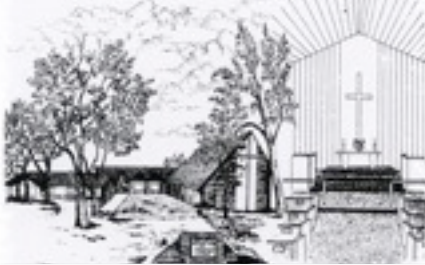


The Golden Feather



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January Dinner at 6 \$7.00 Donation

January 4th

Meatloaf, Roasted Potatoes,
Vegetable, Bread, Salad,
Dessert
Chef Randy Fowler

January 18th

Apricot Glazed Pork Loin, ,
Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable,
Salad, Bread, Dessert
Chef: Randy Fowler

January 11th

Builder Bobs BBQ baked
beans Vegetable. Bread
Salad Dessert
Chef: Erin Buis/Trustees

January 25th

Hmong Cuisine
Chef: Hmong Ladies

Save the Date

January 1

New Years Day Service

March 27

Educator of the Year
Nominations deadline

January 28

Hunger Walk Breakfast
8:00 am to 10:00 am
Applebees

April 24

Educator of the Year Dinner
6:00 pm

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OROVILLE

Pastor's Message

Cheng Yang

Church Office: (530) 534-9455 / Cell Phone: (530) 415-9289 / email: cyang32@hotmail.com



Happy New Year to everyone,

December was indeed a very busy month. Though there were many sorrowful moments, there were also moments of great joy to see the church displaying its love for each other. There is nothing more comforting than just to be there for each other when the time calls for it. I really appreciate everyone for their service to the church and their willingness to serve each other. May the Lord continue to bless us and grow us in the faith.

I also want to remember those who passed away during November and December—Steven Vang, Jinx Webster, and Stu Shaner. My thoughts and prayers are with them and their family. Although I've never met any of them, I pray that their memories will live on with their families.

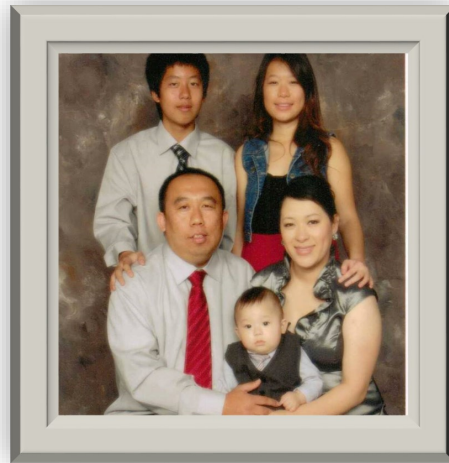
I also want to give thanks to Susan Sharon, Jeremy Buis, and my wife Shoua Kong-Yang for working very hard to put our annual conference meeting packet (color coded and everything) together. They did a wonderful job!

With the new year here now, there's some things to ponder about. New year means different things for different people. For some, it's an opportunity for a new beginning. For others, there's new year resolutions that they look forward to achieving. But let's be honest, we hardly achieve these things. Then for some, it's just another day and another year. Regardless though, I would like us to consider what we'll be doing personally in 2017 to expand God's Kingdom and to grow His church? May each of us contribute as according to the gift that God has given us for this new year. God bless!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Cheng Yang'.

Pastor Cheng Yang
(Xh. Txawj Tsheej Yaj)
First United Methodist Church of Oroville



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Nyob zoo xyoo tshiab rau peb sawvdaws,

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Kuv xav ua tsaug rau Susan Sharon, Jeremy Buis, thiab rau Nxx. Txawj Tsheej Yaj (Shoua Kong-Yang) uas lawv tau los mus pab kuv ua phau ntawv sablaj txwj xyoo rau peb pawg ntseeg. Lawv ua tau zoo kawg pub rau sawvdaws siv. Thov Vajtswv foom koob hmoov rau lawv!

