

# In Memoriam

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**Mullaney, Patrick Daniel** (July 23, 2018) Patrick, 90, passed to Our Lord with his family by his side. Pat was born March 16, 1928 in Sturgis, South Dakota the youngest of six children to Helena and Francis Mullaney. His first job was working the holiday season at **JC Penney** at the age of 12.

Pat met Helen Irene Franklin at a VFW dance in Powell, Wyoming in 1949. They were married April 16, 1951 and moved to Missouri where Pat served in the Army. After his honorable discharge, he returned to work for **JC Penney**. They lived in Sheridan, Miles City and Bismarck before settling in Laurel, Montana in 1958. Pat and Helen raised their six children during their 30 years in Laurel, where he worked as the store manager until his retirement in 1988, after 46 years with JC Penney.

Helen preceded Pat in death on October 5, 2015. He is survived by his sister, Sister Jane Francis, and his children, Christine Mullaney, Cynthia (Mike) Conner, Mary Sickle, Stephen (Carol) Mullaney, Marlene (Greg) Lambert, Shawn (Amy) Mullaney and 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his companion of two years, Sharon Lyle.

Pat enjoyed his retirement years at his tree farm, Shamrock Acres, outside of Roberts, Montana and spending the winters in Tucson, Arizona. Shamrock Acres was the place of many family reunions, with breakfast cookouts and floating and wading the cold waters of Rock Creek. He enjoyed taking care of his horses over the years, Shoshone, Snow Maiden, and Shawn's horse, Sunup, but most enjoyed driving his buggy with his beloved horse, Chief. The Black Hills of South Dakota and the Beartooth Mountains were favorite destinations for his many road trips.

Private interment was at Yellowstone National Cemetery.

**Jones, Carroll Wayne** (Jan 14, 2018), Carroll, age 82, passed away peacefully in his. He was born July 26, 1935, in Ector, Texas, to Iowa and Naomi Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Hoyt Jones and John Jones.

Carroll married Chloe Ann Mankin in her home town of Tyler, Texas in 1956. His early education was at Commerce College where he was Vice President of the student body. He was also awarded the Texas Lone Star Farmers Degree from the Future Farmers of America. He received his Masters Degree in Education from East Texas State University.

After one year of teaching, Mr. Jones switched paths and spent the next 40 years with the **J.C. Penney Company**, ending his career as the Manager of Geographic Markets.

After retiring from the retail industry, Carroll returned to his passion where he and Chloe have raised Angus Cattle in Ector for the last 21 years. He was an active member of the First Methodist Church in Bonham, was Director of the Fannin Soil and Water Conservation District, and a Master Mason in the Grand Lodge of Texas. He and Chloe had a wonderful marriage of 62 years and Carroll is survived by his wife; four children: Mark Jones, Cindy Sinclair, David Jones, and Joani Lee, along with all spouses; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**Dougherty, Lorraine Adamski** (May 4, 2019) Lorraine passed away in Sun City West, AZ. after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard of 63 years and her loving sons, Joseph, Kevin, Kenneth and Timothy. She is also survived by her sister Florence Rodighiero of Oglesby, IL.

Lorraine was born June 24th, 1934 in LaSalle, IL. to Thomas and Mary Adamski. She has 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Lorraine's life was devoted to her husband and children. She faithfully followed her husband in full support of his occupation (**JCPenney associate**), which required frequent transfers and relocation throughout Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Michigan. Lorraine skillfully managed the moves to minimize the impact on her family.

Lorraine and her husband retired in 1995 to Sun City West, AZ. Lorraine was an accomplished bridge player, avid bowler and loved to travel.

Funeral mass on Friday, May 17th at 10 am at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Sun City West, AZ., followed by a reception at Grand View Terrace from noon to 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please donate to [Alzheimer's Association](#) 340 E. Palm Lane #230, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. Phone number, 602-528-0545. Thank you to all nurses and caregivers at Sun Health Grandview Terrace Memory Care and Skilled Nursing Center for their dedicated care of Lorraine over the past 17 months. Please join Lorraine's family in sharing memories, pictures or videos on her tribute wall at: [www.caminodelsol.com](http://www.caminodelsol.com).

**Peterson, Byron** (Jan 1, 2019) Byron, 86, was of Charlotte, N.C. He was born July 5, 1932, in Wilfred, Indiana, to the late James Maxwell and Lois McGarvey Peterson.

Byron graduated from Hymera High School in Hymera, Ind., and then went on to Indiana University, where he graduated with his BA. During college, he joined ROTC and played the baritone horn in the Indiana University Marching 100 Band. In his professional life, he worked for the Colgate Palmolive Co. for 12 years, working as a plant manager. He then went on to become an international distribution manager for the **J.C. Penney Co.** and retired after 27 years.

After he retired, he volunteered at the Community of Schools in Dallas, fundraising for local public schools. Byron continued his community service with Habitat for Humanity upon relocation to the Charlotte area 20 years ago. He pursued his love of giving back to the community as the neighbor Santa riding in on the fire truck, spreading holiday cheer.

Away from work, Byron loved spending time with his family, especially his five grandchildren. Some of his fondest memories were exploring national parks out west camping with his wife and children, spending time with his grandchildren during summer vacations on Cape Cod, playing golf, enjoying music and attending symphonies with his wife.

Byron was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Nancy Aldridge Peterson. He is survived by his children, Karen Peterson Gibson (David, deceased), Susan Lynn Peterson (Scott) and Debbie Kay Young (Denny); grandchildren, Daniel James McKenzie, Laura Elizabeth Gibson, Kyle Byron Young (Jessica), Erin Michelle Young and Eric Andrew Peterson; brother, Wendell Peterson; and his daughters, Yvette Peterson and Gretchen Peterson.

An online guestbook is available at: [www.heritagecares.com](http://www.heritagecares.com)

**Geck, Douglas Michael** (April 17, 2019) Douglas, 81, of Lenexa, KS, passed away in the presence of his wife of 60 years, MariAnne, and son Jay.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 AM, Monday, May 6, 2019, at Church of the Ascension, 9510 W.127th St., Overland Park, KS. Visitation is at the church prior to mass from 9:00 to 10:00 with a reception after mass.

Doug was born August 1, 1937, in Richardton, North Dakota and attended elementary and secondary schools in the area. After graduation from the University of North Dakota he began his career in the retail industry with **J.C. Penney Co.** as a management trainee in Bismarck, ND. Doug remained with J.C. Penney his entire career and moved up the ranks through assignments in Leavenworth, KS, Salt Lake City, UT, Wichita, KS, New York City headquarters, and finally to Overland Park, KS, where he served as district manager.

Doug is survived by his wife, MariAnne, and his children Duane Michael (Theresa Deily) Geck of San Rafael, CA; Jay Douglas (Tanya Barnett) Geck of Olympia, WA; James Paul Geck of Olathe; Gary Wallace Geck of Takoma Park, MD; Paul Joseph (KennaKay Hyatt) Geck of Blue Lake, CA; and AnnMarie (Brian) Helmke of Boca Raton, FL. He was also blessed with seven grandchildren, Kevin Geck, Richard Geck, Michelle Geck, Sofia Geck, Helena Helmke,

Jack Helmke, and Liam Helmke. He is also survived by his two sisters, Judy Olson of Sheridan, WY, and Audrey Hartsell of Crest Hill, IL, and five nephews and nieces.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents Adolph and Helen Geck and brother Wallace Geck.

Doug was a parishioner at Church of the Ascension, serving as an usher. He was a member of Knights of Columbus, and volunteered at the food pantry at Catholic Charities. He had served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce, and on the Board of Directors for the United Way, and was a past member of the Jaycees.

During retirement, Doug and MariAnne were fortunate to travel the country visiting their children and exploring the world. Doug's enjoyment of the blessings of life was shortened when he became stricken with cancer which he battled with the support of MariAnne and his family. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to: KCK Emergency Assistance Center, c/o Catholic Charities of NE Kansas City, 2220 Central Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102, or to Friends of Johnson County Developmental Supports, 10501 Lackman Road, Lenexa, KS 66219.

**Wiseman, Merritt** (Nov 20, 2018) Merritt passed away peacefully from natural causes at his home in Indio, CA. He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Merritt spent countless hours volunteering his time and efforts for so many here in the Coachella Valley.

He was born September 11th, 1934 to Merritt William Wiseman and Marietta Elisa Wiseman in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father was a **JCPenney** manager and the family moved to Huron, South Dakota. He attended Huron High School and was a proud member of the Tigers marching band playing the saxophone. After high school, Merritt attended the University of South Dakota and graduated with a BA degree in Business Administration in 1956. As a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, he learned important leadership and financial skills that would be important for life after college. Following his father's example, he joined the **JCPenney Company** shortly after graduation. In 1961 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and spent two years at Fort Lewis, Washington. Upon his Honorable Discharge from the Army, he was sent to the JCPenney store in Prescott, Arizona where he met his first wife Carol Faye Thomas, who was a registered nurse. They were married in July 1965, and shortly after Merritt accepted a promotion to the JCPenney store in Silver City, New Mexico. All three of their children, Glenn, Mark and Lori Ann were born there. In 1974, another promotion was offered to Merritt which brought the family to Indio. He immediately began his Coachella Valley career of serving the community. He loved helping out with the Indio Downtown Merchants Association, the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Indio Senior Center, Miss Indio Pageant and the Optimist Club.

In 1984, Merritt retired from the JCPenney Company after a 30-year career. It was during this time that he began lifetime commitments to organizations he loved until his death. He found that his talents for organizing charitable events for the community was a key to being able to enjoy lasting fulfillment in helping others. He served as the President for the Indio Chamber of Commerce and helped to establish the volunteer Ambassador Program. It was during this time that Merritt was able to provide help to such events as the Indio Balloon Festival, Tamale Festival and the Southwest Arts Festival.

In September 1993, the Wiseman family suffered the loss of Carol due to complications from cancer. Merritt stayed very active in his role as the CEO of Briteway, developing and managing golf courses. In December 1998, he married Barbara Kirby Johnson and they moved into Heritage Palms in Indio. They loved to travel and he was able to enjoy golf until health issues slowed him down. Both Barbara and Merritt were very involved in the activities that were part of living at Heritage Palms. He greatly enjoyed a 50 year plus membership with his friends at the Elks Club. During these years, Merritt was genuinely proud of his work as a board member of United Way of the Desert for 20 years. He worked diligently as a board member for Valley Sanitary District to provide the best services and cost effectiveness for all those who live in their service area. Helping those with limited means was also a passion for him, and he served on the board for Volunteers in Medicine to make a difference in that way. In 2010, Merritt was genuinely touched when he received recognition for his work as a Riverside County Senior Inspiration Award Winner.

**Morgan, Mary Frances** (April 11, 2019) Mary, age 91, of Liberty, IN, was born April 6, 1928 in Union County to Homer L. and Flossie Marie Dees. She graduated from Short High School in 1947.

She met her sweetheart on a blind date. Mary and Charlie were married on April 12, 1953.

Mary's work career was spent at **JCPenney** in Richmond retiring in 1997. She has been a life-long member of Salem Friends Meeting, was active with Kappa Delta Phi and the Laughing Liberty Ladies Red Hat Society. Mary was very social. She enjoyed attending the Reminisce program at the Union County Library and playing Euchre. She also enjoyed traveling and eating out.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Sandy (John) Beard of Centerville, granddaughter, Amber (Matt) Davis of Indianapolis, great-grandchildren, Arden Marie and Asher Scott Davis of Indianapolis, sister-in-law, Judy Dees of Eaton, many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mary were her husband, Charles L Morgan, who passed January 9, 1999, her parents, Homer and Marie Welch. She also had one sister, Edna Mae (John) Marling and one brother, Raymond L Dees.

**Henderson III, Ralph Bryan** (Apr 24, 2019) Ralph 68, of Pickerington, Ohio passed away after a short battle with a lung disease. He passed peacefully in the loving presence of his family.

Ralph is survived by his wife Kim and daughter Brianna; three sisters Meryl, Beth and Susan, and step-mother Grace.

He graduated from Brookfield East High School in Wisconsin in 1968 and Beloit College in 1972. Living life to the fullest and embracing it head on, he was an avid dog lover; a pilot - learning to fly in college; began skydiving at the age of 16 with over 1000 jumps and enjoyed traveling the country in the family motorhome with his wife and daughter. Ralph retired in 2010 as an executive for the **J.C. Penney Catalog** after a 38-year career.

After retiring, he enjoyed spending his days riding his Harley all over the country with Kim, friends, and the R.O.M.E.O's. He began volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Ohio. He touched so many lives and was admired and respected by everyone he met.

**Dean, Melvin** (April 6, 2019) Melvin passed away after a brief illness. Melvin was born February 3, 1930 in Garibaldi Oregon to Henry and Lena Mae Petersen.

