

## DEATH NOTICES

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#### Gass, Victor J.

Victor J. Gass, 86, longtime resident of Glenview, passed away June 28, 2017. Beloved husband for 56 years of Nancy Gass nee Flint; loving father of Kathleen Chereck and Paul (Ann) Gass; cherished grandfather of Joey Chereck, Charlie and Tommy Gass; Vic was a veteran serving in the US Army and was retired from Nicor Gas after over 30 years of service. He enjoyed fishing and bowling. Memorial Visitation will be held Sunday, July 2 from 2 to 6 pm at N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home, 1240 Waukegan Rd., Glenview (just south of Lake Ave. on west side). Funeral Mass will be held Monday, July 3 at 10 am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sr. Paulanne's Needy Family Fund, C/O OLPH, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025 or the charity of your choice. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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#### Jadel, Louise Shaw

Louise Shaw Jadel passed away April 27, 2017, at the age of 92. Born on October 8, 1924, in Jefferson, Iowa, Louise was the youngest of three children born to Dr. John R. and Mary Black. After graduating from Jefferson High School, she attended Northwestern University for one year, then transferred to the University of Missouri, where she graduated from



the School of Journalism with a major in advertising. Louise worked for the Cedar Rapids Gazette in Iowa before marrying Bill Shaw and starting their family. They had three children, Bill (Carolyn Martin) of Scotts Valley, CA, Sara Shaw (Steve Hucko) of Menlo Park, CA, and Mary Kientzy of Blue Ridge, GA. They resided primarily in Glenview where Louise created a beautiful home and family life. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother, Brownie and Girl Scout Leader and filled her children's lives with fun and interesting activities, including snow picnics in the winter and summer days at the pool and beach. She and Bill Sr. enjoyed Northwestern football and were members of the Suburbanites.

When her children were older, Louise resumed her advertising career at the Glenview Announcements and then with the Chicago Tribune, from which she retired. Her husband of 35 years passed away suddenly in 1980. Louise married John Chapin some years later, losing him to cancer in 1997. After several years of widowhood, she and Jack Jadel were married in 2001 and enjoyed a lovely life of retirement, boating and travel. Louise was a volunteer at the Chicago Art Institute for over 20 years and was active in the Women's Society of Winnetka Congregational Church, serving two terms as its president. She also volunteered for their annual, hugely successful rummage sale and led the Benevolence Committee. She played bridge with the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae and was active in the Glenview Library Association and numerous other organizations.

Louise was the loving sister to Tom Black (deceased) and Ruth Lyon. She was the adoring grandmother to three sets of grandchildren (Tommy, Jeffrey and Andy Kientzy; Brandi and Tim Hucko; and Koren Clark) and beloved "Aunt Wee" to Barbara Lyon, Betty Lyon Faber, Tom and Bob Black, and Jim Comfort. Louise was a bright and beautiful woman, who lived life with extraordinary kindness and grace. Her dazzling smile, sparkling blue eyes and loving nature will never be forgotten.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at 1:00 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church, 725 Pine Street, Winnetka, IL.

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#### Knapp, Elizabeth Wood 'Betsy'

March 3, 1943 – June 20, 2017

Elizabeth Wood Knapp, a pioneer in online interactive computer software, angel investor, and philanthropist, passed peacefully in her home in Edwards, Colorado, with her husband Bud by her side. She was 74.

Born in Evanston to Katherine Kittlemann Wood and Donald Wood, Jr., Betsy graduated from Evanston Township High School and matriculated to Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where she received a BA in Economics.

Betsy began her entrepreneurial career working at the Sloan School of Management at MIT, a position which became the launching pad for her leadership in the computer industry. Soon after moving to New York, she became a founding member and then president of Telmar Communications Corp., a New York City-based company that pioneered online interactive computer access to consumer behavior data bases, and decision support systems for the media and advertising industries. An accomplished system designer and programmer, Betsy led the creation of Telmar's interactive business software. After marrying Bud Knapp and moving to Los Angeles in 1979, Betsy was the Senior Vice President and Director of Knapp Communications, the Los Angeles-based owner and publisher of Architectural Digest, Bon Appétit, and other magazines and books by The Knapp Press where she was responsible for the company's transition to interactive computer technology and the creation of electronic media products.

In 1986, she founded Wood Knapp & Co. to produce and distribute quality special-interest home video programming, and Wood Knapp Direct, a direct marketer with an annual circulation of 5-million catalogues. As a producer of original video programming, Betsy and her company created award-winning shows with Angela Lansbury, Rita Moreno and others. Betsy was also the founder and chief executive officer of BigPicture Investors LLC, which provides investment capital, management expertise and consulting to startups and early-stage companies, focusing on core technologies in a variety of industries. In the mid-1990s, to follow her passion for new business creation, Betsy became actively involved in investing in new technology start-ups.

