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## NEWSLETTER

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### **COX FAMILY BOOK NOW AT PUBLISHER; COPIES TO BE MAILED IN MARCH**

The text of the Cox book by Ruth Anna Hicks and Bill Utermohlen, entitled “*Descendants of John Cox of Abington, Indiana and Joseph Cox of Hampton, Illinois,*” was forwarded to the publisher, Penobscot Press of Rockland, Maine, on January 11, 2007. The publisher estimates seven weeks for delivery of the finished books, so the books ought to be available in early March. Pre-publication orders totaled 115. Some additional copies have been ordered and will be available at the post-publication price of \$60, including postage, while supplies last.

If you can't pass the following quiz relating to family members and their spouses, we respectfully suggest that you need to purchase a copy of the book and study it closely:

1. Who was held captive by the Shawnee for three years?
2. Who invented the famous Cox Duplex printing press?
3. Who was killed by Pancho Villa and his men?
4. Who went to the California gold rush and never returned?
5. Who owned 16,000 acres on the Palos Verdes peninsula?
6. Who died in a Confederate prison camp?
7. Who served as a missionary in Sierra Leone in the 1890s?
8. Who was the first president of the University of Nebraska at Kearney?
9. Who raised black raspberries used as a secret ingredient in Dr. Pepper?
10. Who started a rodeo in New York?
11. Who bandaged General Sherman's hand at the battle of Shiloh?
12. Who worked almost 30 years as an engineer on car ferries on Lake Michigan?
13. Who commanded the supply ships of Admiral Byrd's 1947 Antarctic Expedition?
14. Who killed his brother-in-law with a billiard cue and was sent to the pen?
15. Who spent 47 years as an educator and had a school named for her in West Des Moines?
16. Who ran a four minute mile?
17. Who became a successful teacher, politician, lawyer and author despite having a leg amputated at 14?
18. Who worked on the atomic bomb project at Los Alamos?

In all, the book includes 1,388 sketches of family members, more than 200 pages of appendices, more than 300 photographs and 25 maps, plus miscellaneous charts and documents.

Now that the book is complete, the table below summarizes the growth of the identified family:

Gen	Example	Total IDed persons	Sketches	1 <sup>st</sup> birth	last birth	last d. known
1	John Cox	1	1	1750s	1750s	>1820
2	Joseph Cox	7	7	1783	c1798	>1860
3	John Washington Cox	45	26	1805	1856	1909
4	Samuel Kirby Cox	139	71	1833	1884	1981
5	Jerome Lee Cox	321	163	1858	1924	2000
6	Ruth Anna (Martin) Hicks	486	248	1882	1955	-
7	William Jerome Utermohlen	649	391	1908	1979	-
8	Laura (Cooper) Fenimore	1052	376	1934	2005	-
9	Jeralyn Rue (Dean) Camp	783	103	1957	2006	-
10	Stefenie Anne Fiferlick	205	2	1981	2006	-
11	Marley Jane Nees	2	-	2004	2005	-
total		<b>~3690</b>	<b>1388</b>			

The difference between the number of sketches in a generation and the total number of persons identified is due to children who died before reaching adulthood, adults who never had children, and persons for whom further information is lacking.

Comparing the number of sketches (nearly all of which are of people with children) to the total number of persons in the next generation, gives an average number of children for generation 2 of 6.4, while the average for generation 7 is 2.7 children. Generation 8 is 99% complete, generation 9 is less than half complete and generation 10 is just gaining momentum. Generation 11 has barely begun, with only two known members.

How comprehensive is the book? The family of Joseph Cox's sister, Anne (Cox) Waddell, is very poorly known and the families of his brothers James, Moses, David and John are incompletely known, especially in the last 100 years. Joseph's family, by far the largest branch, is best known, probably completely through his grandchildren and maybe through his great-grandchildren. Of 43 grandchildren that left more than one descendant, the families of 6 are poorly traced beyond their children and about 5 more have significant omissions. Many more lines are very incomplete in the last 50 years. Ignoring that period (one to two generations), a guess is that 80% of the Joseph Cox family is included and about 50% for his siblings. Given the growth rate, a fully complete and up-to-date account would probably include between 5,000 and 10,000 descendants.

