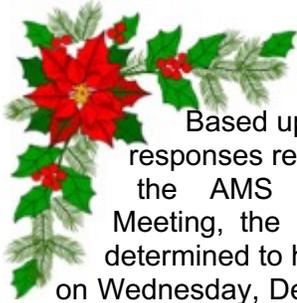




# AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter



## Holiday Luncheon

Based upon the recent email survey responses regarding your attendance for the AMS Holiday Luncheon/Annual Meeting, the AMS Board met and has determined to hold this event as scheduled on Wednesday, December 2 at 11:30 AM with lunch being served at noon at Dutch's Daughter, 581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD. The restaurant follows the CDC policy in preparing and serving the food and for social distancing arranging tables 6 feet apart and having no more than 6 people at a table. The Board recognizes our membership is in the high-risk category, of course the decision to attend this event is solely what you feel most comfortable in doing.

- ❖ **When attending the luncheon** - Wear a mask upon entering and exiting the restaurant and while interacting with other people to minimize the risk of transmitting the virus.
- Wearing masks are most important when social distancing is difficult.
  - Masks are strongly encouraged in settings where individuals might raise their voices, such as shouting, chanting, singing, or laughing.



As in past Holiday Luncheons, you are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the Frederick County Salvation Army Angel Tree donation.

Reservations (page 11) are to be submitted with payment by **November 23, 2020**



If you have any of the following **symptoms occurring between November 18 – December 2**, contact Merle Biggin immediately at [merlebiggin@uwalumni.com](mailto:merlebiggin@uwalumni.com) or 301-814-6047 to cancel your reservation, and money will be returned.

Please follow these CDC guidelines in determining your decision to attend this event:

- Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea?
- Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?
- Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?
- Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?

You are to stay home if you have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days or are showing COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who has had close contact with a person who currently has COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health.

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## AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



During the year 2020 may not be what we expected but it is what has been dealt to us with the conditions and requirements to keep the COVID-19 virus at bay.

We have yelled, cried, screamed, moped or smiled (behind the mask), moved on, thought of others, exercised, or stayed busy. Our various physical locations are re-opening in phases, which enables us to establish our new normal. We know our previous normal is now in the history books.

The Board is excited for those who are venturing to “Stay in Touch” for at least one event this year at the Holiday Luncheon/Annual Meeting on December 2. Of course, being very cautious and adhering to the CDC guidance on staying safe from the virus.

Whatever your method of “Staying in Touch” – use it and use it often!

*“Having Fun and Keeping in Touch!”*

## AMS Officers

The Executive Board serving AMS membership during 2020 are:

President – Amber Beall  
 Vice President – Lon Hamann  
 Secretary – Jeanne Casamento  
 Treasurer – Merle Biggin

The AMS Annual Meeting is conducted following the Holiday Luncheon in December with the election of officers for the next year. The ballot includes:

**Vice President** – vacant  
**Secretary** – Jeanne Casamento  
**Treasurer** – Merle Biggin

*AMS ByLaws 6.2 VICE PRESIDENT: Serves as Program Chairperson. In the absence of the President, performs the duties and exercises the power of the President and performs other duties as required. The Vice President shall automatically become President in the following term.*

Therefore, Lon Hamann becomes AMS President in 2021.

The Board is accepting nominations for the position of Vice President for 2021. Attending meetings is a

non-issue as the Board currently meets virtually from various locations throughout the country. Previous to COVID-19 the Board met following the scheduled event.

