

7. The children of Cordelia Josephine Smith (1858-1915) and Phineas W. Hudman (1848-1923)

39. Wilburn Phineas Hudman 27 FEB 1888 • Content, TX - 30 MAR 1962 • Glendale, Maricopa, AZ
 Elizabeth Hubbard 6 JUL 1891 • Palo Pinto, Texas - 26 FEB 1970 • Los Angeles, CA
 Married: 1908 – Palo Pinto, TX (per census showing married 2 years in 1910)



Wilburn and Lizzie's grave markers from Findagrave.

After having had 5 sons with his first wife and two daughters with Cordie, the first of 6 more sons arrived in the form of Wilburn in Feb 1888. As with his siblings, he showed up in his first census in 1900 and then in 1908, he married Elizabeth Hubbard probably in Mineral Wells, but I haven't found marriage records. From the 1910 Census we can gather the fact that they lived in Palo Pinto, they had been married two years, Lizzy had given birth to 1 child and that child was alive and I guess they couldn't agree on a

Surname	Given Name	Relationship	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Years of Present Marriage	Number of Children Born	Number of Children Living	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace	Occupation
1910 Census	Justice Precinct 5, Palo Pinto, Texas, USA													
Hudman	Wilburn P	Head	Male	White	22	1888	Married	2			Texas	Alabama	Texas	Farmer
Hudman	Lizzy	Wife	Female	White	21	1889	Married	2	1	1	Texas	Georgia	Georgia	
Hudman	No Name	Son	Female	White	0	1910	Single				Texas	Texas	Texas	

name as he was listed as "No Name" in the census. It turns out that he was actually Albert Vernon, but I'm sure there is a good story there. Wilburn was 22, Lizzie was 21, and Albert wasn't yet a year old. Lizzie was the 4th of 6 surviving children of Peter and Emma Hubbard who were both from Georgia, but had arrived in Texas about 1888 right before Lizzie's birth.

Between 1910 and 1920, they moved from Palo Pinto to Parker County, probably near Weatherford. No Name got a name and he was reported as AV and several more children had arrived to include James T Hudman 1911, Lorene Betty Hudman 1914, Stanley Clark Hudman 1916, and Emma Ohmege Hudman 1919. They were living on a farm which was rented. When Wilburn registered for the draft in 1917, they were still on a farm near Bronte, TX and he claimed exemption based on a wife and 4 children. He was tall, slender, with brown eyes and hair. His mother Cordelia died in 1915.

Children of Wilburn and Elizabeth

152	Albert Vernon Hudman	1910	1953	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#1
153	James T Hudman	1911	1983	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#2
154	Lorene Betty Hudman	1914	1952	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#3
155	Stanley Clark Hudman	1916	1973	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#4
156	Emma Ohmege Hudman	1919	1921	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#5
157	Jack Hubbard Hudman	1922	1967	Wilburn and Elizabeth's Child#6

152. Albert Vernon Hudman 14 OCT 1910 • Bronte, TX - 24 MAY 1953 • Brentwood, CA
 Lois Olzia Brixey 24 APRIL 1919 • Ava, Missouri - 21 SEP 1997 • Phoenix, AZ
 Married: Sept 1936 – Brentwood, CA



The Hudman Family – Vernon, Patricia, Lois from FamilySearch

Wilburn and Elizabeth's first child was Vernon Hudman who was born in Bronte, TX before the family moved west. He arrived in time to make the 1910 Census and was the only child at that time, but was soon joined by a brother, a sister, a brother, a sister, and another brother over the next 12 years. He appears at home in 1910, 1920, and 1930 in Bronte, Parker County, and Las Cruces. While his parents landed in Glendale, AZ in 1940 living next door to Ed Hallmark who was one of Vernon's cousins, Vernon had made his way to California where in 1936, he married Lois Brixey in Brentwood, CA. The first mention that I found of Vernon in California was in 1935 when he was playing in a company baseball league on a team for Crown Packing in Salinas, CA. The following year when he was 25 and she 19, Vernon and Lois got their marriage license in Brentwood. On 11 Apr 1937, daughter Patricia Avene arrived in Contra Costa County which is where Brentwood was located. The 1940 Census found them living in unincorporated Brentwood on First Street. Vernon had gotten into mining and the Census says that it was a sand mine. It also indicated that he had lived in Salinas, CA in 1935 which is down by Monterey. Brentwood is just east of San Francisco. They were renting their house for \$20/month.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census	First Street	Contra Costa, California	Rented		20							
Hudman	Albert V	Head	Male	White	29	1911	Married	No	Elementary school, 8th grade	Texas	No	Mining
Hudman	Lois	Wife	Female	White	21	1919	Married	No	High School, 3rd year	Missouri		
Hudman	Avene	Daughter	Female	White	3	1940	Single	No	None	California		

In 1940, Vernon registered for the WW2 Draft when he was 30. He had a PO Box in Brentwood as his address and gave Lois's father Clyde as his point of contact. He worked for the Silica Sand Company. He was a big man at 6'-3"-182lbs-hazel eyes-brown hair-light/ruddy complexion. I found one voter registration for them in 1944 with the same address with the added information that they lived on Kellogg Rd which I cannot find. I have not found evidence that Vernon served during WW2. In 1947, I found an article about a couple of juveniles going on a robbery and vandalism spree and Lois spotted them walking down her street with their little red wagon full of loot and called the police.

Taking a quick look at Lois's family. She was the oldest daughter of Clyde and Lola McMurry Brixey and had a younger brother and sister. Her parents were from Missouri and had moved to California just month after her birth as she appears in the 1920 Census in California only 9 months old having been born in Missouri. Her brother Elmer served in the Army during WW2, but after the war he got involved in an armed robbery of a tavern where the owner was shot and ended up in San Quentin. Her sister, Vera seems to have had some physical disabilities and never married.

The 1950 Census found them living on Sarah St in Brentwood and Vernon was working as a mechanic at a tractor company. I found a 1952 City Directory with an Albert W. Hudman working at Peterson Tractor and Equipment which I'm fairly certain is our Vernon. Lois was working at a dry-cleaning company. Vernon was 40 and Lois 30 and Avene was likely in middle school.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	68 Sarah	Brentwood, Contra Costa, California										
Hudman	Albert Vern	Head	White	Male	40	1910	Married	Texas		48	Mechanic	Tractor Co
Hudman	Lois	Wife	White	Female	30	1920	Married	Missouri		40	Presser	Dry cleaning
Hudman	Avene	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	California				

Sadly, shortly after the 1950 Census on 24 May 1953, Vernon's heart failed and he died suddenly. He died before both of his parents. His obituary reads:

Albert Hudman BRENTWOOD, May 27-Scheduled for 2 p. m. today in the Shafer Funeral Home here are last rites for Albert V. Hudman, 43, who died Sunday in his Brentwood home of a heart ailment. Burial will follow in Brentwood Union Cemetery.

A mechanic, Hudman had resided in this area 18 years. He was born in Texas., He leaves widow.

mother, Lois Hudman, is a receptionist.

Eyestone said that he has access to several manufacturers and he stocks Garland, Wolf, U.S. Range and ALCO. The company has 3,000 square feet of office, warehouse and showroom space.

The Eyestones originate from San Francisco but lived in Scottsdale for two years and were subsequently transferred to Texas. Eyestone said they liked Arizona and, after a year away, they moved to Flagstaff where Eyestone was with a restaurant and supply company for seven years, prior to opening his business.

Lois, and a daughter, Avene Hudman, both of Brentwood.

The obituary confirms his arrival in California in 1935. Poor Lois. Her father had died in 1951 and now here husband. She was only 34 with a 16-year-old daughter. In Dec 1955, Avene married Vernon C. Martin, Jr who was in the Navy at the time awaiting discharge. She was going to stay with her mother in Brentwood until he was discharged and then move to Antioch. That marriage did not seem to have lasted, as in 1962 she married Rolland Eyestone in Brentwood.

Lois never remarried and I don't know if she followed her daughter, but she ended up in Flagstaff with them as early as 1983. This article from 1987 in Flagstaff describes some of their moves and find Lois working with her daughter and son-in-law. Lois died in 1997 in Flagstaff and her obituary reads:

Lois O. Hudman Lois O. Hudman, 78, a resident of Flagstaff for 18 years, died Sept. 21, 1997 in Phoenix. Mrs. Hudman spent her first 60 years in Brentwood, Calif. Graveside memorial services are Oct. 8 at 11 a.m. at Brentwood Union Cemetery in California. Mrs. Hudman is survived by daughter Avene Eyestone and son-in-law Rolland Eyestone of Scottsdale and Flagstaff, grandchildren Suzanne Skipton of Phoenix, Cambria Denlinger of Oakley, Calif., Jason Eyestone of Phoenix and Chantel Beckwith of Flagstaff.

From this census, we can see that Avene had 4 children. I have identified these children and sadly at this time, Jason has passed away.

Child of Vernon and Lois Brixley Hudman

401 Patricia Avene Hudman 1940 XXXX Only child of Albert and Lois

401 Patricia Avene Hudman 11 APR 1937 • Contra Costa, CA – Living

#1 Vernon Calvin Martin Jr 21 APR 1935 • Lake, CA - Living

Marriage: 17 Dec 1955 • Contra Costa, CA – Divorced before 1961 – 1 child

#2 Rolland Charles Eyestone 14 MAY 1936 • Contra Costa, CA - 1 FEB 2021 • Scottsdale, AZ

Marriage: 17 Mar 1962 • Contra Costa, CA



Patricia, who seems to have gone by Avene, was the only child born to Vernon and Lois before her father's untimely death when she was 16 and probably a sophomore in high school. She graduated from Liberty HS in Brentwood in 1955 and seems to have been involved in drama and won the Homemaking Award. Her credits are:

AVENE HUDMAN - Major: Music, Home Economics, Commercial GAA 51- 53; Girls' League 51-55

Shortly after graduation in Dec 1955, she married Vernon Martin who was a classmate at Liberty her junior year, but I could not find him in 1955. His credits were – Shop. They were blessed with a daughter, Suzanne Patricia Martin on 19 Feb 1958. I have not found their divorce records, but they apparently split up shortly after Suzanne's arrival as both were getting married again in 1962. I didn't track Vernon much except to note that he married in 1962 and divorced in 1975 and I think married again after that.

Avene's 2nd marriage was to Rolland Eyestone in March 1962. Rolland was the 2nd of 4 children born to Jesse Eugene Eyestone (1911–1988) and Mildred J Bovee Eyestone (1915–1998) who were from Arkansas and Wisconsin originally but had been in California as early as 1934 when their oldest son was

born. They had 3 boys before daughter Marilyn arrived in 1944. Jesse was a truck fleet supervisor at a local soda pop bottling plant and Rolland and his older brother Robert had paper routes in 1950 when they were 16 and 13. Rolland (whose grandfather was named Rholland) graduated from Antioch HS in 1955. Rolland and Avene added to their family with the arrival of Cambria Eyestone in 1966, Jason M Eyestone in 1968, and Chantel Eyestone in 1971. All of the children were born in Contra Costa, CA, probably Antioch which is east of Oakland toward Stockton. The only news articles that I find about them there is the record of their marriage license in 1962.

They next show up in Flagstaff in 1980 when their oldest daughter gets engaged - *TUCSON – Wedding vows will be exchanged Aug. 30 between Suzanne Martin and David Barnett Skipton near a mountain cabin at Hart Prairie. Parents of the engaged couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Eyestone, Flagstaff, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skipton, Morton Grove, Ill. Miss Martin is studying for an insurance license and plans to be an agent for Farmers Insurance Group Mr. Skipton is a 1976 graduate of Northern Arizona University and is presently employed in sales.*

In 1984, their daughter made the news - *Cambria Eyestone daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Eyestone, 4150 Country Club Drive, has been accepted by Cottey College, Nevada, Mo. Miss Eyestone will graduate from Coconino High School this spring and become a member of Cottey's student body of 350. Should you be curious about Cottey you can look here. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cottey_College*

In 1987, they started a restaurant supply business - *R.A.E. Co.'s main purpose is to sell new and used equipment and supplies for restaurants and institutions. It is the only company in Northern Arizona to stock restaurant supply inventory and the only company to invite the public to come in and purchase. The prices are very competitive, even with the larger companies.* The article also shares this tidbit - *The Eyestones originate from San Francisco but lived in Scottsdale for two years and were subsequently transferred to Texas. Eyestone said they liked Arizona and, after a year away, they moved to Flagstaff where Eyestone was with a restaurant and supply company for seven years, prior to opening his business.* It also noted that their daughter Chantel and Avene's mother Lois Hudman worked with them.

Rolland died in 2021 and his obituary reads: ***Rolland Eyestone***, long time resident of Flagstaff, passed away in Scottsdale, Arizona, leaving behind his wife Avene, three daughters, twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many more loving family and friends. He is predeceased by a son and grandson. Memorial service will be held on February 15, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at SBC North Ridge Church, 6363 E Dynamite Blvd, Cave Creek, AZ 85331. Also, in looking at his Findagrave site, he spent some time in the Air Force and achieved the rank of Airman 1C. He is buried at NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF ARIZONA in Phoenix.

From this we learn that their only son has died and that his children have 12 children between them. Let's see what we can find about the children.

We earlier saw Suzanne's wedding announcement. Here is a report on their wedding.

Married Aug. 30 in a grove of aspen trees near Hart Prairie were Suzanne P. Martin and David E. Skipton, both of Tucson. Parents of newlyweds are Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Eyestone of Flagstaff and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skipton of Morton Grove, Ill. Officiating at the ceremony was Jay Treat of the Northern Arizona University Campus Christian Center.

The bride wore a floor-length, white organza gown with an off-the-shoulder ruffle and hemline ruffle and embroidered organdy trim. She carried a bouquet of red and white miniature carnations, white baby roses and baby's breath, with cascading carnations and white satin ribbon.

Maid of honor was Cambria Eyestone, sister of the bride. Best man was Richard Skipton of Louisville, Ky., brother of the bridegroom. A reception took place in the mountain cabin of Larry Boardman. The bride is an insurance agent for Farmers Insurance Co. of Tucson. The bridegroom is a salesman for Desert Toyota of Tucson. The couple will reside in Tucson. In 2008, David was associated with – David B. Skipton Anasazi Outdoor Environments Inc. 2415 E. Camelback Road, Suite 700, Phoenix 85016. I found birth notices for the birth of a son on 21 Nov 1981 and a daughter on 9 Dec 1983. I have not found official birth records, but I think that the kids may be Justin and Michaile Janae based on yearbook hits I get in my searches. Both kids were in the 2000 Yearbook in Phoenix, Justin as a senior and Michaile

as a sophomore and that is the only edition online. This would account for 2 of the 12 grandchildren mentioned in Rolland's obituary.

Daughter Cambria married Darrell Deninger in 1987 and that wedding is described here –

Cambria Lynn Eyestone became the wife of Darrell Wesley Denlinger at noon July 11 at Trinity Heights Methodist Church. The Rev. Bill Denlinger, father of the bridegroom, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father and mother, wore an imported summer satin dress with Alencon lace and pearl decoration, styled with a sweetheart neckline, Victorian sleeves and featuring a chapel-length train. Her veil was borrowed from the bridegroom's sister. The bride carried orchids surrounded by roses, stephanotis, baby's breath and trailing baby ivy.

The maid of honor was Karen Harker, Ellensburg, Wash., attired in a rose mauve gown. The bridesmaids were Chantel Eyestone, a sister of the bride, and Dianna Vanlandingham, a sister of the bridegroom, both Flagstaff. The flower girl was Michaile Sklodon, a niece of the bride, of Phoenix, attired in a white lace dress with a pink sash.

The bridegroom wore a silver tuxedo with tails. David Denlinger, a brother of the bridegroom, Winslow, was the best man. Serving as ushers were Jason Eyestone, a brother of the bride, Flagstaff, and Brian Akien, Prescott. A reception and luncheon at the Elks Club followed the ceremony. The couple took a wedding trip to Williamsburg, Va. and Washington D.C.

The bride, a daughter of Rolland and Avene Eyestone, Flagstaff, is a senior at Northern Arizona University, majoring in fashion merchandising and marketing. She is the assistant manager at Kid's Mart.

The bridegroom, a son of Bill and Gloria Denlinger, Phoenix, will graduate from NAU in June with a double major in physics and math and will attend graduate school out of state with full scholarships. He also does tutoring at NAU. The couple will reside in Flagstaff.

The biggest question that I have from this is about her flower girl. This seems to suggest that perhaps Suzanne and David divorced and Michaile was adopted by her stepfather. Darrell sounds like a smart young man and has a brother, David and a father that is a preacher. He went on to prove his smartness when he graduated the following year.

Winner of the Lowell Prize was Darrell Denlinger, a 1983 graduate of Coconino High School. Denlinger, who has a dual major in physics/mathematics, has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout the entire college career. The Lowell Prize originated in 1917 by Mrs. Constance Lowell as a memory to her husband, Dr. Percival Lowell, who founded the Lowell Observatory in 1894. The award was presented by Dr. John Gallagher III, current director of the observatory.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lowell_Observatory

I later saw a birth announcement from Flagstaff that they had a son on 19 Sep 1995. There is a good chance that they may have had other children out of state when Darrell went to graduate school. That's what happened to me. I have not identified the son's name yet.

