

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

### 42. Harriette Faye Hudman 27 SEPT 1895 • Mineral Wells, TX - 9 JAN 1961 • Mesa, AZ

Eugene Percival Laird 30 JUN 1895 • Tempe, AZ - 26 NOV 1978 • Los Angeles, CA

Marriage: 04 Dec 1914 • Phoenix, Maricopa, AZ



Harriette's grave marker from Findagrave. I haven't found Eugene's but the note on her page says that they were divorced. I haven't confirmed that yet, but maybe by the end of this investigation.

Harriette was the 6<sup>th</sup> child of 10 born to Phineas and Cordelia in addition to the first 5 half-brothers. She was the youngest girl with in a family with 11 sons and 4 daughters. I haven't figured out exactly how she at 19 ended up in Arizona in 1914 to marry Eugene, but nonetheless, she did. Her mother died a year after she got married. It was probably related to her older sister Margaret having moved there. In 1910, she was the oldest remaining child still at home with 4 younger brothers and 96-year-old grandfather and her parents.

### Children of Harriette and Eugene Laird

166	Eugene Percival Laird Jr	1918	1998	Harriet and Eugene's Child#1
167	Wanda Rose Laird	1920	2006	Harriet and Eugene's Child#2
168	Robert Larry Laird	1931	2004	Harriet and Eugene's Child#3

### 166. Eugene Percival Laird Jr 5 NOV 1918 • Mineral Wells, TX - 19 NOV 1998 • Tempe, AZ

Virginia Grace Kortsen 28 MAY 1920 • Tempe, AZ - 9 JUN 2010 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 10 Dec 1939 • Maricopa, AZ



Grave markers from Findagrave

Eugene Jr. was the first child born to Harriett and Eugene Sr. He arrived in Mineral Wells in Nov 1918 before the family's move to AZ. They must have moved right after his birth because in Nov 1919, Harriet entered

Eugene in a "Perfect Baby" contest in Tempe, and he came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A-1 – Boys 6-12 months. Here is the criteria for judging: *In the rigid examination given him and all the babies entered in the contest Edward passed the standard set by the United States Public Health service, which means that his eyes, ears, nose, throat and the shape of his body are all perfect. His mind, too, was found quick and intelligent.* Right after his 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, he was reported to be very ill. In 1920, he was joined by his sister Wanda. In 1926, when his Uncle Phineas was murdered in Texas, his mother bundled up the two children and traveled with her sister, Bessie back to Texas to help out their sister-in-law, Carrie with her 5 children. They reportedly spent several months there and brought back Thora and Ruby. A little brother, Robert, joined the family in 1931.

In 1939, Eugene married Virginia Korsten. They applied for and got their license on 9 Dec 1939 and were married on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> per the newspaper report of their marriage. Eugene and Virginia appear together in the 1940 Census living at 1001 ½ Maple Ave, Tempe and Eugene was delivering groceries while Virginia was a beautician. Both had graduated from high school. While that address seems to still exist, there are so many trees in front of the house, that a good photo is not possible.

Looking at Virginia, I find that she was the oldest child of Andreas and Mary Korsten. Andreas had immigrated from Denmark in 1911 and Mary was from South Dakota. She had 3 younger brothers and 1 younger sister. Her youngest brother was born in 1933 just before her father died in 1935 from a ruptured liver leaving her mother a widow with 5 children from 2 to 15. I imagine a lot of help was expected from her by her mother in helping with her siblings. Her mother does not appear to have remarried and lived until 1987.

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	1001 1/2 Maple	Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona	Rented		25							
Laird	Eugene P	Head	Male	White	21	1919	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Texas	No	Retail Grocery Deliv
Laird	Virginia A	Wife	Female	White	19	1921	Married	No	High School, 4th year	Arizona		Bedutician

In Oct 1940, Eugene registered for the address and still had the same address. He was 21 and Virginia was his point of contact at the same address. He worked for Simpson's Market. He was 5'-11 1/2"-blue eyes-red hair-light complexion. On 26 May 1943, he enlisted in the Army in Phoenix. The form indicated that his residence at the time was Alameda, CA. His serial number was 39860074. I haven't been able to find military records of his service, but I did find this news article from July 1945. *Pfc. Eugene P. Laird has been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement while helping to build a bridge over a river in Northern Luzon under constant enemy fire. Assigned to the 37th Division, Private Laird has been overseas for nearly two years. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Laird, and his wife, Mrs. Virginia Laird, live in Tempe.*

