

In Memoriam

JCPenney Partners & Spouses we will miss

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Paula K. Degenhart (May 18, 2017). Paula was born in Bismarck, North Dakota. Paula graduated from Billings Central High School, where she met **Daniel Degenhart** in the library. They were married 56 years. Together with their daughter, Dana, they lived in Illinois, Montana, Washington, Utah, Missouri, Kansas and Florida. Paula devoted her life to homemaking; while enjoying life's adventures of camping and boating, snow skiing; moving around the country six times with JCPenney's and traveling the world making many wonderful memories.

Conrad M. Kreyling III (September 21, 2017) Loving and beloved husband to Rosemary (nee Kenlon). Conrad was an Army Air Corps veteran who served in the Berlin airlift. Conrad and Rosemary enjoyed 30 years of retirement and traveled the world. Dear father of Conrad IV, the late Nancy Woodcheke, Marylee Brisotti, and Eric. Cherished grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 7. Conrad served the Penney company for 36 years in the tax department. He was a long time and respected member of the Mason Dixon H.C.S.C.. group.

Kathryn Lorraine Biddle-Train-Smith (Oct 22, 2017) Kathryn L Smith, spouse of Robert L. Smit was of Roseville. At ninety years old, she passed peacefully in the night when her ever loving heart made its final beat. Born in Camden, New Jersey in 1927, Kathryn or "Kaye" was raised in Brooklyn, New York where she later met and married Johnny Train in a storybook love affair that lasted until his death in 1993.

All of her life Kaye was a loving mother and wonderful homemaker, and could be most aptly described in the four little words: "She loved her kids."

In her long and active life Kaye was a fashion model in St. Louis. She completed a course of study in the Famous Artists Schools, was an award-winning lifelong artist whose paintings brighten the walls of many Roseville homes and local businesses. She was listed in the Who's Who, was a Brownie Troop leader, had her son Kurt Train at age thirty-seven. She was an avid genealogist, and loved boxer dogs. Ever beautiful both inside and out, everyone who knew Kathryn will remember her with love and affection.

Kaye is survived by her three children; Jeanie Train of San Leandro, CA, Suzy Coffee of Manton, CA and her husband Del Coffee, Kurt Train of Elk Grove, CA and his wife Aurora Train, Kaye's granddaughter Kristy Coffee of Manton, CA, great grandson Colt Coffee of Manton, CA, and her husband Robert Smith of Yuba City.

Kaye's children honored her loving memory on November 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Lambert Funeral Home, 400 Douglas Blvd, Roseville, CA.

William Michael Mazzeo (November 6, 2017) William was born August 14th, 1944, in Brooklyn, New York and entered into eternal rest on November 6th, 2017 in Frisco, Texas.

Bill was the oldest of three siblings, Marie and John born to Michael Frances and Mary (Manetta) Mazzeo. He grew up in New Hyde Park, New York and graduated from Sewanaka High School. He made money in the summers working at Jones Beach Pool. He later went on to achieve his Bachelors of Arts at Queens College.

He joined the Army and was a Chaplain Assistant SP5 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal of good conduct. He married the love of his life Barbara Jean Mazzeo on March 27th, 1971. They had a

beautiful marriage of 46 years and two wonderful children together, Danielle Mazzeo Ingold and Justin Paul Mazzeo.

"Brooklyn Bill" as he was fondly called **worked for JCPenney as the senior buyer of women's clothing**. He was a lover of mafia movies, like the "Godfather" and a big fan of Marlin Brando and Robert DeNiro. He also enjoyed the music of Frank Sinatra, Jimmy Roselli, and the Beach Boys. True to his heritage, Bill loved everything Italian, especially the holidays and festivities. Willie was a great fan of all things sports, with hockey being his most beloved. He worked at Cowboy Stadium, American Airlines Center, and Allen Event Center. He also spent time working at the FC Dallas, Star and Rough Riders Stadium. His favorite pastimes were to be in his "cave" watching his 50' TV and playing hockey or make-believe games with his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his favorite saying "To make a long story short" and "Listen to your coach" and signing every text message to his daughter "Love Dad".