A proud alumnus of Wellesley College, Betsy carried with her the perspectives and experiences that so define a "Wellesley woman" into her career as a businesswoman, a leader and a philanthropist. As an entrepreneur, Betsy was particularly interested in investing in the leaders of tomorrow and her proactive and strategic philanthropic activity reflected that vision. In Los Angeles, Betsy's involvement with UCLA led to her appointment as the first woman to chair the UCLA Foundation, a \$1billion+ fund which manages private donations for the benefit of the public university. At the time of her death, she served on the Board of the UCLA Technology Development Group which oversees university intellectual property, licensing, and industry-sponsored research. She also served on the Board of Advisors of UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management. The Knapp Foundation, established in 1993 to make grants in education, medical research and the visual arts, continues to direct much of its focus on Wellesley College and the UCLA Anderson School of Management, where the endowed Betsy Wood Knapp Professorship in Innovation and Creativity and the Knapp Venture Competition for excellence in business planning and venture initiation continue to reflect that vision.

Betsy was a founding member and Trustee of the Committee of 200, a by-invitation association of women entrepreneurs and corporate executives, of the Wellesley College Business Leadership Council, and The Trusteeship. She was also a member of Women Corporate Directors and the International Women's Forum. As a Trustee of Wellesley College, she successfully co-chaired a \$400 million comprehensive campaign from 2000-2005. Provost and Dean of Wellesley College Andrew Shennan recalls working with Betsy for twenty years. "Never have I encountered a more creative, daring, or loyal Trustee."

In the 1980s, the Knapps fell in love with the Vail Valley through their many ski trips. They purchased a condominium in Vail, and later settled on the land in Edwards, Colorado that is now Knapp Ranch. Together, the Knapps conceived and built the ranch as an informal country retreat where "being connected" centers on enjoying the richness of nature and the camaraderie of friends in an extraordinarily quiet and unhurried setting. The Knapps moved permanently from Bel Air, California to the Knapp Ranch in 2013 allowing Betsy to intimately engage in preserving the natural beauty and health of the land. She had a deep passion for incorporating rigorous scientific research in all the decisions made around land use and land management on the ranch saying, "What we do here reflects our values and personal preferences, and our interest in linking science with the way we make decisions about the future." Betsy devoted herself to the creation of a high altitude organic farming project at the ranch and her enthusiasm to grow clean, delicious food under Mother Nature's guidance was truly infectious. Today, greens and produce from The Farm at Knapp Ranch can be found at select Vail Valley restaurants and markets.

In addition to her husband Bud, Betsy is survived by her brother James Wood (dean) of West Newton, Massachusetts; her sister Charlotte Wood Wheeler (Pierce) of Tenafly, New Jersey; stepsons Brian of Charlotte, North Carolina, Aaron (Maureen) of Torrance, California; and stepdaughter Laura of Sherman Oaks, California. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Madelyn of Madison, Wisconsin; Matthias of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Caroline and Joshua of Rancho Palos Verdes, California and Everett of Cold Spring, New York.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in memory of Elizabeth Wood Knapp to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation at [www.cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://www.cholangiocarcinoma.org). Stories can be shared and tributes made at <http://www.elizabethwoodknapp.com/>.

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#### Wise, Harriet Frances

Harriet Frances Wise died peacefully on June 2, 2017, in Seattle, after a long illness. She was born June 29, 1923, in Rensselaer, IN, to William and Stella (Jacobs) Traub. When she was 9, the family moved to St. Louis. She attended Soldan High School, Harris Teachers College, and Washington University's Central Institute for the Deaf, where she was hired to teach after graduating.

In 1946 Harriet married Wilfred Wise, a Canadian doctor serving in the U.S. Army. The family moved to Chicago and then Evanston, as did Harriet's mother, sister Wilhelmina, and Uncle Rudy. Harriet was active in the PTA, Beth Emet Synagogue Sisterhood and National Council of Jewish Women. Once her children were old enough, she returned to teaching hearing-impaired students in the Evanston public schools, retiring at 78. She studied Speech Pathology at Northwestern in the 1960s, and at age 71 earned an M.A. in Linguistics from Northeastern.

Harriet nurtured a strong interest in language and learning, participating in writing workshops and publishing several pieces. She loved children and teaching and also enjoyed theater, meeting people, reading, travel, walking, gardening, cooking, and being with family and friends.

Harriet is survived by children Stephen, Robert (Iziona Silva), William, Elizabeth (Robert Young), and Judith and grandchildren Jonathan Young (Adam Sharma), Matthew Wise, Julie Young, Andrea Wise, and Sierra Young. She was interred at Shalom Memorial Park in Arlington Heights, IL. A memorial service will follow at a later date. The family suggests donations in her memory to the National Theatre of the Deaf, 325 Pequot Ave, New London, CT 06320. For further information, please contact the **Weinstein-Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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