

Stephen Thomas Shields (AKA Thomas S.)
FAMILY GROUP SHEET OF THE _____ FAMILY

| | Source # | | Source # |
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| <u>Stephen Thomas (Thomas) Shields</u> Full name of husband | | Birth date 4 May 1899 | (1, 2) |
| <u>Stephen M. Shields</u> His father | (2) | Birth place Los Angeles | (2) |
| <u>Anna Hickey</u> His mother with maiden name | (2) | Death date 23 Aug 1962 | (1, 2) |
| | | Death place Los Angeles, CA | (3) |
| | | Burial place Holy Cross Cemetery Los Angeles, CA | (3) |
| <u>Mary Rose Donoghue</u> Full maiden name of wife | | Birth date 18 Nov 1896 | (1) |
| <u>Stephen J. Donoghue</u> Her father | | Birth place Buffalo, NY | (1) |
| <u>Rosalie Helen Chabot</u> Her mother with maiden name | | Death date 5 May 1961 | (1) |
| | | Death place Los Angeles | (1) |
| | | Burial place Holy Cross | |

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| Other Spouses <i>had son by Mary Obadal Takes b. 29 Dec 1940 L.A.;</i> | | Marriage date, place, etc. Married about 3 Sep 1925. Lived at 1442 Calumet Ave., L.A., Truck Driver for County Museum, WWI vet Source #s (3) (2) | |
| <i>my cousin</i> → Children of this marriage | Birth date & place | Death date, place & burial place | Marriage date, place & spouse |
| <u>Mary Rosalia Lorraine</u> (<u>Mary Rose Lorraine</u>) | 25 Sep 1926 L.A. | <i>24 Aug 1998</i> | (1) <u>Richard Francis Succop</u> c. 10 Oc 1948 Los Angeles Co. (2) <u>Gerald Dennis Brantzeg</u> 19 My 1956, Monterey Co. (3) <u>Bob Baker</u> |

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Sources (Documentation)

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- (1) Ancestry.com. California Death Index, 1940-1997
 - (2) California Death Certificate 18650 State File #62-101903 Stephen M. Shields (Thomas Stephen)
 - (3) Los Angeles Times, Aug. 26, 1962, Section C., P. 4. DEATHS, Shields, Thomas S.
 - (4) Vitalsearch-ca.com CA Marriages

FAMILY GROUP SHEET OF THE Richard Francis Succop FAMILY

1st husband

| | Source # | Source # |
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| <u>Richard Francis Succop</u> Full name of husband | | (5) |
| <u>Howard J. Succop</u> His father | | (5) |
| <u>Ruth Fuchs b. Pittsburg</u> His mother with maiden name | | (3) |
| | | (5) |
| <u>Mary Rosalia Lorraine Shields</u> Full maiden name of wife | | |
| <u>Stephen Thomas Shields (AKA Thomas S.)</u> Her father b. Los Angeles, Ca | | |
| <u>Mary Rose Donoghue b. Buffalo, NY</u> Her mother with maiden name | | |

half-sister

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| Other Spouses | | Marriage date, place, etc. | |
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| Gerald Dennis Brantzeg Bob Baker Source #s | | About 10 Oct 1948 Succop-Shields Marriage Announcements LA Times Oct. 10, 1948 p. 32 Marr. 16 Oc 1948 LA Co. Marr. Lic.#18654 Bk 3130 p. 105 Reg#28990 Wit: Joseph B. Succop Patricia J. Sawyer Source #s | |
| Children of this marriage | Birth date & place | Death date, place & burial place | Marriage date, place & spouse |
| Richard Francis Succop | 19 Dec 1949 L.A. CA | | |
| Thomas Lee Succop | 24 Aug 1952 L.A. CA | | |
| Craig Alan Succop | 05 Dec 1954 L.A. CA | | |
| Francine Lorraine Succop | 27 Apr 1956 L.A. CA | | Joseph Marques 24 Jun 1980 L. A. CA |
| Michael? | ? | | |
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Husband # 2

Gerald Dennis Brantzeg

FAMILY GROUP SHEET OF THE _____ FAMILY

| | Source # | | Source # |
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| <u>Gerald Dennis Brantzeg</u> Full name of husband <u>Harry S. Brantzeg</u> His father <u>Clarissa Morgan</u> His mother with maiden name | (5) (5) | Birth date 8 May 1922 Birth place Malad City, UT Death date Jun 13, 1986 Death place Oildale, Kern Co., CA Burial place Riverside National Cemetery. Plot 19 0 1834 buried . 6/19/1986 | (1) (5) |
| <u>Mary Rosalia Lorraine Shields (Mary Rose)</u> Full maiden name of wife <u>Stephen Thomas Shields (AKA Thomas S.)</u> Her father <u>Mary Rose (Chabot) Donoghue</u> Her mother with maiden name | | Birth date 25 Sep 1926 Birth place Los Angeles, CA Death date 24 Aug 1998 Death place Burial place | (4) |

