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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Hi Stovall Cousins!

Summer is quickly coming to close. For us, it went by too fast! My work shifted into high gear to make up for the lost pandemic year. My girls are growing up before my eyes. I hope we can slow down a little bit and soak in the last few days of summer.

It's almost membership renewal time for Stovall Family Association. Your membership helps the Association maintain the database, our website, and special projects. Like many other organizations, we're feeling the impact from the pandemic restrictions. Since our reunion was cancelled and that's the primary way we raise funds, we are just breaking even. Your membership renewal is even more important now. If you are unsure if your membership is due, please reach out to Linda Stovall, [linstov@aol.com](mailto:linstov@aol.com).

The Family of Bartholomew Stovall (Eight Generations of Stovalls in England and America) by Neil Thompson is almost ready for re-publication. We hope to have copies available this Fall. We're volunteers at the Association and life sometimes gets in the way of volunteering. It's coming! An email will be sent to members when the book is available for purchase. Those that purchased the book with your reunion registration will be first on the list to receive a copy. Remember, the book will only be available to our members!

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# Notes From The Editor

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Greetings from Texas!

I hope you all have been having a wonderful summer! I know we have quite an eventful one, but like every year, summer seems like it flies by in the blink of an eye. I'm currently planning my son's 13th birthday and getting him ready to go into the 8th grade. There is something about your only child becoming a teenager that makes you incredibly nostalgic and aware of how quickly time passes by.

Time is certainly a topic that we dwell on a lot as genealogy enthusiasts. I find myself drawn to researching certain time periods and obsessing over our ancestors life during those periods. The current "time period of the month" is without a doubt reconstruction era Texas. Post Civil War was not only a key time period in our country's history, but definitely Texas' as well.

I recently watched the Tom Hanks movie '*News Of The World*' which paints a vivid image of this time period. Hanks' character is a former Confederate Captain that travels across Texas "reading the news" to folks for coins. Despite the fact that the landscape is a bit "too mountainy" to actually be parts of Texas, (it was filmed mostly in New Mexico) the story is beautiful and really showcases the atmosphere of post Civil War Texas. The hostility of the beaten down veterans, the desperation to survive and the tensions between the Native Americans and U.S. settlers are all themes this film does a great job of capturing.

My own branch of Stovalls came to Texas almost immediately after the end of the Civil War and my Mother's side of the family were original settlers of San Antonio from the Canary Islands in Spain. Seeing Hanks' character travel through Dallas and mosey into the San Antion plaza that was so historically accurate made me squeel with excitement like a kid in a candy shop.

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No doubt though, my ancestors held many of the ideals shown in this film. Fear of their homes still being raided by the Native Americans or my Spanish ancestors having their land taken from them by folks up and leaving other southern states to come to Texas. Texas was very much the Wild West in this time.

As a kid who had a real dislike for Western Movies growing up, I'm slowly becoming a die hard fan because of the way they can transport me through time to an era where my family was on a farm just down the road.

Until next time!

-Kathryn Stovall

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*Time is a sort of river of passing events,  
and strong is its current; no sooner is a  
thing brought to sight than it is swept  
by and another takes its place, and this  
too will be swept away.*

**-Marcus Aurelius**



# SPACE STOVALLS

We all know that the Stovall family stretches all over the world, but did you know they all have ties to space?

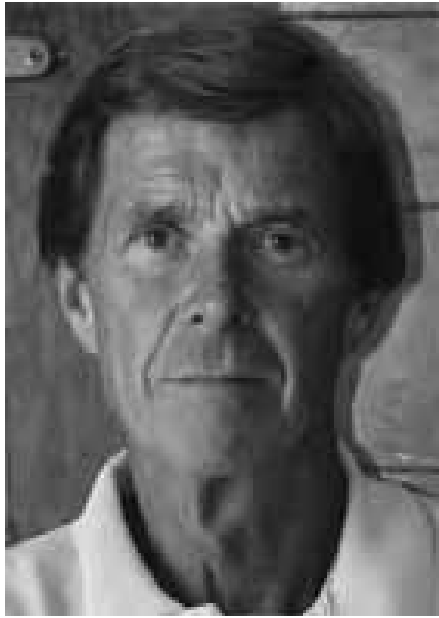
## John Robert Stovall

John Robert Stovall, 77, passed away on August 13th in Clear Lake, Texas. He was born in Blytheville, Arkansas to James and Bernice Stovall. John is survived by his wife, Lynn Stovall, sons, Mike and Robert, and grandchildren, Benjamin, Sydney, and Blake, and numerous family members and friends.

