

Earl Eugene Altstatt, Pg. 256

January 4, 2002, at 3:25 AM, My Father, Earl Eugene Altstatt went to be with Jesus at his home in Heaven. We rejoice that he is no longer blind, that he can now walk and run and best of all, he's with our Mother there. Our son Bobby preached the funeral and did a superb job. Son Billy read a poem I wrote about Dad and there was not a dry eye in the house. I was with Dad his last night and knelt beside his bed and said a prayer for him, I'm so grateful that I had the chance. We'll miss him but we know he is much better off and at last he is happy.

Love,
Bill & Georgia Altstatt

IN MEMORY

Charles Otstot, a valued friend and resource for the Martin Altstatt clan, pg. VIII

Charles Mathieson Otstot, former vice president of Palatines to America and longtime member of the society, died of prostate cancer on Christmas Day 2001.

Mr. Otstot was a retired analyst with the CIA whose volunteer work with the National Archives helped establish a database of more than 100,000 World War II intelligence documents. He received the U.S. Archivists's Award for his work on this project. He also published books and articles based on his work as a genealogist. His last contribution to *The Palatine Immigrant* was "The Original Otstot Family Bible," published in the June 2001 issue. He was also an instructor for the National Genealogical Society.

A memorial service was held on January 19, 2002. Donations in lieu of flowers are suggested for: the Endowment Fund of the Rock Spring Congregational United Church of Christ, 5010 Little Falls Rd., Arlington, VA 22207; the American Urological Association, the charity of your choice.

Edward L. Mirick, Pg. 256

Age 65, of Yukon, OK. Passed away Friday, March 29, 2002 at home. He was born May 9, 1936, to J.G. & Louise Mirick, in Yukon where he graduated from high school in 1955 and then attended OCU for 2 years. He was in the army from 1958 to 1960. In 1970 he went to work for Farmers Insurance Group where he retired in 1998 after 28 years. Ed enjoyed fishing and woodworking or as affectionately known to his family as "butchering wood". He was preceded in death by



his father J.G. Mirick. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Mary Sue of the home; one son & his wife James & Angie Mirick, one daughter & her husband Nancy & David Lawson, 2 grandchildren Kendra Mirick and Toby Lawson all of Yukon, and his mother Louise of OKC.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Jennifer Stanley, Tyrone Brown, Cindy Tadlock and others who over the past 15 months, devoted their time to seeing him through his illness.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, April 2, at 1:00 PM in the Smith & Turner Chapel with burial in the Yukon Cemetery.

E. Virginia Koonce Cosey, Pg. 498

Ellen Virginia Koonce Cosey, 100, of 11823 Clearview Road, Hagerstown, died Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at her home.



Born March 1, 1902, in Halltown, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Harry Stafford and Edna Pauline Henke Koonce. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fonrose Wissner Cosey, in 1961.

She was a graduate of Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, W.Va. She received a master's degree from Columbia University in New York City in 1949.

She taught third grade at Harpers Ferry, W.Va., fifth grade at Winchester Avenue School in Martinsburg, W.Va.; and taught at Lincoln and Lincolnshire Schools in Halfway for 29 years. She was a member of Zion Episcopal Church in Charles Town, W.Va. She was also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution; Women's Club; Maryland and Washington County Retired Teachers Associations; Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers; American Association of University Women; Shepherd College Alumni Association; Shepherd Emeritus Club; Alpha Sigma Tau; Shillelaugh Flying Club of Fairfax, Va.; and AARP.

She is survived by three nieces; two nephews; great-nieces and great-nephews.

Betty Alstadt, Pg. 518

On March 8, 2002, Betty Verna Alstadt, Loring Alstadt's wife of 59 years passed away. I happened to be in Virginia at the time, making it easier for Dad to deal with the stress of the moment. Brad, my brother joined the family for the funeral a day or so later. It was a wonderful service.

Mom had been experiencing lung problems for some time. Since the funeral, Dad seems to be doing okay, slowly developing a routine and getting back to church where for many months was hard to do due to the need to take care of Mom.

Betty was 80 years of age.
All for now,
Carey and Laura Alstadt

Delmer Alstat, Pg. 49

On September 6, 2001, Delmar Dean Alstat of Mount Olive, IL passed away at Springfield, IL. Delmar was born on May 15, 1922 in Ava, IL. He married Ann Trun on December 13, 1958.

Survivors include his wife, Ann, sons Brian and his wife, Kathy, and John. And grandchildren Sharon and Joseph.

Services were held at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Mt. Olive, IL.

Alvis E. Alstat, Pg. 46

On Wednesday, November 13, 2002, Alvis E. Alstat of Michigan passed away.

He had a mild heart attack didn't tell anyone, When his son, Mark, got off work and came home dad was waiting to go to the hospital. We think he had a blood clot in his lung and it let loose taking his life around 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

Take Care
Cheryl J. Francis, daughter of Alvis Alstat



The Ojai Valley Bank Men's 50s Senior Softball team is battling to win a fourth consecutive division championship in the Gold Coast Men's Senior League.

The team - comprised of Gary Alstot, pg. 368, Bob Hill, Steve Wilson, Alan Zusman, Dave Kuntz, Ray Fly, Rick Turner, Mike Jauregui, Dennis Carmichael, Lalo Perez, Dave Brown, Dave Wells, Art Goselin and Pat McCormick, who serves as the team's coach and pitcher - is in its fifth year together. They travel as far south as Simi Valley and as far north as Goleta to play once a week, eight months a year. Wilson and Wells were all-star baseball players at Nordhoff High School back in the 1960s.

"We are a pretty tight group of seniors who really have fun playing," said Hill.

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Julia Altstatt,
vocalist

Julia Altstatt, pg. 243, has been playing music all her life, in all kinds of bands, usually as a bass player and backing vocalist In San Francisco she played punk, rock'n roll, and c&w, and toured with ex-members of the Grateful Dead. Now on the East coast, Julia has cut the loud music loose in favor of her acoustic guitar and her own songs.

Julia's music reflects her wild past and her more mature present - she loves a driving groove (bass players are like that) but appreciates the texture of silence. Her songs have moved listeners to laugh and to cry, with her wry wit, her forthright delivery, and stories of places she loves.

As a sidewoman, she has over a dozen album credits to her name, and has contributed a fine original track "Long Cold Winter," to the local compilation "District of Country," under the name Julia and the Honky Tonk Troubadours. Most recently, she has completed a 6-song demo CD "Six Good Tunes" in preparation for a full-length record. Her songwriting is excellent, but it's in live performance where Julia really shines. Now she's ready to leave her electric past behind for a while, and concentrate on her acoustic present.

from Fredericksburg Songwriters' Showcase

Editor's note: Wonder if Julia has sung her twin brother Hamilton Altstatt's latest hit "Diamonds?"

Altstatt surname from Places Named.com

Altstatt is the 88,581st most popular last name (surname) in the United States; frequency is 0.000%; percentile is 90.462 [Source: Census Bureau's Web Site]