

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS, Norman Elwood Chico Enterprise Record 1-12-2017



NORMAN ELWOOD WILLIAMS

Norman Elwood Williams, 89, passed away peacefully at his home in Yankee Hill, California on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Born in Yankee Hill on November 29, 1927, he was the 6th of 7 children born to Butte and Bessie Williams. Norman began driving logging trucks at the age of 14 and retired at age 72. He is known throughout the logging industry as a man who was willing to share his wealth of trucking knowledge to many young drivers. He was a friend to many and will be greatly missed. He was in the U.S. Army during WWII, an 11 year member of the American Legion, and a 54 year member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, Argonaut Parlor No. 8. Norman loved his family.

He is survived by his wife Lesta of the home, son Larry Williams and wife Cindy of Redding, CA., son Gary Williams and wife Diana of Oroville, CA, daughter Sandra Pacino and husband Mike of Boys Ranch, Texas, son Floyd Williams and Charlotte Doherty of Oroville, CA, 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and all of his siblings. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to his favorite charity, Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

A viewing of Norman will be held at the Scheer Memorial Chapel, 2410 Foothill Blvd, Oroville, CA on Friday, January 13 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A Celebration of Life gathering date is still to be determined.

Death notices

CARLOZZI: Lisa Jean Carlozzi, 51, of Paradise, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, in Paradise. Arrangements are under the direction of Paradise Chapel of the Pines, 877-4991.

ROWE: William John Rowe, 72, of Chico, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of the Neptune Society of Northern California, Chico Branch, 345-7200.

SARICH: Samuel J. Sarich, 84, of Magalia, died Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, in Paradise. Arrangements are under the direction of Paradise Chapel of the Pines, 877-4991.


WILLIAMS: Norman E. Williams, 89, of Yankee Hill, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.

JOSEPHSON, David True

Redding Record Searchlight

2-19-2017

Obituary

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David True Josephson

Redding, CA

In Loving Memory Of

David True Josephson

David is at peace with the Lord now.

He passed away 2-14-2017 in Mercy hospital in Sacramento.

He loved life & lived it to the fullest. He liked working on motorcycles & working in the woods.

He leaves behind his Mother Carole Sue Reynolds, Brothers Dale & Eric Josephson, Curtis Reynolds & Sister Lisa Roth. All of Redding, Ca.

His Father Donald True Josephson, sister Lori Reynolds & Brother Roger Josephson have already passed away.

He also leaves numerous nieces & nephews.

SMITH, John David

Chico Enterprise Record

3-1-2017

John David Smith 1927 - 2017

John David Smith

Chico Enterprise-Record (Chico, CA) - Wednesday, March 1, 2017

JOHN D. SMITH John David Smith aka Dave or JD went to be with the creator on 2/23/2017. He was born in Oroville on Oct. 29, 1927 to Elmer and Eva Smith. He was the 3rd of 10 children. He served proudly in the Korean War as Staff Sargent. He was a logger by trade. He was a proud member of the Tyme Maidu Tribe Berry Creek Rancheria. He belonged to several organizations, the veterans, Friends Feather River Nature Center, headed up the 1st. Salmon Ceremony for years and Chairman of California Autochthon Peoples Foundation. He was an amazing man. He loved watching the birds. He loved to walk around Oroville and across the Oroville Dam. He made jewelry out of bones, taught himself to make native baskets. He studied the native plants and herbs. He is survived by his wife Patricia as well as brothers Charles and Cecil. His sisters Cecelia Brock and Dorothy Ann Smith. His beloved niece Eva Smith who helped with his care. There are several other nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He had two stepchildren and several step-grandchildren. There will be graveside services held at Oroville Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 5646 Lincoln Blvd. Oroville, Ca. On March 7th at 1:30 p.m.

BARTON, Margaret Joy
Chico Enterprise Record
3-3-2017

Death notices

BARTON: Margaret Joy Barton, 90, of Yankee Hill, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Cremation & Funeral Service, 873-7602.

SUTTON, Robert Raymond
Chico Enterprise Record
3-10-2017

SUTTON: Robert Raymond Sutton, 84, of Yankee Hill, died Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in Paradise. Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Chapel Mortuary, 877-4923.

JOKSCH, Arlie
Chico Enterprise Record
3-16-2017

OBITUARIES

ARLIE JOKSCH

Arlie Joksch of Chico, CA, died in Chico on February 21, 2017. He was born on April 14, 1937 and grew up in the Capay area graduating from Orland High School in 1955. He served in the Air Force and on his return was married to Judith Kees in 1961. He lived with his wife of 56 years in Southern California, the east Bay Area and since 1999 in Yankee Hill and Chico. Arlie was preceded in death by his parents Fred and Christina, siblings Edward, Meatha and Irvin. He is survived by his wife Judy and children Mike (Lori), Scott and Manette (Kevin), nine grandchildren and his brother Oskar. Memorial Services will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 6404 Pentz Road, Paradise, CA on Sunday, March 19 at 2 pm. The family is grateful for your support and prayers in this time of grief.