William "Willie" Michael Mazzeo is preceded in death by his parents and survived by his loving wife, Barbara Jean Mazzeo, his daughter Danielle Mazzeo Ingold and his son Justin Paul Mazzeo as well as his son-in-law, Jason Ingold and two grandchildren who were the ultimate lights of his life, Gianna and Joe Ingold.

Bill was loved while he was here with us on earth, and we will continue to love him through time and all eternity.

Arrangements under the direction of: **Stonebriar Funeral Home**, 10375 Preston, Frisco, Texas 75033 - (214) 705-1789 on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00am.

John Robert Tadlock, Sr. (January 15, 2017) John was 93 and resided in Hattiesburg. He died Sunday, January 15, 2017 at the Mississippi State Veterans Home in Collins. He passed away peacefully with his three children by his side.

He is survived by his children, Paula Jennings (Ralph) of New York City, John R. Tadlock, Jr. (Kathy) of Decatur, Al. And Toni Floyd (Steve) of Hattiesburg and two sisters, Christine Gaskin and Betty Daigre. He was a loving "GrandTad" to seven grandchildren: Alma Jennings, Matthew Jennings, Lawrence Tadlock, Maggie Tadlock, Forrest Floyd, Chase Floyd, and Ali Floyd. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Pittman Tadlock (see obituary below), and his parents, Lawrence and Inez Tadlock.

Mr. Tadlock grew up on a farm in Scott County, in Homewood, Mississippi. He graduated in 1941 from Homewood High School and moved to Hattiesburg at the age of 18, where he began working for Kress Department Store in downtown Hattiesburg. **The JC Penney manager noticed his hard work and hired him away from Kress, thus beginning a long career with JC Penney's.**

He joined the service in 1943, rising to Staff Sergeant and served in England and France during World War II. He returned after the war to Hattiesburg to JC Penney's, where he met the former Joyce Pittman while he was making a sale to her in the shoe department. They fell in love and were married in 1947. His hard work paid off as he would eventually become **Manager of several JC Penney stores throughout the south, living in La Grange, Georgia, Rocky Mount, N.C., High Point, N.C., Martinsville, Virginia, and Concord, N.C.**

The Tadlocks returned to Hattiesburg in 1971 where he became involved in the city and business community. Mr. Tadlock was an insurance broker for Primerica and worked along with his wife in the real estate industry in their business, Joyce Tadlock Realtors, for over 40 years, until he retired at the age of 89. Mr. Tadlock was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church, and was active in the Hattiesburg community, serving as member and officer in numerous clubs and organizations, including the American Legion, Freemasons, Rotary Club, United Way, president of Mississippi Retail Merchants Association, and Sales and Marketing Executive International. Mr. Tadlock received many awards for his outstanding community service and promotion of Hattiesburg, including being named the Ambassador of The Year for the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce, Director for the Alpha Association, President's Silver Award for Achievement for Sales Marketing Executives, and was named a Paul Harris Fellow for The Rotary Foundation International. One of the highlights of his recent years was being chosen among World War II veterans to take the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. to tour the war memorials.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Mississippi or the Veteran's Outreach of MS, 15 Pritchett Dr., Collins, MS 39428. Funeral was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 with burial in Highland Cemetery.

Joyce Tadlock (October 6, 2016) She was 87 and resided in Hattiesburg. She died October 6, 2016 at Magnolia Place Assisted living. She passed away peacefully with her three children by her side.

Joyce is survived by her husband, John R. Tadlock, Sr. of Hattiesburg; her children, Paula Jennings (Ralph) of New York City, John R. Tadlock, Jr. (Kathy) of Decatur, Ala. and Toni Floyd (Steve) of Hattiesburg, and one brother, Edwin Lloyd Pittman of Jackson. She was a loving Nana to seven grandchildren: Alma Jennings, Matthew Jennings, Lawrence Tadlock, Maggie Tadlock, Forrest Floyd, Chase Floyd, and Ali Floyd. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Pauline Pittman; a sister, Mary Ann Francis; and two brothers, Kelly Lamar Pittman and Reid "Buddy" Pittman.

Joyce was a stay-at-home mom for thirty years before becoming a real estate agent in 1976 with Colonial Realty. A few years later, she opened her own real estate agency, Joyce Tadlock Realty, where she worked until the age of 82. She loved her family, the city of Hattiesburg, and the many agents and clients she worked with over her career. Joyce was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

Joyce's service was October 10, 2016 with burial at the Highland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Alzheimer's Association of Mississippi, alz.org.

