

## WITH DEEP SORROW

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**Margaret (Edmunds) "Maggie" Bedford** passed away suddenly on January 24, 2023.

She was born in Roanoke, Virginia, on December 21, 1955. She graduated from Balboa High School in 1974. Maggie was a Governors Club member of the Panama Canal Society and attended the annual

Reunions. She was a dedicated volunteer in Registration every year.

After leaving Canal Zone, she met her first husband, James Shay, while serving four years in the U.S. Army working in the Mess Halls. They had a daughter, Elizabeth (Shay) Carpenter, born in New Jersey.

After her divorce, she met Herbert H. Bedford. On June 5, 1988, during a New Jersey Street fair, Maggie and Herbert said their vows on a stage in front of the people attending the street fair. They had a son named Herbert "Chip" P. Bedford.

They moved to Orlando, Fla., and finally to the Kissimmee area. Maggie worked for Tupperware in Kissimmee and then *Shades of Green* in Lake Buena Vista as a Reservations Clerk until her passing. *Shades of Green* is a Disney resort that only supports the U.S. Military community.

Maggie and classmate Ric Figueroa (who passed away in July 2022) organized Balboa High School 1974 - 45th Class Reunion during the Society's Reunion in 2019. They did a great job with the organization at the Marriott.

She is survived by her daughter, Liz, and granddaughter, Ava, and her son, Herbert, and grandson, Aiden.



**Lendy Ove (Harris) Dear** passed away on December 13, 2022, with her family by her side at her home in Granite Bay, California.

Lendy was born in Elk City, Oklahoma, on March 8, 1940. Her paternal grandparents raised Lendy until age seven when she joined her mother, Lula Emma Price, and her step-father Paul Higdon Price in San Francisco, Calif. Paul was stationed there as a marine. Lendy was a self-proclaimed service brat moving every two years.

Lendy graduated from Balboa High School in 1957 in the former Canal Zone in Panama. After graduation, Lendy moved back to California with her family.

She married Leo John Conti on September 26, 1959. She and Leo had two children, Stacy and John. Lendy divorced Leo and later married James E Dear.

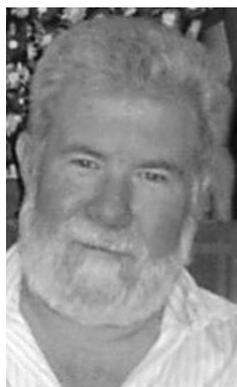
In 1973, Lendy, Jim, and their family moved to England for two years, where Lendy had the opportunity to take several culinary courses. In 1975 the family moved back state-

side. They bought a house in Valencia, Calif. Lendy and Jim lived there for 40 years until Jim passed away in 2015. During her 40 years in Valencia, Lendy went back to college. She got her degree in Business Administration. Lendy worked as a Contracts administrator for 27 years before retiring.

In 2016 Lendy moved north to the Sacramento area to be closer to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She bought a house in Granite Bay, where she resided until her passing.

Lendy became an active member in the women's bible study at Destiny Christian Church. She enjoyed learning more about the bible and Christian religion. She also enjoyed reading novels, and had a passion for travel. Lendy traveled to Russia, Italy, France, Spain, England, and Scotland. Lendy and Jim took many road trips, including Route 66, Canada, and numerous national parks. She loved traveling with her children, also. In 2003 Stacy and Lendy spent two weeks touring the East coast with an emphasis on the Amish country. In 2019 John and Lendy took a two-week cruise to Australia and New Zealand.

Lendy is preceded in death by her mother, Lulu; father, Ove; step-father, Paul; her sister Marylou; and her husband, Jim. She is survived by her daughter Stacy and son-in-law Peter; son John and daughter-in-law Joann; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. All of whom will miss her immensely.



**James Joseph Hannigan**, 68, of Mt. Vernon, Washington, passed away peacefully on January 8, 2023, in Seattle, Washington. He died of a brain tumor after a short illness.

Born on August 22, 1954, in New Haven, Conn., he was the son of the late Rita (Saunders) and Thomas J. Hannigan Jr.

Jim moved to the Canal Zone with his family at age seven, when his father took a job with the Panama Canal Company. Jim started working with the Panama Canal Company when he graduated from Balboa High School in 1972. After graduation, he was accepted into the apprentice electrician program. In 1976 Jim graduated, with honors, as an Electrician with the Electrical Division of the Panama Canal Company. Jim graduated with an associate degree from Canal Zone College in 1979 and a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington in 1987. Jim returned to Panama to work for the Panama Canal Commission until his retirement in 1999.

Jim left Panama and relocated to Newhalem, Washington. Jim started his second career with Seattle City Light. He was an employee of Seattle City Light until his passing on January 8, 2023. Jim is a member of the Panama Canal Society.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Judy, two stepsons, Kyle and Joey, and their families. He is survived by siblings, Dodie (BHS'74) (Michael Penda) of Tolland, Conn., Tom (BHS'77) of Auburn, Wash., Dennis (BHS'78) (Karen) of Farmington, Conn, Dave (BHS'78) of Tequesta, Fla., and Brian (BHS'83) (Wendy) of Southington, Conn. A celebration of life was held on January 13, 2023, in Mount Vernon, Wash.



