

VanGOODEN, Edwin F.
The Chico Enterprise Record
1-15-2021

**EDWIN V.
VAN GOODEN**

**Nov. 2, 1961 ~ Dec. 23,
2020**

Edwin V. Van Gooden, 59 of Magalia passed away on Dec. 23rd, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. Edwin was born in Chico, CA on Nov. 2nd, 1961 to Ed and June Van Gooden. Raised on the family ranch in Pentz, Edwin's family roots go back to the gold rush era in Cherokee. He enjoyed hunting and fishing throughout the area with his Dad. A 1979 graduate of Oroville High, Edwin was active in 4H and FFA. After graduating from High School he joined the US Army serving two years in Arizona as a Military Police Official. Edwin had a long career with Oroweat Bakeries in the Los Angeles area where he was a member of the teamster's union. Edwin was an amazing cook. He loved deep sea fishing on his boat, the "Meander" and visiting his favorite getaway spot, Morro Bay, Ca.



He is survived by his Mother, June Van Gooden, Sister Rosalind Van Gooden, Both of Chico, Niece, Nicole, Nephews Wade, Jacob and Maverick, and the many good friends that he made almost instantly everywhere that he went.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date that is still to be determined.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Butte County Humane Society.

BROWN, Suzanne Marie

Chico Enterprise Record

3-21-2021

Life Tributes



SUZANNE MARIE BROWN

Suzanne Marie Brown passed away peacefully, surrounded with love by her family and cat Honey, on February 15th, 2021. A celebration of life will be held in early summer of 2021. She passed away after a valiant battle against cancer for almost two years. Her ashes will be placed in a Burney, CA cemetery.

Sue was born July 25, 1949 at Enloe Hospital to Edward and Genevieve Brown.

She graduated from Chico High school in 1967. After graduation she attended Butte College while it was still in Durham. While attending Butte College she started working as a student aide. She was soon employed as a secretary, then Division secretary.

After the college moved to the new location she continued her employment. Sue was promoted through various departments until her retirement from Human Resources, with over thirty years of service. She received the special "What Would We Do Without You?" Award by her colleagues at Butte College. She was admired and adored by her coworkers and friends there, and served the college in so many important ways.

In 1972, she married Dennis Frey and together they had a daughter Heather, who was her pride and joy.

During the college years and beyond Sue enjoyed participating in local craft shows with her family. Sewing was her specialty, and she was known for her Aunt SueSu's little girls' aprons. Together with her mother, known as the "Kitchen Chicks", they did many craft fairs selling their creations.

For a few years she and her mother bought and sold collectables in the Chico and Paradise area.

Several Christmas seasons found her baking cookies with her family to deliver to first responders, veteran organizations and teen centers, in the Carson City, Nevada and Chico area. One year, they made over 218 dozen cookies for donation.

Sue also enjoyed volunteering for the Glenn County Literacy Project, which was directed by her daughter at the time. Sue read books to children, tutored them with their schoolwork, and worked the information booth and various community events.

After retirement, she enjoyed regular luncheons with other Butte College retirees and crafty friends.

Additionally, she enjoyed trips to the casino to play Pai Gow with her sister and brother-in-law, Jeanne and Ron Brunk.

As a descendent of the Pulaski Brown settlers of early Centerville, CA, she

enjoyed researching their history.

Her survivors include: her mother Genevieve Brown of Chico; daughter (Alaya) Heather Frey of Chico; Sister Jeanne and Brother-in-law Ron Brunk of Stagecoach, NV; Aunt Lesta Williams of Oroville; niece Jolene Zittle of Oroville; nephews Kenneth Rucker of Grass Valley, CA, and Derek Beebe of Chico; great nieces and nephews Daniel, Dylan, and Darla Rucker of Grass Valley, Dayna Howe of Sacramento, Carly and Cole Zittle of Oroville, and many cousins and friends, as well as her beloved cat Honey.

Sue was preceded in death by her father Edward Brown and Sister Marilyn Dunford. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Cancer Society, Paws, or the charity of your choice.

