6. The Descendants of Samuel Oscar Smith (1856-1920) and Mary Elizabeth Virginia Renfro (1869-1934) of Texas, Arizona. and California

35. Velma Louise Smith 24 AUG 1907 • Silver City, NM - 19 JUN 1972 • Riverside County, CA Cornelius Ernest Meyer 26 FEB 1908 • Carson, WA - 17 FEB 1966 • Portland, Multnomah, OR

Marriage: 1 Nov 1928 • Los Angeles, California

George Elmer Snider 8 APR 1909 • Whatcom County, WA - 14 JULY 1983 • Pasco, WA

Married: 1932



My mother and father with their first 5 of eight children. The oldest two boys, Cornelius Carl (Jack) Meyer and James Meyer, were by her first husband, Ernest Cornelius Meyer. – Caddie Goodlette



I'm going to begin Velma's section with this biography taken from Findagrave as it is quite comprehensive and probably better than I could ever do. George is Velma and George's youngest son per my records. Below her obit, I'll add some of my standard analysis.

Velma's Bio written by George Elvin Snider - son of Velma and George Elmer Snider

Velma Louise Smith started life without a given name. Her birth certificate read, "No Name Female Smith." Her parents had decided she should choose her own name (at least that is what she told me). She was my mother, Velma Louise Smith Snider, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Virginia Smith (nee Renfro) and Samuel Oscar Smith. She was born in Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico on August 24, 1907. She passed away July 19, 1972 at the age of 64 years and 10 months.

In 1907, New Mexico was only a territory of the USA. She came into a household with 4 other children, her parents, and her grandmother. Strangely though, she never mentioned her grandmother to me. At the time of her birth, her father was working as a miner.

Mom considered herself an agnostic, but she favored her children to make their own choice. Seeking a better life, she left Douglas, AZ and moved to the Los Angeles area in the mid to late 1920's. Living in Pasadena in 1927, she met Ernst Cornelius Meyer, and they were married in 1928.

From 1928 to 1932 she was married to Cornelius Ernst Meyer and gave birth to two boys, Cornelius (Jack) Carl Meyer (born 24 Feb 1929) and James Melvin Meyer (born 15 May 1932). Shortly after the birth of her second son, she filed for divorce for irreconcilable differences. Sometime in 1932, she was united in marriage to George Elmer Snider, and to that union was born six children. The last two were twins in January 1946.

Those surviving at the time of her death were her husband George Elmer Snider: sons and daughters - Jack C Meyer of Indio, CA, James M. Meyer of Lawrence, KS, Conrad Snider of Beaumont, CA, Mrs. Maureen Rodman, of Beaumont, CA, Mrs. Velma J Cahill of Bridgeport, WA, Mrs. Kathleen Rosenfeld of Anaheim, CA, George Elvin Snider of West Covina, CA and John M Snider of San Diego, CA - George and John were twins born in 1946 on the China Lake NOTS, CA. Velma was survived also by two brothers, Jesse

Harvey Smith in Beeler, KS and Samuel Oscar Smith Jr. in San Diego, CA and two sisters, Nanny M Gallagher of Oxnard, CA and Virginia (Dixie) Brown of Big Pine, CA. At that time, she had 12 grandsons and 9 granddaughters.

Four of her sons served in the armed forces. The two oldest - Jack and Jim - were in Korea in 1950-51. Jack was with the US Army as an armored tank driver and tech. Jim was in the US Navy on the battleship Missouri. Conrad Schneider* - there is a story there - went into Korea in 1952 as peace was being formulated. Conrad was in the USAF as a computer technician and operator. Conrad spent 20 years in the ASAF. John Snider, the youngest son, didn't enter the USN until 1964 and ended up on ships off the shore of Viet Nam. His last duty in Viet Nam had him aboard a patrol boat going up and down the Mekong Delta. John made a career in the Navy for 20 years. George, the oldest of the twins was 4F due to being born blind in one eye.

Although never in the military, the young George Snider became a water scientist, designing and selling water treatment equipment to industry and the military. He traveled nearly the world teaching the basics of ultra-pure water for nuclear power plants, human injection, and computer chips. He also designed water treatment equipment for steam injection in oil fields and water purification for drinking aboard Navy vessels and sailboats using reverse osmosis.

Life was not easy for Velma, but she always made the most of what they had. The family sometimes did not have quite enough to eat, but there was always something on the table at each meal. She was not a chef, but the meals she did make were healthful and filling. She did more than try to keep the family healthy. She made sure we all knew we were loved.

For herself, she loved going to the movies, especially drive-in theaters. She would watch just about anything. Then there was Erle Stanley Gardner and Perry Mason. She read nearly every Perry Mason novel written. Mom loved the Perry Mason novels. At one point Dad built her a large bookcase to hold all of her books. I was even surprised that she loved Star Trek and was as upset as I was when the series was ended. Whenever one of her children had a problem, she was ready to go and help anyway she could. In 1964, Conrad's lung collapsed. Mom and I headed to Lincoln Nebraska Air Force Base to help Conrad's wife and four children. She and I went by bus, as Mom told me there was no way she was going to get on an airplane. Yet in 1971, when her daughter, Bunny, needed help with a dying husband in Washington, she hopped on a plane and went to her aid. Her kids were her life.

She is laid to rest in the Coachella Valley Public Cemetery, Coachella, Riverside County, CA

*Conrad's Name-the doctor celebrating his 100th baby delivery got drunk, and when he made out the birth certificate, he spelled Conrad's last name as Schneider. Mother didn't make a big deal out of it, and all through school Conrad was a Snider. However, when Conrad joined the Air Force, he was forced to use "Schneider" on his birth certificate.

George's life story from Findagrave

On the 6th of April in 1909, Nanny Inez (Baslee) Snider gave birth to a young son in Bellingham, Washington. She and her husband, John William Snider, named him George Elmer Snider. They already had three strapping boys, Elvin Otis Snider, Marvin Stanley Snider and Leonard Ashbrook Snider. It would be another 12 years before they added another child and it was another boy, John William Snider, Jr.

The Snider's had traveled quite a bit from Missouri to Oklahoma, Arkansas and, then, to Washington, always going from job to job. Their two older boys - Elvin and Marvin were born in Missouri, and Leonard was born in Arkansas - John William was intent on providing for his family. Washington proved to be just another place. In 1912 things were not going well in Bellingham and he moved his family to Los Angeles, CA in March of that year. He was coaxed into going by a man he had worked for in Bellingham and was promised a job when he came to Los Angeles.

Young George and family finally settled down in Pasadena, CA. George attended Pasadena High School until 1924 when he came down with small pox. He was not the first to get it. The family believes Elvin brought it into the house unknowingly. His father came down with the disease as did George Elmer.

Everyone lived through this except their father. John William Snider, Sr. and George Elmer had to be taken to a hospital and they, also, came down with typhoid fever - a form of salmonella - at the hospital.

Dad did not have an easy life. He suffered a bad accident in the early 30's. He was on a motorcycle and he ran into the broadside of a car. He lost all his teeth, and, apparently, he developed epilepsy because of this. In 1929 he met Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius (Neil) Ernst Meyer. Neil's wife was Velma Louise (Smith) Meyer - my mother. Also, in that boarding house was Mary Elizabeth Virginia Smith who became George Elmer's mother-in-law. They were all living in a boarding house owned by a David Foster who Dad worked for at a car wash and car detailing shop. This is where Dad learned how to detail and paint cars.

Velma (mom) loved riding on the back of George's motorcycle - she told me this several times. They took up residence in a house in Pasadena for many years. During the ensuing years they brought four more children into the world - one boy and three girls; Conrad in 1934, Maureen in 1935, Velma Jean in 1936 and Kathleen in 1938.

Sometime in 1945, Dad landed a job at the China Lake Naval Ordinance Test Station (NOTS), CA. The town next to the base was Ridgecrest, CA. The Navy test weaponry within the valley, they still do. At the base, he did maintenance, building, carpentry and painted all sorts of military equipment. He, also, made extra money painting the cars/trucks of some officers. Dad and Mom were able to live in a duplex on the base. His epilepsy kept him out of the service. When the war ended Dad and Mom celebrated like a lot of people and Mom found herself pregnant once again. Their last child proved to be two, even though one doctor told them they were having one child and a tumor. George and John (the twins) were born 5 minutes apart a little over six months later on 18 Jan 1946. George was 5 minutes older than the tumor (LOL).

Dad had to search for a new job with the war ending and luckily his brother Marvin, who was in Indio, CA for his health, had a brainstorm of building a trailer park where "snow birds" could park their trailers all year long. These "snowbirds" would have someone keep an eye on their trailers when they were back home in the Northern climes. From 1946 to 1952 Dad helped get the trailer park built; he then helped keep it maintained and watched over the trailers parked there. His family saw three of the sons go off into the military between 1948 and 1951. Jack joined the US army in "47, Jim joined the US Navy in "49 and Conrad joined the US Air Force in "51. All three were in Korea though not in the same area. Conrad made a career out of the US Air Force and was able to see quite a bit of the world because of that.

Dad had learned a great deal about carpentry, painting, masonry, plumbing and electricity in his early years. This helped him a great deal in his life, though his epilepsy dimmed his capabilities if he happened to have a grand mal seizure while at work. Apparently, there were times he knew a seizure was coming on. I know in the early 60's when he was driving, which he was not supposed to do, he would pull over to the side of the road if he felt a seizure coming on. Once in the early 50's I saw him have a seizure within our trailer. He picked up both Maureen and Kathy, one on each arm and carried them around for a few minutes. He then sat down and he took a good leather shoe apart with his bare hands, just pulled it apart as if he were tearing paper. After coming out of the seizure he didn't remember a thing.

