

Ella Duncan

December 2, 1922 – January 10, 2025

Our dear, amazing, determined, fun, super, and beautiful Ella went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 10th. She was on this Earth 102 years and 39 days!! The day before she succumbed to double-pneumonia, she was not feeling well. Her daughter Pam told her she was going to call and cancel her bridge game. Ella said, "No, I'll be feeling better tomorrow." That's our Ella, and she picked a bridge day to leave us. We will announce when they are having her Celebration of Life service and the obituary she wrote for herself will be published as well. Rest in peace our sweet lady.



Ella Mae Duncan December 2, 1922 — January 11, 2025, El Paso Ella Mae (Fallin) Duncan December 2, 1922 – January 10, 2025, Ella Mae (Fallin) Duncan born December 2, 1922, in Hagerman, Idaho, to Ralph Nathan and Nora Eliason Fallin, passed away peacefully on January 10, 2025. She was 102 years old. Ella was the younger sister of Vern Edward Fallin and grew up in Hagerman, where she excelled both academically and athletically. A proud member of the Idaho State girls' championship basketball team for two consecutive years (1938- 1939), she graduated from Hagerman High School before attending Albion State Normal School, where she graduated in 1942. In 1942-43, she taught 5th grade in Jerome, Idaho, before marrying Lieutenant Kenneth W. Duncan in 1943. During World War II, Ella taught junior high

school and coached both boys' and girls' basketball in Hagerman. Ella's life was shaped by her role as a mother and military spouse. She and Kenneth welcomed their first daughter, Pamela K., on January 5, 1944, and their second daughter, Penny Lou, on October 20, 1946. Throughout her husband's military career, the family moved frequently, living in locations such as Fort Lewis, WA, Columbus, GA, Nellingen, Germany, Monterey and San Francisco, CA, Poitier, France, Frankfurt, Germany, and finally El Paso, TX. Ella earned her teaching certificate from San Francisco State University. Over the course of her career, she taught for 12 years in Idaho, California, Poitier, France, and Frankfurt, Germany, and an additional 24 years in El Paso, retiring in 1986 after a fulfilling teaching career that touched countless lives. In retirement, Ella remained active in her community, serving as president of PWP (Parents Without Partners) and enjoying her lifelong passion for bridge. A member of the American Contract Bridge League for many years, she attained Ruby Life Master rank, and her last competitive bridge game was held at the El Paso Bridge Center on January 3, 2025. Ella also enjoyed bowling, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. She was a lover of all sports, especially golf. She maintained many lasting friendships over the years. Ella is survived by her daughter Pamela and husband Lloyd Fannon, six grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, all of whom carry forward her legacy of love, joy, and passion for life. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Memorial Service will take place from 1:00 - 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Sunset Funeral Homes- Northeast, 4631 Hondo Pass Dr. In lieu of flowers please feel free to donate to a charity of your choice in Ella's name. To send flowers to the family in memory of Ella Mae Duncan, please visit our flower store.

Dennis Cooper Moore (Denny) July 2, 1939 - January 28, 2025 We are saddened to announce the passing of Dennis Cooper Moore (July 2, 1939 - January 28, 2025). Dennis is survived by his wife Pat Moore, his two sons Denny Moore and David Moore, his two daughters, Christine Tracy and Cindy Casson Russell, his son-in-law Andrew Russell, and his six grandchildren, Joseph, Mathias, Guy, Penny, Elsa and Nathan. He died peacefully surrounded by family and friends. He will be missed. A memorial service for Dennis will be held at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, Nevada, located at 1900 Buchanan Road, on February 25, 2025, at 1:20 p.m. with a celebration of life to follow at 4769 Bow Canyon Court, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89147. To send flowers to the family of Dennis Cooper Moore, please visit Tribute Store.



Dennis Cooper Moore

July 2, 1939 - January 28, 2025

Denny Moore has been on this earth for 85 years. On January 28th, he left this world for a better place of no more pain and suffering. He has left us remembering his hilarious wit and being a brilliant player of our favorite game. Rest in peace, Dennie.