James (Jim) Everett Ducatelli (Oct 18, 2017) Jim, of McKinney, Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family after a brief illness caused by Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was born May 14, 1941 in New York City and married his high school sweetheart, Beatrice McBride Ducatelli, on October 3, 1960.

He is preceded in death by his grandson Drew Ducatelli of Westlake, TX, parents James and Ella May Ducatelli of Staten Island, NY, sister Ella May Vitigliano, and brother-in-law Fred Vitigliano of Staten Island, NY. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bea Ducatelli, sister Barbara Twiste (Bob) of Hazlet, NJ, daughters Carolyn Blazeck (Edward) of Bel Air, MD, Cheryl Grech (James) of Colts Neck, NJ, son Thomas Ducatelli (Kristen), of Westlake, TX, 8 wonderful grandchildren, Lauren, Joe, Mike, Jimmy, Bobby, Ally, Jackie, Alex and many nieces and nephews.

A mass will be held on Saturday, October 28, at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church in McKinney, TX. A celebration of life will be held at El Dorado Country Club following Mass. Memorials may be made to the Drew Ducatelli Memorial Scholarship fund at 1816 Lakeshore Court, McKinney TX 75070, in memory of his late grandson who passed away in 2012 from pediatric cancer.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman from an early age, receiving the honor at the time, of being the youngest Eagle Scout in the history of the state of New York. In high school, Jim began purchasing and modifying old cars into street hot rods with his friends from Staten Island, NY. Jim met his wife Bea at New Dorp High School in Staten Island, NY. They enjoyed 57 years of marriage and countless memories together.

Jim demonstrated a unique commitment and passion in terms of his hobbies and interest. It included

- Taking the entire family on multi-week backpacking trips into the farthest reaches of the Yosemite National forest requiring the use of pack mules to haul supplies

- Skiing every mountain on the east coast and New England

- Running in, and completing both the New York City and Virginia Beach Marathons

- Climbing the highest mountain peak in California, Mount McKinley

Jim's passion for camping, skiing and all things outdoors were engrained in his children's lives, who have repeated the same hikes throughout Yosemite with their own children.

Jim and Bea relocated to Matawan, NJ in 1965 where they raised their family while Jim commuted into New York City working for the **JCPenney Company as a systems programmer**. Jim changed his focus from cars to boats while in New Jersey, becoming an avid off-shore fisherman, spending any available time on his boat

passing on the skills he learned to all his children. Jim ultimately earned his Commercial Captain's license allowing him to captain charter fishing trips for tuna, shark and swordfish.

Jim's career took him to McKinney, TX when JCPenney relocated to the Dallas area in 1988. Jim and Bea joined El Dorado Country Club in McKinney, where over the past 29 years, made many life- long friendships and memories. Jim held various positions within the El Dorado community including President of the Eldorado Men's Golf Association.

Jim retired from the JCPenney Company after 32 years, ending his career as **Director of Advanced Systems and Architecture**. Since retirement Jim traveled extensively with Bea and their friends throughout the US and Europe. He remained an active golfer, playing several times per week with friends. Taking up photography again during his retirement, Jim was never without his cameras always acting as the unofficial photographer for every family gathering, holiday, or trip with friends.

Technology continued to be a big part of his life, as Jim would build computers for friends and family and provide PC and home network support for anyone that had a technical issue or was looking for advice on how to make their systems work.

Jim had a knack for solving problems, enjoying life to the fullest, and enjoying the company of his friends and family. Jim touched the lives of all who knew him, and will be forever missed by family and friends.

Tom Mason (October 6, 2017) It is with sadness that I write this letter this afternoon. I received a call from Mrs. Judy Krueger, daughter of Tom Mason.

Judy advises Tom passed away October 6, 2017, having few aches and pains!!! And, 102 and a half!!!! Tom was active until two days before he departed this life. Judy's remark was "his body just wore out".

Judy advised the family members and he completed his 17th cruise in March, he renewed his drivers license for another five years, NEVER missed a JCP National Convention since he retired in 1975 from Cody, Wyoming, and "lived a full, active life".

