

“They no longer hear the calling of the watches, or the falling of the storm rain in the night. Seas shall weary them no more, for they have reached their final haven—their further shore.”

Finished with Engines

ARTHUR F. ANTILLA

The keys went silent for Arthur Antilla on May 7, 2009 at the age of 91. He spent a brief time under the M.E.B.A. umbrella as part of District No. 3 – Radio-Electronics Officers’ Union (ROU) and earned just over 5 years of pension credit. After shipping out with Sea-Land Service in 1994, he closed the door on his radio shack and settled down in Puyallup, WA. Brother Antilla is survived by his wife Evelyn among others.

DONALD F. BERGER

Donald Berger set sail for uncharted waters on October 8, 2008 at the age of 85. He suited up with the Union in 1973 and sailed for various shipping companies over the next decade and a half collecting almost eight years of pension credit. He last went to sea in 1988 for Sea-Land before filing for retirement in Chula Vista, CA. Brother Berger is survived by many family and friends.

ROBERT E. CAREY

Robert Carey awoke to life immortal on April 12, 2009 at the age of 91. He served his country during World War II and con-

tinued an active and competent career with the Union through mid-1965 racking up 20 years of pension credit. Brother Carey was a resident of Pittsburg, CA and is survived by many family and friends including daughter Eleanor Crespo.

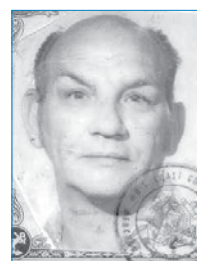
FRED S. CROWLEY, JR.

Fred Crowley hung up his headset on January 22, 2009 at the age of 85. He was born in Portland, OR and graduated from state learning facilities before joining the Marines for the war effort. Later on, he suited up as a member of M.E.B.A. District No. 3 – the Radio-Electronics Officers’ Union (ROU) and began a 17-year career. He last went to sea in the early 1980s for Delta Lines. Brother Crowley was a resident of Sweet Home, OR and is survived by his wife Karla; brother Leonard; grandson Sean; three nieces; two nephews; and many favorite animals.

JEROME B. CROWLEY

Jerome Crowley cast off on his final ship on December 16, 2008 at the age of 86. He first began sailing out as a full-blooded member in 1961 and his dedication and proficiency helped him earn over 24 years

of pension credit. His last year at sea was 1987 when he shipped out with American President Lines before filing for retirement. Brother Crowley was a resident of Seattle, WA and is survived by many family and friends.



EDWARD HERMAN DAVIS

Ed Davis sailed into the next life on June 29, 2009 at the age of 83. Born in 1926, he was the second of nine children. During the

Great Depression he dropped out of the eighth grade to help support his family. Ed joined the Navy at age 17 during World War II and spent nearly 50 years working on or in the water. He was part of the U.S. Navy’s Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) during the Naval Pacific campaign in WWII. The UDT is the precursor to the U.S. Navy SEALs. He was wounded by a sniper in combat on Saipan. His seafaring career with the M.E.B.A. was extremely productive and his engineering skills benefited many different shipping companies including Matson Navigation, for which

he sailed in his final shipping job in 1990. Brother Davis is survived by many family and friends including wife Delcie, and his daughters and sons, Mary Barsi, Michael Davis, Burton Davis, Ann Davis, Lawrence Hikalea, and Leslie Rose.

WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON

Eight bells rang for William Davidson on October 8, 2008 at the age of 86. He was a member through World War II delivering the goods to our fighting forces through dangerous waters. In peacetime, he continued keeping his vessels running smoothly and he racked up almost 25 years of pension credit during a long impressive career. Bill retired from the sea in 1968 after a final job with Lykes Bros. Steamship Company. Brother Davidson was a resident of Slidell, LA and is survived by his daughter Lana Gentile among others. He joins his wife Hilda who died in 1995.

GEORGE K. DEMPSEY

George Dempsey's spirit was freed on April 28, 2009 at the age of 83. George accrued 20 years of pension credit during an efficient and steady career at sea. He last shipped out in 1978. Brother Dempsey was a resident of Toms River, NJ and is survived by his wife Mary among others.

ANDREW K. DROTNING

Andrew Drotning embarked on his final passage on May 7, 2009 at the age of 85. Andrew made application with the M.E.B.A. in the waning days of World War II and began sailing out as a member soon after. After putting together over 25 years of pension credit, he wrapped up his work aboard the Washington State Ferries in 1989 and began his retirement. Brother Drotning was a resident of Silverdale, WA and is survived by his daughter Laura Drotning among others. He joins his wife Norma who died in 2000.

