



# AMS News

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Association of Mapping Seniors Newsletter

## 2024 Events

For 2024, AMS is excited to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. AMS sponsored events include a new larger northern Virginia venue for St. Patrick's Day and a return later in the year to Hiddencroft Vineyards in Lovettsville, VA. AMS 2024 events also include returns to Dutch's Daughter in Frederick, MD, and the AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Remember members, submissions are being accepted for review and consideration for inclusion in the AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Storybook.

### March – St. Patrick's Luncheon (Reservation PG11)

Date: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Finnegan's Grill & Irish Pub  
44050 Ashburn Village Blvd #199  
Ashburn, VA 20147

### May – Spring Luncheon

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Dutch's Daughter  
581 Himes Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21703

### July – Summer Gathering

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Hiddencroft Vineyards  
12202 Axline Rd  
Lovettsville, VA 20180

### December – Holiday Lunch/Annual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 11:30 AM

Place: Dutch's Daughter  
581 Himes Avenue  
Frederick, MD 21703

More detailed information and reservation forms will be forwarded to you within AMS News and to your email address as well on the AMS website.



As our members are scattered across 38 of these United States, it is likely that not everyone can attend the in-person events. Accordingly, we are planning for some online activities to enable members to participate from wherever they are living. The first such online activity planned is the “**AMS Storybook**.”

The **AMS Storybook** will be written by you! Yes, we are asking you the AMS members to submit a story from your experience working at any of the predecessor organizations that now comprise the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). Of course, *all stories submitted are required to be **entirely unclassified***, and short with between 300-350 words total. Story content must also be appropriate for the Association, not libelous, and consistent with the AMS By-Laws, history, and purpose. Submit your story online via email to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) and include “Storybook” in the Subject line.\* The outline for submitted stories is:

- Your name.
- The year you started, the agency name at that time, and the department/office you were originally assigned.
- Your story, e.g., “What was your favorite “job” at the agency and why?” or an “interesting story you would like to share.”
- The year, the agency name, and the department/office when you retired.

Plans are to periodically post stories throughout the year. If all goes well, at the conclusion of the AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we plan to produce a special online edition of the AMS News containing the entire approved AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Storybook content. No hardcopy is currently planned for production.

Look for more Anniversary Year information elsewhere in this newsletter, in your email inbox, and online at [mappers.org](http://mappers.org) and at the AMS Facebook page for the latest updates.

## AMS PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Lon Hamann, AMS President



Wow. 2023 was hot. Literally hot. Summer in Phoenix, AZ included the hottest month ever recorded for a U.S. city with 31 straight days of highs of 110+ degrees and average minimums above 90 degrees. Odds are most of us experienced some higher temperatures as the planet’s average land and sea surface was the highest global temperature in NOAA’s records dating from 1850-2023. And then came January 2024 with bitter arctic cold and snow across many states. So why am I mentioning this?

Social connections, including “keeping in touch,” are generally considered good for our well-being as humans. Checking in on family, friends, or neighbors experiencing dangerous weather or temperature extremes is similarly good for them and for you. A quick text, or a phone call (if circuits are not needed for an emergency), lets them know you care and are thinking of them. To be clear, I am not suggesting waiting until bad weather to reach out. Periodically keeping in touch is a good idea under most conditions. Sometimes it can even save a life.

For AMS members, “keeping in touch and having fun” includes the AMS sponsored in-person events. 2023 saw people again enjoying food and conversation with friends and coworkers past and present. The year wrapped up with our 2023 Holiday Luncheon and Annual Membership Meeting with almost 50 people participating. Congratulations to Paul Mich elected as the new Executive Board Vice President and to Amber Beall re-elected as Secretary at the Annual Meeting. Remember too member submissions are being accepted for review and consideration for inclusion in the AMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Storybook. Look for more Anniversary Year information elsewhere in this newsletter, in your email inbox, and online at [mappers.org](http://mappers.org) and at the AMS Facebook page for the latest updates.

