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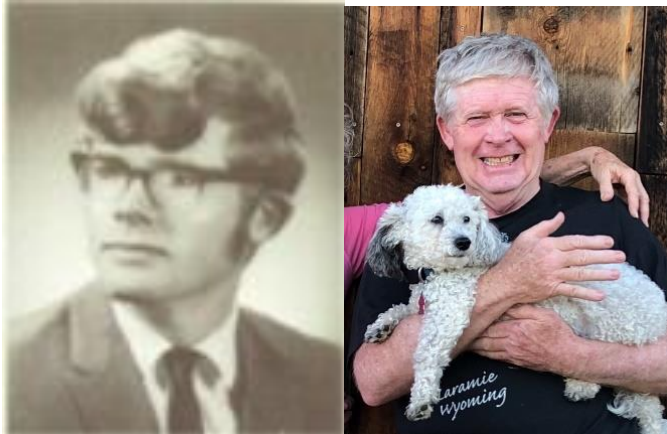
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Updated: January 28, 2021 through November 2, 2021 (Updates are performed as frequently as possible. If you don't see your tribute, and you submitted it by 1:00 pm MST on 11/02/2021, please contact onamariefp@gmail.com . Every attempt has been made to supply the 1970 Yearbook photograph of those we have lost. If someone's picture is missing, it is because no photo was available. If you have one of someone whose picture is missing that you would like to contribute, please upload his/her labeled photograph to the "In Memoriam" section on the Website. Lastly, some tributes are brief, because of limited information. If classmates have additional information that they wish to submit about a particular individual, please send it through the Website.

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BANKS, David



<https://www.steamboatpilot.com/news/obituaries/obituary-david-leroy-banks/>

August 19, 1952 – August 12, 2019

David LeRoy Banks DDS, of Steamboat Springs and Lake John, CO, passed away on August 12, 2019, age 66. Born on August 19, 1952 in Wichita, KS, David spent his childhood in Littleton, Colorado, later attending UC Boulder and UC Dental School.

He Joined the Air Force working as a dentist and began his civilian career providing mobile dentistry in rural Colorado before starting Alpine Family Dentistry in downtown Steamboat Springs, where he practiced for decades in his beloved mountain community and home.

He provided excellent care and regularly donated services to many in need. With his skillful hands and jolly ways he helped many come to enjoy their trips to the dentist.

He was a gentle spirit, an avid hunter, fisherman, and a deeply caring steward of wild lands. He relished many summers at his treasured acreage overlooking Lake John in North Park, Colorado.

Many remember David's mix of sensible precaution and adventurous spirit, his dry sense of humor, wonderful giant grin, strawberry hair, and his love of Colorado, music, helping others, and dark beer. As a kid, he read the dictionary and encyclopedia for enjoyment, and as an adult, he would share the scientific explanation of just about any phenomenon or subject matter, in the course of casual conversation. Throughout his life he loved geology and could not pass by a great looking rock without stopping to finger and admire it. He delighted in artisan food crafting with the fruits of his hunting and fishing. If you were lucky, you may have sampled his home-smoked trout and duck, or had some of his decadent elk lasagna, venison sausage or jerky.

He was predeceased by father Herbert Leroy Banks, his first fishing buddy, and is survived by mother Alice Banks, sisters Charlotte Grace and Susan Doty, nephew and close friend Troy Cone, nephews Aaron Sanchez, John Gibson, nieces Shonda Sanchez and Erin Doty, cousins, great-nieces and nephews, neighbors, friends, and most importantly Nibbles, his dog and best companion to the very end.

We will celebrate David's life and scatter his ashes on his land at Lake John on Sept. 21, 2019, at noon with lunch following. To make a memorial gift in David Banks' name to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, please call 800-225-5355.

BROWN, Linda



Submitted by classmates, Pam Phelps Genovesi and Evelyn Cox

December 12, 1951 – February 15, 2008

Sgt Linda Lou Brown, born 12 Dec 51. Enlisted in US Army 25 Aug 1972, Discharged 25 Jul 1979. Parents Ray and Mary Lou Brown moved to Castle Rock from Littleton. Linda was laid to rest in the Ft Logan National Cemetery Section 55-753.

Linda was a prankster, she enjoyed laughing and encouraging other's laughter. Once hiding on top of the lockers in the Gym women's locker room while the teacher was calling roll call. Teacher yelled for Brown, Linda yelled HERE from the top of the lockers and the teacher looked high and low and couldn't see her. She finally figured it out.

CARTER, David Warren

Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovesi

May 10, 1952 – June 20, 1985

Born May 10, 1952 in San Diego, California, he attended Arapahoe High School. He married Marcia Neal in Los Angeles, California on August 3, 1972. He and his wife had two sons, Dustin David Carter 1975-1985 and Caleb Neal Carter 1978-1985. Tragically, David Carter and his two young sons died in Yellowstone National Park when the boat they were in capsized on June 20, 1985.

CLINTON, Bartlett, Jr. (Sam)

Submitted by Anne Batcheller

My brother died in 1995.

DABLING, Mark



Submitted by classmate, David James Roberts

Mark and I became Police Cadets with Denver Police Department immediately upon graduation from Arapahoe High School. We both attended Metropolitan State College as part of the program and worked at DPD. When we turned 21 we had the option of entering the police academy, but we both left the department and continued and completed our degrees while working elsewhere, including the Cherry Hills Denver Dry Goods store. A number of years later Mark returned to law enforcement when he joined the Colorado Springs Police Department. He left the department for a year and worked with me for a year (I was directing a Research Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming), but he returned to the job he loved in 1981. Within a year he was killed in the line of duty while performing a simple traffic stop--the subject was an escaped prisoner from Florida who had been on a crime spree across the nation. The suspect fled the scene but was later arrested on I-25 south of the city.

