

# RIOS, Lolene

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 1-8-2019

## LOLENE RIOS



Lolene Rios loved the peaceful, small town of Paradise, as well as its location among the pine trees in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Rios, 56, moved from Concow to Paradise about 10 years ago, avoiding a wildfire that ripped through Concow back then.

“It was a blessing in disguise, at the time,” said Jed Amendola, Rios’ 39-year-old son.

Rios was a homemaker and avid rock collector, dedicating a room in her home for her gems. She taught herself how to smooth and polish stones she collected herself or found on the internet, bringing out their colors and textures. Family members and friends received finished rocks as gifts.

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Rios was a caring and giving person. She also was a good listener, helping people work through life’s challenges. And she was selfless, opening her home to others in need.

“She was just a genuine, beautiful person to many people,” Amendola said. “And she’s always willing to help and take care of people even if they put her out. She would sacrifice something of her own to help somebody else.”

Amendola said the Camp Fire destroyed Rios’ home near Bille Park. When he goes back to the property, he sifts through the debris, looking for what’s become an enduring connection to his mother.

“I go to what’s left and try to find her rocks and save them,” he said, “and bring them back.”

# WEHE, Marie

## Chico Enterprise Record

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### MARIE WEHE



It was Camelot to Marie and Floyd Wehe, who moved to Concow 26 years ago. They settled in the Camelot subdivision, surrounded by towering forests and sweeping views.

A woman who loved her home, the mountains and her roses is how Marie Lorraine Wehe's family remembers her. Her only son and his wife, Tommy and Lisa Wehe of Yuba City, said Marie Wehe found peace in the mountains, savoring her home and her family.

Marie, 78, and Floyd had two daughters as well. The couple moved to Concow to be closer to one of them, settling on Windermere Street, in Camelot Park.

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"She loved doing her garden and yard work," said her son during a telephone interview. Those became her source of joy as her husband grew older and needed more help. Joy came too, Tommy recalled, from her roses and the battle she had with mountain deer to save the tasty blooms. And shopping.

"She loved shopping," her daughter-in-law recalled.

"She was a homebody. I'd go visit her on my days off and vacation. After Dad passed, I'd stay with her for a week, do her 'to do' list," said her son.

Over the years, her son helped his parents add on to their single-wide mobile, turning it into a triple wide, giving them much more room.

When the younger couple were up in Concow, family meals, including many bar-

becues, were an opportunity to talk and catch up. Those meals likely contained one of Mrs. Wehe's favorite foods — mushrooms.

"She enjoyed cooking for us when we were up there," her son remembered. "Barbecue mostly. And there were always mushrooms, sliced and sauteed."

It has been a hard year for the family, starting with Floyd's death in March.

"She was just coming back into being herself again. She

took care of him and the sick dog," said her son.

"Nov. 11 would have been their anniversary."

Marie Wehe was among the victims identified through the DNA process, which was featured on a segment of the television program "60 Minutes." Lisa and Tommy were interviewed for the program, along with his sister Bonnie.

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YOUNG, David Glenn  
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## DAVID YOUNG



David Glenn Young was known as Crystal Dave because he proudly wore around his neck a huge crystal that he found.

Living on Hoffman Road in Concow, Young, 69, enjoyed swimming, hiking and living in the woods. Friends and family commented on his resemblance to Santa.

His younger brother, Dennis, fondly called him a “hermit,” and described him as a man who was

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gay, loved music, reading, hiking and swimming.

“He didn’t work,” Dennis Young said. “He traded pot for food.”

“Everyone knew him as Crystal Dave because he had this big crystal, as big as a beer can, around his neck.”

Young said the family was searching for the crystal, which was not returned with his body.

His brother recalled the family left Los Banos when the boys were young, and lived for a while in the farm labor camp in Gridley, picking fruit. They moved to Oroville, where David attended high school in Oroville, and later studied sciences and languages at Yuba College in Marysville. He also fought during the Vietnam War.

David Young moved to the Bay Area, then to Concow about 40 years ago to be close to his brother, Dennis, who lived in Paradise. Dennis Young also lost his home in the Camp Fire, as did his daughter and granddaughter.

David Young had no spouse or children. Asked about his brother’s personality, Young said, “He was nonviolent and a nice guy.”

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# FERNANDEZ, Jesus Pedro

## Chico Enterprise Record

1-11-2019

### JESUS FERNANDEZ



With his knack for bringing a smile to the face of anyone he met, Jesus Pedro Fernandez always tended to be the life of the party.

Zackary Fernandez said that among his best memories are the times his father took him in one of his dune buggies for barbecues in the sand dunes outside Las Vegas, where they lived together for a time.

“He was an outgoing guy,” Fernandez said. “He

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## Fernandez

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really enjoyed people and making people laugh.”

Jesus Pedro Fernandez, 48, moved to Concow a few years ago to start a new life, his son said, but they continued to talk on the phone every week. Zackary Fernandez said his father taught him to always look forward and not dwell in the past.

Jesus Fernandez had managed two bakeries in Las Vegas owned by his parents since the age of 17, and after taking them over he eventually closed the struggling businesses and moved to Butte County, where he worked at a farming operation run by some friends.

On a recent visit to Concow, his dad was in great spirits and seemed to have rebounded from the misfortune of having to shutter the bakeries, Fernandez said.

“He was doing phenomenal,” Fernandez said. “He rebuilt the whole property and he was taking good care of it.”

Just days before he died in the Camp Fire, Jesus Fernandez called his son to say he would be out to Vegas soon to visit.

Zackary Fernandez misses his father, but takes to heart his advice to always move forward.

“I’m doing all right,” he said. “My dad taught me that life always has to go on and I have to keep my mind straight.”



# HUFF, TK

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 1-13-2019

## TK HUFF



TK Huff loved the hills of Concow, high above the valley floor, but knew the dangers of wildfires presented by the mountains.

He lived on Greenforest Lane, in a home that he and his late wife Margaret Huff shaped. After the 2008 Concow Fire stole their home, they gathered their lives and rebuilt again, rooted in the land they loved.

For Huff, the Camp Fire was the final strug-

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gle after losing Margaret in August. Ironically, she died 8/11 and he died 11/8, the family recalls.

“He’s is now resting in peace with his beautiful wife, Margaret, on top of their mountain home in Concow,” writes daughter-in-law Pearl Lankford of Paradise, who was among those who lost their homes as well.

Lankford is married to TK’s son, Chuck Huff.

TK Huff, 71 years old, and Margaret also had two daughters, Tammie Hillis and Laura Martin.

More than a dozen members of TK Huff’s close and extended family lost their homes in the Camp Fire, Lankford said.

Huff, who went by “TK,”

“Papa” or “Pops,” loved the land, puttering around in the forest or attending to his vegetable garden and fruit trees. That love may have been rooted in his agricultural background.

Growing up in the Bakersfield area, TK worked in the fields, Lankford said, and later lost his leg operating a potato harvester.

In the mid ’80s, TK and Margaret moved to Concow, where her family owned property, and eventually purchased their land.

Riding quads through the hills and working with his son, whom Lankford said was TK’s “best friend,” made retired life sweet. He also had a fondness for working on cars, Lankford said.

Family, including children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, made the couple’s life special, Lankford said.

BROWN, Richard Clayton  
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1-20-2019

HONORING CAMP FIRE VICTIMS

# 86 LIVES, 86 STORIES

## RICHARD CLAYTON BROWN



At 74, Richard Clayton Brown still plowed land, played poker and rode his Harley motorcycle.

He was known in his life as the mayor of Concow, a Vietnam veteran, a railroad

worker, a farmer, a businessman and a man who always put others first.

His daughter Chardonay Brown Telly remembers her father and how he never let her down. She wrote about him in a post on Facebook.

“He loved my kids and my husband unconditionally and immensely,” Telly wrote. “I am everything I am because of the way he loved me.”

Loved by those who knew him, Brown spent his life giving back to those in need. Telly reflected on how her father spent time feeding and helping shelter the less fortunate, no matter how much he had himself.

Even in darkness he found light to share.

“No matter where you went with him, he ran into a friend,” Chardon-

nay wrote. He could make friends with doctors, lawyers and anyone he met on the road in life.

Beau Chancellor wrote a note to Brown’s daughter on an online fundraising campaign after Brown’s death. Like Telly, he spoke about how much the community will miss Brown.

“It’s so sad when a man of his knowledge and kindness is (taken) away from us, that (we) want to learn and to live like our elders,” Chancellor wrote. “The things other(s) could (have) learned from him.”