Speaking of Facebook, the number of AMS members using the AMS Facebook page to keep in touch continues to grow. As of December 2023, there are 616 members who joined the AMS Facebook page, up 172 persons from December 2019. Maybe someone you used to work with is among the active members? There is only one way to find out! Take care of yourself and each other.

## AMS Keeping in Touch



Email is an important method for announcing events, registration forms, sharing obituaries, and other pertinent information. Send your AMS info and inquiries to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)

If you are not receiving emails from AMS, check your “Spam or Junk” folder or email us with the subject line “**Attention Membership**” at [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)



The AMS website, [www.mappers.org](http://www.mappers.org), is another good source of information on current and past AMS events. Check out the many tabs filled with a wealth of information for and about our members and events! If you have ideas or information for the website, please forward it to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) and include “**Attention Webmaster**” in the Subject line.



AMS is on Facebook, and you are invited to join other members there and include your contributions! You can share your vacation and retirement adventures, and other activities you enjoy. Or just read the posts from other members while also keeping current with AMS activities too. Members are permitted to post directly but must keep content appropriate for and consistent with the AMS purpose, membership, by-laws, procedures and guidelines.

If you are not already a Facebook friend, go to the search block on Facebook and enter Association of Mapping Seniors or simply AMS and from the drop-down list select **Association of Mapping Seniors**. **Once on the AMS page select “Join”** and answer the 3 pertinent questions for “**Keeping in Touch and Having Fun!**”

[Association of Mapping Seniors \(AMS\) | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mappingseniors)

### 2024 AMS Executive Board

President – Lon Hamann  
Vice President – Paul Mich  
Secretary – Amber Beall  
Treasurer – Merle Biggin

**ASSOCIATION OF MAPPING SENIORS  
2023 Financial Report  
Prepared by Merle Biggin, AMS Treasurer**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2023</b> | <b>\$6,190.62</b> |
| <b>Income:</b>                           |                   |
| Dividends                                | \$ 79.03          |
| Postage                                  | \$ 497.00         |
| Donations                                |                   |
| New Member                               | \$ 30.00          |
| NWFCU                                    | \$2,500.00        |
| contributions                            |                   |
| Event Earnings                           | <u>\$ 136.81</u>  |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                     | <b>\$3,242.84</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                         |                   |
| AMS News                                 | \$ 393.25         |
| Printing & Mailing                       |                   |
| Website Fees                             | \$ 158.77         |
| Transfer into                            | \$2,500.00        |
| NWFCU Fund                               |                   |
| Admin Cost                               | <u>\$ 10.00</u>   |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>                   | <b>\$3,062.02</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance December 31, 2023</b>  | <b>\$6,371.44</b> |

**SPECIAL EVENT MONIES  
COLLECTED AND DISBURSED**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| St. Patricks Day Luncheon    | \$ 73.50          |
| Spring Luncheon              | <b>(\$321.61)</b> |
| AMS Hiddencrot Winery Picnic | \$ 63.31          |
| Annual Christmas Luncheon    | <b>(\$566.26)</b> |
| <b>Total Special Events</b>  | <b>(\$751.06)</b> |

**NWFCU FUND**

|                                 |                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance 1/1/23</b> | <b>\$198.63</b>   |
| <b>Income:</b>                  |                   |
| Transfer from General Fund      | <u>\$2,500.00</u> |
| <b>Total Income:</b>            | <b>\$2,500.00</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>                |                   |
| AMS News Payments               | \$1,083.17        |
| AMS Event Payments              | <u>\$ 887.87</u>  |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>          | <b>\$1,971.04</b> |
| <b>Ending Balance 12/31/23</b>  | <b>\$727.59</b>   |

# MISSING MEMBERS

AMS does not have current contact information for the members listed below. If you know any of these members, please ask them to provide their current contact information including their email and/or home address and current phone number to AMS by emailing the information to [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com) with the subject of “Attention Membership”.

| No Current Contact Info |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gladys Dantzler         | Madge W. Lem             |
| Zona J. Davis           | June E Ludick (Thornton) |
| Nadine Dugan            | William C. Miller        |
| Annie Hibbs             | Rojean T. Schreiber      |
| Clifford W. King        | Frank R Walden           |
| Charles R. Kuchera      |                          |

AMS Directory Updated as of February 2024  
Review **YOUR** contact info ensuring information is accurate!