**Thomas Joseph Hannigan Jr.**, 95, of West Hartford, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2022. Born on March 2, 1927, in New Haven, Conn., he was the son of the late Thomas and Mabel (Lynch) Hannigan. With his parents' permission, he enlisted in the US Marines at 17 rather than waiting to be drafted at 18. The war ended

before he deployed overseas, and he was honorably discharged a year later.

He graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1952 and married Rita Marie Saunders on May 2, 1953. They were married for over 65 years until her passing in 2019.

Tom and Rita spent many years overseas, first in Guam and then in the Panama Canal Zone, where they lived for 26 years and raised their six children. Tom was the Overhaul Engineer in the Locks Division of the Panama Canal. They returned to Connecticut in 1988 to enjoy their retirement and spend time with their cherished grandchildren. They were proud members of the Panama Canal Society. He and Rita never missed the annual Reunion.

He is survived by his sister Sr. Melanie Hannigan, O.P; and children, Jim (BHS'72) and wife Judy of Mt. Vernon, Wash., Dodie (BHS'74), and Michael Penda of Tolland, Conn., Tom (BHS'77) of Auburn, Wash., Dennis (BHS'78) and wife Karen of Farmington, Conn., Dave (BHS'78) of Tequesta, Fla., and Brian (BHS'83) and wife Wendy of Southington, Conn. He also leaves behind 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. A private burial with military honors was held on December 30, 2022.



**Samuel Sullivan Irvin III** passed away December 15, 2022, at his home of natural causes.

Sam was born in Asheville, N.C., on March 11, 1957, but spent nearly all of his youth growing up in the Canal Zone on the Isthmus of Panama.

Sam briefly attended elementary school in Penrose (Transylvania County), N.C., before moving to the Panama Canal Zone. In Panama, he attended Los Rios Elementary, Curundu Junior High, and Balboa High Schools. Sam graduated with the BHS class of 1975 and is known



by his friends as "Sapo."

Sam was a member of several school clubs, lettered on the Swim Team as a diver, contributed artwork to many school publications, including the yearbook, and represented his senior class as their president.

Upon graduation, Sam attended the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. graduating in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree and a United States Coast Guard Third Mate's License, Unlimited Tonnage.

Sam sailed in the Merchant Marine for the next three decades, moving up the ranks and ultimately earning the distinction as a Master Mariner. He was awarded the "Silver Mariner Award" by his alma mater.

Sam's retirement returned him permanently to his long-time beloved home "on the mountain" in Pisgah Forest, N.C., where he graciously welcomed one and all to his piece of Heaven while minding the mountain alongside his father, his grandfather, and his Uncle Tom.

Sam regularly represented the Irvin Family Clan at Hendersonville, N.C. Presbyterian Church, "Kirkin of the Tartans" with parents, he was a member of the Stone Fabricators Alliance (earning the SFA's 2012 "Tynan McDermid Spirit" award). He was a Mason, played harmonica in the local band "The Hogtown Squealers," was a member of the Brevard Davidson River Presbyterian Church and was owner/artisan of "Sam's Granite" selling his wares at many a Transylvania County Farmer's Market. Sam is a member of the Panama Canal Society.

Sam's love, outgoing personality, and artistic contributions in music, drawing, granite work, etcetera, will be missed every day. Sam is survived by his mother, Norma; his children, Jessalyn and Samuel IV; his brothers, Tom Irvin and John Irvin; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.



**Ruth (Baumbach) Lichti**, 98, passed away on November 16, 2022, in Cottonwood, Arizona.

She was born on April 19, 1924, in Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Frederick and Bessie (Eng) Baumbach. The family resided in Newport, Kentucky, until August of 1936, during the depression years, when her father took a job in Panama. They initially lived on the Atlantic

Side in the town of New Cristobal. In 1941 they moved to the Pacific Side, living in Balboa and Ancon.

A Balboa High School graduate in the class of '42, she took her first employment role in the Treasurer's Office for the Panama Canal Company as a clerk-typist. She continued her career with several offices, including the Building Division, which then merged into the Maintenance Division. She remained there until 1966 when she transferred to the Construction Division. In 1974 she transferred to the Administrative Services Division, where she remained until her retirement in 1979.

After marrying her first husband, Leo Kriziza, they shared enthusiasm for sportsmanship and travel. In 1953 they traveled the around the world, including riding camels in Egypt.

In 1954 they took an extended trip through Europe. Her love of fishing and hunting brought adventures throughout Central and South America. She held her own on fishing expeditions reeling in Marlin and Sailfish; she had a couple of record-winning catches, one, in particular, was a 260 lb marlin in Pinas Bay.

In 1973 Ruth remarried Mel Lichti, and together they piloted their NAVION airplane, again traveling much of Central and South America. After her retirement in 1979, she and Mel relocated to Prescott, Arizona. They continued their love of flying by traversing the USA to visit family and friends, taking in airshows, and following NASCAR. Time was also spent hunting big game, with elk at the top of the list. They also shared the love of dancing and spent many a Sunday Tea Dance at their home American Legion Post #25. An avid bingo enthusiast, she rarely missed bingo night. She enjoyed participating with the Legion in their many community needs and philanthropic efforts for the troops and their families. She and Mel stayed in Prescott for eight years until a couple of rough winters of snow brought them down the mountain to Clarkdale, Arizona. After Mel's passing in 2000, Ruth remained in the area until 2019, when she decided the house was too much and moved to an assisted living in the nearby town of Cottonwood.

