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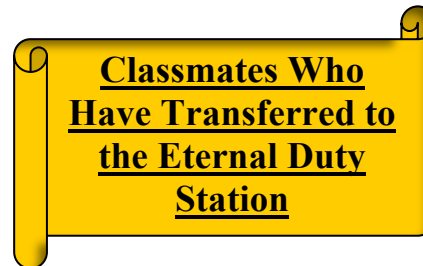


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Michele Roberts (62) Jenkins

Michele Roberts Jenkins passed away suddenly on March 25, 2021, in Melbourne, Florida. She was 77 although many who knew her thought she was much younger due to her long devotion to a healthy lifestyle. That her physical heart failed was painfully ironic given the enormous strength of her figurative heart.

Michele was born February 11, 1944, in Durham, NC to Robert A Roberts and Irene Hill Roberts. Michele came into this world during her father's service in WWII and thus began the childhood of an "Army brat". She and her younger brother, Bob Andy, lived in NC, OK, AL, GA, IL, Washington DC and finally in London where she finished high school at Bushy Park Central High – a school for children of American military families.

She attended MacMurray College in Illinois for one year before transferring to Auburn University in Alabama where both sides of her family had deep roots. While at Auburn she married Eric Yost and gave birth to her only child, Gretchen.

She moved with her young family to Melbourne, Florida in 1966 and was soon challenged to survive on her own as a single mom. She accepted an assembly line position at Radiation Inc. and quickly moved into other roles as her strengths were discovered and her skills improved. In 1973 she married Bill Jenkins and they moved to Tampa.

Michele seized the opportunity to finish her education and graduated in 1974 from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. The second marriage ended, and she once again devoted herself to the role of single mom raising a young daughter. She worked as a professional for a few Tampa companies always defining herself by her ethics and beliefs rather than her job title.

During those Tampa years, she met and married Bob Mahoney and their love has endured and strengthened over their 46 years together. They moved to Palm Bay in 1984 where they both worked for Harris Corporation and where Bob is currently an L3Harris Director.

Michele enjoyed 26 years of retirement but was in no way idle. She was fiercely devoted to those in her inner circle of family and friends and was an activist for causes she deeply believed in. Animal welfare was her greatest passion, and she celebrated all actions that led to the alleviation of their suffering. One of Michele's defining attributes was a steadfast aversion to people or animals being dismissed as not of equal value. In many ways, she championed the marginalized. Michele couldn't abide in a world where the strong hurt the weak, where the bullies ruled the schoolyard, or where the powerful rigged the rules. An avid reader, Michele worked to balance

the convenient history she was taught as a child with the realities of today. This enabled her to lend her voice to the needs for criminal justice reform, voting rights, reproductive rights, and the elimination of racism.

Michele always referred to herself as an introvert, preferring the company of cats, but all who met her were completely charmed by her grace and effortless ability to make you feel like the most interesting person in the world. She was always humble and kind with an easy way about her. She believed in prompt thank you notes and birthday cards with handwritten sentiments that took time to construct in order to affect the most warmth. Everything she did, she did with care. She never cut corners on tasks, the responsibilities of friendship or showing her love. Michele is survived by her husband, Bob Mahoney, and her daughter Gretchen Yost and son-in-law, Norman Doggett of La Puebla, NM. Her cats - Duma, Julius, Peepers, and Buddy - will miss her devotion, and neighborhood backyard raccoons will miss her soft voice as she chatted with them over meals of scattered peanuts. In memory of Michele, a fund has been set up to help feral cats via TNR and to assist in the foster care of neonate orphaned kittens at the animal shelter where her daughter Gretchen is a veterinarian: Espanola Humane, 108 Hamm Parkway, Espanola, NM 87532 - <http://www.espanolahumane.org>

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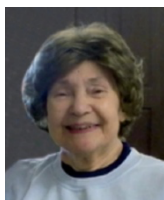
Karen Ann Mongold (62) Lenaway

April 21, 1944 - January 12, 2020

Karen Ann Lenaway passed away Sunday January 12th, 2020, in the city of Loma Linda.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Karen Ann Lenaway (Loma Linda, California), who passed away on January 12, 2020, at the age of 75, leaving to mourn family and friends.

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Patricia Elaine Ness Rodgers, Class of 1958.

December 24, 1939 - November 11, 2020 (age 80)

Patricia Ness Rodgers, 80, of North Vernon, passed away at 8:32 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at her residence.

Born December 24, 1939, in Washington D.C., she was the daughter of Wilber and Emma (Borst) Ness. She married Glenn F. Rodgers Jr. on August 15, 1981, in Knoxville, Tennessee; he survives.

Patricia graduated high school in England and received a bachelor's degree in arts from Dayton University in Ohio. She taught piano, cello, and violin in different colleges and schools in Ohio for 18 years. Patricia loved to travel and had traveled to several countries in Europe and to every state in the United States except for Alaska and Hawaii. She loved horses and German Shepherds and had owned several of them over the years.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn F. Rodgers Jr.; brother, Dr. James Ness of Tellico Plains, Tennessee; sisters, Sandra (Dick) Webster of Morristown, Tennessee and Linda Euler of Malibu, California; and nieces and nephews, Cynthia (Ron) Branch of Knoxville, Tennessee, Valaria (Jeff) Maes of Chicago, Illinois, Angie Vlahos of Portland, Oregon, Alysse Ness of Jacksonville, Florida, and Cooper Ness of Phoenix, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In keeping with the family's wishes, cremation is planned with no services to be held at this time.