The picture of Mark (enclosed) was taken in 1981 in his office in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

DeROSE, Karen (Colwell)



Submitted by classmate, David James Roberts

<https://www.sbmortuary.com/obituary/Karen-Colwell>;

April 2, 1952 – October 21, 2013

Born April 2, 1952, in Jersey City, New Jersey, to Gerald and June DeRose, Karen passed away October 21, 2013 at home surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Bob, children Michael and Leslie, her mother, June DeRose, siblings Renee (Greg) Markling and Gerald DeRose and relatives in New Jersey including aunts, uncles and cousins.

Karen moved to Littleton, Colorado in 1964. Graduating from Arapahoe High School, she worked as a paralegal secretary for the Great West Sugar Company and the Colorado Association of School Boards before completing her degree in education at Metro State College and entering the teaching profession. After teaching for three years at St. Mary's Academy in Englewood, Karen worked as an administrative assistant at the Marathon Oil facility in Littleton.

In March 1980, Karen began her career in the Littleton Public Schools teaching at Euclid Junior High before moving to Heritage High School in the fall of 1984. During her years at Heritage she served as Head of the Business Department which later became the Career and Technical Education Department. During that time she was sponsor of the Future Business Leaders of America, taking many students to state and national competitions. Over the years, she was an inspiration to her students, many of whom entered the teaching field or majoring in accounting in college. She maintained contact with many of her students over the years.

Karen enjoyed traveling, having been to almost every state in the US, as well as most countries in Europe. She was an avid reader, loved going to the movies with friends and cherished her time at The Lodge Casino.

A memorial service celebrating Karen's life will be held at the Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W Powers Ave, Littleton, CO 80120 on November 2, 2013. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Littleton Public Schools Foundation, C/O Beth Best, 5776 S Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120, or the Colorado Ovarian Cancer Alliance (COCA), P O Box 9216, Denver, CO 80209.

FICKLE, James (Jim)



Submitted by Claudia Shaffer-Tuft

Jim was a phenomenal husband, father and for me, brother-in-law. His passing left a whole in our hearts, but he also left us with so many wonderful memories.

FICKLIN, Larry Gene



<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/obituary.aspx?n=larry-gene-ficklin&pid=443550>

Published in Denver Post on August 15, 2002.

Dr. Larry Ficklin, 49, of Littleton, passed away August 12, 2002. He was born in Norman, OK and moved to Littleton in 1957. He graduated from Arapahoe High School and then Colorado State University in Veterinarian Medicine. Larry was an avid bike rider and photographer. He is survived by loving wife, Lynda; three sons, Nathan, Daniel, and Michael; mother, Blossom; brother, Gary (Anne); sister, Kerry; and four nieces. He was preceded in death by his father, Walt in 1992.

Memorial service, Saturday 2 p.m., Drinkwine Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, contributions to CNI-Brain Tumor Program, 701 E. Hampden Ave., #160, Englewood, CO 80110; please specify Larry Ficklin. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

GELLER, Steve



Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovisi

Larry Geller, oldest brother of Stephen Jay Geller confirmed Steve's passing in a Las Vegas Hospital on Monday August 30, 2021. He had a sudden heart attack and despite medical efforts, he lost the battle. Very sadly, his family was unable to see him due to COVID restrictions. He leaves behind his brother Larry Geller (class of 68), Bruce Geller (class of 72) and sister, Denise Geller. No memorials are planned in the immediate future. Larry, Bruce and Denise all live in Denver. Steve had been living in Las Vegas and Henderson for a number of years.

HOFMANN, Steven Joseph

Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovesi

March 11, 1952 – March 11, 2018

Steven Joseph Hofmann was born March 11, 1952 and died in March 11, 2018 of cancer. He was a General Motors retiree. His father's name is William, his mother's is Maxine, and his sister is Brenda. His wife is Anna Penzien, and his children are Steve and Eric. (Obituary in Lansing, Michigan newspaper.)

HOUSER, Daniel

Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovesi

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/kpcnews/name/daniel-houser-obituary?n=daniel-houser&pid=173246201&fhid=24909> Published by KPCNews on Nov. 22, 2014.

1952 – November 11, 2014

Daniel Max Houser, 62, of Angola IN died Nov. 11, 2014, in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne. Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness in Angola. Memorials may be made to the family in care of Donna Huckaby-Houser. Weicht Funeral Home Inc, Angola, IN.

To plant trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

HUFF, Deborah Ann (nickname "Duff") (Burton)



Submitted by husband, Gary L Burton

April 25, 1952 - April 30, 2005

I'm Gary Burton (AHS 69), Debbie's lucky husband of almost 30 years. We lost Debbie to an acute form of leukemia a few days after her 53rd birthday. She fought for two relatively good years, but the last option (bone marrow transplant) didn't take and she died peacefully with many family and friends around her.

Briefly, she married me after College (CSU) in 1975 and we spent a few years in Muscle Shoals, AL. Adding to her degree in Food Science and Nutrition she became a Registered Dietician. We spent several years in Knoxville, TN. Deb worked for and studied at the University of TN achieving a Master's Degree in Geriatric Nutrition while I worked for TVA. She was a Regional (traveling) Dietician for a nursing home corporation during 5 years in Gallatin, TN, yet somehow managed to have our two daughters when not on the road. Then, 5 years in Fort Worth, TX before moving back to CO. From 1989 until her death she was a Nursing Home Inspector (food service and nutrition) for the State of CO writing and enforcing Federal regulations.