To Telly, Richard was the father she felt blessed to know. Even when she lived more than 10 hours away by car, he would drive the distance if only for an hour-long visit.

She will remember his humor, his wisdom and his love.

“I would give up everything and anything to hug him again, to hear his voice, to see him laugh, to lose my money at a poker table to him, to eat his cooking, to smell his old diesel truck in the yard, to just have one more moment in his presence.”



DRESSER, Melvin "Sam"  
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*In Memoriam*  
MELVIN "SAM" DRESSER

Jan 31, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Melvin "Sam" Dresser announce his passing on January 31, 2019. Sam will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 60 years, Joan and his three children, Rebecca "Becky", Karen (Garth), and Mark (Suzanne). Sam will also be fondly remembered by his nine grandchildren: Carrie, Sara, Nathan, Gwendolynn, Paul, William, Kristyna, Jamie, Derek and 16 great grandchildren with another on the way, and siblings Celestine, Richard, Paul, and Leland. Sam is preceded in death by his parents, Celestine and Lester, and brothers James and Reid.

Sam was born on February 11, 1940 to Lester and Celestine Dresser in Tulare, California. Sam loved his big family which included James, Reid, Richard, Paul, Celestine, and Leland. Sam's family lived in many parts of California. During WWII his father tried to sign up for the war but since he had 5 boys, they assigned him to stay state side and work for a lumber company in the Placerville area. It was there Sam grew to love the forest and nature. After the war, the family settled in Bakersfield, where he met his high school sweetheart, Joan Saunders. He often said he was hit like a "lightening bolt" and they fell in love. They married in 1959 in Arvin, CA, and 11 months later welcomed their first daughter, Rebecca. Karen followed two years later, and Mark three years following.

# DRESSER, Melvin "Sam"

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They moved to Paradise, California in 1964, which became home. Sam and Joan both became teachers, and Sam taught math, science, and history for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades for 23 years at Concow School. He was a teaching principal for some years and developed a unique science education program that raised school test scores. Sam will be remembered by his students fondly as an excited educator. He loved teaching and made sure each person understood on his or her level. His legacy as a teacher will be felt for generations as those he taught will continue to teach the next generation.

Soon after arriving in Paradise, they joined the Gold Nugget Days committee and helped to build the Gold Nugget Museum in 1981. He served both as President and on the Board of Directors. He and Joan developed the Pioneer school program that served thousands of children in the Northern California area. Sam's influence was also felt on the Town Council and as Mayor of Paradise. He was a member of the forming committee of the Paradise Performing Arts Center, and served as its first Treasurer. Sam was recently honored by the Elks as Senior Man of the Year, and both Sam and Joan were recognized as Volunteers of the Year. Sam and Joan devoted their lives to the Town of Paradise and to their wonderful family and friends.

Sam's legacy is ingrained in each person he touched. Sam lead as he lived, with integrity, honor, honesty, service, with unwavering, unconditional support and love. Always the teacher, whether in the workshop, classroom, nature, or in life lessons, Sam changed our lives for the better. Sam devoted his life selflessly to making everything better around him. His country, his community, his students, his friends and his family will forever be in debt to him. Forever in our hearts, we love and miss you.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 am at the Paradise Performing Arts Center. All are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Gold Nugget Museum School Education Fund. Condolences and donations can be sent to Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home in Chico.



# GARRETT, Richard Jay

## Chico Enterprise Record

2-1-2019

### RICHARD GARRETT



Richard Jay Garrett loved building homes and decks, being outside, classic rock, and old-school cars and trucks. Concow was perfect for him.

The 58-year-old Concow resident was a contractor. "He could build a house from the ground up," wrote his daughter, Jessica Garrett of Sacramento.

She said he always wanted to buy some land and build a house or two on it. That's what brought him to Concow.

"He loved the river and nature," Jessica

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Garrett wrote. "I went with him once to pan for gold. We got a little bit ..."

He lived alone but had friends in Concow.

"He had a big heart," she wrote. "He was always there for me and his friends. He built a shed on his friend's property to keep some of his stuff in and told him he would also build a carport, which he did.

"He also built his friend a deck. Finished a few months before the fire blew through. She lost her house, too. If my father was still there, he would probably be the one to build his friend's

house again — and I'm sure many more who lost their homes."

Jessica Garrett said her dad "has been through a lot ... Struggles seemed to always follow him."

She said she lost contact with her father for many years after her parents separated when she was young, then reconnected about six years ago. She wishes they had been able to spend more time together.

"He worked his butt off and deserved more than what he had," his daughter wrote. "I helped my dad a lot. He helped me, too.

"He lived a good life, from all the stories he told me. He made the best of it. He wouldn't say the same, but I know he did."

# STEELE, Francis Harold, Sr.

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 2-5-2019



FRANCIS HAROLD STEELE, SR. Born February 4, 1935 in Dobbins, CA, died January 31, 2019 in Oroville, CA. Son of Luther and Gertrude Steele. He had 4 brothers, 10 sisters. Living siblings: Evelyn, Trudy, Valley, Mary and Eddie. He was married to Theda Steele from 1955 to her passing in 2002. They had 8 children, Debra Armus, Francis Steele Jr., Elliott Steele, Teresa Steele, Curtis Steele, Candace Steele, Tyrone Steele (passed April 30, 2006) and Laurie Steele-Chavira. (He delivered his twins, Curtis and Candace) 32 Grandkids, 44 Great Grand Kids and 4 Great Great Grandkids. He was Native American and an Airforce Veteran. He was extremely proud of his family. He was rich in family and love. He loved being surrounded by his family, the Easter gathering was his favorite. He enjoyed gardening, playing dice, horseshoes, handgames and tending his animals. He was a strong man who was everyone's best friend, he was loving and accepting of everyone. He was the jack of all trades. He worked on a cattle ranch, in the orchards, the forest service and the logging industry. Services are Sunday, Feb. 10 at 11:00 am at the Berry Creek Guild Hall located at: 1477 Bold Rock Rd.

**Burial in Bald Rock Indian Cemetery**



DRESSER, Melvin "Sam"

Chico Enterprise Record

2-6-2019

# OBITUARIES

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## **MELVIN "SAM" DRESSER**

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GODBOUT, William  
Chico Enterprise Record  
2-14-2019

## CAMP FIRE

# Two more fire victims identified

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*Staff reports*

**OROVILLE** » The Butte County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday identified two more people whose deaths have been attributed to the Camp Fire, the state's deadliest and most destructive wildfire.

The Sheriff's Office said

the people are Gerald Rodrigues, 74, of Paradise, and William Godbout, 79, of Concow.

The number of people killed in the fire remained at 85. The Sheriff's Office has released the names of 73 people.

Two people remained unaccounted for.



# CLINE (KENDALL), Greta

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 2-17-2019



#### **GRETA CLINE**

Greta Lee Cline died peacefully in Chico CA on February 12, 2019 at the age of 82.

She was born on the Circle J Ranch in Butte Valley on July 7, 1936; the second of a pair of identical twins to Maren and Leonard and to their surprise as they were not expecting twins. Sister to Getra (Beede), Helen (Bonner), Aleta (Bonner) and Karen (German). She attended the one-room schoolhouse at Clear Creek and graduated from Durham High in 1954 with her sister Getra. She married her first love, Roy Cline, in December of 1954. Ten months later, they welcomed Michael into their home followed by Diana, Neal and Donna Kay.

She worked at home and seasonal in local agricultural packing plants, becoming a line supervisor at Continental Nut Co of Chico. She spent the majority of her life living in Durham raising her family and teaching them survival skills such as cooking and cleaning while instilling a farmers work ethic. When the kids were older and Roy's work took him out of state for extended periods, she would move to be with him in Oregon and Washington.

She grew up on a ranch where she raised cows, sheep, pigs and chicken. Fished in the pond on the ranch and killing rattle snakes. She was an athlete in high school and she became an accomplished artist with oils later in life.

She is survived by her children Michael Cline of Cottonwood CA, Diana (Cline) Kooy of Everson, WA, and Neal Cline of Durham, Ca., 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband Roy Cline of Durham, parents Leonard and Maren Kendall of Paradise and daughter Donna Kay of Durham.