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| Other Spouses of Mary R. Shields Richard Francis Succop Bob Baker Other spouses of Gerald D. Brantzeg Morgan? | Marriage date, place, etc. (2) 19 May 1956 Monterey Co., CA Source #s (2) |
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| Children of this marriage | Birth date & place | Death date, place & burial place | Marriage date, place & spouse |
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| Timothy Clark | 24 Jan 1957 Monterey Co., CA | 25 Ja 1957 Los Angeles | |
| <u>Randall E. Elliott</u> | 5 Aug 1959 Monterey Co., CA | | |
| Ronald C. | 29 No 1960 Monterey Co., CA | 29 Nov 1960 Monterey Co., CA | |
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| Last Name | BAKER | 135678 | 135678 |
| First Name | LORRAINE | 50073 | 81 |
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| LORRAINE BAKER | 25 Sep 1926 | 24 Aug 1998 (V) | 92507 (Riverside, Riverside, CA) | (none specified) | 552- 36- 0410 | California | SS-5 Letter Add Post-em Search Ancestry.com | |

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Obituary: Bob Baker / Local boxer was top heavyweight contender in '50s

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By Chuck Finder and Pohla Smith, Post-Gazette Sports Writers

Bob Baker, a professional boxer who spent nearly a decade as a nationally televised top contender for the world heavyweight championship, though he never got a chance at the title, died Tuesday of heart failure at Life Care Hospital in Wilksburg. He was 75.

Mr. Baker, of the Hill District, briefly worked as a referee on "Studio Wrestling" television broadcasts in Pittsburgh and in Golden Gloves boxing competitions. But it was as a fighter that he was best known.

"Big Bob" Baker, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound slugger, won the first 25 bouts of his professional career, which started in 1949. Later, some of the era's most recognizable fighters, including Archie Moore and Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson, used him as a stepping-stone to heavyweight-title bouts.

Moore, the former light-heavyweight champion, knocked him out in the ninth round March 9, 1954 in Miami Beach on his way to a heavyweight-title bout with Rocky Marciano, which Moore lost.

Jackson decided him twice in 1956, the second time in a nationally televised bout at Forbes Field on Sept. 26. Mr. Baker later said he had bet his entire \$33,000 purse on himself.

Two fights later, Jackson his shot at the title and defeated Floyd Patterson.

Mr. Baker went on to beat George Chuvalo, the Canadian champion, but his career was careening downhill. The man who had knocked out 17 of his first 25 opponents recorded just one knockout win in his last 15 fights. He lost nine of those fights.

He retired in October 1959 with a record of 51-16-1.

"He fought some tough [guys]," said Frank "Spacky" DeLeo of East Pittsburgh, a lightweight fighter during that period who now works the corner of Pittsburgh's Paul Spadafora, the International Boxing Federation lightweight champ. "He had a good left hook and a good right hand. His punch was strong."

"He couldn't even punch the bag in the end," said Andy "Kid" DePaul of Green Tree, an erstwhile fighter and later a Pennsylvania boxing commissioner. "He would've been the heavyweight champion of the world if he hadn't broken both of his hands.

"He was a fine heavyweight, No. 1 contender in the world. He fought the tough guys. He wasn't afraid of anybody."

Mr. Baker worked as a bartender at the Brass Rail in Wilksburg and spent 7 1/2 years as a

PennDot foreman after his ring career ended, retiring from the latter position in 1985.

He rarely talked about his ring experiences once they ended, said his son, Rickie Ross of Point Breeze. "All [his photographs and clippings] were in the bottom of a box on the shelf," Ross said.

Born in Canonsburg, Mr. Baker was raised in the Hill District. At 18, in the midst of World War II, he dropped out of high school to enlist in the Navy. He served in the South Pacific and was discharged in 1946.

Lou Ledbetter, a Pittsburgh fight trainer, met Mr. Baker at a local YMCA and asked him to become a sparring partner for another boxer. Ledbetter helped launch Mr. Baker's career, which saw him win the national Golden Gloves championship before turning pro in April 1949.

Survivors also include a daughter, Mari Rita Clark of Seattle, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Viewing is tomorrow from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at George A. Warden Funeral Home, 1100 N. Homewood Ave., Pittsburgh, 15208. Interment is private.

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