

AUSMUS, Robert Paul  
Chico Enterprise Record  
1-18-2007

## Robert Paul Ausmus

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ROBERT PAUL AUSMUS

Robert Paul Ausmus passed away on Jan. 14, 2007, in Oroville, Calif., at the age of 84. Bob was born on Dec. 24, 1922, in Stafford, Ariz., to Henry Franklin Ausmus and Floy Eller (Ellison) Ausmus. His parents moved the family to Riverton, Wyo., and then to Belle Fouche, S. D., and finally to Corvallis, Ore., where he attended Corvallis High School.

When World War II broke out, Bob joined the Third Infantry Division of the U.S. Army and fought in Italy, France, and Germany.

In 1944, Bob married Virginia Hall, they had two daughters; Gayle and Julia and lived in, Oregon where Bob worked at the service stations he owned.

In 1950 he moved to Sacramento and opened up more businesses. On July 6, 1952, Bob remarried. He and Aubyn had four children; Bob, Robyn, Tim and Tami.

In 1973 the Ausmus family moved to Yankee Hill near Oroville, Calif., and in 1975 opened "The Rock House" restaurant and lounge on Highway 70, where Bob spent the remainder of his life.

Bob Ausmus is survived by his wife, Aubyn; five children; Gayle, Julia, Bob, Robyn, Tami and 11 grandchildren; one brother and many adoring nephews and nieces.

Funeral services are planned for Jan. 19, 2007, at 12:15 p.m. at Glenn Oaks Memorial Park, Chico Calif.

# Rainwater (Terrell), Mrs. Ruth

## Ancestry.com 1-22-2007

### Mrs. Ruth Rainwater (Terrell)

Ruth Adeline Terrell Rainwater, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, peacefully went home to be with the Lord, on January 22, 2007.

Ruth was born Feb. 8, 1931. She was preceded in death by four siblings, Vera Elleen Clark



Rainwater

(1915-2004), Barbara Nadine Terrell (1917-1941), Mary Albertina Rhoads (1919-1979), and Leonard Curtis Terrell (1928-1978). She is survived by one sister, Betty Porter of California; two daughters, Christine Fauls of Georgia, Cathleen Edwards of Colorado; three grandchildren, Sheila Olive of California, David Ennes of California, and Chip Fauls of Georgia; two great-grandchildren, Robbie and Cassie Olive of California; three nieces, Nita Pruden of California, Tina Beresford of California, Guyda Sheline of California; and one nephew, Melvin Rhoads of California. She was born in Oroville, California, grew up in Nelson, raised her family in Sacramento, lived in Newnan, Georgia for two years, and passed away in Denver, Colorado.

Ruth attended Chico State University for her B.A. In Arts

where she graduated in 1973 Cum Laude. After college she toured Europe. In 1974, she found a teaching position in Australia at an all boys' school, where challenges became huge rewards. She told of a time that the boys in her art class always attended her class, but seemed to be absent (at times) for their other scheduled classes. The boys explained — when caught — that Ms. Ruth always made them feel special, significant, and that they could succeed at anything to which they put their minds.

During the '70s, Ruth learned to blow glass and throw mud (pottery). In 1978, Ruth became involved with the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society; during those jazz years, she held the positions of Art Director, President, Piano Gang, and many others. In 1979 Ruth created the cartoon character Trombone Cholly, which was featured in the Society's newsletter, to promote Traditional Jazz in Sacramento, California, and throughout

the West Coast of California.

Ruth and her sisters, Betty and Elleen, were members of and greatly enjoyed a weekly quilting group in Oroville, California. She created many beautiful quilts which she lovingly gave to her family; she also served in the Peace Corps in Poland and was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution: General John A. Sutter Chapter in Sacramento, California, and General Daniel Newnan Chapter in Newnan, Georgia.

To Ruth, Andy, Ruthie, mom, grandma, grandma; you will be greatly missed and immeasurably loved. Rest peacefully at the side of your father and brother at the Oroville Cemetery District — Memorial Park in Oroville, California.

# Colman (Duensing Foster), Genevieve

Chico Enterprise Record

1-26-2007

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## Genevieve Duensing Foster Colman

### Obituary

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GENEVIEVE DUENSING FOSTER  
COLMAN

Genevieve Duensing Foster Colman passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2007. She was born on April 4, 1908 in Pentz to Frederick

Adolph and Evalina Bennum Duensing, who were also both natives of Butte County. Genevieve and her sister Freda attended one-room schoolhouses, first in Pentz and then in Cherokee. Their father was a cattle rancher in the Cherokee, Pentz and Yankee Hill areas.

Genevieve married fellow Butte County native Sheldon L. Foster in 1929 and they raised cattle southeast of Chico and in the Clear Creek and Powellton Meadow area of Butte County. During the mid 1930's to 1940's Genevieve lived in Durham during the week to facilitate her son attending school. During this time, she cooked for and boarded several teachers who taught in Durham schools.

On Jan. 5, 1945, Genevieve married Erol C. Colman, also a native of Butte County and the Butte Creek Canyon area. They purchased a ranch at the lower end of Clark Road between Paradise and Oroville, where she resided until her death. The Colmans ran their cattle near Pentz in the winters and moved to summer pasture in the Coon Hollow and Snag Lake areas.