WHITE, Richard E. "Gene"
Chico Enterprise Record
3-30-2017

**RICHARD E. "GENE"
WHITE**

Gene passed away on March 24, 2017. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Foothill Blvd. Church of Christ, 2295 Foothill Blvd. Oroville, CA with Burial to follow at Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee RD Oroville, CA. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877. Please visit www.RamseyFuneralHomes.com to leave condolences for the family.

STRINGFELLOW (TAYLOR), Barbara Jean

Chico Enterprise Record

4-11-2017

Barbara Jean Stringfellow 1934 - 2017

Barbara Jean Stringfellow

Chico Enterprise-Record (Chico, CA) - Tuesday, April 11, 2017

BARBARA JEAN STRINGFELLOW Barbara Jean Stringfellow, 83, received her Crown of Glory on April 13, 2017. Beloved wife, mother, sister, "Nanny", and friend, she was born to Carol and Margaret Taylor in Oroville, California on March 6, 1934. Her loving husband of 66 years, Claude Stringfellow; her parents; brothers, Vern Taylor and Jack Taylor; and a grandson, Kyle German, preceded her in death. She is survived by three daughters; Vicki Silva (Donald), Debra German (Howard), and Terry Cox; grandchildren, Jennifer Blair, Brent Silva, Sara Silva, Lori Griffin, Kevin German, Scott German, Chris Sanders, Brandon Sanders, Jeremy Sanders, Tyler Cox; 16 great -grandchildren; a brother, Glen Shaffner (Yuba City); and three sisters-in-law, Shirley Taylor (Montana), Clara Stringfellow (Durham, Ca.), and Barbara Stringfellow (South Carolina). Barbara worked as a meat wrapper for Collins and Denny's Market and Currier Brothers Market. She became a school bus driver for Oroville Union High School and then transferred into a secretarial position in the transportation office until she retired in 1994. Known to her grandchildren and great -grandchildren as "Nanny", she delighted in her family. Her great joy was hosting family celebrations, preparing memorable meals for everyone, and having her family together. She loved to sew as much as she loved cooking and was an active member of the local quilt guild. Barbara had been a member of Calvary Lutheran Church since the early fifties and she loved the Lord and serving others with all of her heart. Whether she was sewing quilts, preparing congregational dinners, serving in alter guild, facilitating Bible studies, or visiting those in need, she humbly and lovingly served the Lord and was an example of Christ's unconditional love to everyone she met. Even under the grip of Alzheimer's for nine years, her loving spirit was always evident. We will hold her in our hearts until we are all reunited. A service celebrating her life will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church, 10 Concordia Dr., Oroville on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 11:00. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to Calvary Lutheran Church in her honor.

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PINKSTON, Gene Everett
Chico Enterprise Record
5-11-2017

PINKSTON: Gene E.

Pinkston, 83, of Paradise, died Sunday, May 7, 2017, in Paradise. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Cremation & Funeral Service, 873-7602.

from Newton Bracewell website (nbcfh.com):

In Memoriam

GENE EVERETT PINKSTON

May 7, 2017

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Gene Everett Pinkston of Paradise, California died Sunday, May 7, 2017 in Paradise. He was 83 years old.

A service will be at Ark Christian Center, 222 N. Butte Street, Willows on Wednesday, May 17 at 12:00 p.m.

LENTZ, James Earl
Chico Enterprise Record
5-13-2017

LENTZ: James Earl
Lentz, 71, of Concow, died
Thursday, May 11, 2017, in
Paradise. Arrangements are
under the direction of Rose
Chapel Mortuary, 877-
4923.

DEWEY, Troy
Chico Enterprise Record
6-17-2017

Death notices

DEWEY: Troy Wayne Dewey, 45, of Concow, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017, in Paradise. Arrangements are under the direction of Paradise Chapel of the Pines, 877-4991.



GRAMPS, Debra Arlene
Ramseyfuneralhomes.com
8-20-2017



Obituary of Debra Gramps

Her Legacy... Debra Arlene Gramps was born on May 20, 1958 in Willows, California to Tomas and Marie Tull. Debbie was born into a large family. With four brothers and four sisters, She developed a strong personality and independent spirit which she maintained throughout her life. Debbie graduated from Biggs High School. She was married to David Gramps for 35 years. She had one son, DJ who she was very proud of when he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a long haul truck driver. Debbie enjoyed camping with her husband and family. She also very much enjoyed traveling, many times on cruises to various tropical destinations. Debbie was retired and worked for the Butte County Office of Education. While working full time Debbie helped her sister-in-law Karen Lundberg start her Medical Business, California Occupational Medical Professionals. They worked together long hours, many nights and weekends making the business a success, most of that time donated. Debbie passed away on August 20, 2017. She was a true force of nature and will be missed by all who knew her.

Her Family... Debbie is survived by her husband David, her son DJ, and her brothers and sisters A.J., Trudy, Tom, Sonny, Laura, Rita, Freda, Marshall and their families.