Mel married Patricia Anderson May 23, 1953 in Seattle, Washington. He attended Kent High School and graduated in 1948.

He attended one year of college at the University of Washington before enlisting in the Naval Reserve. He was called up to service during the Korean War for 2 years.

Mel was always very active in any community he lived in. He worked for **the JC Penney** company for 42 years and the Tillamook Penneys store is where he ended his career retiring in 1990.

He was a member of the Kiwanis, was a Port of Tillamook commissioner, was involved with the Tillamook County Fair Chamber as well as member of the Ambassadors. Also, a member of the Elks and Sons of Norway.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lean Dean, Stepfather William Edward Dean, Father Henry and granddaughter Rachel Dean.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, daughter Sheryl (Robert), and sons Bill Dean (Dena) and Andy (Wendy). Five grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be announced later

**Stewart, Linda** (April 14, 2019) Linda passed away at the age of 74 and lived at 473 Inverness Dr. of McKinney, TX since June 2005. Linda was predeceased in death by her husband Chuck (**JCP Retiree**) who passed away on May 8, 2016. They were married 32 years. Linda had many friends at Heritage Ranch and could always be seen having lunch with one or more of them at any time! Services will be private per request of the family.

**Duke, Audrey Elaine** (April 13, 2019) Audrey was born May 9, 1939 and left this earthly home on April 13, 2019. She was loved by many and will be missed dearly. Elaine's family will be having a memorial service on April

27, 2019 at First United Methodist Church of Dallas. They have asked in lieu of flowers to please make a donation in Elaine's name to either: SPCA of Dallas or First United Methodist Building Fund.

**Green, Thomas J.** (April 11, 2019) Thoms, age 77 of St. Louis Park was preceded in death by his wife, Cheryl.

Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, April 24th, 12:30 pm with visitation beginning at 10:30 am at The Basilica of St. Mary, 88 17th Street North, Minneapolis.

*"Tom had a long career with the Penney Co, and managed 4 stores before retiring as manager of the downtown Minneapolis" ~Frank Moriarty*

Complete notice published April 21<sup>st</sup> is below::

Green, Thomas J. Age 77 of St. Louis Park. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Cheryl; parents, James and Helen; and brother, James. Tom graduated from Loras Academy and Loras College in Dubuque, IA. He was devoted to his family, driven in his career, and dynamic and determined throughout his life. Tom was committed to serving others and worked to make the world a better place. He was so proud of his Irish heritage and celebrated St. Patrick's Day throughout the month of March by wearing his traditional Irish attire and delivering "Green Donuts" to closest family and friends.

Tom began his career with **J.C. Penney as a Trainee**, and ultimately served as the Downtown Mpls. Store Manager. He found a second career with The Basilica of St. Mary as Director of Finance & Administration. Tom lead and served on many committees throughout his career, making an impact on the communities he served (Loras College Student Senate, Brainerd United Way, Minneapolis Rotary, Mental Health and Unemployment Ministries).

He was a key figure in bringing the International Summer Special Olympic Games to the Twin Cities. Tom's parting gift to his community was serving as social director for his grief group friends who were a very important part of his life. Tom was recognized with multiple awards throughout his life including: Outstanding Young Men of America, J.C. Penny President's Cup Award and The Catholic Spirit Leading With Faith Award.

Survived by his children: Maureen Hathaway, Heather (Bill) Zerull, Laura Green, Ryan (Angie) Green; grandchildren: Duncan, Campbell, Mack and Ireland Hathaway, Julia and Noah Zerull, Erin, Evalyn and Brady Green; sister, Erin Groden; and beloved puppy, Brandy. Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, April 24, 12:30pm. Visitation beginning at 10:30am at The Basilica of St Mary, Minneapolis. Memorials preferred to Wingspan Life Resources, and Opportunity Partners (both organizations which serve Tom's daughter Laura).

**Davick, Dorrance N.** (April 03, 2019) A memorial service for Dorrance N. Davick, 80, of Rochester will be held at 11:00am on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Bethel Lutheran Church with the Reverend Dr. Norman Wahl officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Home and also one hour prior to the service at the church.

Dorrance Neil Davick was born on July 23, 1938 in Stanley, ND to parents, Peter and Selma (Hallan) Davick. He died at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.

Dorrance graduated from Stanley High School. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball all while his love of golf was blossoming. He studied English at Minot State Teacher's College for a year prior to entering the military. He was stationed in South Korea and earned extra money for his mom through the tutoring of a Korean banker. He was honorably discharged from the Army, moved home to Stanley to help support his mom, and went to work at the local funeral home in Stanley.

In 1970, he went back to college at Montana State (studying Fish and Wildlife Biology). He married Janice Berntson in 1971. Living in the Gallatin Canyon allowed him to pursue his passions of hunting and fishing. Daughter Liv was born in 1972. Dorrance attended North Dakota State and entered the management trainee program with **J.C. Penney Company**. During his journey with J.C. Penney Company, he had stops in Willmar (son Andrew was born in 1976), Rochester, Redfield (SD) and eventually Decorah (IA). He retired in 1998. Following retirement, he painted houses, delivered baby chicks and worked for the census bureau but most of his time was spent with family and friends.

Dorrance will be remembered for his smile. His love for family and friends was genuine and he treated everyone around him with kindness and grace. He loved time with his grandkids, playing a round of golf, fishing,



hunting and reading.

Survivors include his wife, Janice Davick of Rochester, MN; son, Andrew (Shana) Davick of Byron, MN and daughter, Liv (Chris) Davick Olivere of Los Angeles, CA; two grandchildren, Brendan and Liliana; one brother, Duane (Paula) Davick of Hastings, MN, one sister Patricia Jensen of Stanley, ND and sister-in-law Carole Davick of Bellevue, NE. He was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Selma, two brothers, Roger and Gordon "Boop" Davick and one sister, Shirley Lidstrom.

Memorials are preferred to Ronald McDonald House or Hawk Creek Human Society, 250 28th St. SW, Wilmar, MN 56201.

**Wright, Ann M.** (April 6, 2019) Ann, 91 of Indianapolis passed away peacefully on. She was born in Elgin, IL to the late Antonio and Mary Masi on September 2, 1927.

She was a member of Old Bethel United Methodist Church. Her hobbies included gardening and sewing, and she was an avid animal lover (especially her cats).

She is survived by her husband of 67 years William "Bill" L. Wright, Jr (**JCPenney**); children Linda Hachey (Dave), Vicky Wright-Hunt, Cathy Shields, and Mike Wright (Stacy); grandchildren Jennifer Melling (Lee), Amy Childers (Nick), Teresa Richardson, Brandon Wright (Nicci), Nicholas Wright (Angye Peters), Natalie Shields, Andrew Shields, and Wyatt Wright; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister Helen McCulloch.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Russ and Victor Masi.

Visitation will be held Saturday, April 13 from 11 AM to 2 PM at Flanner Buchanan – Washington Park East, 10722 E. Washington St, Indianapolis with a Funeral Service beginning at 2 PM. Burial will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Old Bethel United Methodist Church, 7995 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN 46219 or to the Animal Protection League, 613 Dewey St, Anderson, IN 46016 or online at <http://www.inapl.org/>.

Condolences may be directed to Bill and family, at 10913 Harness Way, Indianapolis, IN 46239 Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers as we observe Holy Week in the coming days.

**Elkins, Richard (Dick) Meredith** (March 15, 2019) Richard was born on July 15, 1933 in Billings, Montana to Chuck and Maude Elkins. Dick spent his childhood moving back and forth across the country as his father earned a living working on major public works projects.

Due to moving, Dick attended 13 schools before graduating from Pasco High School. This is where he met Bettylee Elliott before he spent two years in the US Army immediately after graduation (1951).

Upon his return to Pasco, WA, Dick and Bettylee began to date and were married in 1955. In 1957 Dick joined **JCPenney** and headed to California where he and Bettylee started their family. During his career, Dick moved 9 times throughout the Golden State and held numerous positions in the stores, on District staff and Regional staff before retiring in 1993 as a Store Manager (he managed 5 JCPenney stores). Dick loved his time with JCPenney and the opportunity to mentor many people along his 36-year career. Dick was a true merchant and loved buying, selling and promoting merchandise, especially shoes!

Dick was a Master Gardener, a member of The Gideons International, and enjoyed reading and teaching the Bible. Dick is survived by his bride of 63 years, four children and their spouses, 9 grandchildren and 5 grandspouses, and 4 great-grandchildren.

He passed away on March 15, 2019 in Portland, Oregon. Condolences can be sent to Bettylee Elkins at 1340 SE 107th Ave Space #226, Portland, OR 97216

**Erbes, Eleanor A.** (Mar 21, 2019) Eleanor, 97, of Danville, passed away at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center, Danville.

Eleanor was born May 19, 1921, in Waukegan, Illinois, the daughter of Anthony and Helen Pipcius. She married Donald Erbes on June 14, 1947 in Waukegan, IL. He passed away May 26, 1987. Don started with

**JCPenney** in 1954 as a salesman, became an assistant manager in Evansville, IN 1958-1960. In 1960, he managed St. Louis, MO for 2 years. In 1962 he managed Kankakee for 18 years until he retired in 1980.

Eleanor is survived by her children, David of Delaware and Karen (Jim) Wagner of Danville; one sister, Pat Sivola of Lindenhurst, IL; 6 grandchildren, Brian Bellman of Crystal Lake, IL, Breanna (Jason) Pogorzelski of Round Lake Beach, IL, Andy (Lani) Wagner of San Diego, CA, Amy (Paul) Linduska of Aurora, IL, Caleb (Maria) Wagner of St Louis, MO, and Megan (Chris) Webster of Columbia, IL; and 12 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter Barbara Bellman of Crystal Lake, IL, and 3 sisters, Valeria Rimkus, Josephine Krotzer, and Frances Miller.

Eleanor had been a resident at Hawthorne since 2014 and was a member of St Paul's Catholic Church, Danville, IL. She enjoyed crocheting and loved to play bingo.

A celebration of life Mass was held at 4:00 pm on Monday, March 25, 2019 at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Danville. She was laid to rest in Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville, Illinois. Sunset Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Danville, Illinois 3940 North Vermilion St., Danville, Illinois 61834 is assisting the family in making arrangements. Please join the family in sharing photos, videos and memories on her tribute wall at [www.sunsetfuneralhome.com](http://www.sunsetfuneralhome.com).

**Weaver, Patricia Joan "Pat" Watkins** (Dec 23, 2018) Pat was of Muskogee, OK. She was born in Marfa, Texas, in 1946 to Noble and Mildred Berenice Watkins. Pat married Gary, the love of her life, in El Paso, Texas, in 1975. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmamma and always made her family's happiness her priority. Pat and Gary had a daughter, Amanda Ruth Weaver, who preceded her in death. Their son, Michael Smith, married Leslie Kinsey Smith and has three children: Riley Smith, Bailey Smith, and Kinsey Smith, of Warner Robins, Georgia. Her dearest friends, John and Carolyn Lonsdale, have become family.

Pat is survived by her sister, Ruth Taylor, of Temple, Texas and preceded by her sister Barbara Robinson of Bedford, Texas.

Pat was well known for her generous spirit, and while a Longhorns fan, she made sure all who love the University of Oklahoma were set for life with Sooner gear. She never met a stranger or a project she couldn't manage, or a challenge she couldn't solve. She fiercely loved her family and friends, and reveled in time spent with all whom she loved and those who loved her as well.

Pat earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Texas at El Paso. A manager with **JCPenney** for over 30 years, Pat couldn't see herself retiring and slowing down, and took a job with the Okay School District for 10 years as the elementary school secretary. Pat enjoyed traveling, seeking new adventures, and living life to its fullest.

**Gaspar, Lucia L.** (Mar 9, 2019) Lucia, age 91, died in Milton, Wisconsin with loving family surrounding her.

Born 08/31/1927 in Aberdeen S.D. Graduate of Macalester College in St Paul Minn. whereupon meeting the love of her life, James Allen Gaspar (7/1927-10/2002) James Gaspar was **JCPenney Store mgr** in Houghton Hancock, MI. Racine, WI. (2 locations) Madison East Towne, Madison, WI. and retiring from Eau Claire, WI. Both Lucia and Jim were very active in the local and national HCSC

Survivors include two bothers John Leighton and Dan Leighton, Sister Mary Jane Carlson all located in Minneapolis, Mn. Daughter Rebecca Jante (Richard) Virginia, two sons James Gaspar (Laurie) Washington, David Gaspar (Laurie) Wisconsin. Lucia's love of life was shared with 9 grandchildren and 21 great grand children.

Limited memorial service and interment will be held at Fort Snelling, MN on April 1, 2019 at 1:15pm alongside her husband James.