STRINGFELLOW (SLACK), Clara Fay

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4-27-2021



Clara Fay Stringfellow

March 20, 1920 - April 27, 2021

Clara Fay Stringfellow passed away peacefully in her home, with her family and her Angel kitty by her side, on Tuesday April 27, 2021, at the age of 101. Clara was born on March 20, 1920 to Percy and May (Presley) Slack in Dairy, Oregon. She grew up in Cherokee, California. She attended high school in Oroville, California and graduated in 1938. Clara was married to Lowell A. Stringfellow on December 14, 1938 in Reno, Nevada. To this union the couple were blessed with two children. A son, Lowell Alan and a daughter, Diane Marie. When Lowell and Clara were first married they lived a short time in Nome, Alaska. They also lived in Meadow Valley, California until they purchased their first home in 1955 in Durham, California. Clara was a charter member of The Good Sam's Club. She enjoyed the farmer's market, growing a garden, knitting, crocheting and traveling in her trailer. Clara is survived by her daughter Diane Barbara of Durham; granddaughters, Lisa Davis (Donnie) of Quincy, Michele Warren of Litchfield, Suzan Hickman of Chico and Sabrina Barbara of Durham. 17 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Lowell, her son Alan, her grandson Casey and her only sibling Bettie (Slack) Killgore. Services will be held at the LDS Stake Center at 2430 Mariposa Avenue in Chico, California on May 15, 2021 at 11:00 am . Graveside service to follow at Glen Oaks Memorial Park 11115 Midway Chico, California

CROSLEY, Shannon
Chico Enterprise Record
5-21-2021

Death notices

CROSLEY: Shannon Crosley, 47, of Concow, died Sunday, May 16, 2021, in Chico. Arrangements are under the direction of Affordable Mortuary, 893-4292.

Life Tributes

AISTON (COOMBES), Audrey Merrian
Chico Enterprise Record
7-9-2021



AUDREY MERRIAN AISTON

Audrey Aiston passed away peacefully in southern California on June 22, 2021 with her daughter by her side. Born January 22, 1923 in Berkeley, CA to Howard and Hazel (Nisbet) Coombes, Audrey's parents moved when she was three to Las Plumas, CA, where her father was a power plant operator for PG&E. She spent her childhood there through the eighth grade, educated in a one room schoolhouse. It was in Las Plumas at age 11 that she met her future husband, William (Bill) Aiston, Jr., age 13. In 1936, Audrey's parents relocated to Oroville so she could attend Oroville Union High School, graduating with the Class of 1940. Receiving an A.A. degree from Yuba College in 1942, she moved to the Bay Area during World War II to attend what is now Samuel Merritt University's School of Nursing, receiving her RN degree in 1945. One year earlier she married Bill Aiston (who had stayed in contact with her throughout the ensuing years of their first encounter) while he was home on leave from the Navy. When the war ended in 1945, they returned to Oroville to set down their roots near both sets of parents. They built a home in which they raised their two daughters and in which Audrey lived for almost 70 years. They also established Aiston's Men's Wear, a well-known and respected business in downtown Oroville for 30 years, until their retirement in 1987. Audrey is survived by

her daughter, Janet Jirel of Duarte, CA, with whom she lived for the past four years; her grandson and his wife, Eric Blodgett Aiston and Cindy Aiston of Cameron Park, CA; great-grandsons Cole Aiston and Simon Aiston of Cameron Park, and numerous cherished cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, William (Bill) Aiston and her eldest daughter, Lynn Aiston Blodgett. Family was paramount to Audrey, who could always be counted on to extend a warm loving embrace and genuine smile upon welcoming family and friends into her home. Hugs were her calling card. She was the last surviving founding member of two unofficial clubs she helped create, lovingly referred to by family members as "the Card Club Group" and "the Sewing Club Group", both originating in the 1950's and enduring for 60 years. Life-long friendships were borne out of these two clubs, and her passion for playing cards followed her through the final months of her life. She was also an active organizer for her OUHS Class of 1940 reunions, a unique close-knit group of classmates with shared values that emanated from their small-town backgrounds amidst the backdrop of a world war, friendships that sustained strong bonds for over 70 years of reunions. A scholarship in her name is being created for this year's senior class at OUHS.

A family memorial service will be held in the fall at the family plot in the Cherokee Cemetery on Table Mountain.

DEANDA, Silas
Chico Enterprise Record
9-2-2021



In Memoriam

Silas Deanda
Oregon City School
Caretaker

De ANDA: Silas De Anda, 72, of Oroville, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2021, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.