Her Farewell Service... A Graveside Service will be held at Gridley-Biggs Cemetery, 2023 Highway 99, Gridley, California on Friday, August 25, 2017 at 9:30 am. All who knew Debbie are invited to attend. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home (530) 533-0323.

HEADLEY, Jack

Chico Enterprise Record

8-26-2017

JACK HEADLEY

Jack Dewey Headley was born June 29, 1926 in Ainsworth, Nebraska. He passed away in the home he built from the milled timber from his property on Lake Concow on August 23, 2017. He was 91.

Even though he was born far from the ocean in Nebraska, the sea called to him at an early age. He found a variety of job opportunities working in or near the ocean when living in the Seattle area and he is a WWII Merchant Marine veteran. Later he and the family moved to Southern California where he became the ship's captain for a number of private yachts, the most notable being the Captain of the Wild Goose, which belonged to the actor John Wayne.

He found the love of his life, Jean Headley, at the early age of 17. Jean passed away August 28, 2015, a mere 2 years before him. His first daughter Jacki Headley preceded him in death who passed away 5 years ago. Jack is survived by his youngest daughter Jan and her husband Rod Parker; Son in Law Graham Hutton widower of Jacki, grandchildren Christopher (Liz) Hutton, Oliver (Lisa) Hutton, Michael Parker, Irene Parker Farr, and three great grand children; Spencer Farr, Myer Hutton, and Remy Hutton.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday August 29th at 11:00 am at Centerville Cemetery, Chico, Ca. To send online condolences go to NewtonBracewell.com.



WILKINS, Tanya Tulley Chico Enterprise Record 8-29-2017

TANYA HELOISE TULLEY WILKINS

Tanya Heloise Tulley Wilkins passed away on August 26, 2017 at the age of 56. She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Marissa; and three sisters. She will be remembered for her passionate love of animals, her dry wit and dedication to her family.

A memorial celebration is being held at 10:00 a.m. at the Newton Bracewell Chapel in Chico, California on Thursday, August 31, 2017. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Paradise Hospice House or Northwest SPCA animal rescue organization in Oroville. The world is not the same without Tanya in it. She is deeply loved by her family and friends.

To view obituary online and leave condolences for the family, go online to NewtonBracewell.com.

CRISPIN, Virginia

Chico Enterprise Record

12-7-2017

Virginia Crispin

1927 - 2017 [👁️Obituary](#) [👉Condolences](#)

VIRGINIA CRISPIN Virginia "Ginny" Crispin, 90, passed away peacefully Wednesday morning, October 18th, 2017 in her home in the care of loved ones. She was born March 18th 1927 in Glendale, California to Dorothy Williams and Harold Culbertson. She moved to Paradise in 1955 with her mother and daughter Doreene. Upon their arrival she met the love of her life John. They were married in October 1956. Ginny worked along side her husband in the family real estate business "Heritage Land Com-pany". In 1980 she got her own real estate license. After her husband John's death she continued working in the business with her daughter Doreene and son-in-law David LeRoy. One of her duties included the manage-ment of the Carousel Apartments. She loved spending time in the office and talking with her tenants. Her total service in her job added up to 47 years. She was working up until she fell ill this past September. Ginny loved animals and over the years had many pets that she had rescued from her yard at her Yankee Hill home. She loved her cats and the many wild animals that came upon her porch to feed at her feeders. Animals loved her back and her family had to continually warn her about the danger of getting too close. One time a skunk found his way into her home and surprised every one including Ginny as she found him exploring her bedroom. There was no way of getting him out without leaving a long lingering stink.



Ginny had many hobbies and interests. She bowled in woman's leagues in both the Paradise and Chico area participating in tourn-aments and traveling throughout the state. She took art classes and flying lessons in her earlier years and enjoyed both. Her main focus in life was her family. She was an amazing mother, grand-mother and great grand-mother. She formed wonderful long lasting relationships with all of us and she will be greatly missed. She is preceded in death by her mother Dorothy Vishner, father Harold Culbertson, husband John Crispin and daughter Doreene LeRoy. She is survived by her son-in-law David LeRoy, granddaughters Wendy, LeRoy Jenks, Dawn LeRoy Brooks, her grandson John David LeRoy and her 9 great grandchildren and 2 great great grand-children. Our gratitude extends to her granddaughter Dawn LeRoy Brooks and caregiver Lori Homback as well as Enloe Hospice for helping us to meet the wishes and comfort of our beloved grand-mother in her last days of life.

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SUTTON, Vernon Raymond
Chico Enterprise Record
1-23-2018

Death notices

SUTTON: Vernon Raymond Sutton, 57, of Yankee Hill, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, in Yankee Hill. Arrangements are under the direction of Rose Chapel Mortuary, 877-4823.