HERBERT C. EMMONS

Herbert Emmons sailed into the sunset on July 30, 2008 at the age of 82. He began shipping out as a member in 1951 and sailed steadily over the next three decades amassing over 31 years of pension credit. Brother Emmons spent many of his days in Lake, MS following his 1982 retirement. He is survived by family and friends and was predeceased by three wives: Gladys (1985), Jimmie (2001) and Irene (2004).

WILLIAM F. FIELD

William Field eased into the firmament on May 11, 2008 at the age of 84. Bill had a lengthy and exceptional career with the Union having joined in 1944, delivering the goods to our troops in three wars. He last sailed under M.E.B.A. contract with the Army Corps of Engineers before filing for retirement in 1985 with over 34 years of pension credit under his belt. He continued to support the M.E.B.A. in his retirement and was a part of the M.E.B.A. Retirees Group Fund (RGF). Brother Field was a resident of Roseburg, OR and is survived by his wife Doris among others.

FRANCIS JOSEPH FLEISCHER, JR.

Frank Fleischer reached his journey's end on February 4, 2009 at the age of 86. He was a native of Whitestone, NY and a resident of the New Orleans area for 35 years. A graduate of Kings Point Merchant Marine Academy, Brother Fleischer served on liberty ship convoys during WWII. He retired from U.S. Lines as a Chief Engineer in 1972 (SS AMERICAN RELIANCE) and worked with the U.S. Maritime Administration in New Orleans from 1974 until 1986. Frank was ordained a deacon in 1980 in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and served at St. Teresa of Avila Church and the Center of Jesus the Lord. He was married to Dolores for 63 years and the father of Barbara Fleischer. He is also survived by his sisters Margaret Lutz and Bernice Downes as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

JOHN M. GAMBA

John Gamba set course for calmer waters on January 18, 2008 at the age of 55. His membership began in 1978 and he proved more than capable aboard ship while collecting almost 24 years of pension credit. After shipping out a final time with Matson Navigation in 2001, he filed his papers and settled down to a well-deserved retirement. Brother Gamba was a resident of Sacramento, CA. He is survived by many family and friends.

MARIO R. GENTINETTA

Mario Gentinetta sailed into the sweet hereafter on February 26, 2009 at the age of 89. Mario spent a very brief time in the Union during the early 1990s. He was better known as the Director for the Edelweiss Montessori Preschool & Child Care Center in Metairie, Louisiana. Brother Gentinetta was a resident of Metairie and is survived by his wife Dora and daughters Vanessa and Glenda among others.

HOMER W. GILL

Homer Gill embarked on his final passage on April 12, 2008 at the age of 74. He joined up with the M.E.B.A. in 1962 and strung together almost 24 years of pension credit while shipping out for various companies. He last sailed in 1986 for Sea-Land before filing for retirement and settling down in Independence, LA. Brother Gill is survived by wife Vernida, daughters Victoria Pickering and Rhonda Gill; sons Homer Jr. and Kimball; sister Irene Bryant; brothers Lewis and James; grandchildren Haley Pickering and Grant Gill; and great-grandchild Bella Murr.

ARNOLD R. GILMORE

Arnold Gilmore closed the door on his radio shack for the final time on April 19, 2008 at the age of 85. He was a member of M.E.B.A. District No. 3 – Radio-Electronics Officers' Union who joined up with the ROU in 1968. He last worked under M.E.B.A. contract with Sea-Land Service in 1991 aboard the SEA-LAND INDEPENDENCE before he filed for re-

tirement and settled down in Framingham, MA. Brother Gilmore joins his wife Margaret who died in 2007. He is survived by his son Brian among others.

PEDRO GOMEZ

Pedro Gomez shipped off toward his final destination on April 29, 2006 at the age of 86. His membership began in 1964 and Pedro put in a hard day's work every day as he kept his vessels humming along. In 1987, he hit the 20 year pension credit plateau and filed for retirement. Brother Gomez was a resident of Vacaville, CA and is survived by his son Michael among others.

ALLAN L. GONDER

The keys went silent for Allan Gonder on December 25, 2008 at the age of 81. He suited up with the Radio-Electronics Officers' Union in 1968 and kept the channels open for years sailing in ship radio shacks for various companies. After collecting over 20 years of pension credit he worked a final job for Mathiason Tanker before filing for retirement. Brother Gonder was a resident of Kalispell, MT. He is survived by his wife Barbara among others.