Genevieve's greatest priority was her family and she was keenly interested in their activities. In addition to her family and her interest in cattle ranching, Genevieve was also an avid gardener, antique collector and skilled cook. She was a past member of the Butte County and California Cattlemen's Associations, and a member of the Butte County Farm Bureau and California Farm Bureau Federation.

She was preceded in death by her husband Erol Colman in 1984 and her sister Freda Simmons in 1997. Genevieve Colman is survived by her son Sheldon Robert Foster and his wife Nancy; granddaughter Kay M. Nelms and her husband Jay; grandson Mark R. Foster; granddaughter Holly A. Foster; and great-grandchildren Rochelle, Amy and Adam Nelms.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paradise Hospice House (1289 Bille Road, Paradise, CA 95969) or to the Butte County CattleWomen scholarship fund (495 Stimpson Rd., Oroville, CA 95965). At Genevieve's request, no formal memorial services will be held. Brusie Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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DUENSING, Eldon Merle  
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1-31-2007

## ELDON MERLE DUENSING

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Eldon Merle Duensing

Born in Chico to Louis and Hazel Duensing and raised in Chico and the surrounding area. Eldon joined the Army Air Core in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater, returning to Chico in 1946, he completed his degree at Chico State College and then began his career in construction. He worked for several local companies, finally retiring from Baldwin Construction in 1987, where he had served for 29 years as a site superintendent in the underground division. Eldon married Fern Chamberlain in Las Vegas , Nevada on February 12, 1957.

The Duensing's returned to Chico raising 3 sons; Jerry, Ronnie and Doug. On weekends and in retirement Eldon enjoyed raising cattle on his ranch at Toad Town CA and spending time with his family. He was working on his ranch Friday afternoon January 26th when he passed away quickly and suddenly.

Eldon was preceded in death by 2 brothers; Howard and Loren and one sister; June.

He is survived by his wife and sons, one brother Darrell, and a sister Arlyne, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

No services are planned but a memorial will be held in the future. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in Eldon's name may do so to the Butte County Search and Rescue in care of the Brusie Funeral Home in Chico.

SPRINGER, Vernice Evelyn  
Paradise Post  
1-31-2007

## Vernice Evelyn Springer

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Vernice Evelyn Springer passed away Thursday, January 25, 2007 in Reno, NV; at age 87. She was born in Westbrook, MN to Reinhold and Dena Rath Ewy. She was a California resident. She was a homemaker and Lutheran by faith. She was a volunteer at the Hospice thrift shop in Paradise, CA; and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Ninilchik, Ak. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, traveling and keeping her home immaculate. Vernice had a green thumb with plants. She was known as Brownie by her friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Wesley Ewy, husbands Mahlon Roy Heil and Floyd (Bo) Nelson Springer.

She is survived by sons Dennis Springer of Caldwell, ID; Don Heil of Needles, CA; Gary Heil of Austin, NV; and Rollin Springer of Paradise, CA; daughters Darla Peterson of Ninilchik, AK; Dyllone Robertson of Old town, ID; and many grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Yankee Hill, CA. Arrangements are under the direction of Walton Funeral Home in Reno, NV.

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# SPRINGER, Vernice Evelyn

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 2-1-2007

#### BORN

3 November 1919  
Westbrook, Minnesota

#### DIED

25 January 2007  
Reno, Nevada

## Vernice Evelyn Springer, 87

Vernice E. Springer

Chico Enterprise-Record (Chico, CA) - Thursday, February 1, 2007

RENO CA United States

#### SPOUSE AND CHILDREN

Wesley Ewy husband  
Mahlon Roy Heil husband  
Floyd Nelson Or Bo Springer  
husband  
Don Heil son  
Gary Heil son  
Rollin Springer son  
Darla Peterson daughter  
Dyllone Robertson daughter  
Dennis Springer son

#### PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

Reinhold Ewy father  
Dena Rath Ewy mother

#### VERNICE E. SPRINGER

Vernice Evelyn Springer passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno, Nevada. She was 87. She was born on November 3, 1919 in Westbrook, Minnesota to Reinhold and Dena Rath Ewy.

She was a resident of California. She was a homemaker and Lutheran by faith. Among her many interests were: volunteering with Hospice at the thrift shop in Paradise, California; member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Ninilchik, Alaska; sewing; crocheting; keeping her home immaculate; her green thumb with plants; and traveling. She was also known to her friends and family as "Brownie".

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brother Wesley Ewy, husbands Mahlon Roy Heil and Floyd (Bo) Nelson Springer.

Survivors include sons Dennis Springer of Caldwell, Idaho, Don Heil of Needles, California, Gary Heil of Austin, Nevada, and Rollin Springer of Paradise, California; daughters, Darla Peterson of Ninilchik, Alaska, Dyllone Robertson of Oldtown, Idaho; and many grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at a later date in Yankee Hill, California. Walton Funeral Home, at 875 W. Second Street in Reno, is in charge of arrangements. Phone (775) 323-7189.

# WELSH, Elton Harry "Bud"

## Auburn Journal

### 3-18-2007

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#### Elton Harry "Bud" Welsh (1908 - 2007)

**Guest Book**

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Elton Harry Welsh  
12/6/1908 - 3/12/2007

H.E. "Bud" Welsh, 98, died March 12, 2007, at Winsor House Convalescent Hospital in Vacaville, California. Bud was a native of California, born in Concow on December 6, 1908.