This would suggest that after his enlistment in May 1943, he must have done some quick training before being deployed. I don't know how he ended up in the 37<sup>th</sup> Division as it was a National Guard Division from Ohio called the Buckeye Division. You can read about it here. The WW2 section describes the fierce fighting in The Philippines which is where Eugene earned his Bronze Star.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/37th\\_Infantry\\_Division\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/37th_Infantry_Division_(United_States))

The 1950 Census found Eugene and Virginia living at 1127 N. Hwy 60 in Tempe. Eugene was working at a drugstore and Virginia was still working at a Beauty Shop. A daughter, Kristen had arrived in 1948 after his return from the war. Virginia's widowed mother and her youngest brother lived with them.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	1127 No Highway 60	Tempe, Maricopa, Arizona										
Laird	E P	Head	White		31	1919		Texas			Drug Store	Drug Store
Laird	Virginia	Wife	White		28	1922	Married	Arizona	No		Beauty Operator	Beauty shop
Laird	Kristin	Daughter	White	Female				Arizona				
Kortson	Mary	Mother-in-law	White		49	1901		North Dakota	No			
Kortson	Harold P	Son	White	Female	17	1933	Widowed	Arizona	No			

As usual, after 1950 news gets a little sparse. I decided to give Google a try and see what popped up and it was enlightening. In my earlier examination of Eugene's father, I did not dig as deeply as I should have into Eugene Sr's siblings. When I did, I discovered some very interesting things that explain why Eugene Jr was working at a drugstore in 1950. It seems that he had two uncles, William and Claud who owned a big drugstore called Laird and Dines. (photo below) His oldest Uncle, Hugh Laird, served as the



Mayor of Tempe from 1928-1930 and 1948-1960. This link will take you to the Tempe Museum which has some wonderful photos of most of the family members and properties. I think that I had mentioned his Aunt Minnie was married to famous cartoonist. She sadly passed away in 1942. The 2<sup>nd</sup> link is to her husband's work.

<https://emuseum.tempe.gov/search/Laird>

[https://www.lambiek.net/artists/s/scott\\_roland\\_j.htm](https://www.lambiek.net/artists/s/scott_roland_j.htm)

Taking a quick look at the children. From obituaries, I have learned that Eugene and Virginia had at least 4 children. This would include Kristine Laird in 1948, Clifford Stacey Laird in 1951, Karen Laird in 1953, Madelynn Laird in 1955. Of these children, Kristine married Carmon Rowen in 1971 and

then she recently passed away in 2024. Clifford married Vonda Geraldine Leichliter around 1975 and had at least 4 children before he died in 2008 and Vonda died in 2019. I haven't sorted out all of their children. Karen married someone named Christenson who I have not found and Madelynn married someone named Fenske who I have not found.

Eugene died in 1998 and his obituary reads:

*Eugene P. Laird, 80, of Tempe, owner of Gene's Liquor, died Nov. 19, 1998. He was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, and was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include his wife, Virginia G.; daughters, Kristine Rowen, Karen Christensen and Madelynn Fenske; son, Clifford; sister, Wanda Marsiglia; brother, Robert; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.*

*Services: 11 a.m. Monday, Green Acres Mortuary, 401 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale, with visitation an hour before. Contributions: Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014, or Kidney Foundation of Arizona, 41208 E. Indian School Road, Suite 140, Phoenix, AZ 85018.*

I have not found Virginia's obituary, but she died in Phoenix on 9 June 2010. Her youngest brother, Harold had died the year before in Gilbert, AZ and mentioned that she was in Phoenix at that time. She was 90 and probably in a nursing home near one of her children.