GERANDO D. GONZALEZ

The Creator rang down 'finished with engines' for Gerando Gonzalez on August 30, 2008 at the age of 85. He spent almost 40 years sailing as a member and bled M.E.B.A. blue and gold as he lent his expertise to ship engine rooms while racking up an amazing 36 years of pension credit. In 1984, he stepped off the MTL ship MARINE DUVAL and filed for retirement. He continued his support for the Union through the years and was involved in the M.E.B.A. Retirees Group Fund (RGF). Brother Gonzalez was a resident of Texas City, TX and is survived by his wife Catalina among others.

MAURICE F. GRACY

Maurice Gracy steamed into the sunset on April 28, 2008 at the age of 98. Maurice served his country in WWII and joined up with the Union soon after eventually playing a part in two more wars as a sailing member of the Fourth Arm of Defense. Brother Gracy accumulated 25 years of pension credit during a long and colorful career. He last shipped out in 1972. He is survived by many family and friends.

ENNIS A. GRADY

Ennis Grady sailed off toward his final port call on August 7, 2008 at the age of 81. He spent 45 years as a mariner working himself up through the hawsepipe before joining the M.E.B.A. in 1958. He subsequently shipped out for decades as a sailing officer keeping vessels running smoothly for various companies. Brother Grady collected over 26 years of pension credit before filing for retirement and settling down in Lucedale, MS. He is survived by his wife Yvonne among others.

EUGENE E. GRAY

Eugene Gray eased into eternity on August 21, 2008 at the age of 86. He braved dangerous waters during WWII to deliver critical wartime cargo early on in his M.E.B.A. career. Gene kept working steadily through the years, showcasing his skills in the engine room and proving to be a valuable asset to the Union and shipping companies. He racked up an impressive 30 years of pension credit en route to his 1978 retirement following a final shipping job with Sea-Land Service. Brother Gray was a resident of Fullerton, CA and is survived by his daughter Shirley Ryan among others. He joins his wife Dorothy who died in February of 2008.

JACK M. GREENBERGER

Jack Greenberger ended his earthly career on April 16, 2008 at the age of 83. Jack worked at the M.E.B.A. Plan Office in New York and displayed a solid work ethic and knowledge of the job that made him a standout employee through the 1970s

and '80s. In 1989, he wound down his career with the Union and began retired life from his home in Flushing, NY. Brother Greenberger is survived by his son Bruce among others. He joins his wife Claire who died in 1998.

ROBERT O. GRIFFITHS

Robert Griffiths sailed into safe harbor on April 17, 2008 at the age of 75. He suited up in M.E.B.A. blue & gold in 1955 and kept his ships running smoothly for decades as he accumulated almost 25 years of pension credit. In 1988, he wrapped up a final job with Sea-Land Service and stepped onto the beach for good. Brother Griffiths was a resident of Orinda, CA and is survived by children Beverly Maechling, David Griffiths and Kathleen Griffiths.

ALVA C. GULLEY

Alva Gulley sailed toward his final rest on April 8, 2009 at the age of 81. He is another of the brave veteran mariners who enabled this country's victory in WWII. He would continue his service to the country in two more wars over the years shipping key war cargo to our fighting forces. Alva amassed over 32 years of pension credit during a productive and colorful career. After finishing out a final job with Afram Lines, he took his retirement in 1989 and settled down in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Brother Gulley is survived by his son Michael and daughter Valerie among others.



DAVID HANOVICE

David Hanovice crossed the great divide on April 28, 2009 at the age of 84. He was born as an American citizen in Tel Aviv. Before the U.S. joined World War II, David volunteered in the British Air Force to support the war effort. When the U.S. entered the war, he transferred to the U.S. Army 404th Q.M. Trucking Unit, transporting troops and supplies to the battle front. David was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, EAME Campaign Medal

with 1 Bronze Star and 5 overseas service bars. Four of his brothers also served in World War II during the same time. After his discharge, he returned to Texas to continue his studies, where he graduated in 1948 from the School of Technology of the University of Houston. His studies were cut short when he volunteered for service in Israel's War of Independence. He was among the North American volunteers from abroad called Machals. David delivered the MV YUCATAN from New Orleans to Haifa and then served as Chief Engineer on the NOGA/K-26. From 1950 to 1953, David delivered ships purchased in the U.S. to the Israeli Navy. He remained in Haifa until 1954 to train Israeli Navy engineering crews. In 2003, David received a commendation from the State of Israel for his "heroism and courage beyond the call of duty." While in Israel, David met and married the love of his life, Rose Behar, who was a Lieutenant nurse in the Israeli Army. In 1954, David and Rose moved to New York, where they started and raised their family of five children. David worked as a mechanical engineer and continued his engineering studies.