He was a District Manager for Citizens Utilities Company for 25 years before retiring in 1971. He was a member of Past Master of Sincerity Lodge No. 132 of Free and Accepted Masons. He was also a member of the Feather River Club.

Bud was preceded in death in 1996 by his wife of 62 years, Ida Elizabeth Welsh, and in 2002 by his oldest son Edward E. Welsh. Survivors include son Robert H. Welsh, of Bend, Oregon, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services will be held on Monday, March 19, at 1 P.M., in the chapel of East Lawn Memorial Park, 43rd Street & Folsom Blvd., Sacramento. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, Northern California Unit, P.O. Box 21-4477, Sacramento, CA 95821.

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WELSH, Elton Harry  
Loomis News  
3-18-2007

## Elton Harry Welsh, 98

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Elton Harry Welsh

Loomis News, The (CA) - Sunday, March 18, 2007

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CA United States

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FELDER, John William  
Chico Enterprise Record  
3-22-2007

## John William Felder

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### JOHN WILLIAM FELDER

John William Felder passed away on March 9, 2007, at Feather River Hospital. Born January 1929 in Oakland, Calif., to John William and Lola Eber Felder, John grew up in San Mateo attending Hillsborough Grammar School, San Mateo High School and San Mateo Junior College.

In 1948, he joined the Air Force and was stationed at Wiesbaden Military Post in Germany serving as a draftsman and achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. While in Germany, he met Emily Carrington whom he married on Jan. 27, 1951. Upon completion of his military duties he moved to Torrance, Calif., accepting a position with Northrop as a draftsman. In 1965, he moved his family to Palos Verdes, Calif., where he lived until his retirement in 1984. During his career with Northrop, he became a mechanical and research engineer. Upon retirement, he moved with his wife to the Yankee Hill area and began building his dream home with the help of family and friends.

John loved working with his hands and problem solving, especially when it came to helping others. Two of his greatest passions were the railroad, especially the steam locomotives, and aircraft. He enjoyed traveling, dancing and reading.

In his retirement, he belonged to many organizations holding various positions within the organizations. He was a member of the Republican Central Committee of Butte County. He held a position on the Butte Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, as well as a Board Member of the Golden Feather District School. He was the Director of the Golden Feather Volunteer Fire Department, and he had many positions within the Grange (Farming Fraternity), including the California State Master.

John was preceded in death by his wife, Emily, of 53 years in 2004. He is survived by his four children; Janet Knight (husband Jay) of Elgin, Texas; John Felder, III of Yankee Hill; Jennifer Grant (husband Charles) of Chico; and James Felder (wife Sarah) of Chico; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his dear friend Patricia Berry.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 24, 2007, at 1 pm at the Bidwell Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the California State Grange care of the Bidwell Chapel who is handling arrangements.

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SICKLESTEEL, Kenneth L.  
Paradise Post  
7-14-2007

## Kenneth L. Sicklesteel

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Kenneth L. Sicklesteel left this earth with family at his side on June 21, 2007. At Mr. Sicklesteel's request no services will be held.

Mr. Sicklesteel was born in Bell, CA and spent 36 years of his life in the San Jose area. Mr. Sicklesteel was in the mobile home awning and repair business. The last 10 years of his life were spent in Yankee Hill, CA overlooking beautiful Lake Oroville. He was known for his gentle spirit, smile, sense of humor, love for rafting on the Feather River, gardening and finding the perfect fishing hole.

Mr. Sicklesteel is survived by his wife of 47 years Sharon of Yankee Hill, CA; brother Glenn and wife Pamela of Zenia, CA; children, Kaylee Clayton and husband Matt of Tracy, Kristin Mahoney and husband Mike of Stockton, Kelly Martin and husband Paul of San Jose, Kevin Sicklesteel and wife Karen of Chicago, Ill.; grandchildren Steven of Ripon, Stacey of Tracy, Shannon of Stockton, Matthew and Jayson of San Jose, Charles and Nora of Chicago, Ill; cousins, nephews and nieces and their families.

Preceding him in death was his parents Chuck & Lelah Sicklesteel and sister Charlene Measles.

Donations in Mr. Sicklesteel's name can be made to UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center @ 4860 Y Street, Ste. 3900, Sacramento, CA 95817 or UC San Francisco Memory & Aging Center @ P.O. Box 12074, San Francisco, CA 94143-1207.

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**UPTON, Stanley V. Jr.**  
**The Columbian (Vancouver, WA)**  
**7-19-2007**

**BORN**

19 December 1957  
Stirling City, California

**DIED**

5 July 2007

**SPOUSE AND CHILDREN**

Shana Marshall child  
Eric Marshall child  
Jacob Parker child  
Joshua Upton child

**PARENTS AND SIBLINGS**

Mary Upton parent  
Stanley Upton Sr parent  
Verna Hair sister

**EXTENDED FAMILY**

Randy Hair brother-in-law  
Tailor Mikyla grandchild  
Daxx Marshall grandchild  
Erin Hair niece  
Christy Hair niece  
Cory Hair nephew  
Steven Josephson cousin

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**Stanley Upton Jr, 49**

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STANLEY UPTON, JR.