### ORDER FORM

for *Descendants of John Cox of Abington, Indiana and Joseph Cox of Hampton, Illinois*

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the book at \$60 per copy \_\_\_\_\_

Please ship my copy to: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(for shipping issues and supplemental information)

Mail with payment to: **William J. Utermohlen, 1916 Windsor Road, Alexandria, VA 22307**

## FURTHER DNA EVIDENCE CONFIRMS SWEDISH DESCENT

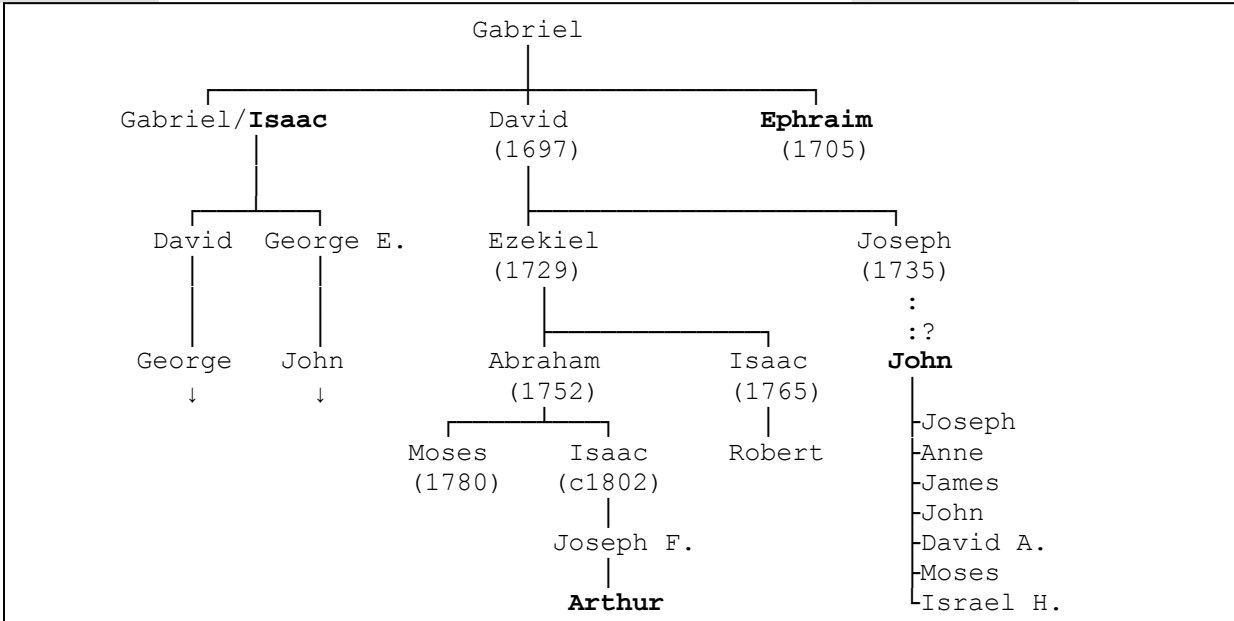
We now have five matches to the Y-chromosome DNA sequence for John Cox, four of whom appear to be for descendants of Peter Larsson Cock, the settler in New Sweden and at least one of whom appears to have a well-documented line of descent. Accordingly, the cumulative results have removed any uncertainty that the sequence indicates our descent from Peter Larsson Cock

The sequence for Michael Cox, descendant of John Cox's son James, was upgraded to 37 markers in order to permit a better comparison to the new results (Mike's sequence continues to match exactly with the sequence of Tom D. Cox, descendant of John's son Joseph, through the first 25 markers). The comparison with three of the other testees is set forth below: (1) a descendant of an Isaac Cox, born about 1716 and died in 1783 in Wellsburg, Ohio County, Virginia (now West Virginia), who was either a son or a grandson of Peter Larsson Cock's son Gabriel; (2) a descendant of an Ephraim Cox, who first appears in Rowan County, North Carolina in 1753 and who is likely the same Ephraim Cox who was another son of Gabriel and last appears in New Jersey records in 1749 and (3) a descendant of an Arthur Cox, born about 1855 in Monongalia County, West Virginia, who appears to be a descendant of Gabriel Cox through another son: David. The comparison showed the following (markers shown in bold mutate more easily):

