

OBITUARIES

Grace M. Beck

Grace Beck, 91, a native of New York, died suddenly on November 24, 2008. She was born July 14, 1917.

Grace resided in Pleasanton for the past 22 years, and was a volunteer at the Medical Library at ValleyCare Medical Center. She was a longtime member at St. Philips in Dublin, where private service were held. Grace is survived by her loving family, daughter, Carole of Mountain View, and brother, Ceasar Bottari of Ellenton, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband Arnold who passed away in 2005, and her two sisters, Jeanne and Botte.

At the families request, please send contributions to the American Cancer Society, 7000 Village Parkway, Ste E, Dublin, CA 94568

Arrangements by Graham-Hitch Mortuary.

Janet Marie Allison

Janet Marie Allison passed away unexpectedly at her home in Livermore on November 28, 2008. Janet was born in 1966 and raised in Alameda County; she graduated from Granada High School in 1984. Janet had many ways of relaxing, reading was one of her favorites.

Janet was preceded in death by her grandparents

Janet is survived by her mother Mary Ann (stepfather John) Leal of Livermore, her father; Robert (stepmother Sharon) Allison of Santa Rosa, her siblings Robert M. (Jaylene) Allison of Brentwood, Lisa (Ralph) Jacobsen, Richard Leal of Grass Valley, James Leal of Idaho and Misty Allison. Janet is also survived by many nieces and nephews, all of whom were very dear to her.

A Chapel Blessing service was held December 4 in Livermore.

Arrangements by Callaghan Mortuary.

Raul Alvarez

The patriarch of the Alvarez family, Chief Master Sergeant Raul Alvarez, US Air Force Retired, passed from this earth surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren on November 29th 2008. He lived a long and fulfilling life and will be remembered by many. Raul was born on Feb. 15th 1924 in Fresno, CA.

In 1942, after finishing school at the Spanish American Institute, he enlisted in the Army. He was assigned to the 10th Air Base Communications Detachment as a cryptographic/message technician. A veteran of WWII he first served in India with communications support for the combat cargo task force. He was later stationed at Chanyi Air Base, China in Jan. 1945 as part of the 14th Air Force, General Chennault's famous Flying Tigers. He returned to the States in Jan 1946. His distinguished military career in the Air Force spanned 29 years including support for the Korean and Vietnam wars. He rose to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, a rank reserved for only 1% of the entire enlisted members in the Air Force and the pinnacle of an enlisted member's career.

Raul served overseas in Germany, Saudi Arabia, Newfoundland, Morocco, Greenland, and Okinawa, as well as numerous stations here in the States, his final station was Hickam AFB in Hawaii. Raul earned two Air Force Commendation Medals and became one of the few enlisted men to receive the Legion of Merit, normally awarded to high ranking officers.

After retiring from the military in 1971 he began his 18-year career with the US Postal Service retiring in 1989. He spent 14 years as a mail carrier, walking the route and getting to know the

people he delivered mail to. Later, after hanging up his mail pouch, his duties included training new employees and assisting in the daily operations at the Livermore Post Office.

In 1950 Raul married the "girl next door" Theresa M. Espinosa in Los Angeles. He is survived by his wife Terry and their five children Paul, Jim, Steve, Maria and Patrick; his brother Emilio; daughters-in-law Karen, Pam, Dawn, and Jennifer; son-in-law Javier Carrasco; grandchildren Kristina and spouse Steve, Rachel, Alicia and spouse Adam, Heather, Eddie, Sarah, Paul Michael, Katherine, Danielle; Antony, Gabriel and Ava; great-grandchildren Taylor, Alexandra and Zechariah. He is loved dearly and will be missed.

Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated Dec. 10 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Livermore. Burial with Full Military Honors followed at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Livermore.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at www.StJude.org.

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Constance Grubb

Constance Joyce Grubb died November 23, 2008 in Pleasanton at the age of 71. Her family was by her side.