Columbian, The (Vancouver, WA) - Thursday, July 19, 2007

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Jr. of Ridgefield, WA passed away on July 5, 2007 at the age of 49. He was born December 19, 1957 in Stirling City, CA to Mary and Stanley Upton, Sr.

Stan was a tree climber by trade. He loved the outdoors. He was an avid fisherman and hunter. Most of all Stan enjoyed spending time with his family. He had a huge heart that he shared with many family members and friends in Clark County and throughout California. Stan will be missed greatly by his family and friends. He will be in our hearts forever.

Stanley is survived by his children, Shana Marshall (Eric), Jacob Parker and Joshua Upton of Vanc. WA, sister, Verna Hair (Randy) of Vanc. WA, grandchildren, Tailor, Mikyla and Daxx Marshall, nieces, Erin and Christy Hair and nephew, Cory Hair. He was predeceased by his father, Stanley Upton Sr. in 1996, his mother, Mary Upton in 2004, and a very close cousin, Steven Josephson in 2005.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, July 20, 2007 at 1:30pm at Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel in Vancouver, WA.

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HOITES, Leo Alexander  
Chico Enterprise Record  
7-26-2007

## Leo Alexander Hoites

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LEO ALEXANDER HOITES

Passed away at age 44 on July 20, 2007, in Chico, Calif. He was born on Oct. 8, 1962, in Long Beach, Calif., to Leo Hoites Sr. and Nancy Hoites Alvarez.

He is survived by his caring wife, Kristina Hoites and son, Alexander Hoites from Antelope, Calif.; his loving and devoted mother, Nancy and Bob Alvarez from Yankee Hill, Calif.; and will be missed by his father, Leo Hoites Sr. and Dori Hoites from Northridge, Calif., and his three sisters: Lisa and Al Tuimavave and sons: James and Traviz from Vista, Calif., and Mona and Mark Wierschke, Rachael Muzzall and sons: Philip and Colin all currently residing in Chico, Calif., and all his family and friends.

Dearest Leo- Thank you for the laughs, your adventures' spirit, and for sharing your passions with us. We Love You!

Church Services will be held on July 30, 2007, at St. Clare Catholic Church, 1950 Junction Blvd., in Roseville at 10 A.M., and immediately followed by services at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 7101 Verner Ave., in Sacramento.

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# SAVILLE, Edward

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 8-6-2007

EDWARD SAVILLE

My husband, our Father and our Papa went to rest on August 1, 2007. Edward (Ed) Saville, 59, of Cherokee died suddenly at his home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and love him.

Ed was born on September 15, 1947 in Centerville, Nev. to Zelma and Bernard Saville. At three years old, he moved to Cherokee where he attended school from 1st-8th grade. After attending Oroville High School, Ed met and married Lou Ellen Woodruff on December 3, 1968 and had three children. He worked for Koppers for 27 years as a pole grader.

While growing up, Ed enjoyed running around Table Mtn., hunting, fishing and spending time with his brother, Bob and his father, Bernard Saville, who preceded him in death in 1964. Ed worked hard his whole life and sacrificed so much to support his family. He is truly his family's hero.

Ed is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lou Ellen; two sons, Sid (Leanne) and Mike (Brienne); one daughter, Laurie Saville, all of Oroville; his mother, Zelma Simpson and her husband, Dean of Cherokee; and brother Robert Saville (Judy) of Yankee Hill; and the greatest loves of his life, his grandchildren: Tiffany, Tyler, Cheyenne, Larissa, Cody, Cierra and Madyson. Also his expecting twins due in September. They were truly the loves of his life. He is greatly missed.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 7th from 5-8 p.m. and services will be held Wednesday, August 8th at 2 p.m. at Scheer Memorial Chapel.

DILLMAN, Robert  
Chico Enterprise Record  
8-9-2007

## Robert (Bob) Dillman

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ROBERT (BOB) DILLMAN

On the afternoon of August 7, 2007, after a valiant and hard fought battle against cancer, Robert (Bob) Dillman of Fernley, Nevada entered into eternal rest surrounded by friends and family. Bob was born in Nebraska on April 17, 1938 and shortly after his birth his family moved to Gridley, California and farmed that area. Bob met Nelda there and she was the love of his life. They were married on February 18, 1978. Bob eventually went to work for Louisiana Pacific Corporation in Oroville, California and retired from that company.

He and Nelda lived in Gridley, California and Yankee Hill, California before moving to Fernley, Nevada to live in their home on the Fernley Golf Course.

Bob and Nelda were members of the Butte County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. As a member of this organization Bob was instrumental in starting the Handy Riders who, through two schools in Oroville, California and other schools in Chico, California, provided a chance for children with varying handicaps the opportunity to ride horses.

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Bob and Nelda shared their passion for golf on many great golf courses but more importantly the love they shared that was unconditional and unselfish. Bob's sense of humor brought smiles to all who knew him and his loyalty to his friends was indisputable. He was always ready with a tool or the idea that would solve numerous problems for so many. He lived constantly with a "can do" attitude. Bob loved his family with all he had, being an excellent provider, counselor, inspiration and the ever needed shoulder to cry on. So many depended on him yet he never complained nor faltered in his loyalty. To say he will be missed is an understatement of great proportions. God now has a true warrior and above all a great strategist. We will all love and miss this wonderful man but are richer for having had him in our lives.