He joined the M.E.B.A. in 1967 and sailed around the world for more than 20 years. He was a member of Temple Israel, American Veterans of Israel and other religious and civic organizations. He last shipped out in 1987 for Sea-Land Service. Brother Hanovice was preceded in death by his son, Samuel (2006); and six brothers and five sisters. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Rose; daughters Tammy, Dena, and Karen; son Joel; brother Itzhak; grandchildren Daniel, Caroline and Benjamin Engel; Rose and Sami Palermo; Jack, Mathew, Ryan and Samuel Tyler Hogan; and many nieces and nephews.

CHARLES F. HATHCOCK

Charles Hathcock steamed toward his final destination on November 1, 2008 at the age of 83. He began sailing as a member in 1957 and traveled the world gathering tales from every corner of the earth as he

stacked up 19 years of pension credit in the process. He last shipped out in 1983 for Puerto Rico Marine and eventually settled down in North Fort Myers, FL. Brother Hathcock is survived by many family and friends including his brothers Cornelius and Donald.

HAROLD K. HENDERSON

Harold Henderson shipped off toward the next life on April 25, 2008 at the age of 88. He started shipping out with the Union in the early 1960s and proved to be a valuable man to have aboard a vessel. His excellent work made many a shipping company happy and earned him almost 23 years of pension credit in a career that stretched until 1983. Shortly before filing for retirement, he wrapped up his last shipping job with Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. Brother Henderson was a resident of Coldspring, TX and is survived by his daughter Kaye Griffin among others. He joins his wife Margaret who died in 2006.

ROBERT B. HINERMAN

Robert Hinerman was released from earthly ties April 24, 2009 at the age of 84. He served his country and Union during World War II and continued sailing in peacetime delivering the goods. His long and colorful career came to a close in 1966 shortly after he earned his twentieth year of pension credit. He last shipped out for States Marine Lines. Brother Hinerman was a resident of Willits, CA and is survived by his wife Lavina among others.



ALLEN
ROBERT
HORNISH

Allen Hornish steamed into the sunset on January 25, 2009 at the age of 69. He grew up in Defiance, Ohio, graduated the local high school then worked at GM for 2 years and at the Old Fort Oil Company gas station for 3 years. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years and was honorably discharged

on September 10, 1963. After the Navy, he joined the Union as an engineer in a seafaring career that spanned 22 years. During his travels around the world, he went to Japan, India, Korea, and North & South America. Allen loved his family -- they were his source of inspiration. His favorite pastimes were listening to music, playing solitaire and bowling. He loved to watch his cousin, Sam Hornish, Jr., race for Indy and NASCAR. His favorite food was tacos. He lived a very healthy life, but in later years, he was stricken with terminal throat cancer. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Brother Hornish is survived by his wife of 32 years Linda Lee Peeples; daughter Elizabeth Arnold; brother Paul Hornish; sisters Susan Hurtt; Sharon Emrick and Cynthia Bradley; uncle Carl Becker; aunts Veulah LeFevre and Wanda Lawrence; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

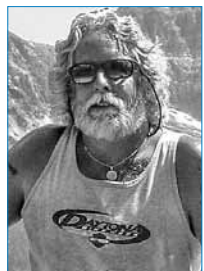
PAUL KANTUS

Paul Kantus sailed into another life on Nov. 4, 2008 at the age of 82. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1953, and as an ensign in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1964. Paul was attracted to life aboard ship and trained as a merchant seaman. He found a job as a wiper, worked his way up the hawsepole and eventually was licensed as a Chief Engineer. He sailed on freighters of the Moore-McCormack Line on their South American run for 18 years and with States Line between the West Coast and Japan for five years. In 1980, he left his career at sea and joined the San Francisco Department of Public Works, from which he retired as a supervisor in 1990. Except for his time at sea, he lived all of his life in the Noe Valley (San Francisco, CA) house where he grew up. He loved film and even met his eventual wife Edith at the theater. Paul especially enjoyed the adventures of Laurel & Hardy, and he joined the Bay Area Laurel & Hardy enthusiast group known as the "Sons of the Desert." His love of film extended to filmmaking, and he took a course in this subject in Santa Cruz, where he tried his hand at directing.

In retirement, Paul happily turned his attention to his hobbies. In addition to film, these included photography and a love of books. He also enjoyed Eric Gattmann's world affairs classes. He was a member of Friends of the Library and Friends of Noe Valley, as well as president of the East & West of Castro Street Improvement Club, another important Noe Valley organization. While he was a warm and charitable man, and a devoted husband, Paul's lasting legacy, his gift to the neighborhood, was as Chief Archivist as he dedicated himself to preserving the history of Noe Valley. Paul spent nearly three decades collecting and preserving stories, photographs, documents, news clippings, and other memorabilia related to Noe Valley's history. As his wife Edith said, "Although he traveled far and wide, he always called Noe Valley home." Brother Kantus is survived by his wife Edith and many family and friends.