### Children of Eugene and Virginia Korsten Laird

415	Kristine Laird	1948		Eugene and Virginia Child#1
416	Clifford Stacey Laird	1951	2008	Eugene and Virginia Child#2
417	Karen Laird	1953		Eugene and Virginia Child#3
418	Madelynn Laird	1955		Eugene and Virginia Child#4

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**167. Wanda Rose Laird** 3 AUG 1920 • Tempe, AZ - 20 SEP 2006 • Colorado Springs, CO

#1 Lloyd Elton Simmons 29 MAY 1912 • Dardanelle, AR = 26 DEC 1988 • Phoenix, AZ

Marriage: 18 Dec 1938

#2 Ernest Vance Cluff 21 AUG 1923 • Mesa, AZ - 4 JUL 1983 • Mesa, AZ

Marriage: Marriage: 30 Jun 1941 • Florence, AZ

#3 Sam Richard Marsiglia 30 SEP 1913 • Los Angeles, CA - 15 JAN 1984 • Los Angeles, CA

Marriage: 17 Aug 1945 • Maricopa, AZ



Wanda from her first wedding announcement. Ernest and Sam from FamilySearch.

While her big brother was born in Texas, the Lairds were back in AZ in 1920 when Wanda arrived right after the 1920 Census, so her first appearance in a census is not until 1930. Looking back, and having learned about the prominence of the

Laird's in Tempe, it appears that her mother Harriet had gone to be with her mother for the birth of Eugene, but stayed in Tempe for Wanda's birth. It didn't take Wanda long to start making news. This article appeared in 1921. *Painfully Burned Little Wanda Rose, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Laird, was painfully though not seriously burned last Saturday night when she fell into a small tub of hot water. She was immediately given medical attention and is getting along very nicely.* Then two years later she made headlines again when this happened: *Bitten By Dog The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Laird was bitten by a stray dog this week. The dog was killed and a test made. It was found that the dog had rabies and the girl is being given the Pasteur treatment.*



Rather a tough start in life. The following year when her Uncle Phineas was murdered in Texas, she and her brother went with their mother and aunt to Texas to help out Carrie, Phineas' widow. They were back in Tempe for the 1930 Census and her father was working for the post office. In 1931, she was joined by a little brother, Robert who was 11 years younger. I don't find much about her until this wedding announcement appears in 1938. *Marriage Told: MRS. LLOYD A. SIMMONS The marriage of Miss Wanda Rose Laird and Lloyd A. Simmons, which took place in Florence December 3, was announced at a party given by Mrs. Eugene Laird, mother of the bride, Mrs. Hugh Laird, an aunt, Mrs. C. Edward Simpson, a cousin, and Miss Cleo Clark yesterday afternoon in the Hugh Laird home in Tempe. The bride is a member of pioneer Arizona family and graduate of Tempe Union HS. Mr. Simmons, of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Simmons of Phoenix, attended Phoenix schools. The couple will reside here.*

This all starts to get a little complicated. Lloyd was actually Lloyd E. and his father was William Simmons. Lloyd was 26 and Wanda was 18. Her father, mother, brother, and Ruth Channel were witnesses to the ceremony on 3 Dec 1938 in a ceremony performed by Rev. S. B. Hannah, a Presbyterian Minister. Lloyd was from Arkansas and had been previously married in 1931 to Virgie Currie, a young lady from Houston originally, and they had a daughter, Georgia Mae Simmons in 1932. That marriage did not last, as Virgie was marrying Jack Dean in 1939 about the same time Lloyd was marrying Wanda. I am of the impression that this first marriage to Lloyd was annulled because in 1940, Wanda appears back in her parent's home under her maiden name and listed as single (not divorced). From what I am able to discern from news articles and other records, Lloyd married another young lady named Obera White on 24 Nov 1939 less than a year after his marriage to Wanda. He was 27 and Obera was 18 and once again, he fathered a child with her, Lloyd Simmons in 1940 and then shortly after that, Obera was taking him to court for abandonment and failure to support the family, although the charges were later dropped. By 1950, Lloyd was married to Leta Sprau, whose mother was a Chippewa Indian. I didn't explore that thoroughly, but in 1950, Lloyd, Leta, and a daughter Donna appear in the 1950 Census. Since the daughter was 12, I'm assuming that she was Leta's from an earlier marriage. Yeah, she was 8 years younger than Lloyd. His 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Obera ended up marrying a guy named Ernest Warren George who was a fighter pilot during WW2 who got shot down toward the end of the war and spent a year in German POW camps before being liberated.