When his nation called he answered by joining the Army and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He earned an Engineering degree with Honors from The University of Arkansas and worked for most of his career in the space industry with IBM, being part of the team responsible for the Apollo, International



Space Station and Shuttle missions. He had a passion for family and travel, and loved to work in the garden and follow Razorback football.



## William "Bill" M. Stovall, Jr.

B.S.M.E., Aeronautical Option (1967)

- University of Wyoming

A native of Casper, Wyoming, William "Bill" M. Stovall, Jr. graduated from UW in 1967 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, aeronautical option, in 1967. That same year, by virtue of a friendship with another UW engineering graduate, H. David Reed, he was offered a job at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston as a Flight Dynamics Officer (FDO), one of the most important and demanding posi-

tions in all of flight control.

As FDO he was responsible for insuring that the trajectory of the spacecraft remained within acceptable limits to ensure crew safety. This included the planning and execution of all maneuvers over the course of a flight as well as real-time high-speed trajectory monitoring during launch phase, powered descent to and powered ascent from the lunar surface.

Stovall became the flight dynamics rendezvous specialist and "flew" 5 lunar missions and 4 earth orbit missions. His responsibility further increased when he began "flying" launch phase, the most critical and demanding period of manned spaceflight. He "flew" launch phase on the last 3 Apollo flights and 5 subsequent earth orbit missions.

Stovall was honored by NASA, with the Superior Achievement Award, for his critical role in controlling the return trajectory on Apollo 13, perhaps the most significant of his accomplishments. His nomination to the Hall of Fame was supported by some of the legends of manned space flight such as Chris Kraft, Glynn Lunney, and astronauts Charlie Duke and Al Worden. During his nine year career as an FDO he made many significant contributions to manned space exploration.

Courtesy of [uwyo.edu](http://uwyo.edu)





## Priddy Jasper Cosby

Priddy Jasper Cosby was born on January 22, 1882, in Richmond, Virginia. Her parents were Harry Jasper and Florence Stovall Jasper who were originally from Powhatan County.

Priddy Cosby started her teaching career in the Hanover area around Rockville. She rode her horse and buggy from Richmond to Rockville where she taught only a few years before meeting Mercer Hugh Cosby, the son of William Darl Cosby.

William Darl Cosby owned a blacksmith shop and was a farmer. Priddy Jasper had to pass the blacksmith shop each day on her way to Rockville to teach. When her buggy needed to be repaired, she would drop it off at the blacksmith shop and walk approximately one mile to the school. That's how she met Mercer Cosby, a widower with two children. He owned a farm in Henrico County across the road from his father's blacksmith shop. The Cosby's property covered land where Henrico, Goochland, and Hanover counties came together along Pouncey Tract Road.



Priddy and Mercer married around 1903 when she was 22 years old. They had four children, Grace, Mercer Jr., Harry, and William who was named after Mercer's father. Priddy joined Fifth Baptist Church on Cary Street as a child and remained a member until her death but after marrying Mercer, she became very active at Abner Baptist Church in the Glen Allen area. She was a Sunday school teacher, sang in the senior choir, and most notably, was the founder of the Missionary Circle and served as president for over forty years.

"Miss Priddy," as she was called by her friends and family, was also involved in civic work. She was a Springfield Home Extension Club captain and a member of the Henrico Tuberculosis Association. She traveled throughout the county with nurse Whilamena Beale inoculating people for tuberculosis. It was through her work with the Henrico County Tuberculosis Association that she received the Virginia Tuberculosis Association's Meritorious Service Award. She was a founder and president of the Virginia Randolph Foundation, Inc., an organization granting annual scholarships to African American college students from Henrico County.