In lieu of flowers please consider your local Hospice and/or The HCSC Foundation.

**Guyer, Bill Charles** (Mar 8, 2019) Bill, age 89, was of Milton, Georgia. Billy was born on March 10, 1929 in Elkin, North Carolina, a son to the late Dillard Guyer Sr. and Lena Gentry Guyer.

Being one of ten siblings and growing up on a dairy farm, Bill quickly learned the value of hard work and family dedication. Following his high school career, Bill began what would become an extraordinary career with

**JC Penney.** His initial role with JC Penney was Sales Associate in the shoe department then after forty-three dedicated years with achieving levels such as the Southeastern Regional Manager, Bill retired as the Store Manager in Raleigh, North Carolina. For those forty-three years he worked tirelessly to provide for his family and displayed an unwavering support for all of them.

Along with beginning his career with JC Penney in 1947, Bill also met and married the love of his life, Molly Jean Guyer.

Once he reached retirement, Bill and Molly loved visiting their summer vacation home in St. Augustine, Florida and more importantly spending time with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bill was an avid golfer in his retirement and loved cheering on the Atlanta Braves. Bill was a wonderful, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend; he will certainly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Along with his parents, Bill is preceded in passing by his loving wife, Molly Jean Guyer and seven of his ten siblings. He is survived by his two children, Cathy Hughes, husband Barron, of Milton, Georgia, and Sharon Stewart, husband Jim, of Gainesville, Florida; four grandchildren, Jennifer Stenbridge, husband John, Paige Casey, husband Mike, Ashley Nabors, husband Nick, and Spencer Hughes; six great grandchildren, Molly, Katherine, Riley, Carys, Titus, and Cait; two siblings, Vena Sprinkle of North Carolina and Kay Vargo of Idaho; and several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends also survive.

A Graveside Service to honor the life of Bill Guyer will be held at ten-thirty in the morning on Friday, March 15, 2019 in Green Lawn Cemetery of Roswell with Rev. Valerie Deel officiating. The family will be hosting a reception following the Graveside Services from eleven o'clock in the morning until one at Roswell Funeral Home. In lieu of customary remembrances the family request donations be made to Mount Pisgah United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

**Freeman, Michael Henderson** (Aug 21, 2018) Mike passed in peace at the age of 75. He was preceded in death by his parents, Silas Freeman and Margaret Kalmar.

Mike was born on May 13th, 1943 in Ada, Oklahoma. After graduating from Ada High School, he attended OU and graduated with a BA in History in 1965. Mike spent his entire professional career with **JCPenney** in management and retired at the age of 56 to follow his true passion of fishing in Rockport, TX.

Mike leaves behind his loving wife Patricia A. Freeman, two sons, Michael Freeman (Donna) of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chris Freeman (Ericka) of Allen, Texas, four grandsons, Patrick, Grant, Luke and Jack Freeman, two stepsons, Ryan Smith and Eric McBride, one step grandson, Bowen Smith, younger siblings, Danny Freeman of Sasakwa Okla, half brother, Nick Kalmar, half sister Okie Davidson, half sister, Peggy West of Ada, Ok, as well as several cousins, including very dear cousin, Doug Fleet of Estes Park, CO, his faithful, lifelong best friend Joe Lee Walker of Ada, OK and his former wife, Monte Phelps Custer, the mother of his two children.

The immediate family would like to thank all of the close friends, family and neighbors who helped Mike during his fight with cancer for the past two years. Your time, kindness and selfless actions have not gone unnoticed and we can't thank you enough

**Harmon, James A.** (Jan 7, 2018) James, 87, of Dawsonville, GA passed away at New Horizons Lanier Park following a period of declining health.

Mr. Harmon was born June 15, 1930 to the late Edward and Mona Harmon in Kansas City, Missouri. He was a graduate of Northeast Kansas City High School where he was an active member of the ROTC program. James also attended the University of Missouri where he earned a bachelor's degree and met his future wife.

After college he spent 39 years with **J.C. Penney** where he worked in various management positions all over the United States until his retirement. An active member and past president of Mended Hearts at Northeast Georgia Medical Center, James was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Dawsonville.

He is also preceded in death by two daughters, Pamela Jane Thompson, Cindy Harmon; brothers, Skip Harmon, Ralph Harmon; sister, Carolyn Silky.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Ruby Harmon, Dawsonville; son and daughter in law, Gary and Linda Harmon, Kansas; daughters and sons in law, Susan and Chris Walsh, Dawsonville, Patty and David Cronic,



Lawrenceville; grandchildren, T.J. Reynolds, Kristin Harmon, Joseph Reynolds, Justin Harmon, Matthew Reynolds, Jason Reynolds, Rachel Harmon, Heather Davenport, Samantha Thompson, Natalie Harmon; 18 great-grandchildren; a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.beardenfuneralhome.com](http://www.beardenfuneralhome.com).

**Huhner, William R.** (March 7, 2019) Bill, age 85, of Litchfield died at the Meeker Manor Rehabilitation Center in Litchfield. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Church of St. Philip in Litchfield. Visitation will be held from 5:00 Pm until 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 17th at the church with a parish prayer service at 6:45 PM. Visitation will also be one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Litchfield. Military Honors will be provided by the Litchfield Military Honor Guard

William Raphael Huhner Jr., the son of William R and Mildred (Werner) Huhner, was born on March 4, 1934 in Texarkana, AR. He grew up in Milwaukee, WI. Bill graduated from Marquette University High School in 1952 and Marquette University, in 1957, with a degree in Business Administration. He joined the Army ROTC during his college days and served 6 months as 1st Lieutenant, on active duty.

He joined the **JCPenney Co.** in 1958 as a management trainee. He was assigned his first store, as manager, in Grundy Center, IA in 1963. He had other promotions which took him to Chicago, IL, Bloomington, IL, Litchfield, MN and Roseau, MN. He ended his career in Roseau after 35 years of service with the JCPenney Co. and came back to Litchfield to live permanently with his family in Litchfield. In his retired years he worked at the Litchfield Golf Club and also for Johnson-Hagglund Funeral Home.

He married Carol Haselberger in Marshfield, WI on June 6, 1959. They had two sons, William Bryant and David Alan. He was a member of the Litchfield Golf Club, Church of St. Philip, the Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis. Bill was an avid bowler and golfer.

He is survived by his wife Carol Huhner of Litchfield, sons Dave (and Angie) Huhner and William Huhner both of Litchfield; three grandchildren Mayson, MaLaney and Creighton; sister DaNiel (and Don) Aschenbrenner; brothers-in-law Gordon Haselberger and Conrad Werra, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Gretchen Werra, sister-in-law Helen Haselberger and niece Debbie Zlab.

Memorials to Litchfield Area Hospice or to the Church of St. Philip are preferred in lieu of flowers.

**Bliem, Henry (Hank)** (March 6, 2019) Chief, US Air Force retired, of Garland, Texas, passed away at the age of 87 He is a native of New York. He attended Spring Hill College in Mobile Alabama, the University of Maryland and the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Nebraska.

Hank was in the Air Force for over 24 years before retiring in 1976. He spent over 8 years overseas including tours in England, Labrador, Germany and Viet Nam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. While in England he met and married his wife and had one daughter. After retiring from the Air Force,

Hank. joined the **JC Penney Co.**, in their Dallas Buying Office. He later transferred to the corporate buying office when the company moved from New York to Plano, Texas in 1988. Hank retired from the JC Penney Co. in 1998 and became very active in the Senior Games/Olympics, winning numerous trophies and medals playing Table Tennis. Hank is survived by his wife and daughter and many relatives.

Visitation for Henry will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2019, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Restland Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2019, at 3:00 PM at Restland Funeral Home located at 13005 Greenville Ave Dallas, Texas 75243

**Caggiano Jr, James Vincent** (March 4, 2019) Jim passed away after a lengthy battle with a Parkinson's related illness. Jim was a proud New Yorker, born and raised in New York City, NY. He graduated from City College of New York where he was a member of the Pershing Rifles fraternity. Jim was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, serving for two years in Berlin, Germany. He spent his entire working career **with JCPenney**, from which he retired as a Catalog Merchandising Director in 1998. Jim and his family moved to Texas in 1988 when JCPenney relocated to Plano.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Pat, as well as his children: Jim and Kristie Caggiano, Melissa and Doug Wright, Chris and Sharla Caggiano, and Tricia Caggiano. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Julius and Lucas Caggiano, Chris and Emily Wright, Olivia, Juliana and Anthony Caggiano, and Corinne, Martin, Diana and Vincent Piorkowski.

Jim will be remembered for so many wonderful traits: his overwhelming love of family, God and country, his love of baseball, Willie Mays, and his fierce devotion to the NY Mets, and his kind and gentle nature. But without a doubt the trait he will most be remembered for is his incredible sense of humor. It is impossible to remember Jim without also remembering all the many ways he could make us laugh.

A special thanks to the Parkinson Voice Project, and to the many wonderful caretakers: Phil, Dean, John, Gordon, Rachel and Tosin, who faithfully provided comfort and dignity in Jim's final years.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, March 25 at 11:00 AM at All Saints Catholic Church 5231 Meadowcreek Drive in Dallas, Texas with a catered reception immediately following Mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Parkinson's Voice Project at [www.parkinsonvoiceproject.org](http://www.parkinsonvoiceproject.org).

**Simmons, Mrs. Sandra** (Mar 2, 2019)- Mrs. Sandra M. Simmons, 66, of 203 Spring Forest Dr, Airken, SC entered into rest at the Augusta University Medical Center. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Mrs. Simmons was a member of the Burns Chapel United Methodist Church in Newnan, GA.

Survivors include her husband, Gary Simmons Sr; one daughter, Tamethea Simmons; two sons, Gary Simmons Jr & Christopher Simmons all of Riverview, FL; two sisters, Ludi A. Arnold & Bevelyn Murray both of Washington, DC; two brothers, James L. (Valerie) McCambry, Washington, DC & Raiford (Barbara) McCambry, Birmingham, AL; and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sandra M. Simmons will be 2pm Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the Shellhouse Rivers Chapel with Rev. George L. Brightharp officiating. Interment will be in East View Cemetery, Newnan, GA. Family and friends may call her residence, 203 Spring Forest Circle or after 1pm Friday at G.L. Brightharp & Sons Mortuary.

**Olson, Betty June (Kisilewski)** (Feb 6, 2019) Betty, age 93, of Rochester, passed at Seasons Hospice House in Rochester.

Betty June was born June 17, 1925, in Sand Creek, Wis., to Henry and Amanda Hendrickson. Betty graduated from Chetek High School, Wis., in 1943, where she was the drum major in the marching band. After taking the Civil Service exam, she worked as a key punch operator for the Government in Chicago during WWII.

In 1948, Betty was united in marriage to Harry O. Kisilewski and they made their home in Chippewa Falls, Wis., from 1948 until 1960, when they moved to Rochester. **Betty worked for JCPenney as an interior decorator** for many years.

In 1994, Betty married Lorimer "Glenn" Olson in Lake City. Betty enjoyed interior decorating and fashion, always using and wearing bright colors. She was also a seamstress and had a deep love of music, especially big band.

She is survived by her husband, Lorimer "Glenn" Olson of Minneapolis; her four children, Dave (Mary) Kisilewski of Mason City, Iowa, Greg (Mary) Kisilewski of Oronoco, Debbie (Dan) Holmes of Little Falls, Minn., and Susan (Taylor) Bauman of Rochester; 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and many extended family. She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Harry O. Kisilewski; one brother, Harvey Hendrickson; and three sisters, Corrine Turner, Harriet Sola, and Helen Hendrickson.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Ranfranz & Vine Funeral Home, with Pastor Anjanette Bandel officiating. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. It was Betty's wish that those attending should wear bright colors. Burial will be held in the Spring at Oakwood Cemetery in Rochester. Memorials are preferred to Seasons Hospice, Rochester. Arrangements are entrusted to Ranfranz and Vine Funeral Homes, 5421 Royal Place NW, Rochester, MN 55901; (507) 289-3600; [www.ranfranzandvinefh.com](http://www.ranfranzandvinefh.com).

**Olson, Lorimer Glenn** (Feb 8, 2019 ) Lorimer “Glenn” Olson, age 97, formerly of Lake City, passed away peacefully. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Kathleen Olson; second wife, Betty June Olson; and sister, Elaine Olson.

Glenn worked for **JCPenney’s** for over 40 years. Early in his career a young cashier named Kathleen Collins caught his eye. As it turned out, Kathleen had the same fondness for Glenn. Unfortunately, company policy’s forbid colleagues from dating, but love prevailed. Kathleen quit her job at JCPenney’s to be with Glenn. They married in 1948 and started their family. Glenn was heartbroken when Kathleen passed away in 1993. He found love again and married Betty June Kisilewski in 1994. Betty June died two days before Glenn.