Debbie loved working with the elderly and would bring home stories from the amazing residents she met, counseled and rescued. We, many times, overlook the elderly, but Deb was one person who never forgot who they were, what they had accomplished in their lives and the dignity they deserve as they age. We, being the age we are now, can innately appreciate what she gave to these people.

Her career aside, she was, all her life, as you and I remember her in High School. A kind, compassionate, sometimes adventurous soul who loved to laugh and would take the time to see the value in others. There was a strong will in her that worked in concert with all the above making her a strong, devoted mother, daughter, friend, advocate, life companion, and woman of the times. She still provides guidance to me from time to time. We miss her and I treasure the life we shared.

GLB. (In the picture, Debbie is in first row, second from right next to Denise La Forge.)

HUNTER, Kevin

Submitted by sister, Leesa Lins

My brother was Kevin R. Hunter, He passed in 1998. He was married to Connie L Wilson, I have no idea where she is.

IVERSEN, Russell



Mulkeymasonlewisville.com

September 19, 1951 - October 6, 2021

Russell William Iversen, 70, of Texas and Colorado, peacefully passed away on October 6, 2021, after a two-year battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

Russ was born on September 19, 1951, to Ethel and Richard Iversen in Chicago, Illinois. Russ always considered himself a Coloradan after the family moved to Littleton in childhood. After graduating from Arapahoe High School in 1970, Russ received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Colorado in 1975.

Russ embarked on a career in finance, including a six-year stint at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In 2011, Russ traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the FDIC's James R. McFayden Award for Bravery, Courage, and Heroism for keeping personnel safe during a tornado.

In 1974, Russ met his wife and best friend, Nia, at the University of Colorado. They married in 1986, and adopted two sons, Patrick and Peter. Russ' greatest achievement was raising Patrick and Peter as compassionate, curious, and gracious men. His zeal for life and the people in it lives on through his sons and their careers. Patrick's writing and Peter's ministry will share Russ' memory and lessons with the world.

Russ was a strong, kind, loving, and supportive father and husband with a passionate devotion to family. He also never met a stranger who wasn't a potential friend. This led to a mighty network of people who grieve Russ's loss but remain shaped by his companionship. This includes his church family at Trinity Presbyterian in Flower Mound, where Russ was very active and served many roles for over almost three decades.

Russell was predeceased by his mother, father, and brother Robert. He leaves behind his wife Nia, sons Peter and Patrick, future daughter-in-law Catie Withers, twin sister and brother-in-law Connie and Larry Dennis, and brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Lyda Iversen, as well as several nieces and nephews. Russ also leaves behind granddog Darcy, who became his guardian angel over the last year of his life.

A service is scheduled for November 6, 2021, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Flower Mound, Texas. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Russ. *Please register to attend or watch the service live online at www.tpcfmc.org/funeral.*

In place of flowers, please send donations to the ALS Association at ALSTexas.org or the Muscular Dystrophy Association at MDA.org. The family would like to thank Ardent Hospice for their loving care and support.

JOHNSON, Lora Lee



Stories of Lora by Janice Woodhouse Barbee; additional memory by Ona Faye-Petersen. Obituary extracted from June 15, 2019 article by Elena Saavedra Buckley, High Country News, Montrose CO

February 5, 1952 – June 13, 2017

Lora moved to Littleton in 1963 and went to Benjamin Franklin Elementary and Isaac Newton Junior High. Her parents were Allen Robert Johnson and Genevie Johnson. She had two younger brothers, Gary and David, and an older sister, Sharon. She was an artist early in life, expressing herself in her drawings and paintings and playing the violin. She was smart and very creative. She lived most of her life in Colorado, in Grand Junction in her later years, and often traveled around to art shows to sell her paintings. Lora was diagnosed with bladder cancer in 2015 and died under the loving care of her friend, Deb Schum, in Hotchkiss, CO

Stories of Lora by Janice Woodhouse Barbee

I met Lora shortly after she moved into her new house across from mine in 1963. We quickly became best friends, and I would often be at her house for dinner with her family or for sleepovers.

Every morning during the school year, I would go over to Lora's house to pick her up, and she was always late. We would walk to Benjamin Elementary together to our sixth-grade class and would often get reprimanded for being late by the music teacher.

I remember many sleepovers where Lora and I watched "Man from Uncle" and "Get Smart" and ate Cheese Whiz on Waverly Wafers. And we mused about whether we were microscopic beings in the solar system that formed one atom in some colossal civilization. And about reincarnation, the psychic Jean Dixon, enlightenment, and the purpose of life.

One summer we decided we could invent a board game that could possibly make us rich. We developed several, and Lora would draw and paint designs on each board. We cut out "prizes" from the Sears catalogue and pasted them on cardboard. We tested the games out on our siblings and realized these were unlikely to get us rich, but we never admitted defeat.

In junior high, Lora was a part of a singing group that we formed – the Blue Belles, which became the Bakers Dozen with more singers added in the 9th grade, when we performed "Another Opening, Another Show" and "On a Wonderful Day, Like Today" at the talent show, the Isaac Newton "Newtonanny." Lora took up the violin and we rode the bus to school every day, balancing her violin case and our schoolbooks on our laps.

During our years at Arapahoe, Lora painted more and more, and discovered a love of acrylic paints and vivid color. Her paintings became more abstract, and she was drawn to psychedelic art and music. During these years she gravitated to alternative, "hippie" culture because it spoke to who she was and what she valued, not because it was the current thing to do, or as a protest, or for some intellectualized reason.