She was a gem at keeping in touch by sending cards and letters to family and countless friends. She didn't miss a birthday, a wedding, or a Christmas card, and many of her cards were handmade. She enjoyed making crafts and sewing, especially for her beloved nephews and nieces. She made quilts for weddings, newborns, and family, always thinking of others.

Ruth was preceded in death by her brother Ed Baumbach, sister Lois Kocher, sister-in-law Aloha (Holcomb) Baumbach, and nephew Fred Baumbach (BHS'72).

She is survived by her sister Ethel 'Penny' Messina of Fla.; her nephews and nieces, Robert (Barbara) Kocher of Penn., Linda Feidt of Az., Darlene (Vince) Hudak of Penn., Millie (Eric) Dingle of Penn., Carolyn (John) Rusonis of Penn., Ruthie (Claire) Baumbach of Fla., Ray (Teresa) Baumbach of Fla., Kim (Anthony) Deal of Ill., Joe (Laura) Messina of W.V., Michelle (John) Ortenzo of Md., Christopher Hall of Az.; 17 great-nieces and nephews; and 11 great-great-nieces and nephews. Ruth was very loved and is sorely missed.



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**Barbara Marohl**, of Jackson, California, passed away peacefully on October 16, 2022, with her family by her side.

Barbara was born on April 28, 1932, in Oakland, Calif. Barbara and her husband Karl met and married in Calif. in 1948. In 1955, Barbara and Karl, with

their three little boys, Karl, Arthur, and Donald (ages five and under), embarked on a journey that would forever change this young woman's life. There, for the next 20 years, she would spend her time in a good way, learning and teaching and being an integral part of a community where something was always

going on and always something to be done, like volunteering at the Curundu Teen Club before her sons became teens themselves.

When her boys were old enough, Barbara went to work for the school system in the Canal Zone. She worked as a P.E. instructor, a swimming instructor, and a pool manager.

Aside from working with schools, she was active at the Curundu Stables, later known as the Fort Clayton Riding Club. All the kids there fondly referred to her as Mom. Barbara didn't have daughters, so she would volunteer with the Girls Scouts during the summer months as a counselor at Camp Chagres on Madden Lake. She loved spending weekends at the beach with family, Sandy, the dog, and Henrietta, the chicken. They would load up the station wagon and be gone.

In 1975, Barbara and Karl packed up their Tioga (nicknamed the Tortuga) motorhome and left Panama. They drove up to the United States through Central America to Fort Huachuca, Az. After a few years, they moved to Westminster, Calif. Always moving and never idle, Barbara took up Dog Grooming as a side job. Education was important to her, so she worked for a school in Westminster, assisting with teaching English as a Second Language.

Although life was good, Barbara and Karl wanted a quieter setting. They found their quiet space in Amador County, and in 1984, they moved and would live out the rest of their lives in Jackson. Here, she would be known as Nana by family, friends, and neighbors. Their place became the home where their sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives, and friends would come to spend time celebrating weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays. The property was always decorated for the occasion, and oh, wow, the food! The pool was good for weekend gatherings in the summer. She loved to see the kids having a good time. In addition, Nana worked as an Amador County Animal Control Officer. When she retired, her badge was also retired.

Nana enjoyed being an active member of the Sierra Belles. She loved gardening, traveling in the motorhome, and camping. Her family was a source of great pride, and her love was boundless. Family was everything to her.

Her husband, Karl Sr., her brother Dan, and her sons, Arthur and Donald, preceded Barbara in death. She is survived her sister, Mary; her eldest son, Karl Jr. (BHS'68) and his wife, Lina (Campbell) (BHS'76); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Barbara is missed dearly! She is a member of the Panama Canal Society.



**Mary Lou McCabe**, age 92, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on October 12, 2022.

One of two children, Mary Lou, was born in Panama City (Republic of Panama) to Viola Christena and Alfred Mohr and grew up in the Canal Zone. Mary Lou graduated from Balboa High School in 1948 on the Pacific side of the Isthmus. She graduated from Indiana University in

Bloomington with a degree in Comparative Literature.

Mary Lou worked as a secretary for six years until her marriage to Chet McCabe, a physicist and native of Vermont. Mary Lou and Chet raised two children, and during those years, Mary Lou was active in the League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts, and Altar Guild. She worked at the Ashland Nature Center of Delaware Nature Society, where she assisted in the publication of two books, one on native wildflowers. In her 60's and 70's, Mary Lou taught poetry appreciation classes for 21 semesters at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning. She is a member of the Panama Canal Society.

Mary Lou's beloved husband, Chester McCabe, passed away on June 12, 2022.

Mary Lou is survived by her son Schuyler McCabe, daughter Christena McCabe, grandchildren Collin, Cameron, Andrew, Connor, Kyle, Clairra, and great-granddaughters Cecilia and Malone. The family is forever grateful to the team at Willow Tree Hospice for their excellent care of Mary Lou in her final days. A memorial service was held on December 3, 2022.



**Carol A. (O'Brien) Metivier, 87,** passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. She was the beloved wife of the former Mayor of Pawtucket, Robert E. Metivier. The couple had been married for 64 loving years.