"Miss Priddy" lived most of her life in the Cosby farmhouse where she started life with Mercer. There she remained active in the community well into her 90s. Mrs. Priddy Jasper Cosby passed away in the Cosby farmhouse on July 15, 1983, at the age of 101. She is buried in the family cemetery.

Courteys of [henrico.us](http://henrico.us)



Gill Stovall



Jesse Stovall

## STOVALLS WITH OLYMPIC SPEED

For the third time in her career, Jesse Stovall took top honors in the event with a finishing time of 51.94 in the 100 freestyle. She is the fourth woman in SCAC history to win first place three times or more in the 100 freestyle. In addition, the victory marked her eighth career SCAC title. Stovall also won SCAC co-swimmer of the meet for the second time in her career. In addition, she won first place in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.92, and she took first place in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 57.20.

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William Gilbert Stovall, V (born June 3, 1986) is an American former competition swimmer who represented the United States at the 2008 Olympic Games. Stovall placed second in his signature event, the 200-meter butterfly, at the U.S. Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska, with a career-best time of 1:53.86, which earned him a place on the U.S. Olympic team. At that time, Stovall was the second-fastest swimmer ever in that event, behind only Michael Phelps.

In the US, his star burned brightly for a while when, in 2008, he broke the oldest NCAA Record on the books-clearing “Gold Medal” Mel Stewart’s 200 fly time in 1:41.33. He never received due recognition for that swim either, as it stood for only a season before Shaune Fraser broke it in 2009.



## FRANK STOVALL CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY WITH SOME SINGLES TENNIS

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Frank Stovall was born Feb. 25, 1921, when Candler Field was still an abandoned racetrack. He grew up on Gordon Street in Southwest Atlanta and took the trolley to Tech High, then later studied chemical engineering at Georgia Tech.

He served in two wars and registered two patents during a career in manufacturing research at Lockheed. He still lives in the house he built off Wieuca Road in 1948, where he, his love Marjorie Hailey Stovall and their four children settled. He last water-skied at age 95.



“I’ve been getting birthday calls from all over the world,” said Frank during a break from the game, his eyes twinkling. Those calls included well wishes from another tennis partner, who called from India during a trip abroad.

Later Frank would read a proclamation from the city of Atlanta declaring Feb. 25 “Frank Stovall Day.”



*Courtesy of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

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# A Real Hero

## William (Bill) Peter Stovall



Bill was born 19 Dec 1918, in Kansas City, Missouri. The child of James Thomas Stovall and Grace Smith. He was a 15 year Veteran of the US Army and attended school in Salt Lake City, Utah. He married Alice Rose Hansen, 22 December 1945 in Denver, Colorado. He was married to Alice for 50 years. He and his wife Alice nurtured 4 daughters; Billie Annette McDonald, Donna Wilson, Diana Milbert, and Rosemary Lonnquist.

### *Military Service*

In 1939, Bill joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Monterrey, California with the 11th Cavalry, Troop F. Bill rode with an elite equestrian U.S. Army unit demonstrating their various horse riding skills.

In 1941, Bill transferred to the U.S. Army Air Corp and was assigned to 869th Bombardment Squadron 497th Bombardment Group 20th Air Force in Saipan. During his tour in the Pacific Theater, He flew in excess of 25 missions against the Japanese Mainland as a tail gunner in a B-29 bomber.

On 13 January, 1945, Staff Sgt Stovall's B-29 Bomber "Lucky Lynn" encountered engine problems resulting in the aircraft becoming engulfed in flames. The plane had to be ditched at sea with all crew members aboard. The resulting crash in rough seas killed or severely injured all the crew men except Staff Sgt Stovall. He was able to rescue 3 of his crew men before the bomber sank. Sustaining severe burns him-

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self, he remained with his injured survivors for 11 hours until rescued.

Following World War II, Staff Sgt Stovall again served his country for 19 months during the Korean conflict.

Mr. Stovall was recommended for the congressional medal of honor for his actions in saving the lives of his B-29 crewmen. He was decorated eleven times in recognition for his outstanding service to his country.