ROGER DUENSING

Roger Alan Duensing, age 68 of Chico, CA passed away June 1, 2018 in Carmichael, CA. He was born April 9, 1950 in Oroville, CA to parents, Donald and Mary Duensing. He has a brother, Barry Duensing and a sister, Stacie Noor.

He attended some college then court reporting school eventually working to help his father and brother with the family business. That business, started by his father in 1970, is Duensing Deposition Reporters. Roger worked there from 1972 to 2018.

On February 10, 1979 Roger married Melanie McKinley and together they had two sons and a daughter.

DUENSING, Roger Alan **Chico Enterprise Record** **6-10-2018**

Roger's hobbies included riding Harley Davidson Motorcycles, working the BBQs at events or in the backyard, beer, and dancing.

He is survived by his wife, Melanie; son Kristopher Duensing, daughter in law Elizabeth; son Brandon Duensing; daughter Leah Duensing; his brother Barry; sister Stacie; and grandchildren Braedyn, Mirayah, and Raegan.

A memorial service for Roger will be held Friday, June 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel at Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home with burial immediately following the service at Chico Cemetery. To share memories of Roger, view obituary, or send condolences to the family, go to NewtonBracewell.com.

MARVIN WILSON

1936 - 2018

Marvin Delbert "Mickey" Wilson, born on April 8, 1936 in Chico, CA, to the late Effie and Edward Wilson, passed away at age 82 on July 30, 2018 in Keizer, Or. From 1953 to 1975 Marvin served in the Air Force including a tour in the Vietnam War. Marvin was the husband of Phyllis Wilson. He is survived by his son, David (Dana) Wilson; daughters, Amanda (Allan) Hightman, Cynthia Leighton and Mardel Wilson. Sisters Norma R^mirez and Frances Potter. Marvin is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Friends and family can pay their respects at the burial service, officiated by Grandsons Raymond Hausler and Will Hausler, on Saturday August 18 at 11:00 am. at the Mechoopda Indian Tribe Cemetery, 808 W Sacramento Aye, Chico. Funeral arrangements were assisted by Keizer Funeral Chapel, Keizer ORG

WILSON, Marvin Delbert
Chico Enterprise Record
8-15-2018



HUFFMAN, Bob

8-19-2018



Yankee Hill Historical Society

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Celebrating the life of Bob Huffman - 1939-2018

A founding member of the Yankee Hill Historical Society, he devoted countless hours to the Messilla Valley School House and served as the President for many years. He attended Concow Calvary Church. Bob passed onto Heaven on August 19th. Those who knew Bob are welcome to attend a Celebration of Life service followed by potluck and fellowship and then those who wish, may continue to the Yankee Hill Cemetery. Sunday, September 23rd, 1pm at the Messilla Valley Schoolhouse on Concow Road. Bring a dish to share if you would like.



GONZALES, Robert
Chico Enterprise Record
10-9-2018

MISSING PERSON

Sheriff's Office finds missing Chico man's body

Disappearance deemed 'suspicious'

Staff reports

CONCOW » The Butte County Sheriff's Office said Monday it found the body of a Chico man whose whereabouts had been unknown to his family members over the last week.

The Sheriff's Office said the family of Robert Gonzales, 53, reported to the Chico Police Department on Wednesday that Gonzales had not been heard from since Oct. 1.

According to a news release, Gonzales' family reported that he was going to a friend's property in the Big Bend area of Concow, planning to stay there for a few days.

Chico police had referred the case to the Sheriff's Office on Thursday, and deputies talked to the owner of the property, who said Gonzales was not there, according to the release.

The Sheriff's Office said it found Gonzales' body about 3:30 p.m. Monday in a canyon in the search area. His cause of death was not released.

The missing person case was ultimately assigned to sheriff's detectives who had traveled to the Concow area to look for Gonzales and talk to possi-

ble witnesses, according to the release. Detectives followed up on Saturday and Sunday, but the search for Gonzales continued Monday until his body was found Monday afternoon.



Gonzales

The Sheriff's Office said it was assisted by the California Highway Patrol, which provided air support to look for any signs of Gonzales' whereabouts, according to the release. Search and rescue members also were sent to the area, which is described as having rugged terrain.

Detectives treated Gonzales' disappearance as "suspicious in nature, due to the family's assertion that it is out of character for Gonzales to go so long without contacting them," according to the release.

MORRIS, Robert Diamond

Chico Enterprise Record

10-12-2018

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Robert Diamond Morris

Yankee Hill, California

May 4, 1920 – Oct 10, 2018 (Age 98)

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Obituary

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Affordable Mortuary - Chico Obituary

Robert was born on May 4, 1920 and passed away on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Robert was a resident of Yankee Hill, California at the time of passing. Read Less Express your condolences with flowers sent to Robert's memorial service Or, Order By Phone 888-579-7953 Code: 73792P View & Sign.

GARRET, Rich
YOUNG, David
11-8-2018
Facebook.com

The image displays two side-by-side screenshots of Facebook profiles. The left screenshot shows the profile for Rich Garret, and the right screenshot shows the profile for David Young.