Born in Woonsocket, a daughter of the late Michael J. and Olive M. (Snadd) O'Brien, she resided in Pawtucket most of her life. Carol had been employed as a customer service representative at the former New England Telephone.

She was an active member of Holy Family Parish and was a parishioner of the former Church of St. Leo the Great, where she was involved with the Cloths Closet for ten years. Carol was always generous in giving to others. She enjoyed reading, traveling and loved a good steamed lobster. When Bob was elected Mayor, he would often say that he won the election because the people voted for Carol. Carol is a member of the Panama Canal Society.

Besides her loving husband, she leaves two sisters, Louise O. O'Brien of Pawtucket and Brenda J. O'Brien of Providence, and her caregiver, Zurami Figueroa. She was the mother of the late Michael E. Metivier. The family would like to give special thanks to Hospice nurses, Karen, Jackie, Rachel, volunteer Gail and physical therapist Ann Marie.



**Leticia (Lotty) Orvis** passed away on November 21, 2022.

Born Leticia Isabel (Lotty) Stevenson on April 9, 1933, in Colon, Panama, she graduated from Cristobal High School in 1953. She



was voted Best Looking by her class and was truly loved by many.

Lotty was married for 60 years to Robert Orvis (CHS'53), who passed away in 2017. Her family and animals were the joys of her life. She was a member of the Panama Canal Society.

She is survived by her children Bobby (BHS'76) and his wife Molly of Ft. Myers Beach, Fla.; Carl (BHS'80) of Cocoa, Fla., and Nita (BHS'82) of Port Orange, Fla.; four grandsons and a great-granddaughter. Lotty will be truly missed.



**Art Pollack, Jack of All Trades, Master on Stage,** passed away on October 29, 2022.

If you are reading this, then you have probably had your picture taken by Artie, listened to him play, watched him in the theater performing, or just hung out with him, listening to him talk in his unadulterated Brooklyn accent, which was natural.

Born Arthur (Artie) Leonard Pollack was born and raised in New York City. Artie was the official photographer for the Panama Canal Company Information Office. His photography was illustrated in the *Spillway* and the *Panama Canal Review*, which appeared in other worldwide publications. He was everywhere taking pictures.

He got his professional training in photography with the Army at the age of 19 and was assigned to Ft. Clayton. After the Army, Artie moved back to New York, intending to set up a photography studio. When that didn't work out, he tried his hand at a circus variety of jobs. He sold Fuller brushes, door-to-door, and encyclopedias and even sold vacuum cleaners to New York housewives until somebody stole his demonstrations from the trunk of his car. (Thank goodness!)

Since his car was just about all he had left, he joined the ranks of the 30,000 taxicab drivers in the City of New York. Artie looked back fondly on his three and a half years of experience as a cabbie. "You meet every kind of people in that business....literally doctors, lawyers, Indian Chiefs! I might have stayed in it, except the taxi license cost went up too high."

In a few years, Artie came back to the isthmus with his family and resumed his career in photography. A passionate jazz and Latin music fan, Artie said, "I really couldn't live anywhere but in a Latin country or New York, which has a lot of Latin atmospheres. I'm crazy about Latin music, the Latin beat. I just couldn't live without it." Artie played bongos downtown in Rio Abajo at the Camelot Club with a Latinized Jazz group called the *Jazz Allstars*. He also promoted and played in other places, such as hotel lobbies, the parking lot of a bank in the Canal Zone, and the Balboa Theater.

A Lifetime member and veteran of the Theatre Guild Stage, Artie's love for acting was another passion he enjoyed. He played many parts, like Oscar in the *Odd Couple*, Harry in

the *Prisoner of Second Avenue*, *God's Favorite*, *Chapter Two*, *Rumors*, *Brigadoon*, and many others.

Anyone who knew him was captivated by his spirit. He lived his life large.



**Patricia "Pat" (Dempsey) Propst** (BHS'60), 80, of Oxford, Alabama, joined hands with the love of her life, Charles "Chuck" Propst, who was waiting for her in the great beyond to go on their evening walk together, watch the sunset, and enjoy a rum and coke on December 5, 2022. She was listening to "*El Tambor de La Alegria*," nestled in a quilt made by her mom, with her eldest daughter by her side, during a brief hospitalization after suffering a stroke in her home.



Pat was born in Anniston, Ala., and spent her first seven years there before moving to the Canal Zone with her mother and two younger brothers to join her father, who had taken a job with the Canal Zone Police Force. She grew up in Balboa and was attending BHS when her youngest brother was born in 1957. Pat graduated from Balboa High School in 1960. In her Senior year, she was chosen as runner-up for the Hall of Fame 'Best Looking' category and proudly served as the Drill Team sponsor in the Junior ROTC.

She left Panama, her parents, and her three younger brothers to stay with her first husband's parents before moving to California, then Washington. She returned in 1964 with her husband and two children when her husband accepted a job as a Canal Zone Police Officer, much to her father's delight. There were brief stays in Florida and Michigan, but she always returned to her beloved Panama and chose to remain there after the divorce. She later married Chuck Propst, who worked at the Canal Zone Mental Health Center. They were living in Diablo when her third, his second, and their only child was born. In 1984, she moved to Santa Cruz (Gamboa), then to Curundu in 1988.