Following Mr. Stovall's 15 years of military service, he and his family lived in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he worked as an automobile salesman and manager. In 1955, Mr. Stovall was recognized again for heroism after entering a burning house and rescuing a man and his young daughter.

Mr. Stovall continued to live in the Denver, Colorado area until his daughters grew up, married and left Colorado. In 1987 Mr. Stovall and his wife Alice moved to Helena to be closer to a daughter, Billie McDonald and her family.

Bill died 29 Feb. 1996, in the Veterans Hospital in Helena, Montana. He was 77 years old.







# OTTIS B. STOVALL'S



# OIL WELLS

## NEWCOM, WILMON T.

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Wilmon T. Newcom born 1813 near Frankfort, Kentucky, married Margretta Dale in 1836, who was born in 1820. They were both of Scotch-Irish descent. In 1867 the Wilmon T. Newcom family moved to Crawford County, Iowa from Clark County, Missouri with nine of their thirteen children, having traded their big brick home and their land for a pair of boots, and an old army saddle. Their land had been ruined by the Union Army marching south, and it was only a short time until their stock had been driven away or butchered to feed the soldiers and their buildings had been torn down and used for fuel. As the contending armies drove each other back and forth, their fields became trodden and beaten down and often strewn with the dead. The only building they had left after the war was the big brick house.

Wilmon T. Newcom and family settled on 210 acres of prairie and timber land he had bought from the railroad, where he lived until his death, September 12, 1895. Their youngest child was six years old when they came to Crawford County, settling up the valley from their two older sons who had come on before. James, their oldest son, had come to Crawford County in September, 1865, to escape from a Union Prison as he was a captured Confederate soldier. He couldn't get back across the Union lines to his own army and he had a \$1000 reward on his head for helping many other Confederate soldiers escape, so he headed west and landed in Crawford County.

John followed James to Crawford County as soon as the war was over, and he settled on up the Valley from James. Then the parents followed and settled on up from John. In the late 1800's the Newcoms farmed most of the land from Deloit to Boyer.

The children of Wilmon T. Newcom and Margretta Dale were:

(1) Mary E., born July-3-1837, married C.O. Stovall April-16-1854 and she died January-4-1912, they had eight sons and all settled around Peabody, Kansas.

(2) James T. born January-22-1839, married Emma Henderson February-3-1861, and he died March-25-1909. They had nine children. Four of their children died of the diptheria in two weeks and one child died of burns.

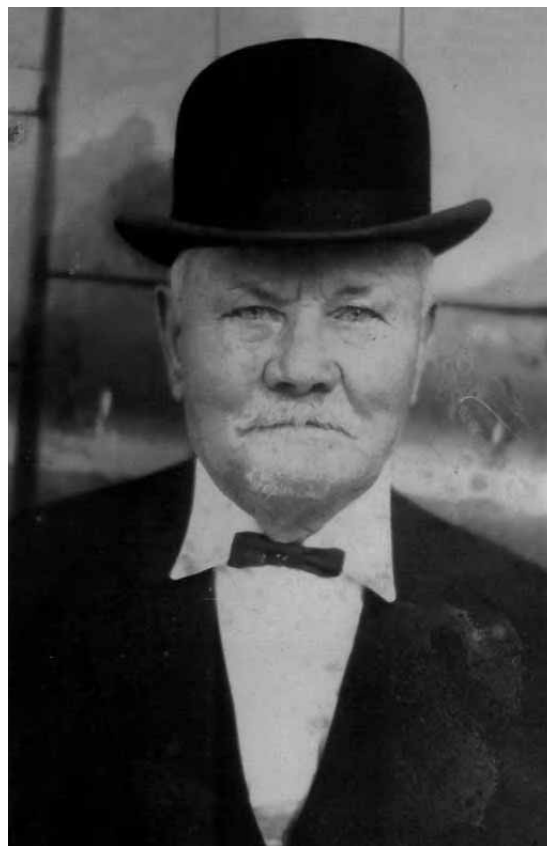
(3) Marthen Ann, born March-29-1841, died January-19-1859.