If your contact information is inaccurate, provide corrected contact info to the Membership chair, via emailing AMS at [mappingseniors@outlook.com](mailto:mappingseniors@outlook.com)

Thank you!! Thank you!! To the members who have recently moved and provided their current contact information to “Stay in Touch” with AMS.



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**Amber Beall  
Galene Cottone**

“Keeping in Touch”  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Holiday Luncheon and Annual Meeting



“With a clear sky, and a good turnout, a chilly December day could not dampen the spirits and smiles as friends and co-workers gathered at Dutch's Daughter for the AMS Holiday Luncheon and Annual Meeting. AMS members also continued supporting the Frederick County Salvation

Army by donating a wide variety of toys at the Holiday Luncheon.” Attending were – *Amber Beall, Wally and Lois Beauchamp, Merle and Nancy Biggin, Laura Bond, Larry and Judy Bowles, Jeanne Casamento, Holly Clagett, Gaylene Cottone, Jack and Sharon Crites, Richard and Diana Davidson, Kelly English, David Fait, Tony Figliozzi, Daniel and Kathleen Gleason, Melanie Goggin, Vincent and Rose Goudreau, Chris Greenhill, Mike Hahn, Lon and Anna Hamann, Marshall and Sandy Holt, John Koslin, Will and Valerie Liston, Paul Mich, Walter Moskwa, Mike and Judy Rose, Harry and Caroline Strats, Harry and Patricia Sturman, Michelle Thompson, John Waters-Heflin, Doug and Carol Wenk, Ken and Berna Yuen*

“The buzz of warm greetings as folks entered the luncheon room mingled with the chatter and laughter of those who had already arrived. It was a good sight to see and hear!

Following another enjoyable meal, the 2023 Annual Meeting was conducted. Harry Sturman communicated his “Thanks” to the Board and the members for supporting him during this past year (2023) as AMS President. The results of the annual election for the Vice-President and Secretary positions were reported – Paul Mich was elected Vice-President and Amber Beall was re-elected as Secretary. Harry then passed the “gavel” to the incoming President – Lon Hamann. Lon moved from his position as Vice-President to President as per the By-Laws. Lon then recognized the many AMS volunteers and the NWFCU for their ongoing support of the Association’s mission and activities. He shared information on the upcoming events and planning for the AMS 50th Anniversary celebrations.” Following adjournment of the Annual Meeting, door prizes and 50/50 drawings were held.



Door prize winners  
Tony Figliozzi and Mike Hahn.



50/50 Winners - Judy Bowles,  
Marshall Holt, Holly Clagett



Lon, Pres 2024, Anna Hamann



Merle, Treasurer and Nancy Biggin



John Waters-Heflin. Historian



Paul Mich, VP



Pat and Harry Sturman, Pres  
2023





Judy and Mike Rose



Marshall and Sandy Holt



Daniel and Kathleen Gleason



Larry and Judy Bowles



Will and Valerie Liston



Harry and Caroline Strats



Mike Hahn



Gaylene Cottone



Berna and Ken Yuen



Wally and Lois Beauchamp



Walter Moskwa



Carol and Doug Wenk



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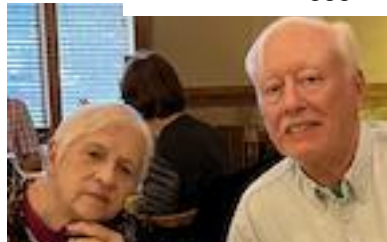
Melanie Gogggin, Holly