Her first job was at the Balboa Theater, and she later worked for the Panama Canal Company, the U.S. Army, and the Panama Canal Commission. As an employee with the Safety Division, she taught courses in English and Spanish and translated some of the required training materials. In 1994, she completed her B.A. degree in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from Florida State University. Pat and Chuck moved to the States in 1995 to care for Pat's parents in Alabama. With her children all in different places, Pat chose to stay in her home even after the deaths of her father, her husband, and her mother.

From the day her first baby brother came home from the hospital to when her mother passed away 70 years later, Pat was always taking care of someone, and she loved to cook! You felt truly nurtured eating anything created in her kitchen, and her homemade pizza was legendary. Having her family

and friends gathered around her table was one of her favorite things in life. As much as she enjoyed being with her loved ones, she also deeply appreciated spending her final years being exactly where she wanted to be, doing only the things she wanted to do, and being surrounded by her Panama and Canal Zone treasures. Her kids will always be grateful for the dear family friends who helped her live out her days with her garden and orchard, connected to a place filled with the history of her ancestors and the presence of her beloved husband.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Florence (Hughes) Dempsey and Herschell W. Dempsey Sr; her husband, Charles M. Propst; and one brother, Herschell W. "Buddy" Dempsey, Jr. (BHS'63).

Pat is survived by her brothers, David Dempsey (BHS'66) and Warren Dempsey of Weaver, Ala.; daughter, Jackie (Gregory) Abels (BHS'79); son, Allen Gregory (BHS'80) and his partner Cecibelle Barsallo; daughter, Michelle (Propst) Das (BHS'93) and her husband Sunit; stepdaughter, Renee McDonald of Indianapolis, Ind. and her husband Paul; her nieces, nephews, and grandkids. She would have become a great-grandmother in April. She was a member of the Panama Canal Society and a co-author of *The Cocoli Dictionary*, part of the Panama Canal Museum Collection at the University of Florida.



**Paul Ed Quackenbush** was called home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 2, 2023. Born to parents, Orville and L.C. Quackenbush, on December 1, 1941.

Paul grew up and lived in Cadillac, Michigan before graduating from High School and joining the Army. During his time in the US Army, he was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. Upon discharge from the Army, Paul served on the Panama Canal Police Force where his children, Paul David and Lisa Carol, were born.

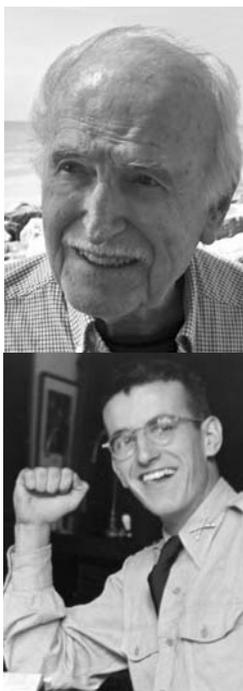
Upon returning to the states, Paul and his family settled in Jacksonville, where he lived and loved for the remainder of his years. On November 19, 1988, Paul and Georgia were married surrounded by friends and family. Between them, they had four children, as well as many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Paul's greatest loves were his family and friends. In addition to his wife, Georgia Anne Quackenbush (Arslanian), Paul is survived by his daughter, Lisa Carol Moore (Paul), stepson, George Ruwisch (Karen), sister, Bonnie Ross and his many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Orville and L. C. Quackenbush; brother, Jack Quackenbush; son, Paul David Quackenbush and stepson, Steven Dennis Ruwisch.

For anyone who knew Paul, they knew of his great love for Jacksonville and all of the hometown sports teams. As an inaugural season ticket holder for the Jaguars, Paul loved attending football games and cheering for the Jags! More recently, Paul became a season ticket holder for the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimps baseball team. Attending every game possible, he would happily cheer for his team. He

spoke very proudly of the fact that he even has a chair at the stadium with his name on it.

Spending days with his wife Georgia, enjoying the birds on the back deck of their home or having a bon fire and “neighborhood time” were definitely some of his greatest joys. He was always a willing helping hand and a friend to share a joke with. Paul’s infectious laughter and sense of humor will be greatly missed by everyone.



**Kaye Richey**, speechwriter, filmmaker, photographer and long-time resident of the Canal Zone, passed away on September 19, 2022, at the age of 92.

Born in 1930 in Wellsburg, West Virginia, Kaye attended Wellsburg High School and Linsly Military Institute before graduating from MIT (the Massachusetts Institute of Technology) in 1953. He was then drafted into the Army and (luckily) assigned to Fort Clayton, Panama.

During his time in Panama, Kaye began attending Spanish and cultural lessons at the Balboa YMCA. It is only fitting that his curiosity and love of learning would lead him to his future bride, the beautiful Leonor Acuña Villalón, a Chilean who was taking English lessons at that very same YMCA.

Kaye and Leonor married and began a new series of adventures, including parenthood, a move to Los Angeles so Kaye could begin work on a Masters in Cinematography, and with that, Kaye’s first big break—a job on the animation set of “*Gumby*.” After a brief stint back in West Virginia, Kaye, Leonor, and their growing family returned to the Canal Zone, which they would fondly call home for the next 32 years.