(4) John Dale, born January-11-1843, married (1) Sarah Dobson November-1-1868. They had two children: (1) Anna Beatrice and (2) James Eli, who died of the diptheria. Sarah Dobson died February-22-1881. John then married (2) Mary Jane Johnson in 1882 and they adopted Raymond Imes Newcom.

(5) Samuel A., born February-11-1844, married Mary Stone and they had three children. He died May-4-1933.

(6) Clarinda E., born November-11-1846, married Dillion Tucker October-14-1866; they had five children; she died 12-7-1916.

(7) Richard, born September-29-1848,



Charles Otis Stoval



Mary Elizabeth Newcom

By all accounts Ottis Briggs Stovall was a great neighbor and man. He lived most of his life as a simple farmer. When oil was discovered on his land, he was in his 50's and he became a 'millionaire' almost overnight. But you'd never know it by the way he treated his neighbors or lived his life.

When oil was found on his farm, he came to his neighbor's house with a "mess of greens" to tell the good news. He would continue to bring his neighbors goodies from the garden for many years to come, as he always had done.

Ottis Briggs Stovall was born on August 31, 1865, in Nevada, Iowa to Charles Stovall and Mary Elizabeth Newcom.

Ottis' father Charles Otis Stovall was born in Clark, Missouri to James and Nancy Stovall. Ottis' mother Mary Elizabeth Newcom was born on July 3, 1837, in Clark, Missouri to Wilmon and Margaretta Newcom. Charles and Mary married on April 19, 1854, in Scotland, Missouri. Together they had at least eight children: Henry, John Albert "green", Carl, Theophilus, Moltrie, Otis, Samuel Elmer and Jephth who died either at birth or as an infant.



Carl Stovall (right)



*John Albert "Green" Stovall Reunion*



*John Albert "Green" Stovall*



Ottis married Harriet Salina Padgett on July 12, 1885, in Florence, Kansas. Harriet was originally from Kentucky. They had eight children over the course of 18 years.

Their children were named Cyrus, Cora, Fredrick, Johnnie, Dennis, Guy, Blucher and Carrie Stovall. The majority of them remained on the farm or adjoining farms for the rest of their lives.

Ottis died on January 9, 1936, in Newton, Kansas, at the age of 70, and was buried in Peabody, Kansas. His death came as a huge loss to his community and family as can be read in newspaper articles at the time.

His legacy carried on through his many children and grand-children, some who still remain in the family farm's area today.

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### Neighborly Despite His Money.

Peabody people will be interested in reading the following article contributed to The Topeka Capital by Theodore A. Thoma of Florence, a neighbor of O. B. Stovall.

How does it feel to be a millionaire? No, I didn't put this stereotyped question to my next door neighbor, O. B. Stovall, when the drillers on his farm, five miles southwest of Florence brought in a third well this week. Nor had I put the question to him on previous occasions when Stovall No. 2 and Stovall No. 3 were put on the swab and began spouting 700 barrels and 1,400 barrels per day, respectively.

It was unnecessary to ask the new oil magnate his feelings, because O. B. Stovall is the original Sunny Jim.

On the day when they brought in the first well he came home with the good news and brought my better half a "mess of greens" from the farm where nature, assisted by drillers, was beginning to make him a millionaire. No sir, the oil strike didn't make him forget the greens. That's the kind of neighbor O. B. Stovall is.

But he's not bashful about his new riches, not at all—talks about it in a matter of fact way and says that it's a pretty nice thing. Told me he was glad that it came to him at a time when he had reasonable expectations of living and enjoying his wealth—he's not far past the half hundred mark.

And he said it was a nice thing, too, for the children—there are seven of them. They are all young enough to have before them a long life of usefulness, he said, and he didn't think any of them were going to be made foolish by their wealth. And I expect he's right, for the boys keep on plugging away with their teams out on the farm.

Guy and Dennis, both single, live on the place where the oil is flowing. That's the original Stovall farm where O. B. was raised and spent almost fifty years, most of it in the kind of hard work and drudgery with which old time Kansas farmers are familiar.

Fred, who is married, and Cyrus, who is single, live on an adjoining farm. Mrs. Harry Bibler, a daughter, lives with her husband in Florence. O. B., his wife and their two minor children, Blucher and Carrie, came to Florence from the farm last September.