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Frank G. Embree (54)

May 8, 1936 – November 29, 2016



CAPT. Frank G. Embree, USN (Ret'd) 80 of Kailua, Hawaii, died in Kailua on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. He was born in Honolulu.

When not deployed on active duty, Frank was a life-long resident of the lovely islands, or what Hawaiians call a “kama’aina.” He was born in Honolulu on the eve of the attack at Pearl Harbor in 1936. He passed in the bustling coastal town of Kailua, which lies in the Ko’olaupoko District of O’ahu’s Windward Coast.

Services were held on January 6, 2017, at St. Andres’s Cathedral. Inurnment followed at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl



(Entrance to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in The Punchbowl in Honolulu)

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Glynda Marie (Fitts) Dupuy (57)

June 22, 1939 - January 08, 2021

Ms. Glynda Marie Dupuy, 81 of Snyder, TX died on Friday, January 8, 2021, in Sweetwater, Texas.

Ms. Glynda Marie Dupuy was born on June 22, 1939, in Snyder, TX to Levon Fitts and Julia Von Roeder. She married

Robert Dupuy and lived her life as a housewife. She loved horses, feeding birds, and any stray animal that came long the way.

She is survived by three daughters - Cheryl Bullard and husband Thomas, Snyder, TX, Jeanie Warr, Snyder, TX, Alicia Elam, Dallas, TX and two sons - Robert Dupuy, Abilene, TX, Gerald Dupuy, Lubbock, TX. She had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband, Robert Dupuy; daughter, Julie Dupuy; brother, Levon Fitts; parents, Levon and Julia Fitts; great-grandchildren, Caitlin Green and Christopher Green.

Donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association at PO BOX 96011 Washington D.C. 20090-6011, an animal shelter of your choice, or to stroke research of your liking.

Online Condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com

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Edwina "Edie" Parker (54) Furman

Mary Edwina (Edie) Parker Furman, died March 26, 2021, at the Brentwood Heritage Somerfield Home after an extended battle with vascular dementia. She was born October 9, 1936, to David and Margaret Parker in Media, PA. She spent her early years in St. Louis MO, and then attended high school in London, England. In

1958, she graduated from Swarthmore College and continued on to a master's degree in elementary education from the College of St. Rose in Albany NY. She taught elementary school in Albany and E. Greenbush, NY and in New Orleans, LA. She was married for 62 years to John (Jack) Furman, M.D., after meeting a year earlier at the Mohonk mountain resort during their college summer jobs. She was a supportive and much-loved mother and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Jack, her sons Daniel (Kim), Russell (Kathryn), Robert (Carrie), 11 grandchildren, her sister Margaret (Peggy) Nichols and 6 nieces and nephews. Edie will be remembered by friends, family and neighbors for her kind, considerate nature; she was constantly putting the comfort and well-being of others before herself. She also had a quirky and playful sense of humor that would surface at unexpected moments. She took joy in helping others. After her boys were sufficiently grown, she returned to college at MTSU to study adult literacy and was engaged for many years with the Nashville Adult Literacy program, teaching and then training volunteer tutors for the program. Edie was humble about her own creative talents, which included playing piano, drawing, and painting. In her later years, she even wrote the text for a children's book. She shared many adventures with Jack sailing and hiking, and other interests included gardening and particularly reading. Her ability to create a warm and welcoming home was a gift to us all. Thanks are given to the staff at Somerfield Nursing Home and to Alive Hospice for the excellent care given to Edie during her illness. In lieu of flowers, a Memorial donation can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org. A graveside service at Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

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Marilynn Elise Pittman (62) Rytting

June 9, 1944 – May 15, 2021

Marilynn Elise Rytting was born on June 9, 1944, and passed away on May 15, 2021, and is under the care of Neptune Cremation Services.

On May 15, 2021, after a multi-year struggle with Lewy Body Dementia, Marilyn Elise Pittman Rytting passed away in Portland, Oregon surrounded by her children.

Marilynn was born in Daytona Beach, Florida on June 9, 1944, to William and Natalie Pittman. She was the older sister to William (Bill) Pittman, Jr. Her father was a US Navy pilot, and his career afforded her the opportunity to travel and to live in many places, including Hawaii, England, and France. She graduated from Bushy Park AF Central High School in Teddington, England in 1962. She attended University of Grenoble, France from 1962-63, and returned to the U.S. and briefly attended Florida State University before being accepted to Nursing school at Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C. While in school there, Marilyn met Richard

M. Rytting (who was in medical school at George Washington University), and they were engaged a mere 3 months later. Marilyn graduated Nursing school in 1968 and worked at National Orthopedic Hospital in Northern Virginia. On July 6, 1968, she married Richard at the Navel Chapel in Washington D.C.