Graveside service to be held at Clear Creek Cemetery, Clear Creek Cemetery Rd, Oroville, CA, on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 1:00pm. Memorial Donations may be made to either Enloe Foundation or Butte Humane Society. Share your thoughts online at [NewtonBracewell.com](http://NewtonBracewell.com)

# GODBOUT, William

## Chico Enterprise Record

3-2-2019

HONORING CAMP FIRE VICTIMS

# 86 LIVES, 86 STORIES

## WILLIAM GODBOUT



William Godbout was a beloved figure in the Bay Area's burgeoning computing community in the 1970s and '80s.

The 79-year-old Concow resident, who died in the Camp Fire, ran Godbout Electronics, a store in a Quonset hut near the Oakland airport where enthusiasts could get chips and other parts for their homemade (aka homebrew) computers.

A GoFundMe campaign that has been set up for his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Brandi Tuck, survivors of the Camp Fire, is

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## Godbout

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filled with comments from donors who remember his role in the computing industry.

"My small way to help the family of a personal computer pioneer after a terrible loss," said one commenter, Steve Rodia.

Godbout Electronics, later renamed to the more well-known CompuPro, was one of the makers of the S-100 bus, which Godbout helped develop and whose function was to transfer data between components in a computer. The S-100 bus was a backbone of the homebrew computer scene, which led tinkerers — including Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — to create personal computers.

Godbout eventually moved his business to Hayward, renaming it Viasyn, and some of the military-surplus parts he sold also were used by electronic music enthusiasts and others.

Steven Levy described Godbout in his book "Hackers: Heroes of the Computer Revolution," in 1984: "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."

Former employee Tamarara Lester remembered Godbout in much the same way, saying in a phone interview that he wanted everyone to learn how to fly, too: "One day he said he signed us all up for ground school."

Lester, who did everything from handling the problems desk to soldering to putting together music kits, also recalled that Godbout would make sure to feed all his early employees — about a dozen of them when she started working at the Oakland office in 1977 — by stocking up on food in the office or taking them out for food and drinks.

"Bill was the softest, kindest person underneath all the gruffness," she said.

Godbout's grandson, Robert Tuck, told the New York Times that his grandfather had stayed behind during the fire to save his cats.



# BARTLEY (NISBET) Gertrude Elizabeth Chico Enterprise Record 3-19-2019



## Gertrude Bartley

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Gertrude Bartley

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**GERTRUDE BARTLEY** Gertrude Nisbet Bartley, formerly of Oroville, California. On March 6, 2019, peacefully at Leslie Groves Hospital, Dunedin, New Zealand; aged 92 years. Much loved wife of the late Capt. Delmar Bartley, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Devin and Ruth (Rome), Mike and the late Susan Purcell (U.S.A), Derrith and Martin (NZ) and a loving grandmother of Brendan, and Jamie Purcell; Ilija, and Susan Tolich. A Memorial Service was held in Dunedin, NZ on March 9. A Memorial Service will be held in California at a later date.

PINKSTON, Leta  
STRANG, Kathryn E.  
Chico Enterprise Record  
4-3-2019

**Death notices**

**BAKER:** Clifton Baker, 60, of Chico, died Monday, March 25, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Bidwell Chapel, 342-4291.

**CLIFFORD:** Nadine L. Clifford, 92, of Chico, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home, 342-9003.

**FULTON:** Kaye M. Fulton, 84, of Paradise, died Sunday, March 31, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.

**MALCOLM:** Robert Parton Malcolm, 98, of Chico, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of the Neptune Society of Northern California, Chico Branch, 345-7200.

**MARTIN:** Marjorie Holt Martin, 88, of Chico, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Affordable Mortuary, 893-4292.

**McKAY:** Sheryl McKay, 66, of Magalia, died Monday, April 1, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral

Home, 534-3877.

**MEYER:** Carol Jean Meyer, 73, of Chico, died Sunday, March 31, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Affordable Mortuary, 893-4292.

**MOSES:** Lorena Moses, 89, of Chico, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home, 342-9003.

**PAISE:** Darlene Paise, 82, of Chico, died Monday, April 1, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Brusie Funeral Home,

342-5642.

**PINKSTON:** Leta Pinkston, 71, of Oroville, died Tuesday, April 2, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Oroville Funeral Home, 533-0323.

**TURNER:** John Turner, 64, of Chico, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Brusie Funeral Home, 342-5642.

**STRANG:** Kathryn E. Strang, 93, of Oroville, died Saturday, March 30, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.





# RAMIREZ (WILSON), Norma Eileen

## Chico Enterprise Record

5-7-2019

### **NORMA EILEEN RAMIREZ**

Long time Orland resident Norma Eileen Ramirez surrounded by her family entered into rest April 25, 2019. Norma was born May 29, 1932 to Edward and Effie Wilson in Chico, Ca. She was a member of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria. Norma was always a hard worker and she worked for Continental Nut Co. for twenty years. Duche Nut Co. for fifteen years , Dole Nut Co. for ten years and Rolling Hills Casino for seven years. Although Norma always worked her real passion in life was her family she is survived by by her children Edward (Marjorie) Ramirez of Aloha, Oregon, Tony (Shryell) Ramirez, David (Nancy) Ramirez, and Andrea Ramirez all of Chico, Ca. Peter Ramirez and Dennis (Penny) Ramirez all of Orland, Ca., twenty grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and sister Francis Potter of Chico, Ca.

Norma was preceeded in death by her husband Jessie, son Jessie Jr. granddaughter Nancy Eileen Ramirez, and brothers Harold Wilson, Jimmy Wilson, Lewis (Mac a Boy) Wilson, and Mickey Wilson. A celebration of life will be held Friday May 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Sweet-Olsen Family Mortuary 825 A Street, Orland, Ca. reception to follow at 12:00 noon at the First Lutheran Church right next door.

VanDeVELDE, Henriette  
Chico Enterprise Record  
5-16-2019

**Van De VELDE:** Henriette Van De Velde, 86, of Yankee Hill, died Monday, May 13, 2019, in Yankee Hill. Arrangements are under the direction of Affordable Mortuary, 893-4292.

Note: Born April 28, 1933 (Legacy.com)



BIRD, Michael Edward  
Chico Enterprise Record  
5-26-2019

**MICHAEL EDWARD  
BIRD**

**Born May 31, 1943**

**Passed May 18, 2019**

Michael Edward Bird passed away on May 18, 2019 at the age of 75. He was born in Long Beach, California on May 31, 1943. He spent his childhood in Redding, Ca where he graduated High School and graduated with a degree in Natural Resources from Shasta Community College. Michael joined the United States Navy at the age of 19 and proudly served his country from January 9, 1962 until July 8, 1968, much of that time in deployment in the Vietnam War. After his service in the military, he went to work for the State of California Department of Fish and Game, where he worked for 35 years, retiring in 2002. After retirement, Michael volunteered for the Yuba County Search and Rescue. He was also a volunteer for California State Park and Recrea-

tion at the Oroville Dam Visitor's Center in Oroville, California as a tour guide. He was very knowledgeable of the local Native American culture, more specifically the Mooretown Rancheria Concow Maidu Tribe of Indians, where many family members are tribal members. He was a voracious seeker of facts, historical knowledge and information, and thrived on sharing the knowledge that he had accumulated.

Michael Edward Bird is survived by his wife Barbara Bird, and sons Patrick Bird, Christopher Bird, Damian Bird, Mark Monteiro, Michel Legault and Matt Legault.

A Celebration of Life for Michael with family and friends will be held on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11AM in Oroville, CA at the Log Cabin, located at 175 Alverda Drive. All family and friends are invited to attend.