Let's move on to Jason. Jason was born 29 Jan 1968 in Contra Costa, CA and died 2 Apr 2015 in Phoenix. His obituary reads:

Jason Mitchell Eyestone, beloved son, father, brother, nephew and uncle passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in Phoenix, Az. On April 2, 2015, age 47, surrounded by his extensive and loving family.

Jason is survived by his parents, Rol and Avene Eyestone; his 3 children, Mitchell 20; Sarah 5; and Jax 2, the mother of his 2 youngest children Johanna; his three sisters, Suzanne Oddo (Dennis), Cambria Denlinger (Darrell), Chantel Mitchell (Bill) and many nieces, nephews and countless extended family.

Jason was a graduate of Coconino High School, Flagstaff, AZ, in 1986. He went on to serve in the U.S. Navy and was 1st in his class, graduating from basic training May 1988. He served as a 3rd class petty officer on board the USS Texas and was revered by his commanding officer who said of him in a letter of commendation that Jason was a key player on that ship, being hand selected from a crew of 585 men to serve on a 24-man fire department. The officer also commended Jason for his notable attributes and high level of maturity. It was his maturity and hard work ethic that made Jason so employable. After 4 years of

active duty, he was a reservist until 1995. He went on to become a successful tradesmen and master plumber.

A celebration of his life was held April 3, 2015 at the home of his nephew, Jeremy Skipton and was attended by his extensive family who shared many pictures and affectionate memories of his life. We are very blessed that he was able to be an organ donor. Interment will be held at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona with a small memorial service at a date yet to be determined.

Let's see what we can mine from this. I had earlier found that in 1994, he had married a young lady named Jolie Ellen Burow. When exploring her background, I came across her father's obituary in 2020, and lo and behold, there was Mitchell Eyestone listed. Given that he was 20 in 2015, he must have been born in 1994 or 1995. I have not found birth records. Since he was out of the Navy in 1995, Mitchell was probably born in Arizona. I then found that in 2001, he married Lindsay Hope Allen in Las Vegas, but according to his obituary, in 2015, he was married to someone named Johanna who was the mother of Sarah and Jax who were born in 2010 and 2013. I have not discovered who Johanna is. Unfortunately, she is not mentioned in Rolland's 2021 obituary. We additionally learn that his half-sister Suzanne is now married to Dennis Odo, but that she may have had a son Jeremy from her first marriage to David Skipton. Below is the obituary for his Jason's first wife's father.

Dean Burow was a loving husband and cherished father. After he graduated high school in 1949, Dean engaged in his love of motorcycles and due to his inquisitive mind, all things motorized. He toured the Midwest and drove speed boats for fun; generously giving rides at the lake in Okoboji, Iowa. He then enlisted in the United States Navy in 1951. Dean served honorably in the Korean War until 1955. After returning home, he worked in San Diego, California, at General Dynamics Astronautics where he met and married his loving wife, Bonna in 1961. He and Bonna explored the Southwest by living in Colorado, California, Colorado again, until settling in Flagstaff, Arizona, where Dean became a Professional Dry Cleaner and was blessed to run a successful business for over 30 years. Dean supported the community and made friends with everyone he met. He was an outstanding member of the Flagstaff business community as well as charitable organizations such as the American Legion. In 1995 Dean retired and had the best of both worlds by having a summer home in Flagstaff and a winter home in Sun City, AZ. Eventually moving to Sun City where he lived until his death on July 4th, 2020. Being he was a patriotic man; Independence Day would best describe how he held fast to his patriotic beliefs and strongly supported his Country. His hobbies included golf, by playing, attending and watching the Golf Tournaments. He was also into woodworking; we have many inlaid wooden bowls and other precious items such as crosses and "Jesus Fish" he made and shared to spread his love of Christ to others. These will provide us with many fond memories of him.

*Dean is preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Mamie; brother, Burtis Burow, and sister, Sylvia Brown. Dean is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Bonna Burow; son Todd (Vicki) Burow, daughter Jolie Burow, two grandchildren; **Mitchell Eyestone** and Alexandra Burow; and sister, Barbara Burow.*

Let's move on to the youngest daughter, Chantel. In her grandmother's 1997 obituary, she is mentioned as Chantel Beckwith, while in her brother's 2015 obituary she is married to Bill Mitchell. In scanning newspapers, I found that she graduated from Coconino HS in Flagstaff in 1988. In 1990, she was married to Jack Daniel Beckwith and gave birth to a son, Daniel Jack Beckwith and then in 1992, she and Jack had a 2nd son, Joshua Beckwith in Texas. Sadly, in 2019, son Daniel died. Here is his obituary and some commentary from his Findagrave.

Daniel J. Beckwith

Born 1990 in Flagstaff Arizona. DJ graduated from Coconino High School in 2008, after high school DJ joined the United States Air Force serving in the 736 Security Forces Squadron earning the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism, Expeditionary Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal among other badges and citations. After his Honorable Discharge in 2011, DJ moved to Florida to attend Nova Southeastern University and studied Criminal Justice, graduating in 2014.

Those of us who kept in touch with DJ, know that he spent as much time under the water snorkeling and scuba diving, as he spent above water studying. After graduating DJ moved back to Flagstaff and

joined the Flagstaff Police Department in 2014. It was here that he would meet the beautiful woman that would become his wife and soulmate. Heather and DJ would become husband and wife in 2017 in a beautiful ceremony attended by family and friends from all over. DJ and Heather loved the outdoors and could often be found hiking and camping with their favorite four legged furry "children". DJ went to be with the Lord on the 12th of March, 2019. He is survived by his wife Heather of Mesa, AZ. Parents Jack Beckwith of Flagstaff. Chantel (Eystone) and Bill Mitchell of Parks. Brothers Josh Beckwith of Monahans, TX and Kolton Mitchell of Parks, AZ. Maternal Grandparents Rolland and Avene Eystone of Scottsdale, AZ.

Preceded in death by Paternal Grandparents Jim and Grace Beckwith of TX. Also survived by Heathers' Mother Debbie Nichols and Brother Garrett Gallegos of Camp Verde, AZ. Also survived by Step sisters Abby Everett and Olivia Lyons. DJ is also survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and COUNTLESS friends who Love him very much. DJ lived his life in service of his country and community and will be greatly missed.

This statement from his Findagrave:

By Police One Staff Ariz. officer involved in 2018 fatal shooting dies by suicide. The officer was involved in a fatal shooting of an armed man in February 2018.

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — An Arizona officer who was involved in a fatal shooting of an armed man last year has died by suicide. According to local news station KTAR, Officer Daniel Beckwith was found dead in his home on Tuesday.

Beckwith had been on paid leave since June after fatally shooting 78-year-old John Hamilton in February 2018. Hamilton allegedly pointed a weapon at officers and repeatedly ignored commands, prompting Beckwith and another officer to shoot Hamilton.

Statement from the Flagstaff Police Department

Flagstaff, Ariz.- (March 13, 2019) It is with heavy hearts that members of the Flagstaff Police Department learned that Officer Daniel Beckwith died of an apparent suicide on March 12, 2019.

Officer Beckwith had been with the Police Department since July of 2014. Officer Beckwith has been on paid leave since June of 2018 and living in the Mesa area since then, with his wife.

On March 12, 2019 Mesa Police were called to Officer Beckwith's residence regarding a report of a Suicidal Subject. Upon their arrival, he was discovered deceased by police. There were no other persons at the home when police arrived.

At this time the family requests privacy; funeral arrangements are unknown at this time. The City of Flagstaff and the Flagstaff Police Department extends its deepest condolences to Officer Beckwith's family and friends.

The Flagstaff Police Department would like to remind everyone there are resources available to anyone who may be contemplating suicide. Locally, the Behavioral Health Crisis Hotline can be reached at 1-877-756-4090 or WeCare Northern Arizona at 1-800-273-8252.

A lot to unpack here and so sad. It looks like he married someone named Heather Nichols and they had pets. His father's parents in Texas are dead. He had a step brother named Garrett Gallegos who is dead. He has either a brother or half-brother named Kolton who was either born to Chantel and Jack Mitchell or to Jack Mitchell and his new wife. I cannot figure out who Abby Everett and Olivia Lyons are, but they must be married stepsisters from one of his parents/stepparent's marriages.

Children of Avene and her two husbands

867	Suzanne Patricia Martin	1958		Avene and Vernon Mitchell's child
868	Cambria Eystone	1966		Avene and Rolland Eystone's child#1
869	Jason Mitchell Eystone	1968	2015	Avene and Rolland Eystone's child#2
870	Chantel Eystone	1971		Avene and Rolland Eystone's child#3

153. James T Hudman 2 NOV 1911 • Mineral Wells, TX - 6 FEB 1983 • Truth or Consequences, NM
 Virdie L Hoover 4 OCT 1915 • Pittsburg, OK - 15 OCT 1995 • Truth or Consequences, NM
 Married: about 1932 – probably New Mexico – records not found yet.



James and Virdie's grave marker in Truth or Consequences, NM

James T – (and he stressed T (initial only)) was the 2nd child born to Wilburn and Elizabeth. He first appears in the 1920 Census with his parents and all of his brothers and sisters except Jack who arrived in 1922. For some reason in 1930, he was staying with his uncle Thomas Jefferson Hudman who was his father's half-brother from his grandfather's first marriage. As a reminder, his grandfather Phineas Hudman married Cordelia Smith after his first wife Sarah Chambers died in 1883 after having 5 sons. James's parents had moved to New Mexico and James probably stayed behind to help Uncle Tom with his farm. Also staying with him was his cousin, Vernon Hudman whose father had been murdered in 1928. My thought is that Uncle Tom and his wife never had any children of their own so the nephews pitched in to help.



Sometime between 1930 and 1940, James met Virdie (or Verdine or Virginia) Hoover and they got married about 1932 and were found in Las Cruces, NM in 1940. Virdie had been living there with her family in 1930, so I suspect that James probably moved out to join the rest of his family who were already there and met Virdie when he arrived. The 1940 Census found them in Mesilla, NM after having been in Las Cruces in 1935. Mesilla is a small community adjacent to Las Cruces and I read that the Mesilla Plaza is a National Historical Monument. The first three of their children arrived in New Mexico before the 1940 Census and they include Lloyd Hudman in 1933, Betty Hudman in 1935, and James Leon Hudman in 1938. James was working as a truck driver for river constructor. You can see their education levels below. They were renting their home in Mesilla for \$7/month.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Estimated Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	Live on Farm	Occupation	Industry
1940 Census		Mesilla, Dona Ana, New M			7								
Hudman	James	Head	Male	White	28	1912	Married	No	High School, 2nd year	Texas	NO	Truck Driver	River Constructor
Hudman	Virdie	Wife	Female	White	25	1915	Married	No	Elementary school, 6th grade	Oklahoma			
Hudman	Lloyd	Son	Male	White	6	1933	Single	No		New Mexico			
Hudman	Betty Fay	Daughter	Female	White	2	1938	Single	No		New Mexico			
Hudman	James	Son	Male	White	1	1939	Single	No		New Mexico			

In October 1940, James registered for the WW2 Draft and gave his address as General Delivery, Las Cruces and Virdie at the same address was his point of contact. He was working for the US Boundary Commission. While not as big as his brother, he was 6'-1"-170lbs-Hazel eyes-brown hair-light complexion. Right after the 1940 Census in Dec 1940, son Wilburn Alfred arrived followed by son Melvin Kenneth in May 1943 so the family was complete. There are several records for a James T. Hudman joining the Navy, but I do not believe that it was this person and there is no firm evidence of his having served during WW2.

The 1950 Census found them living in Las Cruces at an undetermined address. James was a heavy equipment operator and the two new sons make their first appearance at ages 9 and 6. Their oldest son, Lloyd, though only 16 had moved to Arizona and was working as a rock splitter in the Flagstaff, AZ area. All of the other children were still at home and presumably in various stages of school.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		Las Cruces, Dona Ana, New Mexico										
Hudman	James T	Head	White	Male	38	1912	Married	Texas		48	Heavy Equip Oper	Construction
Hudman	Verdie	Wife	White	Female	38	1915	Married	Oklahoma				
Hudman	Betty	Daughter	White	Female	12	1938	Never Married	(New Mexico)				
Hudman	Jimmy	Son	White	Male	11	1939	Never Married	(New Mexico)				
Hudman	Wilbourn	Son	White	Male	9	1941	Never Married	(New Mexico)				
Hudman	Kenneth	Son	White	Male	6	1944	Never Married	(New Mexico)				

In 1952, his sister Lorene died and in 1953 his brother Albert Vernon died. I found a City Directory from Albuquerque, NM in 1954 and 1955 with a James T Hudman and Virginia L with James working as an airway operation specialist, but somehow, this doesn't strike me as being our James. Moving from a heavy equipment operator to working for the Civil Aviation Authority seems like a leap and I never see Virdie ever referred to as Virginia.

As far as the children go, I never found where Lloyd Lee ever married. According to his gravestone, he served in the US Army and achieved the rank of PFC in the Korean War. I have not found any military records other than his grave marker. News articles that I found about Lloyd L. and Lloyd Lee Hudman don't paint a very good light on the person being written about so since I cannot verify it is our Lloyd; I will not detail it here. (see update below)

I am a little confused by daughter Betty. All of the censuses indicate that she was born in 1938, yet when she got married in 1954, she claims to have been born in 1935. Was she lying about her age since she would have only been 15 or 16 in 1954 when she married 21-year-old Levi Jackson. While all of her siblings have died, I have not found evidence of either her death. She must have married again because in later obituaries, she is referred to as Betty Hamilton living in Las Cruces, but I have been unable to surface any details.

James Leon Hudman is a different, but confusing case. Through a series of news articles and some but not all birth records, it appears that James first married Laueye Dearing, a young lady from Indiana about 1956 and 1957. They had two sons, Stephen (about 1958) and James (about 1960) before divorcing. She then married someone named Hughes and she had a son Gordon in 1963. James then married Patsy Ann Dooley and had Patricia (White) in 1961 in Texas and Betty (Dial) (about 1963) in probably New Mexico. Darlene Mohr and had Billy, Glenda (Pennington), and Helen (Butt) in Texas in 1966, 1970, and 1972 before they divorced. He then remarried his first wife, Laueye in 1975. His obituary refers to most of these children except Billy who seems to have wandered off to Seattle and Anchorage. The obituary also indicates that he served in the Navy but the only records that I have shown that he served from May to Jun 1956. He and was a big race car driver in Las Cruces and El Paso known as "Cowboy" Jim Hudman. He died in 1998.

He is survived by four daughters, Pat White and her husband, Tead, of Deming, Betty Dial and her husband, Joey, of Elephant Butte, N.M., Glenda Pennington of Grass Valley, Calif., and Helen Butt and her husband, Justin, of LaBann, Tenn.; one brother, Kenneth Hudman, of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; one sister, Betty Hamilton of Arrey, N.M.; and eight grandchildren. Pallbearers will be family members. Arrangements by Sierra Funeral Home of Truth or Consequences.

Son Wilburn is somewhat mysterious. I have not found much on him except for a few articles in the newspaper that like his brother Lloyd are not too flattering, but not as bad as Lloyd. He seems to have married a Ruth Miller in the late 1950's and had a couple of kids one that was in the paper in Nov 1960 and another in Nov 1961. He married again in 1968 to Doris Story Hummell but divorced a year later. He died in Truth or Consequences in 1997.

Son Melvin has been equally elusive. I found an announcement of he and his wife having a child in Las Cruces in 1971, and then I found another saying that Mrs. Alyce Hudman was discharged on 20 Oct

1971 with son Ernest Lawson. I then find that he married Alyce Cahoon in California in 1974. When Alyce's father died in 1978, Kenneth and Alyce were said to be living in Socorro, NM. He died in Truth or Consequences, NM in 2005 and that is about all I know.

Update – Virgie's obituary

Mrs. Virdie L. Hudman, 80, longtime resident of Truth or Consequences, passed away Sunday, Oct. 15, 1995, at Sierra Health Care Center in T or C after a long illness. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. today at the Apodaca-Graham Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Apodaca-Graham Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Carl Waters and Rev. Dwight M. Legg of the Church of God, T or C, officiating. Burial will follow at the Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery in T or C.

Mrs. Hudman was born Oct. 4, 1915 in Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her husband, J.T. Hudman, in 1983; a son, Lloyd Hudman, in 1987; and a granddaughter, Sarah Kirkley, in 1984. She is survived by three daughters, Betty Hamilton of Las Cruces, Pat White of Deming, and Betty Dial of Elephant Butte; three sons, James, Wilburn and Kenneth Hudman, all of T or C; one sister, Geniva Towry of Modesto, Calif.; one brother Bill Hoover of Phoenix, AZ; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Serving as casket bearers will be her grandsons Bobby Jackson, Robert Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Larry Kirkley, Jerry Kirkley and Tommy Hall. Arrangements are by the Apodaca-Graham Funeral Home in T or C.