In 1970, Richard's internship took them to Galveston, TX where Marilyn worked at John Sealy Hospital. They soon welcomed their first daughter, Heidi. From Texas, they moved to Huntington Beach, CA then Westminster, CA where they welcomed their 2nd and 3rd daughters, Cassandra and Aimee, and son, Michael. During the early child-rearing years, Marilyn pursued her artistic endeavors "to keep her sanity." She dabbled in many mediums over the years: charcoal, pencil drawings, pastels, oil, and watercolor painting.

The family moved to Corvallis, OR in 1988. After a 20-year hiatus from practicing nursing, Marilyn took a refresher course and worked several years as a Medical/Surgical nurse at Lebanon Hospital in OR. In 1993, the family moved again to Lake Oswego, OR. She, again, pursued her love of art at PCC Sylvania. She exhibited at the Lake Oswego Art Show and sold various pieces of her work. She gave many of her fine pieces to friends and family over the years. Many of these pieces are treasures to those who loved her and admired her. Her eye for capturing the nuances and beauty of the human body and nature was quite remarkable. Frequently she was spotted sketching in a notebook. However, her finest piece of work was her family. She invested much love and time in her children and her marriage. She was a fabulous cook, an avid reader, and had a keen interest with politics. She loved her grandchildren and always doted on the newest little baby in the family. Her appreciation for humor and her contagious laughter was present right up until the end.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, Capt. William and Natalie Pittman, her beloved husband of nearly 53 years, Richard M. Rytting, and her newborn son, Richard. She is survived by her brother, William R. Pittman, Jr. and his husband, Bill, her four children: Heidi (Leon) Huntsman, Cassandra (Steve) Rowe, Aimee (Kyle) Wilson, and Michael Rytting. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Austin, Brooke, Sage, Brandon, Skye, Chase, Michelle, Elizabeth, Jacob, and Derek. She will also be missed by many friends near and far.

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Jean Suzanne Pletcher (59) Bugbee

September 3, 1941 - August 9, 2019

Suzanne Pletcher Bugbee passed away peacefully on the morning of Friday August 9, 2019.

Born September 3, 1941, in Carlisle Barracks, PA, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth Eugene and Cora Muzette Martin Pletcher.

A devoted wife of 58 years to her husband Stephen and the most loving and supportive mother to her son Todd (Molly) and daughter Elizabeth (Trevor). Most of all, she was the world's best Gammy to her grandchildren Emma, Mary Kate, Chip and Caroline. She is also survived by a sister, Peggy Ann Martin of Omaha, NE. Her impact on their lives will forever live on and continue her legacy through her love of family, nature, baking, gardening, mushrooms, ladybugs, bird nests, hedgehogs, and Labradors.

Our hearts will never mend but will forever be filled with the love and joy she brought to her family and friends.

Arrangements are under the care of Koch Funeral Home, State College. Online condolences and signing of the guest book may be entered at www.kochfuneralhome.com or visit us on Facebook.

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Edward Rhys Hughes (61)

Edward Rhys Hughes, 61, owner and operator of Boomers Restaurant in Monticello, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2005, in Thomasville, Ga. The service was Wednesday. Beggs Funeral Home Monticello Chapel (850-997-5612) handled arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32308. A native of Sumter, S.C., Mr. Hughes lived in Monticello for 10 years before moving to Tallahassee. He had lived in Thomasville for the past six months. He was a Lutheran. Mr. Hughes is survived by two sons, Christopher Hughes of Virginia, and Matthew Hughes of Washington; a brother, William Hughes of Jacksonville; three sisters, Jean Hughes of Yulee, Linda Meirz of Rockport, Mass., and Nancy Barnhart of Sterling, Va.; his parents-in-law, Paul, and Betty Heins; and a brother and sister-in-law, Walter, and Melinda Ramsey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kristina "Tina" Heins Hughes.

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Edna Ruth (Hunt) (53) Ossa

March 12, 1935 - September 28, 2020 (age 85)

Edna Ruth (Hunt) Ossa, age 85, passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 28, 2020.

She was a wonderful friend, mother and grandmother and will be remembered for her kind and generous nature.

She was born to Col. Edward Everhart Hunt and Kathryn (Macharas) Hunt on March 12, 1935, in Knoxville, TN. Her first home was in Gatlinburg, TN. Her father was in the Air Force, so she lived many places during her childhood, including California, England, and Germany. She graduated from Frankfurt High School and then attended Frankfurt Art Academy, where she met Wilhelm Ossa. They were married in Germany in 1954. Their daughter, Julia Josephine, was born in Germany in 1955. The three then travelled by ship to New York City. In 1959, her son, Thomas Paul, was born in Memphis, TN. They moved West shortly after to San Francisco, CA and later to Renton, WA; Long Beach, CA; Seattle, WA; and finally settled in Casper, WY in 1969. She and Wilhelm divorced in 1974. After her divorce, she attended Casper College and earned a degree in Nursing and completed the Piano program. In 1985, she met Mickey Mullen, who was the love of her life for the next 35 years.