Kaye held a number of roles within the Canal Zone community during his time there--from cartography with IAGS to making films with the Panama Canal Company; from strategic planning in connection with the Panama Canal Toll Studies to writing speeches for the Canal Zone Governor; and from researching and writing supporting evidence for many of the Treaty clauses that benefitted Panama Canal employees to teaching photography classes at the Canal Zone College. But Kaye’s legacy will perhaps be best remembered for one of his greatest turns of phrase as a writer: coining the slogan “Honoring The Past By Building The Future” for the 75th Anniversary celebration of the Panama Canal. His slogan was even proudly displayed on the Panama Canal control towers in all three locks for that entire year.

Kaye and his wife, Leonor, were also very active in the Canal Zone’s local theater community, with Kaye taking roles in no less than 10 productions, including “*Blood Wedding (Bodas de Sangre)*.” He played the role of Sam Slate in “*Gold in the Hills*,” Frank in “*Showboat*,” Judge Wilson in “*1776*,” Charles in “*Blythe Spirit*,” and Senex in “*A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*.” Kaye commemorated

his love of theater and writing when he wrote the script for the *Canal Zone Reunion Musical Extravaganza* in 2003.

After retiring from the Panama Canal Commission in 1990, Kaye and Leonor moved to Venice, Florida, to be near their grown children. In retirement, they continued to enjoy traveling and were always dreaming, planning, and setting off to see the world. The years took on a familiar calendar: in the Fall, Kaye would return to Wellsburg to visit friends and his brothers, Hobart and Drake, and to watch the leaves turn. Winters were spent in Chile, and the rest of the year, in Florida enjoying the company of family and visitors alike.

He was an avid genealogist and spent hours researching and documenting both his family and Leonor’s family in Chile. Kaye loved to play softball and played several times a week in a friendly league in Venice until a few months before his death. He was a long-time member of the Panama Canal Society and looked forward to attending the yearly reunions and dancing late into the night at the Annual Ball.

Kaye was also a passionate advocate for Panama and the Canal Zone. His keen sense of duty for preservation led to his participation in multiple efforts to document the history of the Panama Canal. He is credited with discovering hundreds of glass plate negatives in the National Archives thought to be lost to history, making him a real-life Indiana Jones.

Kaye knew just about everyone (or someone close to them) and could remember anecdotes and details from conversations long ago. He always lived with a smile on his face, a positive attitude, and a gusto for taking every opportunity the day offered him. Kaye was genuine, empathetic, and always ready to help. To say that everyone liked him would not be entirely accurate—everyone who knew him loved him.

Kaye was preceded in death by his wife, Leonor, in 2018; and his brother, Drake, in 2013. He is survived by his five children: Barbara, Hobey, Monica, Vali, and Kaye-boy. He had 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His family will continue to remember him by chasing their wildest dreams, guarding the past fiercely, and always making time for conversation with dear friends.



**Charlen Marie Shore** passed away on October 18, 2021. Charlen was born on January 8, 1942, to Albert Alexanderr and Lorna Penney Shore, At Gorgas Hospital, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama. She graduated from Cristobal High School, class of 1959. She received her Associates Degree from Canal Zone Junior College before moving to Miami in 1964, where she went to Charron

Williams Commercial College. Charlen worked for the Miami-Dade County Courts Department retiring after 30 years.

Charlen was always kind, generous, shy and loving. She would help anybody and never spoke ill-will about anyone. She was the consummate lady and the more loyal best friend you could have.

Being born and growing up in both the Pacific and Atlantic Sides of the Isthmus was such a precious gift to her.

Some of the things she loved the most about it were: The very early years in The Flats getting to pet the deer that came down to the cul-de-sac where she lived. Moving to Diable and running behind the DDT truck in the early evenings, yelling and having a good time. Moving to Santa Claus Lane in Balboa where Christmas time was a little more special. Going to Dorisse Waites dance classes and the wonderful yearly recitals. Swimming in the Balboa Pool and Amador Beach. Walking through the beautiful Summit and Morgan Gardens. Moving to the Atlantic Side in the early 1950s to live in Gatun was icing on the cake! Getting to play around the bomb shelter on the side of the house and the jungle. Going down to the "Third Cut" in the back of the house. Swimming in Gatun Yacht Club, Gatun Pool, across the locks to Gatun Lake, Fort Sherman Beach, Pina Beach, and Devil's Beach. Playing ring-a-leevio and kick-the-can beside Bobby Geddes's house. Riding bicycles and roller skating. Going inside the Gatun Locks and sitting on the benches watching the transiting ships being lowered or raised in the chambers and learning the flag and country of each ship. Joining Rainbow Girls and going to the meeting above the YMCA and having special functions at the Sky Room. Last, but definitely not least, the two 7-day cruises every other summer on the great Panama Line ships from Cristobal to New York – with an adventurous stop in Port-au-Prince, Haiti – and back again at the end of summer. After arriving in New York, summer was spent in Woodlawn, Ontario, with Grandma and Grandpa Penney, Aunts, Uncles, and all the cousins. Playing in the woods, getting to know the animals on the farm and swimming in the Ottawa River until it was time to return cruise back home. It has been a wonderful life!