Meanwhile, Wanda rebounded in 1941 she married her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband Ernest Vance Cluff. They married on 30 Jun 1941, six months before Pearl Harbor. He was 18 and she was 20. This wedding was performed by the JP E. O. Devine in the presence of R. J. Rogers and Zelma Kennedy. R. J. was her uncle, the famous cartoonist mentioned above who was married to her father's oldest sister, Minnie Laird. Minnie died about a year after this marriage. I don't know who Zelma was. I did search for her in the paper, and in 1942, her car was hit by a train and she sued for \$52K.

Ernest has a complicated tree. It appears that his father was Ernest Voil Cluff who was born in Mexico in 1893 and his mother was Orella Vance who was from Utah and born in 1895. I have a suspicion that his father's parents may have been in Mexico as Mormon missionaries based on various references to Orella being active in the Mormon Church in Tempe and the fact that she was from Salt Lake City. Anyway, Ernest's mother died 6 months after his birth in 1923. In looking at the news, his parents were driving and ran into a broken-down car a guy was working on by the side of the road throwing his mother from the car (no seat belts back then) She was rendered unconscious, but expected to heal, but then died a day later.



On 6 Dec 1942, Wanda gave birth to Marlene Joyce Cluff when she was 22 and Ernest 21. They lived at 1111 Maple St, Tempe. (shown to the left) Ernest had enlisted in the Army Air Corp on 22 May 1942 with Serial Number 19105995. I'm not sure what Ernest did in the Army but in Dec 1943, he registered for the draft which suggests that he was already out of the service after 18 months. His father in Mesa was his point of contact and he was unemployed. He was 5'-9 1/2"-130lbs-brown eyes and hair-ruddy complexion. I did find a record from Dec 1943 at Shepherd AFB in Texas indicating that Ernest was discharged for an undisclosed disability that had existed prior to service.

I have been unable to determine what happened to the marriage between Wanda and Ernest, but after his discharge he was seen to being married to his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Ethel Burton in Feb 1945. They had a child, John Ross Cluff in 1946 that died and then apparently split and he married Nola Steinke before the 1950 Census and Ernest, Nola and two children Ernest Vance Cluff, Jr also born in 1946 and Ellen V. Cluff born in Dec 1949. I haven't found birth records for either of them, but I'm thinking that Ernest Jr was the twin brother of John Ross. Lots of moving parts here.

Back to Wanda. In 1945 when Ernest was marrying again, so was Wanda. On 17 Aug 1945, she married Sam Marsiglia. Sam was 7 years older than Wanda and had been married before to Thelma Craig in LA in 1935. I cannot verify it, but there are people on FamilySearch that contend that Thelma later married Sam's older brother Anthony and have photos of them with children posted, but I do not know if this is correct. Continuing with Wanda and Sam. Sam's WW2 Draft Registration found him 6242 Varna Ave, Van Nuys, CA working for Sun Lumber Co. He was 28, 6'-0"-170lbs-brown hair and eyes-light complexion. Sam's family is a challenge. His parents immigrated from Italy in the early 1900's and he had a slew of brothers and sisters that I have not completely muddled through. It appears that his father may have married a 2<sup>nd</sup> time after his first wife died and I am not exactly sure whose is Sam's mother.

The 1950 Census found Sam, Wanda, and Marlene (Sam's stepdaughter though not designated as such) in LA at 217 Cahuenga St. I cannot find that specific address but it appears to be in the vicinity of The Hollywood Bowl. Sam was the owner of a retail Flagstone Shop. I'm not sure what that is.

Surname	Given Name	Relation to Head of House	Race	Gender	Age	Birth Date	Marital Status	Birth Place	Citizenship	Hours Worked	Occupation	Industry
1950 Census	217 Cahuenga		Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California									
Marsiglia	Sam	Head	White Male	38	1915	Married		California			Proprietor	Retail Flagstone Shop
Marsiglia	Wanda	Wife	White Female	29	1921	Married		Arizona				
Marsiglia	Marlene	Daughter	White Female	7	1943	Never Married		Arizona				

In searching newspapers, I found some articles in 1950 about Sam being the owner of the produce

master shepherd, will preside. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Marsiglia, nee Alice Braun, were feted at a recent meeting, receiving a wedding gift from the organization and cutting a lavishly decorated cake topped with the traditional bride and bridegroom.

department at the Thriftway and having been in that business for 15 years. I found some articles about his involvement in the Masons. I then found this clip from 1951 which made me wonder if he and Wanda broke up. I found a marriage license in AZ from June 1951 for a Samuel D. Marsaglia and Alice Braun ages 44 and 43. Those ages don't seem to work for our Sam this is probably a red herring.