Glenn enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and spending time with family. He had a passion for civil rights, including LGBTQ rights. Glenn was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Glenn is survived by his six children, Kimberly McKnite, Vicki (Bob) Warzenski, Daniel Olson, Brian Olson, Francine Kane, and Kelly Binger; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Wendell Olson, Glenys Freeman, Robert (Marg) Olson, George (Pat) Olson; and many other family and friends.

Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at Mt. Olivet Careview Home, 5517 Lyndale Ave. South, Minneapolis. Visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the service. Memorials preferred to St. Stevens Homeless Shelter, 2309 Nicollet Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

**Boggs, Jr. Roy** (Jan 2, 2017) Roy, 95 was the dear husband of late Maxine (nee Awbrey) Boggs; dear father of the late Pattie Miller, Jim (Pati) Boggs, Roy (Beverly) Boggs, and Susan Carter; dear grandfather of Michael, Jason, Eric, Andrew, Roy Anthony, Sam and Sara; dear great-grandfather of Chandler, Chase, Evan, Lilly Jo, Harrison and Amelia. Family has chosen private services. Arrangements handled by Cremation Society of St. Louis. Roy was a century club member of the JCPenney North Central Local Meeting Group. He retired in April, 1981.

**Osterholt, Dennis** (Feb 22, 2019) Dennis, 77, of Fond du Lac, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, maintaining his sense of humor until the very end.

He was born on December 29, 1941 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota the son of Alvin E. and Eleanor Osterholt. He graduated from Platte High School in Platte, SD in 1959 and from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD in 1963. On August 11, 1963, he married Judy I. League at the Platte Olive Presbyterian Church. They lived in Britton, SD where he taught high school social studies and coached for three years before moving to Sioux Falls, where he started as a Manager Trainee with **JCPenney** on June 6, 1966.

Dennis was proud of his three daughters and enjoyed attending all of their music concerts and school events. His career with JCPenney brought the family to Pekin, IL and later to the Chicago area where he worked on the district staff and later as a store manager. In 1983, he was named manager of the JCPenney store in Fond du Lac, WI. After 32 years of service with Penney’s, he retired in 1997. Dennis then went on to work for the Action Advertiser as operations manager and then as General Manager of the Publications Division. He also wrote the “Bleacher Views” column until retiring in 2006. Some of Dennis’ favorite past times were attending Fondy sporting events, UW Badger football games, watching the Packers, hunting, and woodworking projects for the home and grandkids.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy of Fond du Lac, his daughters: Cheryl (Stewart) Clark of San Rafael, CA, Carla (Paul) Mondy of Middleton, WI, and Cristy (Steve) Lariviere of Crestwood, KY; seven grandchildren Kendall and Ashley Clark, Michael, Jack and Brian Mondy, Justin and Lauren Lariviere; brother Dale (Karen) Osterholt of Rapid City, SD, sister-in-law Georgia Osterholt of Rapid City, SD; brothers-in-law Vernon (Janet) League of Platte, SD, Arlan (Cindy) League of Creston, IA, and sister-in-law Peggy (Ken) Brilz of Pierre, SD; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Alvin E. and Eleanor, brother, David, parents-in-law Lyle and Elva League, and brother-in-law Jerry Menning.

The family would like to extend special thanks to Dr. Jones and staff at Agnesian Cancer Center, nurses from Agnesian Hospice Home of Hope, JCPenney and Action Advertiser retirees, friends and special neighbors.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Friday, March 1, 2019, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel &

Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Agnesian Cancer Center and or Agnesian Hospice Hope. Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory is serving the family, [www.kurkimachfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kurkimachfuneralchapel.com). 920-921-4420

**Klein, Lucille** (Feb 17, 2019) Please be advised of the passing of Lucille Klein. Lucille retired from JCPenney several years ago. Her death was unexpected. The memorial service was held Thursday, Feb 21. Condolences may be sent to the Klein family at 2726 Oak Trail, Carrollton, TX 75007-5809. ***No obituary is available.***

**Bowen, George Robert (Bob)** (Feb 5, 2019) George, age 91, of Austin, TX passed away on after a battle with cancer. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 3:30 pm at Hope Presbyterian Church, 11512 Olson Dr, Austin, TX. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

In addition, a gathering of friends at the Lakeline Oaks Retirement Community will be held Monday, February 18th at 3:00 pm. Donations in his memory can be made to Hospice Austin Christopher House, the University of Arkansas Margaret & George Bowen Music Scholarship, or a charity of your choice.

**Lehman, Robert Glenn "Bob"** (Jan 23, 2019), Bob, 89, of Carolina Shores, passed in his home. He was born October 3rd, 1929 in Detroit, Michigan, to the late Charles and Edith Lehman.

Bob earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. It was there that he met his future bride and love of his life, Patricia "Patti" Leffler Lehman, who preceded him in death in 2015. They married in 1951 and started their life together. Bob served as a sergeant in the United States Air Force. During this time, Bob and Patti started their family, resulting in the birth of their five children, two daughters and three sons.

After his military services, which ended in 1959, he was a **JC Penney** retail manager for 30 years. During this time, the family lived in Ohio, Indiana, and New York. He retired from JC Penney in New York in 1985.

Years of cherished family beach vacations led Bob and Patti to Carolina Shores and their forever home. There, Bob took up golfing and took a part time job at Cypress Bay Golf Club, working as a starter. He passed the time with his passion of woodworking and began wood carving. He joined a local wood carving group that met monthly to share techniques and a passion for wood carving. Bob loved to carve and Patti loved to bring his carvings to life with her painting skills. Their shared talents were featured in an article in a local newspaper. They made an amazing team.

Bob was most known for his amazing sense of humor and quick wit. He brought smiles and laughter to all he encountered. Bob was a phenomenal story teller and loved a good joke. Most of all, Bob loved his family and many cherished friends.

Bob is survived by his five children, Linda (Mike), Scott (Patti), Drew (Lora), Tammy, Tom (Jean), nineteen grandchildren, twenty three great grandchildren, his dedicated caregivers Dever, Deesha, Yolanda, and his little dog, Maggie. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley Ioanes.

A celebration of both Bob and Patti's lives will be held at a later date in Zanesville, OH. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice (1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401). Lee Funeral Home and Crematory of Little River/ North Myrtle Beach (SC) is entrusted with all arrangements.

**Hodgins, Delwin G.** (Dec 21, 2018) Delwin was a resident of Blaine Washinton at the time of his passing. He was 77.

**Kuney, Jack R.** (Aug 29, 2015) Jack, age 81, of Cumberland, RI, died peacefully, surrounded by his family at his home, following an illness. He was the beloved husband of Carol C. (Slowinski) Kuney, for the past 59 years. Born November 11, 1933, in Adrian, Michigan a son of the late Lavon B. and Yvonne H. (Johnson) Kuney, he was a

former resident of Michigan, before moving to Cumberland 27 years ago. He was raised and educated in Michigan, and was a graduate of Michigan State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in retail management.

Jack was a manager for the **JC Penney Corporation** and retired following a career of 52 years. Jack served during the Korean War; he attained the rank of 1ST Lieutenant in the United States Army Infantry division, and was honorably discharged in November 1957. He was a devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather who treasured spending time with his family. Jack was also an avid runner who completed numerous marathons, including the Boston Marathon, New York City Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon. He was the president of the Michigan State University Retail Club, was a member of the Attleboro Rotary Club, board member of Camp Ruggles, Chepachet, RI board member for the Walker Home for Children, Boston, and he also enjoyed woodworking.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children; Kelly K. Lally and her husband Vincent of Sparta, NJ, Kevin D. Kuney and his wife Lorraine of Franklin, Karen A. Scopetski and her husband Kevin of Northborough and Pamela S. Quinn and her husband Paul of Hobe Sound, FL, 2 sisters, Jill Plate of Adrian, MI, and Cheri Weakley of Monroe, MI. Also surviving are his cherished grandchildren; Jaclynn Lally, Ashley Lally, Kevin Scopetski, Vincent Lally, Kyle Kuney, Lindsay Scopetski, Brittney Lally, Kristen Scopetski, Cameron Kuney, Adam Scopetski, Garrett Lally, Samantha Kuney, Gavin Lally, Katie Quinn and many nieces and nephews.

Guestbook/directions [www.oterifuneralhome.com](http://www.oterifuneralhome.com)

**Whitesmith, Donald M. "Mike"** (Apr 20, 2017) Whitesmith, 88, was born on May 24, 1928 in Rochester, Minnesota to Donald "Don" and Christine "Chris" Whitesmith. Three years later, the family moved to a farm in Birch Bay where he graduated Blaine High School in 1946.

After graduation, he joined the **J.C. Penney Company** in their downtown Bellingham store and stayed with the company until his retirement in 1988. In his 43 years, he managed 4 stores (Heppner and Hood River, Oregon, plus Norwalk and Bishop, California), was promoted to the Western Regional office as "Small Store Merchandising Manager" in the late 1960's, where he wrote the book for the position used by all 5 Regions. In the early 1970's, he was promoted to the Merchandising Director for Penney's European acquisition called a company called Sarma, where he spent 3 years based in Brussels, Belgium. Along with wife Leila, they traveled Europe, visiting most every county at least once. Upon his return to the country, Mike spent a year in the New York office. Always a man who enjoyed managing a store instead of being in the home office, he and Leila spent the last 12 years of his work life managing a store in Bishop, CA. During that period he 5 times won the "Presidents Trophy." The prestigious company trophy was symbolic of achieving the highest profit per square foot of store space in the company. It was also the last store in the company to become open on Sundays. He was also fortunate enough to have met and know Mr. Penney, whom he held in high regard.

The things which made him the happiest were always his family. The marriage to his wife Leila in June of 1948, and their subsequent life, was something you only read about in fairy tales. They were married two months shy of 70 years, walking every step (mentally and physically) hand in hand. His long time interests were roller skating (he also managed the Birch Bay rink for a while during his early days at Penney's), golfed as a 2 Handicap and travel.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Leila in Vancouver, WA, his son Rod in Vancouver, WA and daughter Terri in Blaine, WA. He was cremated and laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA

**Bjerke, Bendick, Ben** (Feb, 2019) has passed away at the age of 74. Ben was born in Hatton, ND to Peder and Florence (Pladson) Bjerke. Graduated from Hatton High, he attended Mayville State University then transferred and graduated from University of North Dakota.

Ben married Linda (Berg) Bjerke, they moved to Denver, Co. where he began his 38 year career with **JCPenney**. He and Linda had 2 children.



Ben was preceded in death by his Father, Mother and Brother Philip. He is survived by his wife Corinne (Lambert), son Ross (Melody McCray), daughter Jennifer Bjerke (William De Souza Lobo), grandchildren Joaquin and Luella De Souza Lobo. Niece Lori (Jim) Corbey, MacKenna, and nephew Eric (Karen) Bjerke.

Throughout his career, he was relocated to many states, including Nebraska, Florida, Georgia, Maryland and New York. Ben enjoyed becoming a 3-4 year tourist throughout the country. Ben was active in many church, community and volunteer organizations. Beginning with 4H as a child, Toastmasters, Red Cross. He was an active member of the JCPenney HCSC alumni Deep South chapter, serving as treasurer for many years.

After his family and friends, Ben enjoyed sports. First love is Basketball at all levels. He loved to play, and he loved to watch, high school, college and pro. He was an active member of the Villages Booster club, and enjoyed watching the basketball games, at home and away, boys and girls, varsity and junior varsity.

Ben loved to play golf, enjoying the the fellowship in both his neighborhood group, and group of special friends. He enjoyed playing Sports Trivia, and attending the Civil Discourse meetings.

Ben's easy going manner, open heart and mind will be missed by family and friends, and close classmates from Hatton ND.

A memorial service will be held February 11, at 10:30 AM. Hope Lutheran Church, 250 Avenida Los Angeles, The Villages FL. 32162.

There will be an internment and Hatton ND, in the late spring. In lieu of flowers, please support your local Hospice House.

**Boysen, Wallace D** (Jan 31, 2019) Wallace, born Sept. 23, 1935 in Cherokee, Iowa, entered the Kingdom of Heaven at home in Fountain Hills.

Wally was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, and is survived by his sister, Joy (Bill) Plath; son, Doug (Diane) Boysen of Omaha, Neb.; daughters, Christi (Richard) Sharpe of Scottsdale, Carrie (Kevin) Quinn of Goodyear, Ariz.; grandchildren, Liz Boysen, Jessica (Kevin) Andersen, Zachary Quinn and Kelsey Quinn; great granddaughters, Evie and Elsie Andersen.

Wally spent 43 years as a member of the management team with **JC Penney** where he held roles as a store manager, district manager and was on both corporate and regional staffs as he advanced and moved throughout his career. Wally was a people person and had friends and family across the country.

