

Lisa Anne (Parks) Boatwright, 63, departed this life on July 3, 2017, at home surrounded by her three children, her husband, and her mother, Anne Parks. Lisa was born in Newport News, Va. In 1953. She relocated to the Canal Zone in Panama while still an infant when her father gained employment as a locomotive operator on the Canal. Her grandparents, James and Katherine Trimble, were living in the Canal Zone and played a big part in the family coming to Panama. Lisa attended St. Mary's Catholic School and graduated from Balboa High School in 1971. She also attended Canal Zone College. Lisa married Craig Boatwright in 1972, and after a stint in the Navy, they returned to the Canal Zone where Lisa began her career working for the Department of Defense at Howard Air Force Base. After the Panama Canal Treaty, she returned stateside and continued with the government until her retirement from the Department of Homeland Security as an Assistant Director of Mission Support for the Phoenix District.

James Noel Farnsworth passed away on May 12, 2017, at the age of 70 from complications of a stroke. He was born in Austin, Minn., to Noel and Camilla Farnsworth. They moved to the Canal Zone when Jim was a young boy. After graduating from Balboa High School in 1964, Jim went to Texas Christian University for a year and then returned to the Canal Zone and completed an electrical apprenticeship. Jim enlist in the Army. He married Jerri Hunt on Aug 9, 1969. In 1974, Jim graduated from the University of South Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. After working with engineering firms in Florida, Jim accepted a position with the Panama Canal Company. Jim and Jerri were blessed with two daughters.

Mariette Graham passed away in Macon, Ga. On October 22, 2017, at Coliseum Hospital after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Mariette was born in Tallahassee, Fla. on September 24, 1943. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Grady Hospital in Atlanta. Her nursing career included positions in ICU at Gorgas Hospital of the Panama Canal Company and at Coliseum Hospital in Macon, from which she retired in 2015. While living in Panama, Mrs. Graham was president of the AF of GE Local Nurses Union for a few years. She was active in the implementation of the Panama- United States Treaty.

David Cooper Hollowell, a longtime resident of Imperial Beach, Calif., died August 12 in Tucson, Az., after a short illness caused by a series of strokes. He was the youngest son of Cooper and Ida Jordan Hollowell. David was born in Ancon, Canal Zone, Rep. of Panama on November 11, 1924. His parents and grandparents went to Panama to work on canal construction and stayed to work on canal operations. David's father and grandfather were both Roosevelt Medal holders. He was raised in Gatun where his father worked on the locks. His maternal grandfather was a conductor on the trans-isthmus railroad. David graduated from Cristobal High School and worked briefly as a canal electrician. In 1944, he joined the U.S. Navy as a seaman and was assigned to Naval Station Coco Solo, Canal Zone. He would join the Naval Air section and work his way up the ranks. He retired in 1973 as a highly decorated Lieutenant at North Island Naval Station. He met and married Thelma Cronin in San Jose, Calif. in 1952.

Louise Alice Rathgeber Hunt, 94, passed away on July 23, 2017, at Cape Canaveral Hospital surrounded by her family. Louise, one of eight children, was born and raised in the Panama Canal Zone. Her father, John Rathgeber, was awarded a Roosevelt Medal in recognition of construction service on the Panama Canal from 1912 – 1914. Louise met her future husband, Joseph Hunt, at a dance during her freshman year of high school. They were married in 1945. She and Joe raised their one son Joseph and three daughters Jerrilynn, Janet, and Jacque in the Canal Zone. Louise's legacy will live on in the hearts of her children and their families who say "How lucky we are to have had someone that makes saying goodbye so hard."

George Lopp passed away on September 30, 2017. He was a member of the Elks and the Sacred Heart Church in Ancon, Panama.

Reverend **Clarence McConkey** passed away on September 15, 2017, after prolonged kidney disease. It brought to a close a life of service as pastor of the United Methodist Church, author, poet, college professor and amateur archaeologist. His ministry in Nebraska and the Republic of Panama included working with archaeological projects in many areas of the world. He served the Balboa Union Church as pastor for ten years, during the 1970s and 1980s. His writing for the Christian Century, Grand Island Independent, and other publications gave voice to his convictions about racial justice, political chicanery, and positive ways for making human life more decent for all those who share this planet. His life was filled with adventure, discovery, and creativity and was lived in the circle of his family. A veteran of World War II, Clarence served in the 4th Division, United States Marine Corps, on Iwo Jima.