This biography ends in a frustrating manner. Marlene seems to have been adopted by Sam and took Marsaglia as her last name and all I could find about her was a high school graduation photo from Van



Nuys HS on 1960. I looked for locations for Wanda Marsaglia and discovered her at these address through the years.

Name Wanda R Marsiglia  
 Second Alias W Marsiglia  
 Third Alias Wanda R Marsiglia  
 Fourth Alias W R Marsiglia  
 Fifth Alias Wanda Marsiglia  
 Birth Date Aug 1920  
 Second Previous Residence Place NEWHALL, CA Second Residence Date 2001

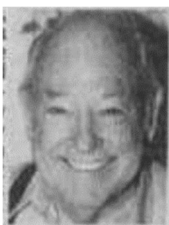
Third Previous Residence Place SANTA CLARITA, CA Third Residence Date 2001  
 Fourth Previous Residence Place NEWHALL, CA Fourth Residence Date 2001  
 Fifth Previous Residence Place NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA Fifth Residence Date Jun 1971  
 Event Date Apr 2006 Event Place Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado, United States  
 Event Place (Original) COLORADO SPRINGS, CO  
 Address 7525 DAIRY RANCH RD (shown above)

I found a mention of Sam living in North Hollywood in 1973 in the obituary of one of his brothers. Sam died in North Hollywood in 1984 per his Social Security Death Index but I have not found a grave or burial information. Wanda died in Colorado Springs in 2006 per her Social Security Death Index.

### Child of Wanda Ernest Cluff adopted by Sam Marsiglia

419     Marlene Cluff Marsiglia     1942     XXX     Wanda and Ernest's child

**168. Robert Larry Laird** 24 NOV 1931 • Tempe, AZ - 9 MAY 2004 • Chandler, AZ  
 Nancy Vossler 14 APR 1928 • Akron, OH - 19 JUL 2000 • Wickenburg, AZ  
 Marriage: 17 Oct 1956 • Los Angeles, CA  
 Delores Jean Cobb 30 MAR 1927 • Hollister, OH - Death 7 JUN 2013 • Mesa, AZ  
 Married: 1969 Arizona – per Jean’s obituary.



Bob’s obituary photo – Nancy’s high school photo

Harriet and Eugene’s last child was the late arriving, Robert “Bob” Laird who arrived to torment his big sister in 1931 when she was 10 and probably destined to get to babysit. He appears at home in the 1940 and 1950 Census and in 1950, he’s 18 and has already joined the Armed Forces. With records so scarce, I think that I will start with his obituary and work backwards to see if I can fill in the blanks.

*Robert L. Laird "Bob", 72, lifetime resident of Arizona, passed away Sunday, May 9, 2004. Bob was a graduate of Tempe High School and Arizona State University. He proudly served his country during the Korean War in the Coast Guard, as well as during the Vietnam War as part of the United States Air Force. Bob leaves behind his loving wife of 35 years, Dolores "Jean" Laird; daughter, Janet Jeleniewski and her husband Ronald; son, Stephen Laird and his wife Gretchen along with their beautiful, daughters, Ashlyn and Katherine.*

*Bob is also survived by his sister Wanda Marsiglia. Graveside Services will be held at Acres Memorial Gardens Garden of Faith, 401 N. Hayden Road in Scottsdale on May 13, 2004 at 10:00 AM. Memorial Services to follow at 11:15 AM, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1035 E. Guadalupe Road in Tempe.*

*Contributions can be made in Bob's honor to: The American Heart Association, 2929 South 48th Street, Tempe, AZ 85282 and/or Gethsemane Lutheran Church Building Fund, address listed above.*

Dissecting this, we note that when he died in 2004, he had been married to Dolores “Jean” Laird for 35 years. That means that he got married the last time in 1969 which means that Nancy Vossler was not his last wife. Let’s see what we can find about Nancy.