Looking at this obituary, it appears that I may have missed some daughters. I have only Betty in my list, but she mentions a Betty Hamilton and a Betty Dial as well as Pat White. Could these be daughter-in-law? There are 3 Kirkley children mentioned of which one is deceased. There are 3 Jackson boys and one Tommy Hall mentioned as grandchildren. J. T.'s obituary mentions, Pat white married to Ted (or Tead), Betty Dial married to Joey, and Glenda Pennington who is not mentioned by Virdie. Here is what I found. Pat White was James Leon's

Children of James T and Virdie Hoover Hudman

402	Lloyd Lee Hudman	1933	1987	James and Verdi Child#1
403	Betty Hudman (Jackson)	1938		James and Verdi Child#2
404	James Leon Hudman	1938	1998	James and Verdi Child#3
405	Wilburn Alford Hudman	1940	1997	James and Verdi Child#4
406	Melvin Kenneth Hudman	1943	2005	James and Verdi Child#5

402 Lloyd Lee Hudman 13 SEP 1933 • New Mexico - 11 AUG 1987 • Williamsburg, NM



I've done a little more research and found a few items about him, but there remain a lot of holes. He first appears as a 6-year-old in Mesilla NM, a suburb of Las Cruces in 1940 with his parent and younger sister and brother Betty and James where his father is a truck driver for a construction company. In 1950, he's 16 years old and working as a rock splitter in a quarry near Tucson, AZ and living next door to his uncle Stanley and his family. The rest of his family is back in Las Cruces where he has two new younger brothers, Wilburn and Melvin and his father is still in construction.

In May 1954, I came across this article along with the photo above. *Pvt. Lloyd Lee Hudman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hudman, 130 North Mesquite, entered his basic training last month at Fort Bliss, TX. He has been assigned to Battery C. 11th Training battalion of the Antiaircraft Artillery training Center.*

That was then followed by this in Oct 1954 - *Pvt Lloyd L. Hudman, whose wife lives in Derry, N. M., has arrived in Japan for duty with the Tokyo Army Hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hudman, live in Las Cruces.* While I think that this is our Lloyd, it shows that he has gotten married and left his wife in Deming. My only issues are that it seems strange having an artillery man serving in a hospital and it says his parents are T. T. and not J. T. Hudman. I have been unable to find who his wife was.

I next encounter him in Albuquerque in 1958 where he gets arrested for DWI several times. In 1960, he was back in Las Cruces and still having legal problems – *Lloyd Hudman, 27, of 2108 Skyway Drive, has been charged with assault in the beating of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kirkley, also of 2108 Skyway, early Saturday about two miles east of town on U. S. Highway-70.*

According to the victims, Hudman stopped the car in which all three were riding and assaulted both beside the highway. He was arrested shortly afterward at his home after the couple reported the incident to police. Hudman was placed under \$260 bond by Justice of the Peace B. J. Chayez.

He died in Williamsburg, NM in 1987 and his obituary in the El Paso Times reads: Lloyd Lee Hudman, 53, of Williamsburg, N.M., died Tuesday. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Golden Gates Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Vista Memory Gardens. He was a heavy-equipment operator and a longtime resident of the Williamsburg area. Williamsburg is a suburb of Truth or Consequences, NM which is north of Las Cruces and where his parents ended up spending their final days. In Virdie's obituary above, his 1987 death is acknowledged. Maybe some of the names in Virdie's list will lead me to his wife and perhaps children.

403 Betty Fay Hudman Jackson Hamilton 1935 • Las Cruces, NM – Living?

Levi Jackson 1933 • McAlister, OK - Death BEF. 2015

Marriage: 1 May 1954 • Berino, NM

My research on Betty and Levis is rather sparse, but maybe it will fill in some gaps. What I have discovered is that Levi was from McAlister, OK and that they had a son Bobby Jackson in 1956 who died in 2014. His obituary is here:

Bobby Jackson, 58 years old of Las Cruces passed away at home on August 15, 2014. He was born July 20, 1956 in Las Cruces, NM. He was proceeded in death by his father Levi Jackson, sister Sarah Jo Kirkley, brother Larry Kirkley, maternal and paternal grandparents.

He is survived by his mother Betty Hamilton of the family home. His siblings Sue Hall of T or C, Debra Willey, Butch Jackson, Jerry Kirkley, Cindy Kirkley, James Hilliard and Jackie Torres all of Las Cruces. His aunt Clemmie Morris of Las Cruces. His ex-wife Delores Portillo, step daughter Terri Torres and granddaughter Sara Reed of Stevensville, MD. As well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was well known for his paint and body work in and around Las Cruces. He raced cars in his younger days that lead up to his love of watching NASCAR racing every season with his mom.

In lieu of flowers please a make donation to the homeless shelter or charity of your choice in his name. Services will be held Saturday August 23, 2014 at La-Paz Graham's Funeral Home at 2pm.

Here is a little more about Delores Preciado Portillo.

MILLINGTON, Maryland - **Dolores P. Portillo**, 73, of Millington, passed away March 26, 2015 surrounded by her loving family.

Mrs. Portillo was born Nov. 21, 1941 in Las Cruces, N.M., daughter of the late Willie and Frances Preciado. She was raised in Las Cruces and moved to Maryland in 1999 to be with her family. She owned and operated an art studio for many years before retiring.

Dolores' faith was her driving force where she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a life member of VFW Post 652 Ladies Auxiliary, an artist and costume designer for Church Hill Theatre. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, playing the piano and spending time with her family.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Maggie Duran, and two brothers, Bobby and Chacho Saiz. She is survived by her children, Theresa Torres and her husband, Eddie, of Centreville, Michael Portillo of Chestertown and Ronne Womelsdorf spouse Micheayl of Tempe, AZ.; a brother, Joe Saiz of El Paso, Texas; her grandchildren, Sara Reed and her fiancé, Tyler, of Salisbury, Rick Reed, Sara's father of Annapolis, Dominic Portillo of Abingdon, Gabriel Portillo of Ocala, Fla., Lauren Portillo and Elena Portillo, both of Chestertown; and a great-granddaughter, Layla Portillo. She also is survived by nieces, nephews and friends.

Debbie was 15 years older than Bobby born in 1941 to Bobby's 1956. She had married Robert Portillo in 1962 and they had two children, Michael 1968 and Theresa 1965 before Robert committed suicide in 1973 at the age of 29. She married Bobby Dec 1985 when she was 44 and he 29.

There is a lot to unravel here. It suggests that Betty Hudman divorced Levi, or he died and she remarried as Levi is mentioned as being deceased before 2014. But then he suggests that he had a brother and sister, Sarah Jo and Larry Kirkley who have died and they have a brother Jerry Kirkley and sister Cindy Kirkley (who may be a wife of one of the Kirkley brothers). He also has a brother or half-brother Butch Jackson and perhaps married sisters, Debra (Willey), and Jackie Torres. This may be too much to unravel.

I found this obituary for Sarah Kirkley in 1984 - *Sarah Kirkley, 23, of Las Cruces died Saturday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Graham's Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery.* This suggests that she was born about 1961. I presume to Betty and a 2nd husband named Kirkley. I notice that she married Gorni Flores in Apr 1977 when she was 17. Gorni shows up below in 2010 as a pallbearer at Larry's funeral. He was born in Juarez in 1956 and was naturalized in Jan 1977.

As far as Larry Kirkley, I notice that he was a pallbearer for Virdee in 1995 so he must have died between 1995 and 2015.

I found his Findagrave page from 2010 which has this obituary:

LARRY KIRKLEY JR., (born 1971) 49, of Arrey, NM passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at home.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Hamilton, brothers, Bobby Jackson, Jerry Kirkley (Lisa), James Hilliard (Margaret) and Dennis Jackson, sisters, Sue Hall, Debra Willey, Cindy Kirkley and Jackie Torres. His son, Lawrence Cooper and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence "Kirk" Kirkley Sr. and his sister Sarah Kirkley. Visitation will be at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home Chapel at 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 with a service to begin at 11:15 AM with burial to follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Kirkley, Michael Kirkley, Robert Jackson, James Hilliard, Brandon Torres and Michael Amesquita. Honorary pallbearers: Bobby Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Gorni Flores and Steven Kirkley.

So, this points us to who his father was and apparently Betty's 2nd husband. It confirms his sister's death that he has a married brother Jerry (married to Lisa) and a brother James Hilliard (married to Margaret) and that Bobby Jackson was his brother as well as a brother Dennis (who may be the Butch mentioned in Bobby's obituary. So, with his sister having been born in 1961, and he in 1971, Betty and Larry must have married around 1960 and stayed married at least 10 years,

This led me to some news articles from 1967 during which Lawrence Kirkley and his wife, Betty Kirkley along with Alene Kirkley (aka: Tannehill) and Gerald Tannehill were having some property foreclosed. This suggest that Lawrence was previously married to Alene and they had divorced and she had married Gerald and he had married Betty.

Here are my conclusions – Virdee claims Pat White and Betty Dial as her daughters when in fact they were her granddaughters through her son James Leon. Perhaps she adopted them when he had a 2nd marriage and had two more daughters, Glenda (Pennington) and Helen (Bust).

As far as Betty, I think that I think that I have established that from her first marriage to Levi Jackson, she has Bobby, Jerry, and Dennis Jackson however there is a Robert Jackson also mentioned, but it seems strange that she would have sons named Bobby and Robert. She then married Lawrence Kirkley and had Sarah, Larry, Jerry, and Cindy Kirkley. Sarah and Larry have both died so we know that they were born in 1960 and 1971. Betty and Larry married in 1959 while he was at White Sands Missile Range. Sarah and Larry were born in 1960 and 1961 and I would guess that Jerry and Cindy may have been born between 1962 and 1970, but I have not found birth records. From news reports, I saw that Betty Kirkley moved from Williamsburg, NM to Las Cruces in 1971 when she was 36. I'm having trouble squeezing in the rest of her apparent children, Tommy and Sue Hall and James Hillard and Jackie Torres. Jackie may well be daughter Sarah's child with Gorni Flores who she adopted after Sarah's untimely death. I've beaten this to death.

Children of Betty Hudman and various spouses

871	Bobby Lee Jackson	1956	2014	Betty Hudman and Levi Jackson child#1
872	Dennis Jackson	1957		Betty Hudman and Levi Jackson child#2
873	Sarah Kirkley	1960	1984	Betty Hudman and Lawrence Kirkley child#1

874	Larry Kirkley Jr	1961	2010	Betty Hudman and Lawrence Kirkley child#2
875	Jerry Kirkley	1962		Betty Hudman and Lawrence Kirkley child#3
876	Cindy Kirkley	1968		Betty Hudman and Lawrence Kirkley child#4

Also mentioned, but hard to evaluate – Tommy Hall, Sue Hall, James Hilliard, Jackie Torres

404 James Leon Hudman 31 OCT 1938 • Las Cruces, NM - 10 JUN 1998 • Deming, NM

#1 Laurelye Dearing 24 SEP 1941 • La Moille, IN – Living?

Marriage: 1 Jan 1957 • Greenfield, IN

#2 Patricia Ann Dooley 2 DEC 1940 • San Antonio, TX - 21 MAR 1999

Marriage: Abt 1960-unknown

#3 Margaret Mae Darlene Mohr 5 MAR 1942 • Silver City, NM - 18 OCT 2012 • Silver City, NM

Marriage: 6 Apr 1963 • Las Cruces, NM

#4 Unknown Hudman 1940–unknown

Marriage: Abt 1969



James was the third child born to JT and Virgi. He arrived in Las Cruces in time to appear in the 1940 Census in Mesilla in 1940 with his parents and his two older siblings, Betty and Lloyd. In 1950 he was an 11-year-old at home with 3 of his 4 siblings with his oldest brother

working in a rock quarry in Arizona with his uncle. In 1956 when he was 18, he married his first wife (Laurelye) - *Mr. and Mrs. Lowell S. Dearing of Las Cruces, N. M., announce the marriage of their daughter, Laurelye to James L. Hudman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hudman of Carlsbad, N. M. Sat., Dec. 15, 1956, at Deming, N. M. Mrs. Hudman resided, last winter with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Anderson of this city.* At this point, the analysis pretty much goes off of the rails due to the absence of birth and divorce records, so obituaries come into play. I have already printed his obituary, but I will print it again for continuity.

James Leon Hudman, 59, of Las Cruces, died Wednesday, June 10, 1998, at Elephant Butte State Park, N.M. Concluding services and interment will be held at 11 a.m. today at Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery. Mr. Hudman was born Oct. 31, 1938, in Las Cruces, N.M. to James Thomas Hudman and Virdie Luvada Hoover.

He served in the United States Navy. He enjoyed fishing and traveling in his motor home. His favorite hobby was racing stock cars in El Paso, Texas and Las Cruces.

He is survived by four daughters, Pat White and her husband, Tead, of Deming, Betty Dial and her husband, Joey, of Elephant Butte, N.M., Glenda Pennington of Grass Valley, Calif., and Helen Butt and her husband, Justin, of LaBanan, Tenn.; one brother, Kenneth Hudman, of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; one sister, Betty Hamilton of Arrey, N.M.; and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be family members. Arrangements by Sierra Funeral Home of Truth or Consequences.

This tells us that for sure, he had 4 daughters – Patricia Hudman (White), Betty Hudman (Joey Dial), Glenda Hudman (Pennington), and Helen Hudman (Justin Butt). We note later that Patricia and Betty are also named as Virdie's daughters in her 1995 obituary. This suggests to me that when James married a 2nd or third time, he pawned at least two of his daughters off on his mother. This maybe means that they were the oldest from his first marriage, but maybe not. Let's look at his marriage history. *In April 1963, we find this marriage announcement James L. Hudman, 24, Las Cruces, and Margaret Mae Darlene Sadberry, 21, Deming.* Later records suggest that even though Darlene was only 21, her real name was Darlene Mohr and she had previously married and had at least one daughter from that union. Here is her obituary -

Darlene M. Reyes, 70, a life-long resident of the Mangus valley passed away Thursday, October 18, 2012 at her daughter's home in Silver City. "Gumby," as she was affectionately known by her family, was born March 5, 1942 to Cleo and Margaret Mohr in Silver City.

She is survived by her sons, Bill Hudman and his wife Sheila of Santa Clara, and Boyd Hudman of Silver City; her daughters, Misty Sadberry and her husband Harry Hill of Silver City, and Dawn McAtee

and her husband, George of San Antonio, Texas; her brother, Sonny Mohr; her grandchildren, Krystal and Katrina Reyes, Kateyln Hill, Jaque and Alysha McAtee, Karlie and Kara Hudman, Ignacio Chavez and Michael Runyan; her great-grandchildren, Nicholas McAtee, Danielle, Christian, and Victoria Runyan; Logan and Zane McAtee, Ellena May Bertolani, and Rylee May Reyes.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother Wesley and sister Shirley. Cremation will take place under the direction of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Baca's Silver City Crematory with inurnment to be held at a later date. The family requests that those who wish may make memorial donations honoring "Gumby" to the Humane Society – High Desert, 3050 S Cooper Way, Silver City, NM 88061.

She has two sons and two daughter – Bill Hudman (wife Sheila), Boyd Hudman, Misty Sadberry (could be Hudman, married and divorced and married a 2nd time, but keeping her previous name), and Dawn McAtee (could be Hudman married to George McAtee). Judging from the grandchildren's names, her daughters have had multiple marriages, or her sons have stepchildren. My initial conclusion is that Bill and Boyd Hudman are her children with James. It looks like she must have married someone named Reyes after she and James went their separate ways.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hudman announce they have been reunited in marriage. Their children are James L., age 17, who is serving in the Army at Fort Ord, Calif. and Stephen, 15 of the home address. Mrs. Hudman, the former Laulye Hughes, has one son by a former marriage, Gordon Hughes, age 12 and Mr. Hudman has four daughters-Patricia L., 14; Betty, 13; Glenda, 4; Helen, 3.

Mrs. Hudman's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Dearing of Greenfield, Ind, and her husband's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hudman, Truth or Consequences.

I think that I need to build a chart to help decipher this family.

Wife #1 – Laurelye Dearing - Married 1957 – divorced and then married again in 1975. Had two sons – James L Hudman – 1958 – per notice above

Stephen Hudman – 1960 – per notice above

While they were divorced, Laurelye had a son Gordon Hughes.

Wife #2 - Patricia Ann Dooley – James married her in 1960 or so – no marriage records have been found, but there is the birth record on 10 Mar 1961 for

Patricia Lavada Hudman – 1961 who would marry someone named White and then evidence of another daughter, Betty Hudman – 1962 who will end up marrying Joey Dial. These girls either went with their mother, or went to live with James's mother as she later claims them as her daughters.

Wife #3 – Darlene Mohr – married about 1963 and had Bill and Boyd Hudman in 1966 and 1968. She may have been married before and was married several times afterward as you saw from her obituary above. I did find Bill Mitchell Hudman's Texas birth certificate on 10 Mar 1966 and he later married in Wahington State marrying Kimberly Smith and later in Anchorage, Alaska in 2003 marrying Sheila Lowell whose first husband and her had running a tow truck company in Anchorage. I did not find Boyd's birth certificate.

Wife #4 – unknown – the two girls, Glenda Hudman (I think Christopher Keith Pennington) and Helen Hudman (Justin Butt) mentioned above were born in 1971 and 1972 to James and an unknown wife (who may still be Patricia Dooley but it is uncertain) Wife Patricia Dooley married Joseph Pyland in 1976 and divorced him in 1983 with 2 children in their marriage. I'm pretty sure I found Glenda getting married in Colorado in 1989 and having two children, Christa and Amanda Pennington in 1992 and 1995. I found Helen married to Justin Wade Butt in Nashville TN in 1998 giving birth to Justin Wade Jr on 12 July 1998.

He then remarried Laurelye in 1975 and I don't believe that they had any more children. I detailed his career as a stock car driver above. Seems to have been a colorful fellow, but not much of a father.