A private service and internment will be held near Storm Lake, Iowa, where Norma was laid to rest in 2017.

**Elliott, James "Jim" Harrison** (Jan 19, 2019) James, 74, of Bettendorf, Iowa passed away in Sarasota, Florida. Born in Drayton, North Dakota, on April 22, 1944, to Harrison and Lillian "Hap" (Prigge) Elliott, Jim grew up on the Elliott family farm (acquired through the Homestead Act in 1881, as he was fond of reminding his children). Jim graduated from Drayton High School in 1962, and was a member of the United States National Guard from 1964-1970.

Jim attended the University of North Dakota and met the love of his life, Sharon Mackley, while on campus. On September 30, 1967, Jim and Sharon were married. It was at this time that Jim also started his career with **JCPenney**. Over the next four decades, Jim would build a reputation as a strong, caring, and inspirational manager and mentor in a number of key leadership roles, especially with his employees at the Davenport Northpark Mall store. He is also remembered with thanks by many Quad City parents as the man who gave their teenagers their first job.

Jim loved his home, and spent many hours working on his lawn and flower beds. His family and neighbors fondly remember Jim's annual spring tradition of loading up his bright blue pick-up with mulch and flowers and spending the next weeks transforming his yard into a showpiece. What Jim loved most about his home was spending time around his family, and raising four accomplished and independent young women with Sharon. Jim was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan, where he excelled at the art of tailgating. He loved beautiful fall days in Iowa City, cheering on his favorite team surrounded by his many friends and family. Jim was known for his seventh-grade sense of humor, his outgoing personality, and his knack for wise counsel and a kind word. He was always

available to bounce an idea off of and loved to perch on a bar stool, “Jim and tonic” in hand, and help solve anyone’s problems.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sharon, his daughters: Elizabeth Allison (Jeffrey Allison), Laura Elliott, Kate Elliott (Kevin Roberts) and Jennifer Thomas (Nick Thomas) and Jim’s six grandchildren: Lauren Asay, Logan Asay, Katie Bradley, Claire Bradley, Isaac Roberts, and Nat Roberts. Jim is also survived by his siblings, Karen Walz, Jack Elliott, and Jeff Elliott. He will also be remembered by his many nieces and nephews and the newest additions to his family, the four Allison grandsons: Mark, Connor, Carson, and Ross.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2:30 pm at Weerts Funeral Home (3625 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport, IA 52807), family will greet friends from 1:30 until the time of service. Memorial donations can be made to the River Bend Foodbank (4010 Kimmel Drive, Davenport, IA 52802) (<https://riverbendfoodbank.org/donate-money/>) or the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital (200 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52242) (<https://uichildrens.org/ways-give>)

**Gore, Bruce L.** (Jan 24, 2019) Bruce passed away with his loving family by his side, at St, Mary’s hospital in Rochester. A private family funeral service will be held Monday January 28, 2019. Online condolences can be left at [www.pattonfh.com](http://www.pattonfh.com)

Bruce was born February 27, 1929, in Webster City, Iowa. His parents were Wesley Wayne Gore and Zepha Marie Helmick. He spent his early elementary school years in Webster City. In 1943, he and his family moved to Ames, Iowa, where he attended school and graduated from Ames High School in 1947. After graduation, he returned to Webster City and graduated from Webster City Junior College (now Iowa Central Community College) in 1949.

In 1950, he returned to Ames and entered the **JC Penney Management** Training Program. This year he also met and dated Norma Colleen Moore from Collins, Iowa. They became engaged on Valentine’s Day in 1951 and three months later he was drafted and served in the Army during the Korean War. After basic training, he was assigned to the base in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Colleen traveled to Fort Jackson where they were married in an army chapel on August 3, 1951. After his discharge as a corporal in 1953, he returned to JC Penney in Ames and it developed into his lifetime career. In 1955, he was transferred from Ames to Fargo, North Dakota, as a department Manager; in 1960, he was transferred to Jamestown, North Dakota, as an assistant department manager to open a new store; in 1962, he was promoted to Carrington, North Dakota, as store manager; in 1965, he was promoted to Vinton, Iowa, as store manager and in 1975, he was promoted to store manager in Blue Earth, Minnesota, where he remained until he retired from Penneys in 1986. After retirement from Penneys, he spent a short time with Shoppers Enterprises in Blue Earth. A quadruple heart bypass in 1988 precipitated a permanent retirement.

He was a lifetime member of the American Legion which he joined in 1955. He participated in many positions and activities in the various locations his career took him. He served as chamber board of directors, Kiwanis board of directors, and in Jamestown, was chairman of the annual large Buffalo Days celebrations. In Vinton, he was involved in establishing a Fellowship of Christian Athletes group in the high school and was assistant at the boy scout camp. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church in each city he resided in. At various stages of his life, he enjoyed golf, duck and goose hunting, fishing and sport activities.

Bruce is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Colleen, sons; Jeffrey (Brenda) Gore from Eldora, Iowa, Gregory (Jean) Gore from Rochester, Minnesota; and daughter, Linda (Marv) Kottke, from Mankato, Minnesota. He has 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his only sibling, his sister, Sharon (Gore) Moya, from Omaha, Nebraska, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and parents-in-law.

**Thompson, Lila Mae** (Dec 27, 2018) Lila, of Caro, MI, age 77, passed away at her home. Lila was born December 9, 1941 in Sherburn, Minnesota, the daughter of the late Leonard and Maxine Flohrs. She grew up in Trimont, Minnesota, graduating from Trimont High School in 1959 and went on to graduate in 1960 as a medical technologist.

Lila was united in marriage with Thomas Thompson on November 25, 1961 at Galena Lutheran Church in Galena Township, Minnesota. She worked at a doctor's office in Truman, Minnesota while Tom finished his degree. Tom's position with **J. C. Penney** led the family to move to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Chicago, Illinois, Albert Lee, Minnesota, Marshalltown, Iowa, and Ottumwa, Iowa before settling in Caro in 1977. Lila was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro where she served as a leader with Stephen Ministries. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Lila is survived by her loving husband of fifty-seven years, Tom Thompson; one daughter, Patricia Gulick and her husband, Ken, of Byron; one son, David Thompson and his wife, Carrie, of Brighton; four grandchildren, Jill Gulick, Jason Gulick and his wife, Brianna, Collin Thompson and Tommy Thompson; great-granddaughter, Lila Gulick; brother-in-law, Jim Thompson and his wife, Sharon, of New Bern, North Carolina; four nephews, Mike and his wife, Val, Joe, Jimmy and Matt Thompson; and twelve cousins. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her mother- and father-in-law.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31, 2018 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Caro with Rev. Cameron Steele officiating. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to Stephen Ministries.

**Douthit, Richard** (Dec 18, 2018) This beloved husband, farther, grandfather, great grandfather and even a couple of great great grandfather departed this life on December 18th being taken care of by his daughters in Equality.

Richard Douthit was born in Detroit, Michigan on Feb 27, 1927 and the oldest of six brothers and sisters. Richard was a veteran of both the Korean and WWII wars. His wife of 70 years went with God before him on Nov 8, 2017.

Richard worked with **JC Penney** for 20 years after serving his country for 35 years. When he retired he and his wife moved to the Villages, Fla prior to him living with his daughter, here in Alabama.

Richard is survived by his Daughter Jean Prince (Equality) Rick Douthit (Thialand) Gale Douthit (Equality) Hugh Douthit (Howie in the Hills Fla) and Kirk Douthit (Houston, Tx). He is also survived by his Brother Troy Douthit, Ga and his sister Veta Chapman (Michigan)

**Gable, Jack Edward** (Jan 12, 2019) Jack, age 86, of Ortonville, MN, died at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD. Services were held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at New Life Community Baptist Church, Ortonville, MN Pastor Philip Ostlund officiated, and burial was at Mound Cemetery.

Jack Edward Gable was born on June 27, 1932, in Ladysmith, WI. He was the second son of Clarence and Edna (Johnson) Gable. Jack graduated from Ladysmith High School in 1950 and began his employment with the **JC Penney Company** in November of that year. He retired in 1992 with 42 years of service. In 1954, Jack married his high school sweetheart, Elaine Shepherd, and they began to raise their family of four children. His job took the family from Ladysmith to Berlin, WI, to Stevens Point, WI, to Waupun, WI, then to Rock Rapids, IA, and finally to Ortonville, MN, where he retired.

Jack loved to sing and was part of barbershop quartets from his high school days on, as well as church choirs, community choruses, and musical productions. He directed the Milltones Barbershop Chorus in Milbank for a number of years. While living in Iowa, Jack and his wife helped organize the Rock Rapids Community Theatre, which became the River Valley Players, and took part in most of their productions. They also performed in dinner theatres in several communities.

Both Jack and Elaine were baptized as teenagers and were active members of the Church of Christ in Ladysmith until they moved to Berlin, WI, where they helped plant the Sunnyside Church of Christ in Oshkosh, WI. They have been members of the New Life Community Baptist Church in Ortonville since 1983, where Jack was a Sunday school teacher and served as deacon for many years.

Jack and Elaine continued their interest in theatre and, in 1983, organized the Big Stone Area Community Theatre, directing and performing in many dinner theatre productions. They also appeared in Willmar, MN, for 21 performances of "Fiddler on the Roof" with Jack in his favorite role as Tevye.

He was a 55 year member of Kiwanis in both Iowa and in Ortonville. He served a term as lieutenant governor shortly after his retirement and has been song leader throughout his career.

Jack is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elaine; children: Lisa Ver Meer, Nikki (Jerry) Dvorak, Kevin (Beth) Gable, and Allison (Scott) Van Aartsen; grandchildren: Michelle Ver Meer (Chad), Kevin Jr. and Cora Gable, and Ben, Anna, Grant, Jacob, and Sarah Van Aartsen; and great-grandchildren: Tyler, Zack, Hailey, Kaitlynn, Jeramyah, and Abigail.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Clair, when Clair was six months old. Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home of Ortonville is in charge of the arrangements for Jack Edward Gable. To leave an online condolence, visit [www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundwilerfuneralhome.net).

**Close, Sharline Gail** (Jan 12, 2019) Sarline, 74, passed away surrounded by her family in Meridian, Idaho from multiple myeloma. She was born December 4, 1944 in Tacoma, WA to Fred and Leta (Phillips) Bartlett.

She grew up in Parkland, WA and met the love of her life, Dennis W. Close, while they were working at **JCPenney**. They married on May 3, 1969. They lived in Washington, Oregon, Arizona, California and Idaho.

She was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. She loved spending time with her family and six grandchildren. She was everything to everyone and did everything with such precision and flair. She will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred Bartlett and stepmother, Arlene (Sewalson) Bartlett. She is survived by her spouse, Dennis W. Close, by her daughter, Denise (Martin) Iversen and their children Christina, Olivia, and William of Gig Harbor, WA, her daughter, Christine (Nicholas) Kukoski and their children Gavin, Jillian and Jacob of Meridian, ID, her mother, Leta Bartlett of Federal Way, WA and her sister, Sherry (Craig) Sparks of Puyallup, WA.

At her request, no public services will be held. In lieu of flowers please consider making donation to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, All4Cure or your favorite charity. Published in Idaho Statesman on Jan. 16, 2019

**Benzshawel, Lois** (March 7, 2018) Lois entered into new life at Edgewater in West Des Moines, IA. She was born on Oct. 5, 1927 at the home of her parents Mary Irene Burich and John Jay Burretta. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1945. Lois married Norbert Charles Benzshawel on September 10, 1949, her loving husband for 55 years. Mr. Benzshawel passed away March 22nd, 2005 in Chattanooga, TN and had worked for the JCPenney Company for all his career.

Lois valued people and developing relationships with everyone she met which is partly why she loved to travel, cook, and play cards. She was a nurturer of every living thing; plants grew in her care as did every person who crossed her path.

Lois will be greatly missed by her children, sons, David of Dallas, TX, and Jay (Ann) Benzshawel of West Des Moines, IA; and a daughter, Gina Marie (Scott) Harris of Richardson, TX; five grandchildren, J. Daniel (Allie) Benzshawel of Highland Beach, FL, John Addison Benzshawel of Iowa City, IA, Jeremy, Justin, and Jordan Harris, of Richardson TX; one sister, Adeline Matheys; three sisters-in-law, Ruth Burretta, Marlene Benzshawel of Appleton WI, and Barbara Benzshawel of Luxemburg, WI. She is also remembered and created fond memories with nieces and nephews and the many friends she made living in Manitowoc, WI, Greenbay, WI, Hutchinson, MN, Aberdeen, SD, Haywarden, IA, Sheldon, IA, Burlington, IA, Clinton, IA, Hot Springs, AR, Salisbury, MD, Chattanooga, TN, and West Des Moines, IA.