She held several different jobs during her lifetime, including book transcriber, university secretary, piano and guitar teacher, LPN and finally as a minerals clerk for the Bureau of Land Management. She retired in 2000. After her retirement, she volunteered to read with the students at North Casper Elementary School.

She enjoyed playing Gin Rummy with Mickey (she had recently enjoyed a winning streak), reading and going to the gym. She loved music, especially playing the piano, and exotic foods. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors, collecting rocks, birdwatching, walking her dogs and fishing. She was adventurous and young at heart. Everyone who met her loved her. She loved spending time with her family and was so proud of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her longtime partner, Mickey Mullen; her brother, Walter Hunt; sister, Mary Louise Hunt; daughter, Julia Ossa; son, Tom (Julie Ann) Ossa; grandchildren, TJ (Kandi) Ossa and Cassie (Richard) Rabourn; and great grandchildren, Tavia and Karsten Ossa, and Hunter, Skyla, Josiah, and Gabe Rabourn. She is greatly loved and missed by all.

Funeral services were held at [Bustard's](#) on Friday, October 2, 2020. In lieu of flowers, she requested donations be made to the Casper Humane Society.

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Gail L. Lemmon (54) Welch

Gail L. Welch, 83, widow of Harold C. Welch, died Wednesday, September 04, 2019, at NHC Healthcare.

Born August 12, 1936, in Columbia, she was a daughter of the late John T. Lemmon and the late Gladys Evelyn Thomas Lemmon. She was a member of Jefferson Road Freewill Baptist Church and retired from the Sumter School District after 21 years of service.

Survivors include three children, John L. Welch of Sumter, Brenda G. Wroe (Steven) of Dalzell, and Michael A. Welch (Lorrie) of Texas; 14 grandchildren, Jason, Melissa, Brittany, John, Sarah, Mitchell, Casey, Bethany, Kayla, Tyler, Brooke, Savannah, Missy, and Bobby; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sandra Cain and Linda Kennison both of Columbia.

She was preceded in death by a son, David H. Welch; a daughter, Sarah Louise Pope; and a brother, Buddy Lemmon.

Funeral services were held at Jefferson Road Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Gilbert and the Rev. Rusty Conyers officiating. Burial is in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, SC 29261.

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Michael A. Lippincott (61)

February 25, 1944- May 16, 2012



Michael A. Lippincott, age 68, passed away peacefully at home in Irvine. He is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Riva; his loving daughters, Stacy Viar (Tynes) and Melissa Korpi (Paul); along with 3 grandchildren, Siena, Piper, and Finn.

He was a US Navy pilot for 5 years and went on to a long career as a salesman of welding and industrial gases and supplies. He will be remembered for his infectious smile and kindness. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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Michael Dennis Flener (62)

June 20, 1944 — Jan. 25, 2012

Michael Dennis Flener, age 67, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2012, in Fairfield, CA, where he was a permanent resident since 1970.

Born in Orange, Calif., on June 20, 1944, Mike was the son of a

member of the U.S. Air Force and had the opportunity to grow up near bases around the world, including California (Travis AFB), Texas, England, and Japan.

Mike was an avid baseball fan and especially loved watching youth baseball games, whether his sons were playing in them or not. It wasn't uncommon for him to simply get up on a Saturday and drive to Alan Witt Park in search of a ball game to watch. In recent years, he lived close enough to Laurel Creek Park that the sounds of a ball game could be heard from his front porch, which was just fine by him.

Mike was an avid reader and enjoyed watching TV shows, especially "Friday Night Lights" and "The Office." For decades, Mike was able to share good times with his closest friends as he and his wife were part of a group that gathered monthly to play cards. While it was always a pleasure to give the queen of spades to a good-natured rival who was winning a three-table hearts tournament, the most enjoyable part for him was simply the opportunity to share the lives of those he cared about deeply over a beer or a glass of wine.

He was predeceased by his parents, Al and Sally, and his brother, Rick. Married for 43 years, Mike is survived by his wife, Linda; his sister, Vickie Prater; his brother, Dana; his two sons, Huck (and wife, Kim) and Daniel; his grandchildren, Alex Apilado (and wife, Lety), Arianna Apilado and Jacob Michael Flener; and his great-grandchild, Adrian Apilado.

Mike considered himself to be a "pretty low-key kind of guy" and, as such, his family is held a very simple, informal gathering to celebrate his life at their home on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012.

In lieu of flowers, or any other generous offering, the family suggests a donation on Mike's behalf be made to the Fairfield Expos Baseball Association, <http://www.fairfieldexpos.com>.

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Virginia Valrie Gelling (59) Maxwell

December 4, 1945 - January 12, 2011

Virginia Valrie Gelling Maxwell, 65 of Lancaster, TX passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at her residence. She was born December 4, 1945, in Marshall, TX to Lt. Col. Harold Mark Wilson and Mary Elizabeth Gelling Wilson. A memorial service and inurnment were held in the Spring at the Colonial Gardens in Marshall, TX where she is interred with her parents. She is survived by her son, John G. Maxwell III of Denton, TX; sister, Mary Pamela Clewett of Reno, NV; brother, Lt. Col. William Mark Wilson of Niceville, FL and 3 grandchildren.