markers 1-12	393	390	19	391	385a	385b	426	388	439	389-1	392	389-2
<b>John</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>Ephraim</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>Isaac</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>Arthur</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30

markers 13-25	458	459a	459b	455	454	447	437	448	449	464a	464b	464c	464d
<b>John</b>	16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	28	14	14	15	15
<b>Ephraim</b>	16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	<b>29</b>	14	14	15	15
<b>Isaac</b>	16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	28	14	14	15	15
<b>Arthur</b>	16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	28	14	14	15	15

markers 26-37	460	GATA-H4	YCA-II	YCA-II	456	607	576	570	CDY-a	CDY-b	442	438
<b>John</b>	10	11	18	20	14	14	16	20	35	35	14	10
<b>Ephraim</b>	10	11	18	20	14	14	16	20	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	14	10
<b>Isaac</b>	10	<b>10</b>	18	20	14	14	16	<b>19</b>	35	35	14	10
<b>Arthur</b>	10	11	18	20	14	14	16	20	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	14	10



John Cox is a 35/37 match with both the Ephraim and Isaac descendants and a 36/37 match with the descendant of Arthur Cox (the differences at CDY-a and CDY-b being treated as a single difference because they tend to vary together). The John Cox sequence currently appears to be the modal sequence (assumed to be most similar to that of the common ancestor), because it matches that of at least one other descendant at all the markers where any variation is seen.

The other two matches were only at the 12-marker level and were to a further apparent descendant of Isaac Cox and to a Dr. Sterling Alam, who indicates that his grandfather was born in Sweden in 1864, in Lulea, Norrbottens County, an area with a lot of Finnish and Lapland (Saami) people, and came to the United States on a lumber ship. The connection to Dr. Alam must be through a common ancestor in Sweden or Finland prior to Peter Larsson Cock's arrival in New Sweden in 1641.



**Ralph K. McAlister**

Aug. 1, 1929 Jan. 25, 2005

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

Ralph McAlister died January 25, 2005 in Walnut Creek after a short illness. He was the beloved husband of Valerie McAlister, caring brother of Dick McAlister, devoted and treasured father of Karen McAlister of Harpers Ferry, WV, Mike Peyerl of Fallon, NV, Dan McAlister of Lilburn, GA, David McAlister of Ocean Pines, MD, Joe Bielefeld of Cupertino, CA, Ruth Morgan-Ososkie of San Jose, CA, Anne McAlister of Glouschester, VA, Kay Tesseo of Concord, CA and Virginia Feliciano of Smithfield, VA. He was the cherished grandfather of 17 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Ralph touched many lives with his zest for the joy of living, telling jokes, and his love for his family.

He was born in Bakersfield, California and graduated from Kern County Union High School (Bakersfield High School) in 1947. He spent 2 years in the National Guard. He retired as a Senior Vice President from Transamerica Real Estate Tax Service in 1994 after 43 years. Ralph enjoyed playing games, and traveling with his Airstream friends.

Friends and family are invited to a memorial service Saturday, February 19, at 11:00 a.m., at the Walnut Avenue United Methodist Church, 260 Walnut Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Hospice of Contra Costa, 2051 Harrison St., Concord, CA 94520.

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RICHARD RUE COX

Courtney Elizabeth Dann, b. 17 Jun 2005, Lebanon, NH (dau Elizabeth (Williamson) & Luke Dann)  
Jeffrey Michael Hodge m. Megan Stewart, 4 Sep 2005