I saw Lora only once after high school, in 1982, at a small reunion with friends at Jason and Diane Melancon's place in Denver. She told us she was traveling a lot, attending art fairs. Many years later, her brother-in-law

connected me again to her, and we wrote a couple of letters back and forth. She was living in Grand Junction and had some health problems.

I have discovered from some on-line sources that her best friend for many years was Deb Schum. Lora and Deb became fast friends in 1989, and Deb says conversations with Lora helped her heal from the trauma of her abusive mother. Lora “dragged Schum into the New Age art scenes in hippie-leaning communities of Colorado.” She also says that Lora “believed in reincarnation, loved to wear makeup, and was a chronic procrastinator.” Still the Lora we knew!

Lora and Deb spent many days soaking and talking together at Orvis Hot Springs, in Ridgway, CO. In the last few days of her life, Lora was taken care of by Deb. Deb says, “she kept her sense of humor, once asking a hospice nurse if she could bring Brad Pitt to feed her grapes and fan her with peacock feathers.”

I imagine Lora’s adventurous spirit flying between planets, reveling in the colors and designs of the universe.

Another Story of Lora by Ona MF-P

The last line in Janice’s tribute, and some (strong) encouragement from her and other good friends of Lora’s, prompted me to write this addition to the memories of Lora, along with the attached image.

I did not meet Lora until High School, but I was fortunate to get to spend really wonderful times with her on weekends, at friends’ houses, diners, and local art shows. She was a creative artist, but she liked “to see and show what was out there.” As Janice says, she used brilliant colors and thick paints in expressionistic free forms on all kinds of media. She was incredibly observant and insightful, but soft-spoken. She also had a wicked sense of humor and sat behind me in a couple classes. I think it’s safe to say she took special delight in quietly leaning forward to say something that would suddenly force me to have to stifle a laugh, during some rigid-rule class, by burying my face in my hands on my desk and faking a sneeze. One day, she completely surprised me with a pillow she had made for me/of me. She said it was to capture my fascination with ancient Egypt, my eyes, my favorite colors, and would hold and protect my heart and spirit. I was amazed and deeply touched that she had gone to that much effort to hand make the pillow. With the exception of my years in fellowships in NYC, I’ve always kept it somewhere I could see it, most often in my study. I had not seen or been able to keep in touch with Lora since AHS days, and I wasn’t sure where she was. When I learned about 3 weeks ago, that she had died, I held this pillow close, hoping she would know that we, her friends, had reconnected like a constellation, and would carry her spirit, now, and see her in the stars.



JOHNSON, Jerry



Submitted by classmates, Steve Langston and Pam Phelps Genovesi

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/116360197/jerry-paul-johnson>

September 28, 1951 – September 15, 1976

Jerry died in the 70s. Jerry Paul Johnson was only 24 years of age when he passed away. He is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, CO (Lot 31-6-59-5)

KNITTLE, Ron



Submitted by brother, Skip Knittle

<https://www.whitefuneralhome.org/obituary/932421>

June 03, 1952 - January 23, 2008

Ron is my younger brother. Unfortunately, Ron won't be able to attend his 50th reunion because, on January 24th 2008, he went into a hospital in St. Louis, Missouri to have a biopsy on his liver. During the procedure the surgeon unknowingly knicked his large intestine and Ron was dead 6 hours later.

As many of his friends might remember him, he was a very enthusiastic guy who loved people and always looked for excitement. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and enjoyed sharing the gospel with everyone he met.

If anyone wants more information on Ron I would be happy to talk to them.

White Funeral Home Cassville, Missouri Obituary, January 2008

Ronald Arthur Knittle, age 55, of Exeter, died on January 24, 2008, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Knittle, son of Ray and Gloria (Strickland) Knittle, was born on June 3, 1952, in Denver, Colorado. He was an investment broker in Denver and moved to Exeter from Denver five years ago to be closer to his parents. Ronald had established several businesses in his career including the Golden Eagle Goldmine in Bolivia. He was a Boy Scout leader. He enjoyed scuba diving and was a member of PADI Diving Society and did write a book of his adventures. His family and friends will always remember his wonderful stories and wonderful sense of humor.

He was a missionary and loved working with the missionaries, as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of the Cassville Branch.

He is survived by his parents, Ray and Gloria Knittle, of Exeter, Missouri; one son, Jason Knittle, of Parker, Colorado; four daughters, Kristi Twomey, of Dallas, Texas, Sandi Knittle, of Kiowa, Colorado, Amber Knittle, of Kiowa, Colorado, and Tiffani Knittle, of Englewood, Colorado; one sister, Glory Dawn Dadiotis, of Gilbert, Arizona; one brother, Skip Knittle, of Englewood, Colorado; five grandchildren, Grady Knittle, Rebecca Duvall, Michael Duvall, Micaela Mortimore, and Lliam Mortimore, all of Colorado, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the White Funeral Home in Cassville, Missouri, with Bishop Berlan Crouch officiating. Memorials may be made to the Church of Jesus of Latter Day Saints in care of Berlan Crouch Rt. 2 Box 2062, Cassville, MO 65625 or may be entrusted to the White Funeral Home Cassville, Missouri. Arrangements are under the direction of White Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri.