RUBEN W. KILLIAN

Ruben Killian was promoted to glory on August 21, 2008 at the age of 80. A ship was always in good hands with Ruben perched in the engine room keeping things running smoothly. He spent 33 years in the M.E.B.A. and racked up almost 33 years of pension credit en route to a well deserved retirement in 1984. His last shipping job was with Lykes Bros. Steamship aboard the ELIZABETH LYKES. Brother Killian was a resident of College Station, TX and is survived by his wife Mary among others.



KIRK W. LOURIM

Kirk W. Lourim motored off toward his next adventure on June 24, 2009 at the age of 54. Kirk was a well known motorcycle enthusiast and he was doing what he loved when a terrible accident took him away much too soon. He had retired in 2004 as a Chief Engineer. Kirk was an avid fisherman and loved to travel the country on his Harley. He was an active member of the Halifax Sport Fishing Club and took great pride in assisting the club with its an-

nual tournament for individuals with special needs and children's fishing clinic. It took people a short time to know what kind of person Kirk was, and to know him was to love him. A memorial service was held in August in Point Pleasant, NJ. A second service will be held, according to his wishes, during Bike Week 2010 in the Daytona, FL area. You can visit a special Facebook tribute page set up for Kirk for details and locations upon their announcement: www.facebook.com/pages/Kirk-Lourim-1954-2009/97564709079. Brother Lourim was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Lynette. Survivors include his nephew, Rick Keller; his niece, Christine Saffran and their two children, and his cousins Cathy Brown, Bill Becker and Gordon Ortelli.

DAVID T. LYNCH

David Lynch settled his accounts on March 21, 2008 at the age of 81. He was granted membership in 1955 and he made the most of it, showcasing his skills aboard various vessels while amassing 33 years of pension credit in the process. He last went to sea in 1985 for Energy Transportation sailing aboard LNG vessels. Brother Lynch joins his wife Evelyn who died in 2004. He is survived by his son David and daughter Julie among others.

JOSEPH E. MCKENNA

Joe McKenna crossed over on December 16, 2008 at the age of 89. He toiled in ship engine rooms for decades with the 1950s and '60s being the heyday of his M.E.B.A. sailing career. For his efforts, Joe netted 20 years of pension credit, a successful living and many tales from the sea that he brought with him following his 1969 retirement. He last shipped out with American President Lines the year he came onto the beach for good. Brother McKenna was a resident of Bellevue, WA and is survived by his wife Mildred among others.

LUCIAN R. MILLER

Lucian Miller made the big jump on December 30, 2008 at the age of 83. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Marine

Officers (the BMO pension plan merged into the MEBA Pension Trust in late 1981). He joined up in 1965 and worked steadily for the next 14 years. He last shipped out with Farrell Lines in 1979 before easing into retirement. He had been living in Philadelphia at the time of his death. Brother Miller is survived by his sister Fannie Randolph among others.

DAVID FRANKLIN MOCK

David Mock answered the final bell on June 15, 2009 at the age of 59. Born in Stuttgart, AR, he grew up in Jefferson Parish in Louisiana. He was a competition diving champion and a lifeguard in his early years. David was also a member of the Boy Scouts of America. He was an avid reader and did the crossword puzzle daily. He was proud of his service as a merchant mariner, a job that allowed him to sail around the world many times over. He was decorated for his service during the Desert Storm campaign. Brother Mock is survived by his wife Laura Angel, mother Gladys, brother James, sister Nancy Mock and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

ARTHUR M. MOOSEN

Arthur Moosen booked his final passage on October 16, 2008 at the age of 93. He was known for a strong work ethic and amazing skills as he pulled out 21 years of pension credit during a shipping career that brought him around the world in the 1950s and 1960s. He began plotting his retirement as the next decade began and soon after filed for retirement to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Brother Moosen was a resident of Los Angeles, CA and is survived by many family and friends.

FRANK E. MORRISON

Frank Morrison sailed into the sunset on February 6, 2009 at the age of 95. He suited up in the M.E.B.A. blue & gold in 1943 and helped make a difference immediately shipping through dangerous waters and getting key cargo to our fighting forces. Frank shipped out in parts of five decades, last having gone to sea in 1980 before filing his

retirement papers with 32 years of pension credit under his belt. Brother Morrison was a resident of Reno, NV and is survived by his wife Sarah among others.