Submit Nominations/inquiries for the Vice-President position to the Board using email -

[mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)

## AMS Keeping in Touch



If you are not receiving emails from AMS check your “JUNK” mailbox or verify your email address with Merle Biggin at [merlebiggin@uwalumni.com](mailto:merlebiggin@uwalumni.com). Email is just one method for announcing events, registration forms, death notices, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to this mailbox address. Greg Cross is the custodian for the AMS mailbox at [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)



AMS website [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org) is a source of information of current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs that are filled with a wealth of information about our members and events! Forward your information to our Webmaster, Ralph Mayer at [ralphmayer222@outlook.com](mailto:ralphmayer222@outlook.com)



AMS has a Facebook page and you are invited to join and include your contributions! Let everyone know what you are doing in retirement since the good ‘ole days at the “Map Factory”. Tell us how you are enjoying retirement! Keep current with AMS activities. On the Facebook search block enter Association of Mapping Seniors and from the drop-down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors** with the **Public Group**. ***Once on AMS page select “Join” to “Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!*** Pam Troutman is the AMS Facebook custodian!!



### “Staying in Touch and Having Fun” During COVID-19



**Merle Biggin** plays in several bands. During this COVID19 pandemic, none of the bands are performing in a live setting. However, the *Dixieland Express* band that Merle plays in has done several virtual recordings. This is



accomplished by each person independently playing his/her part and then all the parts are put together by someone that has the computer knowhow. Here are the links to our virtual recordings

“Way Down South in New Orleans:”

<https://youtu.be/ae4y2DEHDNc>

“Bourbon Street Parade”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae4y2DEHDNc>



Terry Lowe, (Lisa Clark – Terry’s daughter) Ralph Mayer, Linda Miller, Bob Dunlap, Rhonda Lee

*Submitted by Ralph Mayer*

Five former NGA pictorial graphic employees met up in Myrtle Beach, SC for a reunion lunch. We met at the Sea Captains House. Some of us hadn’t seen each other for over twenty years. We enjoyed a great lunch on a beautiful day. Memories of those days in the Pictorial Graphic Section were easy to recall. Laughs from all was a reminder that we worked hard but found time to enjoy.

We hope to continue this reunion next year. It has been suggested we meet at the International Culinary Institute of Myrtle Beach. This is a teaching school where lunch is a four-course meal.



### Organizing/Cleaning



Possibly you have already cleaned out closets and organized your desk and those boxes tucked away under the bed, way back in the closet, under the stairs, etc.

and you found some memorabilia from your working days. You just don’t want to throw these valued things away, but what use are they to you these days in retirement!

The NGA History Office is always interested in any material you may have that you gathered during your career with the Agency. It could be handbooks, photographs, documents, or any number of other items. The History Office is always interested in anything you might have in your possession that you would be willing to donate to the Agency archives.

Also, if you want to take the time to write an email talking about your careers, or projects you worked on during your time with the Agency (UNCLASSIFIED of course) that would also be appreciated.

Being home-bound and talking with your colleagues and reminiscing about the “good ole days” and maybe you could take a break from reading or watching TV for hours on end and write about that special project you worked on that made an impact on your career. Contact Lisa Wagner, NGA Office of History at [lkw1562@aol.com](mailto:lkw1562@aol.com)



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Join us for our Holiday \$urvival Guide Webinar!



Join us on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for our **Holiday \$urvival Guide** Webinar, presented by Northwest Retail Sales & Service Team as part of our Financial Wellness Series! Consolidated Credit's resident expert Doris Baker will be presenting tips and tricks to save during the holidays, including how to:

- Find the perfect gifts at the perfect price
- Avoid common - and costly - holiday scams
- Save money on holiday expenses that aren't just about buying gifts
- Use credit cards to save money instead of spend it

Please [email](#) us if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

**Date: November 10**  
**Time: 12:00pm-1:00pm**  
**Location: Online**

[Register Today!](#)

# Membership

**Remember!!** Keep **YOUR** contact information - postal address, phone numbers, and email address current with AMS! To update your own contact information and provide information/status for the missing members listed below inform **Merle Biggin, AMS Membership Chairman**, Address: 4808 Walbridge Street, Rockville, MD 20853  
**Phone:** 301-946-4485 or  
**Email:** [merlebiggin@uwalumni.com](mailto:merlebiggin@uwalumni.com)

## AMS Directory

The updated AMS Directory, **September 21, 2020**, is only available online via the AMS Website and is password protected. If you do not know the password, contact our webmaster, Ralph Mayor at [ralphmayer222@outlook.com](mailto:ralphmayer222@outlook.com) who provides the password to AMS members only!