Per Pam Phelps Genovisi: Just confirmed online about Ron Knittle ...passed on 24 Jan 2008 in St Louis, Mo. His headstone says "I told you I was sick"

LILJA, Laurie (Martin)

Submitted by long-time partner James Falconer
The Virginian Pilot, Norfolk VA (legacy.com)
(1952- January 14, 2021)

Laurie Lilja Martin, 68, of Kill Devil Hills, NC, passed peacefully in her home on January 14, 2021 after a long illness.

Born in Arizona and raised in suburban Denver, she was a graduate of Colorado State University. She raised her own children in Norfolk, Virginia, and moved to the Outer Banks several years ago.

Laurie is survived by her longtime partner James Falconer, of Kill Devil Hills; her sister, Jamie Lilja Graham, of Leadville, CO; two daughters, Anne Martin Williams, of Brooklyn, NY, and Chrissy Martin Meier, of Montreaux, Switzerland; and the apples of her eyes, her three grandsons- Jackson, Lindsay, and Sydney. A former pre-school teacher, she saw the good that exists in all little creatures and big ones, too.

In addition to her family, Laurie loved classic rock music, her Denver Broncos, the beach and sailing with her friends at the Colington Harbor Marina and Yacht Club. Her kindness and spirit lives in all the people that she has touched and she will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to The Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters (CHKD) are appreciated. A service will be held in the summer. Condolences may be expressed via the online register at www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services, Inc. was entrusted with arrangements. To plant trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

MANHKEN, Robert Frederick

Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovesi
October 1, 1951 – March 4, 1999

Robert enlisted in the US Army September 30, 1975, and was discharged on September 29, 1978, with the rank of Specialist 4. He is buried at Fort Logan Cemetery, Section 13, Site 1216. His father, Walter J Mahnken (Retired from Honeywell) and his mother, Joanna E Mahnken, lived on Bellaire Way in Littleton.

MILLER, Ann (Egbert)

Submitted by classmate, Kathleen Healey

Ann was one of my best high school friends. We had a lot of fun together. She was fun, intelligent, witty, and resilient, and a very good person, as well as a good friend. After high school Ann married an Air Force officer, Ed Egbert, whom she met while we were in high school. Unfortunately, she died in her late 20s--I believe from cancer. What a loss for her husband, family, and friends.

MUSSELMAN Donna Melissa (Karpiak)



Submitted by Pam Phelps Genovisi

<https://www.meadowbrookfh.com/obituary/Donna-Musselman>

February 9, 1953 ~ April 8, 2018

Musselman, Donna Melissa (Karpiak), age 65, passed away in Longview, Texas, on April 8, 2018. Donna was born on February 9, 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland to Donald and Margaret (Sanders) Karpiak. She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Margaret Karpiak and her brother, Daniel Karpiak. Donna is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 47 years, Mike Musselman; her sons, Jesse Musselman and James Musselman; her grandchildren, Asia Rain and Darius Austin; her nephew, Shawn Karpiak and many friends, near and far, who were blessed by her friendship. Donna and her husband were the owners of Three Oaks Bed and Breakfast in Marshall, Texas for many years. Donna's was a life well lived and she was well loved. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Celebration of Life JUN 3. 1:00 PM. Three Oaks Bed and Breakfast 609 N. Washington Street Marshall, TX, 75670

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Donna Melissa Musselman, please visit our [floral store](#).

NEWMAN, Ronald Scott



April 6, 1952 – March 11, 1998

Submitted by classmate and cousin, Janet Combellick Showalter and Pam Phelps Genovisi

Scott Newman was my cousin. Scott passed away many years ago in Pueblo, Colorado on March 11, 1998 and is buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. The picture is an AHS yearbook picture from 1968

OSBORNE, Dennis

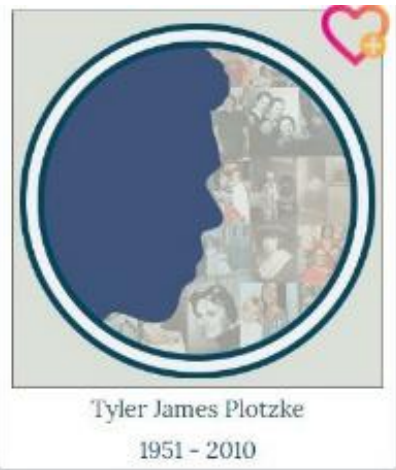


Submitted by classmate, Ed Galemba

1952 – May 5, 2012.

An accomplished drummer, Dennis Osborne was a member of Arapahoe High School's marching band, concert band, and stage band. Dennis also played local gigs with his rock band. He was an active skier and outdoorsman with a love of the mountains. Upon the death of his father, Leland, Dennis operated the local family business, Riteway Meats, with his mother Fern through the late 1990s. In his later years, Dennis made Silver Plume, Colorado, his home. Dennis passed away at age 59 on May 5, 2012.

PLOTZKE, Tyler James

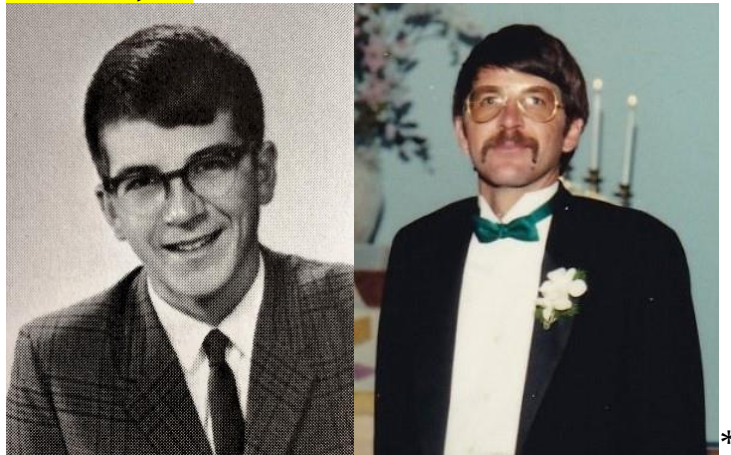


Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovesi

July 30, 1951 – June 21, 2010

Tyler James Plotzke was born on 7/30/51, and lived on E. Easter Place in Littleton in 1970, with his parents, James and Mary. He married Virginia Plotzke but later became divorced. He ultimately moved with his parents to Oceanside, CA, where he was preceded in death by his father, in 2004, and mother, in 2009. Tyler died the following year on 6/21/2010 in Oceanside, California (San Diego County.)