Chris Greenhill, Michelle Thompson,



Kelly English,  
Salvation Army Rep



Diana and Richard Davidson



Laura Bond and David Fait



Tony Figliozzi,  
Jeanne Casamento



John Koslin



Vincent and Rose Goudreau



Sharon and Jack Crites



Harry Sturman-David Fait



## I N R E M E M B R A N C E

Please view entire obituaries  
on the AMS website

<https://www.mappers.org/remembrance/>



**Cornelious Leon Boyce**, (Age 79) of Fort Washington, Maryland passed on Monday, November 20, 2023. Affectionately known as "Leon," spent his birthday in heaven. He transitioned to eternity while at the Complete Care LaPlata nursing facility. He is survived by his son Andre (Tonya)

and a host of other family members and friends.



**James "Jim" Elmore Clem**, 82, of Murrells Inlet, SC, formerly of Leesburg, VA, died on Friday, January 26, 2024. He was born in Floyd, VA, on January 6, 1942, to the late Willis Covet Clem and Virginia Perrien (Cannaday) Clem. Surviving is his loving wife of 58 years, Connie Leigh Clem of

Murrells Inlet; daughter Stacy Lynn Skinner and son-in-law Douglas Paul Skinner of Leesburg, VA; granddaughter Kiley Anne Kirkpatrick and her husband Raymond "Austin" Kirkpatrick of Purcellville, VA; great granddaughter Savannah Rae Kirkpatrick; and great grandson Raymond "Mack" Kirkpatrick. He is also survived by his sister Barbara Ann Miller of Bolivia, NC, and sister-in-law Roberta Elgin (John) of Conway, SC.

He is preceded in death by his brother Richard Clem and stepbrother Herman Clem.

Jim's career was very varied in that he retired in 1996 after 37 years as a Cartographer Program Manager at the former Defense Mapping Agency in Washington, D.C., and then became the owner of Colonial Funeral Home of Leesburg from 1996 to 2013. From 2010 to the present, he served as Vice President of Business Development at SCS Safety Health and Security Associates LLC of Leesburg, VA.

Jim was a very generous man with his time and talents. He served his community in a variety of ways, no matter where he lived. He was appointed to the Leesburg Town Council in 1987 and was subsequently elected to a four-year term in 1990 and served as Vice Mayor until July 1992. He was first elected as Mayor in 1992 and was re-elected three

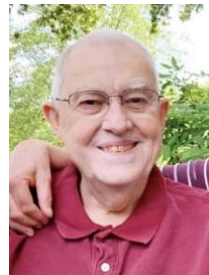
times, May 1994, 1996, and 1998. He continued his service to the Town as the Leesburg District representative on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors from 2003 to 2007.

Jim was an active member of the Leesburg community beyond politics. He was a Life Member and Past President with the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company. Also, he was a Life Member of the Olive Branch Masonic Lodge #114 in Leesburg, VA, and a member of the Leesburg Hosts Lion Club for many years.

After moving to Murrells Inlet, SC in 2009, Jim became active in community and church activities. He served on the Links Brook community's Architectural Review Committee and for many years on the Board of Directors of the Property Owners Association. Every Sunday he would greet everyone at the side door of the Surfside United Methodist Church with a smile and a comment about something relevant to each person. He was a "people" person through and through, and never met a "fencepost" that he would not talk to.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Surfside United Methodist Church, 800 13th Avenue North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575 on Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 11:00 AM, with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a memorial donation to the Surfside United Methodist Church or to the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company, P.O. Box 2577, Leesburg, VA 20177.

There will also be a Celebration of Life in Leesburg, VA on Sunday, April 14th, at 2:00 PM at the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company, 215 Loudoun Street SW, Leesburg, VA 20175.