JOHN WASHINGTON COX

Mia Elizabeth Turpin, b. 3 Jul 2004 (dau of Kathlyn Lawson and Verris Turpin)  
Isabella Mading, b. 17 Jan 2006 (dau of Benjamin and Erin (Davis) Mading)  
Gabriel Robert Gonzalez, b. 28 Feb 2006, Naples, Fla (son of Mellissa Lawson and Carlos Gonzalez)  
Terran Alden Kempel, b. 11 Apr 2006, Denver, Colo (son of Beth (Freeman) and Richard Kempel)  
Jada Marie Turpin, b. 18 Apr 2006 (dau of Kathlyn Lawson and Verris Turpin)  
Rebecca Michelle Downin m. Thomas McAuliffe, 18 Sep 2005  
Beth Marie Freeman m. Richard Alden Kempel, 25 Mar 2006, Central City, Colorado  
Sara Kay Cox m. James Connolly, 24 Jun 2006  
Brandon Peterson m. Holly Mae Hughes, 22 Jul 2006  
Benjamin John Welsch m. Jennifer Moore, 5 Aug 2006, Yankton, South Dakota  
Denise (Derrick) Givins, d. 30 Dec 2004, Humboldt Co, California  
Luella (Borden) Derrick, d. 30 Apr 2005, McKinleyville, California  
Mary Lee (Cox) Utermohlen, d. 17 Oct 2006, Rochester, Minnesota  
Frances Lucile (Cox) Gibson, d. 17 Jan 2007, Fair Oaks, California

RACHEL (COX) KNIGHT

Deveraux Richards, b. 26 May 2004, Whitehall, Michigan (son of Philip and Lisa (Gwilliams) Richards)  
Adara Fritz, b. 14 Mar 2005, Lexington, Maryland (dau of Rob and Tracy (Pinnell) Fritz)  
Michael Richard McAlister m. Ilona Dietrich 16 Aug 2004, El Segundo, California  
Amie Michelle Pinnell m. Jerry Gibson, 19 Sep 2005  
Ralph Knight McAlister, d. Jan 2005, Walnut Creek, California

JOSEPH BIRD COX

Kylie Ann Burleigh, b. 13 May 2005, Lafayette, Louisiana (dau of Jean Elizabeth Burleigh)  
Dorothy (Cox) McCormick, d. 4 Jan 2006, Albuquerque, New Mexico

JESSE LEWIS COX

Lily Gean Muench, b. 31 May 2006, Flint, Michigan (dau of Eric & Shelly Muench)

AUGUSTUS DAVID COX

Luke Alann Ward, b. 16 Feb 2005 (son of Scott and Angela (Walloch) Ward)  
Bryzyk Marshall Brooks, b. 25 Apr 2006 (son of Scott Robert & Monica (Marshall) Brooks)  
Kenneth Robert Brooks (ex-husband of JoAnne (Cox) Brooks) d. 5 May 2006, Bettendorf, Iowa

MARY ANN (COX) FREELAND

Natalie Rose Burns, b. 8 Jun 2006, Greensboro, N.C. (dau of Michael & Susanna (Talchik) Burns)

SARAH CATHERINE (COX) KIRBY

Clara Korynn Beagle, b. 3 Jun 2004, Deer Park, Calif (dau of James M. & Valorie (Rivenbark) Beagle)  
Payton RéAnn Beagle, b. 16 May 2006, Bakersfield, Calif (dau of Michael & Amy (DelRé) Beagle)  
Michael Joe Beagle m. Amy Denise (DelRé) Beagle, 5 Mar 2005, Bakersfield, California  
Frederick Lyle Rheume d. 12 Jan 2006

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Now that work on the family book is over, we are more than ever dependent on family members remembering to forward family news (births, marriages (including wedding articles), and deaths (including obituaries)) for this Newsletter.

**Mary Lee Utermohlen**, age 77, of Mankato, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester after a three-month battle with cancer.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 20, 2006 at Centenary United Methodist Church in Mankato, with Rev. Dean Wolf officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at Mankato Mortuary, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Mary's body will be interred in Minneopa Cemetery, Mankato. Memorials are preferred to the Mankato Summit Center, to Centenary United Methodist Church, to Rust College.