In the 1960's we were now living in a house in Indio that they owned. Dad had a good job at the Coachella Feed Yard doing maintenance, all kinds of maintenance. I got my driver's license in 1961, a bit early, since Dad, being an epileptic, wasn't allowed a driver's license. From then on, I drove him to work 6 days a week. For 5 years he never took but a day or 2 off. I don't remember ever really having a vacation save for some holidays. Several times we went to Joshua Tree National Monument, especially at Easter. Mom and Dad would hide eggs for John and I, and we never did find them all. Two dozen eggs and the most we went home with was 21.

Several times we all went to Tecopa, CA to see Mom's brother, Jesse Harvey Smith along with Jack and May Meyer. It was fun even in the heat. There was a hot spring there that really felt good to soak in. Uncle Harvey had a chicken farm and sold the eggs to the small general store in the little 'village' of Tecopa.

In 1965 the Coachella Valley Feed Yard closed and Dad was out of a job. Dad went to live with Maureen to help with her kids. That left only Mom and George Elvin in the house - twin John was already in the US Navy. At the time Maureen, her second husband, Joe Rodman, and the kids, all Caswell's from her first husband (who had passed away), were living in Hemet, CA. They eventually moved to the state of

Washington. I only know he seemed very happy in the Washington area as he got to be around a lot of his grandchildren. He started drawing social security at the age of 62 (1971).

He seemed to be loving his retirement when he finally passed in 1983. He is always on my mind when I am working on my house or gardening.

REMEMBRANCES:

Things I remember most was his always working. He taught me quite a bit about maintaining things; changing fuses, the old screw in type, in the electrical boxes, showing me how to turn the electric off first. He made sure I knew where gas values were and how to turn those off. But he also taught me how to play chess. He was a reader. He read the King James Bible and the Book of Mormon along with the Erle Stanley Gardner Perry Mason books that Mom read. He loved watching sports, mainly football, and, of course he liked the movies. Later I understand he began to hate Horror films. He loved westerns and, of course, anything with John Wayne, or Randolph Scott.

Here begins my narrative.

Velma was the 6th surviving child of Sam and Mary and the first child born in New Mexico after they moved back from Texas. Brother Sam was the only Texan in the group. We discussed the early years in Sam's bio. In 1930, we find Velma with her first child Neal C (Cornelius Carl Meyer) living in a boarding house at 2126 Glen Ave, Pasadena, CA. She is married, but her husband Cornelius Meyer was counted at his parent's home at 997 North Raymond. I cannot find either of those addresses today so I don't know how far apart they were from one another, but this may be a clue to the future, because one of her fellow boarders is none other than her soon to be 2nd husband, George Snider. Cornelius was the son of John and Nora Meyer. John was from Iowa and born to German parents while Nora was from Missouri. They had moved to Washington State about the time Cornelius was born and in 1930, they were down in Pasadena, CA. Cornelius was working at odd jobs. Meanwhile George Snider had a job at a car factory or dealership polishing cars. None had been old enough for WW1 so we have no veterans as of 1930.

Cornelius and Velma apparently hadn't given up in 1930 because in March 1932, they had a 2nd son, James Melvin in Pasadena, but this was not enough to keep the marriage intact. Around 1932, I assume after James' birth she married George Snider. George was born to John and Nannie Snider in 1909 in Washington State. John and Nannie had worked their way from Kansas to Missouri to Arkansas to Washington and finally to Pasadena CA where John died in 1926. His mother lived until 1961.

George and Velma wasted no time in starting their own family with the arrival of Conrad Schneider 1934, Maureen Snider 1935, Velma Jean Snider 1936, and Kathleen Snider 1939. See the explanation for Conrad's different last name in the obituary above. It's quite funny and reminds me of my mother telling me that she had spelled Brian as Brain on my birth certificate. I guess they got it fixed. I was interested to see that Jack and James were not listed as stepsons and carried the last name of Snider in the census. We see that George had a couple of years of high school and was still in the car cleaning business, while Velma only finished 8th grade. The two older boys were in elementary school while the new kids were too young for school. The lived at 959 South Raymond which sounds like it may have been close to where Cornelius was in 1930. They were renting for \$15/month. It is a nice-looking veterinarian today and has been for a number of years. George was 30 and Velma 31 and George was earning the princely sum of \$950.

Having made it through the 1930's, the turbulent 1940's began. George fell into the age range to have to register for the WW2 Draft in 1940. They were still at the address above, but George had a new job at Eaton Canyon Rock and Gravel at, CA. That right under IH210 today. He was 5'-10 ½"-160lbs-hazel eyes-brown hair-ruddy complexion. As we read above, he was medically disqualified from serving and he and Velma celebrated a little too much when the war ended and that celebration resulted in the arrival in 1946 of twins, George Elvin and John Marvin. (aka: the tumor). It is described above, but George's brother came up with the idea to build a trailer park and that is where we found Velma and 5 of her children, as

daughter Maureen and her father were at his brother's place at the trailer park when the 1950 Census was taken. I'm assuming that the Navy Boy Trailer Court where Velma was must have been the duplex on the Naval Base mentioned in George's story above. He appears to have had his job at China Lake, while helping brother Marvin with the trailer park on the side. Ridgecrest is in Kern County north of LA and east of Bakersfield. Their oldest son Jack was doing construction and had resumed using his last name of Meyer. According to the narrative above, Jack had joined the Army in 1947 so I am not sure why he was at home in 1950. I will dig into that when I do the next generation. His brother James has not been found in the 1950 Census and we learned above that he had joined the Navy in 1949.

A little digression to mention Velma's first husband and father of her first two sons. According to news articles that I found, they separated on 15 Sep 1931 and their divorce was finalized in Nov 1932. He registered for the WW2 Draft in Oct 1940 at which time he was unemployed and seemed to have been living with a sister at Twenty-Nine Palms, CA but apparently moved to Carson, WA. He was 32-6'-2"-195lbs-blue eyes-brown wavy hair-ruddy complexion. He enlisted in the US Marine Corp on 1 Sep 1943 and served until 8 Dec 1945. He married Josephine Dillingham in 1953 and died in 1966 in Washington. There is a bit of confusion on his parentage. His father is purported to be John Carl Meyer who died in 1948 and his mother was Nora Rakestraw Meyer who died in 1973, but in the 1940 Census, Cornelius was with his father who said that he was a widower and Nora was not to be found, but then in 1950, Cornelius was divorced and living with his widowed mother working as a logger in Skamania, Washington. This may be one of those cases where they divorced or separated before 1940 and her absence was explained by claiming to be a widower.

The remainder of George and Velma's lives are covered in a thorough manner above so I will not repeat their son's excellent biographies. I will cover their children in the next generation.

Children of Velma Louis Smith and her two husbands, Cornelius Meyer and George Snider.

139	Cornelius Carl Meyer	1929	Velma and Cornelius Child#1	
140	James Melvin Meyer	1932	2016 Velma and Cornelius Child#2	
141	Conrad Schneider	1933	2007 Velma and George Child#1	
142	Maureen Snider 1938	2017	Velma and George Child#2	
143	Velma Jean Snider	1936	Velma and George Child#3	
144	Kathleen Snider 1939		Velma and George Child#4	
145	John Marvin Snider	1946	1994 Velma and George Child#5	
146	George Elvin Snider	1946	Velma and George Child#6	

139. Jack Cornelius Meyer 24 FEB 1929 • Altadena, CA - Death After. 2020

My information on Jack is very limited. He was the first child born to Velma and her first husband Cornelius Meyer and was followed by his brother James Meyer in 1932, before his mother and father split. He appears 1930 with his mother in 1930, and then in 1940 as Jack Snider with his mother and her new husband, George Snider, along with his brother James and halfsiblings, Conrad, Maureen, and Velma. Finally, he appears in the 1950 Census still at home at age 21 at the Navy Boy Trailer Court in Ridgecrest, CA working as a construction helper. In this census, James and Kathleen are no longer at home, but he has gained two more twin brothers, John and George who were born in 1946. His parents were separated so he may have been the main bread winner for the family at this time. I have been unable to find any military records for him, but his youngest brother writes that Jack was with the US Army as an armored tank driver and tech and that he died after 2020 in California.

140. James Melvin Meyer 15 MAY 1932 • Pasadena, CA - 23 MAR 2016 • Sun City, AZ Dolores June Haws 26 JAN 1934 • Osage City, KS - 12 DEC 2005 • Kansas City, MO Married: About 1953



Photo shared by mercercb on Ancestry.

James was the 2nd son born to Velma and her first husband Cornelius. Born in 1932, he shows up as an 8-year-old in the 1940 Census and I have not found him in 1950, but it is likely that he was away in the Korean War. His brother George states Jim was in the US Navy on the battleship Missouri. While I haven't been able to verify that ship, I did find two possible Naval records from the Korean War where a James M. Meyer Serial No. 722-70-46 was assigned to the USS Braine as a SOSA (Sonar Man Seaman Apprentice) and then in May 1952 he had embarked from the USS Grand

Canyon. Neither of these ships indicate that they spent any time in Korea and were mainly in the Mediterranean. The USS Missouri had a significant role in Korea which you can read about here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS Missouri (BB-63)

I have been unable to locate any marriage or birth records, but Kansas State Censuses from 1958 and 1960 find James, Delores, and son Steven living at 125 Moundview, Lawrence, KS. Lawrence is about midway between Topeka and Kansas City. The 1961 Lawrence City Directory have them at that same address (which does not seem to exist today) and working for Hillcrest Supermarket. The US Index to Public Records show him living from 1963-1993 in Paola, KS, and the 1994 until his death in Sun City, Maricopa, AZ. His address is outside of the town of Paola which is a community south of Kansas City. While there are Kansas Censuses through the 1960's I cannot find the family on any of them.

