

OBITUARIES

Marlene Mae Chenoweth

May 1, 1931 – May 30, 2016
Marlene Mae Chenoweth, 85, of Dallas, died on May 30.

Marlene was born in Inglewood, Calif., to Mae and Ray Freed.

In 1949, Marlene married Mathias Earl Chenoweth in Inglewood. She worked at Lockheed Missile Company, where she retired after working for 35 years.

Survivors include sons, Johnny E. Chenoweth, of Fallon, Nev., and Jay D. Chenoweth, of Dallas; five

grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Husband, Mathias Earl Chenoweth; son, Jimmie R. Chenoweth; sister, Eloise Freed; and brother, Bud Freed all died before she did.

At her request, no services will be held. Farnstrom Mortuary handled arrangements.

Verna Mae Standley Bartok

Nov. 17, 1923 – June 3, 2016
Verna Mae Standley Bartok, 92, died June 3 in Lexington, Ky., at the end of a long decline.

She was born in Pierceville Township, Finney County, Kan., to James Cleo Standley and Beulah Mae Kisner Standley.

She was raised on a farm in Pierceville until moving to Garden City, Kan. She met her future husband, Air Corps Cadet Albert Bartok,

at a USO dance in Garden City. They were married in Fort Myers, Fla., in June 1945.

They lived most of their lives together in California, then retired to Dallas. Verna enjoyed music, gardening, and genealogy.

She was an accomplished pianist and violinist as a teenager and young adult in Garden City, becoming concert master of her high school orchestra.

She played and taught the piano into her 60s.

She discovered genealogy, and was proud to have her work rewarded by acceptance into the Daughters of the American Revolution on the basis of the evidence she developed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her sisters Gladys Standley Chase and Maxine Standley Rodkin, and her grandson.

Survived by son Philip (Kate) E. Bartok, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and three

grandchildren.

Services were held. She will be buried next to her husband. The Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To leave an online tribute: www.dallas-tribute.com.

Charles Morris Claus

June 18, 1937 – May 25, 2016
Charles Morris Claus, 78, of Whiteville, N.C., formerly of Dallas, died on May 25.

He was born in Dallas to Irvin and Katherine Claus. He graduated from Dallas High School in 1955.

He married Joyce Kay Wenger, of Dallas, in 1959. They moved to Whiteville, where he became a supervisor for Georgia Pacific.

Joyce died on July 17, 2004.

Survived by wife, MaryAnn Porter-Claus; daughters, Teresa Claus-Bandersford and Elizabeth Claus; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service was held.

Laura M. Sternard

Aug. 14, 1915 – June 5, 2016
Laura M. Sternard, 100, of Monmouth, died June 5 at the Independence Health and Rehab, in Independence.

She moved to Monmouth from rural Sturgeon Bay, Wis. in 1994.

She married Oswald (Mike) Sternard on Oct. 21, 1939. Together they had two boys and two girls.

She loved to read and play games, Canasta and walks with the grandchildren. She was a member of the Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses since the 1950s.

Oswald died in July 1958. Her eldest son Elton Sternard (Harriet) and youngest daughter Lois Peggy Johnson (Ken) also died before she did.

Survived by daughter, Patricia Stee (Don); Michael Sternard (Dorothy); eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She will be interred at Bayside Cemetery in Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Arrangements are by Farnstrom Mortuary. Memories and

condolences at FarnstromMortuary.com.

Darlene K. Randles

Sept. 23, 1946 – June 7, 2016
Darlene K. Randles, 69, of Washington, Ill., formerly of Dallas, died on June 7 at her home.

She was born in Delta, Colo., to William Everett and Irma Louise Pribble Crawley. She married Bradley A. Randles in Dallas on Nov. 20, 1965.

Darlene was a homemaker and had a balloon delivery business in Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survived by husband, Bradley Randles; children Derrick Randles, of Calif., Christine (Kerry) Shampine, of Vancouver, Wash., and William (Kelly) Randles, of Germantown Hills, Ill.; four grandchildren; and brothers, John Crawley, of Austin, Texas, and Sam Crawley, of Portland.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private services will be held at a later date with burial in Oregon.

Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington is in charge of arrangements.

To leave an online tribute: www.deitersfuneralhome.com.

David Westly Gardner

Jan. 26, 1952 – May 8, 2016
David Westly Gardner, 64, of Angier, N.C., died on May 8. He was the son of Katherine Andrus, of Dallas. He was born in Santa Rosa, Calif.

David joined the Marines after high school.

He spent four years as an aircraft mechanic.

Afterward, he studied electronics and worked in the computer field.

His job took him to North Carolina.

David developed cancer and died of pneumonia.

Survived by his mother, Kay Andrus, of Dallas; sister, Jamie Esquer, of Dallas, and brother, Jeffrey Gardner, of Oklahoma.

Bonita Lee (Cook) Ryals

April 25, 1940 – April 26, 2016
Bonita Lee Cook Ryals, 76, formerly of Willamina, died on April 26 in Richland, Wash.

Bonnie, as she was known to friends and family, was born to Earl M. and Esther (Morris) Cook in Polk County.

Bonnie attended Fern School in first grade with her sister, Anna Ruth Cook, as her teacher.

She graduated from Willamina High School in 1958 and attended OCE (now Western Oregon University) in Monmouth. Bonnie had a long and distinguished career working for US Bank. She and her husband, Dave Ryals, lived in Hermiston for many years and loved to go boating on Wallowa Lake.

Dave died before she did.

Ryals is survived by extended family and friends. There will be a potluck memorial at her high school reunion on Aug. 18 in Willamina. The public is invited. For more information, call 503-838-2922. Memorial donations may be sent to Silver Cloud Cat Sanctuary in Walla Walla, Wash.

Robert Lee Johnson

June 21, 1929 – May 26, 2016
Robert Lee Johnson, 86, of Dallas died on May 26.

Bob was born to Elmer and Ethyl Johnson in Ontario.

He married Gloria Anderson in Ontario. They were married almost 67 years. She died in May 2015.

He worked for E.J. Bartells from 1961-1993. He will always be remembered for being a hard worker. He was Gloria's primary care giver when she had a debilitating stroke.

They raised and showed Arabian horses. He loved good music and anything sports, especially the Mariners.

Bob and Gloria have five children Randy Johnson, Dann (Sue) Johnson, Kimmie (Al) Burmaster, Brigette (Jeff) Yates, Jauna (Dale) Cole; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial service will be at Grace Community Church in Dallas on Saturday at noon.

Stewart Lee VanLaningham

Feb. 4, 1945 - June 10, 2016

Stewart Lee VanLaningham, 71, passed valiantly and bravely into the arms of Our Heavenly Father on June 10, 2016 with his wife, Paige and Pastor Bob and Becky McMillian at his side. Lee was born in Oklahoma and moved to California as a six month old babe in the arms of his mother, Joy VanLaningham. His father Orville was stationed in the Navy. Lee was well loved by all his family but in particular by his maternal grandparents, Pearl and Stewart Lawrence of Exeter.

Lee grew up in Woodlake, CA, graduated Woodlake High School and was immediately drafted into the US Army. After basic he was shipped to Vietnam where he bravely served from 1966 to 1967. Lee served with honor and valor as a combat infantryman in the 1st Infantry Division, The Big Red One. In his service he was wounded and received the Purple Heart among other meritorious awards. Lee returned home to attend Fresno State University. After many years of distance from his experiences in Vietnam he eventually became a strong and quiet advocate for other veterans from Vietnam to contact and get help from the VA.

Lee became employed in various positions with the County of Tulare, California, eventually becoming a Probation Officer where he truly found his calling as a mediator/facilitator running group sessions with juvenile offenders. While at Probation Lee met and married Paige Rambow on July 31, 1991. They moved to Oregon. As he described it, "a little bit closer to Heaven". Lee became employed by Oregon Youth Authority where he, again, could make use of his tremendous talent working with juvenile offenders. His "aw shucks, kick the dirt cowboy" personality made him the best in his field.