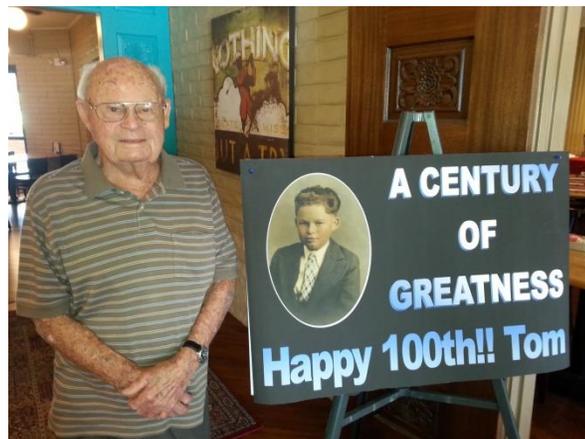
Tom's instructions to the family were well planned! All documents were in tip top shape! Services will be for family only, with condolences being directed to Mrs. Judy Krueger, 9722 W. Briarwood Circle, Sun City, AZ 85351.

Memorials may be directed to the Scleroderma Foundation, 300 Rosewood, Suite 105, Denver, MA 01923 or AZ Honor Flight, P. O. Box 12258, Prescott, AZ 86304. Both organizations are 501.3C so your donations are tax deductible.

Kind personal regards,

Vyda J. Bridwell, Secretary--Valley of the Sun HCSC

Attached are two pictures of Celebrating Tom Mason's Century Birthday at our April Valley of the Sun Meeting...at Shalimar Club in Tempe, A. The first picture is Tom Mason, his lady friend, Shirley Johnson, Mrs. W. R. (Judy) Howell and WR Howell and the second is Tom's 100th Birthday (all his family was able to attend)



Herbert "Hugh" Tyree, Jr. (August 23, 2016) was surrounded by his loving wife and family when he went to be with His Lord and Savior. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend who served in numerous capacities at his church for more than 40 years including being a deacon, youth and adult teacher.

He retired from JCPenney after a 30-year career and spent the next 20 years volunteering with Christian schools, a nursing home, his church and the Gideons.

A celebration of life service was held on Aug. 30, 2016 and he was buried at the DFW National Cemetery.

Hugh is preceded in death by his parents Rhuie Eleanor Morgan & Herbert Hugh Tyree, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Laura Moulton Tyree of Dallas, TX, and his sister Gay Ann Merchant of Waxahachie, TX. His daughters are Laura Ann Hollub and husband Alex of Midlothian, TX, and Martha Tyree Clark and husband Curtis of Tallahassee, FL. Grandchildren include Laura Ashely Ross and husband Zach of Dallas, Curtis "Tyree" & Martha Elizabeth Clark of Tallahassee, FL, and Kevin Isaiah & Tiffany Hanna Hollub of Ft Worth.

Fred "Stanley" Lichtenstein (March 15, 2017) 90, passed away recently in Monterey following a brief illness. His passing was preceded by that of his wife, Lucile Doris Lichtenstein, by just five weeks.

Stan delivered papers in this small Midwestern town where he became an Eagle Scout. Although he lost his father at 9 years old, the Boy Scout mottos became the guidelines to which he structured his life. He moved to California with his mother when he was 13 years old and later graduated from Whittier High School while working as a stock boy in the downtown Whittier JCPenney Store.

Stan was "called up" for Army Air Corps duty during WWII and worked as a radio operator. Shortly after his time in the service, he returned to Iowa to marry Lucile Schoenfeld, who he had met in first grade. The couple moved immediately to California where Stan earned his BA at Whittier College. Stan and Lucile relocated to the East Coast where he earned his degree of Masters of Business Administration. The couple returned to California where Stan reunited with the JCPenney Company and became the assistant manager of the Long Beach JCPenney Store. The family moved again to the San Fernando Valley when Stan worked as assistant manager in the North Hollywood JCPenney Store; to Fullerton, when he developed a program to recruit management trainees on college campuses; to New York where he worked on a team that developed a training program for new employees; to the Redlands JCPenney store (which won JCPenney's Gold Cup Award for the one, super-performing JCPenney store in the United States each year); to Hawaii, where he managed a large, anchor JCPenney store in the mall in Hilo, Hawaii; then, two years later, to Salinas, where he managed the JCPenney Store in Northridge Mall until his retirement in 1987.