Children of James Hudman and his many wives

877	James L. Hudman	1958	James and Laurelye's child#1
878	Stephen Hudman	1960	James and Laurelye's child#2
879	Patricia Lavada Hudman White	1961	James and Patsy Child#1

880	Betty Hudman Dial	1962	James and Patsy Child#2
881	Billy Hudman	1966	James and Darlene child#1
882	Boyd Hudman	1968	James and Darlene child#2
883	Glenda Hudman Pennington	1971	James and unknown wife#1
884	Helen Hudman Butt	1972	James and unknown wife#2

405 Wilburn A. Hudman 8 DEC 1940 • Las Cruces, NM - 8 AUG 1997 • Truth or Consequences, NM
 #1 Ruth Miller 1943 • McManus, LA – Living?
 Marriage: 3 Jan 1960 – Las Cruces, NM – Divorced before 1966 – 2 Children
 #2 Doris Story Hummell 194? • unk – unk –
 Marriage: Sep 1968 • Las Cruces; NM – Div May 1969



Son Wilburn is somewhat mysterious. I found him at Las Cruces HS in the 9th grade in 1955, but he wasn't around for that classes' senior year in 1959. If he did graduate, he got married shortly thereafter. I have not found much on him except for a few articles in the newspaper that like his brother Lloyd are not too flattering, but not as bad as Lloyd. He married Ruth Miller in the 1960 who was born in McManus, Louisiana in 1943 and had a couple of kids, a daughter on 14 Nov 1960 who I think is Mary Jo Hudman and son in Nov 1961 that I have

been unable to pin a name on. I think that Ruth married Elbert Lee Jackson in 1966.

Wilburn married again in 1968 to Doris Story Hummell but divorced a year later. He died in Truth or Consequences in 1997. On his marriage license his middle name is Alfred, but in various news stories and Findagrave it is Alford. No grave marker exists. The news articles report a DWI in 1966, an arrest for burglary in Modesto, CA in 1971 followed by a 3 year sentence the following year for parole violation. In 1976 he was again sentenced in New Mexico to prison for 1-5 for burglary. I have not found a prison records for him. He died in 1997 and his obituary reads:

***Wilburn A. Hudman**, 56, of Williamsburg, N.M., died Saturday (Aug. 9, 1997). Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday in French Mortuary Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Vista Memory Gardens Cemetery. Survivors include his sister, Betty Hamilton; his brothers, Kenneth Hudman and Jim Hudman; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was a heavy equipment operator and had lived in Williamsburg 20 years.*

This suggests that he must not have maintained any contact with his son and daughter and I did not see them mentioned in his mother's obituary that I could tell. If he had been in Williamsburg since 1977, he must have not served his full sentence in 1976.

Children of Wilburn and Ruth Miller Hudman

885	Mary Jo Hudman	1960	Wilburn and Ruth Child #1
886	Son Hudman	1961	Wilburn and Ruth Child #2

406 Melvin Kenneth Hudman 1 MAY 1943 • New Mexico - 20 DEC 2005 Truth or Consequences?

#1 Alyce Cahoon - MAY 1946 • Las Cruces, NM – Living?

Marriage: 18 Mar 1974 • Los Angeles, CA

#2 Phyllis Roberta Bard - 12 MAY 1962 • Piqua, OH - 14 DEC 1983 • Orange County, CA

Marriage: about 1978 – California

I have been unable to find much information about either of these folks. I think that Melvin went by Kenneth. If he went to high school, he would have graduated about 1960, but I cannot find him at a school. The first mention that I find of him after the 1950 Census is on 10 Oct 1971 when Alyce gives birth to Ernest Lawson Hudson. On 18 Mar 1974, Kenneth and Alyce get married in California. Apart from a Social Security Death Index showing Melvin dying in 2005, I cannot find any more information. I did find an article from Aug 2005 about older inmates in a geriatric unit talking about a Kenneth Hudman was a keen gardener. Since this was after his death, it cannot be our Kenneth.

(Update June 2025) As I was looking through newspapers, I unexpectedly ran across an article that added some information to Kenneth later in his life. The article was an obituary for an infant who had died. It reads: *HUDMAN IN Modesto December 28, 1981 TIMOTHY HUDMAN. Son of Melvin and Phyllis*

Hudman of Modesto, grandson of Kenneth and Alice Hudman of Modesto, Arthur and Anna Bard of Pomona, great grandson of J. T. and Virdie Hudman, of New Mex., Delora Lucero of Los Angeles and Ethel Bard of Pomona. A native of Modesto. Graveside services Wednesday December 30th at 3 pm in the Lakewood Memorial Park. SALAS BROTHERS FUNERAL CHAPEL 419 Scenic-Drive.

This tells me that Kenneth and Alyce must have divorced and he had a 2nd marriage to Phyllis Bard who was much younger than him having been born in Ohio in 1962 to Arthur and Anna Bard. Exploring further, it looks like they had another child other than Timothy as evidenced by this story from 1983 only 2 years after Timothy's birth.

UPLAND - A woman who attempted to douse a flaming cardboard box with a shower faucet was burned when she became trapped in a bathroom Saturday. Phyllis Hudman, 21, received severe burns over 20 percent of her body in the 9:30 a.m. fire at 536 N. Fifth Ave. Hudman's father, Art Bard, 47, also received serious burns on his feet and hands as he attempted to rescue her, said Upland Fire Capt. Don Smith.

Smith said investigators believe the fire started after Hudman's 4-year-old son had placed a toy filled cardboard box over a floor furnace. Hudman discovered the burning box and dragged it into a bathroom, where she became trapped. Bard attempted to rescue his daughter but intense heat kept him from the bathroom. Smith said Hudman managed to escape and was helped out of the burning home by Morgan Howard, 20, of Upland. Hudman was listed in critical condition and her father in satisfactory condition Saturday night at San Bernardino County Medical Center.

Unfortunately, these burns turned out to be fatal to Phyllis and she died two weeks later. From this we learn that they had a child born in 1979, in addition to Timothy who was born and died in 1981. I'm not sure where Kenneth was in this episode as he is never mentioned and I cannot find any other mention of him until his death in 2005. I read an article which I did not save and cannot find again that seems to have indicated that the son's name was Elmer which was the name of one of her uncles. It also indicated that she was pregnant at the time of her death.

Child of Kenneth and Alyce and Phyllis

888	Ernest Lawson Hudman	1971		Kenneth and Alyce Cahoon's child
889	Elmer Hudman	1979		Kenneth and Phyllis Bard's child#1
890	Timothy Hudman	1981	1981	Kenneth and Phyllis Bard's child#2

This completes James T. and Virdie Hoover Hudman. An interesting but convoluted family that was a challenge to explore. Completes 5 Apr 2025.

154. Lorene Betty Hudman 8 FEB 1914 • Mineral Wells, TX - 25 MAY 1952 • Glendale, AZ

Ernest Baxter Gunnell 29 JAN 1907 • Lonoke, AK - 25 MAY 1952 • Glendale, AZ

Marriage: 15 Feb 1931 • Dona Ana, NM



Lorene and Ernest's grave marker from Glendale, AZ

Lorene was the 3rd child and first daughter born to Wilburn and Elizabeth. She joined her two big brothers in Mineral Wells in 1914 just before Valentines Day. She appears with her parents through 1930 at which time they were living in Las Cruces, NM and she was 16. The following year, just after her 17th birthday, she married Ernest Baxter. On her marriage certificate she gave her birth year as 1913 and her age as 18, but her birth certificate clearly shows she was born in 1914. Ernest gave his birth year as 1908 and his birthplace as Des Arc, Arkansas, a small-town northeast of Little Rock. The witnesses were Gus Glass and E. P. Hallmark who was her cousin Ed who was recently discussed and lived next door in 1930.

Ernest's background is a little confusing. His birth certificate from Arkansas from 1907 clearly shows his father as being Edward Gunnell aged 32 and his mother as being Clara Baxter aged 24. However, other records and his grave marker show that he died in 1905, so his mother had a long pregnancy. His father had first married Virginia Verser in 1895 and had two children, Ellis and Jennie Gunnell in 1898 and

1900 before Virginia's death in 1900. Since Jennie was born in Dec 1900 and does not appear in the 1900 Census, I'm inclined to suspect that Virginia must have died as a result of Jennie's birth. Specific dates of her death have not been found so that has not been verified. Edward then married Clara Baxter and had three children, Leslie in 1902 (who died in 1909), Tinnie in 1904 and supposedly Ernest in 1907.

Following on the trail, in 1910, after Edward's death, the two older children Ellis and Jennie were living with Edward's parents while Clara and her two children, Tinnie and Ernest were living with her widowed father. In 1918, Clara married James Walter Oliver so in 1920, they appear in Prairie, Arkansas with her new husband, her new son, James Oliver, her two children Ernest and Tinnie and her father. In 1928, Clara is once again widowed when Walter died. Sometime between 1928 and 1940, she married William Berry Hall, another gentleman from Arkansas whose wife had died in 1927 after having at least 3 children between 1897 and 1915. Those children were grown before they married, but they appear together in 1950 in Las Cruces where William at age 76 claims to still be building houses.

I say all of this to demonstrate that Ernest seems to have had a very tumultuous upbringing. He was living in Mesilla, NM with his recently widowed mother and his half-brother, James in 1930 and working in a gas station where he was learning to be a mechanic. As I mentioned above, he and Lorene married the following year and as shown below, appear in the 1940 Census in Anthony, NM which is right on the Texas border just north of El Paso. They had been in Las Cruces in 1935 where their first two sons, Ernest Jr and Donald were born in 1932 and 1933 and then with to move to Anthony, they must have moved to the south part of town which is in Texas while the north part is in New Mexico. This is where Larry was born in 1939.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Gender	Race	Age	Birth Year	Marital Status	Attended School	Highest Grade Completed	Birthplace	on Farm	Occupation
1940 Census						15						
Gunnell	Ernest	Head	Male	White	32	1908	Married	No	High School, 1st year	Arkansas	NO	Mechanic
Gunnell	Lorene	Wife	Female	White	26	1914	Married	No	High School, 3rd year	Texas		
Gunnell	Ernest	Son	Male	White	8	1932	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 2nd grade	New Mexico		
Gunnell	Danold	Son	Male	White	7	1933	Single	Yes	Elementary school, 1st grade	New Mexico		
Gunnell	Larry	Son	Male	White	1	1939	Single	No	None	New Mexico	NO	

In 1940, Ernest registered for the WW2 Draft while living in Anthony. He had gray eyes-gray hair-light complexion and did not give his height and weight. He was 32. Lorene was his point of contact and their address was general delivery. I don't see any military records for Ernest, but he did receive a draft questionnaire, and in one article he appeared as though he may have been in a National Guard unit.

Sometime before 1945, the family moved to Glendale, AZ where their last son, Larry was born in 1945. In looking at newspapers, I ran across a couple of articles about Ernest Jr joining a Cub Scout Pack in 1943, do that is probably about the time that they moved. The 1950 Census found them in Glendale where Ernest was working as a mechanic at a garage and Lorene was doing something with vegetables. The boys ranged in age from 5 to 18 and Ernest Jr was working for the power company. Their address is unclear on the census. The only City Directory I could find was from 1948 and it had no address but seems to indicate that he may have worked for Ray Korte which was a local used car dealer.



Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	3rd Ave	Glendale, Maricopa, Arizona										
Gunnell	Ernest B	Head	White	Male	41	1909	Married	Arkansas		48	Mechanic	Garage
Gunnell	Lorene	Wife	White	Female	36	1914	Married	Texas		40	Vegetable Worker	Vegetable
Gunnell	Ernest W	Son	White	Male	18	1932	Never Married	(New Mexico)		48	Laborer	Light & Power Co
Gunnell	Danold	Son	White	Male	17	1933	Never Married	(New Mexico)				
Gunnell	Larry	Son	White	Male	11	1939	Never Married	(Texas)				
Gunnell	Jackie	Son	White	Male	5	1945	Never Married	(Arizona)				

The 1950's seemed to be off to a good start. In November, son Ernest got engaged to Betty Younger and they were married that month. In May, son Donald got engaged to Gwen Rowland and then they tied the knot in Jan 1952. I was pleased but saddened to see that their cousin, Charles Hallmark was part of their

wedding party. He was the young man who was to die a few months later after diving into a lake at a graduation party. A week after that tragedy in 1952, the unthinkable happened. For unknown reasons, Ernest and Lorene separated and Ernest must have been distraught and murdered Lorene and then killed himself. The article is reported thusly:

Mechanic Ernest Gunnell, 44, Shoots Mother of Four Before Airman Witness By DON DEDERA Republic Staff Writer GLENDALE, May 25 Before the startled eyes of a resident here, a middle-aged mechanic at dusk Sunday shot his wife to death and then put two fatal bullets into his own chest. The bodies fell together on a sidewalk in front of 424 S. Third St., under one of the sour orange trees which line the residential district's streets. Police Chief Robert Banks identified the dead as: Ernest B. Gunnell, 44, of the Rock Cabin Courts, Glendale.

Lorene Gunnell, his wife, about 38, of 850 N. Third St., Glendale, mother of four children. Banks reported a small-caliber revolver was lying beside the bodies. EYEWITNESS to the shooting was Tech. Sgt. Arthur Grammont, 31, who lives directly across the street from the scene of the slaying.

Grammont said he was listening to the radio when he heard a shot from outside. He ran to the door, and in the twilight could see a woman hanging on to the orange tree, shouting: "No, no! Help!" A man was shooting, and struggling with her, the airman said. AT THAT POINT, the armed man looked up to where Grammont stood 100 feet away in his doorway, the witness said, adding: "I thought he was going to shoot at me, so I went for a shotgun. While I was back inside, I heard two shots in rapid succession and then no more." Grammont said he ran down alley and summoned police. time he came back to the scene, officers had arrived. JUDGE FRANK CARDEX, coroner, said he was convinced the man shot his wife, then committed suicide. No inquest will be held, the coroner said. Other residents in the neighborhood were alarmed by the shots and shouting. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moscarello, who live at 225 V. "D" Ave., said they heard four shots mingled with a woman's screams, and then two shots together. Gunnell worked at Morcomb's Service Station at Grand Avenue and Third Street. He had been employed as a mechanic there about three years, according to Mrs. J. K. Morcomb part owner.

NEIGHBORS SAID the dual deaths left four children, all boys, orphans. Two are married and two are of grammar school age. they told police the Gunnells were separated for about two weeks, according to Chief Banks. Banks, who examined the bodies along with Judge Garden and Capt. Stan Van de Putte, said Mrs. Gunnell was shot several times and probably died of a back wound.

I think that I will do a more extensive biography of the boys in the next generation. The three oldest Ernest, Donald, and Larry passed away in 2001, 2010, and 2020 and seemed to have had successful lives despite their tragedies. I speculate about Ernest's upbringing and constant separation contributed to his sense of abandonment. With their grandparents still alive, I wonder if the two younger boys ended up living with them. What a shame.

Children of Lorene and Ernest Gunnell

407	Ernest W Gunnell	1932	2001	Lorene and Ernest's child#1
408	Donald Troy Gunnell	1933	2010	Lorene and Ernest's child#2
409	Larry Gunnell	1939	2020	Lorene and Ernest's child#3
410	Jackie Gunnell	1945		Lorene and Ernest's child#4

407 Ernest Wilburn Gunnell 5 JAN 1932 • Las Cruces, NM - 9 JAN 2001 • Phoenix, AZ

#1 Betty Jean Younger Gunnell 9 SEP 1932 • Oklahoma - 21 NOV 2014 • Rescue, CA – maybe

Marriage: 23 Nov 1951 • Maricopa, AZ – Div 1970 - Tucson – 2 living children

#2 Bette R Hunt 27 DEC 1929 • North Carolina - 29 DEC 2016 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 14 Nov 1970 • Imperial, CA



Ernest Gunnell, Betty Younger, Bette Hunt from yearbooks

Ernest was the first child born to Lorene and Ernest. He arrived intime to be a 1932 tax deduction and appears in the 1940 and 1950 Censuses with his parents and siblings.

He married Betty Younger in Nov 1951 before his parents split up and then his father lost it and killed his mother and himself in May 1952. Five months after that tragedy, he and Betty had a daughter, Kathy Jean, on 14 Dec 1952 who lived only one day. That was a tough year for the Gunnell family. His brother Don married in Jan 1952 so when the parents died, Larry and Jackie were still at home and only 12 and 7.

Searching newspapers, I found that in 1953, their house in Phoenix was broken into by Oscar Vermillion who tried to molest Betty. The following year, I found that Ernest had been promoted to SGT in the Arizona National Guard. I do not know if he ended up in Korea. Also, they appear in the Phoenix City Directory in 1956 living at 3106 E. Diamond and working for Richfield Services.

Between 1956 and 1963, they moved to Tucson and the paper reported that on 6 Oct 1963, they had a daughter. I have not yet identified her name. Things got shaky after this child arrived and in 1967 a divorce was filed but then on 9 July 1968, they had a son who I have not yet found his name. In Nov 1968, the divorce was dismissed, but then on 13 Nov 1970, they finally divorced and the next day, Ernest married Bette Hunt Sexton.

Bette was from North Carolina and her 2016 obituary will tell her story.