Bob is survived by his loving wife Nelda, daughters Kim Bines, Robin McInay, Marcy Brand-Faith, Terry Hoblit, and Sherry Hansen. Sons Lex Dillman and Blake Hansen, as well as 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The family is having a Celebration of Life at the Dillman residence on August 10, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

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MAY, Burl Wilborn  
Paradise Post  
10-5-2007

## Burl Wilborn May

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Burl W. May, a resident of Paradise since 1992 passed away on 10/03/07. Burl was born in Texas on December 3, 1926. This serious-minded, caring man was known for his love of Bible research and sharing what he learned with others. He enlisted his friends to help him accomplish a great deal in spreading Kingdom truths in Concow and other rural areas. He did volunteer landscape work at Kingdom Halls throughout Northern California, sharing his second love, gardening. He also will be remembered for not allowing his disabilities to slow him down until the very last few months of his life.

Burl had many friends in Paradise and Concow. He was a member of the Ridge congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Burl leaves a son, two daughters, a brother and a favorite niece: Ed Jr. May of Marysville; Rhonda Rey of Washington state; Cindy Mulford of Magalia; Harold May of Reno, NV; and Terri Dahlke of Washington state.

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WARD, Billie Burke  
Chico Enterprise Record  
11-7-2007

## Billie Burke Ward

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BILLIE BURKE WARD

Billie Burke Ward, 87, of Concow, Calif. passed away November 2, 2007 in Oroville.

She was born February 6, 1920 in Egan, South Dakota. She moved to Butte County in 1980 from Castro Valley.

She was an office clerk for 25 years for various businesses. She was a charter member of Ashlank BPW, member of Yankee Hill Ladies Club, and volunteered for many years at Concow School. Billie enjoyed bowling, pinochle and crocheting lap robes for the American Cancer Society.

Billie is survived by two sons, Peter Ward, Orangevale, Calif. and Joseph Ward, Turlock, Calif.; two daughters Patricia Fisher, Saugus, Calif. and Kathryn Tarvin, Oakland, Calif.; also survived by 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard T. Ward and two brothers.

Graveside Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 2007 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville.

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GETMAN, David C.  
Chico Enterprise Record  
11-11-2007

## David C. Getman

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DAVID C. GETMAN

David C. Getman, 71, passed away on October 12, 2007 in Oroville, California, after battling lung disease for four years.

"DansinDave" was born on April 23, 1936 in Ilion, New York to Annabelle and Tracy Getman. He graduated from Ilion High School in 1954 and then joined the Air Force soon after. He received an honorable discharge in 1958 and remained in the Reserves until 1962. After leaving Mather Air Force Base he settled in San Jose, Calif. There he married and raised two daughters and had a successful career at Lockheed for thirty years until his retirement at age 55. He then moved to Concow, Calif. in the foothills to pursue his love of hiking, panning for gold and to spend time with his beloved dog Sadie.

Dave's passion was dancing and he was very active in the VFW Nail in Oroville, Calif. He enjoyed the VFW activities as well as Parents Without Partners and the Moose Club in Paradise, Calif.

He is survived by his two daughters, Valerie Long of Bangor, Calif., Stacy Manshack of Newark, Calif.; son-in-laws, David Long and Alan Manshack; grandchildren, Jeremy Long, Dana Long, Dylan Long, and Brandon Manshack, great-grandson, Prestyn. Also survived by brother, Robert Getman and his wife Marilyn in addition to many nieces and nephews.

Please join us in remembering our beloved father, brother and friend on November 17, 2007 at the Veteran's of Foreign War Hall in Oroville, Calif., at 1901 Elgin Way, at 3:00 p.m., with an honor guard salute at 3:45 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. Then please return at 8:00 p.m. for one more dance for Dave, with his favorite band and who want to honor him with music, laughter and conversation. Please call, 530-679-2737 if you have any questions.

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COHEN, Sylvia Danzig  
East Bay Times  
11-16-2007

# Sylvia Danzig Cohen

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SYLVIA DANZIG COHEN 2 FEBRUARY 1920 9 NOVEMBER 2007 Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Sylvia came to Oakland at the age of 10 with her parents and brother Paul in the cross country trek of many depression-era families. She was a 1936 graduate of Oakland High School, a 1940 graduate of the University of California/Berkeley and later obtained a master's in education from San Francisco State. Teaching was her passion. From her first job at Concow School (Butte County) to the Richmond Ship Yards to the Oakland School District (Auditorium Village, Hillcrest, Broadway Terrace and Redwood Heights), the classroom and reading skills were her forte. Even in her retirement she spent hours as an ESL, Laubach Literacy and Russian resettlement volunteer. A full life was filled with adventure, joys, some disappointments, travel and books. Her eighth decade was spent at Sunrise of Oakland Hills where she experienced constant entertainment, romance and the love of the wonderful staff and residents. Memorials may be made to Friends of Dimond Library 3565 Fruitvale Avenue Oakland, CA 94602 Jewish Family and Children's Service of the East Bay/ Russian Refugee and Immigrant Programs 2484 Shattuck Avenue, Ste. 210 Berkeley, CA 94704.