Herbert (Jay) Woods

May 18, 1933 - March 5, 2025


Our bridge family has lost one of its most beloved members: Herbert (Jay) Woods, who died March 5, 2025, after a very brief illness. He was a teacher and mentor to many of us, and it was one of his greatest joys to work with new players and see them progress. Anyone fortunate enough to travel to a tournament with him would not only have a most enjoyable time but also come home with loads of master points. Besides being a highly-skilled bridge player, he was wonderful friend. Further details will be printed here as they become available.





Memories of Jay




Scott Norris





I am forever going to play "at" duplicate bridge. It started in 2013; Jay was giving instruction to a bunch of newbies at the Coronado Townhomes clubhouse. We counted points, whether we had a good fit, learned to PASS mostly (LOL). His patience to us was remarkable, never demeaning on our lack of grasping the basic concepts. He so loved the game, the people. He will be missed.




Allison Mann



My husband Gary and I took lessons from Jay, traveling to El Paso for his bridge guidance. Always soft-spoken with a smile, Jay was a wonderful teacher with great questions to make us think about what we were doing before we made that wrong move!




When he played in Las Cruces, he was a welcome addition to the game, and I was especially touched by his compliments, not about my bridge playing, (quite rightly), but about my leadership of Belton several years before. He was a gentleman of the nicest kind...



Gustavo Gonzalez



Sad news



My opinion: The first person that welcomed me to the club, and from that day, I realized that I had met the person with the most positive attitude possible.



He gave everything to the club. I will miss him deeply.



Stuart Kahn




He was a great guy and wonderful patient and caring teacher!










Memories of Jay




Patrick Haughey





One of Jay's successful businesses was an asphalt/repaving firm. Often, when carpooling with him, he would point out parking lots that could be redone, potholes that could be repaired. He wasn't a boastful fellow, not given to talking about the good old days--with the exception of high school football, with Gerald Georges as a teammate! He lamented some bad investments, which, to hear him tell it, left him living in near poverty. His recent accomplishment, which many are aware of, was a Thursday morning Bridge class at Decker, mostly teaching absolute beginners, which brought in several new members (12? 15?). A recent development in our neighborhood was the tearing down of the Whataburger at Sunland Park and Cromo. Jay noted that a) that is a highly prized location, and b) the Whataburger sign remains in place. He predicted that what will be built there is a new, improved Whataburger. Let's see if he proves to be right!




Kismet Sozer
















Jay Woods was a great person and a wonderful friend. I met him when I moved to El Paso 10 years ago. I was looking for bridge lessons and met Rex & Jay. We also made great memories in the club and outside the club full of bridge. He was always encouraging, supportive, kind and friendly. He will be always in my heart and in my memories. May he rest in peace.



Phil Anderson



Jay was the first to greet me when I initially went to the bridge club to observe. He offered to play in the game as my partner, was gracious, and showed a genuine interest in me. Jay has done the same for many new club members. I will miss his welcoming nature, his excellent play, his teaching, and his friendship.