Stan was an active member of the Downtown Chapter of Rotary International while living in Salinas, and had been a Rotarian in various locations for more than 40 years. Stan also held a variety of positions in a philanthropic and social organization of retired JCPenney executives, HCSC, becoming an inactive member only recently. He played local, weekly golf until 2015 and on many vacations to Scotland and Ireland where he played on historic courses with his brother-in-law, Fred Fathauer. He played as often as possible with his grandson, Ryan, and granddaughter, Kate, from the time they were both in elementary school.

Stan and his bride of 68 years, Lucile, participated and enjoyed Salinas-based events, exploring the central coast and visiting Sonoma county to spend time with their grandchildren and families. The couple enjoyed small family gatherings, dining out in their community and attending to every project and family event of their neighbors in Salinas.

Stan was a "J.C. Penney Man", coming up through the ranks from the stockroom through his retirement many years and assignments later. He almost never entered a JCPenney Store anywhere in the country without being identified by a JCPenney associate as, "...the man who hired me" or "...my favorite store manager".

Lucile partnered with him in his career, always aware that a move was ahead. And as the manager's wife, she passed out pumpkin pies of Christmas Eve to employees at the front door of the Redlands JCPenney store

and made decorative gingerbread men for employees at the Hilo, Hawaii, store and later, at the Northridge Mall JCPenney.

Stan was organized, optimistic, nonjudgmental and always interested in the life stories of others. He had a deep conviction regarding the value of education and encouraged all young people to acquire an anchor to their career goals by taking advantage of every educational opportunity.

Since childhood, Stan loved a bike ride. He and Lucile could often be seen biking (until about 15 years ago) through the neighborhoods of South Salinas. When this activity became too risky for the aging couple, Stan and Lucile walked every day in their neighborhood, greeted neighbors and counted their steps as they went.

Stan is survived by his daughter, Susanne Buxbaum and son-in-law, Dr. William Jones of Monterey; grandson, Ryan Buxbaum of Santa Rosa, his wife, Annie, great-grandchild, Skyler Buxbaum; granddaughter, Katie Napp and her husband, Robert Napp of Yorkville, and sister-in-law, Lois Fathauer of Waverly, Iowa.

A graveside service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017, at the Garden of Memories in Salinas.

In lieu of flowers, Stanley requested that donations be made to Whittier College in Whittier, or to The Boy Scouts of America.

Bertha M. Kolarich (February 12, 2017) Bertha passed at Hospice House of the Black Hills. She was born on September 17, 1923 to Richard and Myrtle (Goodwin) Floden and grew up on a farm in Eastern Iowa with 3 brothers and 1 sister. The family worked hard to survive during the depression but she did have her closest playmates nearby: her brothers John and Louie, horse "Baldy" and dog "Bum". She lived with family friends in Fredericksburg, IA to attend high school. World War II broke out and after graduation she entered nurses training as a cadet nurse in Des Moines, IA and also worked at the local telegraph office.

After the war she met and married the love of her life, Robert E. Kolarich, and three children were born to them. **Robert was a J C Penney Store manager so the family moved every three to four years when Robert was transferred throughout the Midwest.** "Bert" was a stay at home mom and devoted to the care of her family. She relied on her trust in the Lord to guide her throughout her life and her family always knew they could count on her prayers. She lived out her faith by serving others through leading women's Bible studies, teaching two-year olds Sunday School, and tutoring inner city disadvantaged children. She and Robert were very generous with their time and always willing to share their resources.

Her husband Robert died in 2011 after 65 years of marriage. In 2015 Bert moved from Godfrey, IL where they had lived the last 41 years, to Rapid City, SD to live near her daughter. Somerset Court Assisted Living was her new home where she met new friends and enjoyed the exercise classes, concerts and social events. Visits from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren made the last year very special.