**Edward "Eddie" Garten** of Burke, Virginia, passed away November 2, 2023, at the age of 80. He was born in Washington, DC, to Francis Theodore Garten and Mary Alice Garten, and spent his formative years in Alexandria, Virginia, graduating in 1962 from George Washington High School

(now middle school). Eddie enrolled in a diversified occupation program and spent his entire career as a metal craftsman at Lindsay Cadillac from 1961 until he retired in 2008.

He is survived by his cherished wife of 60 years, Charlene, along with their children, Matthew (Chrissy) Garten, Kara Garten, and Elise (Gary) Gabriel. He also leaves behind his beloved older brother, John Garten.

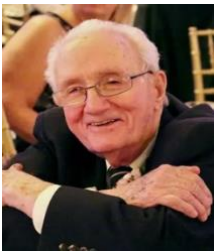
**Robert Francis Harwin** (Age 79) of Rockville, MD passed on Friday, December 22, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Harwin; father of Emily M. Harwin; brother of Susan Contino and Stephen Harwin; uncle of Christopher Contino, Philip Harwin, and David Harwin.



**Robert Henry Bair Kenna**

January 16, 2024

"Bob" was born in Pottsville Pennsylvania on October 14, 1936. Bob attended Admiral Farragut Academy in New Jersey and graduated from the American University in Washington DC. He was a human resources professional working mostly for the U.S. Army in installation management for 25 years and later in the manufacturing industry in New Jersey as a Personnel Director for approximately 13 years. He served in the armed forces during the Korean War Conflict from 1950-1955 and was an Air Force and Army Infantry veteran. Bob was also an amateur Sports Car Club racer in the 1950's & 1960's. Bob and his family were once residents of the Sierra Vista-Fort Huachuca Community where he also served as the US Army as Civilian Personnel Director from 1976 thru 1981. Bob was also an adjunct instructor of Human Resource Management at Upsala College, New Jersey and Columbus College, Georgia. Once retired in Phoenix, AZ he volunteered with Hospice of the Valley and Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation. His wife of 53 years, the former Kathleen Lawton of Washington D.C. preceded him in death in 2017. He is now survived by his son Robb Kenna of Scottsdale, AZ two daughters Carolyn Karkhoff of Litchfield Park, AZ and Cecilia Shelton of Fountain Inn, SC and five grandchildren.



**Frank Paul Lozupone** died peacefully on December 9, 2023. Preceding him in death was his wife of 66 years, Christine M. Lozupone and his daughter Christina M. Lozupone. He is survived by daughter Marie (Ron) Denissen, and sons Michael (Dee)

Lozupone, Frank (Jude) Lozupone II, Joseph (Susan) Lozupone; by many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Frank was born March 7, 1927 in Washington, DC. He went to St. John's College High School and graduated in 1945. Immediately following graduation, he served in the Army Air Corps for one and half years.

He married his high school sweetheart, Christine, in 1951 and they moved and settled in Rockville, Maryland to raise their family. Frank and Christine were founding parishioners of St. Jude's Catholic Church where Frank was involved in the Holy Name Society, CYO, and active lector until 90 years of age. Frank worked for more than 30 years in the Federal Government Department of Defense at the Army Map Service (renamed to US Army Topographic Command and then to Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center) retiring in 1987. He wasn't retired long when he decided to get his realtor license and work for Weichert Realty.

Frank and Christine retired to Leisure World.

When Christine passed away, Frank moved to Asbury Methodist Village, in Gaithersburg where he continued to be active. He also made sure to keep his faith and relationship with God strong; attending Mass every week



*AMS Members extend their deepest sympathy to each family*

## Remembrances Prior to October 2023

Merle Biggin, AMS Membership Chairman, using the current AMS database files review and research those with no communication for a while discovered the following members have previously passed and AMS was not notified. Obituaries are edited for space concerns; however, the entire obituary is included on the AMS website under the "Remembrance" tab.