Rich Garret Profile:

- Search bar at the top.
- Profile name: Rich Garret
- Message icon and More icon.
- About, Photos, and Friends buttons.
- Photos section with a grid of images: a kitten with glasses and a thought bubble saying "Back to the Drawing Board!", a cartoon rabbit wearing a hat and sunglasses, and a photo of a tent.

David Young Profile:

- Search bar at the top.
- Profile picture: A circular image of a man with a white beard and glasses.
- Profile name: David Young
- Add Friend, Message, and More icons.
- Education and location information:
 - Studied COBOL Programming at Diablo Valley College, Pleasant H...
 - Studied Science & Languages at Yuba College, Marysville, CA
 - Went to Oroville Union High School District
 - Lives in Concow, California

FERNANDEZ, Jesus
Chico Enterprise Record
11-13-2018

DAY 5

CAMP FIRE BECOMES STATE'S DEADLIEST EVER

By Andre Bylk

abyik@chicoer.com

@andrebylk on Twitter

CHICO » The Camp Fire became the deadliest wildfire in California state history Monday.

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said Monday evening that an additional 13 deaths have been confirmed, bringing the total number of deaths to 42.

The Sheriff's Office released the names of three people killed in the fire, saying their families had been notified.

The people identified Monday were Ernest Foss, 65, of Paradise; Jesus Fernandez, 48, of Concow; and Carl Wiley, 77, of Magalia.

GADBOUT, William

Vintage computer federation (vcfed.org)

11-13-2018

R.I.P. Bill Godbout, 79

Posted on **November 13, 2018** by **Evan Koblentz**

Bill Godbout, a legend in the S-100 community for his 1970s-1980s work at Godbout Electronics and CompuPro, perished November 8 due to the Camp wildfire in Concow, California. He was 79.

There is a family-led **GoFundMe campaign** to support their needs in this difficult time.



Godbout was an important advocate for the industry-standard S-100 bus in its early days, as well as being a parts supplier for electronic music projects, **according to** 1970s microcomputing expert Herb Johnson.

Godbout was born October 2, 1939. He talked about his introduction to computing in **an interview** with *InfoWorld* magazine for their February 18, 1980 issue. "My first job out of college was with IBM. I served a big-system apprenticeship there, but I think the thing that really triggered [my interest] was the introduction of the 8008 by Intel," he said. "I was fascinated that you could have that kind of capability in a little 18-pin package."

Steven Levy, in his book **Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution**, wrote about Godbout's Silicon Valley electronics business. "Bill Godbout... bought junk on a more massive scale — usually government surplus chips and parts which were rejected as not meeting the exacting standards required for a specific function, but perfectly acceptable for other uses. Godbout, a gruff, beefy, still-active pilot who hinted at a past loaded with international espionage and intrigues for government agencies whose names he could not legally utter, would take these parts, throw his own brand name on them, and sell them, often in logic circuitry kits that you could buy by mail order."

"For those of us who lived and did business in the East Bay during the opening years of the personal computer revolution Bill was a friend. He operated Bill Godbout Electronics from a Quonset hut on the margins of the Oakland Airport," explained **Lee Felsenstein**, associated with Silicon Valley landmarks such as Community Memory, the Homebrew Computer Club, Processor Technology, and Osborne Computer Corporation. "Bill was a friend and ally to the operators of the first generation of personal computer businesses that grew up in that early period."

"My only direct interaction with Bill took place in 1979 after Processor Technology closed its doors. I was trying to peddle the next generation VDM card but Bill asked me to design and prototype a simplified VDM-1 S-100 card — I did so but he didn't take it further for his CompuPro line of computers and add-ons," Felsenstein said. A year or two later, "He was a member of the poker group that included Adam Osborne, George Morrow, and Chuck Peddle, and made a bet there that Adam would not ship his Osborne-1 computer on time. He lost that bet, but it was a real squeaker — I was involved."

"Bill put on no airs — he was always 'one of the guys' and dealt in a straightforward way — this is worth noting for a time just after the opening gun when a new field often brings forth poseurs, popinjays, and pure phonies," Felsenstein added. "Bill was none of those and we are all distraught to learn that he was taken from us in this terrible way."

Budding engineer **Mark Graybill** got a job assembling clocks and other electronic gadgets at Godbout's Oakland facility in 1976. "I'd jump on a bus after school, go down there, and originally I'd go in and work at an assembly station. I was lucky to be in the area at the time. It was cool to be doing something in electronics," Graybill recalled. "He was kind of like the friendly uncle who'd let you take the sports car for a spin and laugh when you crashed it... I'll remember him as the guy who trusted a 14-year-old kid with a sackful of hundreds of dollars of RAM because it was too difficult to take the bus down everyday."