PUSKAR, Ed



Submitted by friend and classmate, Jim Byerrum

Eddie was best man at my wedding in 1989 (*photo) and my longtime best friend. Throughout the years we played thousands of hours of tennis together. After high school we camped and backpacked all over Colorado. In 1981/82 we spent 6 months traveling to Tahiti, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. We covered virtually the entire east coast of Australia and hiked hundreds of miles in New Zealand. Subsequently, Eddie (Moose), Bill Matsoukas (Clam), Randy Moore (Rabbit), Scott Reiman (Squirrel), Charlie Olin (Stud) and I (Fly) visited Harald Wallen (Wopinskymovitchalettistein) at Harald's compound in Belize. Jack Kerouac never had a road trip to equal the road trips Eddie took.

Ed graduated from CSU with a degree in wildlife biology and then attended graduate school in Oregon. His later profession was in water treatment engineering. He worked for the water board in Eagle County and later at Denver water treatment.

As an adult, Ed had some terrific girlfriends, but never married. Randy (Rabbit) was a great friend and helped in visiting and supporting our dear friend Ed in hospitals and treatment facilities during the final months. Ed succumbed to alcoholism in February of 2001. I was the last person to see him alive. Every time I touch a tennis racket or take a hike I am reminded of the gift of his friendship. At Arapahoe, many were admiringly jealous of his tennis skills and his enormous acumen, but nobody disliked Ed. His life was far too short but he still left a damn fine legacy.

ROWLAND, Mark



<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54149133/mark-stephen-rowland>

Mark Stephen Rowland

May 19, 1952 – November 20, 1983 (age 31 years)

Mark was born May 19, 1952 in Pueblo, CO. He grew up in Littleton, CO (Now Centennial, CO). He attended Highland and All Souls elementary schools, Euclid Junior High School and graduated from Arapahoe HS in 1970. Mark graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and attended the University of Colorado Medical School in Denver. Mark died from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in November 20, 1983. He was buried at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Littleton, CO (Arapahoe County)

SAFFORD, Jenny (Kelly)



Submitted by classmate, Gay Rinker Pollard

Billingsgazette.com www.cfgbillings.com

November 14, 1952 - November 7, 2015

Jennifer Lee Kelly, aged 62 surrounded by the love of family and friends, left this earth peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015. She was born in Seattle Wash., on Nov. 14, 1952, daughter to Ray and Georgia Safford.

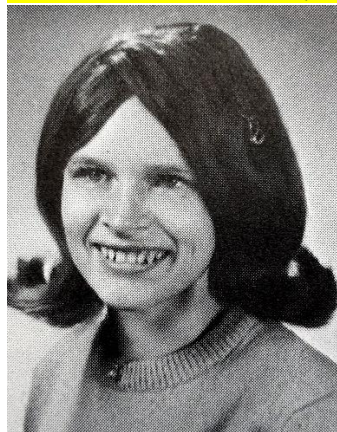
Jennifer graduated from Arapahoe High School in Colorado and continued her education in service to others, acquiring her bachelor of science in nursing degree from Montana State University and her master's degree as a family nurse practitioner from Gonzaga University. She dedicated her hands and heart to the wellbeing of others, notably working for the Crow-Northern Cheyenne Hospital for over a decade and most recently working in St. Vincent's Healthcare.

Outside of her passion for work, Jennifer preferred to spend her days either gardening, traveling the world, collecting shoes, or romping around the house with her beloved bulldogs. Jennifer's favorite pastime, however, was spending time with her family and she would say that her greatest accomplishment was raising her three children.

Jennifer left this Earth and joined her recently deceased son John Kyle Caten who passed in March of this year. She is survived by her husband Tom Kelly of Billings Montana, parents Ray and Georgia Safford formerly of Cody Wyoming, daughter Nikki Caten of Billings, son Alex Caten, daughter-in-law Scottie Caten, and recently added grandson Porter Caten, and her brother and sister Dan and Terry Safford.

A visitation will be held from 3-6 p.m., Nov. 11 at Cremation & Funeral Gallery. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., Nov. 12 at Cremation & Funeral Gallery with burial to follow at the Laurel Public Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cremation & Funeral Gallery. Condolences can be sent through www.cfgbillings.com through "Our Families."

SCHUCKENBROCK, Diana Frances (Korte)



Submitted by Classmate Pam Phelps Genovesi

Extracted from Bibb-Veach Funeral Home Obituary Announcement, Bowling Green, MO

April 15, 1952 - October 15, 2020

Diana Frances Korte, age 68, of Bowling Green passed away, Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the Pike County Memorial Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at the St. Clement Catholic Church with Fr Henry Ussher and Deacon Wayne Korte officiating. The Burial was at St. Clement Cemetery, in St. Clement, MO, following visitation hours (4:00 pm to 8:00 pm) on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, in Bowling Green.