He lives right "down town" as we say here in Florence, his home being on Main street and on the first corner, removed from the business district. Present indications are that it's going to be in the business district very soon, for there is a pile of sand and lumber on every vacant spot in the business district and for several blocks on every side of it.

Then it will be good-bye to O. B.'s radish patch and lettuce bed in which he takes such pride and where I found him yesterday when I went to ask for a bit of information so I could write this article.

Well, when the wheels of progress push us back of the main stem of the village I hope I may again be a neighbor of O. B. Not because of his millions, and it looks as tho he's going to be a millionaire but because

week and the Lord only knows how many barrels per day it is making. Then there are six or seven more rigs up and they will be drilling into the oil sands in the near future—and there's 320 acres in the farm. Can you imagine it? But it won't hurt Sunny Jim. He's made of good material and the good fortune has come to a deserving party.



Guy Ellis Stovall & Wife Mary

## O. B. STOVALL DIES

**FUNERAL THURSDAY AFTER-  
NOON AT TWO O'CLOCK**

**Mr. Stovall Was Taken to Newton  
Hospital Saturday and Passed  
Away Tuesday Morning**

This community was shocked, Tuesday morning, when it was learned that O. B. Stovall has passed away at Axtell's Hospital at Newton at 4:30 that morning.

Mr. Stovall had been in ill health for about two weeks and on last Saturday was taken to the Newton hospital for treatment. According to reports he seemed to be getting along satisfactorily Sunday afternoon when relatives called to see him. But late Monday night his condition changed for the worse, and at 4:30 Tuesday morning he passed away.

Pneumonia and bowel complications are reported as contributing to his death. Mr. Stovall had lived in and around Florence for many years. Until the time oil was found on his land southwest of Florence, he was one of the community's most industrious farmers. But after oil was discovered on his land, he retired and moved to Florence where he has continuously resided at his home at Sixth and Main streets.

The host of friends of the Stovall families sympathize with them in their sad bereavement.

The funeral will be conducted from the Florence Christian church at two o'clock, Thursday afternoon.

C. O. Stovall, one of the well known citizens of this community, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 1915, at the home of his son, Greene, after a short illness. The deceased was born April 2, 1834 and was eighty years, nine months and eighteen days old at death. He was married to Mary E. Newcom April 16, 1854 and to them were born eight sons, six of whom survive him, Greene, Porter, Otis B. and Samuel E. of this community, Carl S., of Enid, Oklahoma and Moultrie, of Edmond, the same state. In an early day he united with the Baptist church and was until his death a faithful and working member. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. John M. White, who was called from Wamego for the service and the remains laid away in the family lot in Prairie Lawn cemetery. Mr. Stovall was of a kindly nature and made all with whom he came in contact feel the diffusion of his cheerfulness. It was soon after the writer came to Peabody that he dropped into the office to get acquainted and afterward he frequently came to see us, always shedding optimism in his wake. Peabody will miss him and we all mourn with the bereaved children and grandchildren.







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## STOVALL CELEBRATES HALF-A-CENTURY IN THE BROADCAST INDUSTRY

Stovall began his broadcasting career in 1970 in Phoenix, Arizona, at age 17. He was the first African American TV news reporter in the state of Arizona. One year later, at the age of 18, he became the youngest TV news anchor in the United States.

In addition to working as a news anchor and reporter in Phoenix and Baltimore, Stovall has held similar positions in St. Louis and Philadelphia. In 1985, Stovall was honored with an Emmy Award that recognized him as the Best Television News Anchor in St. Louis.

After a career that spanned more than five decades, WBAL-TV 11 news anchor Stan Stovall will retire next year, the station announced. Just last year Stovall celebrated half-a-century in the broadcast industry.

Stan is one of the most recognizable faces in the Baltimore television market, having worked in the market for more than three decades. He rejoined the WBAL-TV 11 News team in April 2003 as co-anchor of the weekend edition of 11 News Today. His first tour of duty began in 1978 thru 1983 when he served as primary anchor for the weekday evening editions of 11 News.