Looking at Delores, I have discovered the following about her. The photo of Delores and her sister was posted by the aforementioned mercercb who seems to be related to the Hawes side of the family. Delores was the youngest of three with an older sister and an older brother, Pauline and Roy Jr. Her father was Roy Haws, Sr and Julia



Sawyer/Behymer. He was a mechanic in Osage KS in 1950 when James and Delores got married. Roy's family started in Denton, TX, but moved to Oklahoma where Roy was born in 1903. He and Julia married in OK in 1923 before moving to Kansas. Julia's story is pretty complicated. She was born to Walter Cass and Goldie Perrin in Oklahoma in 1904, but her mother died in 1913 and she had 3 sisters and a brother. The older sister seems to have disappeared, but Julia and her younger brother Raymond were put up for adoption and ended up with John and Ida Behymer and seem to have taken their name thereafter. Her brother seems to have been in Naval Aviation in 1950 and her sister

married about the same time as Delores. Both brother and sister were in Topeka, KS as some point. I have not dug completely into them.

Again, definitive records have not been found, but sometime around 1984, Delores and James seem to have separated. Her death records indicate that in Julie 1986, she changed her Social Security name to Dorothy June Lee. Mercercb has suggested that she married Marcellus Lee, but I cannot find any records and will trust her knowledge, but I cannot verify. Delores died in Kansas City in 2005 under the name of Delores Lee, but I cannot find an obituary. There is a news article from 1978 when their son got married in Independence, MO. At that time, he was referred to as the son of Delores Meyer of Lawrence suggesting that James and she had separated before that date. I have not found a SSDI for him, but the only death record refers to his spouse as Lee.

Child of James and Delores Meyer

74 James Steven Meyer 1955

James and Delores Meyer's child

374 James Steven Meyer NOV 1955 Kansas(?) – Living Diane Mosier 10 DEC 1954 • Missouri – Living Marriage: 6 Aug 1978 • Independence, MO



Diane's wedding photo. I have not found a definitive photo of Steven.

James Steven (who goes by Steve) was the only child that I found born to James and Delores. He arrived probably in Kansas in Nov 1955. I next catch word of him in 1978 when he marries Diane Mosier in Independence, MO. As usual, she has an interesting history. She has an older brother Donald who appears in the 1950 Census having been born in February. The Census is rather messed up and

makes it appear that her parents were Lester and Callie Pearce, but these were in fact her grandparents and their daughter Margaret Pearce who had married Milton Ray Mosier was her mother. In sorting that out, I researched her grandmother who was born Callie Holland in 1888 and in 1915 married John Tavis and had a daughter. Shortly

thereafter, John who was a baker in Kansas City, was heading to work and got run over by a train leaving Callie a widow with a young daughter. She successfully sued the railroad and then in 1919, married Lester Pearce. They had two daughters together. In 1949, their daughter Margaret married Milton Mosier and had Donald in 1950 and Diane in 1954 before divorcing. Margaret then married Wayne Hommes in 1956 who was the local postmaster. Milton also remarried in Arkansas about the same time to Merdith Johnson and may have had several children but we know that he had a son in 1974 named Steven Ray Mosier. Sadly, Steven suffered this tragedy in 1994.

Cpl. Steven Ray Mosier

Military memorial services for U.S. Marine Cpl. Steven Ray Mosier, 20, of Wynne, have been scheduled for 2 this afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Wynne, with Rev. Roger Hook officiating.

Mosier was lost overboard and presumed drowned Friday in a shipboard accident in the Arabian Sea. A 1992 graduate of Wynne High School, he was stationed aboard the anchored USS Tripoli and was working on the rear of a CH53 Sea Stallion helicopter when he fell, struck his head on the edge deck and then fell into the water. He was an avionics technician to Medium Helicopter Squadron 166 who joined the Marines in May of 1992 and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wynne.

Survivors include his wife, Stefanie Leigh Clayton Mosier who was living in Jonesboro while Mosier was abroad; his parents, Ray and Jean Mosier of Wynne; two sisters, Jane Hadsall of St. George, Utah, and Diane Stynis of Carseldine, Australia; and a brother, Don Mosier of Ridgewood, N.J.

From this obituary we learn that Diane and Steve Meyer are no longer married and that Diane has married Tim Stynis and is living in Australia. Searching Diane Stynis then led me to the discovery that Steve and Diane had at least one son together named Matthew Meyer who was getting married in 2008.

Christel Schulz and **Matthew Meyer** are engaged to be married. Schulz is the daughter of Gary and Debbie Schulz of Cannon Falls. She graduated from Northwestern College in Roseville with a degree in music education. She is employed as a middle school music teacher and gives voice and piano lessons.

Meyer is the son of **Steve and Jodi Meyer** of Willmar and **Tim and Diane Stynis** of Bowen Hills, Australia. He graduated from Bethel College in Arden Hills with a degree in computer science. He is employed by Thomson Reuters in Eagan.

We learn that Steve has a new wife named Jodi and lives in Willmar, MN. I have not confirmed other children born to Steve and either of his wives.

James and Diane Mosier Meyer's child

Matthew Meyer 1980

James and Diane Mosier Meyer's child

141. Conrad Schneider 26 MAY 1934 • Pasadena, CA - 21 MAY 2007 • Payson, AZ Nadieth Jean Green 14 APR 1935 • Mt View, Arkansas - 18 MAR 2003 • Mentone, CA Married: Unknown about 1956 probably California – Divorced 1973



Conrad was the first child born to Velma and her 2nd husband, George Snider. His birth name was Snider, but as his brother George explains - *Conrad's Name-the doctor celebrating his 100th baby delivery got drunk, and when he made out the birth certificate, he spelled Conrad's last name as Schneider. Mother didn't make a big deal out of it, and all through school Conrad was a Snider. However, when Conrad joined the Air Force, he was forced to use "Schneider" on his birth certificate. Now that's funny, but is gives us a clue that Conrad joined the Air Force about 1952 because that is when he turned 18. That being the case, he likely saw some action in Korea.

I have found Nadieth in the 1950 Census, and she seems to have been the only daughter of Marshall and Mary Martin Green from Arkansas. Her father died in California and I could not find him in the 1950 Census, but I know that he served in WW2 and I suspect that he and his wife separated and divorced because I found Mary and her daughter Nadieth in Indio, CA and her mother was married to James L. Kizziar, a 40-year-old auto mechanic from California. James had been previously married to Lucille Pearson and they had two sons, James and Donald. Lucille died in 1938 and in 1940, James and Donald were in a home with Walter and Mildred Hamilton and listed as wards of the state. I did not do enough research to find out where their father was in 1940, but he may well have been in the service. They may have been divorced, because he is not mentioned in her obituary. In the 1950 Census, James Jr was married and Donald was in the home with Mary and Nadieth.

Here is what I know after 1950. In 1957, Conrad was a Staff SGT and arrived at Hickam AFB in Hawaii. Nadieth and Conrad had a child named Ronald in Guam in Apr 1958. In 1977 when Ronald was 18 and living in Mentone, CA with his mother, who had remarried and was now Nadieth Gerken. He and two friends were loading and

unloading guns when he was accidentally shot. In the report of his death, he had lived in Mentone since 1973 and he had a brother Russell and two sisters Staci and Jodi. Russell lived in Long Beach (perhaps at school) while the girls were in San Bernadino, presumably with Conrad who was also there. Interestingly, his birth certificate error in name stuck with his children. I have not figured out exactly when and where the siblings were born except Jodi appears to have been born in Nebraska in 1963. Perhaps he was stationed at Offut AFB near Omaha. Records indicate that Conrad and Nadieth divorced in Feb 1973 in Riverside CA and she married Theodore Gerken in Jan 1974. He was 10 years older than her and had at least 2 kids from his first marriage. He had divorced in 1969.

On 21 May 2007, Conrad died in Payson, AZ at the age of 72. I do not know if he remarried. Payson is northwest of Phoenix and is called "The Heart of Arizona" since it is near the geographical center of the state. Nadieth died in March 2003 in Mentone, CA where she had been living apparently since 1973.

Children of Conrad and Nadieth Schneider

367	Russell C Schneider	1953		Conrad and Nadieth's Child#1
368	Stacy Schneider	1957		Conrad and Nadieth's Child#2
369	Ronald Lane Schneider	1958	1977	Conrad and Nadieth's Child#3
370	Jodi Lynn Schneider	1963		Conrad and Nadieth's Child#4

My exploration of the Schneider children has been woefully poor. The third child, son Ronald was born in Guam when his father was in the Air Force. This was after the Korean War and before Vietnam really flared up. I have not found definitive birthdates or birth locations for the other children except for daughter Jodi. We only know Ronald's particulars because as was mentioned in his father's bio, he accidently shot himself. I will not repeat the details from above, but it identifies his siblings and their locations at that time.

I found a Russell Schneider born in California in 1962, but the one born on the date above had a mother whose maiden name was Belton, so this is probably the wrong birthdate. With Ronald having been born in Guam in 1958, it's possible that a child may have been born as early as 1954 when Conrad was 20 and Nadieth 19. Having said that I plugged in a 1954 birthdate and found a Russell Dwayne Schneider born 25 Sept 1953 in San Bernardino to a mother named Green. That then led me to his step father's obituary in 2005 which yield the following:

Ted L. Gerken of Mentone died of pulmonary fibrosis, Friday, Feb. 18, 2005 at his home in Mentone. He was 80. Born July 14, 1924, in Mora Missouri, he moved to Mentone in 1946.