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Ntawd Tswv Yexus Lub Npe,

Pastor Cheng Yang
(Xh. Txawj Tsheej Yaj)
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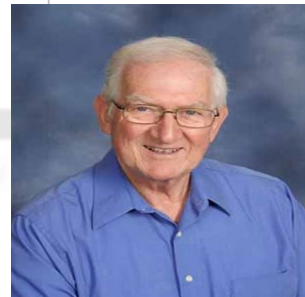
One Church - Two Languages

English Worship Service

Sunday @ 10:30am



Pastor Cheng Yang



Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler
(Guest Pastor)

Preaching Schedule

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
Pastor Cheng Yang	January 1 st
Pastor Cheng Yang	January 8 th
Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler	January 15 th
Pastor from CCCO	January 22 nd
Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler	January 29 th



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

for updates please give the information to Erin or Jeremy Buis or
send to: umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

3 Chou Houa Vang
4 Cynthia Slattery
5 Doua Vang
8 Shisha Yang
9 Larry Shaner
9 Roger Sherman
9 Hlee Vang
15 Derrald Buis
16 Carol Anderson
17 Erin Buis



18 Sidney Vang
19 Gerry Miller
20 Emily Fancher
20 Maribelle Vang
21 Priscilla Vang
21 Chor Vang
23 Xander Xiong
24 Jordan Vang
28 Jacob Vang
28 Suzanne Mayeda
29 Thao Xiong

JANUARY WORSHIP

January 1st

Pastor Cheng Yang

Greeters: Pat Gray

Coffee Hour:

Lockup: Sem Xiong

January 8th

Pastor Cheng Yang

Greeters: Pat Gray

Coffee Hour:

Lockup: Gladeen Leboeuf

January 15th

Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler

Greeters: Alma Short

Coffee Hour:

Lockup: Susan Sharon

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January 22th

Pastor Cheng Yang

Greeters: Emily Fancher

Coffee Hour: Buis Family

Lockup: Jeremy Buis

January 29th

Rev. Dr. Robert Biehler

Greeters: Emily Fancher

Coffee Hour:

Lockup:

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**Dinner @ 6 Schedule
2016 - 2017**

September

7th Randy
14th Trustees
21st Randy/SPRC
28th Hmong Ladies

October

5th Randy
12th Randy/Finance
19th Randy/Outreach
26th Hmong Ladies

November

2nd Randy
9th Randy/SPRC
16th Trustees
23rd No Dinner
30th Outreach/Disci

December

7th Randy
14th Randy/Finance
21st No Dinner
28th No Dinner

January

4th Randy
11th Trustees
18th Randy
25th Hmong Ladies

February

1st Randy
8th Randy/Finance
15th Outreach/Disc
22nd Hmong Ladies

March

7th Randy
14th Trustees
21st Randy/SPRC
28th Hmong Ladies

April

5th Randy
12th No Dinner
19th Randy/Finance
26th Hmong Ladies

May

3rd Randy
10th Randy/SPEC
17th Randy
24th Hmong Ladies

**If anyone needs any help with
your dinner or advice please call
Randy 533-5921**

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*Ross-Harmon
Educator of the Year*

Monday, April 24, 2017
Nominations deadline March 27, 2017

Nomination forms are online:
<http://ross-harmon.org/>

2016 Award Honorees

Andree Earley & Sandra Dysart – Oroville Union High School District
Catherine Diaz & Tabitha Vangunda – Oroville City Elementary School District
Sara Smock & Diana Noyer – Palermo Union School District
Ed Gregorio – Thermalito Union School District

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

Contact:
Emily Fancher
to sign up for a Sunday



January 2017



Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year

It's time to start planning the annual Ross-Harmon Educator of the Year Award and Dinner. The first meeting will be Sunday, January 22nd, during Coffee Hour in the Social Hall. If you are not able to make the meeting and are interested tell Erin Buis

We welcome any and all who would like to participate in this event. Come join us and hear about this great event honoring a certificated and classified person from Oroville High School District, Oroville City Elementary District, Palermo Union School District and Thermalito Union School District. Check out our plaques listing the past honorees in the Social Hall.

We have a web page ross-harmon.org, Facebook page and email ross.harmon.ed.of.yr@gmail.com

This has also turned into a nice fundraiser for the church. In the past we purchased bells for the Sunday School children.



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PAT GRAY

530-712-1144

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS

Emily Fancher is now in
charge of
coffee hour and greeters.
Please see her to sign up

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CORN MEAL MIX

Vivian Grainger

4 C Corn Meal
1 1/2 C Nonfat Dry Milk
1 Tbsp Salt
4 C All-purpose flour, sifted
1/4 C Baking Powder
1 1/2 C Lard or Hydrogenated shortening

Sift dry ingredients together 3 times into a large bowl or on a sheet of paper. Cut in shortening until well blended. Place in a glass jar or in a tin can with a tight lid. Makes 3 quarts.