Constance was born on July 17, 1937. She graduated from Chalker High School in Chalker, Ohio and later obtained a liberal arts degree from Chabot Junior College, Hayward. She worked at various jobs throughout her life, finally retiring from Marshal Industries in Milpitas as an IC inspector. She enjoyed crochet, crafts, flower arranging, sewing, cooking, family get togethers and long talks on the phone.

She was a devoted and cherished mother, grandmother and friend. She was a beloved aunt, great aunt and cousin to many. She will be missed by all who loved her.

She is survived by her children Stephen Grubb Jr. of Prescott Valley, AZ, Joyce L. Lindsey of Troutdale, OR, and Janet L. Priolo of Livermore; a sister Judy Java of Quincy, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in passing by her parents Phillip F. Jones of Cortland, Ohio, and Florence E. Cottle of Phoenix, AZ.

Memorial services were held Dec. 6 in Pleasanton.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7000 Village Parkway, Suite E., Dublin, CA, 94568; please include Constance's name.

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Philip G. Fleming

Philip G. Fleming passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008 in Pleasanton. He was 92 years old. He was born August 12, 1916.

He was a Plastics & Elastomers Research & Development Engineer with Bendix Aviation Corporation, Kansas City Division from 1950 to 1959 and continued at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories in Livermore, from 1959 until his retirement in 1983. He had resided in Livermore since 1959. He is a graduate of Lathrop Polytechnic and continued his studies and instructed at the University of Kansas.

He was a member of the ASTM, ASM, SAMPE, VFW (Post 7265), Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club, and St. Michael's Catholic Church. He served in the ROTC; Civilian Technical Corps / Royal Air Force (U.K.); USAAC 360/303 Bomb Group H (Hell's Angels), and USAF (Reserves) achieving

rank of Master Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine of 56 years in 1993. He is survived by his children Philip J. Fleming of Colorado Springs, CO; Patricia J. (Mrs. John) Dicas of Hoover, AL; William H. Fleming of Tualatin, OR; Jeffery S. Fleming, 12 twelve grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Thurs., Dec 11 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 458 Maple St., Livermore. Burial will be at St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, 3885 East Ave in Livermore.

Please direct any memorial gifts to a charity of choice.

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Lee Parodi

On November 17, 2008, while at home surrounded by family and friends, Lee Parodi went peacefully to be with The Lord. She was born April 13, 1921.

Lee was married to Raymond H. Parodi, Senior Master Chief, Navy, in 1942 for 52 wonderful years. She was born in Trenton, New Jersey to Joseph and Jeni Natoli and lived there until she was 13 years old. Her family moved to Oakland and she lived there until 1998, when she finally moved to Pleasanton to be close to her children. Grandma 'Onion' loved to make ceramics and was an amazing cook. She could make anything from scratch and was especially known for her home-made raviolis. What she loved most was to be with her family and spending time 'babysitting' her granddog 'Baby'.

Lee was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband and her sister Josephine Trinchero. She is survived by her son Raymond Parodi (Gardnerville, NV) and daughter Diane Hall (Pleasanton, CA). Also by her grandchildren Robert Means (Hayward, CA), Tony and Katy Parodi (Gardnerville, NV), Lisa Davis (Livermore) and Jenny Ebbers (Pleasanton), and her great-grandchildren Tami Davis (Livermore), Maizey and Mason Parodi (Gardnerville, NV), Alexis Ibarra (Livermore) and Ellen and Kimberly Ebbers (Pleasanton), also numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be held at 326 Diamond Ct, Pleasanton, Sat. Dec 13th at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would love a donation to Hope Hospice or the Make a Wish Foundation.

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Elvieta Pauline Wilson (Kohler)

Our grandma, Elvieta Wilson, aged 95, passed away peacefully in her sleep the morning of November 16, 2008. She was a recent resident of Eden Villa Assisted Care Facility, and a Pleasanton/ Livermore area resident for the past 30 years.