Lois will be welcomed to her new life by an infant daughter, Karla Jeanne; her husband Norbert; parents Mary and John Baretta; brother Daniel and wife Eleanor; brother Victor; sister Elaine; brothers in-law Don Mathey, Henry Osesek, Dick Benzshawel, Don Benzshawel, and Gerald Benzshawel; and mother and father in-law Clara and Matthew Benzshawel.

A Celebration of Life service was held at Edgewater in West Des Moines, IA and a Funeral Mass was said at The Chapel at the Mausoleum in Manitowoc, WI.

Memorials may be directed to Wesley Life Hospice, 5508 NW 88th St., Johnston, IA 50131. On-line condolences may be expressed at [www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com](http://www.HamiltonsFuneralHome.com).

**Edwards, James (Jim) Robert** (January 9, 2019) James, age 77, passed away with his wife and other family by his side. Perhaps the simplest description of Jim would be that he was a brilliant ray of sunshine. Jim's positive outlook, his laughter, his "It's a piece of cake" attitude, his determination, and his dedication to service to others, shone in everything he did.

He was dedicated to his family and to his community and loved being "papa" to his 3 grandkids. He worked hard and played hard; he loved his Ohio State Buckeyes, a good glass of scotch and never turned down the chance to play cards with family and friends. If you knew Jim, you're smiling right now because that's the effect he had on all of us.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and his three brothers. He's survived by his wife, Marianne, daughter Renee Alexander (Scott), grandchildren Sydney, Ben and Ethan, as well as many nieces, nephews, brothers/sisters-in-law, cousins and mother-in-law, Joyce.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Parkersburg Country Club, 4910 First Ave. Vienna, WV 26105, at 1:00 pm.

If you wish to remember him with a contribution, please consider contributing to your local Habitat for Humanity.

**Dunkley, Joseph "Lynn"** (October 5, 2018) Lynn was born in 1932 in Preston Idaho. He moved with his family to California while in junior high school.

As a teenager, he worked for **J.C. Penney** in Los Angeles stocking toys at Christmastime. By 1950 he was attending college, had joined ROTC, and was working part time at the Crenshaw Blvd Store in LA. After graduating from the University of Southern California, he became a Navy Ensign and reported to Bremerton, WA to work on the "Moth Ball Fleet" (the USS Missouri). Being shore-bound, he was able to work part time at the Bremerton J.C. Penney Store.

After being discharged from the Navy, he entered management training at the Norwalk Store in Orange County, CA. He was a Department Manager and then a Division Manager. In 1962 he moved to New York and worked in the Merchandising Department as the Treasury Stores were developing. In 1964 he moved to San Francisco to become a Group Merchandiser and then a Group Merchandise Manager followed by a Sales and Merchandise Manager. In 1970 he moved to Seattle as a District Supervisor. In 1972 he was promoted to District Manager out of the Billings Montana office. He traveled to stores in Idaho and Wyoming. The next move was in 1973 to Omaha, as District Manager of stores in Nebraska and Iowa. He then moved to Indianapolis as District Manager in 1975. He oversaw stores in Indiana and Kentucky. In 1981, he returned to Seattle as District Manager. He was promoted to Los Angeles Area Manager in 1983 working in Buena Park, CA until his retirement in 1992. Upon reflection, he most enjoyed personnel, encouraging associates to achieve their goals. The LA freeways had changed a lot from the 1950s to the 1990s so in retirement he and his wife, Janice, chose to move to Seattle.

While looking back at all their moves, Seattle had been their favorite area of the country to live. Still full of energy, he and Janice built their retirement home on Bainbridge Island looking across the Puget Sound at Seattle.

In twenty-two years of retirement there, he enjoyed golf, tennis, skiing and boating. They took their powerboat up the Inside Passage to Canada and Alaska four times with family and friends. They traveled the world exploring foreign countries, especially enjoying indigenous cultures.

They moved to Carlsbad CA in 2015. Friends, family and those who knew him remember Lynn as an optimistic, kind and generous person.

Lynn is survived by his wife, Janice, of 62 years as well as four children with spouses, eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Janice can be reached at 1950 Silverleaf Circle, Unit C334, Carlsbad, CA, 92009.

**Krauss, Robert Eugene "Bob"** (Aug 21, 2018) Robert was 87, of Sarasota, FL, and died of lung cancer. He was born and raised in Columbus, OH where he graduated from Rosary High School, class of '48.



He served as a radio operator in the United States Coast Guard. He had a successful 36 year career **with JC Penney** starting in Columbus and culminating in Christiana Mall, Newark, DE and remained a JCP booster his whole life. He retired to Nettles Island, FL.

In August 2008 he attended his 60th Rosary High reunion and reconnected with one who would quickly become the love of his life ... another old classmate ... Lissie Fries (Liselotte Schuh) and destiny took over. They married March 6, 2009 and enjoyed a precious late-in-life romance that blessed them both with joyful living, reading, reminiscing, going out to dinner when it was Bob's turn to cook, river cruises in Europe and across America, caring for each other and living a day at a time enjoying each moment they had. He reluctantly leaves Lissie in whose arms he died.

He is also survived by sons, Jeffrey, Thomas, Robert, James and daughter, Patty Krauss in Maryland; stepsons, Mijchell and Peter Fries, stepdaughters, Kimberly Swenson, Nicole O'Reilly, and Anita Hilderbrand, in Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania; Sister, Maryanne Akre in Columbus; 7 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren, 1 great grandson, 3 step great-grandsons, 1 step great-granddaughter. Bob was preceded in death by first wife Patricia, his father Jerome Robert Krauss, mother Beatrice Marie Smith, brother Richard Krauss, son John Krauss, and stepson Matthew Fries.

A memorial service was held at a later date. If so inclined, donations are welcome to Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238 whose attention and care for both Bob and Lissie were the ministrations of angels, with undying gratitude to Julie Steiner MSW, Cindy Gourley GS, Aubree Shea RN, Racheal Swinford CNA, Lou Cruz RN, Carol Fields Chaplain.

Funeral Home

National Cremation and Burial Society Sarasota

2990 Bee Ridge Road Sarasota, FL 34239

(941) 923-9535

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**Plume, Mark R.** (April 7, 2018) passed away at home (Conroe), surrounded by family. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to: [www.mdanderson.org/.../Glioblastoma.html](http://www.mdanderson.org/.../Glioblastoma.html).

Mark was born in Little Rock, Ark. on Sept. 17, 1952, to John and Doris Plume. He grew up in Dallas and graduated from J.T. White High School. He earned his BBA from UT Arlington in 1973 and was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Mark was a third-generation employee of the J.C. Penney Company for 43 years, retiring in 2012. Mark seized every moment of his retirement, filling his time with vacations with his wife, Penny, golfing and motorcycle trips with his son and close friends. He joined the BMW Motorcycle Club of Houston and was proud to have served as their president. He also enjoyed quiet moments at home with his wife and two special cats that adopted him. He was preceded in death by his father, John.

Survivors: Wife, Penny; mother, Doris Plume; daughters, Melissa Lawrence (Colby) and Alison Weaver (Brent); son, Preston Plume; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Colby, Alyssa, and Carson; great-grandson, Isaac; and sisters, Janet Plume and Susan Enk (Bob).

**Fielder, Carolyn Tomazine (Tommye)** (Oct 24, 2018) Tommye passed after a battle with cancer. Tommye was the wife of Ron Fielder who retired in 1997 at the JCPenney store 1430 Matteson IL in the Chicago district.

Tommye was born February 3, 1940 in Light, AR to the late Lawrence "Tom" and Elwanda Sawyers, where she grew up and attended Light, Greene County Tech Schools and Arkansas State University. Tommye was a member of Central Baptist Church in Jonesboro. She served the Lord in many Southern Baptist Churches, Bloomington, IN; Danville, IL; Champaign, IL; Louisville, KY; Lafayette, IN, Kalamazoo and Flint, MI; Olympia Fields, IL and Jonesboro.

She loved the nursery and kids, and greatly loved the Sparks in Awana's, which she led for ten years at Central Baptist in Olympia Fields. She spent many years in Bible Study Fellowship in four different states. Tommye participated in many discipleship programs, Master Life, Parenting by Grace, Covenant Marriage and many more through the years. She

ministered to many people over the years, in her service to the Lord. She loved God's Word, her grandchildren, her family and all kinds of crafts.

She married Ron Fielder and that union lasted fifty-eight and a half years. They were blessed with three children; Rick Fielder (Pam) of Indianapolis, Indiana, Tom Fielder (Laurie) and Susan Fielder all of Jonesboro; the loves of her life, her two grandsons, Gideon and Sawyer; two step-grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Tommye was preceded in death by her parents and a brother-in-law, Dr. J. Larry Williams.

She is survived by her husband, three children, grandchildren, a sister, June Williams and many special friends.

A celebration of her life was held October 27, 2018 at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Archie Mason and Rev. Mike Martin officiating. Interment followed at Lorado Cemetery under the direction of Gregg-Langford Bookout Funeral Home.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are LeAnn Murry, Connie Rogers, Amanda Fielder, Lawrence Williams, Jeff Williams, Lawrence Fielder, Brian Fielder, Robin Rhea, Anthony Fielder and Tyler Fielder and as honorary pallbearers, the Sonshine Fellowship Life Group of Central Baptist Church.

Lasting memorials may be sent to Central Baptist Church Mission Fund or Gideon's Internationals, P.O. Box 4002 Jonesboro, AR 72403

**Asbridge, Carol** (Dec 20, 2018) Mrs. Carol Asbridge, age 74, of Flowery Branch passed away at Arbor Terrace – Hamilton Mill, surrounded by her family.

Memorial Services will be held at Sugar Hill United Methodist Church. Date and time to be determined.

Mrs. Asbridge was born April 17, 1944 to the late Lawrence & Mary Bauer in Louisville, Kentucky. She was a member of Sugar Hill United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Asbridge is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ed Asbridge of Flowery Branch; daughter & son-in-law, Debbi & Bob Kvietkus of Hoschton; daughter & partner, Rae Asbridge & Kellie Bowker of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Tyler & Carolina Kvietkus, Emily Kvietkus, Kayla Kahan and Kiara Kahan; sister, Nancy Paulin; and several nieces & nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mildred Gaddie.

Memorial Park South Funeral Home, 4121 Falcon Parkway, Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542 is in charge of arrangements. Send on-line condolences to [www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com](http://www.memorialparkfuneralhomes.com).

*Carol passed away peacefully around midnight last night. She was only 74.*

*Like a lot of women of our ages, Carol was a homemaker. As we moved many times following our JCPenney career, she took great pride in turning our new houses into homes. She helped our daughters get involved after every move, carting them to ball games, marching band activities, piano lessons, cheerleading events and more swim meets than we could ever count. Carol enjoyed reading, traveling, playing tennis, cooking and playing canasta with her friends..*

*Unfortunately, Alzheimer's took all of these hobbies, and much more, away from her. As her AD worsened, she verbalized that she was afraid to "lose her mind." and "What's happening to me?". We are thankful she is no longer afraid and free of this ugly disease that aggressively pursued her over the past year.*

*Thank you all for your prayers and support. I know many of you will ask what you can do for us, but honestly, we are ok. We are planning a memorial service for January. We had lots of family time already planned for the Christmas Season, so we will spend our time together, grateful for our memories. I hope you and your families enjoy a wonderful holiday season as well. ~Ed Asbridge*

**Payne, Bobby Leon** (Aug 1, 2018) Payne passed away peacefully at home. Bob was born, February 3, 1935, in Houston, to Leon Alta and Minnie Esta Payne. The oldest of three sons, he attended school in Houston until 1949 when the family moved to Athens, Texas, where he graduated from high school. He attended Henderson Junior College and East Texas State University, where he graduated in 1957 with a BA in Business.

In 1958, Bob followed in his father's footsteps and began his career with the **JCPenney Company** in Houston, later transferring to stores in Baytown, Port Arthur and Laredo. In 1968 he was promoted to store manager in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he served for four years. Desiring to be back in Texas, he accepted a transfer as store manager to downtown Waco in 1972. He managed that store until its relocation to Richland Mall, where he remained until his retirement in 1997. Bob won many awards during his 38-year career with JCPenney. He was proudest of winning the President's Cup and the Chairman's Award while in Waco.

Not one to remain idle for long, he purchased Brazos Feed & Supply where he and his son, Gary, worked together until his second retirement in 2013. Other interests include serving on the Board of Directors of the Heart of Texas Fair, President of the Heart of Texas Bird Dog Club and Founding Member, President and Race Director of the Heart of Texas Drag Boat Club. He took great pride in his involvement in establishing drag boat racing at Brazos Park East in Waco and in his induction into the Southern Drag Boat Association (SDBA) Hall of Fame for his exemplary service and leadership in the sport. Bob also loved being outdoors. He cherished memories of hunting and fishing trips with his family and friends, particularly those that included his father, his son, his grandson, Cole, and his brothers, Billy and Bucky. He loved his Oak Hill Ranch and spent countless hours on his tractor or working cattle and riding horses.