For more than more than 35 years Gerken worked as a caster for Universal Rundle until the plant closed. His hobbies included antique furniture refinishing, gardening, cooking and fishing with his wife. His wife Nadieth "Crickett" Gerken died in 2003.

Survivors include his son Ted R. Gerken of Yucaipa; daughter Linda Emmerson of Banning; two step-daughters Stacey Bryan of Redlands and Jodi Schneider of Payson, Ariz.; step-son Russell Schneider of Payson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The Neptune Society is handling arrangements.

This opened some doors as I will describe below.

367 Russell Dwayne Schneider 25 Sept 1953 • San Bernardino, CA – Living

Sandra L Sheaffer 7 JUN 1955 • California - Living

Marriage: 17 Mar 1973 • Riverside, CA



Having made adjustments based on Ted Gerken's obituary, I found what is probably our Russell in Victorville, CA at Victor Valley HS. This is near Edwards AFB so it's likely to be the correct person. This was in 1971 before his parents divorced and while his father was still in the Air Force. It looks like he graduated that year and then following years he seems to have married Sandra Sheaffer in Riverside, CA.

From his brother's 1977 obituary we know that he was in Long Beach at that time and from Ted's obituary, we know that he had moved to Payson, AZ probably when his father moved there after retiring from the Air Force.

With the information about his wife, I did a check of births and found that on 22 Oct 1974, Daniel J. Schneider was born in Riverside. That is about the extent of my findings on Russell.

Child of Russell and Sandra Shaeffer Schneider

830 Daniel J. Schneider 1974 Russell and Sandra's child

368 Stacey Jean Schneider 16 JAN 1957 • Riverside, CA - Death Living Frederick Allen Bryan 25 MAR 1954 • San Bernardino, CA – Living Marriage: 4 Jun 1977 • Clark, Nevada





Again, from Ted's obit, we learned that Stacey was married to someone named Bryan and when I modified her birthday, I found that she was born on 25 Mar 1957 in San Bernardino and in 1977, she married Frederick Bryan in Las Vegas. He had graduated from Redlands HS in 1971 or 1972 while Stacy graduated from Silver Creek HS in 1977. We know that she was in 1977 she was in San Bernadino based on her younger brother's obituary and that in 2005,

she was in Redland, CA which seems to have been Fred's hometown. I don't think that I have the correct photo for Stacey as the high school is not where she was reported to be in 1977. I ran a check for children without any results.

369 Ronald Lane Schneider 16 APR 1958 • Guam - 5 JAN 1977 • Redlands, CA

The oldest child, son Ronald was born in Guam when his father was in the Air Force. This was after the Korean War and before Vietnam really flared up. We know Ronald's particulars because as was mentioned in his father's bio, he accidently shot himself. I will not repeat the details from above, but it identifies his siblings and their locations at that time.

370 Jodi Lynne Schneider 29 SEP 1963 • Lincoln, NB - Living



Jodi's birth was reported in the Lincoln NB newspaper in 1963 as the daughter of SSGT Conrad Schneider and Crickett Green. I have since learned that Crickett was Nadieth's nickname from Ted's obituary. Jodi was reported to be in San Bernardino in 1977 and I found her in the San Bernardino HS yearbook in 1980. She was 6 years younger than Stacey and I searched a couple of the yearbooks for Stacey, but there are many years missing. In Ted's obit in 2007, Stacey was still not married and living

in Payson perhaps with her father. I did do a search and found a Jodi Schneider who is an international correspondent for Bloomberg News Service, but I cannot tie her to our Jodi.

This completes my examination of Conrad and Nadieth. It was completed on 19 Mar 2025.

142. Maureen Snider 17 APR 1935 • Pasadena, Los Angeles, CA - 2 JUL 2017 • Moses Lake, WA

#1 Sheldon Lee Caswell 15 MAY 1934 • Riverside, CA - 24 NOV 1958 • Riverside, CA

#2 Jo Jean Rodman 5 APR 1928 • Tonkawa, OK - 14 FEB 1997 • Crescent City, CA

Marriage: 7 Dec 1959 • Imperial, CA

#3 Norman Roy Stranne 29 JAN 1931 • Yankton County, SD - 5 NOV 2009 • Okanogan County, WA Marriage: 15 Aug 1978 • Okanogan, Washington







Maureen from Ancestry. Sheldon from Findagrave, Norman from Findagrave.

Maureen was the 2nd child born to Velma and George Snider. She was born in 1935 and appeared with her family in 1940 Census and then her parents separated in the 1940s, so in the 1950 Census she was wither father and sister Lucille and they were living with her Uncle

Marvin and his wife at the mobile home park which the brothers were working at. Her younger twin brothers, George and John were with their mother along with Conrad and sister Velma. I don't know if this was a permanent set up or if the two kids just happened to be staying with their dad during the census.

Sometime after 1950, she married Sheldon Caswell. I have not found any marriage records. Sheldon has a rather convoluted his for his short life. He was born to Richard Britton Caswell who was born in Texas, but had made it to California by 1932 where he married Eleanor Keller and they birthed Sheldon. He was then killed in a car wreck in 1937 leaving Eleanor a young widow with a 3-year-old son. Eleanor quickly remarried in late 1937 to Peyton Walmsley a young Stanford student originally from England. Sheldon appears in the 1940 Census with then along with a new half brother Dennis Walmsley, born in 1939. Percy enlisted in the Army Air Corp and Eleanor followed him to his training in New Mexico and Nevada where sadly Dennis drowned in a drainage ditch in 1943. Eleanor and Percy proceed to have a daughter Judith in 1943 in New Mexico and a son James in Nevada. After his discharge, he returned to Palo Alto and started a business and they had a set of twins, David and Kathryn. Before 1950, Percy and Eleanor divorced and the 1950 Census found Eleanor living in Placerville, CA with her 4 surviving Walmsley children

and a hired hand, recently divorced, Herbert Davis who she ended up marrying. Sheldon meanwhile had been pawned off on her parents. He joined the Navy in Nov 1952 and was discharged in Nov 1956. He died of unknown reasons in 1958 and Maureen's name appears on his request for a military headstone. He served aboard the USS Kearsarge whose history can be read here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS Kearsarge (CV-33) It appears that he probably spent a lot of time in support of the Korean War. (Update) After reading some comments from her youngest brother George Snider I came to the realization that Maureen and Sheldon actually had at least two children in their brief time together. Let me post that comment here - In 1965 the Coachella Valley Feed Yard closed and Dad was out of a job. Dad went to live with Maureen to help with her kids. That left only Mom and George Elvin in the house - twin John was already in the US Navy. At the time Maureen, her second husband, Joe Rodman, and the kids, all Caswell's from her first husband (who had passed away), were living in Hemet, CA.

This tells me that there are Caswell children so I went to searching, and was able to identify, Dennis Allen Caswell born 1955 and Bruce Caswell born in 1957. Dennis popped up readily as being the son of a mother with the maiden name Snider. Bruce took a little more searching because Maureen's maiden name had a typo and was entered as Snyder. This means that they probably married around 1953 and she had a 3-year-old and a 1-year-old when her first husband died.

Records then show that in Dec 1959, Maureen married Jo Jean Rodman. Jo was born in Oklahoma to Burrell Penn Rodman and Dorothy Crittenden Rodman who were from Illinois and Indiana. Jo had previously married Eloise Hiatt before 1950 and they appeared together in the 1950 Census where he was working in a grocery store in Coachella, CA and Eloise worked for the City Building inspector. Sometime before 1959, they divorced as she married again about the same time Jo and Maureen got married. I cannot determine how long their marriage lasted but in 1970 he was getting married to Linda Pomeroy in Las Vegas and Maureen married Norman Stranne in Aug 1978 in Brewster, Okanogan, Washington. District Court Judge Eugene McLean performed the ceremony on 15 Aug 1978 between Norman Stranne and Maureen Rodman in the presence of Velma Jean Cahill who was Maureen's younger sister. Brewster is a small town in north central Washington. It lies on the Columbia River as it winds its way through the state before it turns south to form a good portion of the Washington/Oregon border.

Norman was from South Dakota and the son of William and Fayebelle Stranne who were also from South Dakota. I'm not sure where they were in 1940 as Norman was with his grandparents, but in 1950 he was back with his parents in Okanogan and his parents were apple growers. After some minor legal problems in the early 1950's, Norman enlisted in the Army in 1955 for 3 years. In 1959, he married Sherill Bishop who was 18 to his 28 and they had a child, Kevin in 1960. They then divorced and he married Wanda Lynette Parker in Arapahoe, Col in 1964. At the time of their marriage, they both lived at 11818 E. Colfax, Denver. They had two children before divorcing in Arkansas on 21 Mar 1969 for "general indignities." That must be a legal term.

Maureen and Norman do not appear to have had any children, nor does she appear to have had any with her first two husbands. It seems like they did not stay married as there is no reference to her in his obituary when he died in 2009. His 3 sons and their respective mothers are mentioned, but no mention of Maureen. Washington Death records show that Maureen died 7 Feb 2017 at Grant, Washington. An obituary has not been located.

Children of Sheldon and Maureen Snider Caswell

379	Dennis Allen Caswell	1955	Maureen and Sheldon's child#1
380	Bruce Caswell	1957	Maureen and Sheldon's child#2

379 Dennis Allen Caswell 26 SEP 1955 • San Diego, CA – Living

Mary Ann Murphy 12 SEP 1958 • Longview, WA - Living

Marriage: 15 Nov 1975 • Douglas, WA – Divorce: 28 Dec 2000 • Okanogan, WA - 4 children



The first child born to Maureen Snider and her first husband Sheldon Caswell was Dennis who I think I found as a freshman in Indio in 1971, They must have moved to Washington shortly after that and I have not found him in school up there, but he would have been on track to graduate in 1974. It appears that he married shortly after graduation to Mary Ann Murphy. She was the oldest

daughter of Jacob Dilworth (1925-1986) and Garnet Gillespie Murphie (1932-?). Jacob was born in Louisiana to a father from Alabama and a mother from Arkansas who worked for the railroad. He had served in the Navy during WW2. From news articles, Jacob seemed to be a bit of a hellraiser and frequently showed up in the papers being arrested for one thing or another. He ended up drowning while on vacation in Florida.