Frank Hart

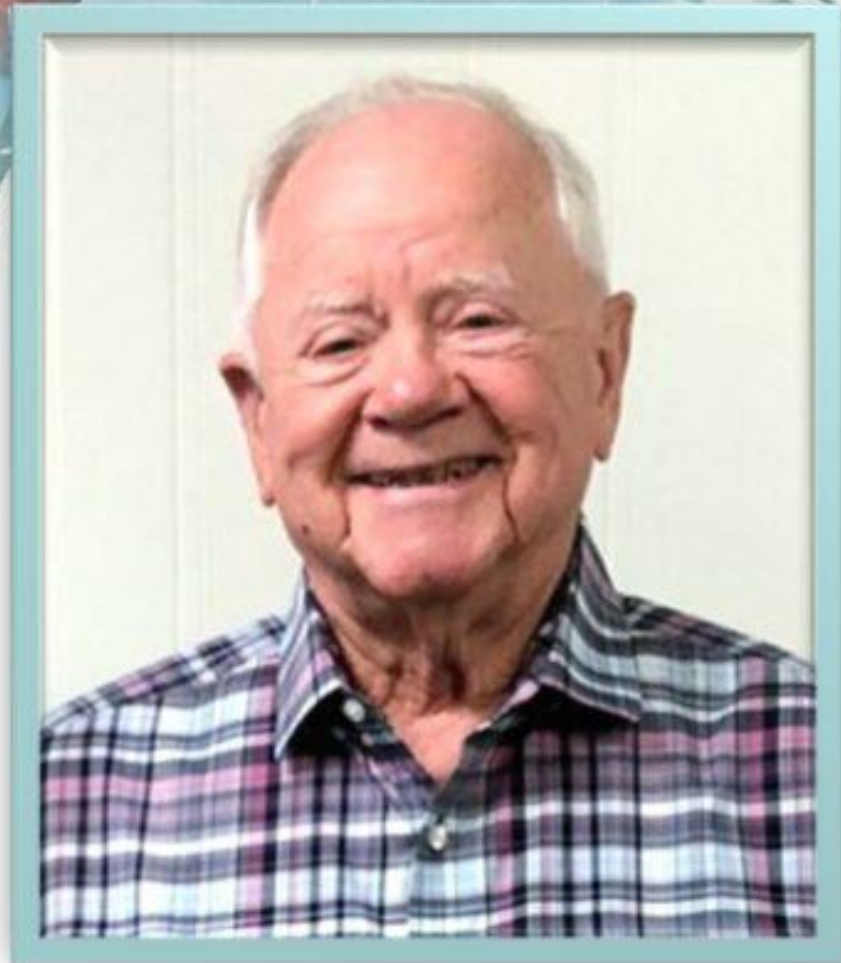
May 16, 1928 – March 20, 1925

Frank Hart, 96, born and raised in El Paso, Texas passed away on March 20, 2025. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in law after serving in the U.S Army. He was a highly respected Attorney in El Paso and practiced law for more than 60 years from 1957 until his retirement a few years ago and also worked as a municipal judge. He is survived by Leslie Grimes (daughter), Michael Hart (son), Logan Shepard (grandson), and several other relatives and friends.



Tom Dent

May 18, 1936 – July 7, 2025



We have lost another gentleman from our bridge family. Tom passed away on July 7, 2025, just a little more than a year after he lost his wife Barbara. Rest in peace, Tom.

Marjorie Rawlings

October 10, 1944 - July 6, 2025

Margie, a lovely lady and a longtime member of our club, passed away unexpectedly in July. She was a regular partner of Ella Duncan and the frequent occupant of the south chair at table one. She was a Diamond Life Master and loved playing all types of card and other table games. We have missed her at the club for many years. She is now gone home to be with her Lord.



Marjorie Johnson Rawlings October 10, 1944 — July 6, 2025 Marjorie Johnson Rawlings passed away unexpectedly on the morning of July 6th, 2025, after a fall and brief stay in rehabilitation. She leaves behind a legacy of mentoring, leadership in service, and loving motherhood. Margie was born in October of 1944 in Fort Stockton, Texas - the only child of Dwight and Winnie Mae Johnson, who instilled in her a love of reading, card playing, and all manner of creative pursuits. She graduated from Fort Stockton High School with honors at the top of her class. She first attended Rice University, finishing her degree in Education at the University of Houston. Margie met and married John Rawlings from Pasadena, Texas, and had a son, David. She divorced and never remarried. She completed student teaching in Houston, Texas, before moving to El Paso to join her parents, where she taught Mathematics at

Henderson Jr. High. After obtaining her secondary certificate, she finished her twenty-seven-year career at Jefferson High School. Margie retired at the ripe old age of fifty-three and never regretted the decision. This allowed her to take care of her father and engage full time in creative pursuits, including sewing, quilting, card making, and playing duplicate bridge. She travelled the country attending events with her dear friends, achieving the ACBL rank of Diamond Life Master. A member of University Presbyterian Church since the early 1970s, she served one term as an Elder and for nearly two decades on the Fellowship Committee, helping run the kitchen and organize special events. She was a founding and active member of the Game Group for many years. We will remember her legacy and contributions to this church every time we see the numerous banners and matching pulpit cloths she designed and handcrafted. Margie is preceded in death by her parents, Dwight Charles Johnson and Winnie Mae Johnson, and is survived by her son, David, who will always remember that she put him first before anything else. God bless her friends, co-workers, and students who have come to share memories or just to say hello – to know that she touched your life in some way would mean so much to her. To send flowers to the family in memory of Marjorie Rawlings, please visit our flower store.