THOMAS E. MULLEN

Thomas Mullen crossed the final bar on April 14, 2008 at the age of 81. He was indoctrinated into the M.E.B.A. Brotherhood in 1951 and spent his career performing engine room miracles for various shipping companies. He last went to sea for Farrell Lines in 1983 before putting away his wrenches after pulling down almost 28 years of pension credit. Brother Mullen was a resident of East Meadow, NY and is survived by many family and friends.

ARTHUR MURPHY

Arthur Murphy reached his final shore on March 24, 2009 at the age of 88. Arthur was a member during World War II and served the Fourth Arm of Defense with courage and great expertise as he made many missions into dangerous waters to deliver the goods to our troops. In 1964, having earned his 20th year of pension credit and eager to pursue shoreside interests, Arthur filed for retirement. Brother Murphy enjoyed his final years in Kingwood, TX and is survived by his wife Rosena and daughter Tamara among others.

MAURICE R. OJORD

Maurie Ojord sailed toward safe haven on November 18, 2008 at the age of 85. He first put on an M.E.B.A. boiler suit as a member during World War II and his talents were immediately put to work as he made many a mission for his country through waters patrolled by enemy craft and U-Boats. After the war he moved to Portland and also married his wife Mary during the decade. He continued shipping out during peacetime interspersed by two more wars but finally hung up his Stilsen wrenches in 1983 with 24 years of pension credit after a voyage with Sea-Land Service. Mary died in 1987. Maurie eventually was able to move on and remarried. Brother Ojord is survived by

his wife Violet, sons Jim and Mark, daughter Barbara Haftorson, stepson David Gisi; stepdaughters Voni-Jo Keith, Connie Gisi and Susan McMerrick; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CHARLES R. OWENS

The signal went dead for Charles Owens on December 20, 2008 at the age of 91. He was a member of M.E.B.A. District No. 3 – Radio-Electronics Officers' Union who began sailing out for the ROU in 1966. He kept the communication lines open during his work for a variety of shipping companies but finally hung up his headset in 1981 after a final job with U.S. Lines. Brother Owens was a resident of Rogers City, MI and is survived by his wife Marion among others.

HAROLD PAULSON

Harold Paulson climbed the gangway to the great beyond on July 20, 2009 at the age of 88. As a young man he served his country during World War II then continued making valuable contributions in peace and in war as a member of the Fourth Arm of Defense. Harold racked up 25 years of pension credit during a busy and prolific career. His retirement began in 1974 and he spent much of his time in Nyssa, OR. Brother Paulson is survived by his wife Dolores among others.

WILLIAM G. PEABODY

William Peabody made his final crossing on April 20, 2009 at the age of 89. He was an applicant to the Union during World War II contributing his talents to the cause. Soon after, he made membership and racked up an amazing 39.5 years of pension credit during a dynamic career which allowed him to showcase his engineering expertise for a variety of shipping companies. He last shipped out in 1984 for U.S. Lines before taking his well-deserved retirement. Brother Peabody was a resident of Cherry Hill, NJ and is survived by his sister Jeanne Stack among other family and friends.

EDWIN F. PERROTT

Eight bells rang for Edwin Perrott on November 22, 2008 at the age of 94. Brother Perrott first turned a wrench in a blue and gold boiler suit in the 1940s. He demonstrated his skill as an engineer and was a good shipmate and a huge asset on the many vessels he sailed around the globe. He dropped anchor for the final time in 1979 and retired to Palm Harbor, FL. He joins his wife Jean who died in 2001. He is survived by his daughter Jean Freeman among others.

THOMAS F. PERRY

Thomas Perry pushed off toward his final frontier on November 11, 2008 at the age of 93. He began his long sailing career with the Union in the 1940s and proved to be a good man to have aboard ship. His talents took him all around the world many times over and he earned 25 years of pension credit for his efforts. After a final sea job for Lykes Bros. Steamship Co. in 1973 he retired. He was a resident of the Sailors' Snug Harbor in Sea Level, NC at the time of his death. Brother Perry joins his wife Anita who died in 1999. He is survived by son Donald and daughter Patricia Hayes among others.

WILLIAM S. REESE, SR.

Bill Reese reached the end of the line on July 9, 2008 at the age of 84. He first turned a wrench as a member in 1963 and strung together many productive years at sea. He retired after a final shipping job with Sea-Land Service in 1984 having earned almost 21 years of pension credit. Brother Reese was a resident of Oakland, CA. He joins his wife Helen who died in 2005. He is survived by his son William, Jr. and nieces Glorious Jackson and Carolyn Hartfield among others.