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John Michael Gordy (62)



John Michael Gordy, 76 years of age, of Quincy Florida, passed away in his home following a brief illness on November 27, 2020. John was a loving husband and father. He was an Air Force veteran, a devout member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and after 30 years of a distinguished career, a retired agent of Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement. John was preceded in death by his devoted wife Louise and is survived by his children, John Mark Gordy, Tracey Gordy McDaniel (Quentin), Michelle Louise Gainey (Kenneth), Dennis Michael Gordy, Patrick Joseph Gordy (Emily) and Paul Andrew Gordy. He is a grandfather to 16 and a great grandfather

to 5. Services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to Big Bend Hospice.

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Donniss B. (Hambrick) Griffin (62)

March 22, 1944 - February 21, 2013



Donniss B. Griffin, 68, died Feb. 21, 2013, in Cartersville, Ga. He was born March 22, 1944, in Pavo, GA., the son of the late Kenneth Lee Elmer Griffin and the late Leila W. Hambrick. He served in the U.S. Air Force stateside during the Vietnam conflict. Mr. Griffin married Lillian Carlyle and worked for Southern Bell for 40 years. He is survived by his sons, Michael, and Patrick; his daughter, Donna; and his sister, Melissa Kleitz; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces. A private service of remembrance will be held with close family attending. Parnick Jennings Funeral Home and Cremation Services is honored to serve the family of Mr. Griffin; please visit www.parnickjenningsfuneral.com or www.moultrieobserver.com to share memories or to leave a condolence message.

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Gerald A. Hiatt, M.D. (59)

January 12, 1941 - April 29, 2011

Gerald A. Hiatt, M.D., 70, passed away on April 29, 2011. Jerry was born in Berkeley, CA on January 12, 1941, to Robert W. & Elizabeth Hiatt. Jerry and his family came to Hawaii in 1944 via military escort on the USS Henderson. He grew up in Waimanalo and graduated from Punahou School in 1959. Jerry went on to graduate from the University of Hawaii and Jefferson Medical University in Pennsylvania. He did his medical residency at Tripler Medical Center and his gastroenterology fellowship at Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Jerry began his practice at The Fronk Clinic in Honolulu and went into private practice in 1981. He was an attending physician at Queen's Medical Center for 35 years and was Chief of the Gastroenterology Division from 1997 to 2000. He had a love of adventure that was fulfilled in world travel. But greater was his love for family, friends, medicine and caring for his patients. He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his beloved wife, Diane M. Hiatt, two siblings, Judith Tuttle, and William Hiatt, three children, Robert W. Hiatt, Heather Hiatt Kunz and Tadd K. Hiatt, and many grandchildren. A celebration of his life was held at Olivet Baptist Church on Friday, May 27, 2011.

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Carole Suzanne Hodshire (60) McNeal

December 13, 1943 - May 27, 2021

Carole Suzanne ""Strawberry"" McNeal, age 77, of Gainesville, entered into rest on Thursday, May 27, 2021, at her residence.

Strawberry was born December 13, 1943, in Champlain, Illinois, to the late James R. & Katherine Hodshire. She worked several years as a hairdresser, and taught cosmetology in Commerce. She also drove a school bus for Hall County School Systems for several years. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Survivors include, husband, Ray McNeal; son, David R. (Sheila)McNeal; daughter, Leah (Stephen) Sexton; grandchildren, Casey Barron, Jessica Elrod, Alex McNeal, Joseph McNeal & Jonah McNeal; great grandchildren, Cooper Barrs, Noah Barrs & Stetson Barron; sisters, Linda Gary & Ann Quintero. A host of other relatives also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday June 3, 2021, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Fr. Tim Hepburn officiating. Burial followed in Sugar Hill Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Phil Carpenter officiating.

Please share online condolences with the family at www.wardsfh.com. Ward's Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Carole ""Strawberry"" McNeal.

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Donald L. Ashkenase (61)



Montefiore Medicine and Albert Einstein College of Medicine are deeply saddened by the death of Donald L. Ashkenase. Over the course of his long career, Don was both a brilliant leader in health care delivery, an expert in healthcare finances, a beloved mentor, and a generous philanthropist. Mr. Ashkenase joined Montefiore Medical Center, the University Hospital for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1987. He was proud to be a part of Montefiore's mission-based care network and deeply fulfilled by his work to improve access to medical care for the people of the Bronx.

Mr. Ashkenase was born in Brooklyn in 1943. After college, he served as a hospital administrator for four years in the United States Air Force, rising to the rank of Captain. After leaving the Air Force, he went to work for what is today the NYC Health + Hospital, becoming its Chief Financial Officer before departing in 1977 to fill the same role at Long Island Jewish Medical Center. Mr. Ashkenase became the Chief Financial Officer of Montefiore Medical Center in 1987, later serving for twenty-two years as its Executive Vice President--Corporate, and then for seven years as a Special Advisor to Montefiore's President. After briefly returning to New York City Health and Hospitals, Mr. Ashkenase most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of the Nassau University Medical Center.