... for the contact information of the members listed below. If you know how to contact them, please do so and give them Merle Biggin's contact info to update the AMS Directory and to

**“Having Fun and Keeping in Touch!”**

Missing Persons	
Frances A Davis III	Ruth C Leonard
Gladys Dossi	Frank R Walden
Phyllis Evans	Joanne L. Weber



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Contact our Member Service Center  
844-709-8900

M-F: 7AM - 7PM ET  
Sat: 8AM - 1PM ET



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For your safety and the safety of others, masks are currently required in NWFCU branches. To help manage occupancy within branches, please call for an appointment.

## Our Membership

As of September 2020, AMS has 7 members in the Century Club and 95 members in the 90+ Club. The total membership is 1089. Continue to reach out to former and current colleagues to join AMS. The membership application form is on the AMS website. Congratulations folks!!



## Alumni Groups Have Virtual Townhall with NGA Director

Recently, September 2020, NGA Director VADM Robert D. Sharp held a virtual Town Hall with NGAA and AMS alumni. The Director provided a brief update on how NGA is maintaining mission focus while protecting the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic with virtual connections and even more flexibility with work schedules. To accomplish this upgrading the infrastructure became a priority.



Director Sharp has weekly virtual meetings/crew calls with the workforce keeping abreast of military and civilian mission requirements. He discussed his Director's Intent and the new NGA 2025 Strategy and associated Technology strategy documents. This link is to the strategy-related documents the director mentioned during the town hall

[https://www.nga.mil/about/1599073030478\\_Strategy.html](https://www.nga.mil/about/1599073030478_Strategy.html)



Following discussion with Director Sharp, Ms. Sue Pollmann, Program Director for the Next NGA West, provided N2W updates with move-in target of 2025. All slides are available at [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org)





“The Greatest Generation ... through their shared grit and determination, were able to defeat two of the most powerful militaries in the world and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today.”

On May 8, 1945 - known as **Victory in Europe Day** or **V-E Day** - celebrations erupted around the world to mark the end of World War II in Europe.

The war had been raging for almost five years when U.S. and Allied forces landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944. The invasion signaled the beginning of the end for Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. In less than a year, Germany would surrender and Hitler would be dead.

There were two surrender signings. The first was on May 7, 1945, when German Col. Gen. Alfred Jodl signed Germany's surrender on all fronts in Reims, France. The second signing - insisted upon by Soviet Premier Josef Stalin - was by German Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel the next day in Berlin.

But in his speech to the nation on V-E Day, President Harry S. Truman cautioned that Allies must "work to finish the war" by defeating the Japanese in the Pacific.

Tens of thousands of people filled the streets of New York, New Orleans, London, and cities in Canada, Australia and other Allied nations. There was also a massive celebration in Paris. U.S. forces participated in the celebrations in France, a nation that had borne much of the brunt of the fighting. The Soviets celebrated their own "Victory Day" on May 9. Although fighting ended in Europe, it continued in the Pacific, where U.S. and Allied forces fought the Japanese in Okinawa, the Philippines and other places.

**Victory over Japan Day** (also known as **V-J Day**, **Victory in the Pacific Day**, or **V-P Day**) is the day on which Imperial Japan surrendered in World War II, in effect bringing the war to an end. The term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made – August 15, 1945, in Japan, and because of time zone differences, August 14, 1945 (when it was announced in the United States and the rest of the Americas and Eastern Pacific Islands) – as well as to September 2, 1945, when the surrender document was signed, officially ending World War II aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, officially ending the deadliest military conflict in human history. An estimated 30 to 35 million people died during the war, including 400,000 Americans.