GODBOUT, William

www.theregister.co.uk

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Personal Tech

RIP Bill Godbout: Cali wildfire claims the life of master maverick of microcomputers

Silicon Valley legend dies in firestorm that has killed scores while more than 1,000 are missing

By Iain Thomson in San Francisco 18 Nov 2018 at 10:30 45 SHARE ▼



Bill with his wife Karen

Obit Bill Godbout, a maverick techie who played a pivotal role in getting computers into the hands of the masses, was killed this week in California's wildfires. He was aged 79.

Godbout was a key figure in the personal computing revolution in the 1970s, at least in the US. Around the time Steve Jobs and Bill Gates were dumpster diving for manuals, source code, and documentation for their computer projects, Godbout was selling the parts for hobbyists to build their own computers at a price most could afford. He manufactured S-100-compatible cards, S-100 being the first industry standard expansion bus for microcomputers.

These cards formed the backbone of early systems like the Altair 8080 and homebrew machines, allowing techies to interface their processors and memory with peripherals and form useful microcomputers. This was at the time computers were typically big hulking beasts lurking in the bowels of corporations, government agencies, and academia, and not bedrooms and small offices.

As well as these accomplishments, it was the man's sheer love of the technology that people remember most.

"George Morrow summed it up much more elegantly than I," Godbout said in a [1984 interview](#). "He said 'I have the best of both worlds. I enjoy what I'm doing, have immense fun at it and I get paid to boot'. I couldn't concur more."

Godbout was born in New England on October 2, 1939, and went straight into a job at IBM after leaving college. But his maverick style didn't fit well with the buttoned-down, starchy atmosphere at Big Blue. At the time IBM's sales crew were called the "wingtip warriors" because of their wingtip shoes to go with their mandatory fedoras.

Intel's 8080 microprocessor also grabbed his interest, leading him to leave IBM and pursue the use of the little powerhouse.

He surfaced in the San Francisco Bay area in the 1970s, and set up Godbout Electronics, later to become CompuPro, operating out of a rundown wooden army barracks at Oakland Airport. Godbout bought up discarded electronics in bulk, mainly from military suppliers, and many in the nascent personal computing world made the trek to Oakland to get parts for their first systems.

"He was definitely a very respected part of the early PC industry. He often visited Gary Kildall of CP/M Digital Research fame by flying his plane to see him in Monterey," a former employee told *The Register*.

"I think they talked about ways to compete with Bill Gates and IBM. He was at the same level as those famous guys in many ways, and he and his team made a lot of very good hardware to run the software of that time."

It is believed Kildall was actually out and about flying with Godbout right when IBM called Kildall's home to see if Big Blue could visit Digital Research to discuss a potential deal – both Godbout and Kildall were keen pilots and would meet "at your plane or mine." IBM staff said they required a non-disclosure agreement be signed before any discussions could take place.

Kildall's wife Dorothy, who handled contract negotiations for Digital, decided against signing the draconian NDA without Gary's consent, on advice from Digital's lawyer. Gary returned later to set up a meeting with IBM, and [the rest is Microsoft history](#). IBM had wanted to ask if Digital Research could give it an operating system for its forthcoming personal computer, and in the end shipped the PC with Redmond's PC-DOS. Digital's CP/M-86 was only offered much later after Digital Research complained PC-DOS was a little too similar to its CP/M operating system.

Bus man's holiday

That aside, Godbout had his own role to play in the development of computing. After renaming his business CompuPro he worked with fellow Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) member George Morrow to develop the S-100 data bus, also known as IEEE-696.

The S-100 bus was part of the Altair 8800 - the kit machine credited with kickstarting the personal computing revolution. The two refined the standard, reportedly after picking up a job lot of slightly damaged 100-pin boards, and fixed up a system that would allow a wide variety of processors to use the bus, not just chips from Intel.

"I was trying to peddle the next generation VDM card but Bill asked me to design and prototype a simplified VDM-1 S-100 card — I did so but he didn't take it further for his CompuPro line of computers and add-ons," said former Homebrew Computer Club member Lee Felsenstein said.

"He was a member of the poker group that included Adam Osborne, George Morrow, and Chuck Peddle, and made a bet there that Adam would not ship his Osborne-1 computer on time. He lost that bet, but it was a real squeaker — I was involved."

Godbout grew his business as the widespread appeal of computing kicked in. Former staff remember him fondly as an informal character, who combined excellent technical skills with an attitude that encouraged innovation and trust.

"He was kind of like the friendly uncle who'd let you take the sports car for a spin and laugh when you crashed it..." said former employee Mark Graybill.

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"I'll remember him as the guy who trusted a 14-year-old kid with a sackful of hundreds of dollars of RAM because it was too difficult to take the bus down everyday."

You had to be there

In the 1980s Godbout turned his attention to networking; after all what's the point of all these computers if they can't work together. He changed the company's name to Viasyn (an unpopular move for some) and moved it south to Hayward.

As chairman he oversaw a rapid expansion of his business. It was an era where no real standards were being followed and there was room for outsiders to make a market for themselves. You can see more details (and a very youthful looking Bob Metcalfe) here:

Viasyn made a lot of custom computing equipment for things like medical offices, the early electronic music scene, and even niche areas like elevator control systems. However, the increasing standardization of the industry squeezed Godbout out into semi-retirement, although he remained a strong supporter of the homebrew computing scene.