Diana was born on April 15, 1952 in Hannibal, MO to Cecil J. and Josephine Sally (Bailey) Schuckenbrock. She was united in marriage to Jerome Korte on November 17, 1979 at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green, MO.

She is survived by her husband Jerome. Also living are her four children, daughters Jennifer (Robert) Appling of Broomfield, CO, and their children Alyssa (11), Bo (9), and Brody (3); Jackie (Douglas) Feldmann of Bowling Green, MO, and their children Alex (9), Adam (6), and Emily (2); and sons Kurt (Jaclyn) Korte of Jefferson City, MO, and their children Corbin (10), Isaac (7), Ayson (5) and Seth (2); and Derek (Christen) Korte, of Christen, TN and their children Tyler (8), Cathryn (5), and Carson (2). Also surviving are her brothers Edward (Mariah) Schuckenbrock and Larry Schuckenbrock and brothers- and sisters-in-law Wayne (Pam) Korte, Vernon (Kathy) Korte, and Marie Korte.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents.

Diana grew up in Littleton, Colorado, at 7215 S. Lincoln St, and, at the age of 25, she moved to Bowling Green, MO and worked at Empire Gas. After moving from the city, she loved the country lifestyle and raising her 4 children on the farm. Once her children went off to college, she went to work at the Pike County Court House, part-time, in the collector's office. She always made time for her 4 kids, and 13 grandkids. She enjoyed her outings with the potpourri club, collecting dolls, and Longaberger baskets. She also had a passion for photography.

Serving as pallbearers were Michael Korte, Stephen Korte, Paul Korte, Michael Mullins, Brandon Grote, and Grant Gollaher.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Diana F Korte, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

SMILIE, Lorelyn "Lori"



Submitted by Classmates Arlene Beck Shaw and Pam Phelps Genovesi.

Extracted from Lawrence Journal-World, Lawrence KS, Kansas City Star, The Daily Sentinel. [Legacy.com](#) and [Kansas City KS Kansas City Rumsey-Yost Funeral and Crematory](#), February 22 & 24, 2007

June 5, 1952 - February 19, 2007

Memorial services for Lorelyn "Lori" K. Smilie, 54, Ottawa, will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Wellsville High School in the Kermit Deterding Gymnasium. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Highland Cemetery in Ottawa. Ms. Lorelyn "Lori" K. Smilie, 54, died Monday, February 19, 2007, at Ransom Memorial Hospital, Ottawa, Kansas. Ms. Smilie died Feb. 19, 2007, at Ransom Memorial Hospital in Ottawa. She was born June 5, 1952, in Denver, the daughter of Charles R. and Mary Currier Smilie, who preceded her in death. She attended public schools in Colorado Springs, Colo., and graduated in 1970 from Arapaho High School in Centennial, Colo. She graduated from Ottawa University in 1974 with a degree in elementary education. Ms. Smilie began her teaching career in the fall of 1974 at Wellsville Elementary School, where she taught third grade for more than 32 years. She enjoyed music, movies, books, literature and art. She also enjoyed spending time with her cats, many friends, students, co-workers and family. She was a member of the National Education Association, Kansas National Education Association, Wellsville Educators Association, and was involved in the development of the Franklin County Literature Festival. Survivors include three brothers, David K. Smilie, San Carlos, Calif., Kenneth B. Smilie and wife Zina, Collbran, Colo., and Michael S. Smilie, Fort Collins, Colo.; an aunt and uncle, Charles and Katherine Currier, Grand Junction, Colo.; an uncle, William J. Smilie, Fort Collins, Colo.; and an aunt, Kay Smilie, Loveland, Colo.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ms. Smilie was preceded in death by her parents. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home in Ottawa. The family suggests memorials to Wellsville Elementary School, sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa 66067. Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

WELLS, Rex



<https://www.drinkwinemortuary.com/obituary/Rex-Wells>

February 17, 1951 ~ May 21, 2018

Rex Alan Wells, 67 of Centennial, Colorado passed away on Monday May 21, 2018. Rex was born February 17, 1951 in Ft. Collins, Co and moved with his family to Littleton in the mid 80's. He attended various public schools in Littleton School District and graduated from Arapahoe Community College with an Associate Degree in Political Science. Rex spent most of his career working security in the Denver area. He loved his family and friends and his church family and he was well loved by them. Rex loved to travel, was an avid bowler and a huge Broncos and Rockies fan. He is survived by his brother Rick Wells (Shirlene) of Eagle River, Alaska; niece Kaitlin Lenoir (Jason), of Palmer, Alaska; nephew Hayden Wells of Eagle River, Alaska and a big extended Wells family.

Rex was preceded in death by his father and mother Royzell and Anna Mae Wells, sister Lynda Whipple, and brother Ryan Wells. A memorial service will be held August 18, 2018 - 1:00 p.m. at South Fellowship Church, 6650 So. Broadway, Littleton, Colorado.

WESNIDGE, Linda Gale (Kemp)



Submitted by classmate, Margaret (Margee) Danner Turley

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/207245314/linda-gale-kemp>

March 2, 1952 - August 13, 2019

Linda was born March 2, 1952. She was friends with Margaret (Maggie) Danner and moved to Castle Rock for her Junior Year. She died August 13, 2019. Linda is buried in Westlawn Cemetery in Del Rio, Texas, USA.

WHITFIELD, Gary



https://www.petoskeynews.com/obituaries/gary-wirt-whitfield/article_ffd09623-cfbd-5ccc-82e2-e1a68b96a15a.html?mode=image&photo=0

December 23, 1951 - December 2, 2015

Gary Wirt Whitfield, 63, of Walloon Lake, Mich., died Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at home with his family in Walloon Lake.