***Bette H Gunnell** was born December 27, 1929 in Hickory, NC. Due to the depression, she and her parents traveled frequently but ended up in Morenci, AZ where she spent her teen years. She met Paul Sexton, from Duncan, at a football game. They married in 1950 and had 3 children. Paul worked for Phelps Dodge in the mine while Bette went to work for the cable TV company where she became the first female manager. They were very active in the Elks Club.*

Paul died on New Year's Eve in 1968. Bette continued to work as manager for the cable company. In 1970, she met Ernie Gunnell, a Boilermaker, working as a subcontractor in the mine. They were married soon after and spent the next 31 years together. Due to Ernie's job, he and Bette became well-traveled, but eventually settled in Phoenix, AZ, where they lived until Ernie passed away in 2001. Bette continued to live in her home until her passing on December 29, 2016.

Bette is survived by her 3 children: Rhonda Baxter (Andy), Duane Sexton (Debbie) and Karen Andersen (Bob), grandchildren Stephan and Brandon Sexton, Shara Hoffman, Aimee Arrington, Kambria Ferreria and Robert Andersen, great grandchildren, Kaycee, Cameron and Caitlin Sexton, Paityn, Rylee and Chase Arrington and nephew Ronnie Hicks.

She is preceded in death by both of her spouses, Paul Sexton and Ernest Gunnell, parents Forrest and Wilma Hunt, sister Barbara Hicks and great grandchild Jarrett Sexton.

I was hoping that this would shed some light on Ernest's children with his first wife, but no luck. She mentions that Ernest died in 2001 so let's look at his obituary.

Ernest W. Gunnell, 69, of Phoenix AZ, passed away Jan. 9, 2001. Ernest W. Gunnell was born on Jan. 5, 1932 in Las Cruces, NM. He was a retired superintendent over power plants at General Electric & a member of Master Gardeners, The Arizona Desert Big Horn Sheep Society and Cactus Succulent Society.

Survivors include his wife Bette H.; daughters, Theresa, Tami, Tracy, Rhonda and Karen; sons, Ernest, Tommy, Emmitt, Keith and Duane; brothers Larry, Jack and Don. 20 grandchildren & 4 great-grandchildren. Memorial Service Sat. Jan 13th at 11am, Chapel of the Chimes, 7924 N 59th Ave, Glendale, AZ. Memorials: American Heart Assoc., 2929 S. 48 St, Tempe, AZ 85282 or Az Lung Assoc., 102 W. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85003.

Children mentioned include his 3 stepchildren from his marriage to Bette which would be Rhinds, Duane, and Karen. That leaves Theresa, Tami, Traci, Ernest Jr, Tommy, Emmitt, and Keith as other children that he must have had with first wife Betty apart from the ones I found birth notices for in 1963 and 1968. With their first child, Kathy Jean having been born and dying in 1952, all of these children must have been

born between 1954 and 1968. I went back to newspapers and found birth announcements from 10 May 1955 – son and 8 Oct 1957 – son. That accounts for 4 of the 7, but no names were in the announcements. So, what I know – 1952 – daughter that died, 1955 – son – my guess would be Ernest Jr, 1957 – son – probably Tommy, 1963 – daughter – probably Theresa or Tami – based on record, I would say there were probably two born between 1957 and 1963. In 1968 a son was born so I would guess that would be Keith,

I took a guess as to birthdates and plugged in names and immediately got this hit for Ernest Hudman (son). Unfortunately, it is an obituary and it reads:

Ernest Allen Gunnell, 68, of Farmington, New Mexico, passed away on October 18, 2023, in Farmington, New Mexico. Ernest was born on May 10, 1955, in Phoenix, Arizona, to parents Ernest Wilbourne Gunnell & Betty Jean Younger Gunnell.

Ernest graduated from High School in Garden Grove, California in 1974. He retired as a Carpenter's Foreman from San Juan Power Plant. He LOVED motorcycles, was a collector of many things and was an avid storyteller. Ernie was so well loved by every person that he knew. He will be so deeply missed by them all!

Ernie is preceded by his nephew Jason Gunnell, parents Betty Jean & Ernest Gunnell, brother Tommy Gunnell and sister-in-law Cindy Gunnell, grandparents Opal Viola Younger, James A. Younger, Lorene Gunnell, and Ernest Gunnell.

Ernie is survived by his sons Kieran (Beth) Diedrich, and Ernie Gunnell, daughter Sara Gunnell, Brothers Emmett (Bonnie) Gunnell, Evan Gunnell, sisters Teresa (Tim) Payne, Tami Gunnell, and Tracie (Matt) Sorenson, including 7 grandchildren, and 20 nieces and nephews.

A Public Viewing will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 12:00pm-1:00pm, at Farmington Funeral Home, 2111 W. Apache Street, Farmington, NM. Followed by a graveside at Flora Vista Cemetery at 2:00pm.

This gives us so much information. It would suggest that after his parents divorced, he and perhaps some of his siblings moved to California. He got married and had 2 sons and a daughter. Brother Emmett is married to Bonnie. He has a brother Evan (I think this is Evan Keith Gunnell) mentioned as Keith in his father's obituary. Sister Teresa (or Theresa) is married to Tim Payne. Sister Tami is not married. Sister Tracie is married to Matt Sorenson. Brother Tommy is dead maybe along with his wife Cindy (or Cindy could have been Evan's wife). Both of his parents are dead. Let me use this to explore his siblings.

I first ran across the obituary for his brother Tommy (aka: Eric Thomas) and the fact that Cindy Gunnell who is marked as deceased was in fact his wife. I'm interested to see that he went to school in Farmington, while Ernest went to school in California. Cindy was Cindy France who was born in Ohio in 1955. Her obituary page from 2021 says that the family is working on her obituary.

***Eric Thomas Gunnell**, 63, of Farmington, NM passed away on January 16, 2022 and was reunited with the love of his life in heaven. Eric was born on January 8, 1959, in Mesa, Arizona to Ernest A and Betty Jean Gunnell. Eric is preceded in death by the love of his life Cynthia L. Gunnell. His parents Ernest A. Gunnell and Betty Jean Gunnell.*

He is survived by his daughters Katrina (Beth) and Ashley (Mila and Selena). His brothers Ernie, Emmett (Bonnie), and Keith. His sisters Teresa (Tim), Tami, and Tracie (Matt). And all of his nieces and nephews that he loved like they were his own.

Eric attended Farmington High School, where he met Cindy, the love of his life. They were married in 1978 and have raised two beautiful daughters. Eric worked in the world of oil field all of his life from Arco, CF&M, Conoco Phillips and Hilcorp. He enjoyed spending time with his family, his fur babies including Ozzy and Chewy and watching movies. He loved reading books on artifacts and UFO's. He spent his free time fishing and riding with his hair flying in the wind on his Harley Davidson. Dad you are now at peace and back with momma and for that we are thankful. You are our world and we are blessed to have you watching from above. You have always been our hero.

We are very thankful and blessed for all of our family and friends, especially to his special angels, who have helped, reached out, and who have loved him like we did.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later time, and we will announce the date and time when it is determined.

I did a lot of fruitless searching for the other people. I'm pretty sure that I found Matt Sorenson and Tracie Gunnell. I found an article about an Ashley Gunnell, Eric's daughter fighting breast cancer. Other than that, I found a Findagrave for Betty Jean Younger which is probably Ernest's first wife, but does not have very much information included and I have never found an obituary. Additionally, he was stepfather to Rhonda Sexton Baxter (Andy), Duane Sexton (Debbie) and Karen Sexton Andersen (Bob) who I did not explore in any detail.

Children of Ernest and Betty Younger Gunnell

891	Kathy Jean Gunnell	1952	1952	Ernest and Betty's child#1
892	Teresa Gunnell	1953		Ernest and Betty's child#2
893	Ernest Alan Gunnell	1955	2023	Ernest and Betty's child#3
894	Eric Thomas Gunnell	1959	2022	Ernest and Betty's child#4
895	Tami Gunnell	1960		Ernest and Betty's child#5
896	Tracie Gunnell	1963		Ernest and Betty's child#6
897	Emmett Gunnell	1964		Ernest and Betty's child#7
898	Evan Keith Gunnell	1967		Ernest and Betty's child#8

408 Donald Troy Gunnell 14 MAR 1933 • Anthony, NM - 6 MAY 2010 • Camp Verde, AZ

Gwen Rowland 7 FEB 1933 • Phoenix, AZ - 1 SEP 2021 • Campe Verde

Marriage: 27 Jan 1952 • Phoenix, AZ



The 2nd child born to Lorene Hudman and Ernest Gunnell was son Donald who arrived in Anthony NM on 14 Mar 1933. He appears in the 1940 and 1950 Censuses with the rest of his family, and then in 1951 he graduated from Glendale HS and his credits read:

DON GUNNELL "Soupbone"; "Reckon so"; Football Club, 3, 4; Sgt. of Arms, 4; Letterman, 3, 4; Frosh Football, 1; JV, 2; Varsity, 3, 4;

A really swell guy. Ambition: Marry Gwen. Looks like he was a jock in high school and had his eye on his future wife.

In Jan 1952, he married Gwen Rowland who was a student at rival Peoria, AZ HS. Four months after their marriage, Donald's father killed himself after murdering his wife and Don's mother. They were blessed with the following children: Bobbilyn Gunnell in 1953, Karen Gunnell in 1956, Stan Gunnell in 1957, Doug Gunnell in 1959. Donald died in 2010 and Gwen in 2021. Let's use their obituaries as a guide to their children and accomplishments.

Gunnell, Donald Troy went home to his Savior on May 6, 2010. Don was born in Anthony, New Mexico on March 14, 1933, moved to Glendale, Arizona in 1943 and settled the past 47 years in Camp Verde. Don is survived by his loving wife Gwen Rowland Gunnell, daughters Bobbilyn Moore, Karen Blevins (John), sons Stan (Jennifer) and Doug, along with 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by brothers Larry (Marcia), Jack (Mary), sister-in-law Bette Gunnell and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and aunts. Don was preceded in death by parents Ernest and Lorene Hudman Gunnell, brother Ernest, and son-in-law Michael J. Moore. God blessed many lives with Don's walk with Christ, devotion to family and friends, and generosity and service to the community.

Don's devotion to the Camp Verde Volunteer Fire Department for over 28 years was one of his greater joys. In Don's memory, his family suggests volunteering. Pay it forward in service to your church or community. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Parkside Community Church, 401 Camp Lincoln Road, Camp Verde, Arizona 86322. Arrangements were made by Bueler Funeral Home, 143 Arnold Street, Camp Verde, Arizona 86322.

From this we see confirmation of his children and learn that Bobbilyn is married to someone named Moore, Karen is married to John Blevins, Stan is married to someone named Jennifer, and Doug may not be married or perhaps divorced. His 4 kids have 12 grandchildren between them. As we saw, his

brother Ernest died before him as did Bobbilyn's husband, Michael J. Moore. We also learn that he moved to Camp Verde and served as a fireman for 28 years. Gwen's obituary in 2021 expands the knowledge.

Gwen Gunnell (Rowland) was welcomed into Heaven by Jesus on September 1, 2021. Born in Phoenix, Arizona on February 7, 1933, the family moved to Peoria AZ in the early 1940's. Gwen and her sister, Carole, enjoyed life on the Rowland family farm along with years of fun and active service at the First Baptist Church of Glendale. The year after graduating from Peoria High School in 1951, Gwen married her sweetheart, Don Gunnell, who had graduated from the rival high school in Glendale. They worked together expanding their dairy farm as well as growing their family before moving to Camp Verde in 1964. God opened many avenues of business for Gwen and Don rounding cattle on the ranch, flipping hamburgers at Don's Verde Burger, and selling property in the Verde Valley through Gunnell Realty. Camping and fishing became part of the standard family get-away. Vacation Bible School, Little League, Sunday School classes and 4-H club projects kept Gwen busy with Don alongside as they chased after their kids and poured into the lives of other boys and girls.

Gwen is loved and survived by daughters, Bobbilyn Moore and Karen Blevins (John) and by sons, Stanley Gunnell and Doug Gunnell. Her life continues to be blessed by 12 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Gwen will be missed by her sister, Carole Van Meter (Charlie), sister-in-law, Marcia Gunnell, and brother-in-law Jack Gunnell (Mary). A bushel of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends love and have been loved by "Gwennie." Preceded in death by her husband, Don, parents, Bob and Ruby Rowland, and son-in-law, Mike Moore, Gwen now experiences new adventures with loved ones in Heaven.

God blessed many lives through Gwen's walk with Jesus, her devotion to family and friends, and her generosity and service to community. Alongside the careers she and Don established in family businesses, Gwen also served as a board member on the Yavapai County Work Force Investment Board, on the Verde Valley Concert Association, as a chairperson of the Camp Verde Library Commission and served with the Arizona Library Friends. Gwen assisted in the establishment of the Camp Verde Adult Education and Enrichment Program and served as director of the Camp Verde Adult Reading Program for 20 years. She continued to treasure relationships with CVARP students, volunteers and her special ESL families through the years that followed her assistance there. Her most recent service was as chairperson of the board during the establishment of the Camp Verde Fire District. Gwen can boast, however, that the greatest accomplishments will one day be seen in the lives of her and Don's grandchildren and the many greats following them.

Gwen's family appreciates those who have reached out with condolences and memories. Grandkids have chuckled over favorite Granny moments and friends have shared special touches of Gwen. Her family thanks all for understanding their need to honor Granny later this year with a simple celebration. They also encourage those who have a relationship with Jesus to remember His promise that one day we will celebrate life with Gwen in Heaven.

This expands on the work experience of Don. In addition to being a fireman, he was a real estate broker and the family ran a dairy farm and a burger joint. I note that between 2010 and 2021, they gained 16 more great grandchildren.

Let's review the children beginning with Bobbilyn. We know that she was married to Michael Moore who died before her father in 2010. I found his obituary from 2000 which reads:

Michael John Moore went home to be with his Savior on November 19, 2000. Mike, 49, was born March 4, 1951, in Binghamton, New York, and lived in Glendale, Arizona for the past 30 years. Mike is survived by his loving wife Bobbilyn Gunnell Moore, daughters Jennifer Wilke, Amy Dobson and Lisa Moore, his grandchildren Caitlyn, Zachary and Nathan Dobson and Amelia Wilke. Mike is also survived by his mother Betty Moore, his brothers Tom, Kevin, Stephen, Mark and Peter Moore, and his sisters Gail Dale, Carla Sullivan and Nancy Clark. Many lives have been touched by Mike's walk with his Lord, his devotion to family and friends, and his love of music. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2000 at 10:00 AM at The Church at Arrowhead, 7902 W. Union Hills, Glendale, AZ 85308. A memorial Fund in honor of Mike has been established at the church to construct an outdoor facility.

Contributions may be sent to The Church at Arrowhead. Arrangements were made by Heritage Funeral Chapel, 6830 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria, AZ.

We learn that he and Bobbilyn have three married daughters, Jennifer Wilke, Amy Dobson, and Lisa Moore. I have discovered that Jennifer Jean Moore was born 27 Apr 1973 in San Antonio, TX. I have also learned that in June 1972, Bobbilyn married for the first time a young man named Alvin Turner a young man who was apparently from Arizona or California (his parents were married to others) and he was in the Army stationed at Fort Drum, New York. I don't know what happened to them because less than a year later she was giving birth to a daughter with her new husband. She must have married Michael a month after she married Alvin given the date of the birth of Jennifer. Jennifer appears to have a daughter Amelia, but that is all I know. Daughter Amy has a daughter Caitlyn and two sons, Zachary and Nathan. That's about all I can find.

My search for Karen's husband John has not been successful so I don't know if they had any children as I do not see any grandchildren with the Blevins surname. There are a lot of John Blevins that pop up in my newspaper search, but none that help be identify which is our John. The most frequent hit was from a big shootout in the wild west days of 1887 that involved a young John Blevins and his brother Sam Houston Blevins. This was in an incident called the Pleasant Valley Wars. There was also a John Blevins who had been a Vietnam POW for 4 years that was released in 1973.

Son Stanley, who may have been named after his uncle, does not have a wife mentioned. I seem to have found him getting married in 1996 when he was 39 to Jennifer Sue Sparkman who was just coming off of a 15-year marriage to Michael Delano Jordan. The only other story I found about him came from 1972 when he and a buddy got stuck in the mud on a deer hunt and were rescued fortuitously by a local lawman who said they might have been stuck until spring unless he had run across them.

The only mentions that I find of son Doug are when he was an usher at his sister's 1972 marriage to Alvin Turner and then in the obituaries.

Children of Donald and Gwen Rowland Gunnell

899	Bobbilyn Gunnell	1953	Donald and Gwen's Child#1
900	Karen Gunnell	1956	Donald and Gwen's Child#2
901	Stan Gunnell	1957	Donald and Gwen's Child#3
902	Doug Gunnell	1959	Donald and Gwen's Child#4

409 Larry Alan Gunnell 8 FEB 1939 • La Tuna, TX - 3 JULY 2020 • Glendale, AZ

Marcia Maierle 8 JUL 1938 • Michigan – Living?