(<https://www.mappers.org/remembrance/>).



**Robert Ramirez Arias**, age 89, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 21, 2021, surrounded by family in his final moments. Robert accredited his long life to his wife Victoria Bueno Arias, married over 61 glorious years as he would often say she always cared for him very well. An

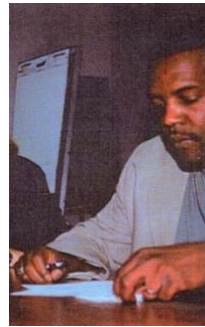
amazing husband, father, son, brother, Marine, mentor and friend to all.

**Career:** After graduating from Fox Tech High School in May 1949, Robert started working at Edgar Tobin Aerial Surveys as a topographic map draftsman. With the United States' entry into the Korean War, Robert joined the United States Marine Corps on June 1,

1950 as he felt the call of duty to serve his country. After completing boot camp, the U.S. Marines deployed him to fight in the Korean War as a machine gunner. Robert was immediately thrown into combat on September 15, 1950, as part of the amphibious beach invasion at the Battle of Inchon, then again on October 26, 1950 in another beach landing at Wonsan. On November 27, 1950, after one of the bloodiest battles in U.S. Marine Corps history, Robert was captured by the North Koreans and Chinese forces at the Chosin Reservoir - Hill 1282 and became a prisoner of war (POW) until the armistice was signed July 27, 1953. He was subsequently released in mid-August 1953 after approximately 32 ½ months as a POW, weighing less than 100 pounds. Robert became a cartographer for the Department of Defense (DOD) working for the Army Map Service, subsequently known as the Defense Mapping Agency at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio Texas. He later accepted a position with the DOD working for the Inter-American Geodetic Survey (IAGS). In that role, he was part of an effort to prepare the first detailed maps of the country of Paraguay for the IAGS as well as leading instruction in cartography to its governmental officials so they could maintain those maps into the future. Robert's last tour of duty before retirement from the DOD in 1986 was teaching cartography at the IAGS Cartographic School in the Panama Canal Zone at Fort Clayton where he became an instructor. A short time after his retirement from the DOD, Robert obtained his real estate license.

**Personal Life:** Born on October 10, 1931, Robert and his family traveled for work with the IAGS to Paraguay in the late 1960's, returning to San Antonio in the early 1970's. Upon returning stateside, Robert continued his work with DOD, raising his children with his wife. Robert is survived by his loving wife of over 61 years, Victoria Bueno Arias; son, John Joseph Arias; daughter, Diana Jo Arias; grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister, Ana Hernandez; brother, Roy Ramirez Arias; and numerous sisters in-laws, a brother in-law, nieces, nephews, friends and extended family on both sides.

*When someone you love becomes a Memory,  
the memory becomes a Treasure.*



**Michael J. Collins** quietly departed his earthly body on April 21, 2022. He lovingly shared his life with Debra for 42 years. He was born in Chicago, Illinois and lived this life for 66 years. His mother, Ida Mae Collins, along with his father, Henry C. Collins, Jr., two brothers, and one sister preceded his departure.

Michael graduated from Muskegon High School (Muskegon, Michigan) in 1974. During the Spring semester of his senior year, he was faced with a strong possibility of being drafted into the armed forces (Vietnam War). Instead, he joined the many who made the conscious decision to enlist. After graduation and in July of 1974, he began his service in the United States Army.

Honorably discharged as a Corporal completing two years active and four years in the Army reserves, he was known as a Vietnam Era Veteran.

In 2009, he retired from the Federal Government as a civic employee where he received several distinguished acknowledgements and awards. When he retired, Michael had a sum total of 32 years of service to the country.