# STEELE, Franklin Elliott and Kaela Lynn

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 6-6-2019



**KAELA STEELE FRANKLIN STEELE** Kaela was born December 5, 1988 to Elliott and Charmaine Steele. She was a joyful addition to the family and she was instantly adored by her brother and sisters. Years later she became the proud big sister and role model of two younger brothers. Kaela was raised between Hopland and Oroville, where she spent her time surrounded by her large family. She was extremely proud of her Native heritage, being both Tyme Maidu and Kashia Pomo. As part of her culture, Kaela learned to feather dance with her family from the coast. As an adult she discovered she had a talent for weaving baskets. When the Tribe began to hold their own Hand Game Tournament she would eagerly participate in any capacity needed. When she wasn't dancing or helping with Tribal events she was with her family, always filling the room with her infectious laughter and beautiful smile. Kaela was happy, humble, kind and always there to give encouragement when needed or to just simply listen with an open heart. Kaela's life changed when at age 22 she gave birth to the love of her life, Franklin Elliott. From that day on she transformed into the wonderful mother we always knew she would be. Her days were filled with taking care of Franklin and when he began going to school she decided to set the best example for him so she enrolled herself in school and earned her G.E.D. Kaela was still striving for her High School Diploma and was only 6 credits away from graduating. Franklin arrived in the early morning hours on November 17th, 2010. The moment he was born it was love at first sight. He became Kaela's entire world and she was his. Franklin was a gentle, happy, and loving little boy. He loved video games, school and he was extremely smart. Had he been given the chance to grow into a man, there would have been no limit to what he could have accomplished. Franklin already possessed all the wonderful qualities of Kaela and with her guidance he would have become a great man. We are so blessed to have known and loved them. They will both be forever loved and missed. Kaela is survived by her parents Elliott and Charmaine Steele. Her siblings, Gavin Antone II (Yolanda), Menesa Steele (Gaston), Ellie Steele-Noel (Greg), Pebbz Brown and Everett Steele. Nephews and Nieces, Gavin Antone III, Yolanda Antone, Lena Antone, Reyna Steele, Elliana Steele, Gregory Noel-Steele and Liliani Antone. As well as numerous Uncles, Aunts and cousins. Kaela and Franklin were preceded in death by their grandparents, Franklin Martin, Francis and Theda Steele. An Uncle, Tyrone Steele and cousins Jason Steele and Melissa "BB" Steele. Services will be held on Saturday June 8, 2019 at 1 o'clock at Situ Cemetery in Berry Creek, California.



*In Memory of*

## WINIFRED MAY SINCLAIR

MAY 16, 1928 - JUNE 15, 2019

### OBITUARY

Winifred May Sinclair began her journey here on May 16, 1928. She passed on to Paradise June 15, 2019 to the arms of Jesus, reaching the age of 91.

Momma Win is survived by daughters Karen, Deborah and Susan, daughter-in-law Remy and five grandchildren- Ramman, Drisan, Durin, Jennifer and Resheen. Her oldest child Steve passed in 2002 and her youngest Linda passed on in 2011.

Winifred was born in Colton, California. Her sister Shirley was 15 months old and her brother Larry was almost 10 years old. Her Father Basil Sinclair was in the British Merchant Marines before they moved to United States. Her Mother Winifred Rose took care of the children and home. Living during the depression, they grew up poor.

Mom was an amazing student and athletic. She did not miss one day of school from kindergarten through to high school. She always got grades of EXCELLENT. In the 6th grade she received her first GOOD and was very disappointed. During her junior year, Win was president of the Girl's Athletic Association. She especially loved tennis but played all the sports. She was also Class Treasurer, Student Chaplain, and Student Council member. She was a Camp Fire girl and loved the great outdoors. Her brother Larry taught her how to camp and fish.

Mom started taking art classes in college but to make a living, she switched to nursing school at San Bernardino. She became a registered nurse and spent over 47 years serving as a nurse. She married Bill Copeland in 1952. They were married for over 22 years, having five children- Steve, Karen, Deborah, Susan and Linda. We were so blessed to have a wonderful Mom, showing overwhelming love for us all and so supportive of our endeavors. She learned how to play guitar and taught us kids. Most of us played and sang in church. Mom played piano for many years. She would drive us all over for dance and music lessons and other activities.



She lived in the Bay Area and then moved to Gualala in 1984, living on Tickled Pink Road for 17 years. She worked at the medical clinic until retiring in 1996. She volunteered at the Gualala Point Visitors Center, enjoyed weaving, knitting, painting and hiking.

Moving to Davis in 2001, she purchased a nice home with the greenbelt for her backyard. Mom would walk 3-4 miles almost every day, attended Davis United Methodist Church and was involved with the prayer shawl ministry; was a member of the weavers guild and attended many senior center functions. She loved dancing and spending time with her close friend Robert, until he was called home. She traveled to Great Britain, Europe, New Zealand and much of the United States and enjoyed camping, fishing and visiting her children and grandchildren.

August 2014 Mom moved to St John's Retirement Village, Woodland. She enjoyed the bible study and church services they held, exercise classes and meeting new folks. The staff was kind and helpful. In May 2017 Mom became a country girl! She moved in with Dave and Deb on their 95 acres in the mountains east of Chico living there for over 2 years. She was Deb's Sous Chef, helping in the kitchen, food prep and lots of canning. There were lots of little hikes, some outings on the boat, croquet and she would do 5 minutes on the elliptical one to two times a day! She was also a survivor of the Camp Fire, evacuating through the fire, and spending one month at Sue's house.

We all miss her dearly but know this to be true- 2 Corinthians 5:7-8- For we walk by faith, not by sight- we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the United Methodist Church in Davis on July 20th starting at 12pm. All who knew Mom are invited. 1620 Anderson Road, Davis. For more information please contact [debconway@hughes.net](mailto:debconway@hughes.net)



ARNOLD, Suzanne L.  
Chico Enterprise Record  
6-18-2019

# Death notices

**ARNOLD:** Suzanne L. Arnold, 87, of Oroville, died Sunday, June 16, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-7762.

Note: Her body was buried in Yankee Hill Cemetery next to her niece

# WASHELESKI, Paul Frederick

## Dignitymemorial.com

7-15-2019

OBITUARY

### *Paul Frederick Washeleski*

JUNE 22, 1938 - JULY 15, 2019



**P**aul Frederick Washeleski, 81, of Phoenix, AZ passed away peacefully on July 15, 2019. He was born in Jamesburg, NJ on June 22, 1938 to Barney and Esther Washeleski. Paul graduated from the National School of Conservation working as a Lake Patrolman at Lake Concow, CA, before retiring as a foreman from the Lake Tahoe Water District. He was married to Betty (nee Mead) in 1959 until her passing in 2004, and later married Ardeen Milano in January of 2005. He served in the United States Army, a reluctant parachuter, but fierce defender and devoted patriot. His passions included tinkering on his trucks and other mechanical things, fishing, collecting rare items and, as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, historical family facts. He also collected friends and family around the country, living in Lake Concow, Gardnerville, NV, Branson, MS, and finally living out his days in Phoenix, AZ. He was always there for his family and friends, and could be counted on as being a straight shooter (in all senses of the term!) with a warm, mischievous smile.

Paul is survived and will be missed by Ardeen and several step-children; Dale (Barbara) Schwartz, Sally (Michael) Schwartz-Gorman, Jake Schwartz, Christopher Milano (Angi Leighton), Ken (Jolene) Milano, Renae (John) Blair, Tim Milano, and 14 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by step-son Ricky Schwartz.

Arrangements will be held at Shadow Mountain Mortuary, 2350 E. Greenway Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85022 at 10:30 am on July 20, 2019.

## OBITUARIES



### GENE MACEDO

With deepest sorrow, we announce that our beloved son Eugene 'Gene' Anthony Macedo passed away on July 16, 2019 while in the hospital. Gene is survived by his parents, Lisa and Lou Hocevar, his brother Randy Hocevar and his many uncle, aunts and cousins.

Gene was born on January 2, 1964 in Castro Valley, Ca, the son of Luisa Hocevar and Gene Macedo. He lived in the San Francisco Bay Area and later moved to Butte County. He attended San Ramon High School.

We know that Gene is now with his brother, John and is loved here on earth as well as in heaven.

# MACEDO, Eugene "Gene"

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 7-20-2019

A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 -10:00 a.m. at St John Baptist Catholic Church, 416 Chestnut St., Chico, Ca and all funeral arrangements are being handled by Newton-Bracewell Funeral Homes in Chico, CA. Send online condolences at [NewtonBracewell.com](http://NewtonBracewell.com).

Chico Enterprise Record  
7-24-2019

## Death notices

**MACEDO:** Eugene "Gene" Macedo, 55, of Yankee Hill, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home, 342-9003.