I have not been able to find out much about Dennis and Mary's life together except that they divorced after 25 years of marriage and 4 children. With Washington birth records as they are, I have not

been able to track down the children. I think one is Jefferey born in 1977 and maybe Barbara born in 1980 but that is just a guess based on residence records. There seem to have been quite a few Caswell's in Washington.

Children of Dennis and Mary Murphy Caswell

846	Unknown Caswell	1977	Dennis and Mary Murphy child#1
847	Unknown Caswell	1980	Dennis and Mary Murphy child#2
848	Unknown Caswell	1982	Dennis and Mary Murphy child#3
849	Unknown Caswell	1984	Dennis and Mary Murphy child#4

380 Bruce Wayne Caswell 26 APR 1957 • Riverside, CA – Living

Becky C Wildman Birth 1956 – Living

Married: unknown – Divorced 26 Dec 1978 • Spokane, WA

This is about all I found about Bruce. He married young and divorced when he was 21 so I suspect that he has probably married again, but have not found any record. I have not found much about Becky, but hints suggest that she may have been from Pennsylvania or Iowa, but nothing that I can confirm.

143. Velma Jean Snider 7 APRIL 1936 • Pasadena, CA – Living

- #1 Edward Neil Cahill 11 JAN 1929 Linton, Emmons, ND 6 JAN 1971 Bridgeport, WA Marriage: Mar 1952 Indio, CA
- #2 James Neal Davis 8 MAY 1941 Whittier, CA 21 MAR 1998 Royal City, WA Marriage: 6 Oct 1979 Okanogan, WA
- #3 Harold H Knibbs 30 MAR 1939 Portage, MI 13 NOV 2020 Kennewick, WA



Edward's grave marker from Findagrave. James Davis and Harold Knibbs from Ancestry.

Velma was the 2nd of 3 girls in a row born to George and Velma

and one would think that she was named after her mother. If my birthdays are recorded correctly, she arrived less than a year after Maureen. That's a pretty quick turnaround it seems. As I mentioned above, she was with her father in 1950 along with Conrad and the twins. In 1952, she married Edward Cahill in Indio, CA.

As you can see from his gravestone, Ed had been a Marine in Korea. He was born to William and Caroline Cahill who were from Kansas and North Dakota respectively and that is where he was born and where he was in 1940. In 1950, he was at the US Naval Ordnance Test Center (AKA: China Lake) near Bakersfield. It has a whole list of young men and says dispensary, so I don't know if he was sick or wounded. Edward had an older brother and sister and he was the youngest. In 1947 when he turned 18, he registered for the draft while living at Big Horn, Wyoming and working on his father's farm. He did not note his height or weight, but he had brown eyes-blonde hair-light complexion. He enlisted in the Marines on 1 Oct 1947 almost immediately after registering for the draft and served until 30 Sep 1951. (That's the day my wife was born!) In looking through his military records, it looks like he went initially to boot camp in San Diego. Followed by some time in 1948 aboard the USS Iowa with the Marine Detachment. Here is information about his ship. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_lowa_(BB-61) By 1949, he was back to the US Naval Ordnance Test Center and apart from some temporary duty to Barstow he seems to have spent the rest of his enlistment there, so perhaps he missed the bloodbath in Korea. The records are not complete, so that is not certain. His service number was 622305. It was about a year after his discharge that he and Velma married in Kern County.

I believe that Edward got into the business of working in powerhouses in Washington State after their marriage. In 1960, they had a son, Jerome Curtis Cahill in Bridgeport, WA which is where Chief Joseph Dam on the Columbia River is located. In 1970, I found a news article about his receipt of a service award for his work at Grand Coulee Dam is a little farther east on the Columbia. Shortly after that award, he developed cancer, and in Jan 1971 he died from the cancer. He was only 41. These sisters are having a tough time with their first husbands. He left Velma as a 34-year-old widow with an 11-year-old son. Her mother then died the year after Edwards death.

I don't know what Velma did between 1971 and 1979, but in 1979 she married her 2nd husband, James Neal Davis in Whittier, CA. James was the son of Reis and Violet Davis from Arkansas and Oklahoma and in 1950 they were in La Habra, CA and James' father was a welder at an airplane factory. He may have had siblings, but in 1950, he was the only child. In June 1958 he enlisted in the Navy and served until 1964. He kind of slipped in between Korea and Vietnam. While in the Navy he married Janice Shannon in 1960 and they may have had two children before divorcing in 1972.

In 1979, He had found his way up to Brewster, WA where he and Velma married on 6 Oct 1979. Velma's son would have been 19 and James' kids, if he had any, probably stayed with their mother in California. A couple of interesting things that I noticed on the marriage certificate is that this is the same place Maureen got married, that Velma was 5 years older than James, and that the witnesses to the marriage were Howard H. Knibbs and Sinaloa M. Beckman. I don't know who Sinaloa is, but Howard is the gentleman that Velma eventually will marry in 2013 after James's death in 1998. James' biography is on his Findagrave site and will require me to do some more research. It reads:

Quad City Herald - Mar 26, 1998

James Neal Davis, 56, of Royal City died Saturday, March 21, 1998 in the Sacred Heart Medical Center at Spokane after a long illness.

Jim was born May 8, 1941 the son of Reis N and Violet V (Goggin) Davis at Whitter, CA. The resided in La Habra, CA. Then they moved to Wellston, OK, where Reis and Violet worked in the air craft industry during the war years. The family moved back to La Habra in 1946 when Jim was about 5 years old where he attended school and graduated from the La Habra High School in 1958.

Jim enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1958 to 1962. After Jim was discharged from the Navy, he then attended Cal State University at Fullerton. Jim continued living in Fullerton and was employed as an electrician design engineer at American Electronic for 10 years.

In 1974 he moved to Brewster where he was a managing partner in an orchard operation with his father. On October 6, 1979 he married Velma Snider Cahill at Brewster. Jim was employed with BHP and in 1989 he moved to Omak. In 1990 he began his employment with Apple House at Brewster until 1997 when he retired because of his health. In 1993 he moved to Royal City and commuted to work. Jim was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church at Omak.

He is survived by his wife, Velma at the home; a son, Scott Neal Davis of Royal City; a daughter, Pamela Lee Thornton of Woodcrest, CA.; four step-sons, Patrick L Cahill of Houston, Texas, Ronald E. Cahill of Gilbert, AZ, Jerome C Cahill of Omak, Thomas N Cahill of Richland; a step-daughter, Sinaloa Buchmann of Brewster; grandchildren, Amber, Rachel, Tyler; step-grandchildren, Heather, Edward, Dana, Megan, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Patrick, Michael and Kendra; two aunts, June Ross of Brewster and Gladys Goggin of Parker, Colorado. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Kayla Marie.

Services were conducted Wednesday, March 25, 1998 at 2 pm from the Barnes Chapel, Brewster with Pastor Jim Lawson, officiating. Interment to follow at the Bridgeport Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday from 1 to 8 pm at the Barnes Chapel, Brewster. A reception will be held for friends and family following the services at the Brewster Grange Hall. Services under the direction of Barnes Chapel, Brewster.

From this obituary, it appears to me that Velma and Edward had 4 sons, Patrick, Ronald, Jerome, and Thomas. I think Scott Neal and Pamela Lee are his children from his first marriage. Sinaloa must be the Sinaloa Beckman who was a witness when he and Velma got married so I'm suspecting that she must be Velma and Ed's daughter meaning that Velma had 4 sons and a daughter. I will have to see if I can document that. I may have a chance if they were born in California, but I don't think that Washington State birth records are as accessible.

Finally, after James' death in 1998 and Harold's wife's death in 2004, Harold and Velma must have decided to spend their last few years together. They got married in 2013 when he was 74 and Velma was 71. He died in 2020 and I have no record of Velma's death.

Children of Velma and Edward Cahill

381	Sinaloa Cahill	1952		Velma and Edward Child #1
382	Patrick Cahill	1956	2021	Velma and Edward Child #2
383	Ronald Cahill	1958		Velma and Edward Child #3
384	Jerome Curtis Cahill	1960	2017	Velma and Edward Child #4
385	Thomas Cahill	1962		Velma and Edward Child #5

Working forward from Ed's obituary I have been able to unravel much about the children and will share what I have learned.

381 Sinaloa Mae Cahill 9 OCT 1952 either California or Washington – Living Dennis John Buchmann 12 AUG 1951 • Polson, Lake, MT - Living Marriage: 9 Jul 1972 • Douglas, WA



I haven't found a photo of Sinaloa, but I was finally able to answer many questions. She was the first child born to Velma and Ed. Since I could not find any birth records for any of the children in California, it appears that Sinaloa was probably born in Washington which does not have accessible birth records. I did find that she married Dennis Buchman in July 1972 which explains why Sinaloa Buchman was a witness to her mother's marriage to John Davis

in 1979. From John Davis's obituary, we know that between the 5 Cahill children there were 9 kids, but I have not been able to determine who belongs to which parent. (*step-grandchildren, Heather, Edward, Dana, Megan, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Patrick, Michael and Kendra*)

A couple of items about Dennis. He was born in Montana to Otto and Lucille Sagmiller Buchman and had a twin brother Douglas Buchman. He also had an older sister Cheryl who was born in 1947, but was run over in 1955 while crossing a road after picking berries with her father. He then had a younger sister born in 1956. While he and Sinaloa married in July 1972, his brother married Portia Lakey a month later also in Washington. That is the all I know about them.