Marriage: 20 Dec 1957 • Glendale, AZ



Larry was the 3rd child born to Lorene and Ernest. He was born in La Tuna which is a part of a small town called Albany right at the upper left corner of the Texas Panhandle. Coming just after the 4th of July 1938, his early years spanned the end of WW2. Sadly, when he was about 13 his parents died. I have not discovered where he and his younger brother ended up as the two older boys had recently married. I did learn that he went to Peoria HS which was where his sister-in-law, Gwen Rowland had gone, but she was 6 years older. I have not found a yearbook for that school, but there are various news articles about Larry's performance as a high school football player. Additionally, his senior year he was awarded an agricultural grant to continue his education. This announcement appeared in the 8 Dec edition of the Arizona Republic: *GLENDALÉ-Miss Marcia Maierle and Larry Gunnell, both of Glendale, have chosen Dec. 20 as the day they will wed in Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glendale. Vows for the open wedding will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Maierle, Glendale. She is attending Phoenix College, where she is secretary of Theta Chi Delta sorority.* I was hoping that it would mention his parents.

Marcia was the 4th of 5 sisters born to Joseph and Myrtle Hoganson Maierle who both had roots in Norway. Her father was an HVAC electrician and they had moved to Glendale from Michigan shortly after Marcia's birth and before the birth of her youngest sister, Mary Jo. I have not found death records for Marcia, but if she is still living, she has outlived all of her sisters - Pearl Bonnie June Maierle Foglesong

Smallridge (1929–2018). Karyl Marie Maierle Andersen 1931–2019, Jerene Beryl Maierle Shores 1933–2021, and Mary Jo Maierle Schlittenhart 1940–1999. They had some strangely named husbands in a couple of cases.

Larry died in 2020, so let's use his obituary to see what we can learn.

Larry Alan Gunnell, the best husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend that anyone could ask for, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2020 surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on February 8, 1939 in La Tuna, TX to Ernest and Lorene Gunnell. At a young age, he learned how truly important family is and he had an amazing bond with his three brothers, Ernie, Don and Jack. Through his family, he formed a passion for hunting and passed this on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Larry attended Peoria High School where he was a talented football player, president of the FFA, and formed friendships that would last him a lifetime. His years involved in the FFA inspired a love of gardening, which to this day is evident to anyone who steps foot into his backyard.

In 1957, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Marcia Maierle, and treated her like a queen for 62 years. He was a loving and patient father to Bonnie and Jon, Don and Peggy, and Dave and Peggie. He was also the most caring and silly Papa to Trista, Mandi, Jerene, Savanna, Jon-Michael, Krystle, R.J., Marci, Jeffrey, and Noelle, as well as 16 great-grandchildren. He was incredibly proud of his huge family and made sure to instill the value of tradition and unconditional love in each and every one of them.

In 1970, Larry and Marcia opened Rayne Water Systems of West Phoenix in Peoria, AZ. Through this family-owned and operated business, he was able to employ his children and many other family members so that they could care and provide for their own families. This was a true testament to the incredible family man that he was.

Larry's legacy and legendary wit will live on forever for generations to come. This isn't goodbye, it's "See you later alligator". Please join us for a Celebration of Life hosted by his grandchildren on July 11, 2020 at 5:30pm at Larry and Marcia's home in Glendale, AZ.

As an expression of sympathy and to honor the man that was Santa Claus to so many family members, please make a donation to Toys for Tots.

In looking at his children, the way I read it is that they had an older daughter Bonnie who was married to Jon, and sons Don and Dave married to Peggie and Peggy. Those kids have 10 children and 16 grandchildren between them. Let me see what I can discover.

Starting with Bonnie, I found that she married Jon D. Owen in 1982. I know that they had other children, but in 1991, they had a son. Richard Joseph Owen that died at birth just before Christmas. **Richard Joseph Owens**, the infant son of Mr. & Mrs. Jon D. Owens, of Glendale, died Dec. 16, 1991. Survivors also include his sister, Jerene Kristine, and brother, Jon-Michael. Services: 10 a.m. Thursday, 16635 N. 51st Ave., Glendale. Family Burial & Cremation Center.

I have been unable to find a marriage record for Don Gunnell to anyone, much less someone named Peggy nor a marriage of Dave Gunnell to Peggie. I did find David marrying a Debra Dean Oviatt in 1995, but that must not have lasted.

Children of Larry and Marcia Gunnell

903	Bonnie Gunnell	1959	Larry and Marcia's child#1
904	Don Gunnell	1961	Larry and Marcia's child#2
905	David Gunnell	1962	Larry and Marcia's child#3

410 Jack Stanley Gunnell Sr 25 Feb 1945 • Phoenix, AZ - 14 DEC 2024 • Glendale, AZ

Mary Rita Somers 19 JAN 1948 • Los Angeles, CA – Living

Marriage: 8 Jan 1966 • Los Angeles, CA



The youngest child of Lorene and Ernest Gunnell was son Jackie “Jack” Stanley Gunnell Sr. I bet I know one of his children’s names! He arrived 6 years after his brother Larry and would have only been 7 when his parent’s died. I found him at Glendale HS as a junior in 1963, but the 1964 yearbook is missing. It’s interesting that Larry went to Peoria HS. I wonder if they lived with different families after their parents died. It would seem that he must have graduated in 1964 and perhaps joined the service because in 1966, he married Mary Somers. Mary was the youngest child of John Joseph Somers 1904–1957 and Mary Frawley Somers 1904–1995. She had two older brothers and two older sisters Michael Somers 1937, Patrick Somers 1938, Margaret Somers 1940, and Catherine Somers 1941 so like Jack, she had older siblings and had lost her father when she was only 9. Her parents had immigrated from Ireland in 1927. I have not studied her siblings.

News articles about Jack have been slim, but I found that in 1973, they bought a house in Phoenix at 4143 Gardenia and in 1975, Jack and a friend were out horseback riding when the terrain forced them to ride into the river. His friend’s horse stepped in a hole, panicked, and the friend and horse drowned. After that I found nothing else. Jack died 4 months ago as I write this in 2025 and his obituary helps fill in the gaps.

***Jackie "Jack" Stanley Gunnell** – 79 – of Glendale, Arizona departed this life peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, December 14, 2024, bringing closure to a life well-lived. He is survived by his wife Mary Swift Gunnell. Jack and Mary shared a loving companionship of over 40 years, including 24 years of marriage. Jack leaves behind his two daughters, Lorie Rasmussen (Gunnell) and Michele Gunnell, and three stepchildren, Laurie Swift, Lisa Thul (Swift), and Larry Swift. Jack was the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, lovingly known as 'Papa Jack.' He is preceded in death by his great-grandson, Rowen Rasmussen. His grandchildren include Branden Rasmussen, Kaitlyn Rasmussen, Lindsey Sadler, Samantha Endsley (Thul), Brennen Thul, Jacob Swift, Zachary Swift, Joshua Swift, Hannah Swift, and Nathanael Swift, as well as his great-grandchildren: River Rasmussen, Eli Boykin, Lukas Jack Boykin, Chiara Nicholas, Rosemary Nicholas, Thomas Nicholas, Larkin Endsley, Emerson Endsley, Ranger Thul, and Sebastian Swift. In 2025, four new babies will be added to his list of great-grandchildren.*

Jack was born February 25, 1945, in Phoenix, Arizona to Ernest and Lorene. He learned the importance of family at a young age and was close with his three older brothers who preceded him in death: Don, Ernie, and Larry. His nieces, nephews, and extended family were a big part of his life.

Family and hard work became the foundation of Jack. He built a successful business: Gunnell Air Conditioning, which grew entirely by word-of-mouth based on his craftsmanship, honesty, and service. Through it, he not only provided for his family as a generous man, but showed the meaning of integrity, which he has passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Jack found his passion for hunting as a child from his grandfather, uncles, and brothers. As an adult, he went on many hunts with his wife, friends, and family. He enjoyed putting in for tags, scoping locations, and bringing home trophies. Jack had a soft heart and a quick wit. While he was a man of few words, his spoken words were often clever and witty. He loved a good joke and was known to pull a prank or two. He loved hosting family gatherings, with Christmas Eve being his favorite.

Jack's legacy of laughter, hard work, and love will live on. Please join us for his service on Saturday, January 4th at 11:00am at Desert Hills Mortuary and Memorial Park: 6500 E. Bell Road, Scottsdale, AZ. Graveside burial immediately following at Resthaven Park Cemetery: 6450 W. Northern Avenue, Glendale, AZ. Reception to follow at Jack and Mary Gunnell's home in Glendale, AZ.

Reading this raises a few questions. Records clearly show that he married Mary Somers in 1966, but this states that he and Mary were only married 24 years, but together for 40. These dates equate to a 2020 marriage and a relationship beginning in 1986 so this must be a different Mary. I will explore that and see if it yields any fruit. This is further cemented by the fact that his 2nd wife must have been married to someone named Swift and had two daughters and a son, Laurie, Lisa Thul, and Larry. Interesting. This

suggests that Mary Swift's children were born before 1986. I would guess as early as 1965 to 1975. So far, no luck.

I believe that I found Lorie's husband. He is Richard D. Rasmussen one of two children of Col. Robert D. Rasmussen 1936-? And Beverly Rawden Rasmussen 1940-2007. Records show that he was born in 1960 and he and Lorie married in 1991. I also found that Lorie's birth name is Lorene and that she and Michelle were born in California before Jack moved to Phoenix in 1973. That means she was named after her grandmother.

Children of Jackie and Mary Somers Gunnell

906	Lorie Gunnell	1966	Jackie and Mary Somer's child#1
907	Michele Gunnell	1969	Jackie and Mary Somer's child#2

I have not explored his step children, Laurie Swift, Lisa Thul, and Larry Swift.

This completes the exploration of Ernest and Lorene Hudman Gunnell. It was completed on 8 Apr 2025. Despite the murder of their parents, it seems that they turned out ok.

155. Stanley Clark Hudman 23 MAY 1916 • Bronte, TX - 27 MAY 1973 • San Luis Obispo, CA
Barbara Dorothy Macchiaroli 20 FEB 1921 • Los Angeles, CA - Death Unknown
Marriage: 3 Nov 1948 • Maricopa, Arizona, USA



Stanley's grave marker from Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City, CA.

Following 2 brothers and a sister, Stanley arrived after the family had moved from Mineral Wells over to Bronte. He moved with the family from Bronte in 1920 to Las Cruces in 1930 and to Glendale, AZ in 1940 where he was still at home and working as a laborer. He was working as a laborer on his father's farm, and they lived next door to the Hallmarks who was his younger cousin.

In 1940, he registered for the WW2 Draft at which time his point of contact was his father Wilburn who was living at 129 S. 2nd Street, Glendale, AZ, but he was working for his Uncle A. C. York in Yarnell, AZ who was married to his oldest Aunt Margaret Hudman Hendrix York. Like his brothers, he was a big man at 6'-2"-185lbs-brown hair-brown eyes-light complexion. There is a note on the front about his being demobilized 11/24/45. Looking at his gravestone application we note that he served in the Navy from 22 Apr 1943 to 24 Nov 1945 so that date matches.

There is a marriage license notice in the Phoenix Newspaper in 1941 where Stanley Clark and

HUDMAN BROTHERS OF ARIZONA ARE FIGHTING IN GERMANY

A Tempe, Arizona newspaper carries the article below with reference to two brothers of that city, but who are Texas-born boys. They are S.-Sgt. Jack H. **Hudman** and Stanley C. **Hudman**, sons of Wilburn P. **Hudman**, who formerly resided at Bronte and at Mineral Wells. Sgt. **Hudman** was born at Bronte and Stanley was born at Mineral Wells. They are nephews of E. W. **Hudman**. The article follows:

"A knockout blow against Germany" was the way Brigadier General Isaac W. Ott described the contribution of Staff Sergeant Jack H. **Hudman** in helpline to shatter world's records for overhauling aircraft engines at his Air Service Com-

mand depot in England. He and his fellow mechanics overhauled engines last month totaling two and a half million horsepower, the highest figure recorded since Air Service Command began operations in England.

S.-Sgt. **Hudman** prior to entering the Air Forces was a riveter here at Goodyear Aircraft. His father, Wilburn P. **Hudman**, is the fire department's relief captain.

A second son of Mr. **Hudman**

and brother to S.-Sgt. **Hudman** is Stanley C. **Hudman**, AAMM 3-c, who was recently home on a short leave. Entering the Navy in April 1943, **Hudman** has served 13 months in the Pacific. He is now stationed at San

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Helen Cook Morse bought a license. I have never found evidence that if this was our Stanley that they ever married. If he did, he must have left her behind when he left for the Navy. In looking at his military records, there for once are an abundance of records for Stanley. His service number was 8824071 and I found records for him going to initial training in San Diego in 1943 followed by additional training at the Corpus Christi Naval Air

Station. In 1943, he was serving aboard the USS Breton CVE23. In Mar 1944 he was working with the Combat Service unit, In Nov 1944, he was at the Banana River Naval Air Station in Florida. Throughout 1945, he is repeatedly reported aboard the Patrol Bombing Squadron VPB. Here is information on the USS Breton. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Breton_\(CVE-23\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Breton_(CVE-23)) and here is information about the Patrol Bombing Squadrons. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VPB-98> He was specifically listed on #98, #100, and several others. There are several interesting articles about the Banana River site which is now the location of Patrick AFB which is the prime spot that supports Cape Canaveral and rocket launches. I found this interesting article in the Bronte Enterprise Newspaper from Jan 1945. It gives some good info about Stan and Jack during the war. I never could find the end of the article to see where he was stationed.

It starts to get a little challenging at this point. I found another marriage license announcement and a marriage license for Stanley and Dorothy in Phoenix in 1948 (**Update 2025** – I noticed that the witnesses on their marriage license were his sister and brother-in-law, Ernest and Lorene Gunnell who would be dead 4 years later.) and then I find the 1950 Census showing Stanley and Dorothy with two children Helen and Robert, both born in California. This would suggest, that either Stanley had married Helen Morse in 1941 and moved to California, which didn't seem to make sense since the daughter was born in 1940 before he would have married Helen Morse. The other conclusion that I could make was that Dorothy had been previously married and that Hall was either her maiden name, or her married name. I did a lot of digging and I believe that the solution is this. I found a Barbara Dorothy Macchiaroli in California who married

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	Rock Quarry	Coconino, Arizona										
Hudman	Stanley C	Head	White	Male	33	1917	Married	Texas		40	Rock splitter	Rock Quarry
Hudman	Dorothy	Wife	White	Female	29	1921	Married	California				
Hudman	Helen	Daughter	White	Female	10	1940	Never Married	California				
Hudman	Robert	Son	White	Male	4	1946	Never Married	California				

Gordon Westley Hall in Jul 1938. They had a daughter, Rosina Helen Hall on 5 May 1939 in LA. These three then appear in 1940 in Santa Monica, CA which is where Stanley and Dorothy's marriage license says she was from. Then a son named Robert Gordon Hudman was born on 11 Nov 1945 so if we look at the 1950 Census, all of the names and ages fit the conclusions so I'm about 90% certain that I am correct. This is further cemented in a 1965 marriage of daughter Helen which I will detail in a bit. Stanley got back from the war and went to work in a rock quarry. As I read this, I'm wondering if this could be the same rock quarry where one of his cousins gets killed in 1964. Living next to him is his nephew, Lloyd Lee Hudman, the son of his older brother James T. – **UPDATE 2025** = I noticed a couple of things in this new look at information. When I looked at Helen Hall's birth record, I noticed that her mother's surname was Pinatelli and not Macchiaroli. When I plugged that name in, I found here in the 1930 Census living with her parents (Thomas and Antonette Pinatelli) at her mother's parents (Macchiaroli) house. Interestingly, she had been born 4 years before her parents married in 1925 and for some reason, she must have been left with her grandparents because in 1938 when she married, she used her grandparent's surname while her parents appear in Santa Monica in 1940 with Dorothy's 3 half-brothers and 3 half-sisters. Her parents divorced between 1940 and 1950. I then noticed that Dorothy's mother had married James Totoro in 1918 but he was marrying his 2nd wife in 1920 whereas Dorothy's mother did not marry Thomas Pinatelli until 4 years after Dorothy's birth which suggests that her true father was James Totoro.

Shortly after the 1950 Census, Stanley moves to Brentwood, CA based on a news report of Stanley and family visiting his parents in 1952. That visit was probably in conjunction with the murder of his sister, Lorene that year. He then lost his brother Albert in 1953. In searching for Stanley in California, I came across a series of articles which cemented my conclusions. In 1957, Rosina Helen Hall married John Joseph Bourget. All I have been able to find out about him is that he was a big football star at Santa Monica High School. That marriage did not last, and Rosina remarried in 1965.

MR. AND MRS. HERBERT P. HALL Helen Bourget New Mrs. Herbert Hall The marriage of Herbert P. Hall, prominent Playa del Rey and Malibu Realtor, and Helen Bourget of Mar Vista, was announced today. The double ring ceremony was performed Friday evening, Sept. 24, in Las Vegas. Michelle, young daughter of Mrs. Bourget, and Herbert M. Hall, son of Mr. Hall, were among the 30 guests who flew to Las Vegas for the event. The bride was attended by Marie Kosak and the groom by Ronald Accosta. The new Mrs. Hall is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hudman of Mar Vista. Mr. Hall is the president of the T. O. McCoye Co., Inc., of Playa del Rey and General Realty Company of Malibu. The Hall's will make their home in Malibu.