Since his return to 11 News, Stan has climbed the ladder quickly. In August 2003, he was promoted to co-anchor of the weekday editions of 11 News Today and 11 News at Noon. Then, in October 2003, he was promoted again to co-anchor 11 News at 5 p.m., adding to his morning duties. And, in December 2013, he was promoted again and named co-anchor of 11 News at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Prior to rejoining WBAL-TV 11, Stovall served for 13 years as the primary evening news anchor at WMAR-TV in Baltimore.

While most of Stovall's work during his five decades in broadcasting has been as a primary news anchor, over the years, he has simultaneously also worked as a reporter, producer, film photographer and film editor.

Stovall's primary hobby is fitness, having been a former competitive powerlifter and bodybuilder for more than 30 years. He is a former four-time State Powerlifting Champion and holds the former bodybuilding titles of Junior Mr. Arizona, Mr. Maryland, Mr. South Atlantic and Mr. Delmarva.

***"My history with WBAL-TV 11 and with our loyal viewers has been one of the most meaningful chapters in my life — and trust me — it's not goodbye just yet," Stovall said in a statement posted to the station's website. "I have many more Baltimore stories to tell before setting foot on the full retirement path."***

He will continue to anchor the 6 pm news until he officially retires from news journalism.

## Cousin's Corner



### Martha Bender

Martha Ellen Stovall Bender died peacefully surrounded by her loving family early Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 92 years of age.

She was born Sept. 28, 1928, in Jackson to Mattie Morton Stovall and Earl Wilson Stovall Sr.

Martha graduated from Jackson High School in 1946. She attended Southeast Missouri State College, being active in The Hesperian Society, the Thespians and the a cappella choir. On a regional choir tour, Martha met and went dancing with her future husband, Kenneth E. Bender. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in social science May 15, 1950. She and Ken were married at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson that same afternoon.

Martha later received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and taught at Jefferson Elementary School. Afterward, she studied library science and served as a librarian at Kent Library for nearly 10 years.

Martha spent many years as a community volunteer, dedicated particularly to the founding of the Cape River Heritage Museum. Other interests over the years included Garden Club, PEO, Cape Girardeau Bicentennial Commission chairwoman, Riverfest organizer and Missouri Advisory Council to the

National Register of Historic Places appointed by Gov. Kit Bond. Martha was an avid reader, bridge player and gardener, as well as an accomplished cook and decorator.

After the birth of their two daughters, the family became charter members of St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Martha and Kenneth also chaired St. Andrew's 50th Anniversary Celebration.

She and Ken celebrated their 25th anniversary with a European tour, a later one with a trip to the British Isles, 50th with a family celebration at Melhana Plantation, 60th on a Caribbean cruise with their daughters and spouses, and 70th with a dinner and 50-car parade of friends and well-wishers at their home.

Martha is survived by her husband of 71 years, Kenneth; daughters, Rebecca (John) Van Wagner and Kimberly (Ron) Foltz; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; her infant sister; her brother, Earl Jr., and grandson, Clayton Bender Van Wagner.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 25, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

The service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, July 26, at the church, with burial following at Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery. Afterward, a luncheon will be served at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cape River Heritage Museum or St. Andrew Lutheran Church.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).



## William "Bill" Stovall

William "Bill" Stovall, 92, was born on February 8, 1929 in Kansas City, MO. He passed away on July 23, 2021 with his loving family surrounding him, as he was welcomed into the presence of the Lord.

His family moved to Santa Barbara in 1944. He served his country in the Navy from 1946-47. In 1950, he married Marie Poole, whom he had met through mutual friends. They celebrated their 59th anniversary before she passed in 2009.

Bill was a baseball player, practically from birth. He and his brothers played ball over decades, on various teams in Ventura County, including the Oxnard Merchants, who finished 3rd in the Nationals for fast-pitch softball in 1963. Passing on the game to his son, grandsons, and great-grandsons, he never missed an opportunity to cheer them on at their games.

Bill worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Ventura County, and received many awards and commendations, retiring as a supervisor after 36 years of service.

