Katherine, and Amanda. She also leaves eight great-grandchildren: Tyler, Alex, Angela, Michael, Annabelle, Joseph, Alexys, and Abigail; also, sisters, Pauline Collier, Mildred Marion, and Margie Banes; and one brother, Jim Carnahan. Services will be held at Ramsey Funeral Home in Oroville. Burial services will be held privately at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made out to the Fireman's Association of El Medio Fire Department in care of Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson Street, Oroville, CA 95965.

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7-5-2004

LUCY LOUISE PARKER

 [Obituary](#)  [Condolences](#)

Lucy Louise Parker passed away July 5, 2004. She is survived by her daughter, Roxane Fields of Paradise, Calif.; her sister Eva Parker and husband Anthony Salzarulo of Concow, Calif. She was known to her mountain friends as "Wild Mountain Lou". She is now at peace. Private cremation took place at Chapel of the Pine Crematory.

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FELDER (CARRINGTON), Emily

Chico Enterprise Record

8-19-2004

Emily (Carrington) Felder

[✔ Obituary](#) [➤ Condolences](#)

In loving memory of Emily Carrington Felder, a "Celebration of Life" will be held on Sunday, August 22, 2004 at 3 p.m. at the Bidwell Chapel in Chico. Emily was born in Dana, Mass. on September 18, 1927 to Ernest and Goldie Carrington. She passed away Wednesday evening August 11, 2004 after a lengthy battle with cancer, at the age of 76. During her youth, her family resided in several different communities in Massachusetts. Emily graduated from Springfield Tech in 1944 then attended secretarial school. Upon graduation, she was employed as a teacher at the secretarial school. She then went to work for a short time for HL Handy meatpacking company as a secretary. In 1948, she went to work for the U.S. government as a civil service secretary for the U.S. Air Force. She was assigned overseas in Wiesbaden, Germany where she met and married John W. Felder, an enlisted man in the Air Force. Returning to the United States in 1951, they spent a year in the San Francisco Bay Area, then moved to Southern California, where over the next 32 years, Emily worked for Northrop Aircraft Corp as a legal and an executive secretary. She was known at Northrop as an outstanding grammarian. While living in Torrance, Calif., Emily was an active member of Alondra Park Methodist Church serving as choir member, youth counselor and fund raiser. While living in Palos Verdes, she served on the election board. Upon retirement in 1984, John and Emily moved to Yankee Hill, Calif., where they promptly joined the Concow Grange and Emily was immediately elected Secretary. A few years later, she was elected to the office of the State Lecturer and Community Services Director and served in that capacity for 6 years. In 2003, she was elected as State Musician, an office held until her passing. Emily was initiated into P.E.O Chapter NB in 1985 and served in various offices including 2 years as Chapter President. Emily was extremely active in the Oroville Republican Women Federated and for many years was editor of their monthly newsletter. She also spent many hours registering voters and served on the election board in Butte County for many years. Emily will be loved and fondly remembered by numerous people whose lives she touched throughout California. She held unwaveringly to high moral standards and was known for her compassion. She will also be remembered for her sense of humor and dry wit. Emily is survived by her husband of 53 years, John; two sisters, Lois White and Florence Pomeroy; four brother, Ernest, Elmer, Bill and Cliff Carrington; four children, Jan Knight, John Felder III, Jennie Grant and Jim Felder; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to a long-standing project of Emily's, the "Concow Grange Scholarship Fund", 12004 Concow Rd., Yankee Hill, CA 95965.

MADISON, Jim
Chico Enterprise Record
11-10-2004

Jim Madison

[☺ Obituary](#) [➤ Condolences](#)

Graveside services for Jim Madison, 60 of Yankee Hill, will be held Thursday, November 11th at 11 a.m. at Glen Oaks Memorial Park. Mr. Madison died in Paradise on Sunday, November 7th.

Jim was born in Spokane, Wash. on August 1, 1944, attended Notre Dame School, graduated from Chico High and attended Yuba and Butte Colleges. He enlisted in the Marines in 1962 and served in Vietnam from 1965-66, being awarded the Bronze Star Medal with combat V. He worked for Modern Building for a short time and P.G.&E. for 31 years in hydro construction as a Station Mechanic.

He is survived by his wife Carol; five sons: Chris Madison of Santa Rosa, Joe Sousa of Magalia, Tony Sousa of Bella Vista, Calif., Sonny Josephson of Eureka, Montana and Kris Josephson of Yankee Hill; two daughters-in-law, Robyn Sousa and Kacey Josephson; six grandchildren; one brother, Bob Madison of Chico; and two sisters, Shirley Rawley of Great Falls, Mont. and Mary Coyle Johnson of Herald, Calif.

Visitation will from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at Brusie Funeral Home in Chico.

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STEELE, Jason Nakoma
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Jason was born in Oroville on April 27, 1978 and passed away November 13, 2004 at age 26.

He is survived by his mother, Teresa; sisters, Latasha and Amanda; brother, Steven; grandfather, Francis Steele; nephews, Nathan, Brandon and Dakota; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday, November 18, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Berry Creek Rancheria.

BETHARD, William Wallace
Chico Enterprise Record
11-27-2004

William Wallace "Bethard" Bethard

[☑ Obituary](#) [➤ Condolences](#)

William Wallace Bethard of Clear Creek, passed away Wednesday, November 24th at his home of natural causes.

He was born October 20, 1924 in Clear Creek to Augustus and Evelyn Bethard. The Bethard family were early settlers to the Clear Creek and Durham areas. He was the seventh of eight children and is survived by his sister Mildred Sciligo of Durham.

After serving in WWII in France and Belgium, he returned home to work for Diamond Match Corporation in Stirling City, later to follow family tradition as a well driller for many years, and as an operator for the building of the Oroville Dam.

He married Eleanor Alberta Lawrence on February 22, 1947, whom preceded him in death.

Wally was a lover of the outdoors, enjoyed traveling and the Nevada desert.

He is held in loving memory by his four children and their spouses: Larry Bethard of Red Bluff, William "Bud" Bethard of Clear Creek, Janie Chancey of League City, Texas and Margie Jessen of Durham; also 12 grandchildren; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at Clear Creek Cemetery. Rose Chapel Mortuary is handling the arrangements.

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