382 Patrick Leigh Cahill 5 NOV 1956 • Washington - 17 NOV 2021 Douglas County, WA Margaret Rose Rosenfeld 29 JUN 1961 • Indio, CA - 14 MAR 2020 • Douglas County, WA Marriage: 13 Jun 1981 • Richland, WA



I don't have a lot of information about Patrick. In Jim's 1998 obituary, he was reportedly in Houston. My records show that in 1981, he married Margaret Rosenfeld who was from California. He died at age 65 which was a year after Margaret's death. It appears to me that they probably did not stay married as at least one news article about her in 2003 suggested some legal problems that she was having. Her obituary reads:

Margaret R. Cahill, 58, of Kennewick, died March 17 at Tri-City Chaplaincy Hospice House. She was born in Indio, Calif., and lived in the Tri-Cities area for 46 years. She was the retired banquet manager for the Clover Island Inn. Columbia Memorial Funeral Chapel and Gardens, Pasco, is in charge of arrangements.

The photo above appears on Patrick's Findagrave site but the people are not identified. I tend to believe that it is probably Velma in the center with her 5 children. I haven't found an obituary for Patrick, but Margaret's lack of any mention of children makes me believe that none of the 9 children were his.

383 Ronald E Cahill 14 APR 1958 • Washington – Living

Rosalia D Garcia 25 JUL 1958 • Santa Barbara, CA - Living

Marriage: 19 Nov 1983 • Riverside, CA

In 1998, Ronald was reportedly in Gilbert, AZ, but before he got there, I discovered that in 1976, he joined the US Marine Corp in Spokane, WA. It must have been while he was in the Marines that he met and married Rosalie Garcia. I have not found any divorce or children.

384 Jerome Curtis Cahill 30 AUG 1960 • Bridgeport, WA - **Death** 2 MAR 2017 • Moses Lake, WA #1 Wanda S Hicks 1963 • Marshfield, MO – Living

Marriage: 10 Jun 1981 • Okanogan, WA – Divorce: 20 Dec 1983 • Okanogan, WA – no children

#2 Stacey Lynn Randolph 21 OCT 1968 • Loma Linda, CA - Living

Marriage: 7 Feb 2003 • Okanogan, WA – Divorce: 4 Sep 2014 • Okanogan





Again, there are a lot of moving pieces with Jerome. In 1998 he was reported to be in Omak, WA in John Davis's obituary. I found that in 1975, he enlisted in the Army and at the time of his first marriage he was stationed at Fort Polk, LA when he married Wanda Hicks. They divorced after two years with no children. I have not found any marriages between 1983 and his 2003 marriage to Stacey Randolph. She had been previously married to

Bert Anderson in California when she was quite young. I don't know when she and Bert broke up. She and Jerome were married for 11 years and divorced in 2014 with no children reported. From the photo on his Findagrave site, I suspect that he probably had a marriage between Wanda and Stacey which resulted in a son, but I have not been able to verify that. I guess the child would be *Edward, Patrick, or Michael*.

385 Thomas Neil Cahill DEC 1962 • Washington - Living

#1 Joy Annette Swift 1964 • Mecklenburg, NC - Living

Marriage: about 1991 - Divorce: 9 Jan 2014 • Clark, WA with 2 children

#2 Melissa K Bland 1962 - Living Marriage: 8 Mar 2014 • Clark, WA

What I have learned about Thomas is that while he was reported to be in Richland, WA in 1998, a few years earlier he had been in Charlotte, NC. I suspect that he may have been in the service. Perhaps while there, he married Joy Annette Swift in about 1991 and they had Elizabeth Michelle Cahill in 1992 and Patrick Neal Cahill in 1994. Of the 9 step grandchildren mentioned, (*Heather, Edward, Dana, Megan, Tabitha, Elizabeth, Patrick, Michael and Kendra*) this accounts for two of them. Since Thomas and Joy were 51 when they divorced, it's unlikely that they had any more children.

Children of Thomas and Joy Swift Cahill

831	Elizabeth Michelle Cahill	1992	Thomas and Joy Swift's child#1
832	Patrick Neal Cahill	1994	Thomas and Joy Swift's child#2

I'm going to reserve a spot for the other Cahill children not know who to attribute them to. I have confirmed that James Davis had two children, Scott Neil Davis and Patricia Davis who married someone named Thornton.

Cahill children from unknown parents

833	Heather Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
834	Edward Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
835	Dana Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
836	Megan Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
837	Tabitha Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
838	Michael Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents
839	Kendra Cahill	Cahill children with unknown parents

This completes my study of Velma Snider and her three husbands. I'm sure that there are some errors herein, but it is as complete as I can find given Washington State's marriage records and the lack of online newspaper where these folks live. This was completed on 20 Mar 2025.

144. Kathleen Snider 29 MAY 1938 • Pasadena. CA – Living

#1 Bobby Joe Rodgers 8 DEC 1934 • Oklahoma - 4 AUG 1959 • Indio, CA

Marriage: 4 Aug 1957 • Riverside, CA

#2 Meyer Rosenfeld 25 OCT 1933 • California – Living

Marriage: 11 Jun 1966 • Nevada

Kathleen was the last daughter born to George and Velma. She was with her divorced father and sister Maureen in 1950 at her aunt and uncle's house. In 1957, she married Bobby Rodgers and they had a daughter, Karen in 1958 before Bobby's tragic death. Here is an account of that from the Findagrave site: Accidental electrocution on his second wedding anniversary. *Married to Kathleen Snider 4 Aug 1957. They had two children together, both born in 1958. Bobby Joe was studying and training to be a minister. He*

and his wife, my sister, met at the University of California at Riverside in 1956. He was legally blind and she became a reader for him. Though it is not noted, I'm sure that this was written by her brother George Snider who is active in genealogy. I have confirmed their daughter Karen who was born 13 Feb 1958 and sadly died 16 Sep 1999 in Kennewick, WA. I have not been able to confirm the 2nd child mentioned, but based on the birthday of Karen and the death of Bobby, this child would have to have been born between Dec 1958 and Aug 1958 unless Kathleen was pregnant when Bobby died.

I next learn that Kathleen married Meyer Rosenfeld in 1966. He may have been previously married and had children, or he and Kathleen had three children. I cannot confirm with certainty which is the case. Let me look at Karen's obituary from 1999 and see what it might tell us. I know that they divorced in 1975. But she was still going by Kathleen Rosenfeld in 1994 and 1999 when her brother and daughter died.

Wenatchee World, The (WA) - Sunday, September 19, 1999

Karen Lynne Rodgers Munguia, 41, of Wenatchee, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999, at Central Washington Hospital. She had lived in Wenatchee for 15 years and had been a cook at Shari's restaurant in Wenatchee.

Survivors include her husband, John Munguia of Wenatchee; a daughter, Angela Brown of East Wenatchee; a son, Jesse Joe Hoverson of Walla Walla; her mother, Kathleen Rosenfeld of the Tri-Cities; two brothers, Joseph Rodgers of California and Martin "Lee" Rosenfeld of the Tri-Cities; and two sisters, Margaret Cahill and Lauri Rosenfeld, both of the Tri-Cities. A time of remembrance and a potluck will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at Rocky Reach Dam.

I know from her records that she married Norval Hoverson in Sep 1975 and divorced in Dec 1978 and later married John Munguia in 1993. This accounts for her husband and the son Jesse Hoverson who I found was born 1 Dec 1975 in California. I have not found out who Anna Brown is. This could a married Ann Hoverson or a daughter that she and John had. We know that in 1999, Kathleen lived in Tri Cities, WA and is still using the name Rosenfeld from who she had been divorced since 1975. This suggests that the 2nd Rodgers child was named Joseph. I have confirmed on FamilySearch that a Joseph F. Rodgers was born on 27 Dec 1958 which falls within the parameters that I mentioned above.

Since Kathleen and Meyer were married in 1966 and did not divorce until 1975, it is certainly conceivable that they had the children mentioned as Martin, Margaret (Cahill) and Lauri. I'm intrigued by the Margaret Cahill name since we know that Kathleen's sister, Velma had a husband named Cahill. We know that Karen had moved to Washington in 1984. Since Kathleen and Meyer divorced in California in 1975, it would suggest that the Rosenfeld children were probably born in California. I was able to find a Laurie K. Rosenfeld born to a mother named Snider on 17 Feb 1964. I cannot confirm Martin or Margaret Rosenfeld which leads me to believe that they may have been Meyer's children with an earlier wife.

I think that I have beat this to death enough, but I did want to share this interesting story about Meyer's mother. Meyer was the 3rd of 11 children born to David and Leah Lentz Rosenfeld. His mother's obituary is quite a story.



Leah Rosenfeld Leah Rosenfeld 98, formerly of Mecca, died November 12, 2006 in Oakhurst. Leah was born to William Olney Lentz and Mary Letitia Luce in New Orleans on Oct 25, 1908. She married David Rosenfeld in Los Angeles in 1928. She worked as a legal secretary in Los Angeles from 1925 until 1942 when she began to work as a telegrapher for the Southern Pacific Railroad in Palm Springs where David was the Southern Pacific Agent. After WWII she relocated to Mecca where she lived until 1969.