# ABSHIER (JESSEN), Alita

## findagrave.com

### (also Chico Enterprise Record 8-1-2019)

ALITA JESSEN ABSHIER Alita Jessen Abshier of Paradise, passed to the loving arms of our Lord and Savior on Thursday morning, July 25, 2019 in Chico, California. Alita was a Butte County resident for 100 years, living in Paradise, California, and was the last of the family era. Alita was born on April 24, 1919, in Alameda, CA to Walter Jessen and Marian Roper Jessen. The family returned shortly thereafter to Chico, CA. In 1929, at the age of 10, the family moved to Paradise and Alita remained a resident of Paradise up until the morning of November 8, 2018 when the devastating Camp Fire 2018 tore through Paradise. The fire burned her residence at Sunshine Manor to the ground. Alita took refuge in Chico for the remaining 8 months of life and celebrated her 100th birthday. Alita rode the school bus for years from Paradise to Chico and graduated from Chico High School in 1939. She married Lawrence Leslie Abshier October 11, 1940 and they resided in the Abshier family homestead in Paradise. Alita was employed at Chico Airport during WWII while her husband served in the US Navy. In 1946, they had their one and only daughter Alita "Ellen" Abshier. Alita earned her LVN license in 1964 and worked as a home health provider. She was also employed by Heinke Fruit Juices in Paradise. She became a widow in 2000 when Leslie died of a brain tumor. In the summer of 2018, the family homestead was sold to Alita's great-great-great nephew David Kenneth Michael Jessen. David, along with his wife Katrina and family, worked tirelessly renovating the home before the Camp Fire ravaged the homestead two days prior to their move in date. Alita was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Paradise since 1958, a member of Butte County Historical Society, Paradise Gem & Mineral Club, Paradise Rod & Gun Club and a life member of the NRA. Alita loved singing in the choir, attending church activities, cutting wood, hunting, collecting rocks, farming kiwis, and gardening. Alita is preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Leslie Abshier 1919-2000, brothers Walter Wesley Jessen 1916-1973 and Henry Merrill Jessen 1917-2017, and grandson Richard "Keith" Lewis 1970-2007. Alita is survived by her daughter Ellen Abshier Lewis of Paradise; son-in-law Richard "Dick" Kenneth Lewis and Dee Williams of Yankee Hill CA; granddaughter Debbie Lewis Sobrero and Brent of Paradise; 4 great-granddaughters Alexandria Sobrero 26 of Sioux Falls SD, Haylee Sobrero 21 and Jenna Sobrero 18 of Paradise CA, Daryn Lewis Peters 20 of Highlands Ranch CO; 1 great-grandson Wyatt Lewis Peters 19 of Highlands Ranch CO; granddaughter-in-law Courtney Lewis Peters and Brad of Highlands Ranch CO; and many loving nephews and nieces. Alita's family gives special thanks to the assisted living caregivers that were tender and kind to Alita over the past 10 years; Oak Knoll/Atria, Beavers Guest Home, and Sunshine Manor all of Paradise; and final care at Almond Blossom in Chico with the help of Butte Home Health & Hospice. Family, friends and caregivers are all invited to the funeral services on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 11:00am at Rose Chapel Mortuary followed with a catered luncheon at the Paradise Area Recreation District in Paradise, CA. Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church in Paradise c/o Ellen Lewis at P.O. Box 546, Durham CA 95938. Interment will be at the Paradise Cemetery on Monday August 5, 2019. John 3:16 that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

GALLICK, Daniel Thomas  
Ramseyfuneralhomes.com  
8-9-2019 (date of death)



#### Obituary of Daniel Thomas Gallick

Daniel Thomas Gallick was born on August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1953 in San Francisco, California to Lawrence and Lucille Gallick. Daniel passed away on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 in Oroville, California. He was a beloved father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend. He approached life with an adventurous, joyful attitude with an infectious laugh. He found pride in serving his community through his profession as an electrician. He enjoyed the outdoors, playing his guitar and spending time with the people he loved.

***His Family...*** Daniel is survived by his mother Lucille; his brothers Edward and John; his sisters Mille and Cathy; his son Dustin and wife Liza; his daughter Regina and husband Roy; his grandchildren Lucy, Owen and soon to arrive Kathleen; along with lots of family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father Lawrence.

***His Farewell Service...*** A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson Street, Oroville, California. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.



GALLICK, Daniel  
Chico Enterprise Record  
8-13-2019

## Death notices

**DEVOL:** Dolores M. Devol, 85, of Oroville, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.

**GALLICK:** Daniel Gallick, 65, of Oroville, died Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home, 534-3877.

**HUNSPERGER:** Ted Hunsperger, 70, of Oroville, died Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements

are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home, 534-3877.

**THOM:** Carmen D. Thom, 58, of Feather Falls, died Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019, in Feather Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home, 534-3877.

**WILSON:** Richard William Wilson, 86, of Oroville, died Saturday, Aug. 10, 2019, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Ramsey Funeral Home, 534-3877.



# GALLICK, Daniel

## facebook.com



**Laurel Paulson-Pierce** ▸ **Concow & Yankee Hill Community**



7 hrs · 🌐

I just got the (bad) news....local electrician 📍 Dan Gallick passed away on August 9th. Condolences to [Dustin Bertolucci](#) and Gina [Regina Bertolucci](#). He was a long time resident of the Concow Yankee Hill area, and helped many people with his knowledge of electrical systems, wiring, lighting, etc. He will be missed. Blessings to all his family and friends. Here is a (rare) photo of him on a special occasion.



BOND, Steve David  
Chico Enterprise Record  
9-20-2019

## **Death notices**

**BOND:** Steve David Bond, 70, of Big Bar, died Wednesday, September 18, 2019, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home, 342-9003.

**OBITUARY**

# Newspaper columnist Rex Burress dead at 86

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**By Steve Schoonover**

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**OROVILLE »** A funeral is planned Saturday for Oroville newspaper columnist, naturalist and artist Rex Burress, who died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, at the age of 86.

Burress wrote the “River Watcher” column that appeared each Monday in the Oroville Mercury-Register, and also “Natural Wonders,” which ran Saturdays on a shared Mercury-Register/Enterprise-Record page.

His last column was published on Sept. 23.

Burress was born in Trenton, Missouri, on March 9, 1933, and grew up on a farm there.

He came to California in 1956 to study botany at Merritt College in Oakland. In 1961 he went to work as a naturalist for the Oakland Parks Department at the Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge and also at Oakland Camp near Quincy.

He continued with those activities upon his retirement to Oroville in 1993, helping establish the Feather River Nature Center, and working as a docent there.

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## Burress

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He was also a part-time docent with state parks at Lake Oroville.

His lifetime's work earned him the Conservation Legacy Award from the John Muir Association in April 2016.

Muir had been Burress' major inspiration.

He was an accomplished painter, winning best of show at the Butte County Fair year after year. He was a member of Artists of Rivertown. He was also a gifted photographer, a past president of the Chico Camera Club.

He authored and illustrated two books, "Of A Feather" and "Life On No



BILL HUSA — ENTERPRISE-RECORD FILE

Rex Burress, a well known local columnist and naturalist walks through wildflowers as they bloom March 29, 2013, on Table Mountain in Oroville.

Creek.”

His wife of 61 years, Jo, died Dec. 15, 2018.

His son Benjamin Burress is an astronomer at Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland

and his daughter Rebecca Freeman is a landscape architect in Sacramento.

Saturday's service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Cherokee Cemetery. A visitation is planned 4-8 p.m. Friday at Oroville Funeral Home, which is handling arrangements.

BURRESS, Rex  
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10-9-2019

**REX BURRESS**

An informal visitation will be held at the Oroville Funeral Home on Friday October 11 from 4 to 8 pm. Graveside Service on Saturday October 12th 10:30 am at Cherokee Cemetery 3927 Cherokee Rd. Oroville, 95965 (outside of Oroville on Table Mountain). Celebration of Life Memorial Gathering will be held at the Lake Oroville Visitor Center 917 Kelly Ridge Rd. on November 23, 2019 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers please feel free to contribute to the Feather River Nature Center, Artists of Rivertown, or your favorite nature conservation organization.

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



## Life Tributes



### GEORGE NINE

George Richard Nine, age 72 passed away in Paradise, California on November 01, 2018 due to extended health issues.

Born May 24, 1946 in Pittsburg, CA, George made his home in Paradise, CA with his adoptive parents Edson & Dorothy "Jessie" Nine.

George grew up in the Paradise School System and became a Cub Scout. After high school, in 1965, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving time in Vietnam. George was a proud Navy Seabee and was Honorably discharged for his service to his country.

When George returned home, he met his future wife, Elsie originally from Pulga, CA and they made their home in Paradise, together.

George attended Butte Community College having received his "AA" degree in Electronics Technology in 1972. George worked as a maintenance electrician at the Continental Nut Co. in Chico, CA for 8 years. He proceeded to work at Victor Industries, also in Chico as an experienced electrician for 7 yrs.

In 1985, George was hired on to work for the County of Butte in Oroville, CA as a Building Crafts Worker III, performing electrical, mechanical, and plumbing maintenance. He worked for the County for 17 years, until he retired in 2002.