CORN MEAL MUFFINS

1 egg, beat well
2/3 C water
2 1/4 C Corn Meal Mix

You may also use 2 1/2 Tbsp sifted dried egg mixed with 2 1/2 Tbsp water in place of the egg. To the egg, add the corn meal mix and water; mix just until moistened, about 15 strokes. Fill muffin pans 2/3 full. Bake at 425° for about 20 minutes until done. Makes 8 muffins.

QUICK CORN MEAL BREAD

2 eggs
4 1/2 C
1 1/3 C water

Corn Meal Mix Grease an 8" square pan. Beat eggs and water in mixing bowl; add corn meal mix and stir just enough to moisten. Pour into greased pan and bake at 425° for about 25 minutes.

**Email or drop your favorite recipe with Erin or Jeremy Buis
so it can be shared in the next Feather!**

Ozark Apple Pie

This recipe is actually more like a cake.

1 Egg
2/3 Cup sugar
2/3 Cup self rising flour
1 Cup chopped peeled apples
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 Cup chopped pecans
Vanilla ice cream or whipped cream opt.

Beat the egg and sugar in a mixing bowl until blended. Beat in the flour. Stir in the apples, pecans, and vanilla. Spread into a greased 9" pie plate. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-35 minutes or until golden brown.

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CHURCH SHARE CARDS



**GOOD NEWS ON
RALEY'S AND FOOD MAXX
SHARE CARDS**

During May 2016 we received a check for our Food Maxx Share Cards for \$196.05. Our Food Maxx Program has made \$434.97 year to date so far this year as a fundraiser for our church budget. We receive a check about once every three months We no longer can use the shares card. Just put in the church phone number(530)534-9455 in the keypad and touch the green button when you pay for your groceries. The Raley's Something Extra Card has made \$151.13 so far this year for our church budget. We receive a check about once every three months for the Raley's card. We received a check from Raley's just last month. We still have a card at Raley's. If you don't have a Raley's card ask for a card the next time you shop at Raley's. You are required to designate how much you want to come back to the church when we use our Raley's card. You can do this from your own computer. If you don't have a computer or if you are having trouble setting this up ask Jeremy Buis to help you. We get money from Food Maxx and Raley's every three months. The UMC Market has made \$23.10 so far this year for our church budget. The UMC Market is when you purchase things on the internet. Many stores participate. See the article of what stores in the feather.. You can read about the UMC Market in The Feather each month. Remember Food Maxx, Raley's and UMC Market when you shop. Put all three together and we have made \$609.20 so far this year for our church budget. What an easy to help our church budget.

Thank you

John S. Fowler

Chairman Finance Committee

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**SHOP AT YOUR FAVORITE
ONLINE STORE
AND DONATE FOR FREE**

UMC Market Place is a shopping market that is linked to the Methodist Church that rewards the local church for your online shopping. Go to www.umcmarket.org register for the site and register to **First United Methodist Church of Oroville, CA.** you then go to the list of stores and do your shopping. OverStock pays up to 75%, Macy's pays 4%. This time of year when people are shopping online for gifts is a time to also think of the church earning dollars. Please consider using this site to do your online shopping you just go into the site each time you begin your shopping.



Staples

Shopping at Staples? Use the Church's phone number 534-9455 and the Church will receive Staples Rewards credit.

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Month	Recycling \$\$\$
May/June	
July/Aug	
Sept	\$60.35
Oct.-Nov.	\$48.80
Dec.	
Jan.	
Feb.	
Mar.	
Apr/May	
Year to Date	\$109.15


SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE GOLDEN FEATHER


An article can be submitted to the Golden Feather in many ways. Here are a few:

 in the body of an email and sent to

umc@1stunitedmethodist.org

 a picture in jpeg form and emailed to address above

 written on a piece of paper and left in the office for Jeremy Buis

 if more information concerning your article please include the link.

All articles must be submitted on or before the third Sunday of the month. Any questions please check with Jeremy Buis. He will be happy to help you.

SHOWING VIDEOS AT CHURCH

There has been a form submitted so we will be able to show videos on the church site. If this form was not submitted there would be a strong fine for showing videos without the form.

By having this form, we could show family films during the summer with a BBQ or just popcorn. Admission would be by donation.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be put on the email or phone list to be informed of Prayer Chain requests for prayers please let Rod know.