Lee and Paige voraciously enjoy camping together. Lee enjoyed team roping and raising cattle. Lee is the consummate "camp cook" cooking on cast iron over the open campfire. No indoor cooking for him.

Lee is survived by his wife, Paige, his daughter, Lizzy (Hud) Rose and grandson, Wyatt; son, Luke (Melissa) and grandsons Nate, Colton and Quinn; stepdaughters Whitney (Chuck) Nevels and granddaughter Maddy Rose; Amy (Paul) Arevalo grandchildren Tyler, Isabella and Kade; and Katy Flood grandchildren Kiley and RJ; his sister Kay (Arlyn) Bidwell and his father, Orville. He is preceded into Heaven by his mother, Joy and his brother Zane.

God broke the mold when he made my Cowboy. There will never be another. Along the path God chose for him he gathered an unfathomable number of good friends and mere acquaintances all remembering him for his easy going interest in where they were from and what they did.

A graveside service will be held Friday, June 17, 11 am at Hilltop Cemetery, Independence. Farnstrom Mortuary is taking care of arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared at FarnstromMortuary.com.

ROBERT HAROLD THORNBURG

January 22, 1933 - June 6, 2016



Robert Harold Thornburg, age 83, of Dallas Oregon, died peacefully on June 6, 2016 in Salem, Oregon surrounded by his family. Born on January 22, 1933 in Ipswich, South Dakota, he was the son of the late Harold and Ruby (Benson) Thornburg.

Bob grew up in Aberdeen, South Dakota and graduated from Central High School in 1950. He was drafted into the United States Army and served honorably in Germany during the Korean Conflict. Following his military service, Bob attended Northern State Teacher's College and then moved to Hillsboro, Oregon where he married his wife, Sarah. They moved to Salem, Oregon where he worked as a Farmers Insurance Agent for nine years. He also served as a volunteer Fireman for Marion County Fire District. Subsequently, Bob worked for 39 years in the wood products industry as a successful and well respected Salesman for Salem Equipment, Inc. Salesmanship was his passion and during those years he traveled the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, Canada and Europe.

He retired in 2008 and moved to Dallas, Oregon. Bob was a loving, kind husband and father who was very spiritual and put the needs of others first. Throughout his life Bob loved outdoor recreation, ocean fishing, waterskiing, golf and photography. Also, he was fascinated with computers, from the time they were available, and taught himself many new programs over the years. He was a patient learner; he kept up-to-date with the latest technology and loved electronic gadgets. Bob volunteered in his community where he and his wife retired. He was loved and respected by those who knew him and he will be deeply missed.

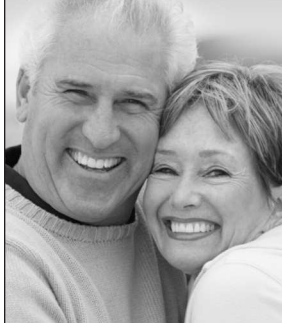
He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Sarah Thornburg; along with his son, Tom Thornburg and daughter, Pam Zullo; four grandchildren, Kristin (Rian) Berg, Megan (Mike) Ward, Jessica (David) Davis and Corbin Thornburg; two great-grandchildren, Braden and Kylie; seven siblings, Jeanne (Ralph) Huddleston, Esther (Herman) Lier, Marion Oslund, John Thornburg, James Thornburg, Sharon (Jerry) Kilber and David (Katie) Thornburg. He is preceded in death by his son, Joel Thornburg, brother, Donald Thornburg and sister, Damaris Thornburg.

A family service will be held at a later date. We would like to pay tribute to the caring staff of Salem Hospital 6th Floor. They were there for Bob and his family. Contributions may be made in memory of Bob to Oregon Veterans' Home Lebanon or a Charity of Choice.

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