First, we know that she was born in Akron in 1928 and looking at her history, we know that before the 1950 Census she had married Maurice Rolland Doty, a young man from Ohio who had served in WW2. They had a son Michael Robb Doty in Oct 1949 in Nashville before moving to Red Bank, TN for the 1950 Census. For some reason that marriage didn’t work and in 1954, she married Jack Edward Dalby who was originally from Utah, but had moved to Arizona by 1940 where his father was a school teacher. While we don’t have records for her 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, we do have a record of her marriage to Bob in 1956 and her name is Nancy Dalby. She seems to have not been truthful on her application in that she claims to have only been married once before. She was 3 years older than Bob. Bob was living at 816 Apache, Tempe while Nancy lived at 28 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mesa. Tempe and Mesa are essentially two suburbs of Phoenix to the southeast that run together. If my math is right, that means that they were only married 13 years before Bob married the mysterious Dolores.

Now we need to resort to the children. Unfortunately, Nancy’s son, Michael Robb Doty who seems to have been adopted by Bob, died in 2018 and his obituary reads:

*Our beloved brother and brother-in-law, Michael Robb Laird, born October 27, 1949, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, four weeks after being diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer.*

*Known as a kind man with a compassionate heart, gentle spirit and a gift for humor, Mike loved making people smile with his little jokes. Mike also was an experienced outdoorsman, possessing survival skills, a vast knowledge of history of the American West and "the old ways."*

*Mike had a deep love and reverence for God and His creation; and now he has moved his camp to Heaven. Although we grieve his absence here, we are relieved and happy for him to be free of his pain and suffering, and enjoying the beauties and glories there. A few of his final words to us were, "He (Jesus) is our Joy and Peace!" This is our comfort and certain hope of seeing him again.*

*Michael is survived by his sister, Janet (Laird) Jeleniewski and brother-in-law, Ronald Jeleniewski.*

From this we see another reference to Janet Jeleniewski with a reference to her maiden name of Laird. This presents a problem because since she was born after 1950, she could be Nancy's child with her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband Dalby who was also adopted by Bob, or she could be Bob and Nancy's child or she could be a child born to Bob and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Delores. He would have been 38 in 1969 and we don't know anything about Delores. May she had been married before and Janet was here daughter. Then we still have Stephen Laird mentioned in Bob's obituary. Does Michael's obituary lack of a reference to him mean that he is dead by 2018? So many questions.

I went searching for Stephen Laird in the Newspapers and lo and behold, I found this obituary from 2013:

*Laird, D. Jean 86, passed peacefully on June 7, 2013, in Mesa, AZ. She was born on March 30, 1927, in Hollister, OH, to loving parents William and Hazel Cobb. In 1955 she moved to Arizona and in 1969 she married the love of her life Robert Laird in Tempe, AZ. They had one son together, Stephen Laird, and three granddaughters who treasured Grandma Jean and were able to live with her for the last nine years.*

*She is preceded by her parents, loving husband, and brother Bill. She is succeeded by her son Stephen; daughter-in-law Gretchen; granddaughters Ashlyn, Katie, Jacqueline; sisters Becky and Marilyn; and brother Jim. In lieu of flowers please make donation to Hospice of the Valley. Memorial Service is scheduled for 12:30PM, Saturday, June 15, 2013, at Green Acres Chapel of Light, 401 N Hayden (Dignity) Rd, Scottsdale, AZ, 85257.*

So, this provides me with some good information. I now know who Robert's last wife was and can research her background. It also seems to suggest that Stephen may have died in 2004 since the grandchildren lived with her. Alternatively, 2004 was when Robert died, so maybe she moved in with her son, Stephen as that point. Of note, is that she does not reference, Janet Jeleniewski which suggests to me that Janet was probably a child that Robert had with Nancy. Back to the search.

So far, my search has not been able to close all of the loops so I will close this chapter. From the look of things, my suspicions are that Nancy had one son, Michael with her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband before marrying Bob in 1956 and they had daughter Janet before divorcing before Bob married Jean in 1969. Bob and Jean then had a son Stephen about 1970. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

#### **Children of Robert Laird and his various wives and their children.**

419.2	Michael Robb Doty Laird	1949	2018	Nancy and Maurice's Child
420	Janet Laird	1960?		Nancy and Robert's Child?
421	Stephen Laird	1970?		Jean and Robert's Child?

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This concludes my study of the family of Eugene and Harriet Hudman Laird. It was complete on 27 Sep 2024. Please send updates, corrections, additions to [rbills\\_houston@yahoo.com](mailto:rbills_houston@yahoo.com).

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