For a brief period, in 1953, she had obtained a position as Southern Pacific Agent in Saugus. This got the attention of the Los Angeles Times as she was the only female railroad agent in the western United States. The Times ran a feature article on her success and she was fired the following day because California, like most states, prohibited women from holding jobs that held the

possibility of working more than eight hours per day or lifting more than 25 pounds. She returned to the

Coachella Valley, with her 8 minor children, to her low-wage job in Mortmar (today called North Shore). She attracted national attention in 1969 when she won a precedent-setting law suit, based on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, against the Southern Pacific Railroad for employment discrimination.

As a result of her suit, women in the United States were freed from low-wage employment. She left the Coachella Valley that year to be reinstated as an Agent. She retired in 1973 and moved to Mariposa County where she obtained an appointment from Governor Jerry Brown as State Animal Control Officer. Her story is displayed in the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento. She is preceded in death by her husband, David, sons Morris and Nathan, and daughters Martha and Ann.

She is survived by children Max of Los Angeles, Silvia of Dolan Springs (Nevada), Meyer of Running Springs, Adele of Mariposa, Miriam of Comfort (Texas), Jacob "Jack" of Mecca, Alan of Mecca, Ruth of Fort Collins (Colorado), Michael of La Quinta and over 100 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. A family memorial service will be held November 22, at the home of Jack Rosenfeld near Mecca.

Possible Children of Kathleen Snider and Bobby Rodgers and Meyer Rosenfeld

384	Karen L Rodgers	1958	1999	Kathleen and Bobby Child#1
385	Joseph Rodgers	1958		Kathleen and Bobby Child#2
386	Lauri Rosenfeld	1964		Kathleen and Meyer Child#1
386.3	Margaret Rosenfeld	1961		Meyer and 1st wife child#1
386.4	Martin Lee Rosenfeld	1962		Meyer and 1st wife child#2

I have been working on tracking down these children and have had some success. For certain, Karen and Joseph are Kathleen's children. We know that her first husband, Bobby died in 1959 and that Kathleen married Meyer Rosenfeld in 1966. I have found Lauri's birth record on 17 Feb 1964 born to a mother with a maiden name Snider which would suggest that Meyer and Kathleen started their relationship about 1962 or 1963. I have found a Margaret Rosenfeld born in 1961 in Indio, CA but not with a birth mother Snider. I have also determined that this Margaret is the same Margaret who would later marry Kathleen's nephew, Patrick Cahill so that would seem to suggest that she was probably Meyer's daughter with an earlier wife that I have not discovered. I have not been able to discover anything definitive about Martin "Lee" Rosenfeld and there remains the mysterious Ann Brown. My thought about her is that she was probably a daughter Kathleen and Norval or John Munguia who married someone named Brown, or a daughter of John from a previous marriage. Let me try those options. If Ann was married in 1999, she must have been born about 1982 which means she could not be Kathleen's child unless she married someone named Brown between 1978 and 1993 which is highly likely. In looking more closely at Kathleen's death records, at one point, she was Kathleen Lynne Brown, so she must have had a 2nd husband after Norval.

Let me explore the kids.

384 Karen Lynn Rodgers 13 FEB 1958 • Indio, CA - 16 SEP 1999 • Kennewick, WA

- #1 Norval Timothy Hoverson 26 JUL 1957 Coulee Dam, WA 6 OCT 2006 Thurston, WA Marriage: 5 Sep 1975 Okanogan, WA Divorce: 12 Dec 1978 Okanogan. WA 1 child
- #2 Unknown Brown Unknown
 - Married about 1980
- #3 John Munguia 18 FEB 1952 Chicago, Illinois Living

Marriage: 4 Nov 1993 • Chelan, WA



I found Karen at Indio HS as a Junior in 1975. It looks like she got married the summer after her junior year and she did not appear in any yearbook. That must have been the summer that her mother and step father, Meyer Rosenfeld. She married Norval Hoverson who was a year older and from Washington. He was born to Ervin and Wanda Davis Hoverson and his father ran heavy equipment at Grand Coulee Dam. Norval and Karen divorced in 1978 after having

a son Jesse Joe Hoverson who was born 1 DEC 1975 • Orange, California. This was probably because right after their marriage, Norval joined the Navy like his father before him.

Norval later married Theresa Beard in 1982 and then he died in 2006. His obituary reads:

Hoverson, Norval Timothy, 49, Olympia, died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006, at Capital Medical Center, Olympia. Forest Funeral Home, Olympia. That's not too helpful.

Fifteen years after her divorce from Norval, she married John Mungia, a young man from Chicago that I have not been able to find out much about. I suspect that his father may have been in the military and was training in Chicago when he was born, but I cannot find any birth records of links to his parents.

I'll repeat her obituary here:

Wenatchee World, The (WA) - Sunday, September 19, 1999

Karen Lynne Rodgers Munguia, 41, of Wenatchee, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1999, at Central Washington Hospital. She had lived in Wenatchee for 15 years and had been a cook at Shari's restaurant in Wenatchee.

Survivors include her husband, John Munguia of Wenatchee; a daughter, Angela Brown of East Wenatchee; a son, Jesse Joe Hoverson of Walla Walla; her mother, Kathleen Rosenfeld of the Tri-Cities; two brothers, Joseph Rodgers of California and Martin "Lee" Rosenfeld of the Tri-Cities; and two sisters, Margaret Cahill and Lauri Rosenfeld, both of the Tri-Cities. A time of remembrance and a potluck will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at Rocky Reach Dam

There remains the mysterious daughter, Ann Brown. My thought about her is that she was probably a daughter Kathleen and Norval or John Munguia who married someone named Brown, or a daughter of John from a previous marriage. Let me try those options. If Ann was married in 1999, she must have been born about 1982 which means she could not be Kathleen's child unless she married someone named Brown between 1978 and 1993 which is highly likely. In looking more closely at Kathleen's death records, at one point, she was **Kathleen Lynne Brown**, so she must have had a 2nd husband after Norval and before John.

Children of Kathleen and Norval and Kathleen and unknown Brown

840	Jesse Joe Hoverson	1975	Kathleen and Norval Hoverson's child
841	Ann Brown	1981	Kathleen and unknown Brown's child

385 Joseph Fredrick Rodgers 27 DEC 1958 • Riverside, CA – Living

Cynthia Ann Rubalcaba 15 Dec 1955 Riverside, CA - Living

Marriage: 26 Apr 1981 • Riverside, CA





Joseph was the 2nd child born to Kathleen and Bobby before his father's untimely death shortly after his birth. It's interesting to note that his sister was born in Feb 1958, and Joseph arrived about 8 ½ months later.

Records show that in Apr 1981, he married Cynthia Rubalcaba in Riverside, CA. Joseph graduated from Indio HS in 1977. I have not discovered

what he did between graduation and marriage, but I did find some information about Cynthia that introduced some confusion. She was born in Sunnyside, WA on 15 Dec 1955 to Isabel (1921-1999) and Josefina Aquirre (1921-2016) Rubalcaba. Her father and mother were from Dimmitt, TX and her father appears to have been a migrant farm worker. They had moved to Yakima, WA between 1946 and 1950. They had a son and daughter in Texas (Isabel Jr and Cornelia) before the birth of a son, James in 1950 in Sunnyside, WA right after the Census in May 1950. They were followed by Cynthia 1955 and Carol Jean 1957. They then must have moved to Riverside, CA in the late 1960's, as son John was in Indio HS in 1966 and Cynthia was a sophomore at Indio HS in 1973. She appears to have graduated in 1975 and gone to nursing school where she graduated in 1976.

It then gets confusing as she reportedly gave birth to 3 children in Amarillo, TX. They are Toni Marie Rubalcaba in 1985 (no father listed), then Isaiah T Rubalcaba Weatherton 1989 and finally Tristain Rubalcaba Weatherton 1991(no father listed for either). I don't know what to make of this. Strange. I am pretty sure that this must be a different Cynthia because in her father's 1999 obituary, she was Cynthia Rodgers living in Indio. Using this information, led me to the discovery that in 1990, Joseph and Cynthia

started a business in Indio called CC Pools and then in 2007 their son Christopher who had been born in 1985 joined the Army. Searching again, I found a daughter Christine Michelle Rodgers born in 1982. It appears that she married someone named McGraw who was probably in the Army as she appears in Fort Leonard Wood, MO and Fort Sill, OK at various times. I have not found her husband.

Children of Joseph and Cynthia Rubalcaba Rodgers

842	Christina Michelle Rodgers	1982	Joseph and Cynthis Rubalcaba's child#1
843	Christopher Alexanderjos Rodgers	1985	Joseph and Cynthis Rubalcaba's child#2

386 Laurie K Rosenfeld 17 FEB 1964 • Orange, CA - Living



I have not found much about Lauri. She is mentioned in her sister's 1999 obituary as Lauri Rosenfeld and I found a 17 Feb 1964 birth record for her. She was in high school in Santa Barbara, CA in 1981 which is up the coast from LA. This suggests that this may not be the correct photo of Laurie as her mother was probably in Washington at this time, but I'm not sure

how soon after her mother's 1975 divorce she moved to Washington.

The other two Rosenfeld Children were Martin and Margaret. We know that Margaret (born 1961) married step cousin Patrick Cahill and died in 2020, while Martin who was born in California in 1962 was last heard of in 2004 when he was 41 and having some legal problems related to drugs.

This completes the exploration of Kathleen Snider and her two husbands. It was completed on 22 Mar 2025.

145. John Marvin Snider 18 JAN 1946 • Kern County, CA - 8 OCT 1994 • Longview, WA Linda Marilyn Bourne 27 SEP 1947 • Chicago, Ill - 11 NOV 2010 • Woodland, WA Marriage: 24 Feb 1968 • Rosemead, CA



Photo of John and Linda posted by his twin brother, George Snider on Ancestry.