In 1979 he married the love of his life, Sharon Patterson. For the next 33 years, Bob and Sharon traveled to boat races, field trials, Hawaii, Alaska and the Cayman Islands. Sharon brought love into his life, and he said that she was one of the best things that ever happened to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Mike Bearden; and son-in-law, Carl Haddock. Survivors include his son, Gary and wife, Camille, of Lorena; daughter, Sheri Haddock of Springtown; and daughter, Teri Bearden of Lorena. Surviving grandchildren are Cole and Morgan Payne of Lubbock; Ashley Pierpoint and husband, Brandon, of Lubbock; Andrew Haddock and wife, Miranda, of Springtown and Stacy Walton and husband, Erik, of Hewitt. Surviving great-grandchildren are Peyton Pierpoint, Addalee, Meyer and Astyn Haddock, and Brady and Callen Walton. He is also survived by his brothers, Billy and wife, Grace, of Navasota, and Bucky and wife, Roxie, of The Woodlands, and their families.

Bob was an inspiration to all who knew him during his 16-year battle with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was truly a fighter in every way and was quick to give others fighting the battle with cancer hope and encouragement, as well as a joke along the way to bring a smile to their face. He will forever be missed by those who loved him as his memory will forever live on in their hearts. The family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and medical staff who cared for him through his battle with cancer.

**Salzetti, Kay** (Dec 4, 2018) Kay, of Carlsbad, Ca. passed away from complications of cancer treatment.

Kay was born in Price, Utah and married her childhood sweetheart, Ron Salzetti in 1960. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Ron and Kay moved numerous times over the years in support of Ron's career with JCPenney. She always made their homes perfect within days of moving into them. Hers was the house where all of the kids wanted to be. Because of the numerous moves, Kay developed a passion for decorating and design that spilled over to her daughters. She took great pride in her family and always put the needs of her kids and grandkids over her own. Kay was selfless.

Kay's only goal in life was to create an environment of unconditional love for her family. Her undying support resulted in getting all four of her kids through college and with successful careers. She was so proud of all of them. More importantly, all four modeled the example that she and Ron set — create strong families and another generation of grandchildren for her to care for and love.

Kay's selflessness carried over to her friendships. She made friends for life and had a weekly cadence of connecting with her friends — even the ones who lived on the east coast. Later in life, Kay and Ron developed a passion for taking cruises all over the world. They often "cruised" with many of the friends they had made over the years and added some new friends along the way.

Kay is survived by her husband, Ron. Children: Ron Jr. (Colleen), Shaunna (Scott Kahn), Jennifer (John Zeis), and Jason (Molly). She has 11 grandchildren: Matthew (30) Samantha (29), Daniel (28), Ashley (25), Jason (19), Jacob (19), Caroline (13), Sophia (12), Scott (12), Reid (11), GiGi (10).

A funeral Mass Celebrating the Life of Kay Salzetti will be held December 21, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St. Carlsbad, CA 92009. The Rev. Father Brian Kelly will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to one of the following charities:

**HCSC Foundation** Make check out to the HCSC Foundation and mail to:

Larry Noble  
15220 Green Valley Drive  
Chino Hills, CA 91709

**Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage:**

(Kay and Ron volunteered at this orphanage in Tecate, Mexico for years working with children to improve their living conditions. The orphanage is sponsored by their friend and local Catholic parish priest, Father Brian Kelly.)

Donate to the Kay Salzetti Remembrance Fund at: <https://support.ofno.org/team/202313>

or you can send a check to:

Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage  
7183 Willet Circle, Carlsbad, CA 92011

\*\*Please note that your donation is for the Kay Salzetti Remembrance fund.

FED ID#: 32-0431991.

A reception will be held at Shaunna and Scott's home. Join us for a light lunch celebration.

6153 San Elijo Avenue Rancho Santa Fe, 92067

Valet parking will be provided - please drive all of the way up the very long driveway

**Noll, Phyllis A.** (Nov 29, 2018) Phyllis, born October 8, 1938, age 80, formerly of Canton, OH, passed peacefully after a brief battle with cancer. She was an active member of the community and long-time member of Sunnyview Christian Church.

Phyllis was the wife of Joe Noll, retired from Oshkosh in the mid 90's. Joe survives her. She died after a brief battle with cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Sunnyview Christian Church, 175 E County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI. Visitation at 10 a.m. followed by services at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Bella Medical Clinic, Oshkosh, WI.

**Lindgren, Ronald J.** (Nov 9, 2017) Ronald, age 84, of Janesville, died at Huntington Place. He was born in Yankton, SD on July 14, 1933, the son of Donald and Wilma (Jilg) Lindgren. He lived in Marinette, WI for 35 years before moving to Janesville in 2014.

Ron married his high school sweetheart Marsha A. Johnson in Yankton, SD on Oct. 18, 1955, just celebrating their 62nd anniversary. After serving in the U.S. Army he was Store Manager of JC Penney for 40 years, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed golfing, being outdoors, woodworking and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Marsha A. Lindgren; 4 children: Roni Ann Hardee of High Point, NC, Tami Lee (Mike) Fischer of Maple Grove, MN, Chuck (Julie) Lindgren of Janesville, WI, and John (Shari) Lindgren of Coto de Caza, CA; 10 grandchildren: Brandon Hardee, Brittany Brown, Travis Hardee, Laurie Leadens, Mandy Jeppesen, Megan Lindgren, Ron Lindgren, Tom Lindgren, Sean Lindgren and Charlotte Lindgren; 9 great grandchildren: Grace and Joseph Hardee, Lydia, Lila and Liam Brown, Savannah and Scarlett Hardee, Austin Leadens and Audrey Jeppesen; sister, Sharon Boyd and her 2 daughters, Laurie and Lisa; sister-in-law, Myrna Fitzgerald of Janesville, WI, and her 2 daughters, Beth (Dan) Driver and Becky (Rob) Rivest. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, David Fitzgerald of Janesville, WI.

A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2017 at SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY with Fr. Paul Ugo Arinze officiating. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

**Lindgren, Marsha A.** (June 1, 2018) Marsha, age 83, of Janesville, died at Huntington Place. She was born in Springfield, SD on Aug. 14, 1934, the daughter of Alfred and Letty Lucille (Dempster) Johnson.

Marsha married Ronald Lindgren (her high school sweetheart) in Yankton, SD on Oct. 18, 1955. He preceded her in death on November 9, 2017 after enjoying 62 years of a long and loving marriage. She had been a Marinette resident for 35 years before moving to Janesville. She was employed by Stephenson National Bank in Marinette, a member of the Women's Club in Marinette, Bridge Club, a volunteer for the Hospital Auxiliary in Beloit, and loved hosting holidays for her family. She enjoyed playing the piano, sewing, technology classes, and visiting her growing family across the country.

Marsha is survived by her 4 children: Roni Ann Hardee of High Point, NC, Tami Lee (Mike) Fischer of Maple Grove, MN, Chuck (Julie) Lindgren of Janesville and John (Shari) Lindgren of Coto de Caza, CA; 10 grandchildren: Brandon Hardee, Brittany Brown, Travis Hardee, Laurie Leadens, Mandy Jeppesen, Megan Lindgren, Ron Lindgren, Tom Lindgren, Sean Lindgren and Charlotte Lindgren; 9 great grandchildren: Grace and Joseph Hardee, Lydia, Lila and Liam Brown, Savannah and Scarlett Hardee, Austin Leadens and Audrey Jeppenson; sister, Myrna Fitzgerald of Janesville, WI, and her 2 daughters, Beth (Dan) Driver and Becky (Rob) Rivest; sister-in-law, Sharon Boyd and her 2 daughters, Laurie and Lisa. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A Funeral Service was held at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY with Jerry Amstutz officiating. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. Lasting Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Agrace Hospice. SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY is assisting the family.

**Oesterreicher, David James** (Nov 29, 2018) David, of Plano, Texas, passed away on November 29, 2018 at the age of 40. David was an inspiration to all who knew him. He was a peaceful man with a heart of gold. His caring ways and compassionate spirit brightened the day of everyone he met.

Passionate about life, David loved the Cowboys and all things sports. He knew statistics and scores like no one else. David was a doting uncle who relished being involved in the lives of his nieces and nephew. A member of the Sent Church in Plano, TX, David loved the Lord. He enjoyed spending time with his bible study group and being a part of his church family.

David began his journey of life on November 10, 1978, to proud and loving parents, James E. and Patricia A. (Mitas) Oesterreicher in Marion, Ohio. Growing up, David spent his childhood following his favorite sports teams and sorting baseball cards. He enjoyed living in and exploring Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and California before making Texas his home where he graduated from Plano Senior High School. David's competitive spirit led him to play wheelchair track and basketball where he flourished and found life-long friends. One of those, Melissa Klabunde, was not only a best friend, but became his loving wife of 14 years. David and Melissa married March 27, 2004 in Highland Village, Texas.

Always an outgoing people person, David worked at Eckerd Drug Store and then found his niche assisting customers at the Stonebriar JCPenney store.

David is survived by his loving wife, Melissa Oesterreicher, Plano, Texas; adoring parents, Jim and Pat Oesterreicher of Athens, Texas; brother, Scott Oesterreicher and his wife, Michelle, of McKinney, Texas and their daughters, Nicole, Kaitlin, and Julia; brother, Tom Oesterreicher and his wife, Sandy, of Arvada, Colorado and their children Owen and Elise; caring in-laws Karen Abdou and husband Eddie of San Marcos, Texas and Bill Klabunde of Omaha, Nebraska.

The family will receive friends during a visitation Tuesday, December 4, 2018, from 7p.m. until 9 p.m. at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas. A funeral service will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen.

Memorial donations may be made to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas, TX or the Spina Bifida Association.

**Allgaler, James Ervin** (Nov 20, 2018) Jim passed away after a courageous battle with Cancer.

James Ervin Allgaier was born in Richmond, California to Helen (Schortgen) and Ervin Allgaier on February 23, 1937. Jim grew up in Richmond and he graduated from Richmond High School in 1955. He attended Chico State



University for two years where he was a member of Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity. He then enlisted in the US Army for two years. Following his time in the Army, Jim returned to Chico State and graduated in 1961 with a Business degree in Marketing.

He married Margie Thornton in January of 1961. They enjoyed 57 years of marriage together. The two were blessed with two children, sons Mark and Eric.

Jim was employed with the **JC Penney Company** for 35 years and served as District Personal Manager in Portland Oregon and retired as the Store Manager in Logan, Utah. After Jim's retirement, Jim and Marge returned to Portland Oregon to be closer to family.

Jim and Marge are longtime members of the Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church. They loved to travel and spend time with family and friends. They enjoyed watching sports together and they especially loved to watch the Trailblazers and San Francisco Giants.

Jim is survived by his wife Marge Allgaier; two sons: Mark Allgaier (wife Carol), and Eric Allgaier and (wife Jackie); granddaughters: Lauren Allgaier and Erin Brown (husband Cody); great-granddaughters Riley and Taylor.

A Celebration of Life will be held on February 23rd, 2019, 2pm, at the Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, 17625 NW Cornell Road, Beaverton, OR.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Jim's name to the American Cancer Society or to the Shepherd of The Valley Lutheran Church, Beaverton Oregon.

**Orr, John Derek** (Nov 24, 2018) John Derek Orr, age 61, was a resident of Marietta Georgia. He was preceded in death by his father, H.B.Orr Jr.

Derek is survived by his mother, Joan Orr; his brother Brad Orr; and sisters Lisa Noland, Teresa Shank, and Jennifer Orr. He also had 9 nieces and nephews.

Derek was born on November 10th, 1957 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was a graduate of Crawford Mosely High School in Panama City Florida. He went to college on baseball scholarships at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, FL., and the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia.

Derek was a loyal employee of the **J.C. Penney Company** for over 30 years before his retirement in 2013. With J.C. Penney he transferred to Puerto Rico where he spent the happiest years of his life. There he met the love of his life, Rosa (Nani) Barreras, and developed many other lasting friendships.

Derek was a lifelong Tennessee Volunteer fan following in his father's footsteps. Along with the Vols, he loved golfing, fishing and hanging out with family. He will be greatly missed.