As someone who devoted his life to teaching others and serving as a mentor, it is not surprising that Mr. Ashkenase was the longest serving school board trustee in the [Great Neck Union Free School District's history](#). Mr. Ashkenase was an active faculty member of the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University for over thirty-five years. He served on the board of several healthcare organizations, including having served as chairman of Healthfirst, a provider-owned not-for-profit insurance company founded with the goal of providing low-cost health insurance in the New York City area for almost twenty years, and the Primary Care Development Corporation. Above all, Mr. Ashkenase was deeply committed to his family and community.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife, Karen, their three children, Jeff, Debbie, and Andrew and his twelve grandchildren. Philip O. Ozuah, M.D., Ph.D.; President and CEO, Montefiore Medicine & Daniel R. Tishman, Chair, Montefiore Medicine Board of Trustees

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Judith A. “Ann” Hearn (54) Jordan

September 21, 1935 – January 20, 2020

Judith A. “Ann” Hearn Jordan, 84, of Charles Town, WV, died January 20, 2020, at Jefferson Medical Center in Ranson, WV.

Ann was born September 21, 1935, in Columbus, Georgia. She was the youngest of the two children of Floyd M. Hearn and Hilda Rodgers Hearn. She was retired from the federal government, where she worked for the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Her NPS career took her first to positions at the Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry and Department of the Interior Headquarters in Washington, DC. She later worked at historical sites El Morro National Monument in western New Mexico and Federal Hall and the Statue of Liberty in New York City. She finished her federal service at USDA’s Eastern Regional Research Center near Philadelphia, PA.

Surviving are her sons William (Shari) and Christopher, her beloved grandchildren Travis and Lauren, and her half-brother Melvin C. Henry, Jr. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Beverly Joyce Hearn Frost, and her stepfather Melvin C. Henry, Sr. Her marriage to William F. Jordan, Sr. ended in divorce.

Interment will be private. At her request, there will be no memorial service.

Ann’s wish was that everyone supports the work of animal welfare organizations such as our local Rescue Me WV Eastern Panhandle Shelter Dogs, Berkeley County Humane Society, and Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County. Wherever you may be reading this, please find a shelter or rescue with which you are comfortable and donate. “Help the buddies” she would say.

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Joel Donald Robbins (56)

May 23, 1938 - May 14, 2018



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Joel was born in Clinton, Iowa on May 23, 1938. He graduated from Colorado Springs High School and joined the Navy Reserves. In August of 1963 he joined the United States Air Force and five months later married his wife of 54 years Sharon Sword of South Beloit, Illinois.

Joel proudly served his country for over 26 years, four years in the Navy Reserves and 22 years in the United States Air Force. He spent over seven years serving in foreign countries all over the world to include tours in Vietnam, and duty assignments in Germany, and Korea. Later as part of an Air Force Inspector General’s Team he toured the world inspecting units to ensure compliance to standards were met. He retired from active duty in 1983 and his reserves obligation in 1985. Joel then worked for Xerox for 17 years from which he also retired in 2000.

Joel is preceded in death by his parents Robert and Elizabeth Robbins. He is survived by his loving wife, Sharon, his son and wife Robert and Sherril Robbins, his daughter and husband Tina and John Gross and his grandchildren, Sierra and Noelle Robbins and Morgan and Ben Gross. He is also survived by sister and her husband Alice and Chuck Magliocca. He also leaves behind his spoiled furry friends Molly and Trooper.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Grimes Funeral Chapel, 1214 Mulberry St. Bandera, TX. Msgr. Frank Kurzaj of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church presided. Burial will follow later at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

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Ruth Alice Dutcher (58)

October 7, 1939 - October 7, 1986

Ruth Alice Dutcher Willoughby and Lawrence Charles Willoughby, Manhattan, KS, were lost at sea in the Gulf of Mexico October 7, 1986. A memorial service for the Willoughbys was held September 26, 1987, at the Greenfield, MO, Cemetery.

Mrs. Willoughby, 47, was born October 7, 1939, in Kansas City, KS. She attended the College of Emporia and Kansas State University. She was married to Lawrence Charles Willoughby on September 20, 1960, at Ft. Riley, KS.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Franklyn and by her mother Crystal Patterson Dutcher, December 9, 1985. Survivors include one sister, Marcia V. Dutcher, Kansas City, Kansas; two brothers David Gillette Dutcher, King of Prussia, PA, and Jan Claud Dutcher, Topeka, KS; her father Henry G. Dutcher and mother, Maxine Boyd Dutcher, Manhattan and one grandson, Avery Thomas Abernathy, Manhattan.

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Doug Madsen (59)

Doug Madsen, 78, of Fort Wayne, IN, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. He was a son of the late Louise Sweeney and Grant Madsen. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked at Bekins International Group, North American International, and Boeing Aviation. Surviving is his wife of 36 years, Kathleen Madsen; sons, Erik (Shelby) Madsen of Holt, MI, Keith (Missie) Madsen of Fort Wayne, IN, Lee (Maya) Madsen of Fair Oaks, CA; nine grandchildren; brother, Tom (Gail) Madsen of Cedar City, UT; sisters, Barb (Glenn) Masoner of Mesa, AZ, and Maureen Johnson of Wenatchee, WA. A private memorial will be held at later date.