C. Herbert (Herb) Raybourn, 82, died peacefully at his home in Florida on October 21, 2017. Herb was a professional baseball player, scout, and former New York Yankee Director of Latin American Operations who in 1990 most notably

discovered and signed Panamanian MLB soon-to-be Hall of Famer Mariano Rivera. Herb is best known for his successful scouting career that in many ways changed baseball forever by paving the way for Latin American players. He was also an exceptional baseball player who cleverly found a way to stay active in the game he loved so much for decades. Herb Raybourn was born in Panama City, Panama. Herb grew up bilingual and attended Balboa High School (class of '55) in the former Panama Canal Zone. He earned a Master of Science in Physical Education from East Texas State University in 1962. He returned to Panama to teach Physical Education and coach at Balboa High School in the former Canal Zone where his tenacity, ethics, and humble spirit influenced his students, and mentees. Herb played in the Panamanian Professional Baseball League from 1959 – 1972, until the league folded. In 1972 he transferred to the Panama Canal Company Office of the Civil Affairs Director. He began scouting in Panama and Latin America for Major League Baseball in 1969. He started his career in scouting with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1969-1976).

Jack D. Rosholt, 88, passed away on August 26, 2017. He first arrived in the Canal Zone in 1952 at age 24 to start his career working for IAGS (Inter-American Geodetic Survey) under the OAS. In Bolivia, he fell in love and married Soledad Chavez. They went on to live and work in countries; Bolivia, Panama, Guatemala, Colombia, Paraguay, and Ecuador. He eventually transitioned into USAID where he gained an expertise and passion for Land Titling and Decentralizing Land Property Registries.

Babette Saenz, 61, passed away on September 7, 2017. She entered this world on November 21, 1955, in Albuquerque, N.M. to Adolph (Mary Ellen) and Jan Saenz. Dr. Babette Saenz (MPA, DOM, MITS) was a renowned Doctor of Oriental Medicine in Albuquerque and a strong proponent of integrated medicine. Babette graduated with the Balboa High School class of 1973.

Jeffery W. Sears, 70, of Pensacola, Fla. Died on August 28, 2017. Jeff was born in Ancon, Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama on July 23, 1947. He graduated from Balboa High School in the Canal Zone and Saint Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. He returned to the Canal Zone following college and worked for the Federal Government until all U.S. Citizens were forced to retire when the Panama Canal was returned to Panama. Within a week following retirement, Jeff was attacked by a virus (Transverse Myelitis) resulting in quadriplegia. After four months in the hospital, he came to Florida for continuing care as a paraplegic.

Dwayne M. Willingham passed away on April 3, 2017. Dwayne was born in Alabama on February 23, 1944. He was raised in the Canal Zone in Panama and was a BHS'62 graduate. He was a Vietnam veteran and served as an advisor in the U.S. Army for five years. He was a Captain in the Army. He was predeceased by his parents George and Doris Willingham, who were former teachers in the U.S. Government schools in the Canal Zone.

Sister **Jane Zawadzki M.M.**, died on Aug. 3, at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Ossining, N.Y. She was 88, and she had been a Maryknoll Sister for 66 years. Born in Brooklyn, she attended Girls' High School. In 1950, she entered the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation from Our Lady of Consolation parish, Williamsburg. She made her first profession of vows in 1953 and her final profession in 1959 while on a mission in Siuna, Nicaragua. After attending Maryknoll Teachers College and earning a bachelor's degree in education in 1956, she was assigned to Central America to teach. In 1965, she was assigned to Colegio San Vicente, in Ancon, Panama, until 1973. She then moved to St. Mary's Mission in Ancon, teaching in grades one to five and in the CCD programs. In 1984, she was awarded The Master Key to the Locks of the Panama Canal in recognition of her service. In 1987, she returned to Las Mañanitas in Panama, where she served in parish ministry, helped form Bible study groups and basic Christian communities, worked with dedicated lay women and men, overseeing liturgy, catechetical programs, sacramental preparation and a youth group and visiting the sick.
