

On The Record

OBITUARIES

BROWER—George Franklin Brower passed away on January 13, 2021.



Local business and luminary to many, George passed away on January 13, 2021 of complications due to a stroke. He was 88.

He was born to Hershall Franklin and Irene Brewer on Sept. 22, 1932, in Turner, Ore. The first of three sons, brothers David and Irie (Harold) followed in 1942 and 1944. His family moved often for work around Oregon and Northern California in George's formative years, finally settling in Modesto, Calif. His father opened a diner called "The Big Orange" where George and his brothers helped work it.

George graduated high school in 1950 and attended community college where he earned a degree in mathematics. He joined the Naval Reserve soon after and served a tour in Japan as the Korean War was ending.

Upon returning to civilian life, he married Carol and four children followed; Tom, Kathy, Ron and youngest Gary, who preceded George in death.

George went to work for Aerojet of California in the late 1950s and became involved in the atomic age space race, making contributions in propulsion technology. His parents' health began to deteriorate in the mid '60s and George filled in for his father at the business when "Frank" suffered a stroke. After Frank returned, George stayed on, assisting his father at his coin shop in Stockton, Calif. His mother passed away in 1967 and George began to run the shop until Frank's death in 1976.

Over time, George's brother David traveled the Oregon Coast and bought a property on Mercer Lake. Soon after, George purchased a property in Greentrees in Florence, Ore. George's marriage dissolved and he and David moved to Florence in 1980. In 1983, they opened Brower's Stamp and Coin at the corner of Highway 101 and Rhododendron Drive, where they operated a thriving business that many locals and visitors found memorable and welcoming.

David passed away in March 2010 and, a short time later, Harold moved from Yreka, Calif., to Florence to fill David's spot at George's side in the business.

A lifelong Christian, George was a member of Gideon's International, an organization that distributes Bibles throughout the world. He always had a stack of free pocket-size Bibles available at the counter.

George will be remembered by those who knew him best for his amiable outlook and readiness to tell a "Sea Story" as he called them. Often patrons leaving would linger in the doorway listening to George say from behind the counter "Oh by the way, I just have one more quick one for you." So many now wish they could hear just one more.

He was an original who will be missed by so many near and far.

Recently, George, David and Harold were laid to rest with their parents in the family plot in Modesto, Calif., keeping with their wishes.

CANADY—DeAnn "Dee" Thurston Canady, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother sister, and friend, passed away on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

DeAnn was born in Richfield, Utah, on July 15, 1938, to Walter Lynn and Annie Elda Thurston. She was the second of three daughters born into the Thurston family. Walt and Elda moved their young family to Santa Monica, Calif., when DeAnn was still a small child. She grew up in a happy household, adapting quite nicely to the warm Southern California lifestyle.

During her high school years, she met and dated her soon-to-be husband, Joseph (Jerry) Canady. They married on March 4, 1955.

Throughout their married life, DeAnn and Jerry owned and operated several businesses, including Economy Electric and Elite Limosine, and had a ranch in San Marcos, Calif. DeAnn was always a hard worker and was a hands-on partner with her husband. During this time, they had three children: DeLynn, Joanne and Douglas.

DeAnn was a devout member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, where she served in many callings. She was a great leader, very kind, loving and caring to all she came in contact with. She was also very witty and fun loving — and when she gave you a hug it was a proper bear hug!

She was also very talented. She would spend countless hours knitting on looms, making hats and scarves as gifts for family and friends and donating many handmade items to hospitals and veterans.

After the passing of her husband and brother-in-law, DeAnn and her sister, Yvonne, shared residences in Ivins, Utah, and Florence, Ore. They kept each other company and cared for each other.

DeAnn is survived by her daughters: Joanne and Trudy; sons: Douglas and Adam; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph (Jerry); her parents; two sisters; oldest daughter, DeLynn; and two brothers-in-law.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 4, 2021, at the Ivins Third Ward Chapel, 290 East 1060 South, Ivins, Utah.

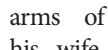
DeAnn will be laid to rest beside her husband in the Rogue River Cemetery, Gold Beach, Ore.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Metcalf Mortuary.

VOGEL—Robert "Bob" Arnold Vogel, beloved husband of Nancy, passed away on Monday, May 3, 2021.

He died in the arms of his wife, with his daughter Sandra, granddaughter Amanda, and sister Susie around his bed. Also there were Nancy's son Byron, and her sister Christine, along with Bob's best friend Rick, as well as several other family members.

Bob was born on October 20, 1941, in Busley Point, N.J., to Karl Robert and Natalie (Milke) Vogel. He moved with his parents and sister, to Tujunga, Calif., when he was 13.



Robert Vogel

He graduated from Verdugo Hills High School in 1959, and joined the Navy in January 1960, for four years.

After being honorably discharged, Bob went to work for Lockheed Corporation in Burbank. Eventually, he became a plant manager for the Skunkworks Division in Palmdale, Calif.

He retired after 33 years on the job, and moved here to Florence, for his 25 years of retirement. He moved into Florentine Estates, where he lived until his passing.

In 2004, Bob's sister and Nancy's mother introduced the two here in Florence from their homes in Southern California. It was an immediate, wonderful match, and Bob and Nancy were married in January 2005.

Bob is survived by his wife, sister, daughter and granddaughter, as well as a grandson,

Connor J. Nelson. He is also survived by his niece, Natalie Edmonds (Stephen) and their son, Evan, and his nephew, Brent Spiva (Kate). Also surviving him are Nancy's sons, Byron Kephart (Teresa), and Jon Godden (Bobbi), and the grandchildren, Kristiana Looney (Nathan), Kalina Kephart, Josiah Kephart, Dustin Tilley, Shaylin Godden, CharliAnn Godden, and Jayden Godden.

They have two great-grandsons, Gene and Benjamin Looney.

Bob has been cremated through Burns Mortuary, and his ashes will be spread

into the ocean at a later time, when family can come back. At his request, no services are planned.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Whitmore Family and Friends
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Delicious STARTS HERE JUNE FOOD SPECIALS

BONFIRE
 THURSDAY - SUNDAY
 4PM to 9PM
APPETIZER
 Summer Shrimp Cocktail - \$17
ENTREE
 Bonfire Country Ribs - \$35
DESSERT
 Mango Mousse - \$10
FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL
SUNDAY, MAY 9
 Chimichurri Bison - \$40

Blue Bills
 SPORTS BAR AND TAP ROOM
Breakfast Pork Chops - \$13
 SERVED DAILY • 7AM-11AM
Far East Burger - \$15
 SERVED DAILY • 11AM-9PM
Beach Bird BBQ - \$17
 SERVED FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY • 4PM-9PM
FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL
King Cut Prime Rib - \$27
 SERVED SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Riverside FOOD COURT JUNE SPECIALS
Mamma Mia! PHILLY CHEESESTEAK PIZZA - \$13
 Shaved roast beef, onions, bell peppers atop a light horseradish cream base then drizzled with melty cheese sauce.
101 BURGER BAR RACHAEL'S MASTERPIECE - \$11
 A 1/3 pound patty topped with candied bacon, jalapeño relish, citrus marinated tomatoes, provolone cheese, lettuce and red onion. Finished with a cheddar parmesan crisp.
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