After news of the Japanese acceptance and before Truman's announcement, Americans began celebrating "as if joy had been rationed and saved up for the three years, eight months and seven days since Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941" (the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor).

## Honor all Veterans – Veterans Day, November 11

## IN REMEMBRANCE



**Ruth M. Balogh** was born on January 3, 1923 in Wyatt, WV and passed away on August 8, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. She was the youngest of five and grew up in Fairmont, WV. After graduating high school she went to Washington D.C. to work with the Army Map Service to support

the war effort. While making a topographic map she discovered an aircraft wing sticking out of a hill. It was a camouflaged German airfield. While at the Army Map Service she met and fell in love with Jim Balogh Jr. They were married on July 4, 1943. They had five children. In 1956 they moved to San Antonio, TX where Jim eventually became the Deputy Chief at Army Topo Command at Ft. Sam Houston.

During this time Ruth worked at International Aerial Mapping where she mapped the Texas and Louisiana Intercoastal Waterway, she was known for her expertise in Bouie markers. Later she worked at Scrivners where she initially worked as a seamstress and then in ladies clothing sales. She loved to entertain, host bridge parties, and have barbeques. She was active with the Ft. Sam Engineer Wives and Association of Mapping Seniors. She had a passion for plants, especially orchids. Both she and Jim volunteered at CAM. She provided food for Habitat for Humanity and up until a few years ago she cooked meals for the elderly shut ins. At church she knitted for newborns and crocheted hats, sweaters, and booties. Ruth was well known for her portraits and loved to show her grandchildren drawing techniques.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, James Balogh Jr., and daughter Barbara Schmeckpeper. Ruth is survived by son James M. Balogh of Ballaire, TX, son, Thomas Balogh (Soledad) of Houston, TX, daughter Diana J. Balogh of Corpus Christi, TX, daughter Dr. Linda Johnson (Brad) of Niceville, FL, 12 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

**Blanche Goodheim Cohen** (Aug 8, 1924), of Greenspring Village in Springfield, VA, passed away peacefully at home on July 8, 2020 - one month shy of her 96th birthday. She was the devoted wife of the late Joseph Cohen; beloved mother of Laura Cohen

Gordon (Louis) and Michael L. Cohen (Susan) with grandchildren and great grandchildren. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Blanche came to the Washington area as a map drafter for Rand McNally following World War II, where she met husband Joseph Cohen. Together they were among the founding members of Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, VA. She later worked as a salesperson at Woodward & Lothrop, and as a clerk in the Fairfax County, VA, Department of Tax Administration. Following retirement, she served for many years as a volunteer at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Blanche is remembered for her caring attention, thoughtfulness, creativity, and wonderful sense of humor.



**Paul Leonard Crown, Jr.**, 86, passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side on Saturday August 8, 2020 at home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He was born on March 18, 1934 in Derwood, Maryland to the late Paul Crown, Sr. & Katie (Day) Crown.

Along with his parents, Paul is reunited in death with his son, Joe Crown; his brother, Kenny Crown and his granddaughter, Caryn Crown.

He was a skilled and dedicated cartographer for the US government for many years. Following his well-deserved retirement, Paul was able to enjoy the finer things in life. His faith lead to have a strong presence within the St. Michael Catholic Church community. He graciously volunteered his time with every opportunity presented.

Left to cherish Paul's memory are his beloved wife of 67 years, Ruth Raedell Crown of Myrtle Beach; their children, John Crown and his wife, Lesa of Loris, Joan Broadwater and her husband, Mike of Mount Airy, Maryland, & Judy Main and her husband Neil of Myrtle Beach; his adoring grandchildren, seven great grandchildren; sister, Betty Ann Moulden of Sandy Springs Maryland; his half-brother, Ernie Thompson of Damascus, Maryland; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins; a large loving extended family and many supportive friends and neighbors.