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McMULLEN (ROBERTS), Mary Kathryn  
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## Mary Kathryn McMullen

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 MARY KATHRYN MCMULLEN

Dec. 30, 1928-Oct. 16, 2008

Mary was born Mary Kathryn Roberts in Cottonwood AZ. She spoke about living there as a child and stated it was a happy part of her life. Her mother worked as a waitress 10 hours a day for one dollar a day, leaving Mary alone much of the time. Mary would often stop at an Indian Hogen and have lunch or after school snack. Her parents migrated to California when she was about 8 yrs. old. She always said they were fruit tramps and enjoyed it. Her parents harvested fruit in California and Oregon during the Depression. She loved getting to the watermelon patch where she would break open the melons and eat the centers. The family finally settled in Greenville, CA when she was about 10 yrs. old. She attended school there and graduated from Greenville High School.

She married and is survived by three sons, Russell Crouch of Greenville, CA, Craig Crouch of Rockland, CA, Dyke Crouch of Susanville, CA; a brother, Samuel Mazelen of Oregon, Larry Thompson, her partner in life; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

While in Greenville, Mary opened a flower shop and then a fabric shop. Mary and Larry moved to Concow, CA in 1980. Mary opened a craft store there. She helped find and restore the 100 year old Messella Valley Schoolhouse. She was chairwoman of the Concow Chapter of Gleaners, and worked as Assistant Librarian at Golden Feather School. She put on Easter egg hunts and Halloween parties for the local children. She loved Concow where she and Larry lived for 28 years prior to her death.

McKEEN, Vera V. Clark  
Chico Enterprise Record  
1-12-2008



## ■ VERA V. CLARK MCKEEN

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Vera V. Clark McKeen, 105, of Oroville, passed away December 25, 2007. She was born March 12, 1902 to Benjamin Frank Clark and Annie Crabtree Clark in Covelo, CA. She would have celebrated her 106th birthday this coming March.

Vera was a housewife. She was the oldest Konkow Valley/Wailaki American Indian.

In 1998, Vera wrote a book of her life, (co-authored by Michele Shover and Antone Grieco), titled "Vera Clark McKeen of Yankee Hill: Memoir of a Maidu Matriarch". She was mentioned in Orin Starn's book, "Ishi's Brain: In Search of America's Last 'Wild' Indian". Orin was also present at her 100th birthday celebration. In 2006 an article was written about her life in "Our Town: 100 Years of Oroville".

Vera is survived by her daughter, Maxine Gramps, and her son John Clark, both of Oroville; her six grandchildren: Harvey, Walley, Bobo, Zena, J.C. and Jennifer; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald McKeen, her parents and her nine siblings.

Private internment will be at Clark Cemetery on Saturday, January 26 at 12 noon. A Celebration of Life memorial gathering will be held at Concow Grange at 4122 Big Bend Road at 2:00 p.m.

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MATHEWS (REECE), Cleo Faye  
Chico Enterprise Record  
2-2-2008

CLEO FAYE MATHEWS

Cleo Faye Mathews, 53, passed away in Oroville on Jan. 29, 2008

Family and friends will gather to honor and share memories of Cleo on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008 from 5 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Oroville Funeral Home.

Her Farewell and burial service will be held at Sittu Cemetery in Berry Creek on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home, 533-0323.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

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# YOUNGMAN (WILLIS), Mary Ann

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 2-5-2008

**M**ARY ANN YOUNGMAN

Mary Ann Youngman, 72, of Oroville passed away January 31, 2008.

She is survived by daughters, Teresa Malone, Joan Youngmen, and Janet and her husband Rodney McKinney, who was like a son to her, all of Oroville; sister, Dollie Jackson of Oroville; 6 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband, James Youngman; granddaughter, Traci Sanger; and great-granddaughter Tami Williams.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 5-8 p.m. at Ramsey Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 11:00 a.m. at Cherokee Cemetery on Bald Rock Road. Contributions in memory of Mary Youngman may be made to the American Cancer Society, (800) ACS-2345. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home.



# RAMIREZ (WILSON), Harriet Pearl

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 4-8-2008

Harriet was born on May 14, 1932 in Jonesville, CA, to Sherman and Lenora Wilson and lived in Chico for all but a few years. She has one brother Dell Wilson Sr. of Willows and Thelma Wilson of Chico. Harriet Pearl Ramirez (speedy) age 76 left to be with her husband Frank Ramirez on Thursday April 3, 2008. Their love was one of a kind, he started talking and she finished. They met at the age of 8 when he took her ice cream. They grew up to marry and have seven children; Frank and Ann Ramirez of Calackamas Oregon, Grover and Cathy Ramirez, Lenora and Tobias Vigil and John Ramirez all of Chico CA. She was preceded in death by three children: Eugene, Manuel and Cecilia as infants. Harriet had 28 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

She was the pastor of Open Door Outreach Ministries in Chico. Harriet dedicated her life to the Lord and helping others. She was an elder in the Mechoopda Tribe. I know its hard but sometimes you have to put one foot in front of the other.