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Rudy Dewayne Williams (59)

Here is Rudy Dewayne Williams's obituary. Please accept Echovita's sincere condolences.

It is always difficult saying goodbye to someone we love and cherish. Family and friends must say goodbye to their beloved Rudy Dewayne Williams (Cary, North Carolina), who passed away at the age of 79, on September 30, 2020. You can send your sympathy in the guestbook provided and share it with the family. You may also light a candle in honor of Rudy Dewayne Williams.

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David Crall Dutcher (56)
 April 3, 1937 - October 1, 2007

When David Crall Dutcher was born on 3 April 1937, in Lincoln, Lancaster, NE, United States, his father, Henry Gillet Dutcher, was 29 and his mother, Crystal Lorene Patterson, was 27. He lived in Admire, Lyon, KS, United States in 1940. He died on 1 October 2007, in Winston-Salem, Forsyth, NC, United States, at the age of 70

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Memories of Bushy Park

Robert Harrold (60) maintains a Bushy Park website at BushyPark.org Among the things you can see at this website is a “Guestbook”, in which many website visitors have left comments. There are many entries, dating back to April 2007. Here is a direct link: [Bushy Park Guest Book](#)



From: Bill Douglas (57)

Bill/Pat,

This is going to be a wandering and disconnected input caused by several comments in this



month’s newsletter that resonated after all these years. So, without any orderly connection to the memories caused by reading, here goes: When we arrived in 1953 there wasn’t access to the DOD school system so that all three of us “got” to go to English schools. My brother and I ended up as day students in a Boy’s boarding school housed in Penn House the ancestral home of the William Penn dropped off by Dad on his way to and from work at South Ruislip. After

getting hauled off an English lad who didn’t like Yanks by my hair by a teacher the first day things settled down and I learned to play soccer, rugby, and cricket (still have my bat). My sister Julie (’58 and has passed) flew under the radar, not only in school, but in town. Knowing we were going to England, she started watching English movies and practicing the accents. We’d been there for months before one of the shop staff saw her with Mom and exclaimed, “You’re an American.”

Our folks discovered Bedlington Terriers where we were living there in “White



Barns”, Bourne End, Bucks, and for about four years we traveled around England to dog shows (me shown with one of our “Bed’s” somewhere in England) making a lot of new friends in addition to our neighbors, so concur that most of the Brits we met were wonderful. Not the Queen’s Swans though! You can hopefully note a bit of water in the back yard of “White Barns”, which was a stream going nearby to the Thames, and we often had swans in that backyard that were always obnoxious! By fall of ’54 we were all commuting to Bushy Park to school by DOD chartered bus, but in order to do so we had to move closer into London to match the line ending in Beaconsfield. I missed the ability of being able to take a kayak on the Thames.

2020 Update: We now have English friends living in Bourne End, so after lunch in Bisham (picture) we walked over to “White Barns” from their house and found it now securely fenced with a locked gate and an electronic entry device. Our friend pressed the button, explained he was a nearby neighbor and had American friends who used to live there, and “Could we visit”? In no uncertain terms, “No!” was the response! Well, still most Brits are friendly! Looked up the estimated value of the home online and was astounded: £2,377,000 so maybe that was why!



As to food in England, to this day, sorry, but I still enjoy a roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding! My Dad was really into Curry Dishes, and there were plenty of Indian restaurants in London to enjoy those. Accordingly, my wife Eileen had to learn to make them for Dad and myself – unfortunately now only for ourselves (haven’t gotten the kids and grandkids on board). However, concur that there was nothing quite like grabbing a hot bundle of English fish and greasy chips on the way home in the evening after a show! Tried to replicate it when I was working the F-16 European Program on TDY in

Brussels out for an evening walk, but while their sidewalk shop frites were good, it just wasn’t the same – although the Grand Place had some of the ancient charm of London. Only occasionally have we found good fish and chips in the US (along with malt vinegar), but not recently (nor able to walk around with them). Open to any suggestions on finding some good ones!

Finally, mention of March AFB, our first assignment in ’63, brought back memories of Orange blossoms rather than Azaleas on the drive down to Riverside. Not too long ago we were at a ROTC Drill competition and talking to the team from UC Riverside, Eileen mentioned how much she used to appreciate that as she drove to work. The cadets looked at each other rather strangely, and then one told her that development had ended the orange orchards, it was a thing of the past. We can’t go home, can we?