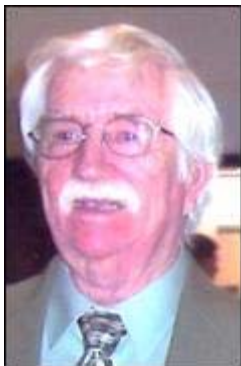
Mary Lee Cox was born to Jerome and Dorothy (Disher) Cox on October 22, 1928 at Burchard, Nebraska. She graduated from Burchard High School in 1946. She then enrolled in the Lincoln School of Commerce. Upon graduation, she worked in several Lincoln businesses as either a secretary or bookkeeper. On May 24, 1953 she married C. Robert Utermohlen at her parents' home in Burchard. She and Bob became the parents of a son, Bill in 1954 and two daughters, Terry in 1956 and Kimberley in 1959. Mary and Bob lived in Idaho for two years before returning to Nebraska in 1955 with son, Bill. The family then lived in Kilgore, Hershey, O'Neill, and Lincoln. In August of 1968, the Utermohlen family left Nebraska and moved to Mankato, Minnesota where Mary and Bob have lived for the past 38 years.

In addition to being a wife and mother, she often worked outside the home. This income represented academic scholarships, first, for her husband, and then for each of her three children. In 1976, it was Mary's turn. She enrolled as a fulltime student at Mankato State University. She was awarded a baccalaureate degree in Open Studies with majors in accounting and gerontology in 1979. This background led to her employment with the Region Nine Area Agency on Aging. From there, she moved to the Summit Center, Mankato's senior center, where she served at its executive director from 1985 to 1992 when she retired.

Her primary interest had always been focused on her family and friends. Other interests have included travel, reading, spelling, and cross-stitching. A particularly rewarding experience was the three falls she spent as a visiting faculty member at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Mary had also been an active community member exemplified by her being named a Woman of Distinction in 1991 by the Mankato YWCA. This involvement included such activities as her memberships at Centenary United Methodist Church, the Mankato's Women's Club, the Preferred Stock Investment Club, and the Red Hat Society.

In addition to her husband, Bob, Mary is survived by her three children, Bill (Alison) Utermohlen of Alexandria, VA, Terry (Scott) Bunke of New Hope, and Kim (Paul) Scott of McKinney, TX; her nine grandchildren, Briannon, Kaitlin, Erinn, Noah, and Micah Scott, Mary Alison Utermohlen, and Ryan, Michaela, and Kendra Bunke; three brothers, George (Leone) Cox of Gothenburg, NE, Tom (Sandy) Cox of Brandon, FL, and Jerry Cox of Sacramento, CA. Mary was preceded in death by her parents.

**Brooks, Kenneth R.**



Kenneth R. Brooks, 76, of Rock Island, formerly of Port Byron, died May 5, 2006, at Trinity Pathway Hospice at Terrace Park, Bettendorf. Services will be 6 p.m. Friday at the Gibson Funeral Home, Port Byron. Burial will be in Rock Island Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Friday at the Gibson Funeral Home, Port Byron. A memorial fund has been established.

Mr. Brooks was born July 26, 1929, in Rock Island, the son of Eugene and Edna Churchill Brooks. He married Mae JoAnne Cox on January 17, 1956, in Rock Island. Ken was a self-employed barber from 1956 to 1976, and also head gardener at Butterworth Center in Moline until retiring in 1995. He also was a life member and Past President of the Moline Horticultural Society.

Survivors include sons and daughters-in-laws, Michael and Connie Brooks, Davenport, and Scott and Monica Brooks, Port Byron; grandchildren, Bryler and Bryzyk; and a brother, Eugene Brooks, Milan. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Published in the Quad-City Times on 5/9/2006.