**Helen Ruth Alley Jones**, most recent resident of Broad Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, was born in Mason, Oklahoma in January 1931, and passed from this life on April 7, 2020, of natural causes. Helen Ruth was 89 years

young. Helen Ruth, from the age of 6 to 14, attended Mason Elementary and Junior High School and then at age 15, moved to Okemah High School, Oklahoma, where she graduated in top 10% of her class and played 6 Man Basketball. At the age of 18, she moved to Oklahoma City to start studies in Draughons School of Business, where she graduated with an Associate's Degree in Secretarial Administration with honors. She worked for the Oklahoma State Health Department. While Helen Ruth was living in Oklahoma City, she met her future husband Robert Jones, who had just been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army/Army Air Corps, WWII. They were married in August 1950. They had five girls, Deborah (Debbie) Jones Carnicom, Cynthia Jones LeMoine, Marilyn Jones, Peggy Jones Duncan, and Carolyn Jones.

Then Helen Ruth divorced Robert in 1969. She eventually moved the family to Okemah, Oklahoma, where she began raising her "girls" into great, brave, strong, and independent women, while at the same time returning to college to earn her Bachelors of Science Degree in Education from East Central State University in 1980. Her teaching career developed for her at the Oaks Elementary School, in Okemah, Oklahoma. Upon retiring in the late 1990's she spent time with her grandchildren, gardening, touring places near and far and writing in her journals. When her health began to fail, she moved to Pennsylvania in 2012, to live with her daughter, Marilyn Jones. Helen Ruth is survived by her five daughters, Debbie Carnicom, Overland Park, Kansas; Cynthia LeMoine, Okla. City, Oklahoma; LeMoine; Marilyn Jones, Covington, Pennsylvania; Peggy Duncan (Rodger), Moore, Oklahoma; and, Carolyn Jones, Newalla, Oklahoma. She is survived by one brother, Talmadge Alley and one sister, Ruby Incerto and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

*“Those we have held in our arms for a little while, we hold in our hearts forever.”*



**Mary Marlyn Meoli**, peacefully passed from this world to the next surrounded by family and friends in her home at Arbor Terrace Fulton Assisted Living Community on September 8, 2020. Mary/Marlyn/Mar/Mom/Nanny was born on May 5, 1938, in Philadelphia,

Pennsylvania to Grazio and Nicolina Pasquarello. She was the older of two daughters. Marlyn grew up on North 61st Street with her parents and sister. She graduated from Overbrook High School in June 1956 and immediately entered the workforce. On June 16, 1962, Marlyn was married to Angelo Anthony Meoli. Soon after she began her true life calling—that of mother of five. Marlyn brought Nicole, Peter, Victoria, Marc, and Andrew into the world. In turn, they and their spouses brought 11 grandchildren into the world.

After working exclusively as a mother until the children were older, Marlyn enjoyed “day jobs” at a gift shop, dental office, and day care program. However, it was the work that Marlyn did outside of traditional employment for which she was best known. Marlyn was a highly talented, detail-oriented, and sought-after caterer, wedding planner, and floral arranger. Marlyn expertly prepared meals for her family of seven all the way up to receptions for several hundred.

In addition to cooking and floral arranging, Marlyn enjoyed sewing, crafting, gardening, reading, and—later in life—painting and coloring. She also was a master organizer of volunteer activities for every school, scout troop, and sport program of all five children, her beloved St. Philip the Apostle Church, senior citizens of Camp Springs, Maryland, and the Heartlands Senior Living Community in Ellicott City, Maryland. Although the last year of Marlyn's life was riddled with significant health issues, between hospitalizations she attempted to “organize” yet again at her Arbor Terrace Fulton Assisted Living Community in Fulton, Maryland. As long as it wasn't her closet, Marlyn could organize the heck out of it! Marlyn is survived by her husband of 58 years Angelo, her children Nicole (Hilary Hershey) Meoli, Peter (Donna) Meoli, Victoria (Cliff) Luber, Marc (Emily) Meoli, and Andrew (Libby) Meoli, her grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Dee (Dominick) Aquilante and a host of extended family and friends. Marlyn was preceded in death by her parents Nicolina and Grazio Pasquarello and her stepmother Kathryn Pasquarello.