A viewing will be held on Thursday April 10, 2008 from 7-9 p.m. at Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home Followed by a funeral service on Friday April 11, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. Burial will be at the Mechoopda Indian Cemetery. Following the burial a reception will be held at Wildwood Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mechoopda Indian Tribe Burial Fund in c/o Newton Bracewell Funeral Home. You may share your thoughts and memories of Harriet online at [NBCFH.com](http://NBCFH.com)

OWENS, Mary Ann  
Chico Enterprise Record  
4-26-2008

## Mary Ann Owens

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MARY ANN OWENS

Mary Ann Owens, 68 of Oroville, Calif. passed away on April 22, 2008 at Sutter Roseville Hospital in Roseville, Calif. She was born January 22, 1940 in Paradise, Calif. to David and Amelia Dion.

Mary managed numerous olive orchards in the Oroville area. In her younger years she drove school buses in the Concow area. Mary loved gardening, traveling, bowling and most of all spending time with her children. She was not only a mother to her own children but to all kids who walked through her door. They lovingly referred to her as "Ma". Mary was also a great cook.

She is survived by her husband, Les Owens; a daughter, Junise McGinnis and son-in-law, Mark; a son, Mark Owens and daughter-in-law, Jamie all of Oroville; daughter, Patricia Jarred of Paradise; Six grandchildren, Bud and Derek Jarred, Tanner and Dakota McGinnis, Kylee Owens and her baby sister, "Makenzie" due to be born in July. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and a son, David Lewis. She will be greatly missed.

Services will be held at Scheer Memorial Chapel, Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

Mary will be layed to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville.

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# DUENSING, Floyd E.

## Times Herald

### 5-1-2008

## FLOYD E. DUENSING

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*April 16, 1920 - April 28, 2008*

Floyd E. Duensing, 88, passed in Vallejo on Monday due to natural causes. He was born in Oroville, and worked at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard for 36 years until he retired in 1976.

Floyd learned to play piano at a very young age by listening to his sister at her lessons and then stepping in after they left the room, playing only from memory. After moving to Vallejo in 1940, he played with bands throughout the city of Vallejo and surrounding area. He was a life member of the Musician's Protective Union, Local #367, a Kaiser Hospital volunteer for 12 years, a member of the Mare Island Shop 51 Reunion Committee, a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and a member of Community Presbyterian Church for 49 years. He served in the church in many positions, and as Clerk of Session for 20 years. He worked with the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, PTA, Campfire Girls and Job's Daughters. Floyd enjoyed coin collecting, replica stamp collecting, matchbook collecting and crossword puzzles. Floyd was always a friend of animals. As a child growing up, he had a pair of pet gray squirrels. He also always had dogs and cats. He and his wife also inherited their children's dogs when they could no longer keep them!

Floyd is predeceased by his parents, Charles and Laura Duensing, and sisters Gethel Smith, Nadine Dinkelman, and Wilma Isaacs. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Louise H. Duensing; daughters Terry Duensing of Florida and Leslie Cameron of Vallejo; son Jerry (Sandy) Duensing of Pollock Pines; five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Community Presbyterian Church, 2800 Georgia St., Vallejo, with Rev. Jon Read officiating. Contributions preferred in Floyd's name to Community Presbyterian Church, Deacon's Memorial Fund, 2800 Georgia St., Vallejo 94591.

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CONWAY, Vernon William  
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5-5-2008  
(born 3 Feb 1924 Chico, CA)



Services for Vernon, was held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2008, at Chico Mechoopda Cemetery on West Sacramento Avenue with a luncheon following at Wildwood Park, 100 Wildwood Avenue.

Vernon joined the Marine Corps in 1943, serving overseas and was honorably discharged in 1947. After his military service, Vernon attended Laney's College in Oakland, CA to be a chef and baker. He also participated on the American Indian Center's (AIC) Board of Directors, San Francisco, CA. from 1965 to 1976, and volunteered many years as a cook. During this time, Vernon became the only Indian letter carrier among 1,500 carriers of the U.S. Post Office Service, from 1950 to his retirement in 1977 in Sacramento and San Francisco.

Vernon was an active supporter in his community advocating for the protection of Native American rights and sovereignty. Vernon's grandfather, father, and uncles were members of the Chico all-Indian band and continued Indian traditional dances in the 1920's. He carried on the performing tradition when he played "Geronimo" in a play called "Indians" directed by the director of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", in the 1970's in San Francisco. "Indians" was highly praised for its portrait of how the U.S. treated the Native Americans in the West. Vernon performed for six months as Geronimo and his four daughters were ushers and his son worked backstage.

Vernon is survived by his five children, Raymond Conway of Reno, NV., and Loretta Conway, Eileen Conway, Estelle John, and Corinne Bermudez all of Chico and 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sister, Juanita, and brother, Ivan.



**Carol Elizabeth (Mullen) Schrader**  
July 29, 1929-May 12, 2008

## MULLEN (Schrader), Carol Elizabeth

Arizona Daily Star  
5-14-2008

A 3rd generation Native Arizonan and former owner/founder of Century 21st American, was received by God early Monday morning after a strong two year battle with Cancer. Carol was a loving and very active member of our community. She prided herself on her work and her loved ones. Carol was born and raised in the small town of Jerome, Arizona where her father was one of the original Teddy Roosevelt Rough Riders who later became an Arizona Ranger, and then Superintendent of Schools of the Jerome and Verde Valley Schools. Carol was a true entrepreneur, starting her own Real Estate Company, First American Real Estate on Tucson's East side in 1972. She eventually changed over to Century 21st American, the business she loved and prided herself on for 35 years, before her son Eric took over these last couple of years. Carol did everything she could to be actively involved in real estate at the local and state levels up until her death. She made substantial contributions to both the local and the National Association of Realtors, and was named Realtor of the Year and Committee Chair of the Year by that organization for local efforts. She also served as Tucson Association of Realtors' President in 1983 and served on committees too numerous to list.