BERNARD REINERS

Bernard Reiners made sail for the great unknown on January 25, 2009 at the age of 91. He was sailing as an applicant in the early 1940s and his talents were leaned on heavily after the invasion at Pearl Harbor. He made membership soon after and continued sailing into war zones around the world to ensure the delivery of key cargo to our fighting forces. Bernard was just as valuable to his ship in peacetime and he ensured many a successful voyage with his talents. He racked up an impressive 40 years of pension credit along the way, but stowed his sea bag away for good in 1981 after a final job aboard the SEA-LAND ENDURANCE. Brother Reiners was a resident of Oakland, CA. He joins his wife Jewel who died in 1993. He is survived by his son Gary among others.

NICHOLAS B. ROGERS

Nick Rogers steamed into the hereafter on January 16, 2009 at the age of 84. His service with the Union began in 1946 after he served his country during World War II. Like many M.E.B.A. members, his work took him around the world as he kept his vessels running smoothly. After shipping out with Trinidad Corporation in 1983, he put away his calipers for the final time and settled down having earned 24 years of pension credit. Brother Rogers was a resident of St. Augustine, FL and is survived by his nephew Dave Rogers among others.

RICHARD L. RUSSELL

Richard Russell made his final port call on November 5, 2008 at the age of 90. His sailing years took place in the 1950s and '60s in the early days of containerization. He shipped out to the four corners of the earth collecting 17 years of pension credit in the process. His last sea job was aboard the SS BRAZIL in 1968. Richard filed for retirement soon after and settled down in New York City. Brother Russell joins his wife Ida who died in 2004.

GERALD J. SARKESIAN

Jerry Sarkesian hung up his headset on March 31, 2008 at the age of 80. In 1977, he became a member of the Radio-Electronics Officers' Union (ROU) (M.E.B.A. District No. 3). He kept the lines of communication open, working in radio shacks for various shipping companies over the years. Jerry accumulated over 17 years of pension credit en route to his 1994 retirement. Brother Sarkesian was a resident of Phoenix, AZ. He joins his wife Elaine who died in 1981.



FRANKLIN F. SHELLENBARGER

Captain Frank Shellenbarger sailed toward distant lands on November 25, 2008 at the age of 88.

He enlisted in the Navy in 1938 and served as a radioman and signalman on board the old sailing ship CONSTELLATION, the battleship COLORADO (BB-45), the destroyer HERBERT (DD-160), and light cruiser HELENA (CL-50) among others. After leaving the service in 1941, he worked briefly in the aircraft industry then worked as an instructor at the Maritime Officers Training School, New London, Connecticut. Soon after, he joined the Brotherhood of Marine Officers (BMO) and became a deck officer on board merchant ships. He performed wartime service on board the Liberty ships JOHN R. McQUIGG, REVERDY JOHNSON, and LINN BOYD. In the decades that followed he was a deck officer for American South African Lines, American Export Lines, and American Export-Isbrandtsen. In the early 1960s he was chief mate, acting master, and ship superintendent of the nuclear-powered cargo ship SAVANNAH. His experience as master of cargo or cargo/passenger ships included the EXTAVIA, FLYING SPRAY, EXIRIA, EXPORT CHAMPION, EXPORT AMBASSADOR, CONTAINER FORWARDER, CONTAINER DISPATCHER, FLYING FISH, EXPORT AGENT, and EXPORT COURIER. He retired from the sea in 1979 with over 25 years of pension credit to his name. In retirement,

Brother Shellenbarger testified as an expert witness in legal cases. From 1994 to 2003 he was president of the Marine Society of New York. He was a resident of Point Pleasant, NJ and is survived by his wife Mary among others.

CHARLES A. SHUTTLEWORTH

Charles Shuttleworth made his last muster on August 19, 2008 at the age of 83. He suited up in the M.E.B.A. blue & gold during World War II and his contributions helped turn the tide against our wartime enemies. He amassed an outstanding 35.5 years of pension credit during a long and exceptional career. After a final shipping job with Sea-Land Service in 1994, he hung up his boiler suit and settled down. Brother Shuttleworth was a resident of Bethlehem, CT. He joins his wife Loretta who died in 1987 and is survived by many family members and friends.

WILLIAM J. SLOAT

Bill Sloat rang "finished with engines" on January 17, 2009 at the age of 87. He served in World War II then saddled up with the M.E.B.A. in 1951 and provided valuable contributions to his country once more in Korea & Vietnam. Bill racked up 26 years of pension credit before filing his retirement papers in 1981. He settled down in Hendersonville, TN. He later worked at AEDC in Tullahoma. He was a devout Roman Catholic who was baptized by a Dutch Priest in India during WWII. He traveled the world with his wife after he retired. Rosemarie died in 2006 following their 60-year marriage. Brother Sloat is survived by his children, William F. Sloat, Connie Fanning and Karen Sloat; grandchildren William Benjamin Sloat, Wesley Sloat, Montgomery Sloat, Liberty Lander-Dyer, Toby Fanning, Jr., and Taylor Rose Sloat; great grandchildren Aubrey, Koen, Kya-Marie; and sister, Phyllis Burkhart. Bill's final resting place is at White Chapel Memorial Garden in Troy, Michigan.