She will be dearly missed by friends and family including daughter Jane Killinger of Rapid City; son Robert Kolarich Jr. (Debbie) of Nashville, TN; son Roger Kolarich (Jane) of Decorah, IA; brother Glen Floden (Ginny) of St. Louis, MO; Sister Marlyn Boleyn (Ralph) of Washburn, IA; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her parents, two brothers John and Louis Floden, and two nephews E.G. Kolarich and Randy Boleyn.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 22nd at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home with visitation for an hour prior to the service. Pastor Jake Killinger will officiate with burial following at the Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

Memorials can be made to Rainbow Bible Ranch, 14676 Lonetree Road, Sturgis, SD 57785.

Lucile Doris Lichtenstein (Feb 5, 2017) Lucile, wife of Stan Lichtenstein of Salinas, CA., passed away peacefully with her family by her side. She was born December 18, 1925, in Nashua, Iowa and attended Nashua High School where she was a cheerleader, graduating 1944.

She attended the University of Iowa from 1944-1946 where she was a physical education major. She was a

member of the Scottish Highlanders, a Scottish marching band, along with her sister, Lois. This band performed during football at-home and away games but also visited and entertained at Army bases and military hospitals in the Midwest. During this time, her sweetheart, Stan Lichtenstein, a classmate she had known since they were both in first grade, was in the United States Army Air Force, Army Airways Communications Service and was later stationed in Japan.

Lucile moved to California in 1946 to be close to Stan after he left the military while he attended Whittier College and she kept busy working for Quaker Savings. Lucile and Stan traveled to Nashua, Iowa, to be married on Sept 5, 1948. The newlyweds immediately returned to California so Stan could complete his BA in Business Administration at Whittier College. To support this effort, Lucile returned to the banking industry.

In 1951, Lucile and Stan traveled to the east coast so he could attend New York University and study for his master's degree while Lucile worked for Wanamaker's Department Store. During this time, they lived on North Brother Island, in the Bronx, and commuted by ferry from the mainland to their tiny apartment. After Stan's graduation, the couple moved back to Whittier in 1951 where their daughter, Susanne, their only child, was born in 1952. All of Lucile's family moved from the Midwest to join them in Whittier shortly following.

Lucile followed Stan's career with the JCPenney Company beginning with moves throughout California; from Whittier to Long Beach and then to the San Fernando Valley. There, Lucile and Stan learned to play golf. Stan continued as a golfer while Lucile continued to share their enthusiasm as they attended many AT&T Tournaments in Pebble Beach.

Lucile and her family then moved to Fullerton, which was followed, two years later, by another cross country move, this time to Ridgewood, New Jersey, when Stan was assigned to work in the JCPenney Headquarters in Manhattan. Another transfer followed when the couple relocated to Redlands in 1970. In 1981, Lucile and her husband were again uprooted, this time to Hilo, Hawaii, where Lucile volunteered at a hospital in Hilo. She adapted and enjoyed the exotic culture of Hawaii and generous friendships that continued over the years.

Her final move as a JCPenney wife was when Stan was transferred to Salinas, when he became the store manager of the JCPenney store at Northridge Mall. The couple settled in Salinas when Stan retired in 1986. They maintained a close relationship with other retired JCPenney executives with biannual meetings throughout California which included national conferences Stan and Lucile attended in Florida, Texas, Nevada and Arizona. Their attendance and participation continued until the very last few years.

Lucile's life was centered around the activities and happiness of her daughter and two grandchildren, Katie Lucile and Ryan David. Their interests and accomplishments were encouraged and celebrated.

Lucile is survived by her husband, Fred Stanly Lichtenstein, now of Monterey; sister, Lois Fathauer of Waverly, IA; daughter, Susanne Buxbaum and son-in-law, Bill Jones of Monterey; grandson, Ryan David Buxbaum, daughter-in-law, Anne Katherine Buxbaum; great-granddaughter, Skyler Jule Buxbaum of Santa Rosa; and granddaughter, Katie Lucile Napp and husband, Robert Anthony Napp of Yorkville.

Louise Smith (Jan 17, 2017). My wife and partner for the past 65 years, passed away early this past Tuesday morning. Louise was afflicted with Alzheimers disease this past 18 months. She was in the Brookdale, Citrus Heights Alzheimers care center the past 13 months. As the disease took its toll, life became very difficult for her. We were thrilled to have her at home with family this past Christmas. We will have a private family funeral. Our family will surreally miss her beautiful smiling face and positive outlook. ~~Tom Smith