He lived in the small community of Concow, around 200 miles north of San Francisco, still tinkering in his workshop and maintaining his interest in the IT field. Then, on November 8, the town was razed to the ground by a firestorm now known as the Camp Fire – the deadliest blaze in California recorded history, named after the place where it started, Camp Creek Road.

The inferno moved with terrifying speed, and it appears Godbout either didn't get the warning alerts or was overcome before he could escape the conflagration. So far more than 75 people are known to have died from the US state's wildfires this month, more than 1,300 are missing or unaccounted for. The smoke from the fires has made San Francisco the most polluted city in the world.

He is survived by his wife Karen and daughter Brandi. His family lost everything in the firestorm. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help them through these difficult times. ®

Sharon Ann Campbell

1955 - 2018



CAMPBELL, Sharon Ann
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SHARON ANN CAMPBELL Sharon passed away on October 3, 2018 in Oroville, California. Graveside services will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1:15 PM at the Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee RD Oroville, California. Arrangements entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

Sharon Ann Campbell was born on July 19, 1955 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Charles and Ann Crisp. Sharon passed away on October 3, 2018 in Oroville, California. She is survived by her husband Franklin Campbell of Oroville, California and her son Michael Vertino. Graveside Services will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 1:15 PM at Cherokee Cemetery, Cherokee Road Oroville, California. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

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Edward Giles

Obituary Flowers



GILES - Edward Giles, 78, of Concow, CA, passed away December 14, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home & Crematory, (530) 751-7000.

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Earline Giles

Obituary Flowers



GILES - Earline Giles, 72, of Concow, CA, passed away December 14, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Holycross Funeral Home & Crematory, (530) 751-7000.

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Orlando Carmona ▶ (YUBA/SUTTER) CRIMES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS & FIRES
December 19 at 9:44 AM

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TRAGIC: Jim & Earline Giles evacuated from Concow during the #CampFire and their home burned to the ground. Family says were on their way to look at a trailer Friday when they were killed in a wreck on Highway 99. Jim, 78, had worked for CALTRANS, and Earline, 72, drove a school bus for the Golden Feather School District. They both volunteered at the local fire service, and had been married for more than 50 years. Jim loved sprint cars and Earline loved horses and barrel racing. Their family says they were wonderful, kind people, and are survived by several children and grandchildren. They are deeply missed.



Denise Bissen-Swift shared a post.
December 20 at 11:22 AM

This is beyond unbelievable! !!!
My great neighbors of 30 years! I can't process this!
Jim and his cool old cars, Earline driving the kids to school from K-thru 8th grade. Only kicking them off once each! 😞
Their beautiful original homestead down the road. Always watching out for one another.
Tony told me the last time he saw Earline that he gave her a big Bear hug and told her she was the best bus driver ever and that he loved her. Wow. I won't be able to break this news to him on top of everything else right now. My heart is seriously broken to bits now.
RIP, Old Friends. 🙏 🙏



BURRESS (CAIN), Ellen Joanne

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Her Legacy... Ellen Joanne Burress "Jo" passed away peacefully in her sleep Saturday morning, December 15, 2018. She was 85. Jo was born March 2, 1933 in Portland Oregon to Reverend E. James Cain and Mae Marie Cain. She was a teacher, a musician, an avid gardener, a cyclist, and a great cook, among many other things (such as climbing Mt. Lassen 8 times and riding her bike up Mt. Diablo and climbing Mt. Fuji in Japan). She graduated Class of 1951 Oroville High School, received a Bachelor of Science from University of Redlands and later earned her teaching credential at San Jose State University. Jo taught Biology, Math and General Science in her early teaching career. She taught at Oroville Adult School for 15 years, "retiring" in 1996. At the Adult School she helped develop the GED/Diploma class, which she said was "the best of all jobs she ever had". Before moving back to Oroville in 1980, Jo worked for seven years as a Manager/Cook for church camps and retreats, which provided her family with some beautiful places to live: Camp Chinquapin and Camp Pinecroft in the Sierras; White Sulphur Springs in St. Helena CA; and Westminster Retreat in Alamo CA. Jo married Rex Eugene Burress in 1957. Their daughter Rebecca Jo was born in 1959, and son Benjamin Starr in 1962. Jo and Rex raised their young family in Berkeley and Oakland CA before moving to Alamo CA in 1974. Jo was highly involved in church life. She enjoyed singing and playing hand bells in the choir at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oroville. She also played organ and piano. She was a gifted musician who also played violin and taught guitar. Her church "home" in Oakland was Lakeshore Avenue Baptist church where she made countless friends as a young woman.