**MCCORMICK** -- Dorothy (Dottie) Cox McCormick, 88, passed away January 4, 2006, after a brief illness. She is survived by her children, Michael McCormick and wife, Wanda of Las Cruces; Mary Skavaril of Columbus OH; Maureen Ashley and husband, Everett of Tulsa OK; Monica O'Reilly and husband, Mel, and Margo McCormick and husband, Ranne Miller of Albuquerque; and a sister, Mary Helen Ewing of Albuquerque. A daughter, Peggy Akin Wilkison, predeceased her. Three sisters also predeceased her, Margaret Davies and Louise Marron, both of Albuquerque, and Betty Ann Rankin of California. Dottie is also survived by twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Dottie was born to a pioneer Albuquerque family on June 25, 1917, at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque. She was a graduate of Albuquerque High and UNM, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and she taught school in Albuquerque until 1945, when she married Don G. McCormick and moved to Carlsbad, residing there until 1971 when she returned to Albuquerque. Dottie dearly loved the Albuquerque of her youth, reminiscing often about the old neighborhoods and the fun she and her friends had picnicking or skiing in the mountains and going to movies at the KiMo Theater. As a young woman, she enjoyed meeting the trains at the Alvarado, getting photographs of movie stars as they got off the trains (and she had quite a collection of glossy movie posters, obtained, somewhat surreptitiously she admitted, from the walls of the KiMo). She adored the music of her generation, imparting that love to her children, and she never forgot the words to those songs. Before the war, Dottie spent exciting summers with her girlfriends, traveling by ship to Hawai'i in 1939 and to Puerto Rico in 1940, trips that made for a lifetime of fond memories. And she really could do the hula. The last three years of her life were spent pleasantly at La Vida Llena in Albuquerque, participating in many activities and working her crossword puzzles. She leaves many friends among the staff and her fellow residents. The family wishes to thank the capable, compassionate and gentle people, both at the Heart Hospital and at VistaCare Hospice, for their loving care of Dottie during her last week of life, affording her every dignity. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to VistaCare Hospice Foundation, 5639 Jefferson NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. In accordance with her wishes, Dottie's remains will be cremated and there will be no formal services. French Mortuary 1111 University Blvd. NE 843-6333 **Published on January 09, 2006, Albuquerque Journal**

## **Rheaume, Frederick Lyle**

Frederick Lyle Rheaume was born November 2, 1948 and passed away Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 9:55 A.M. Frederick's hobbies were golf, playing pool and drag racing. His guess was that he was best known for being a hard worker, having good humor and a good joke teller. His music was Amazing Grace on bagpipes, which was part of his distant background, and The Wind Beneath My Wings. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Gerrie; his two sons: Tony and Don Ray Jozwick; his mother and stepfather, Peggy and Jack Mitchell; his father and stepmother, Ron and Bonnie Rheaume; his brother, Mike Rheaume, his sister, Elaine Rheaume; two granddaughters: Heather and Dallas Jozwick. Service will be held at the Spiritual Enrichment Center.

Published in the [Sun City, Arizona] Daily News-Sun on 1/14/2006.

## **Lila Williams**

Wednesday, May 11, 2005 McCook [Neb.] Daily Gazette

GRIFFIN, Ga. -- Lila Williams, 80, died Sunday, (May 8, 2005), at her residence in Griffin.

Mrs. Williams was born May 16, 1924 in Palisade, Neb., daughter of the late Frank Roller and the late Bessie Eliza Henderson. She was a homemaker and a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt.

She enrolled in the Women's Auxiliary of the Moose Lodge in 1973 where she was very active. She was initiated into the Academy of Friendship and served for the Chair from 2002 - 2004.

She married her husband, Marvin Williams, on June 13, 1943, at the First Methodist Church in Omaha attended by friends, Raymond Muell and Lorraine Hubbel. At the time of her marriage, she was employed at the Martin Bomber Plant and her husband was stationed at the U.S. Naval Training Station at Farragutt, Idaho.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years; daughter, Cheryl Williams Contreras; brother, Clifford Pearl Roller; infant sister, Shirley Ann Starkey; and son-in-law, Kenneth Sawin.

Survivors include her daughter, Carol Sawin of Lakeway, Texas; sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Susan Williams of Tucson, Ariz., and Scott and Sandra Williams of Chattanooga, Tenn.; sister, Golda Zwickle of McCook; son-in-law, Rudy Contreras of Tucson, Ariz.; eight grandchildren, Kenneth Joseph Sawin, Clint Williams Sawin, Lindsay Williams, Ashley Williams, Jason Contreras, Lauren Patey and Russell Patey; one great grandchild; nephews, Gary Zwickle, Michael Zwickle; niece, Dianna and Leroy Meissner; family and many loyal friends.

Friends may visit the family on Thursday, May 12, from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tenn.