



## VALDEZ - CORDOVA CENSUS AREA

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### OBITUARIES

**Evelyn Pauline Carmen**, 70, died March 11, at Harlingen Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas. Mrs. Carmen was born May 21, 1934, in Wood River. She attended schools in Dillingham, Cordova and Anchorage. Mrs. Carmen graduated from Anchorage High School in 1953. On May 9, 1953, she married Dennis Carmen in Wasilla. Mrs. Carmen enjoyed bowling, dancing, handiwork and crocheting. She worked as a medical secretary for many years. Mrs. Carmen and her husband traveled extensively after retirement. She is survived by her husband, Dennis; children and spouses, Lance Carmen, Larry and Kathy Carmen, and Nancy and Jimmie Rogers; sisters and spouses, Marietta and Dave Curtis, and Gladys and Ron Roberts-Workman; brother, Clyde Peterson; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Raymond Dale**, 67, died July 29, 2010, at his home at Mentasta Lake, near Tok Junction. A service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Mentasta Community Hall. Raymond was born Sept. 7, 1942, in Albert Lea, Minn. He lived in Minnesota until 1948 and then lived in both California and Nevada until 1963, when he moved to Alaska. He served in the Army from 1966-1969 at Fort Richardson. He received the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Raymond enjoyed woodwork, sitting on his porch in the sunshine, feeding wild birds, and taking pictures of his family and Alaska wildlife. His family wrote: "Ray had a big heart and was a very giving person. Although a very mellow, peaceful man, no one could take advantage of him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his family." He is survived by his son, Tony Trimm; daughters, Kathryn Martin, Virginia "Budzy" John, Margaret Andrews; sister, Marlene Norton; and grandchildren, Leandra Martin, Karl Martin III, Susie Martin, Sarah Martin, Sapphire David, Cierra David, Shalaura Kaase, Duane Kaase II, Flora Andrews, Lourdes Andrews and Madison Andrews. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Dale; mother, Irene Dale; brothers, Jack Dale and Roger Dale; and sister, Lavonne Godwin.

**Jeweldean "Jewel" Ford-Everett**, 64, died March 10, 2010, at Providence Alaska Medical Center. She suffered from a debilitating illness that rapidly progressed over the last few months. A service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 737 E St. She was born Feb. 12, 1946, in California and moved to Anchorage when she was 5 years old. She graduated from West High School in 1964 and later, in her 40s, graduated from Alaska Pacific University. She worked at KTUU as a camera person in the 1980s; in the 1990s she worked for KTBY Channel 4. She loved Alaska and lived in many different locations, including Willow, Chickaloon, the village of Mentasta and the place she called home, Chitina. She was a volunteer EMT in Chitina for a number of years and recently was on the board of directors of KCHU radio in Valdez. Jewel played drums and loved to do beadwork; she enjoyed science fiction and often watched sports on TV. Jewel loved nature and was a free-spirited, adventurous, unique individual. Jeweldean is survived by her sons, Jay Rylander and Chris Rylander and his wife Lissa; her granddaughters, Jade Hartley and Ivy Rylander; her great-granddaughter, Ryli Hartley; her sister, Costella Fleming; her nieces and nephews, Consweila, Joy, Shari, Chad and Richard; and her brother, Wynne Ford and his wife Sheila. Jewel was preceded in death by her mother, Tolular Ford; and her son, Brian Rylander.

**Stanford J. Gurtler Sr.**, 55, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010, at his home in Gakona of lung cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family. Stanford was born Sept. 5, 1954, in Tanana to Alfred and Mary Ann (Demientieff) Gurtler. As a child, Stanford lived in Ruby, but graduated from high school in Chemawa, Ore. Stanford and Marie Sill were married in Gakona. The couple resided in Gakona for many years. Stanford was a heavy-equipment operator, working on many projects throughout Alaska. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and couldn't resist stopping at the local garage sales. Many hours of enjoyment were spent in his sawmill. His family said, "He was always willing to help a friend or stranger in need." Stanford is survived by his wife, Marie; and his only son, Stanford Gurtler Jr., both of Gakona; six sisters, Verina Estes of Anchorage, Eleanor Thurmond of Anchorage, Florence Esmaka of Ruby, Bernice Ayscue of Henderson, N.C., Sue Schwakolf of Phoenix, Ariz., and Carol Holt of Port Townsend, Wash.; three brothers, Ed Gurtler of Wasilla, Alfred Gurtler Jr. of Ruby and Frank Gurtler of Manley Hot Springs; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Mary Ann Gurtler; one sister, Lorraine; and brother, Eugene Gurtler. Donations may be made to the charity of one's choice in the memory of Stanford Gurtler. Arrangements are with the Cremation Society of Alaska, [alaskacremation.com](http://alaskacremation.com).

