

Victoria May Hollowell Allen, 101, passed away April 6, 2016, in Thermopolis, Wyo. after a long and full life. She was born August 26, 1914, in the old French Hospital, Ancon, Panama Canal Zone to Cooper and Ida (Jordan) Hollowell. Both her father and grandfather had gone to Panama during the canal construction and stayed through retirement. She was raised in Gatun where her father worked on the locks. Victoria graduated from Cristobal High School where she had been active as a swimmer and bowler.

Alice Christensen, 94, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2017, in Riverside, Calif. She lived in Gamboa, Los Rios, and Corozal. Alice lived in the Zone until after the 1975 death of her husband (after whom the still-operating dredge, Rialto M. Christensen is named).

Barbara Jeanne Adamson Christoph, age 74, passed away on February 21, 2017. She was born January 18, 1943 in Panama Canal Zone to John and Aura Erikson. She graduated from CHS'61. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Frances M. Coman, 93, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2017, of natural causes in Wetumpka, Ala. She was born in Kinston, N.C. in 1923, to James and Julia Davenport. She moved to the Canal Zone with her parents when she was only two years old. She grew up on the Atlantic side. She graduated from CHS in 1941. Frances married James B. Coman, Jr. (CHS'37), and was a military wife.

Jules Damiani, 74, passed away on September 13, 2016. Jules was born in Jersey City, N.J. The Damiani family moved to the Rep. Of Panama when he was only two years old where he resided in Gatun, Canal Zone, until college. He loved sports and played football, baseball, and basketball in Cristobal High School. Jules graduated with the CHS'64 and attended Canal Zone Junior College. He was voted "Most Wittiest" in his high school senior year. Jules graduated from Salem College in West Virginia. During his career, Jules taught secondary education, was a marketing VP at New York Telephone in New York City, and later in Atlanta with Southern Bell and owned his own company.

Richard John Dillon, 74, of Grove Hill, passed away November 12, 2016, at Jackson Medical Center. He was born October 8, 1942, to John Thomas Dillon and Agnes Feeney Dillon in the Canal Zone, Panama. Richard began his career in the Panama Canal at the old Industrial Division in the '60s as a Marine Machinist Apprentice and retired as a Tugboat, Senior Chief Engineer.

Theresa F. (McCann) Moore Arrington Dunn passed away peacefully at her home on February 24, 2017, after a long illness. Theresa taught in elementary schools in Boston and Worcester, Mass., Venezuela, Buffalo, N.Y., and Panama. In the Canal Zone, she taught at Coco Solo Elementary School. Also she served as Supervisor of Instruction for the Elementary Schools and as the Principal at the Howard Elementary School Theresa was also a part time instructor at the Canal Zone College in modern mathematics for teachers. While in Panama Theresa served as the Federal Women's Program Director to the Governor of the Canal Zone for four years and in the same capacity to the Director of the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. After leaving Panama, Theresa taught for one year in Rabat, Morocco. Theresa retired in 1988.

Donald Alton Gilmore, 82, of Winter Springs, Fla., passed away peacefully February 4, 2017. He was born March 7, 1934, in the Panama Canal Zone. He met his wife in York, Penn. and they were life-long high school sweethearts who met on a blind date. Don spent his career as an Electrical Engineer and a Facilities Manager earning a Professional Engineering Designation.

Ralph W. Henderson, 90, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, died February 19, 2017. a Ralph was retired from the Panama Canal Company as a shift foreman for the Miraflores Power Plant, attended Covenant Presbyterian Church in Harrisville, Ohio and was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Paul Grady Higginbotham, 55, passed away on March 2017. Paul was a competitive swimmer and swam for various teams at the Howard AFB, and Albrook AFB in Panama and rode Tiny Tim at the Albrook stables. Following a brief stint in the Marine Corps, Paul became an accomplished welder.

James Robert Jackson, 72, of Aiken, S.C. passed away on February 2, at Veterans Hospital. James was born in Cuthbert, Ga. on November 26, 1944, and son of the late Arnold and Inez Jackson. He grew up in the Panama Canal Zone and was a graduate of Cristobal High School class of '63.