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Her Family... Jo leaves behind Rex, her husband of 61 years; daughter Rebecca McNeil Freeman (Kirk) of Davis and son Ben Burress (Kat) of San Leandro; granddaughters Maya Johanna McNeil, Keelan Alexandra McNeil and Samantha Celine Burress; her sisters Alice Mastelotto of Oroville and Millie Zediker of Montana, and many beloved nieces and nephews. Jo made many dear friends in her lifetime. Jo was above all things kind and generous to her family, friends and strangers. She also had a great sense of humor that never left her. Even during the 10 years she suffered from Alzheimer's disease, she was pleasant, thoughtful and humorous!

Her Farewell Service... A Celebration of Life Memorial service to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church is pending and will be announced in near future. An informal visitation will be held at Oroville Funeral home Thursday December 27, 2018, 4 to 8 p.m., followed the next day by burial at Cherokee Cemetery at 1:00 p.m.

Her family extends much appreciation to the compassionate care of Prestige/Expressions Oroville Staff and Feather River Hospice in the final two years of her life.

Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home (530) 533-0323

JO BURRESS A Memorial Celebration will be held on Sat., March 2, 2019, 3:00 pm, for Ellen "Jo" Burress at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2350 Foothill Blvd, Oroville, California. Visit www.RamseyFuneralHomes.com to view her full obituary. Arrangements are entrusted to Oroville Funeral Home (530)533-0323.

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DEATHS

More Camp Fire names released

Staff reports

The names of six people who died in the Camp Fire was released Monday by the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

Those who have been positively identified and next of kin notified are: John Digby, 78, of Paradise; Ellen Walker, 72, of Concow; Christina Hef-

fern, 40, of Paradise; Dorothy Mack, 88, of Paradise; Andrew Burt, 36, of Paradise; and Barbara Carlson, 72 of Paradise.

The number of fatalities from the fire stands at 86. Of those 86 fatalities, 23 have been tentatively identified, and 59 have been positively identified.

Three people are still unaccounted for.

SCHLEIGER, Charles David
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DAVE SCHLEIGER

Charles David Schleiger, "Dave", passed away peacefully October 31, in his home in Durham, California. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, his sister Libby Jackson of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Nan Jones of Chico, Eva Meckler of Pebble Beach - his daughter, and his son Henry Schleiger of Magalia, two grandsons; Eli Meckler and Lincoln Schleiger, several nieces and nephews, and many friends and an appreciative community.

Dave was born on November 17, 1936 in Hastings, Nebraska to Reinhold Schleiger and Grace Monike Schleiger, the youngest of five children. He was raised and attended school (through four years at University of Nebraska) in Lincoln, Nebraska.

He earned a Master's of Architecture at UC Berkeley in 1961, and was teaching in Iowa when his course took a sharp turn, to the east. He accepted an assistant professorship at the University of Manchester, England, and there met Nan Jones, an architecture student. When Dave

brought Nan to America, they settled in the Bay Area to be near his beloved brother, Rex, and his wife Gertrud. Their daughter, Eva, was born in 1964. The next few years were a time of great change and complexity, especially in the Bay Area, and by 1967, Dave and Nan were heavily involved in the anti-war movement, living in student housing, and running a macrobiotic restaurant in Berkeley. After a few years, they joined with friends and came to Butte County.

In the mountains north of Oroville, California, the idyllic, though dilapidated, old railroad town of Pulga was transformed into an outpost of macrobiotics, communal values, and famous pancake breakfasts.

Though they were both integral to Pulga from the beginning, Dave and Nan's marriage had ended, but their friendship and cooperation never did. Not much later, Nancy was accepted into the close group and brought her own sense of natural living, and a colorful light to the shady canyon, a light to which Dave was irresistibly drawn. In 1977 their son Henry was born, at home in Pulga, but within a few years the community had begun to disperse. Dave and Nancy bought their home and property in Durham in 1981, which became the physical center for their blended family and a showcase of their creativity and complementary interests.

With Steve Gilmore and Tom Schlageter, Dave created Contextus Corporation, specializing in active and passive solar design and construction. He also worked with Lorrin Ward, A.I.A., and later formed a architectural partnership with Steve Gilmore. Dave was given an award for passive solar design by Governor Jerry Brown in 1979, which helped spark his 30-year career as a Chico architect. During his career, he was architect for CHIP (Community Housing Improvement Program), where he helped create several low-income, multi-family projects. Among them were Campbell Commons, Murphy Commons, and East of Eaton. Other projects include the Downtown Transit Center, Mid-Valley Title, Bidwell Title, City of Chico Fire Training Tower, Durham Fire Station, and many local residences. He strongly believed that good design enhances our well-being, whether or not it is consciously appreciated, and should be accessible to everyone. Dave kept his practice at 305 Wall St. from 1986 until he retired in 2009. Dave strived for, as his family has after him, a sustainable existence and a small footprint on the earth. He was an enthusiastic supporter of progressive politics, public media, and of Chico's local artists. Come celebrate Dave's life with us on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 4pm, at Chico Creek Nature Center, 1988 E. 8th St.