**David Allen “Dave” Gootee**, 77, husband of Agnes Gootee, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2018, surrounded by his family at his home in Seaford, Va. They were married almost 54 years. Mr. Gootee was a 1963 Virginia Military Institute (VMI)

graduate and received a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

Dave's career spanned 40 years, and he served four military branches, U.S. Marines at VMI, officer in the U.S. Air Force, federal employee for the U.S. Navy and federal employee for the U.S. Army. He retired as a federal employee in 2001 from the Central Intelligence Agency.



**Ray Hibbs, Jr.** passed away on the evening of August 25, 2020, in the presence of those who loved him. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Annie (Johnson) Hibbs; sister Shirley Patterson, daughters Pam Hibbs (Terry) and Dana Suggs (Willie); son Skip Hibbs (Pam); stepson John Foster (Kristine), 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.





**Walter Glen Irby** (71) passed away at home in Sterling, Virginia on April 1, 2023. Glen was born on May 31, 1951, to Lewis and Fay Irby in Washington, D.C. Glen is survived by his siblings Donald (Karen) and Jim; Children Michael (Rebecca), Nancy (Chad) and Amanda (Alex); Stepchildren Steven (Christina) and David and 10 treasured grandchildren that filled his life with much joy. Donna filled his life with happiness and joy until the end. After High school he became a cartographer map maker for the Federal government for 40 years! He was an avid bowler and finally bowled a 300 on March 5, 2020. However, if you asked him what his greatest accomplishment was, he would say being a father. A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, May 20, 2023.



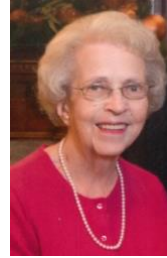
**Bobbie Louise Martin**, 72, of Hagerstown, Maryland, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 2, 2023 at her home. She was predeceased by her longtime love, Michael Basore. Born on August 28, 1950, in Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Sherman Edward Martin and Helen Louise (Freeman) Martin Phillips. Bobbie worked for many years as a Registered Nurse at Western Maryland Hospital. She was a history buff and enjoyed shopping and traveling. Bobbie was a special, one-of-a-kind person who never met a stranger. She was a quiet soul with a great sense of humor. She was loved and adored by everyone she met.

She enjoyed helping others as well as loving her cats, which were the loves of her life. Bobbie always maintained a giving and loving relationship with those that knew her. Bobbie will be greatly missed by many good friends.



**Nancy (Roberts) Miller Edelen**, age 85, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 12, 2010 at her home in Harbeson. Nan was born in Abington, PA. on April 15, 1924. Nan went back to school in 1966, earning a degree in cartography from Columbia Technical Institute. She worked as a cartographer for both the Defense Mapping Agency and the National Capital Park and Planning Commission for about nine years.

In addition to her husband, Bob Edelen, of Harbeson, Nan is survived by her four daughters, Donna Means, of Georgetown, DE; Patricia Rao, of Silver Spring, MD; Rebecca Ryder, of Philadelphia, PA; and Linda Miller, of Gaithersburg, MD; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



**Mary E. "Molly" Murphy**, 94, of Vienna, VA, passed away at home after a long illness on May 29, 2022. Molly was born in July 1927. She graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1949 and joined the Central Intelligence Agency, where she travelled the world before meeting and marrying her husband of nearly 60 years, Joseph E. Murphy. They moved to Vienna in 1964 where they raised their two children. Molly was the secretary at OLGK school from 1979 until her retirement in 1990. She was a devoted volunteer at OLGK parish, an avid knitter, a wonderful cook and hostess, and a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.



**Mary T. Stradley**, 68, of Fairfax, Virginia went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 10, 2023, after a struggle with the effects of diabetes. Her husband, Leighton, was with her when she passed. Mary was born November 18, 1954 in Washington, DC. Her parents were Barbara Winter Leachman and Edward Michael Tierney, Jr., both from Washington, DC. She moved to Fairfax, Virginia where she resided for 45 years before marrying Leighton P. Stradley in April 2000 in Fairfax, Virginia. Most recently, Mary was involved with social clubs, having served on boards of directors with the Concord Club and Washington Sängerbund, both of Washington, DC. Earlier, she served as a caretaker of children private households. She taught at Truro Preschool back in the 1980s. Mary is survived by her husband, Leighton; her sister Elizabeth Tierney Hussey and many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephew.