# NINE, George Richard

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 10-19-2019

George wore many hats: He was involved in Little League for four seasons. He was a Cub Scout Den Leader, a committee chairman of Pack #70, and a Scoutmaster for Troop #316. George received many awards for his leadership and merit. In total, George spent about 35 years in Boy Scouting as it clearly was one of his many passions and to give back, to be a positive influence for the youth of the day.

George enjoyed coin collecting, trying out new recipes, and taking family vacations visiting historical sites.

George was an active member of the Loyal Order of the Moose #2227 as well as the Fraternal Order of the Eagles #2960, both local to Paradise.

George is predeceased by his wife, Elsie, his stepson, Joe, and youngest daughter, Holly. George is survived by his sister, Diedra of Texas, daughter, Lenette, son, Wayne, daughter, Shirley, son George Jr., and stepson Karl. He is also survived by his adoring grandchildren (13), great-grand children (3) and many nieces and nephews.

George loved and cherished his family, friends, community, Country and Savior. He will live on forever in our hearts and will be deeply missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held in his honor at Calvary Chapel of Paradise, located in Magalia, CA on Saturday, November 02, 2019 at twelve o'clock Noon.

Donations may be made in his name to: Wounded Warrior Project, Navy Seabees or Boy Scouts of America Troop#316.



HENSLEY (GARNER), Murlene Elizabeth  
RamseyFuneralHomes.com  
11-3-2019



**Murlene Elizabeth Hensley**  
1927 - 2019

Obituary of Murlene Elizabeth Hensley

**Her Legacy...** Our Mother Murlene was born on November 23, 1927 in Sugar Grove, Arkansas. She passed away on November 3, 2019 in Oroville, California. She was a dear mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister and aunt. She and our father Hollie, made their home in Oroville for many years where she worked as a nurse and loved her job. She and her husband lived in Germany during the 80's for two years where he worked for the European Agency of Prudential Insurance. They then came back to their home in Oroville where they stayed. Murlene was very family oriented and a great cook. She was active and enjoyed life, with many friends in the Oroville area and beyond. They enjoyed music, dancing, and water sports.

**Her Family...** Murlene is survived by her three daughters, Liz Handy of Chico, CA; Kim Brown of Oroville, CA; and Lyn Swihart of Oklahoma City, OK. She is also survived by granddaughter Caroline of Chico and grandson Vann of Oklahoma City, with two great-granddaughters, Norah and Mina of Oklahoma City. She has two living sisters, Eva Pease of Fairfax, OK; and Gloria Waymire of Tulsa, OK; and her brother, Charles Garner and his wife Charlotte of OK. She is preceded in death by her husband Hollie, her parents, Archie & Orpha Garner, her sister, Pauline and her brothers Gerald and Harold Garner.

**Her Farewell Service...** A Viewing will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson St. Oroville, CA. Graveside Service will be held on Friday, November 15, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Cherokee Cemetery, 3927 Cherokee RD Oroville, CA. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

To send flowers to the family of Murlene Hensley, please visit [Tribute Store](#)

AMBROSE (WILLIAMS), Charlene Henrietta  
Ramseyfuneralhomes.com  
11-8-2019



Charlene Henrietta Ambrose  
1925 - 2019

Obituary of Charlene Henrietta Ambrose

**Her Legacy...** Charlene Ambrose was born February 3, 1925 in Kilgore, Texas to Charles Henry and Victoria Williams. She was married to Warren Troy Ambrose for over 50 years. She was a Sunday school primary teacher in nearly every church she attended. Charlene passed away on November 8, 2019 in Oroville, California.

**Her Family...** Charlene is survived by her brother Tom Williams of Oroville, CA; her sisters, Virgie Lawless and Jane and Felice, her daughters, Kathy Lynsky of Salisbury, NC; and Nancy Gaylyn of Oroville, CA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Janell, Chad, Daniel and Corrie, her great grandchildren, Bailey, Camron, Courtney, Hannah, William, Benjamin and Lydia.

**Her Farewell Service...** Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Ramsey Funeral Home, 1175 Robinson St. Oroville, CA, with Burial to follow at Cherokee Cemetery, 3927 Cherokee RD Oroville, CA. Pastor Doug Taylor Officiating. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877.

To send flowers to the family of Charlene Ambrose, please visit [Tribute Store](#)

# STRINGFELLOW, Lowell Alan

## Plumas County News

### 12-11-2019

## Lowell Alan Stringfellow

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Life Tributes for the week of 12/11/19

Plumas County News (CA) - Wednesday, December 11, 2019

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Lowell Alan Stringfellow, age 78, died Nov. 22, 2019, at his home in Quincy. He was born Sept. 10, 1941, in Oroville to Lowell A. and Clara Fay Stringfellow.

His father, Lowell, his wife, Loretta and son, Casey Stringfellow preceded Alan in death.

Alan is survived by his mother, Clara Stringfellow, sister, Diane Barbara, daughters, Lisa Davis (husband Donald) and Michele Warren as well as 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He loved his family and was very proud of them all.

Alan attended School in Meadow Valley, Quincy and Durham. He graduated in 1960 from Quincy High School. He worked all of his life as a logger. He was the best side yard boss Clover Logging ever had.

He loved spending his life in the outdoors from the forest to the desert. Alan attended one of the first burning man events in the Black Rock Desert. He loved camping fishing and jeep rides. He enjoyed riding four wheelers on our public lands and had a close group of friends that went with him. He wanted to keep the public land open for all of us to enjoy.

Alan will be terribly missed by all. The family is planning a celebration of his life in the spring.



HILST, David L.  
Rose Chapel Mortuary and Crematory  
www.roseandscheer.com  
12-23-2019



*David L. Hilst*

February 22, 1942 ~ December 23, 2019 (age 77)

## Obituary

David L. Hilst of Yankee Hill, CA, passed peacefully to the Lord on December 23, 2019. He died after several years of cardio failure, including an inherited ventricular tachycardia disease and then just a weakened heart.

David was born and raised in Central Illinois and served in the United States Navy. He started his career in the Chicago computer world with IBM and graduated from San Jose State with an MBA after moving to California in 1970. He started with an Anaheim company, CAL-COMP, and later moved to the Bay Area with Memorex. He then started a business brokerage valuing and selling small businesses. He and wife, Terry, moved from Los Gatos to Yankee Hill in 1996 to "avoid the crowds" and traffic.

Always loving an adrenaline rush, David enjoyed riding horses and motorcycles and spent much time in sports such as skiing (snow and water), sky-diving, gliders, ultra-lights and light-sports-aircraft and a very passionate five years racing open wheeled Formula Ford cars on tracks up and down the west coast. David also enjoyed golfing three to five times a week with his many friends at Butte Creek Country Club.

Surviving is a wonderful wife of 44 years together, Terry, and two children, Will and Cindy and their spouses, and three grandchildren, Wylie, Ivan, and Katarina. Two younger sisters, Cheryl and Linda, and their spouses, along with younger brother, Steven, will miss their older brother.

David was cremated and a private family ceremony will be held at his church, Our Savior Lutheran in Paradise. There will be a "Celebration of Life" late summer of 2020 at Butte Creek Country Club.



McINTURF, Kathleen "Petie" Roberta  
Chico Enterprise Record  
12-26-2019

**KATHLEEN "PETIE"  
ROBERTA  
MCINTURF**

**January 18th, 1931 -  
December 19th, 2019**

Kathleen was born and raised in Oroville, California. She graduated from Oroville High School in 1949. Kathleen was married to Leo McInturf on May 20th, 1951; they had four children. They were married for 55 years before his passing. She worked for 30 years at the Employee Development Department and retired in 1992.

Kathleen loved coaching baseball. She was one of the first women little league coaches in Butte County. She was involved at Saint Thomas Church for many years, until she was unable to attend. She loved to ride motorcycles with her husband Leo. They were members of the Cal-Tex Motorcycle Club.

Kathleen was born to Edward "Babo" Doyle and Roberta "Mamo" Doyle. She had four sisters and one brother, preceded in death by Marjorie Seibel, Johanna DeTata, Dennis Doyle, survived by Colleen Brewster and Michelle Crabtree.

Her children, son Dale and wife Sara McInturf (deceased), grandchildren Ryann and Madeline McInturf. Daughter Patti McInturf. Son David and wife Shannon McInturf, grandchildren Alyssa, Nathan, Derek and Rylie McInturf. Son Darrin McInturf, grandchildren Amanda Houghton, Casandra McInturf and Kari Clay. Four great grandchildren, Tyler and Troy Houghton, Gunner McInturf and Keon Clay.