RICHARD SMITH

Richard Smith stood his final watch on April 26, 2009 at the age of 70. His membership began in 1970 though he sailed infrequently over the next 28 years. He last worked in the Washington State Ferry system in 2008 before retiring with 6.5 pension years. Brother Smith was a resident of Bellevue, WA and is survived by his wife Sharon among others.

GEORGE M. STARR

George Starr made his final voyage on March 16, 2009 at the age of 84. He put in decades of hard work that made him a popular shipmate and was respected by the vessel owners who knew their ship was in capable hands. George racked up almost 22 years of pension credit in a steady and competent career that wound down in 1970 when he eased into retirement. Brother Starr was a resident of Cape Charles, VA and is survived by his daughters Anne and Kim as well as son Todd.



ROBERT CULLEN STEWART

Rob Stewart sailed into eternity on September 16, 2009 at the age of 39 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born

to Doug and Deanna Stewart in Torrance, CA on November 24, 1969, where he, his older sister Wendy, and younger brother Courtney grew up. He graduated the California Maritime Academy in 1991 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and BS in Marine Ocean Technology. He was honored as Distinguished Engineering student and Scholar Athlete of his class. Soon after, Rob began to indulge in his love of the sea on a professional level. He worked with NOAA for several years in Hawaii then as a civilian on a Naval Project in Port Hueneme, California. He then suited up as member of the M.E.B.A. and began sailing out of Seattle. He shipped out on many vessels including the OVERSEAS WASHINGTON, PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, SEALAND TACOMA and CSX PACIFIC among others. In 2007, he earned his Chief Engineers'

license and began a permanent job on the HORIZON TIGER the following year. His sister Wendy said that Rob loved sailing the Tacoma to Alaska runs. "He got to fish a little bit up there when they docked. There was nothing Rob loved more than fishing. He became a fanatic about the age of 7 when he caught his first fish at Mono Hot Springs. By the time we were teenagers he refused to go hiking while on vacation for more than 2 miles without stopping to fish. In high school he used to pinhead (help out for fishing privileges) on local fishing barges. He often gave away all or most of what he caught." He also enjoyed participating in baseball, volleyball and recently added rock hounding to his recreational activities. Brother Stewart is survived by many family and friends.

FREDERIC P. STODDARD

Fred Stoddard sailed into wild blue yonder on December 12, 2008 at the age of 69. He suited up with the Union in 1991 staying under the M.E.B.A. umbrella for 13 years. He loved the Great Northwest and was a resident of Vashon, WA at the time of his death. Fred's service to the Union culminated in his 2004 retirement which ended up being all too brief. Brother Stoddard is survived by his wife Barbara and daughters Melissa and Jennifer.

TIMOTHY C. SULLIVAN

Tim Sullivan shipped out for the final time on January 24, 2009 at the age of 91. He sailed out of West Coast union halls for decades collecting over 25 years of pension credit during a productive and colorful career. He last went to sea for Matson Navigation in 1978 before filing his papers and settling into a well-deserved retirement in Reno, NV. Brother Sullivan joins his wife Sophia who died in 2007. He is survived by many family and friends.

JOHN EDWARD TOMMANEY

John Tommaney departed this life on May 20, 2009 at the age 64. He spent half his life with the Union racking up almost 30 years of pension credit and sailing for a variety of shipping companies. He last went to sea for American Ship Management before stepping onto the beach for good in 1999. Brother Tommaney was a resident of Vacaville, CA and is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Ann and stepson Joseph Schwedhelm among others.

GEDNEY WEBB

The keys went silent for Gedney Webb on February 7, 2009 at the age of 87. He was born in Warsaw, MO in 1922, joined the Marine Corps 16 years later and served in World War II and the Korean War. After retiring as a warrant officer, he worked as a radio executive officer for a worldwide cruise line. He was a member of M.E.B.A. District No. 3 - the Radio-Electronics Officers' Union (ROU). In 1968, he and his wife Marjorie moved to Grants Pass, OR which he called home for the rest of his days. Brother Webb was a member of the John Birch Society, enjoyed history, the guitar and ham radio. In addition to his wife, survivors include sons Randel and Dennis; daughter Robyn Elam; half-brother Dennis Dukes; eight grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.