Elvieta was born on March 27, 1913 to Charles and Kate (Carstensen) Kohler in Clinton, Iowa. Grams loved telling stories of her childhood growing up on a small farm in Iowa in a time when electricity and indoor plumbing were not yet available. Her mother was an incredible gardener and her father an extraordinary handyman, thus the family was fairly self sufficient. Grams days as a child were care-free and void of worry.

Elvieta met her future husband, Harold, one rainy night when his car got stuck in the mud and he had to hike to her parents' house for help. They were married in Carbon Cliff, Illinois in 1931.

Elvieta was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, her son, Bob, and her loving daughter in law, Kay. We know you are in a happier place Grams. She is survived by her three grandchildren and their families: Bill and Dawn Wilson (Chelsea and Ryan) of Pleasanton, Kathi and Steve Finley (Bill Matoza) of Castro Valley, and Trish Wilson and Terry Joy (Katy and Colin Joy) of Arroyo Grande.

Wayne Albin Jensen

Wayne Albin Jensen was born in Livermore on March 10, 1945. He graduated from Livermore High School in 1963 and Chico State with honors in 1967.

He worked in accounting then went to law school in Sacramento. He studied for one semester in Exeter, England. He later moved to Independence, Missouri, where he met and married his wife in 1974. He and Kim had daughters - Margaret, Susan, Emily and Audrey. He worked for the government in Kansas City, retired as a data analyst. He went on disability retirement in 2003. He passed away Dec. 1, 2008 from complications related to Parkinson's Disease.

Services were held Dec. 5 in Livermore.

He is survived by his four daughters, a granddaughter, brothers Gary Jensen of Livermore, Bruce Jensen of Oakland and his mother Viola Jensen of Livermore.

Website Shines Light On Holiday Decorations

Lights of the Valley <http://lightsofthevalley.com>, which showcases the most elaborate and best decorated Christmas homes in Northern California is celebrating its 10th year of operation. Featured in print and promoted on numerous radio and TV stations each year, the Lights of the Valley website is the most comprehensive website available to find the best decorated Christmas houses in Northern California.

Started in 1999 by Livermore resident and web design company owner Alex Dourov, the site has grown from its initial 25 homes in two counties to over 450 homes in 19 counties across all of Northern California. Alex funds the operation of the site himself and puts in approx 100 hours each year updating the site, and during December, he updates on a daily basis. This is his "community service" project each year to the residents in Northern California.

The site was used by over 125,000 unique visitors last year (from a low of 9,400 in an early year of operation) and is on track to come close to 250,000 unique

visitors this year.

The website is praised by all, particularly the elderly and homebound, who are now able to enjoy the beautiful sights and sounds of Christmas in their community, without having to venture outside.

The database driven site offers many features besides just finding decorated homes in your community. It also displays homes that Alex Dourov has designated as "must see," homes with synchronized lights and music (including videos), as well as a feature - the House of the Day - which showcases on particularly elaborate home each day of the Christmas season. The website even provides a very simple set of instructions on how anyone can display the House of the Day on his or her own website, Facebook or MySpace page. Radio stations KKIQ, KKDV, KUIIC along with organizations like the San Jose Police Officer Association and the Alameda County Deputy Sheriffs Association display the House of the Day on their own websites.

Livermore Farmers Market Open Sundays

The Livermore Farmers' Market is open on Sundays through the winter months.

The market is open on Second Street between J and K streets from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shoppers at the Livermore Winter Farmers' Market can find such things as winter Squash, apples, persimmons, oranges, walnuts, sweet potatoes, broccoli, turnips, parsnips, mixed greens, strawberries from southern California, hot house tomatoes, fresh cut flowers and other seasonal favorites.

The market will also feature freshly-made crepes, artisan breads, freshly-baked pies and other gourmet items.



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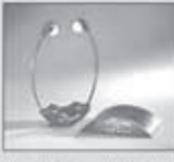
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