Gary was born Dec. 23, 1951, in Petoskey, Mich., the son of George and Maxine (Stevens) Whitfield. He grew up in Manistee, Mich., and Littleton, Colo., where he attended Arapahoe High School and the University of Colorado, Boulder campus.

Gary spent most of his adult life in Telluride, Colo., and was retired from his proud career as the Fire District Administrator for Telluride. Standing 6 feet, 4 inches tall — he was an impressive skier, both on snow and water. Nobody laid down a more beautiful rooster tail on Walloon Lake than Gary. Watching him on the slopes of the Colorado ski areas he loved, Telluride and Copper Mountain, was joyous as well.

In addition to skiing and cycling, Gary was an avid golfer and kayaker. In his later years, he was known to start his days paddling out onto Walloon Lake with his best buddy and dog, Stimpy, sitting with him.

Gary is survived by his mother and father, Maxine and George Whitfield; brother, J.C. Whitfield; sister, Lynn Whitfield; nephews Todd, Travis and Sam; and niece Allyson; preceded in death by his brother, Steven Whitfield. Gary always took care of and was a friend to everyone he met. He will be dearly missed.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held in Walloon Lake next summer when his extended family and friends are able to join his family here.

The family wishes any memorials to be sent to The Charlevoix Human Society or the Melrose Fire Department.

WRIGHT, Donald



Submitted by Pam Phelps Genovisi

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/donald-wright-obituary?pid=190427542> Melby Mortuary Obituary

May 24, 1952 - October 3, 2018

Donald was born on May 24, 1952 and passed away on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at age 66. Donald was a resident of Mankato in Jewell County, Kansas, at the time of passing. Donald was the son of the late Ralph Alonzo Wright and Irene Hillyard Crooks. His father was born in Hundred, Wetzel, West Virginia. He resided there until after 1940. When World War II erupted, he, like millions of young men, joined the service. He went into the Coast Guard, which came under the auspices of the Department of the Navy, during the war. Hundred was a "dying" town after WWII. There didn't seem to be a real future in store for this 24 year old man. Gas, coal, and the railroad..... He eventually settled in the area of Denver, Colorado. It was there he raised his 3 children, 2 boys and a girl.

The children stayed, especially Donald, after a few adventures to other parts of the country. In Virginia Beach, he married Linda Elliot in 1975. This marriage was short-lived. He married again, this time, a local girl, Martha Ann Kramer, in 1978. Martha, like he, was born in Littleton, Colorado. His heart always belonged in Colorado, and there he stayed for many years. There he and Linda raised their son, Nikowa.

I never met Donald, personally. However, we talked before his passing. He didn't realize his grandfather, Hiram Abel Wright, had another child; a daughter, Irene. He thought his father was Hiram's only child. He grew up, never having any other family relationships..... The Wright family absolutely had no idea there was anyone, but the 3 of them and their children. I was accepted by the family, which I owe a debt of gratitude, to his sister-in-law, Colleen Wright. I wished we could have met..... Your cousin, Marilyn

Per Makato, Kansas, Salina Journal: "Donald J. Wright, 66, passed away October 3, 2018, at his home. He was born May 24, 1952, in Littleton, Colorado, to Ralph and Irene Wright. Don worked in the United Postal Service before retiring and moving to Mankato. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1971-1975. Don is survived by a son, Nikowa Wright, of Denver.

A cremation service took place, and Don's remains were inurned in Colorado at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, in Colorado Springs, CO, El Paso County.

YOUNG, Murrell Addison



In Memory of



Murrell Addison Young

Submitted by classmate, Pam Phelps Genovisi

1952- May 29, 2006

Murrell Addison Young, of Littleton, Colo, the son of Beverly Burke of Emporia, died May 29, 2006, at the age of 54. He was a percussionist and singer, and formed his own band, "Good Stew".

Other survivors include a daughter, Allison Horn of Las Vegas, NV; a sister, Victoria Maciulski of Venture, Calif.; and a brother Paul Young of Cortez, Colo. The funeral was June 3, 2006 in Littleton.

The family thanks you for your many kindnesses, evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the memorial service. Memorial Donations given in memory will be used to cover Murrell's expenses. Memorial gifts in excess of expenses will be donated to the Dumb Friends League, in Murrell's honor. Memorial checks should be made payable to Allison Horn. Cards and memorial donations sent after the service should be mailed to: Allison Horn, 1975 Glistening Sands Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89119.

The picture is an AHS yearbook picture from 1968. We believe Murrell remained our classmate through to graduation, but could find only limited information. If others have more, please submit it through website portal, and it will be added.

YOUNG, Randal (Randy) A



Submitted by classmate, Sue Macy Perry

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/denverpost/obituary.aspx?pid=174938962> May 27, 2015

Published in Clear Creek Courant from June 3 to July 1, 2015

1952 – May 21, 2015

Randy passed away at his home in Georgetown (CO) on May 21, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pat Bleesz-Young; mother Colleen Pharr; sisters Sheri Young, Debbie Rodlin, Chris Hughes and Linda Krone; and many nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Arapahoe High School in 1970 and pursued a lifelong career in the restaurant industry. He was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church of Georgetown, especially in the choir, which served as a way for him to express his love of music.

Over the last several months, he was greatly assisted by the [National Kidney Foundation](#). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the [National Kidney Foundation](#) or to the First Presbyterian Church choir, P.O. Box 912, Georgetown, CO 80444.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).