Graveside service will be held December 27, at 12:00 pm at Memorial Park Cemetery. Reception to follow services at 2:00 pm at Vallarta Grill 2100 5th Street. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to CHP 11-99 Foundation, 2244 North College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92831.



FICKES, Lee Arthur, Jr.  
Chico Enterprise Record  
1-19-2020

Life Tributes



**LEE A. FICKES**

Lee A. Fickes Jr., was born on Dec 5, 1935 in Chicago, IL to Lee and Ramona Fickes and passed away on Jan 10, 2020 in Oroville, CA. He married Mary Lou Bolduc in 1958 and together they had three daughters, Sandra, Rachelle, and Lara. He owned and operated Feather River Realty and Wildwood Log Homes and was active in his church community. In 1999, Lee married Beatrice Woody.

They made their home in Paradise until the devastating Camp Fire in November 2018. Lee loved dancing, music, antiques and building. He was an excellent craftsman and could build anything with his hands. He will be remembered as a cowboy who was a master at telling tales of long ago with a delightful sense of humor. He adored his family and had a passion and love for animals. He was a wonderful friend with a kind and gentle heart and will be greatly missed by anyone who knew him. Lee was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Susan Henton and Nancy Vivian. Lee is sur-

vived by his wife Bea, daughters; Sandy Karatekeli (Yildirim), Rachelle Branson and Lara Hernandez, stepchildren; Carolyn Feole and John Woody (Linda), grandchildren; Kayla, Joshua (Sarah), Kayhan, Burak, Nathan, and Victoria, sisters; Rae Vivian and Frances Hutton (Mike), many nieces and nephews, Mary Tompkins, and his beloved dog, Bambi. A graveside service will be held at Cherokee Cemetery on Sat., Jan. 25, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The family requests donations be made to Butte Humane Society, Chico, CA in lieu of flowers. Services are under the direction of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home. For a full obituary, please visit [www.nbcfh.com](http://www.nbcfh.com).



JOHNSON, Phyllis M.  
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*In Memoriam*

PHYLLIS M. JOHNSON

Apr 13, 2020



Phyllis Marlene Johnson was born to Eric and Edith Swan in Deary, Idaho on December 23, 1932.

She was married to Merlyn Lee Johnson in Moscow, Idaho on August 6, 1955.

She died at her home in Yankee Hill, California on April 9, 2020.

Merlyn and Phyllis have three sons: Richard E. Johnson, Robert L. Johnson who died on March 7, 2020, and Kevin R. Johnson.

Merlyn travelled all over the world for work and wherever he went he made sure Phyllis was with him. For over 64 years the pair was inseparable.

# FORD (BETHARD), Marjorie Louise

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## 4-21-2020



## *In Memoriam*

### MARJORIE LOUISE FORD

Apr 21, 2020

Marjorie Louise (Bethard) Ford, 85, passed away on April 21, 2020 after a brief illness.

Margie was born August 26, 1934 in Butte County, California to Melvin and Elaine Bethard. She grew up and attended schools in Durham, California. An active 4-H member, she also played clarinet in the marching band at Durham High School. As a sophomore in Crafts Class, she noticed a cute senior boy across the room and winked at him, even surprising herself by being so bold. Two years later, just after her 1952 graduation, she and William "Bill" Ford were married. They were married for nearly 67 years — sweethearts forever.

Just after their first daughter Charlene was born (1953), Bill was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean war and was sent to Japan for nearly a year. Margie stayed behind with the baby and when they learned that she would need pediatric heart surgery, Bill was allowed to return a few days early. Charlene's surgery was successful.

While still living in Chico in the mid-late 1950's, Bill worked at the Diamond Match plant and Margie was a homemaker. Carolyn, their second daughter was born in Chico (1956). Just before she turned two, a new lumber plant was opened in Red Bluff prompting the young family to migrate north with hundreds of other millworker families. They settled in Los Molinos only two weeks before daughter number three, Sharon was born (1958).

Margie was active in PTA while her girls attended Los Molinos schools, and enjoyed square dancing with Bill. When the girls were old enough she became a 4-H Leader in the local club and soon was active on the county level as well. She led the local 4-H sewing group for years, teaching her girls and many others to sew. She also joined the committee that ran and maintained Camp Tehama near Mt. Lassen, the location of the 4-Hers summer camp as well as many other camping clubs.

In 1972 during a summer heat wave, the family moved to Red Bluff. When her girls were grown and left the nest, Margie attended Shasta Community College and enjoyed the classes she took in Medical Transcription. She joined the St. Elizabeth's Hospital Auxiliary and worked as a Pink Lady there for years and eventually became President of the Auxiliary, always proud of the money the

group raised for the hospital.

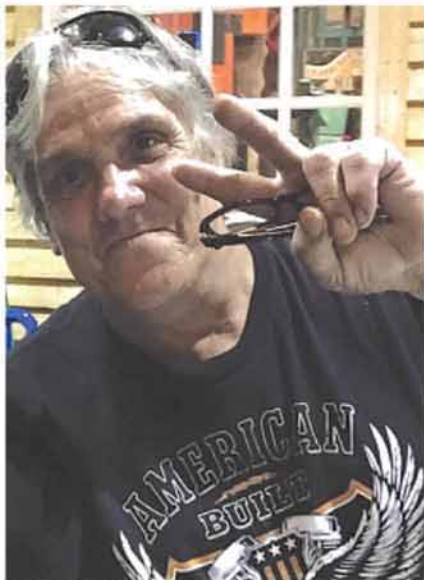
As a homemaker and Mom with her girls as they grew up, she continued to be active with her family, taking care of her own parents when they moved to Red Bluff, and remaining active in the lives of her grandkids in Redding and Chico. She was instrumental in getting the family together for holidays and birthdays, reunions and camping trips.

When Bill needed to be closer to medical specialists in 2013, he and Margie moved to Chico. Eventually he needed a higher level of care and the family moved him to Country Village where he could still count on daily visits from his "Tweeetie" Margie. Even then, their visits always ended with a wink. He passed away on Easter morning April 21, 2019. Margie missed him terribly, but as was her way she grieved privately. After a brief illness, she joined him exactly one year later — April 21, 2020.

Margie is predeceased by her husband Bill, her parents Melvin and Elaine, brother Charles, and son-in-law David Hollyman. She is survived by her sister Delores Revier, her three daughters Charlene Hollyman, Carolyn (Paul) Brossoit, and Sharon Osborn, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Interment will be at Clear Creek Cemetery in Butte Valley at a later date when the pandemic eases and family and friends can gather again safely.

# Life Tributes



## **ARCHIE DAVIS**

Archie "Cavemann" Davis was born on Oct. 24th, 1958 (on his father's birthday), and was called home to the Lord on June 1st, 2020. He was 61 years old.

He served in the Army from 1977-1979 and was honorably discharged. He was a racecar driver for several years, winning many track championships in Charleston, Illinois. He spent most of his life working as a Union welder (with 5 different certifications), and was a master mechanic. He moved to Concow, CA in 2001, and made it his home for the last 19 years.

There were two things he loved to do more than anything in this world, and they were to ride his Harley with his dog Max, and go fishing!

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Archie was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Arlene Davis of Palermo, CA, & a sister, Linda McElhaney of Oroville, CA. He is survived by his wife Laurel Davis of Concow, CA, a brother, Eddie Davis of Oroville, CA, a sister Lola Crawford of Louisiana, son Josh Davis of Tahlequah, Ok, daughter Paula Russell of Brentwood, CA, son Joe Davis of Suisun, CA, daughter Autumn Rose of Portola, CA, son Ozzie Bushway of Willits, CA, son Dave Bushway of Ukiah, CA, son Daniel Davis of Ukiah CA, son Jason Davis of Ukiah, CA, daughter Amanda Pack of Oroville, CA, son Daniel Northern of Oroville, CA, son Joseph Davis of Oroville, CA, and 23 grandchildren.

There will be a graveside service at: Ocean View Cemetery, Pudding Creek Rd. Fort Bragg, CA on June 12th @ 1:00 p.m., and a Celebration of Life the following weekend in Concow, CA. Details are pending.