James Edmond Lovelady, 86, passed away September 16, 2016 in Dothan, Ala. He joined the United States Navy

at age 17 and served as a Gunner's Mate Sea man for five years. Following his military service, he worked as a police officer in Canal Zone, Panama and later with the Panama Canal Commission as locomotive operator at the Pedro Miguel Locks until he retired in 1988.

Fern Leora Morse, 96, passed away on March 19, 2017, surrounded by her family in her home. In 1942, she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) then the Women's Army Corps (WAC) where she served as a T-5 High-Speed Radio Operator. She married her childhood friend Warren Morse in 1944. In 1951, they moved to live in the Panama Canal Zone where they raised six children. While in the Canal Zone Fern was employed by the U.S. Navy, retiring after 30 years of service. She served as Mother Advisor for Rainbow Girls and seven years was the Supreme Deputy for the Order of Rainbow Girls in the Panama Canal Zone.

Sarah (Sally) Inman O'Brien, 87, passed away in Bryan, Texas on December 13, 2016 from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident, which also claimed the life of her husband Daniel I. Padberg. Shortly after finishing her studies she met and married Charles J. O'Brien (Transportation Department 1977 – 1988) who carried her off to a 37-year adventure in Latin America that included stays in El Salvador and Colombia, before settling in Panama City, Panama. Sally worked with Panama Canal Schools Division and DoDEA as a Physical Education Instructor in Ancon, Diablo, and Ft. Clayton.

Mary Hunt Parker, 94, died peacefully in her sleep on March 14, 2017, in El Paso Texas. Mary was born July 17, 1922, in Colon, Panama, the second of five children of William Patrick and Jessie (Stilson) Hunt. She grew up in the Canal Zone and Panama, graduating from Cristobal High School in 1940. Mary met and married her husband James Coleman Parker of West Blockton, Ala., while he was stationed in Panama during WWII. After they had been married, they lived on several different military posts in the Canal Zone.

Rosemarie Lucy Ridge (Dusti) passed away in her home in Lauderdale Lakes, Fla. on February 3, 2017, after a long, courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Dusti was born the eldest of six children at the old Gorgas Hospital in Ancon, Canal Zone on September 13, 1951, to Robert Leo and Patricia (Redding) Ridge. Dusti attended St Mary's Catholic School through 8th grade, Curundu Junior High, and Balboa High School through her sophomore year. She would have graduated with the class of BHS 1969 but left the Canal Zone. Dusti later returned to Panama and obtained her G.E.D. from Canal Zone College in 1973.

Leonard "Harry" Scranton, Jr., 79, of Pascagoula, passed away on December 17, 2016, surrounded by family and close friends. He was born to the late Ruth Erikson Scranton and Leonard H. Scranton Sr. in Colon, the Republic of Panama on October 17, 1937. Leonard enjoyed growing up in Panama. He graduated from Cristobal High School in 1956 and served in the United States Air Force.

Jack E. Smith, 97, WWII combat veteran and Canal Zone Policeman, after a long illness, passed away in Alexander City, Ala. on February 14, 2017. Jack moved to the Republic of Panama where he served as a Canal Zone Police Officer. He remained in the Canal Zone, except for his service with the US Army in Europe during WWII, until he retired in 1970.

Lawrence Bradley Sulc, 89, of Saint Helena Island, S. C., passed away from complications of Alzheimer's on February 1, 2017, at Regency Hospice - Bayview Manor. Larry graduated from Balboa High School, in the Zone, in 1945, as president of his senior class. He served in the US Navy. Later he joined the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). and retired from the agency. He founded, and was President of the Nathan Hale Institute, a non-profit organization advocating a strong United States intelligence capability.

Robert "Bob" White Jr., 93, passed away April 11, 2017. He was a native of Ft. Worth, Texas. He married Dorothy "Dottie" Davis on August 2, 1952. They lived and worked in the former Panama Canal Zone for 40 years during which time Bob was an educator and Principal at the Los Rios and Balboa Elementary schools for the Canal Zone school system.