Charlen's mother, Lorna Penney Shore was a Registered Nurse who was born and raised in Woodlawn, Ontario, Canada. She worked for both Gorgas and Coco Solo Hospitals until she retired in 1970. Charlen's father, Albert A. Shore, was born in Empire, Canal Zone, Panama, in 1909. He retired as a Shift Engineer in the Electrical Division with 30 years of service having also worked in the Railroad, Maintenance and Locks Divisions. Her paternal grandfather, Charles Peter Shore and paternal great-uncles, Leon W. Giavelli and D. Norman Giavelli worked on the construction of the Canal. All three were Roosevelt Medal holders.

Charlen is survived by her sisters Lorna Diane Shore LeBlanc, and family, of Blountstown, Fla., and Sandra Emily Shore Davis, and family, of Aiken, S.C.



**Carl L. Simons**, 91, passed away on November 13, 2022. His health was in decline, and when he got Covid, he wasn't able to recover. He passed peacefully in hospice in Palm Coast, Florida, with family at his side.

Carl was born in Colon, Republic of Panama, on June 29, 1931, to the late Leopold and Cora (Lindo) Simons. He graduated from Cristobal High School in 1951, where he played football, baseball, softball (all-star), and basketball (all-star). Carl was also on the track team (all-star) and

the swim team. He was president of the Varsity Club his senior year and was named "A courteous fellow," which indeed he was. Carl is well-remembered for his unique fast pitch when pitching for the softball games in the Canal Zone.

He met his wife-to-be, Concetta (Tita) Rosa Pizzino, in Colon. Despite the fact that Carl wasn't Italian, didn't like pasta, and didn't drink wine, he was able to win over Tita's Italian family and marry her on June 17, 1956. They had four children and were married for 66 years.

After high school, Carl entered the Panama Canal Company Apprenticeship program and worked for PCC until 1983, when he retired as General Foreman for Public works, Maintenance Division.

Once he retired, he and Tita moved to Florida, initially to Miramar, then to Pembroke Pines, and finally to assisted living in Palm Coast, Fla.

While at Pembroke Pines, Carl took up table tennis and got really good at it! We love telling the story of when he visited his daughter in Tallahassee - arrangements were made for Carl to practice table tennis with the FSU table tennis group. He entered the room where the young 20-year-olds were practicing, and we could tell they were sneering at the "old man" who wanted to practice with them. (Carl was well into his sixties at that time.) As a "courtesy," they "allowed" him to play. Lo and behold, he beat every single one of them! Even with several available tables, all the FSU players stood in a single file, waiting their turn to play Carl. After playing for several hours, he humbly thanked them for "allowing" him to play with them – but when we got in the car, he grinned and said, "Piece of cake!"

Carl traveled all over the United States to play in table tennis tournaments and participated in the US Table Tennis Open Senior Olympics. He won many trophies.

Carl had a beautiful singing voice, but no one except the immediate family knew it since he sang only to Tita and his kids. He especially loved to sing songs from Broadway musicals introduced to him by his late brother, Trevor Simons. "My Fair Lady" and "Hello Dolly" were two of his favorites.

Carl is survived by his wife of 66 years, Concetta (Tita); his only surviving sibling (out of seven), Merle Harrington of Delaware; his four children: Katherine Heddaeus (Mark) of Tallahassee, Elizabeth "Liz" Grafe (Ken) of Palm Coast, Jeannette Perry (Mike) of Juno Beach, Donald Simons of Hollywood, Florida. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Jillian Heddaeus, Kenny Grafe (Amy), Lisamarie Kush (Brandon), William Viteri (Adriana), and Christopher Simons. He is survived by three great-grandchildren: Hailey Grafe, Lucas Viteri, and Camila Viteri. A private family celebration of his life will be held in 2023.



**Dr. Stan P. Smith**, 85, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, passed away on October 27, 2022, with his family by his side.

Stan is survived by his daughters, Karen (Kevin) Pol of Delran, N.J., Michelle (Troy) Boesch of Marlton, N.J., brother Richie (Ceil) Smith of Brick, N.J. Stan is also survived by

seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Stan was preceded in death by his wife, Bonita (Coleman) Smith, sons Christopher Smith and Troy Smith, his brothers Joe Smith and Gilbert Smith, and stepson Christopher Shemanski.

Stan was born December 13, 1936, in Newark, N.J., to Joseph and Teresa Smith. He was a 1955 graduate of Cristobal High School in the Panama Canal Zone. Stan later earned his bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. He interned at Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital in Darby, Penn., and completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark, N.J.

Stan served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in Dover, Delaware. He later opened his medical practice in Marlton, N.J., and joined the staff at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, N.J., and Garden State Hospital in Marlton, N.J.

Affectionately known by many as Big Daddy, Dr. Stan, Doc, and Stan the National Anthem Man, Stan's life passion was his music and singing. He grew up watching Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire and thought singing was a natural way to converse. He often reminded his friends and family that he knew the words to 2,000 songs from beginning to end. A self-trained singer who sang "Baby Face" to every baby Stan delivered. He felt much joy singing to anyone and everyone that crossed his path. His favorite artists included Al Jolson, Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, and Elvis Presley. He enjoyed singing at piano bars from New Jersey to Florida.

Stan was a Philadelphia Eagles season ticket holder for over 30 years and a lifelong fan of his New York Yankees. He enjoyed traveling with his wife to his favorite places; road trips to Canada, Hilton Head Island, S.C., and Massanutten, Va. In his most recent years, he loved to be out, strolling the Atlantic City boardwalk and enjoying time at the Casinos.



