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Howard Robert 'Socky' Keefe

Feb. 24, 1933 — Jan. 7, 2015

“Socky” Keefe, 81, a resident of Jamestown for 43 years, passed away on Jan. 7, 2014, at his home.

He was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Sonora to his parents, Howard and Melba Keefe. Socky graduated from Sonora High School, class of 1950. After high school, he went to Idaho to play minor league baseball for the Baltimore Orioles until he was drafted. He served with the Army for two years in Korea. When he returned to Sonora he became a driver and salesperson for Rainbow Baking Company. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling and particularly cruising.

Socky was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Melba Keefe; and his brother, James “Bummy” Keefe.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Cynthia Keefe; his three children, Shelly Reibin and husband, Jay Matheson, of Jamestown, Jim Reibin and wife, Monica, of Sonora, and Sherri Wels and husband, Bill, of Jamestown; his four grandchildren and his four great-grandchildren.

Socky will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Per his wishes, there will be no services.

Patricia Joan Eaton

June 16, 1941 — Nov. 29, 2014

Born June 16, 1941, in McNary, Arizona, to Tillie and Verdell Usrey, she lost her battle with dementia on Nov. 29, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father; her stepfather, Jim Carleton; and her grandmother, Irene Selby.

She grew up in Standard and Sonora, attending Curtis Creek and Sonora elementary schools and graduated with the class of 1959 from Sonora Union High School. Patricia was married to Lauren Spehar in 1961 and, while the marriage ended in divorce, it produced two beautiful daughters, Lori and Michelle. Patricia married a Modesto attorney, Ron LaForce, in 1972 with that marriage also ending in divorce. In 2001, she married Thomas Eaton.

Patricia worked in the fashion industry for most of her adult life. She assumed ownership of The Princess Shoppe in 1971, following the untimely deaths of her grandmother and mother who founded it in 1955.

Patricia closed The Princess Shoppe in 2011 and, with her husband, Tom, moved to the Sacramento area to seek treatment for her illness.

She leaves behind her husband, Tom; two daughters, Lori Wyzard and Michelle Spehar; five grandchildren, Braun, Max, Paige, Taylor and Chase; her sister, Carolyn Williams; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Carole Carleton; and numerous other relatives and friends.

A graveside service with family members present was held on Dec. 7, 2014, at the Sonora Masonic Cemetery.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Church in Standard, followed by a reception at the Standard Pour. Please RSVP for attendance at the reception no later than Jan. 17 to toprocker@comcast.net or call 916-214-1374. Seating will be limited.

Frances Annie (Noakes) Siemon

March 11, 1923 — Dec. 25, 2014

Frances Annie Siemon passed away on Christmas day at the age of 91. She suffered a stroke and a fall a few days before Christmas. My brother, Paul Michael, was with her as he has been all along.

Like any long life, hers was one of joys and of sadness. She was a child of the Great Depression but she never stopped dreaming.

She was married to Leaton Siemon for over 25 years and they chased a few dreams together: adopting me, living in Panama, adopting Paul and finding a few years of happiness together in the promise of California. It was not always easy, and I remember coming home from school to find her working as a seamstress to earn extra money. She told me in a letter, not long ago, that she had bought all of our furniture with the money she earned doing alterations and dressmaking.

She loved Grandma and Pop and included them in all of her adventures, having them visit Panama and California where Pop marveled at the oranges growing on our tree in December!

After my father's death, she went to school and became a real estate broker for many years, had her own office in Sonora, where she lived for over 40 years.

She loved to take cruises and saw some of the world when she went to Greece and Turkey. Only 12 years ago, she went by herself on a cruise up the St. Lawrence to see the fall colors. Through the years, she drove all over

the country in her RV with one of her beloved dogs to visit friends and even drove all the way to Alaska alone!

She gardened, canned, baked and hung her laundry out to dry. She played almost all musical instruments by ear but loved the organ most of all. She was happiest, later in life, when she was in the very good company of her beloved dogs, Scampy and Mitzi. She rescued every dog and cat that came her way. I can only imagine that she was worried about them when she passed away.

Paul Michael will continue to live in their home, where he is raising his grandson, Mason, and he will care for Scampy and Mitzi.

I hope that you will remember her well and know that she loved you all very much.

Aaron Eugene Tracy

Dec. 24, 2014 — Dec. 24, 2014

Aaron Eugene Tracy was born on Dec. 24, 2014, at Sonora Regional Medical Center in Sonora, California, and passed away later that morning at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto, California.

Aaron passed away peacefully in the loving arms of his father and mother. Although his life was too short, he was very loved by his family.

Aaron is survived by his mother and father, Alisha Davis and Jeffery Tracy; three siblings, Layla, Xander, and Dino; his grandparents, Aaron Davis, Susan and Randy Nelson, and Michelle Tracy; his great grandparents, Carroll and Irene Manning, Dino and Gigi Tracy, and Cecilia Walker-Colvin; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home in Tuolumne, California. A burial at Carters Cemetery will take place afterward.

The family would like to sincerely thank everyone who has helped them through this very difficult time.

Death notices

Death Notices in The Union Democrat are published free of charge. They include the name, age and hometown of the deceased, the date of death; service information; and memorial contribution information. The deadline is 2 p.m. the day before publication.

Notices

BISHOP — Homer Bishop, 101, died Sunday at his home in Jamestown. Heuton Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

BOONE — A graveside service for John Boone, 65, of Twain Harte, who died on Dec. 12, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Carters Cemetery in Tuolumne with a gathering to follow at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Twain Harte.

DRIES — Helen Marie Dries, 93, of Sonora, died Monday at her home. Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

HUGHES — John Hughes, 55, of Sonora, died Monday at Sonora Regional Medical Center. Heuton Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

MARKGREN — Mary Markgren, 88, of Columbia, died Saturday at her home. Heuton Memorial Chapel is handling arrangements.

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