# Life Tributes



## **JANIE ROPER**

Janie Roper was born on December 2, 1946 in Westwood, California to Preston and Inez Hall. She passed away at the age of 73 in Oroville, California following a long illness. Janie married Richard Roper on May 9, 1998. She was an avid bowler who participated in several leagues and traveled to tournaments around the state. She knitted beautiful throws and other items which she always gave to others. The San Francisco Giants were her favorite baseball team and she watched games at home and at Oracle Park in The City.

She had a "green thumb" which produced beautiful plants that decorated her yard and patio. She was often found watching Old Westerns when you woke up as a guest in her home. She also might be playing a game on her tablet or doing crossword puzzles the rest of us would not

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even attempt to complete. When she retired, she had worked as a forklift driver at the local cannery for over twenty years. In their retirement, she and Dick traveled extensively in their travel trailer and she especially loved to spend winter months in Yuma, Arizona where she and Dick came to develop many friendships, and where they could offroad on the desert with their dog, Roxie.

Janie is survived by her husband Richard (Dick) Roper, two sons, Erik (Sandy) Rikard and Kevin Rikard, her brother James Hall, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, and her brothers Lloyd and Gerald Hall.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. at Cherokee Cemetery in Cherokee. Due to the pandemic, masks and social distancing will be practiced. No seating will be provided; if needed, please bring a chair. There will be no reception or gathering following the service. In lieu of flowers, remembrances and donations should be directed to the charity of choice.

# LAWSON, Donald Gene

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## 9-19-2020



### **Donald Gene Lawson**

His Legacy... Donald Gene Lawson, aka Donny, Acie, Lightfoot was born in Oroville, CA on February 4, 1932 to Henry Roy and Lucy Lawson. Don passed away on September 10, 2020. He was a beloved, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, mentor and friend. He graduated from Oroville High School class of 1949. He married his high school sweetheart, Wanda Hudson and had 4 children. He was a logging truck owner/operator all of his adult life and he loved it. Many men credit him with getting them started in business and life. When Wanda passed from cancer after 43 years of marriage, he met and married Vivian who had 2 adult daughters to add to the family. They were married 19 years before he passed. He was lucky in love twice in his life.

His Family... Don is survived by his wife Vivian Meyer-Lawson of Oroville; his sister Loretta Johnson of Coos Bay, OR; sons, Mark (Laurie) Lawson of Oroville, Randy (Teri) Lawson of Forestville, WI; daughter, Gwen (Butch) Gonzales of Oroville; step-daughters, Wendy (Jim) Lightbody of Chico and Leslie (Matthew) Melton of Cleveland, TN; 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Wanda, a son, Clifford; 5 brothers, Raydow, Raymond, Emmett, Everett, and Clifford Lawson; and 1 sister, Eula Wallis.

His Farewell Service... We will celebrate the life of Don Lawson on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Cherokee Cemetery, 3927 Cherokee Road, Oroville, California. Arrangements are entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877



# STRONG, Gertrude

## Chico Enterprise Record

### 10-4-2020

### *Life Tributes*

#### **GERTRUDE STRONG**

1922 - 2020

Gertrude Elizabeth Strong passed away at home, August 17, 2020 in Plumas Lake, California at the age of 98. She was lovingly cared for by family members and Sutter Health Sutter Care at Home-Hospice. Gertrude was born in Vallejo, California on March 13, 1922 to Harry Daggett Gaillard and Elizabeth Ullman. She graduated from Vallejo High School in 1940, and then graduated from Heald Business College in Oakland, California in the following years. She married her high school sweetheart, William W. Strong on January 1, 1942. Gertrude moved to her husband's home in Vallejo where they raised their two children. In the early years of marriage they owned and operated a trucking company. She was very involved in her children's activities, she was her sons Cub Scout Troop Leader, a volunteer for her sons Little League team, president and other positions for her children's schools PTA multiple times throughout the years.

The family spent every weekend and vacations at their lake side trailer at Lake Berryessa where she held many office positions for the Monticello Ski Club at Lake Berryessa. Gertrude retired from the Mare Island Naval Shipyard as an analyst in 1979 and moved with her husband to Yankee Hill, California. After they settled in to their new home she joined many clubs in her new community, C.B. Club, Yankee Hill Grange and Yankee Hill Ladies Club. She was the author of a column for the Yankee Hill Newspaper "DIRT FROM GERT". Gertrude volunteered many hours as a S.T.A.R.S. for Butte County Sheriff's Office.

Any stray dog or cat that would come to her gate she took in, which included many of her Grand dogs, leading her Grandchildren calling her Grandma Doggie. She enjoyed working on her and her Grandsons extensive train diorama, when they couldn't choose between two trains they got both. After her husband Bill passed away, she wanted to build a doll house. Her daughter bought her the biggest doll house she could find, a two story Victorian. She spent the whole of a winter building, wiring for lights and decorated with countless furnishings, it was gorgeous when done.



Blessed with a green thumb, Gertrude had the ability to grow anything, she particularly loved hardy hibiscus and would start plants from seeds, which she would give to her family and friends. She had a large flower garden which as she got older it was hard for her to get around in it, so she started plants in pots on the porch. A wonderful story teller, she wrote a monthly story about the Candle People and others in Yankee Hill, with staged pictures of the monthly decorated tree and other props. She would pull up a picture in the town where her story was about on her computer to use as a backdrop for her characters monthly antics, always telling the story of what was going on that month in town or in the nation. An authoritative genealogist, Gertrude did multiple genealogy reports for many family and friends, the last report being one she did for a person she struck up a conversation in her doctor's office.

Following the deadly "Camp Fire" on November 8, 2018 which destroyed her home, Gertrude moved to Plumas Lake, California to her Grandsons home. Gertrude was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Elizabeth Gaillard, her husband William W. Strong, her brother Barnard K. Gaillard, and her great grandson Donovan J. Iverson. She is survived by her son William D. Strong, his wife Jan of Yankee Hill, CA, daughter Lauren E. Jordan of Plumas Lake, CA, her niece Jody Gaillard Hasteley of Tooele, UT, seven grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, four great great grandchildren, her beloved dog, Sky, and many nieces and nephews.

By her request no services will be held. Final arrangements entrusted to Lakeside Colonial Chapel in Marysville, CA. Those wishing to make a donation in her memory can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Northern CA, 2425 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95817 or Sutter Care at Home-Hospice, P.O. Box 160045 Sacramento, CA 95816





**LENORA VIGIL**  
"Sue"

Lenora Rosa Vigil (Ramirez) 65 was born on October 14th, 1955 in Oroville Ca. to Frank and Harriett Ramirez and lived in Chico all but a few years.

She was called to Heaven to be reunited with her loved ones on October 19th, 2020 and will be laid to rest at the Mechoopda Indian Cemetery.

Lenora is survived by her two sons Tobias Vigil II and John Vigil Sr., her brothers Frank and Grover Ramirez and her aunt Thelma Wilson. She is preceded in death by her husband Tobias Vigil, her parents, and her little brother John Ramirez.

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Sue and Toby built a beautiful family with their two boys Tobias and John, 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and endless nieces and nephews whom she loved and adored.

She was her family's ROCK! Everyone knew they could always count on her for love support and honesty.

Lenora was also an active tribal member of the Mechoopda Indian Tribe in Chico and loved to plan gatherings for the community.

To view obituary and send condolences online, go to [NewtonBracewell.com](http://NewtonBracewell.com).



# AUSMUS, Aubyn Lee

## Chico Enterprise Record

12-17-2020

### **AUBYN LEE AUSMUS**

On December 09, 2020, our beloved Aubyn Lee Ausmus, joined her husband Robert P. Ausmum and son Timothy Ausmus in heaven. She was 93 years young when she passed away in Sacramento, Ca from natural causes.

Aubyn is survived by her children, Robert S. Ausmus, Robyn Sousa, Tami Fitzgerald, Gayle McKern, and Julie Reuber; her brother, Bud Hodges; her grandchildren, Heather Boswell, Crystal Taxara, Brandy Zamani, Jesse Sousa, Stacy Buitrago, Kristi (Celene) Fitzgerald, Shelby Fitzgerald, Kevin Fitzgerald; and nine great-grandchildren.

Aubyn was born in Chickasha, OKLA on January 13, 1927. In addition to being a devoted mother and wife, Aubyn and her husband owned several restaurants, including The Rock House in Yankee Hill, Ca for over 30 yrs. Aubyn was also an accomplished oil painter, loved gardening and playing the piano.

Aubyn's memory will continue in the hearts of all of us who loved her. She will be placed to rest in Glen Oaks Memorial Park in Chico, Ca.