**Howard F. Miller**, 86, a resident of Huntingdon since 1990, went to be with The Lord on Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the Oaks at Westminster Woods. Born August 11, 1933 in Pittsburgh, he was the son of the late Howard F. Miller, Sr. and Emma E. (VarnHagen) Miller. He was united in marriage to the former Marilyn G. Bilder on April 29, 1961 in Ashland. His wife of 59 years survives at their residence.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two children, Leslie D. (Miller) Hebert and her husband, John Hebert, of Rib Lake, WI and Rodney A. Miller and his wife, Cathy (Westfall) Miller of Harper's Ferry, WV; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ima Jean Borovich and Frances A. Tillberry.

Mr. Miller was a very active member of the St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Huntingdon.

He was educated in Coraopolis public schools and was a 1952 graduate of Coraopolis High School. While being stationed in Japan with the U.S. Air Force, he attended Sophia University, Chiyoda, Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Miller served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, attaining the rank of Airman First Class. He was employed by the U.S. Government with the Department of Defense as a Program Manager and retired after 37 years of service. Mr. Miller enjoyed boating and fishing and was very computer savvy.

**Gilbert Monck** passed May 10, 2020 at age 89 and is survived by his wife Joy Monck. No obituary.



**Galen Kenneth Stuart Queen**, 99, joined his wife, Virginia, in Heaven on August 26, 2020. Galen was born on August 14, 1921 in Washington, D.C. He died at 10:43 a. m., under hospice care at the home of Arthur and Bobbi, his son and daughter-in-law, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Until July 1, 2020, when he went into the hospital, Galen still lived independently in his own home. He enjoyed spending family time, especially eating out--he always wanted to treat--with his children and their families. Since 1954, he's been an active member of the Aspen Hill Christian Church.

Galen grew up in Washington, D.C. and worked at his father's drug store. He was drafted during WWII, but because he lost a kidney in a childhood sledding

accident, served stateside. He met the love of his life, Virginia Plunk, at a USO dance in 1946. They went on their first date to the Washington Monument on July 4th to watch the fireworks and married on Christmas Day that same year. When asked why they picked that date, he said, "It was the best gift we could think of to give each other." Five kids followed in the years between 1949 and 1961.

After graduating from the University of Maryland, Galen worked as a machinist. Then settled into a long career with the government as a Position Classifier until his retirement. When Virginia retired a few years later, they took to the road in a motor home for fifteen of the "best years of our lives." They were proud to have traveled all 50 states, including a flight to Hawaii, and lastly, a cruise to Alaska for their 50th wedding anniversary. They also toured Europe and Israel. They settled back in Maryland when Virginia's health deteriorated.

Besides traveling, Galen's hobbies included a passion for photography.

Galen Queen was predeceased by his parents, Lony T. Queen and Nellie Stuart Queen, and his wife, Virginia P. Queen. He is survived by his five children, Gaylene Cottone, Arthur Queen, Lona Queen, Kenneth Queen, and Joy Sterner. He has ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.



**Dr. David E. Rogers** of Herndon, VA passed away peacefully of natural causes on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at the age of 73. He is survived by his beloved wife, Glenda S. Rogers; daughters, Patricia Rogers and Melissa Parzow (Darren); and granddaughter,

Emma Parzow. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Janice DeLong (Roger); brother-in-law Norman Nykamp (Judy); a number of nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews; and a grand-cat (Pepper) and grand-dogs (Titus, Natasha, and Boris). David was happily married to his wife, Glenda, for almost 52 years. They met in college in Michigan and moved to St. Louis, MO. They lived for a short time in Melbourne, FL and have lived most of their married life in Herndon, VA with their two daughters. During their many years together, they shared a love of travel and went to many places including Hawaii, Alaska, Bermuda, and many road trips within the continental U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

David was most proud of his daughters' and granddaughter's musical ability. He enjoyed attending their many, many concerts over the years. Dr. Dave (he hated being called Dr. Rogers since that was his dad!) served the Government for over 35 years as a geospatial scientist and photogrammetrist. He was a lifelong student and held multiple degrees including a Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) in Engineering Management; Master's of Science in Strategic Resource Management; Master's of Science in Computer Science & Electrical Engineering; and a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics & Geology.