I'm not sure why George and Velma gave it one more try after 7 years without a new baby, but I have a sister that is 9 years younger, so it happens. I found this explanation from George Snider on his father's Findagrave (When the war ended Dad and Mom celebrated like a lot of people and Mom found herself pregnant once again. Their last child proved to be two, even though one doctor told them they were having one child and a tumor. George and John (the twins) were

born 5 minutes apart a little over six months later on 18 Jan 1946. George was 5 minutes older than the tumor (LOL). Anyway, twins George and John arrived on 18 Jan 1946. I don't know which one arrived first, but John left us first and George is still around. John's only census to date was in 1950 when he was with his mother, Conrad, and brother George staying with his uncle Marvin as his parents were separated. I haven't been able to find much about either of them between 1950 and 1968 when they got married. I think I found an article about Linda working as a volunteer for the San Gabrial United Way Fund Drive in 1965 while a Senior in high school.

On 24 Feb 1968, John and Linda's names were recorded in the US Presbyterian Church Record Book. John lived at 83-510 Manzanieta St, Indio, CA and Linda lived at 260 W. Bencamp, San Gabriel.



Here is Linda's house, but I cannot find Johns. Looking at John's military record, I note that he had enlisted in the Navy on 2 Jul 1964 and went on to serve until 30 Nov 1984. That's a military career allowing him to retire with his military retirement and benefits which is a good thing. I'm not sure what Naval facilities there might have been near Indio.

Looking at Linda's background. She was born in Chicago in 1947 to Erich and Lillian Kramp Bourne. I may have to go back a little because

his obituary mentions that he had a stepfather, Edward Bourne. In looking at his background, I found that he was actually born as Edward Alexander and his father, who had been a street car conductor in Chicago, died when he was less than a year old and his mother remarried 6 years later and never had anymore children so Edward was an only child and Linda's real name should be Linda Alexander rather than Bourne. He married Lillian Kramp in 1941 and they had 2 sons and a daughter, Linda in Chicago before moving to California in 1956 where the kids finished high school in San Gabriel and Linda married John.

Here is a comment about John written by his twin brother George on his mother's Findagrave site. John Snider, the youngest son, didn't enter the USN until 1964 and ended up on ships off the shore of Viet Nam. His last duty in Viet Nam had him aboard a patrol boat going up and down the Mekong Delta. John made a career in the Navy for 20 years.

About the only other details I could find was a City Directory from 1968 where John was stationed in San Diego and he and Linda lived at 8541 Hurlbut. It seems to be this apartment complex. After he left





the Navy. They seem to have settled in Woodland, WA and records report them living at 2219 Little Kalama Rd in 1984 and 1833 Lewis River Rd, Woodland, WA in 1986. (photo to the left)

I believe that they had two

children, Linda and Jason. I have found birth records for Linda in California, but none for Jason and being in the Navy, he could have been born in a lot of places.

John died at the young age of 48 in 1994 in Longview, WA. On his death certificate he was living at the 1833 Lewis River address and was working as a tax auditor for the state government. He died of a coronary occlusion which is a heart attack caused by a blocked artery. His body was cremated and his remains were buried in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Linda lived until 2010 yet was still only 63 when she died in Woodlands, CA. She was buried there. I'm surprised that she was not buried next to John. It looks like she remarried after John's death and that appears to have been to Richard Allen May, Jr. who was born in Nov 1942 in Washington to Richard Allen May Sr (1920-1995) and Helen Oelkers May (1923-2014).

Children of John and Linda Bourne Snider

387 Laura M Snider 1972 John and Lisa's Child#1 388 Jason Snider 1975 John and Lisa's Child#2

387 Laura M. Snider 15 APR 1972 • San Gaberial, CA – Living

#1 Ian Christopher Seal 30 OCT 1975 • Orange, CA – Living

Marriage: 15 Aug 1998 • Woodland, OR – Divorce: 28 Dec 2016 – Longview, CA – no children

#2 Richard James Long 27 OCT 1970 • Monterey, CA - Living

Marriage: 5 Jan 2017, Longview, WA



This is Ian's photo. I have not found a photo of Laura that I can definitively identify as her father was in the service and it is uncertain where she may have gone to high school, but it was most likely in Woodland, WA where her father retired to in 1984 when she would have been 12. Her father then died in 1994 when she was 22. I believe that I found an article from 1995 announcing her graduation from Clark College in Vancouver, WA.

The next mention comes in 1998 when she was 26 and she married Ian Seal in her hometown of Woodland, OR. Ian was 2 years young and had been born in Orange County CA to Wilmer and Ethel McDaniel Seal. Unfortunately, not long into their marriage, Ian got involved in some shady deals with an older gentleman which involved drugs, stolen airplanes, and time in jail. I suspect that this may have led to their divorce in 2016 with no children reported.

Following her divorce, she married Richard James Long in 2017. I'm a little confused about him. I found a Richard James Long born in 1970 in California to a mother named Perez, but when I started searching for his name before 2017, I ran across a thoroughly bad Richard Allen Long born about 1956 who was involved in a murder in 1995 and constant arrests for drug possession. I doubt that this man has any connection with our Richard or Laura as he would have been 61 to Laura's 46 in 2017 as opposed to who I think is the Richard born in 1970 who would have been 47. That's about the extent of my findings.

388 Jason M Snider 12 MAY 1975 – Living

Unknown spouse

Photo of Jason as a Sales Associate.



I have not found a birth record, but residence records seem to indicate that he was born on 12 May 1975. While I found his sister's birth record in California, he could have been born anywhere that his father may have been stationed while wrapping up his Naval career. He would have been 19 when his father died and the next thing that I was able to find about him was that he was following in his father's footsteps. *Navy Seaman Jason Snider, son of Linda Snider of Woodland, recently visited Malta while on a six-month deployment to the*

Mediterranean Sea and the Persian Gulf while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS San Jacinto, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He is a 1994 graduate of Woodland High School.

A 1994 graduation would seem to support a 1975 birthday meaning that he was about 19 when he graduated probably months before his father's death. I notice that he was homeported in Norfolk and I am thinking that he may have met and married while in the Navy, but cannot find any records to confirm this.

Following his 6-month deployment, he was reported to be back in Norfolk, and then in 2005, he was reported to be a real estate sales associate with Windemere RE in Vancouver where he enjoyed spending time with his wife and two sons. Later the same year, he transferred to the Longview office which is about 40 miles of Portland and right at the base of Mt St Helens. This was where his mother was living after her 1999 marriage to Richard May. I'm surprised that she was not called Linda May in his deployment report. Maybe that marriage did not last. In the note about his transferred he was said to be a Den Father for a Cub Scout Pack which suggests that at least on of his sons was at least 5 meaning a birth in 2000 and a thus a marriage between Jason and his unknown wife around 1998-1999.

Hunting for other information, I came across a Jason Snider who became the mayor of Tigard, Oregon in the 2000's, but he seems to be a different person who worked for Kaiser Permanente which doesn't seem like a likely transition from real estate in 2005. That's about all I can find.

Children of Jason and unknown wife

844	Unknown Snider	2000	Jason Snider and unknown wife's son#1
845	Unknown Snider	2002	Jason Snider and unknown wife's son#2

146. George Elvin Snider 18 JAN 1946 • Kern, CA – Living

Donna Mae Addy 15 OCT 1949 Unknown – Living

Marriage: 10 Aug 1968 • Los Angeles

I'm not going to write a lot about George. Even though he is of the generation of my parents, he is only 5 years older than me. George has done a lot of genealogy on his own. He wrote on his father's Findagrave page:

In the 1960's we were now living in a house in Indio that they owned. Dad had a good job at the Coachella Feed Yard doing maintenance, all kinds of maintenance. I got my drivers license in 1961, a bit early, since Dad, being an epileptic, wasn't allowed a driver's license. From then on, I drove him to work 6 days a week. For 5 years he never took but a day or 2 off. I don't remember ever really having a vacation save for some holidays. Several times we went to Joshua Tree National Monument, especially at Easter. Mom and Dad would hide eggs for John and I, and we never did find them all. Two dozen eggs and the most we went home with was 21.

Several times we all went to Tecopa, CA to see Mom's brother, Jesse Harvey Smith along with Jack and May Meyer. It was fun even in the heat. There was a hot spring there that really felt good to soak in.

Uncle Harvey had a chicken farm and sold the eggs to the small general store in the little 'village' of Tecopa.

In 1965 the Coachella Valley Feed Yard closed and Dad was out of a job. Dad went to live with Maureen to help with her kids. That left only Mom and George Elvin in the house - twin John was already in the US Navy. At the time Maureen, her second husband, Joe Rodman, and the kids, all Caswell's from her first husband (who had passed away), were living in Hemet, CA. They eventually moved to the state of Washington. I only know he seemed very happy in the Washington area as he got to be around a lot of his grandchildren. He started drawing social security at the age of 62 (1971).

He seemed to be loving his retirement when he finally passed in 1983. He is always on my mind when I am working on my house or gardening.

George also noted that the reason that he was the only son that did not serve in the armed forces is: George, the oldest of the twins was 4F due to being born blind in one eye. Although never in the military, the young George Snider became a water scientist, designing and selling water treatment equipment to industry and the military. He traveled nearly the world teaching the basics of ultra-pure water for nuclear power plants, human injection, and computer chips. He also designed water treatment equipment for steam injection in oil fields and water purification for drinking aboard Navy vessels and sailboats using reverse osmosis.

I believe that George is married, but I do not know if he has any children.

This ends the history of Velma Smith and her two husbands Cornelius Meyer and George Snider. It was completed on 24 Mar 2025. Almost at the end of the Samuel Oscar Smith line.