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9-5-2021

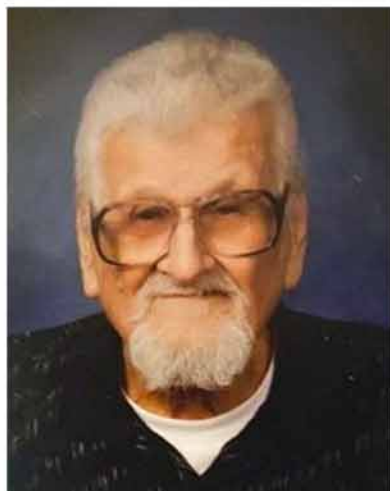


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Joseph Edward "Joe" Kirin

BIRTH 1 Dec 1936
Joliet, Will County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 26 Jul 2021 (aged 84)
Cave Junction, Josephine County, Oregon, USA

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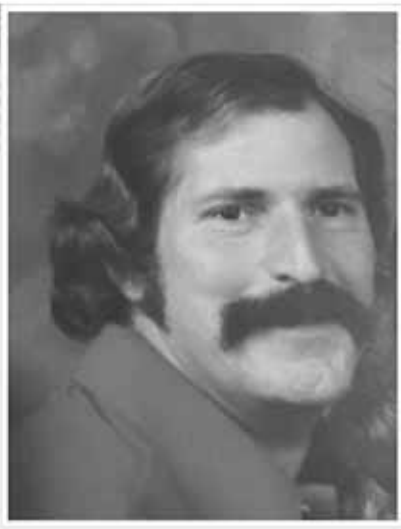
JOSEPH EDWARD KIRIN Joseph Edward Kirin of Cave Junction, Oregon (formally Concow, CA) passed away in his sleep on Monday July 26, 2021, after a long battle with cancer. He was 84. Joe was born on December 1, 1936 in Joliet, IL. He graduated from Joliet Catholic HS in 1955 and joined the US Marines. After the Marines, he joined the US Army and met his wife Marilyn Pettis in Sparta, Wisconsin. They celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in June. He and his wife are survivors of the California "Camp Fire." Joe was known to his community, as a person that would help anyone in need. If it was as simple as a screw to the shirt off his back, he would not hesitate. He had a distinct and infectious laugh. He was loved by all. Joe was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers Lennard Kirin and Albert Kirin. He is survived by his wife Marilyn Ethel Kirin; son Brian Joseph Kirin; daughter-in-law Jamie. Lanona Kirin; grandchildren Joseph Joshua Kirin, and Scott Patrick Kirin; and brother William Kirin; and many cousins. People wishing to honor Joe's lifelong commitment to family and community can look around your community and help someone in need.

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GRAMPS, David Eugene Jr.
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Death notices

GRAMPS: David Eugene Gramps Jr., 66, of Oroville, died Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, in Oroville. Arrangements are under the direction of Scheer Memorial Chapel, 533-5255.



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9-16-2021

Obituary

Obituary of Phillip John Strawn

8-21-1945—09-16-21

Phillip John Strawn 76 ,of Cherokee California passed away in his home in Cherokee California, September 16, 2021 after a long struggle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

Phil was born in Paradise on August 21,1945 to Margaret Doonan and Robert Strawn. He was raised by his grandparents Laura and Earl Strawn.

He attended schools in paradise and lived in paradise until 1979 when he moved to Cherokee Ca.where he lived until his death.

Phil spent 40 years working in his own business installing draperies and window coverings . He also worked on Oroville Dam.

Phil loved fishing, hunting, sports and outdoor activities.

In 1978 he married Susan McNair Holtz.

In 1979 they moved to Cherokee Ca where they raised rabbits chickens, geese, horses ,llamas and sheep.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, 3 step brothers John, Robert (Bobby), Thomas Ludwig and Step son Edward Holtz.

He is survived by his wife Susan Strawn, children Eric Strawn and Laura Bass , step children Christopher and David Holtz ,His Step sister Christine Southworth, brothers Ron, Ken, Rick Strawn, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Phil will be missed for his kindness, love of life, laughter, thoughtfulness and likability.