Aside from that, she enjoyed meeting new challenges and loved being the one to help and guide her agents to success. She always spoke warmly of the people she worked with, and her agents truly loved her. Carol also loved traveling and spending her time up at the family's homestead in Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona, where she would surround herself with all of her grandkids, nieces and nephews, where they would sing around the campfire until late into the night. She loved singing, loved parties, loved getting dressed up and loved being surrounded by her friends and family. She was an extraordinary woman who lived life to its fullest. She had an incredible inner strength and fighting spirit and touched the lives of so many people. She joins her son Paul; first husband, Philip; brothers, Joseph, John and Richard in heaven. Carol is survived by a loving second husband, best friend and dancing partner, George Griswold; sons, Eric (Sissie) and Jeff (Collette); grandchildren, Brandon, Morgan, Megan, Betsy and Amy, and step-children Steven Griswold, Georgene Fromm (Mike), Diane Rimmer, and step-grandchildren Stacey, Kari, and Justin. A memorial service and Mass is planned for Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 300 North Tanque Verde Loop Road, in Tucson at 10:00 a.m. The family is requesting memorials to be sent in Carol's name to The Hearth Foundation, in care of Tucson Association of Realtors.

McDONALD (HODAPP), Grace W.

The Sacramento Bee

9-27-2008

**McDONALD, Grace W.**

**(Hodapp)**

Passed away peacefully at age 91 in Fair Oaks, Calif. She was a native of Glenn County, Calif., and was raised on the 'Hodapp' ranch. Predeceased by her loving husband and best friend Joseph, Lt. Col., USAF, she is survived by her daughter Gracie M. Ryan-Rush (Kary), son Charles, sister Dorothy Nelson, brother-in-law Harold Nahler, stepson Steve, and cherished granddaughter Shannon Ryan. Grace spent many wonderful years as an Air Force wife, had a later career in both real estate and medical transcription. She was a wonderful grandmother to Shannon. She was a lover of the outdoors, as well as art and book collecting. She was a docent at the Crocker Art Gallery. She loved her family and was very proud of her son Charles, a Viet Nam war veteran. She will be reunited with her husband at the San Francisco National Cemetery at the Presidio. At her request, no services will be held. Special thanks to her caregivers at Sunrise Assisted Living and Vitas Hospice. She will live in our memories forever.

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# KROEPELIN, Betty Marie

## Stockton Record Net

### 9-27-2008

#### Betty Marie Kroepelin

#### Obituary

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Stockton, CA

Betty Marie Kroepelin

Oct. 29, 1926 - Sept. 21, 2008

Mrs. Betty Marie Kroepelin passed away Sunday, September 21, 2008 in Stockton. A native of Ogden, Utah, she was born October 29, 1926 to Cecil and Idella Rogers. Mrs. Kroepelin was a senior admitting clerk for San Joaquin General Hospital for 15 years. Mrs. Kroepelin was married to the late

Charles Albert Kroepelin who passed away in January 1988.

She is survived by a son, Barry Roger Kroepelin, his wife Carol, and daughter Joni Marie Kroepelin McIntire, her husband Kim, three sisters, one brother and four grandchildren. Her sons, Casey Kroepelin and Wayde Kroepelin precede her in death. Betty was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints where she served as a Stake Primary President, organist and served a mission with the Hmong Branch. Friends and family are invited to attend a Graveside Service on Tuesday September 30, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at DeYoung Shoreline Chapel, 7676 Shoreline Dr., Stockton on Monday September 29, 2008 from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Committal: Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee, California. Online guest book at [deyoungmemorialchapel.com](http://deyoungmemorialchapel.com)

NEWMAN, Orville Floyd  
Chico Enterprise Record  
10-16-2008

## Orville Floyd Newman

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ORVILLE FLOYD

NEWMAN

Orville Floyd Newman, 87, Yankee Hill, passed away on October 14, 2008 in Yankee Hill. Orville was born July 31, 1921 in Exira, Iowa to Floyd and Hazel Newman.

During WWII he served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Dale from 1942 to 1945. On January 3, 1945 Orville married his beloved Lula Elayne Olsen in Port Orchard, Washington. He had a successful career as a draftsman for Kaiser Aluminum for 32 years. He enjoyed woodworking, camping and visiting with family and friends. Orville was a member of the Methodist Church in Atlantic, Iowa.

Orville is preceded in death by his father, Floyd William Newman and his mother, Hazel Jane Newman. He is survived by his wife, Lu; his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Mary Newman of Joneborough, TN; his daughters and son-in-laws, Dianna and John Jones of Loomis, CA, Laura and Steve Folgner of Calimesa, CA, and Darlene and Lance Hunziker of Sedro Wooley, WA; his nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial Service will held at the Concow Grange Hall, 4122 Big Bend Road in Yankee Hill on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. There will be a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Yankee Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Yankee Hill, CA 95965.

Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home, (530) 534-3877.

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