David began his career with the Department of Defense (DOD) in the precise point positioning department in 1969 where he learned analog and digital satellite photogrammetry including camera calibration and digital least squares adjustments. He performed systems analysis for most of the classified mapping camera systems from 1969 to 2004. This included receiving and analyzing the photos returned from Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's moonwalk in 1969 before the rest of the planet saw the photographs on TV and in newspapers (and would never tell us if aliens are real!)

Some other high points of David's career included working on systems initially used for B-52 radar simulations; testing the first text/instant messaging capabilities originally developed for military use; designing his agency's first network of over 100 computers; leading the development of several 3D flythrough visualization systems used in the Bosnia and Gulf wars; led the technical support team at the Dayton Peace Talks; and a key designer of the digital mapping and imagery technologies and products in use by DOD today. He also supported the Space Shuttle Discovery's first use of a handheld camera that used a charge-coupled device (CCD) focal plane in lieu of film (precursor to today's digital cameras). He worked on the Hubble Telescope, the first Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), oversaw the first use of Virtual Reality visualization systems, served as an expert witness in several court cases, and supported mapping the Panama Canal before it was returned to the Panamanian Government's control. At least, that was most of what he was allowed to tell us, and we are sure we forgot something!

### Remembrance prior to 2020

**Joyce Marie McBroom** was born on April 19, 1932 and passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2017. Joyce was a resident of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma at the time of her passing. Joyce was a 1950 graduate of Sulphur High School. She was married to Val Gene.



**Ruth Ackroyd Pase** (97) of Falls Church, VA died peacefully on August 22, 2019 at the Goodwin House in Falls Church. Devoted mother of Janet Vinter (John) and Mary Sue Stewart (Sheridan). Daughter of John Thomas Marshall and Carrie Virginia Frye. Sister of Patricia McCabe. She is survived by seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

**Lloyd Richards** passed away in October 2019. There was no obituary or funeral. Mr. Richards ashes laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery in summer of 2020 to be put in the columbarium with his wife's, Peggy, ashes. A small ceremony was held with a minister and six soldiers (Lloyd was a WWII veteran). The flag went to Lloyd's sister in California.

**View entire obituary on AMS website at [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org)**





# Reservation AMS Holiday Luncheon Dutch’s Daughter

581 Himes Avenue Frederick, MD 21703

**Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 11:30 AM**

Write the name of each attendee and place a check mark beneath their menu selection.

**Cost is per person, which includes meal, tax, and gratuity**

**Entrees include** --- Tossed Garden Salad, Seasonal Fresh Vegetable, Twice Baked Potato, Chef’s Choice of Dessert, and also Coffee, Tea, and Soda

*\*\*Note: Meal will be served between noon and 12:30 PM.*

Name (Please PRINT your name)	Atlantic Salmon <b>\$31.00</b>	Hawaiian Chicken <b>\$28.00</b>	Beef Tips <b>\$28.00</b>	Crab Cake <b>\$33.00</b>
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Please include number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment** by check (enclosed) \_\_\_\_\_ or PayPal (on-line) \_\_\_\_\_

Place your name where you can volunteer at our luncheon to assist with a task listed below

Hand out Name Tags \_\_\_\_\_ Sell 50/50 Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for assisting!

**Completed reservation form and payment due by November 23, 2020**

**Payment Methods –**

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