**Walter J. Smith** passed away on November 28, 2022, in Colorado Springs, Colorado after a long fight against a number of ailments. He was born June 15, 1950 in Colon, Republic of Panama, and was raised by his grandparents in the community of Curundu in the Panama Canal Zone. He was member of the Balboa High School class of 1970.



He is survived by his wife Nancy Smith of Colorado Springs, and his three daughters: Linda Cooley of Cary, North Carolina, with grandchildren Lianna Cooley and Madison Cooley; Terry Smith of Clearwater, Florida, with grandchildren Tyler Gilbo and Conner Gilbo; and Jenny Smith with grandchildren Jaela Thompson and Grayson Thompson, also of Clearwater, Florida.

Walter was a 15-year veteran of the United States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant. He was a chemical supply sergeant and had a number of duty posts including Ft. Dix, New

Jersey, Ft. Gordon, Georgia, Ft. Carson, Colorado, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and at bases in South Korea.

Walter was known by his family and friends as strong, smart and direct personality with a lively sense of humor. He raised his three daughters as a single parent, sometimes taking on two or more jobs to make ends meet after he left the Army. Despite many health-related trials and tribulations, Walter always met them with his characteristic steadiness and good humor. All who knew him appreciated his ability to make them laugh. He was a member of the Panama Canal Society.



**Richard (Dick) Craig Wallace**, of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, passed away on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at the age of 76, after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease. Dick was a devoted husband and beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.



After twenty years at General Electric, where he worked in financial management, he continued his career in finance as an entrepreneur, financial consultant, and CFO at multiple companies. Dick never met a stranger and was the life of every party he attended.

Born in Ancon, Panama, on October 18, 1946, Dick grew up in the Canal Zone. He graduated from Balboa High School in 1964, where he met Diane Hindman, who would become his wife in 1966. He graduated from Florida State University in 1968 with a degree in accounting and remained a lifelong FSU athletics fan.

Dick and Diane had two sons, David and Matthew. After relocating several times with GE, the family settled in Norcross, Georgia, in 1983. In his later years, Dick enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren, Stuart, CJ, and Isabel Wallace; his two step-grandchildren, Grayson McClung and Mackenzie Hartman; and in 2020, he became a great-grandfather to Rory Wallace. Dick was often found cheering on his grandkids at baseball games, plays, and concerts.

In addition to spending time with family, Dick enjoyed playing tennis, lifting weights, listening to music, discussing politics, enjoying good food and drink, giving business advice, and socializing with his many circles of friends. He was among the founders of a men's social group in his neighborhood, Peachtree Station. In 2016, Dick and Diane celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party for family and friends, where he happily danced the night away to his favorite music. He was a member of the Panama Canal Society.

Dick will be remembered for his gregarious personality, puns and jokes, and songs about birds. He was preceded in death by his father, Stuart "Buddy" Wallace; his mother, Isabel Molina Stevens; and his sister, Kathy Wallace Gadbois.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; his sons, David (Angie)

and Matthew (Stephanie); his grandsons, Stuart (Baillie "Blair") and CJ Wallace; his granddaughter, Isabel Wallace; his great-granddaughter, Rory Wallace; his sister, Sandra Wallace; his step-granddaughter, Grayson McClung; his step-grandson, Mackenzie Hartman; his step-great-granddaugh-

ters, Paislee and Tinslee McClung and Adalyn Hartman; his step-great-grandson, Brantlee McClung; four half-siblings; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and extended family members.



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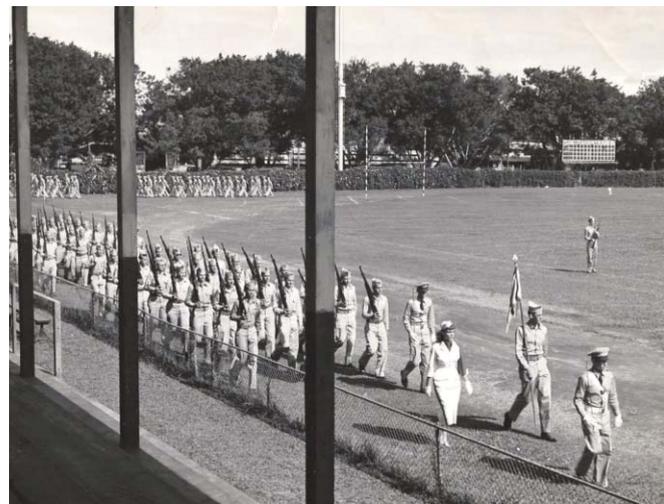
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### LOOKING BACK



ROTC Company A with sponsor **Nina Brown**. The full photo shows the entire ROTC Battalion beginning their passing in review for the occasion of the departure of Lt. Governor Paxon on October 20, 1954. This photo also shows the old Balboa stadium with the old wood grandstands. Across the field there is the old Roosevelt Avenue Banyan trees, the scoreboard, football goal posts, the track, and left baseball field.



### TRAVELING IN STYLE

Riding a water buffalo in Guam, about 1959. Front to back: **Ed Malin, Jim Hannigan, Dodie Hannigan and Kathy Malin.**