I haven't dug deeply into this, but it suggests that Helen and John had a daughter and that Herbert was also previously married. Sadly, just over a year later, Rosina passed away. I found this sad story in the Malibu Times in the Pepperdine University archives. *Helen Rosalie Hall, 27, of 19948 Pacific Coast Highway, estranged wife of Herbert Hall, died in Santa Monica hospital early Thursday morning. Her death is under investigation by the Sheriff's homicide squad. A friend of Mrs. Hall last Tuesday night*



telephoned the Sheriff's Malibu station, reporting that Mrs. Hall had just phoned her mother to say goodbye and that it was feared she planned suicide. Deputies Walter Sharpnack and Charles M. Smith went to her home and found her unconscious on the floor and with an empty glass near her hand. She was given emergency treatment at the Malibu Medical and Emergency hospital and then taken to the Santa Monica hospital. A note was found in the Hall home saying: "Herb, Thank You. Helen." Hall told deputies that he had seen his wife last Tuesday and that she seemed depressed. He said he was not

living at the Coast Highway address- The name of the potion she is believed to have taken has not been revealed by the Sheriff's department.

I'm still a little confused about son Robert's birth. As I mentioned, he was born with the last name Hudman to a mother named Macchiaroli in 1945, but Stanley and Dorothy didn't get married until 1948. I guess that it's not unheard of for a young sailor coming back after a couple of years away at war to begin a relationship and get married later. I later found that Robert died in 2005 and he and his sister/half-sister share a gravestone. I guess it's ironic that Helen began as a Hall, became a Bourget, and then ended up as a Hall.

I run out of information about Stanley and Dorothy after Helen's death in 1966 until I ran upon his obituary in 1973 which is not too informative. *HUDMAN - Stanley Clark Hudman, 57, of Los Angeles, died Sunday in Morro Bay. Services pending at the Moeller-Murphy - Moeller Funeral Home in Santa Monica. Local arrangements by Benedict-Retty Mortuary, Morro Bay.* I do not know what happened to Dorothy. Stanley was only 57 when he died, so I suspect that Dorothy may have remarried and is buried under a different name. I'm very curious what happened to Helen. Her last husband seemed to be hitting it out of the park in his real estate business and their address at the time of her death was 19550 W. Pacific Coast Highway which is a very upscale location right on the oceanfront in Malibu. I tried to track down her brother Robert and did not find much, but what I did find was not too flattering. He seems to have had multiple marriages and quite a bit of problems with the law.

Children of Stanley and Dorothy

410.2	Rosina Helen Hall	1939	1966	Barbara's child#1
411	Robert Gordon Hudman	1945	2005	Stanley and Barbara's only child

411 Robert Gordon Hudman 11 NOV 1945 • Los Angeles, CA - 2 MAR 2005 • Los Angeles, CA

I tried to do a little more digging on Robert and as I alluded to above, he seemed to have a bit of a rough life. While he was born in California, in 1963 when he was 17, he was involved in a car chase in Arizona:

WICKENBURG - A 17-year-old youth last night shot his way out of the Wickenburg police station and led officers on a wild 100 mph chase before surrendering at a road block 22 miles west of here. Police identified the youth as Robert Gordon Hudman of Venice, Calif., who they said was paroled in California on five felony convictions.

Hudman, picked up last night on suspicion of being a runaway juvenile, suddenly drew an automatic pistol, fired three shots in the office of Assistant Police Chief Bill Clawson and fled. Neither Clawson nor Patrolman Ralph Butler, the arresting officers, was hit.

A block from the police station, Hudman accosted a Wickenburg woman and took her automobile. She was identified only as Mrs. Perkins. Officers gave chase. Police Chief Dick Savage overtook Hudman 5 miles west of Wickenburg, and continued the chase at speeds up to 100 mph. Savage said the youth managed to drive at high speed for 4 or 5 miles even after a tire blew out.

The fugitive stopped 2 miles west of Aguila when confronted with a State Highway Patrol roadblock. Even then, faced by converging police, highway patrolmen and Maricopa County sheriff's deputies, the youth emerged from the car with his gun drawn, officers said. But he surrendered to Savage and Patrolman Donald Miller. He was turned over to Maricopa County juvenile authorities.

Five felonies by the time he was 17! Continuing searches, there are multiple marriages and divorces for men named Robert G. Hudman in the 1970's but it is impossible to ascertain if these are our Robert.

In Sep 1978, this article appears: *A former Chico man will be sentenced in Butte County Superior Court in Oroville on charges he twice tried to forge a prescription for a sedative. The defendant, Robert Gordon Hudman, 32, formerly of 226 W. 11th Ave, pleaded guilty to the two prescription forgery charges after Zink agreed to dismiss six other felony counts involving checks forged against Lassen Pump and Motor Works, 555 Rio Lindo Ave. Hudman, brought to Municipal Court from Shasta County Jail in Redding where was being held on other charges, was ordered to appear Sept 27 in the Oroville court.*

This was followed by: *Judge Lucian B. Vandegrift denied probation for Robert Gordon Hudman, 32, of Chico and sentenced him to 32 months in state prison on two counts of prescription forgery. Hudman pleaded guilty in Chico Municipal Court Aug. 31. Six other counts involving forged checks belonging to Lassen Pump and Motor Works, 555 Rio Lindo Ave, Chico, were dismissed.*

The judge ordered sentences of 24 and eight months on the two counts, to run consecutively. Hudman was represented by Public Defender Robert Mueller. So, it appears that Robert had some issues. He died in 2005 and I have not found an obituary, but he shares a burial plot with his stepsister Rosina Helen Hall.

156. Emma Ohmege Hudman 24 JAN 1919 • Mineral Wells, TX - 26 NOV 1921 • Mineral Wells, TX

Daughter of W. P. Hudman & Lizzie Hubbard (5th of 6 kids - one of 2 daughters)

Died of heart failure two months short of her third birthday right around Thanksgiving shortly before family moved to New Mexico. She had 3 older brothers and one older sister, and a brother was born 9 months after her death.

157. Jack Hubbard Hudman 19 JUL 1922 • Bronte, TX - 26 NOV 1967 • Tucson, AZ

Rose Barbara Sulkowski 29 AUG 1925 • Chicago, ILL – Death: Unknown

Married: about 1948 – probably Chicago – records not found

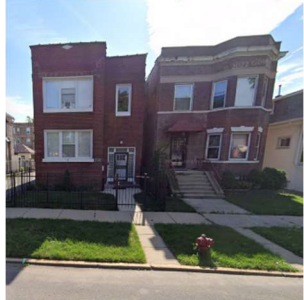


Jack's grave marker in Tucson.

The last child in the Wilburn and Elizabeth Hudman family was Jack who also arrived in Bronte before the move west. He arrived shortly after the death of his sister Emma and would have joined two older brothers and one older sister and he was 6 years younger than his next older brother. He appeared in the 1930 and 1940 Censuses with his family, the 1940 one

being after they had moved to Arizona. In 1940 with war looming, he registered for the WW2 Draft at which time he was living at home at 129 S. 2nd, Glendale, AZ and his mother was his point of contact. He was working for Goodyear Aircraft and was 19. He was 6'-2"-170lbs-grey eyes-brown hair-dark complexion. Here is a very interesting history of Goodyear Aircraft.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goodyear_Aerospace It's worth a read.



On 24 Nov 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp with serial number 39852989. I have not been as successful finding military records for Jack as I was with his brother. As we can see from the article above, Jack's background in building aircraft at Goodyear translated well to repairing and overhauling planes in England during the war. He rose to the rank of Staff SGT and was discharged in Feb 1946. I've been unable to determine exactly how he ended up in Chicago married to Rose, but that is exactly what happened. They show up in the 1950 Census living at 11401 Prairie, Chicago and the 2nd floor at age 27 and 24 with a new baby Cynthia who had been born in Oct 1949. She was not 3 as

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census		11401 Prairie Ave		Ind		Chicago, Cook, Ill						
Hudman	Jack	Head	White	Male	27	1923	Married	Texas		40	Garage Man	Express Company
Hudman	Rose	Wife	White	Female	24	1926	Married	Illinois				
Hudman	Cynthia	Daughter	White	Female	3	1947	Never Married	Illinois				

shown below. He was working as a garageman for an express company which I would guess involved repairing delivery vehicles based on his wartime experience of fixing stuff. I'm not that familiar with Chicago, but this appears to be on the south side which was made famous by Jim Croce's song "Bad Bad Leroy Brown" as in "South Side of Chicago is the baddest part of town." I don't know if it was true at this time, but Jack and his family soon departed for the warmer climes of Tucson, AZ near where much of his family lived in Glendale, but not before their 2nd child Linda Lou was born in Chicago in May 1951. I found an article from 1951 where he was buying a house in Tucson in Nov 1951.

Rose's family has been a little harder to research and I have given it a bit of a stab, but since her parents immigrated from Poland in 1902 and 1907 it gets a little tricky as there are multiple name changes that would require more detail than I am willing to devote at this point. It looks like both her mother and father had been previously married because in Rose's first census in 1930, she has 4 stepsisters while in her father's 1920 census he has a different wife and a daughter who must have stayed with her mother when they split. Her father and his 2nd wife then had Rose and another daughter Virginia who was a couple of years younger than Rose.

Shortly after his arrival in Arizona, his sister Lorene was killed by her husband, his nephew Charles Hallmark died and then his oldest brother died. Must have been a pretty rough stretch. In Oct 1953 and Jun 1958, sons Roger and Rodney joined the family. As usual, news after the 1950 Census gets harder to find. I read that in Christmas 1960, some kids lit their outdoor Christmas decorations on fire. In 1962, his father died. I ran across several articles about his kids, particularly Linda participating in gymnastics and Girl Scouts.

In 1967, Jack at the tender age of 45 passed away. His obituary reads:

HUDMAN, Jack H., 45, 5361 E. Peach, died November 26. Survived by his wife, Rose; sons, Roger Rodney, Robbin Cary; daughters, Cindy and Linda; his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hudman, Los Angeles, Calif.; brothers, Stan Hudman, Los Angeles, and J.T. Hudman, Caballo, N. M. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 28, at St. Cyril's Catholic Church.

Burial will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, November 29, at Tucson Memorial Park, East Lawn. Friends may call at Palms Mortuary Chapel, 5225 E. Speedway, after 7 p.m., Monday.

At the time of his death, Rose was only 42 and was left a widow with 4 kids ranging in age from 8 to 18. I have not found information about Rose's death, but if she is still alive, she would be 99. I found several articles about her with the latest being in 1980 when she was doing some work and training with the Red Cross. At that point she was 54 and had not remarried.

In looking at the children, it looks like Cynthia married Robert Kern from Texas in 1971 and they appear to have lived in Washington State and Alaska at various times. I'm not sure what happened to Linda, but she seems to have had an accident that left her disabled. In 1987 she was reportedly active in helping other disabled people overcome their challenges. In 1977, son Roger married Barbara Satour, a young lady from Texas, born to a Texas girl and a father who immigrated from Frankfurt Germany in 1952 having been born right before WW2 and having survived that catastrophe. I have not found any news about Robin.

Children of Jack and Rose Hudman

412	Cynthia Hudman	1949	Jack and Rose's child#1
413	Lynda Lou Hudman	1951	Jack and Rose's child#2
414	Roger Hudman	1953	Jack and Rose's child#3
415	Robin Hudman	1958	Jack and Rose's child#4

This completes the study of the descendants of Wilburn and Elizabeth Hubbard Hudman. By my count, they had 6 children and 21 grandchildren. They had their share of tragedies. I was struck by the size of all of the boys and the fact that heart problems seemed to run in the family. This study was completed on 18 Sep 2024. If you have any corrections or additions, do not hesitate to contact me at rbills_houston@yahoo.com.



This is their house at 5361 E. Peach where they seem to have lived for many years.

I did one last search for Rose and encountered the inspiring story below about daughter Linda from 2005 in Tucson. Rose was still alive and kicking. Linda was stricken in 1960 which was before her father's death in 1967, but it looks like she and Rose took care of one another after his death.

Opinion by Bonnie T J Henry



Jeffrey Scott / Arizona Daily Star
Tae kwon do instructor Lynda Hudman defends against a punch from Emma Harness, 4.

Wheelchair? So what? It's no biggie to black belt nothing seems to get this woman down. At 19, Lynda Hudman was hit with a rare blood pressure malady that put her in a hospital sling hanging upside down for 14 months. It also put her in a wheelchair for life. "When I stand up for long, my blood pressure plummets and I pass out," says Hudman, 53, a former physical education major and gymnast who had dreamed of competing in the Olympics.

Time spent in the sling to let the blood rush to her head, heart surgery and a compression suit helped get her home, the one she still shares with her mom, Rose Hudman, now 80. Soon as she got home, Lynda started thinking about taking in kids. Oh, not just any kids. Kids who had been severely abused. "I've gotten them from the worst situations imaginable," says Lynda. Four of those kids now ages 5 to 23 she wound up adopting.

Two others, both grown, still call her "Mom." "I've always dreamed of having kids in my life," Lynda says from her Midtown home one cluttered with everything from toys to camping equipment to Tae Kwon Do mats and boards.

The Tae Kwon Do stuff comes courtesy of Lynda's livelihood: Hudman's Tae Kwon Do. A fifth-degree black belt one she earned from that wheelchair Lynda has been teaching the discipline for 20 years. It began in 1980, when 'as program director for the Very Special Arts Festival, Lynda went looking for exhibitions featuring the disabled. Her hunt led to her to a local Tae Kwon Do

studio. "They told me they had no one disabled but that they would teach me." Kicks, jumps, breaking boards she learned it all from the wheelchair. "As I went up in the higher ranks, I learned to raise myself on the chair wheels to get my butt up so I could kick." For running jumps, she did a dive roll out of the chair. "As long as I stay low, I can do it," says Lynda. "I just can't have my head up high." After earning her first black belt in 1983 (she's going for her sixth-degree in November), Lynda decided to teach. First came certification.

"I put in 200 hours of training in Tucson and then went to a camp in Little Rock. It was just like boot camp." She did it all from the wheelchair, including rolling her chair backward up a hill and passing written, physical and Lynda Hudman conducts a class in Reid Park. The building where she held classes has been sold, and she had to vacate. Now she's looking for new quarters where she can teach Tae Kwon Do.

412 Cynthia Sue Hudman OCT 1949 • Illinois - Living

Robert Craig Kern 1 SEP 1946 • Cameron, TX – Living



As I mentioned above, my information on the children is a bit sketchy, but I will share what I have found. The oldest daughter, Cynthia was born in Illinois before the family moved to Tucson around 1951 Linda's birth. I found Cynthia as a freshman at Saltpointe Catholic School in 1964 which would have put her on track for a 1967 graduation, but that yearbook is missing. In 1971, she and Robert Kern took out a marriage license and were presumably married. Robert had been born in Texas to Frederick Kern and Marjorie Young Kern. Robert had an older brother that was born in 1943, and his mother died shortly after his birth. His father married Angela Testin and they had two more sons and a daughter. His father was an air traffic controller and when he died in 1999, Robert was living in Hawaii. A rather sad side story revolves around his father's death (Robert's grandfather) in 1953 when Frederick had a younger brother in the military and he was heading home for their father's funeral when his car was sideswiped and he was killed.

In their early years, Cynthia and Robert went into business with her brother Roger and his wife Barbara. The details of that business are shown below. It's interesting that the Peach Street address pops up as that is where the family lived when Jack died in 1967.

Articles of Incorporation of Hudman Stone Company, Inc.

Article I

Name: The name of the Corporation shall be Hudman Stone Company, Inc.

Article II

Purpose: The purpose for which this corporation is organized is the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona, as they may be amended from time to time.

Article III

Initial Business: The corporation initially intends to mine and sell dimension stone.

Article IV

Authorized Capital: The corporation shall have authority to issue one million (1,000,000) shares of common stock of the par value of one (\$1.00) dollar per share.

Article V

Statutory Agent: The name and address of the Initial statutory agent of the corporation is:

Roger R. Hudman,
5361 E. Peach Street,
Tucson, Arizona 85712

Article VI

Board of Directors: The initial Board of Directors will consist of four (4) directors. The persons who are to serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Roger R. Hudman - 9640 W. Picture Rocks Rd., Tucson, Az. 85704

Barbara Hudman - 9640 W. Picture Rocks Rd., Tucson, Az. 85704

Robert C. Kern - 5361 E. Peach Tree, Tucson, Az, 85712

Cynthia S. Kern - 5361 E. Peach Street, Tucson, Az. 85712

The Directors are also the Incorporators.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1980

/s/Roger R. Hudman

/s/Barbara Hudman

/s/Robert C. Kern

/s/Cynthia S. Kern

(Roger R. Hudman), having been designated to act as Statutory Agent hereby consent to act in that capacity until removed or resignation is submitted in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes.

/s/Roger R. Hudman

Publish: Tucson Citizen

February 16, 17, 18, 1981

Robert and Cynthia appear in the residence search various times in Fairbanks, AK and Hawaii, but I have not found anything definite about them or any mention of children.

413 Lynda Lou Hudman 20 MAY 1951 • Illinois - Living



Lynda Hudman: "I had this idea that if you're a loving parent everything is going to be okay."

Linda was born in Illinois right before the family moved to Tucson. She grew up normal, athletic, very much into gymnastics and was aspiring to go the Olympics when in 1970, when she was 19, she was stricken with a rare disease that caused her to pass out. It was extremely low blood pressure. She did not let it get her down and as I detailed above has led a very inspirational life despite her disability. At the risk of going overboard, I'm going to share this entire story. It brought tears to my eyes. It is from the Tucson Weekly in 2020.