He loved his family above all, and treasured the many times spent together. His humor and impromptu songs resonate with all of his family and friends. Bill was an avid golfer, frequenting Saticoy Country Club and Hueneme Golf Courses. Bill loved sports, and was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Bill will be reunited with his parents, Paul and Edith Stovall, his wife Marie Stovall, his siblings Roy, Bob, Chuck & Dorothy, his daughter Vicky Chambers,

and son Terry Stovall. He will be greatly missed by his daughter Karen Huerta (Steve), grandchildren Jason Stovall (Cori), Leah Taylor (Greg), Ryan Huerta, Sarah Stovall, Kilee Hawes (Jason), Eric Chambers (Sarah), and great-grandchildren Kaitlyn, Beckett, Gavin, Zoey, Madelynne, Jaxon and Grant.

A celebration of Bill's life was held at 12pm, with a viewing from 11-12pm, on Thursday, July 29, 2021 at BOYKO & REARDON TELEGRAPH ROAD MORTUARY & CREMATION, 15 Teloma Drive, Ventura, 805-765-4137. Interment will follow.

The family would like to say a special thank you to Regina Robles, for her incredibly loving and respectful care of our Dad and Grandpa. We would also like to thank Los Robles Hospice for their care.

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Mr. Lewis Stovall, 83, of Burlington passed away at his residence on Sunday, July 4, 2021 at 6:43 p.m.

A native of Rockingham County, NC, he was the husband of Pearl Isley Stovall, who survives and the son of Sandy James Stovall and Sarah Nina Frye Stovall, both deceased. He was owner of Stovall Pest Control and a member of New Hope Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife of their home, survivors include two sons, Quint Stovall and wife Kristy and Thad Stovall and wife Jennifer, all of Burlington; five grandchildren, Steven Stovall, Jordan Stovall, Lindsay Byrd, Isley Stovall, and Gracie Stovall; three great grandchildren, Marley, Riley and Stella; two sisters, Sarah Daughtery of Pinehurst and Hazel McMath of Bear Creek; and a brother, William "Bud" Stovall of Siler City. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Abigail; four brothers,



J. D., Henry, Jesse Glenn, and Bobby Stovall; and two sisters, Vernell Councilman and Joanne Stovall.

The family will receive friends at Rich & Thompson Funeral and Cremation Service in Burlington on Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

The funeral service will be conducted at New Hope Baptist Church on Friday, July 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. by Rev. Randy Hobbs. Burial will follow at the Mausoleum at Alamance Memorial Park.



## Deanna Rose Mersman

Grove, Oklahoma

October 9, 1952 - July 25, 2021

Deanna Rose Mersman (Stovall), age 68, of Seneca, MO was born Oct 9, 1952 to Roy Stovall & Geraldine (Bearskin) Stovall. She married Edward Gerald Mersman on Oct 24, 1972. She was a proud member of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma. Deanna passed suddenly on July 25, 2021.



## George "Ray" Stovall

George "Ray" Stovall 77 of Norwalk passed away on June 27, 2021 at CT Hospice in Branford. He was born March 27, 1944 in Camp Hill, Alabama to the late Ben and Bertha (Holston) Stovall. Ray is Predeceased by his wife Marian Stovall and survived by his sons, George "Ray" Stovall (fiance, Sarah Greeham) of Vernon and Kevin Stovall of Norwalk and a daughter, Angelina Dickson Henderson (George A Dickson Jr). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Kylynn, Ella, Nathan, and Pauline Stovall, George

A. Dickson 3rd, Gaquawn L. Dickson and Tayjha A. Dickson and two brothers, Willie Lee and Ernest Stovall and a sister Doris. He is also preceded in death by his siblings, Ben James Jr. and Howard

Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing, and any chance to get outdoors even to just read the paper at the park. He was known to many as the hot dog guy from Ray's place and locally famous for his chilli. If there was a basketball game on you can be sure he was watching, especially the Lakers and Knicks.





## Happy 58th Wedding Anniversary

to Patricia and James Treadwell married August 3, 1963.

Pat has been a dedicated volunteer of the Stovall Family Association serving as a Board member until she retired in 2017.