### **Peggie Ann Watkins**

January 8, 1946 – February 6, 2023 from Bowie, MD.



**Mark Frederick Windland** of Round Rock, TX passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren on February 10, 2023 at the age of 83.

Mark was born in 1939, to Anna and Ercel Windland in Parkersburg, WV.

He joined the U.S. Army at age of 17 and served for 20 years, earning, among other numerous awards and decorations, the Expert Infantry Badge (EIB) and the Bronze Star. Mark served his country honorably and faithfully in Vietnam from 1971-1972. Upon his retirement from military service in 1976, he found employment in private industry at Ft. Belvoir, VA where he was able to apply his training and skills in the cartographic/photogrammetric field. After another successful career in civilian life, Mark retired in 1999, and a few years later, moved to Melbourne, FL to fully embrace retirement with his wife, Barbara Windland. During this time, Mark & Barb split their time

between Florida during the winter months and Canaan Valley, WV during the summer months in order to stay close and connected to his roots. Each home provided a vacation spot for not only his children, but a place to make special memories with his grandchildren without Mom and Dad. Mark eventually ended up in Round Rock, TX in 2017 to share in the upbringing of the last of his young grandchildren as he had done previously with each of his eldest children.

Mark never missed an opportunity to dabble in the hobbies and interests of his children and grandchildren but was always sure to pass-on what he enjoyed most, seeking to teach and nurture whether or not the sport or hobby stuck. It was the underlying life lessons that he imparted during that time, which were most important for him to share.

Mark is preceded in death by his eldest brother William (Bill) Windland, and his sister Barbara Williams. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Windland, his six children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, his older brother Dan Windland, his sister Loretta Shalosky.

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# AMS St. Patrick's Luncheon

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

**Finnegan's Grill & Irish Pub**  
 44050 Ashburn Village Blvd #199  
 Ashburn, VA 20147



| Name<br>(Please PRINT your name)<br>Cost \$27.00 per person (includes tax & gratuities) | Main Entrée (select one) |                 |              |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Fish & Chips             | Chicken Pot Pie | Reuben Combo |
| 1.  |                          |                 |              |
| 2.  |                          |                 |              |

**Entrees –**

- Fish & Chips Combo** - Yuengling Beer-Battered Cod served over Fries. Coleslaw, Tartar sauce and Ketchup on side
- Chicken Pot Pie** - Diced chicken breast, peas, carrots, onions, and celery in a creamy broth served open-faced with flaky puff pastry.
- Reuben Combo** - First cut corned beef with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese, and house-made thousand island dressing. Served on marble rye bread.

Price of \$27.00 per person includes entrée, beverage selection of coffee, tea, or soda.

\_\_\_\_\_ people attending \$\_\_\_\_\_ total amount enclosed.

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

Please volunteer by placing your name to assist with a task listed below. Thank you for assisting!

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

## Payment Methods – **Due March 1, 2024**

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**2. Electronically –**

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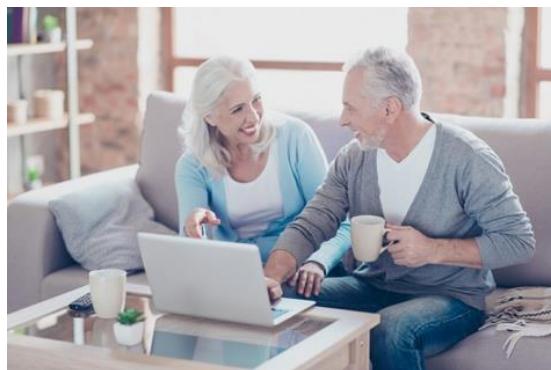
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