**Hiebeler, Leo M.** (Sept 17, 2017) Leo, age 94 was of Bloomington, Minnesota. Leo was born in Carroll, Iowa in 1923. He married Evelyn Joynt in 1945 and they had eight children. Leo was a sergeant in World War II, serving three years in the Army in the Pacific Theater. Leo was proud of his over 50 year career for **J.C. Penney Company**. During his retirement, he and Evelyn moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona where they were both avid golfers. Leo was a volunteer in SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) counseling small businesses. He served as chairman of the East Valley chapter for several years. In 2011,

Leo and Evelyn moved back to Bloomington from Arizona. Leo loved sports, especially the Vikings and baseball. He also liked history, current events and chocolate pie. Leo enjoyed comedy and loved to laugh.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn and son, James. He is survived by his children, Robert (Marilyn) Hiebeler of Chicago, Mary (Doug) Nick of St. Louis Park, Richard (Colleen) Hiebeler of Apple Valley, Barbara (Art) Gering of Phoenix, Virginia Lozano of Burnsville, David (Cris) Hiebeler of Littleton, CO and Susan Dunn of Santa Rosa, CA. He is survived by nine grandchildren: Jacob, Megan, Adam, Jonathan, Emily, Alex, Claire, Julia and Karina and eight great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Delores Byerink of Carroll, Iowa and sisters-in-law Arlene Joynt and Jenny Joynt.

The family would like to thank the staff at Wealshire of Bloomington for his care. Funeral Service were at Gill Brothers Funeral Home, 9947 Lyndale Ave. S., Bloomington with visitation one hour prior to service. Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

The family suggests donations to The Alzheimer's Assoc. GILLBROTHERS.com Bloomington, MN 952-888-7771

*He was so proud of his over 50 years at JCP and considered the company and the friends and associates he met there as family. He was in management in Columbus, Nebraska (assistant manager), Lacrosse Kansas (where he was the youngest ever JCP store manager), Dyersville, Iowa, Owatonna MN, Downtown Minneapolis (as Division Manager) and finally he headed the Custom Decorating Service Center until his retirement. He was proud that he had the opportunity to meet Mr. Penney (or "The Founder", as he referred to him) while he was a store manager in Dyersville in 1952. Those who had the chance to be trained by him have expressed countless times to our family how much they appreciated his advice and mentoring. ~~Mary Nick*

**Lewis, Harvey "Don"** (Oct 26, 2018) Don, 74, of Fayetteville, Arkansas died at Willard Walker Hospice Home in Fayetteville due to Alzheimer's. He was born August 19, 1944 in Decatur, Texas to Lorine and Harvey Lewis.

Don started his JCPenney career in Denton Texas opening the store at the strip mall. He started in the stockroom moving layaways from the downtown store to the new location. This is where he met and later married his wife Doris Grantham. Together they lived in four different states with Penney's. Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Managing the last two stores of his 41 year career. After retiring from the Midland, Texas store he returned to Fayetteville, Arkansas which his family considered home.

Once retired he spent most of his time traveling to his grandchildren's sporting events. Many hours were also spent on the 5 acres he owned keeping it all mowed and looking perfect. He also enjoyed traveling with Doris.

Don is survived by his wife, Doris Lewis, two sons; Charles Lewis and wife Amy of Farmington, Scott Lewis and wife Rina of Springdale, brother, David Lewis and wife Ann of College Station, Texas, sister, Julie Speck and husband Steve of Denton, Texas, five grandchildren; Austin Lewis and wife Erin, Macy Bowen and husband Trevor, Kylee Vaughn and husband Jon, Morgan Lewis, Easton Lewis, great-grandson, Logan Lewis and many loving friends and family.

**Byers, David Waldo "Buck"** (Nov 2, 2018) David, of Plano, Texas, born October 6, 1941, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and friends.

David grew up in Chattanooga, Ohio where his father, Waldo Byers was a Lutheran Pastor and his mother, Elsie Bennett Byers was a School Teacher. He went to University of Miami of Ohio for undergraduate and then to University of Cincinnati where he earned a J.D. Law Degree.

Early in his law career, he moved to southern California where he started his lifelong career at J.C. Penney as a Labor Law Attorney and then when the company relocated to Plano, Texas, he found Texas to be home for over 30 years.

Later in his life, his days were filled spending time with his children, grandchildren and traveling the world with his beloved wife and best friend, Nancy Hornbuckle Byers. His zest and curiosity to travel the world was remarkable and shared with many of his friends and family.

David is survived by his "sweetie" and wife of over 26 years, Nancy Hornbuckle Byers and his loving daughter, Jennifer "Jenn" Byers Carter and husband, J.J. Carter, their children Audrey and Errol Carter and son, Brian David Byers and his daughter, Brianna Byers, sisters, Marcille Edgell and Eileen Hurless, step-sons Steven and Corey Grimes and step-grandchildren, Doey Grimes Nelson and Sara Grimes.

A private memorial with family and friends will be held in January 2019.

**Barstad, David J.** (Nov 2, 2018) David was 69, of Watertown, South Dakota. He was born and raised in Brainerd, Minnesota. David was a loving husband and father, as well as, a devoted man of God.

He is survived by his loving wife Tonia, four children Tammy Ehresman (Jason), Tracy McDougall (Sebastian), Tiffany Hagen (Chris) and Thomas Barstad (Kristin), six grandchildren (Emily, Ellie, Noah, Landon, Kaiser and Charlotte) and sister Marty Nelson (Lowell).

David was known to be constantly "tinkering." He was happiest when he had something to fix or take apart. As a career businessman, he spent 47 years working at **JCPenneys**.

In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time in the fellowship of his Christian brothers and sisters. As one of the founding members of Friendship Baptist Church, his lifetime goal of spreading the Gospel of Christ will

continue through the preaching and teaching of the Gospel. He was also on the Board of Directors of The Boys and Girls Club in Watertown.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 in the afternoon on Saturday, November 17 at Friendship Baptist Church Watertown, South Dakota. Address 905 7th Ave. NE (PO Box 271). Pastor Bill Arnold is the officiant.

**Tester, Gerald “Gerry” L.** (Nov 9, 2018) Gerald was 73 and resided in Springfield, MO.

He was born May 20, 1945 in Litchfield, IL to parents William and Helen (Rottinghaus) Tester. He married Barbara Traxler on June 15, 1969 in Forsyth, IL. They enjoyed 49 years of marriage.

Gerry was a graduate of Raymond High School (IL) in 1963 and Southern Illinois University in 1966.

Beginning as a management trainee in 1966, Gerry worked for **JCPenney** for 40 years. He retired in 2005 as the Springfield Store and Home Store manager. Throughout his career, he held several managerial positions across the country at the district, regional, and corporate levels.

In retirement, Gerry loved to travel. He could strike up a conversation with anyone at an RV park and make a new friend. He enjoyed the outdoors including yardwork, fishing, and spending time at the beach. Gerry was a member of the Springfield Better Business Bureau where he volunteered on the Board of Directors from 1998-2015.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Nicole; son-in-law, Jason Fromm; sister-in-law, Roberta (Traxler) Schlacter; and several cousins on all sides of the family.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 14 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home. Services will be held immediately following visitation at 12:00 pm. Graveside services will be at Friends Creek Cemetery in Argenta, IL on Friday, November 16 at 11:00 am.

Memorial donations may be made in Gerry’s name to the Gastro-Intestinal Research Foundation, University of Chicago, 20 W. Kinzie Street, 17th Floor, Chicago, IL 60654 or online at <https://giresearchfoundation.org/donate/>.

**Smith, Tom** (October 22, 2018) Tom went to join his beloved wife, Louise, who died January 17, 2017 after 65 years of marriage. There will be a private family funeral. ***This is all the information we have. He was a member of the Northern California/Nevada LMG.***

**Stecher, Richard “Dick”** (Oct 15, 2018) ***(Revised 10/24/2018)*** Dick passed away October 15, 2018 at Treasure Coast Hospice, Fort Pierce, Florida. Dick was a proud member of the Southeastern and Deep South HCSC Clubs as well as the National Club. His career included assignments in Jacksonville, FL, Winter Park FL, West Palm Beach, FL, Hialeah FL and he retired from a assignment in Custom Decorating. Dick had a great love of life, was a great HCSC Partner and a friend to many. He loved being a part of the JCP team and the many wonderful associates he worked with. He is survived by his wife Maureen, four children, five grandchildren and many dear close friends. There will be a celebration of his life at a later date. Memories to be shared with the family can be sent via e-mail to Maureen ([modick@bellsouth.net](mailto:modick@bellsouth.net)). Condolences can be sent to Maureen at: 10 Harbor Isle Drive, Unit #102, Fort Pierce, FL. 34949.

**Hopper Jr., Stonewall Jackson “Bill”** (Oct 15, 2018) Bill, 85, of Gastonia, NC was born February 23, 1933 in Clover, SC, Bill was the son of the late Stonewall Jackson Hopper, Sr. and Catherine Shepard Hopper.

Bill was a graduate of Clover High School and the University of South Carolina. He attended Clover First Baptist Church and was the longtime store manager of **JC Penney**, where he retired after 37 years of service.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean Worrells Hopper; son, Tim Hopper; sisters, Helen Stanton and Faye Fields.

Bill is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Susan Hopper; daughters and sons-in-law, Patti Patriarca, Cindi and Brian Stedwell, and Terri and Klaus Fuhrmann; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family and friends of Bill Hopper are invited to attend his visitation beginning at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Thursday at McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM Friday in Founders

Chapel of McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia with Pastor John Stanley officiating. Burial will follow in Gaston Memorial Park.

Condolences may be sent to the Hopper family online at [www.mcleanfuneral.com](http://www.mcleanfuneral.com)

Flowers are accepted or contributions in memory of Bill may be sent to Gaston Hospice, P.O. Box 3984, Gastonia, NC 28054.

McLean Funeral Directors of Gastonia is serving the Hopper family.

**Fleenor, Bill** (Oct 5, 2018) Bill, 80, passed away in Franklin, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Eleanor Fleenor; son and daughter-in-law, Todd and Ruthie, daughter and son-in-law, Alisa and Steve. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Todd (Meagan), Hunter (Natalie), Sloane, Glenn, Ruth, Carris, and Grace, his sister, Delores (Hap) and two nephews Chuck (Beverly) and Bill (Cathy).

Bill was an active member of Brentwood United Methodist Church, Stephen Ministry, and the Wesley Forum Sunday School class. He loved volunteering at the Children's Hospital at Williamson Medical Center, and worked with the Salvation Army, USO and the United Way among other charities. In his free time, Bill enjoyed playing golf, traveling with Eleanor, and most of all, spending time with his family.

To celebrate his life, Dr. Laura Brantley and Rev. Bob Moore will conduct a service at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11th at Brentwood United Methodist Church. The family will receive visitors at the church beginning at 1:00 p.m. Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Wesley Forum Sunday School class. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army ([give.salvationarmyusa.org](http://give.salvationarmyusa.org)) or Graceworks Ministries ([www.graceworksministries.net](http://www.graceworksministries.net)).

**McCutchen, Frances J** (Oct 15, 2017) Mrs. Frances J. McCutchen 128 N. Garden St. Winnsboro, SC 29180 passed away on October 15, 2017. She leaves behind her children James R. (Sonja) Small of Winnsboro, SC Johnny R. Small of Lexington, SC Randy Small of Winnsboro, SC and William McCutchen Jr. Of Columbia, SC Frances Able (Willie Lee) of Ridgeway, SC Della Ashford of Winnsboro, SC and Janice Redding of Kingstreet, SC. One brother Mack A McCant of Winnsboro, SC two sisters; Johnnie Mae (Mathew) Golson of New Jersey and Thomasina (George) Mobley of Winnsboro, SC. Funeral service will be 11:00am at Calvary Presbyterian Church 311 S Vanderhorst St. Winnsboro, SC. Burial was in Fairfield Memorial Cemetery located at Smalltown Rd. Winnsboro, SC. She was preceded in by Marvin V. McCutchen.

**King Jr., Archibald E.**, (August 19, 2015) Archibald 84, of Spring Lake, passed at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. He was predeceased by his parents, Archibald & Anna King. He is survived by his wife, Marion, their four children: Archibald (Anne), George (Gail), Charles (Cathleen) and Reverend Andrew King. He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Thomas, Alexander (Rebecca), Coulter, Mary, Harry, Barrett, Archibald and MacArthur.

He was a graduate of Georgetown University and of Columbia University School of Law. He began commissioned service in the [US Navy](#) upon his graduation from Georgetown University and served on several ships during the [Korean War](#). Following active duty, he continued his service in the US Naval Reserve, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following a distinguished legal career, he retired in 1990 from JCPenney as an Assistant General Counsel and moved to Spring Lake, NJ.

Until his retirement, he had been a lifelong resident of New York City and was an active member of his community. He was a founding member of the Turtle Bay Association. He served as Chairman of the Vanderbilt YMCA Board of Directors. The Vanderbilt YMCA dedicated their Early Childhood Center to him in recognition of his tireless work and support.

Guided by his deep faith and strong principles, he devoted his life to his family and friends, his community and his country. He enriched the lives of all who knew him.