Cheers,
Bill Douglas ‘57

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From: Norman Alm (61)

Hi Bill,

In 1960, Bushy Park took part in "Top of the Form", a BBC schools radio quiz program. A BBC crew set up at the school, under the watchful gaze of Assistant Principal Marie Woerner. Our team was Anne Mellinger (60), Norman Alm (61), and from the Junior High School, Brian Mackenzie (64) and Steve Swanson (65). Our competitors were Rotherham Grammar School in Yorkshire, who had come second in that year's national competition. Afterwards all the participants were given a reel-to-reel audio tape of the

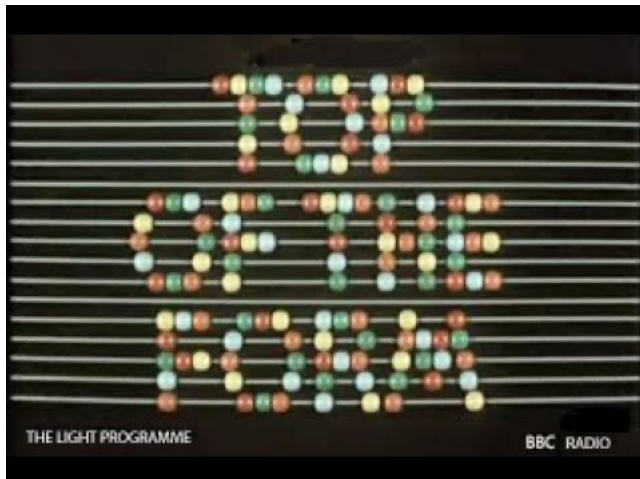


broadcast. My copy sat on my mother's shelf for the next 31 years, and then on my shelf for 30 more. I just had it converted to digital form and found it amazing to listen to -- our younger selves sounding so ... young, the incredibly posh BBC accent of the time (now considered almost comical), and the ever so slightly condescending way the two male quizmasters spoke



about women and to children. I tidied up the sound as much as I could and added a few visuals just for fun. If you want a trip down memory lane here is a link to a (non-public) copy:

https://youtu.be/En8K_gjrHkQ



[Top of the Form 7 Jan 1960](https://youtu.be/En8K_gjrHkQ)

youtu.be

If Brian or Steve should happen to read this and would like to have me add their photos to the video clip, I'd be happy to do that. My email is normanalm@hotmail.com

Norman Alm (61)

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From: Pat Terpening Owen (58)

Bill,

Got this from Bill Fountain (60) and answered as much as I could but thought maybe someone else could fill in the blanks.

Pat Owen (58)

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Pat,

I'm Bill Fountain, a junior in 1960. I'm writing my memoirs. How many were in a dorm room? Didn't we have co-ed dining at school? Was smoking allowed? Seems like I remember some boy with cigarettes rolled in his tee shirt sleeve.

Are there any stories of life at Bushy Park? I remember Lonnie Donegan visited the school and my junior prom, but that is about it and my bus ride to and from Alconbury.



Thanks,
Bill Fountain (60)

Attached is me in an F-4 years ago



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Bill,

Nice to hear from you. I'll try to answer your questions as best I can. Nice picture by the way. Where were you stationed?

Smoking - in the girl's dorm there was one room designated as a smoking room. However, if memory serves, you could only go in there if your grades were a "B" or higher. It was at the end of the hallway that my room was in.

Number in a dorm room - The number of students in a dorm room varied. I don't remember if there were any two person rooms, but there were 4 person rooms and 6 person rooms in the girl's dorm.

Dining - Again, memory deserts me as I don't think we had co-ed eating. I think the girls and boys ate separately.

Smoking - See above for dorm, but at school there was a designated area where smokers could go during lunch to smoke. When the weather was bad, there was a room designated for smoking and brother did it get 'smoky' in there.

Take care. I'm presuming that you also sent this to Bill Rumble for inclusion in a newsletter. If not, let me know as I think it might be of interest to others.

Pat Owen (58)

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Thanks for the quick response. It helps. There're a lot of blanks in the Bushy Park day-to-day life.

Thanks to the Air Force, I went to five different high schools in three different countries – North Carolina, Mississippi, Bitburg, Bushy Park, and Lakenheath.

I spent twenty years in the Air Force – pilot training at Vance AFB, F-4 training Davis Monthan, 100 missions north Vietnam at DaNang, RAF Bentwaters in F-4. Seymour Johnson for two tours with six months in combat at Ubon for another 50 in the north and a remote year in Iceland, then staff tours at Langley and finally Pentagon.

Sure, you can pass to Bill Rumble.

Bill Fountain (60)

Attached is picture of my wife and I with newest grandson.



Letters to the Editor



From: Pat Terpening Owen (58)

Bill –

Just got this from Pete Peters. Thought maybe it could go in the next newsletter.

Pat Owen (58)

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I saw my spine surgeon, Justin T. Davis at KUMED yesterday. At that time, I was scheduled for Aug 31.

I got a call from his nurse this afternoon. I've been rescheduled for August 3 at the main Hospital Campus.



I would appreciate a few prayers. While it's not a big surgery, since it's on the spine it's delicate and ridden with precautions. I'll not be in the hospital more than overnight for observation.

Aaron [Fr. Aaron Sheldon Peters, O.S.B. (57)]

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From: Bill (Grable) Rees (57)

Classmates Bushy Park Class of 1957
Vaikai Brown and Bill (Grable) Rees. One was a
soccer player and the other a basketball player.
Guess which ones? Photo in Augusta, Michigan.



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