The death of **Mrs. George C. Hazelet** of Cordova last week was a stunning blow to a large circle of close friends. Mrs. Hazelet was 46 years of age and was born in Juneau, Wisconsin. The Daily Alaska Dispatch, 29 Aug 1912.

**Harold Harvey Joe**, 72, died Oct. 8, 2003, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Joe was born March 16, 1931, in Chitina, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Joe, and step-daughter, Gina Treadway.

Longtime Paxson resident **Walter W. Kopp**, 83, went quietly to be with the Lord on April 2, 2008, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital with his loving wife of 52 years, Dorris, at his side. Walter was born June 28, 1924, in New York City, to Valentine and Margaret Kopp. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942, and served 18 months in the South Pacific. After his discharge he followed his dream to Alaska. His original plans to search for gold were soon put on the back burner so he struck out into the construction trade. Walt's ingenuity and determination served him well in maintaining equipment and building trails and roads in remote Alaska. He served 26 years with the Alaska Road Commission and Department of Transportation. During this time Walt met the love of his life, Dorris, and they were married on Nov. 8, 1954. After residing in Delta Junction for many years, upon his retirement in 1986, Walt and Dorris moved to their summer home in Paxson, and made it their full time residence. They had recently moved to Fairbanks for medical care. Walt was always an avid outdoorsman engaged in hunting, fishing, and mining. He was also a talented builder, fabricator, and inventor. Walt's greatest love was his family. His love, knowledge, and wisdom will be greatly missed by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A devoted advocate of Boy Scouts and Pioneers of Alaska, Walt touched the hearts of everyone he met. His stories and perseverance will be missed by all who knew him. Walt was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Val; and son, Fred. He is survived by his loving wife, Dorris; daughter, Lorraine; grandchildren, Heidi, Candy, David, Walter and Lisa; 11 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m., Friday, April 11, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Delta Junction with a potluck to follow. The Pioneers of Alaska and Loyal Order of Moose will hold a memorial service and celebration of life at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 13, at Moose Lodge 911 in Delta Junction. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Fairbanks at a later date. Arrangements were by Fairbanks Funeral Home and Crematory.

**George Mathies Lowney, Jr.**, died Jan. 23, 2000, at his residence in Calimesa, California. Mr. Lowney was born in LaTouche, Alaska, on Dec. 11, 1929. He is survived by his wife Mildred; sons Robert M., Glenn H. and George D. Lowney.

**Dorothy Ann Williams Smith**, 50, died March 15, 2003, at East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, N.J. Ms. Smith was born May 23, 1952, in Cordova, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Marian Smith; sons, James and Samaad Smith; sisters, Virginia Graham, Lillian Outwater, Elsie Williams Stewart; and brothers, Zenith, David, and Theodore Williams.

**Ivan Stickman**, 67, died November 6, 1999, at the Alaska Native Medical Center. Mr. Stickman was born in Chickaloon, Alaska, on December 22, 1931. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Helen Stickman; sisters Louise and Betsy Stickman; uncle Harry Nickolai and Buffy. Mr. Stickman is survived by many relations in the Chickaloon, Palmer, Sutton, Gulkana, Valdez Creek and Copper Center areas.

**Frank Donald Tyone**, 71, died April 18, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Tyone was born July 23, 1933, in Gakona, Alaska. He is survived by his sister Judi Houghton, and brother Elmer Tyone.



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