"What can you say to a girl who asks, 'Where is my mom?'"

Well, one thing you don't say is she tried to kill you.

Other than the victims, who can begin to understand the internal traumas of abused children, born addicted, or into bone-breaking beatdowns, rapes and tortures, as intimately as the mother who took them in? Whose hands soothe feverish skin, soothe despairing recall, soothe desperate hearts racing in fright and aloneness?

I know nothing of it and cannot begin to understand the deviant nature and horror of a man or woman wrecking cruelty upon a child or baby. Neither you or I can put ourselves in any child's place.

All told, five daughters and the son of another, products of varying horrors, were fostered and adopted by 69-year-old Lynda Hudman as babies or little children. Listening to their early year biographies becomes a kind of non-fiction horror porn that rises from some veiled place inside and overtakes anything pure, where everything good threatens to wilt and die. Hudman is a black belt in combating such feelings. In fact, she owns a number of black belts, a martial-arts master, no small feat for a woman who has spent much of her adult years in a wheelchair.

It is a warm, breezeless Friday afternoon in November, and Hudman, with tremendous long gray hair and Joni Mitchell bangs, is sitting at a front yard shaded table with her 20-year-old adopted son, Daniel.

Hudman just ended a pandemic-era, remote-teaching session for her two boy grandchildren to whom she is now legal guardian, and grade-school books are stacked neatly here.

The looming pine tree above us is mighty, aged and rare, leans and hangs on, and reaches three stories up, the tallest goddamned tree in the neighborhood. It was first a Christmas tree, planted in the early 1970s, its roots so powerful the house's foundation is beginning to lift, a parallel to the familial drive in its shade. Hudman talks of planting the tree with her own two siblings and dad, a man she watched die of a heart attack in the kitchen when she was 16. It is the house Hudman grew up in, her own mother and father purchased it upon construction in 1951, after moving here from Illinois. A brick-solid place in near-east Tucson in a neighborhood of safe, kept houses.

Hudman is the adoptive mother of Jessica (Clover), a woman I wrote about in my last column (Tucson Salvage, Nov. 5), now living on the streets. Jessica was a child left to die; beaten, shoved into a drawer as a baby. She was taken in by Hudman at 9 months old, through social service center Casa de los Niños. In that story, Jessica could only profess her love for Hudman.

"All of them were tough," Hudman says. "They had to be for what they went through. That's not to say there were points when I didn't want to just give up. At least I know I've given them the best I could for as long as I could, until they are 18. With Jessica, there wouldn't have been a home for her, she was just out of control. She would work her way out of the car seat and try to jump out of the moving car, many times.

"Jessica's sons are futilely out of control," she continues. "What I can do is offer love and patience."

Hudman in her car sometimes spots Jessica on the street, and it fills her with a profound sense of loss, sadness and untenable emotional responses. She never thought it would come to this. How did this woman she loved and raised wind up living rough? Well, there is an X-factor, there was trauma and likely brain damage from baby beatings and horrible men. There were choices too and everyone involved suffered.

Hudman shakes her head, understanding intuitively the truth of the common drug-counseling trope: You have to cut them loose.

"I'll go through a leap of emotions with her, for all of the children. Her siblings are angry, and I'll take that on. But there is overall sadness, sadness that her boys have so much hurt."

She adds, "I've come further with Jessica. She was a reader, and we have her roomful of books. Yet she needed so much."

Hudman's children were filled with love and opportunities, at the very least weapons against suffering life on the streets. She did everything humanly possible for Jessica: hospitals, doctors, support, care of her children. The last person to let her go was mom, two years ago. Beyond stealing her siblings' valuables to sell, and manipulations, Jessica's internals manifested into the unlivable, and she dived headlong into a life in which she could answer to no one, a longing for autonomy with a meth elixir. She does not know how to exist.

"She'd wave me down on the street and say she was dying, and that would weigh me down. I'd bring her food, things to help, we'd put together boxes and go to meet her where she'd say she'd be and she would never show up. I'd hunt her down when I'd get her social security notices, money that she needs, every alley, every street. She is invisible until she wants to be found."

The Hudman front yard is all kid-joy, an enclosed trampoline, plastic guns strewn about, a busted wheelchair fashioned into a toy vehicle, and a homemade scare scene still greeting visitors days after

Halloween, a blanketed zombie and a fright-face skull sit in chairs beneath stringed lights. A home with many pets, a snake, rabbit, dogs, turtles.

"This ground under here," Hudman says stomping her foot, "is buried with so many animals."

The screen door swings open and one of Jessica's boys hops outside from the house, stops, greets us and looks to grandma for permission to hop on the trampoline. This son is a child born of rape. He is a handsome happy boy, he is polite to me, and shy. To me as to Hudman and the family, the boy is a beautiful thing in this world.

Hudman grins as he speeds to the trampoline. When Hudman smiles it feels like reward. It is a break of calm, and life's grim absurdities sometimes bring tears along with it. Sometimes the tears precede a laugh, which works like a guardian of her heart. The laughs bring sparkle to her very tired blue eyes, the years and the traumas she has made her own, for her children, because of her children. The PTSD, the horrific recalls, the acting out, the irrational rages. You love them with everything you have and then tap into some unseen source and never give up, she tells me, because the children are her own. The love is too great so there is no other possibility.

"I was so naïve. I had this idea that if you're a loving parent everything is going to be okay." Hudman laughs. "I had no idea the issues and heartaches. Your heart is the same, when they push you away. Leaving home, relationships."

There are no well-established procedures, she says. Each kid is tended to in a different way, yet despite wide age differences, their bond lasts, they "can finish the other's thoughts."

Gem steps into the yard, backpack, earbuds, cropped, purple-streaked hair, and a smile, returning from a bus ride to her volunteer job at Our Place Clubhouse, a mutual-support community for adults in mental-health recovery.

She is 39 now. All of Hudman's children are grown, the oldest is 40 and Daniel the youngest. Gem and Daniel live at home.

It is difficult to believe Gem survived. She was 4 years old and weighed all of 15 pounds when first lifted into Hudman's arms, wrapped in a body cast for the broken bones. Yes, 15 pounds, Hudman says, "like a 6-month-old."

Gem's biological parents kept her caged, beaten and starved. No one knew she existed. The question of why goes unanswered, in this conversation or anywhere.

"She was this little itzy-bitsy thing, with hair down to here," Hudman says, and reaches to touch her lower back. "She was a doll, and a fighter. Everybody fell in love with her. Her capacity to love, to be very kind and caring taught me everything."

Part of Gem's therapy growing up was driving by the old torture house, in rural Marana, AZ. Remembering how her biological brother, a young boy, tried to save her by sneaking her food, how her sister participated in the abuse. The parents never went to jail.

Hudson remembers once attending a carnival and Gem's biological mother appeared. Little Gem was on a ride. The mother hissed ugly words behind Hudman's back, "compacting hate," as she calls it. Gem noticed her too, turned white, frozen in terror.

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Three Hudmans (from left) Daniel, Gem and Lynda.

Three of Hudman's daughters either declined or were not available to be included in this story, including Daniel's mother. Two are married and with children and are doing very well.

"Jessica and Daniel's mother were the hardest," Hudman says. Now Daniel's biological mother is also his sister, that is, each were adopted by Hudman. Hudman talks of the prostitute mother of one she adopted, a lot lizard who offered up her toddler to truckers.

Daniel was born in jail addicted to meth. Biological mom's arrest record included prostitution, trafficking, drugs. He has suffered from acute anger and debilitating mood swings. He laughs, "Yeah, I'm a meth baby."

Daniel is particularly self-aware, and self-responsible, speaks perfect sentences with well-chosen words, a savvy, smart kid who was taking apart and fixing computers at 10 years old. Sideburns, trimmed afro with a hint of premature gray, he is slim and urbane like a young Bill Withers in up-to-the-moment attire. He's mixed-race, part Black, part Cuban, part white, identifies as Black. ("I'm colorblind," he says about race. "These days it isn't really about racism, it's more like whoever is offended by what. I'm more offended by white people lecturing others on racism. If you are a bad person, you are a bad person.") He's in a role of big brother to the two boys, a protector. He radiates an inner-pride, knowing what he has seen and what he has overcome, a sense that goes beyond conscious thought. Daniel is therefore very kind and accommodating.

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Daniel Hudman at home.

"When mom got arrested, she was with my biological father, this charismatic Cuban guy, in route to murder someone in a drug deal," Daniel says. "When puberty hit, a predetermined genetic disorder needing every addiction took over." Daniel went from a 4.0 GPA to getting kicked out of one school, entering another and skipping out on high school altogether.

"The battle for me was not getting dragged into gang life." The route dead-ended when he witnessed a kid get shot in the face and die in front of him.

"Relative struggle I understand but I didn't when I was younger," he says. "I remember in school this kid was hurting because his parents were getting divorced, and I thought, if he would just stop for three seconds, and think—I'm put-together now, but man, then my sister just tried to commit suicide, my real dad is in prison, my biological mom was addicted and in jail when I was born and I could go on and on about what I thinking." He looks to Hudman, says, "She, my mom would talk me through it. It took a while to let go of the anger."

Hudman smiles. "You were my easy child." Daniel's biological mother and adoptive sister is well now, two years sober, and the two get along. She was out of his life for years.

Daniel works a good-paying gig for Amazon. He's saving to move out with his girlfriend and to enroll in cybersecurity engineering school.

The other grandson steps outside. He is lanky, handsome, in a Nobody Freakin' Cares Alien T-shirt, and shows off a curiosity with lizards, and the one he owns, a prehistoric-looking bearded dragon.

Daniel adds as the boy walks off, "he has seen some stuff."

A hummingbird flies around a mesquite tree, which Daniel and mom admire, so familiar to them it should have a name. Mom says the hummingbirds are "our family angels."

"If there is an injured bird here," Daniel adds, "she will nurse it back to health."

Daniel moves to the house and returns proudly with an aviator-astronaut G-suit, designed to prevent black-outs caused by pooling blood in the lower part of the body, to stop blood deprivation to the brain. NASA created this suit for Hudman when she was in her early 20s.

Fostering and then adopting traumatized children is one thing. Try it when you are physically restricted.

At 19, in college, Hudman began suffering dizziness and headaches, which led to fainting.

Cardiologists in Tucson thought it myxoma, a noncancerous heart tumor, but that wasn't it. It is a rare form of ischemia, where not enough blood gets to her brain.

Flummoxed doctors sent Hudman to specialists in Maryland and Iowa. She had two open-heart surgeries by her 21st birthday, which did little to nothing to help.

She was an Evel Knievel fan. In 1972, Knievel visited her at the UA medical center, and funded an ambulance and medical staff to take her to see him jump at Tucson Dragway. On a stretcher, Hudman had the drag strip's best view. He kissed her goodbye after the event.

Her one true love would visit her after her surgeries, but decided it was too tall an order to continue with a woman in a wheelchair. Hudman was so brokenhearted she stayed single, meanwhile forced to hang upside down in her spacesuit for 14 months, even to sleep.

Hudman was a star gymnast at Salpointe High School. The physical grace and physical-force part of who she was and still is led to later attempt to earn her physical ed degree at UA. A dream stymied by discrimination, a woman in charge then said a person in a wheelchair would be a "disgrace" to the top-rated program. Hudman shakes her head, "It was a different time."

Hudman began thinking of fostering and adopting children at 29, but figured there was no way she could, an unmarried woman in a wheelchair living with her mother. The hoops to jump through were many.

She laughs, "I had to talk my mom into it. It was basically her house!"

Wheelchair odds be damned, Hudman at the same time embraced martial arts and rolled up to a taekwondo instructor, explained her gymnastics background and he said "Okay, we'll give it a shot."

Hudman had no idea what other students were thinking. The first time she was told to get down and do pushups, she knew she'd be treated like everybody else.

She'd bring her first adopted child Gem to her classes — in her body cast — and set her down to watch. "Soon she'd be crawling on her elbows."

By 1984 Hudman was teaching taekwondo, from a wheelchair—she can walk now but can't stand still to teach or she'll likely pass out. The money helped. She taught the entire family, even her mother Rose who eventually earned her black belt. Hudman has her own studio (Hudman's Taekwondo, shuttered now for COVID) under the N.T.F.A. (National Taekwondo Federation of America) umbrella. It is the taekwondo

philosophy of existing harmoniously in the world, one traced back to the Buddhists, that drew her in. The physical, mental and spiritual trip to a "Mastery of Self." This was a key to helping her children.

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Lynda Hudman: "I had this idea that if you're a loving parent everything is going to be okay."

Hudman says, "Teaching them martial arts really helped with the traumas."

Rose stood amiably by her daughter with a firm hand as she created a family, one child at a time. Through elementary, middle and high schools, twice-a-year camping trips, mental health experts, joys and losses, and doctors and behavioral medications, suicide attempts and Christmases. Rose is now 95, still occupies a section of the house. Rose, Hudman says, is a champion cutter of coupons. The family has always been financially strapped, coupons come in handy.

A few afternoons later we are inside Hudman's home, Daniel's girlfriend is taking Jessica's two boys fishing at Lakeside Park, as soon as one finishes his schoolwork, which is problematic; 15 minutes on a computer is all he can handle in one sitting. The other boy is in and out, and Hudman is day-caring one of her other grandchildren. Native American folk art and myriad family photos decorate chartreuse-green walls, a well-aged standup piano with ivories worn to the wood of a million kid finger plunks. Grand matriarch Rose is in the kitchen, diminutive and unhurried, perhaps looking through coupons, before retiring to her half of the house. There is chaos, it is family, and it gusts on.

Trooper, a 4-year-old mixed dog, noses this new visitor and soon curls next to Hudman on the couch. Listens as she talks of her children's horrors returning in force when puberty hit, to haunt them, in different ways. Yet her presence calms, her articulation is soft, barely discernable over household ruckus. Here is certain dignity too, even as she demonstrates a taekwondo move with her arms, and she is one of the most powerful women I have ever met. Daniel says the same thing. Counselors and mental health experts said at least one of her children would be better suited to a mental health rehab home, until they visited Hudman's. Is it any wonder? This home, whose foundation is lifted by family, and by the giant unending pine tree out front with its indifference to the odds.

414 Roger Rodney Hudman 3 OCT 1953 • Tucson, AZ - Living

Barbara Ann Satour 25 SEP 1956 • Webb, TX - Living

Marriage: 20 Aug 1977: Tucson, AZ



Roger was born in Tucson shortly after the family moved from Illinois. I found him graduating from Salpointe High School in 1971. His credits were pretty slim, but as the man of the house after his father died, I'm sure that a lot of responsibility landed on him to help out. I found a couple of articles about him working as a paramedic including a harrowing incident where he and a partner were called to a domestic abuse situation where the husband had shot his wife with a 38 special, and despite the husband still being there, waving the gun around and threatening violence, Roger and his partner calmly went about saving the woman's life.

In 1977, he and Barbara Satour got married. I previously mentioned that her father was a young German man who was born in Frankfort in 1931, so he was raised during the rise of Hitler and survived WW2. I bet he had a lot of stories. In 1954, he enlisted in the US Air Force and immigrated to the US where he promptly married a Texas girl while in training and had three daughters. Her is an account of the wedding:

Barbara A. Satour and Roger R. Hudman were married Aug. 20 at St. Cyril's Catholic Church. The bride, daughter of Raynard and Eva Satour, 8427 E. Eli St., graduated from Sahuaro High School and attended the University of Arizona. She is employed at Business Information Systems at the UA.

The bridegroom, son of Jack and Rose Hudman, 5361 E. Peach St and the late Mr. Jack Hudman, graduated from Salpointe High School and attended Pima Community College. He is employed by the Tucson Fire Department as a paramedic.

Honor attendants were Rejeanne Satour, Robin Hudman and Cindy and Bob Kern.

We see that Rose is still living on Peach St. The attendants included Barbara's sister, Roger's little brother, and his older sister and brother-in-law.

Of course, from the information above, we note that Roger and the Kern's started Hudson Stone in 1981. From what I can tell, he was still running it as recently as 2006 although Cindy and Robert Kern had moved on. I have not found definitive evidence, but I think that his brother Robin worked for him.

The last mention I found of Roger was this from 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (For Publication)

In the Matter of the Estate of:

MYRLE KATHLEEN BESIO

Date of Birth: 10/23/45 Deceased

NOTICE IS GIVEN that ROGER R. HUDMAN has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim to the Personal Representative or his/her attorney at the address listed below.

DATED: 4/30/18 /s/ Roger Hudman

I suspect that Myrle may have been one of his employees, but I could not find any other information.

415 Robin C Hudman 25 JUN 1958 • Tucson, AZ - Living



There is not much information on Robin. He was born in 1958 in Tucson and was 9 when his father died. He was a freshman at Catalina High School in 1973 so I presume that he graduated in 1976. He shows up as an attendant at his brother's wedding in 1977. I am struck by the fact that in his father's obituary, he is referred to as Robbin Cary which leads me to believe that he was likely adopted. Searching the newspapers for Rob Hudman, I encounter a lot of ads like this:

FLAGSTONE Spec: patios, walkways ... 20 yr exp. Rob Hudman/unlicensed, 790-3905

This wraps up my analysis of the Wilburn Phineas and Elizabeth Hubbard Hudman family. They had quite a diverse family with some really good folks and a few bad apples. This was completed on 9 Apr 2025.