McQUARRIE, Dana Sherrie
Chico Enterprise Record
10-10-2021



DANA MCQUARRIE

Dana McQuarrie, 46 of Oroville, Ca. passed away on September 7, 2021 at her home after she lost her battle with ALS. She was born on October 5, 1974 to Marvin and Beverly McQuarrie. She is survived by her spouse Eric Schmidt, her son Dylan Church, step-daughter Erica Schmidt, mom Beverly McQuarrie, sisters Trena YuPonce and Renee McQuarrie and several nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her dad Marvin and her brother Frank Amos.

Dana was a life-long Oroville resident and was employed by several establishments, but enjoyed bartending the most. She was an avid rock collector, enjoyed getting together with family and friends to shoot pool and loved visiting the California and Oregon coast.

The family would like to express our thanks for the wonderful help and care given by Enloe Hospice.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm on October 23, 2021 at The Colonia Building in Biggs, Ca. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Dana's name to the ALS Association of the Greater Sacramento Area.

Life Tributes



DONNA CHRISTOPHERSON

Donna Fay (Stafford) Christopherson, longtime Durham resident, passed away November 10, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Donna was born December 4, 1939, in Oroville California to Willard and Catharine Stafford. She attended Bird Street Grammar School and graduated from Oroville High School in 1957. She continued her studies at Yuba College where she met her future husband, Rodney. They were married then moved to Chico and started their family. In 1965 after having 3 Children they moved into their forever home in Durham.

Her love for her community kept Donna very busy. She was involved in Durham Jr and Sr Women's club, serving as President in 1969, California Farm Bureau 1974, Chico Chamber of Commerce, Easter Seals, Durham 4-H, Durham Sports Boosters, as well as helping to plan numerous Reunions for the Class of 1957.

Donna began her working career at Oroville Title and though the years held positions at Mid Valley Title, Butte County Health Department and Dr. Julian Lorenzo office. She began working at Bidwell Title and Escrow in 1989. It was here that Donna felt she met her second family.

LaDonna Joyner, her family, as well as numerous co-workers, gave her many years of love and support. Donna retired from Bidwell Title in 2011, after more than 20 years of service.

Donna's hobbies included shopping, traveling and an occasional one day trips to Reno. Although she never had grandchildren, she enjoyed all her children's fur babies. Even hosting Birthday parties for them. She will be remembered for having had a large and caring heart, she treated everyone she met as a friend, always sending a card, note or gift for their special occasions.

Donna is survived by her three daughters: Lyn, Gail (Phil) and Sandy (Brent). Sisters Bonnie Litton and Sharon McGrarr of Oroville. Brother Gary Stafford of Massachusetts and beloved Aunt Margie Banes of Oroville, as well as many nieces, nephews, and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rodney, parents Willard and Catharine Stafford, and brothers Ronald and Calvin.

Throughout her life our mother had many friends that she held dear to her heart and loved spending time with. At the top of that list was Gayle Brawley and Barbara German. We are so thankful that for more than 50 years, she had two wonderful neighbors (that she considered sisters) who continued spending time with their friend and gave support and compassion during her long illness.

Memorial services will be held at Newton-Bracewell Funeral Home, 680

Camellia Way, Chico CA. November 17, 2021, at 10:00 am.

Public internment directly following at Cherokee Cemetery, 3927 Cherokee Road, Oroville CA.

The family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our sister

Gail (Phil) for being our mother's main caretakers (for over 10 years). Allowing her to be able to remain at home where she wanted to be.

To send online condolences, go to

NewtonBracewell.com

STEELE, Merle Edwin
Chico Enterprise Record
12-1-2021



MERLE EDWIN STEELE Merle Edwin Steele, 88, of Oroville, CA passed away on Nov. 20, 2021 at Enloe Hospital in Chico, CA. Eddie Steele was born to Gertrude and Luther Steele on May 8, 1933 in Dobbins, CA. Eddie was one of 15 children, 5 boys and 10 girls. He went in the U. S. Army during the Korean War. After the war, Eddie found an interest in auto mechanics and loved fixing peoples vehicles. He was a proud Maidu man who loved his people and family. Everyone who knew Eddie knew he had the biggest smile that would brighten anyone's day. Eddie is survived by wife Ruth of Oroville; sisters Merry Amukon, Vera Johnson, Trudy Archuleta; 3 sons and a daughter; grandchildren, great grandchildren and so many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; 4 brothers, 7 sisters and daughter Ruth Ann Rodriguez. Graveside services will be held at Sitto Cemetery in Berry Creek on Friday Dec. 3, 2021 at 11:30 A.M.