782-0486. You can also send an email:

oroumcprayer@gmail.com

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Remember those in our church family in need of prayers:



Gail Leonard prays for her nephew **Noah Brown (Alex's son)** he has nephritic syndrome (severe kidney disease) and is struggling with a severe setback. **Noah** is only 14 years old and is a lot like his Grandpa John!; pray for **Jim Webster** recent surgery on his knee; Janet Short prays for **Chuck Bailey** as he is back in Oroville now; April Boling of the State Preschool requests prayers for one of the students **Avalynn Wallace** and her family; **Avalynn** was diagnosed with leukemia and will be at UC Davis; Virginia Bias requests prayers for her son **Rick Roath** –undergoing surgery for the removal of toes from one of his feet. Pray that all goes well; **Ginger Diver** is moving and requesting travel prayers; **Betty Ledford** requests prayers for **Ben Kampstra**, the son of our Accularm employee **Wayne Kampstra** – **Ben** has been battling an infection, and had to have emergency surgery. Pray for his healing as he is only 15; **Reidun McGrath** requests prayers for her husband **Tim** as he has lung cancer; **Joe Mooney** requests prayers for **his step-daughter** who was recently hospitalized; **Susan Sharon** - pray for her as she faces some health issues; **Joan Smith** a longtime member of FUMC, she has been living at Amber Grove in Chico. She has head trauma from a fall and is in very bad condition. **Chet Ainsworth** still dealing with cancer, may start radiation in January, pray for healing; **Mee Xiong** has some TIA's recently, pray for healing; Ginger Ewalt ask for prayers for **Steve Ewalt** – he still has cancer, pray for healing; **Cathy Santos** – recent operation on her leg, and she has diabetes, so needs prayers for healing; **Vivian Grainger's daughter Audrey Hoyle** has been told that she has a rare auto-immune disease caused by two genes that are inherited. Others in the family are being tested. Her husband **Mike** is also battling health issues; **Jeremy Buis** – continue to pray for his healing; **Georgia Nelson** – prayers for her friend **Truly**, who is in the end stages of cancer and is in hospice care; **Helen Beall** – prayers for **Ted's** general health.

Pray for those with ongoing concerns: Emma Spencer; Gary Azevedo; Bruce Barton; Jeremy Buis; Pastor Chuckua & Poyee Yang; Luisa Shaner; Buz Manwell; Chris Barnes; Steve Ewalt; Norman Rieck; Chris Christian; Jeffery Felice; ; Joan & Doug Jacobsen; Adrienne Hoke; Chet Ainsworth, Joan Smith, Rick Roath, Dave & Nancy Jacobsen, Stephanie Couris, Debbie Mays, Cody Frederickson, Rhylan Frederickson, Tou Yang, Chuck & Marie Bailey, Haydon Wyman, Ted Beall, Diane Becerra, Phil Azevedo, Sandra Hays, Connie Longshore, Cathy Santos, Frank Johnson, Elaine Klein, Molly & Randy, Junior, Alice & Wayne, Noella Phillips, Josiah Hayden, Mitchell Kenneth, Nick Butrix, Connie Myers, Rudy Messerschmidt, Linda Perry, Emily Fancher, Claudia Barton, and Amber's mom.

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Pray for our military at home & abroad and for the families of our missing ones, our POW's & MIA's who never came home. They serve, so we can be free. Also, pray for all law enforcement and firefighters, who daily put their lives on the line just to keep us safe. Pray for all the displaced families in the Middle East, particularly, Iranians that have moved to Albania and are struggling to survive without a country and without homes.

Our hearts & prayers go out to those in our church family who have lost a loved one in the recent weeks: Continue to pray for Lynn Shaner and family upon the loss of her husband Stu Shaner on December 13th. Stu's sister is Betty Ledford. Please pray for all of the family as they deal with this unexpected loss; please pray for Jim Webster and the family of Jinx Diliberti Webster, as she has passed away on December 9th. Jinx has been a long-time member of our church. Glenda Ott's friend hit a pedestrian & he was killed. Pray for both families as they deal with this loss of life. Also pray for Ginger Diver as she recently had a friend who passed away.

Continue to pray for our overall church finances. "Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9: 6-

Thursday Morning Bible Study

For more information
you can call or speak to
Joan Azevedo, 589-5509.



The Children's Board

Can you imagine how excited our PreSchool children must be with Santa arriving any minute? You are the Santas that they do not know about. All 12 children and the parents of these children will be enjoying that "CHRISTmas Magic. We included our own Janitor Liz for special thoughts and presents this year. There is no better CHRISTmas feeling than this. Thank you for all you do.

Alma



Pray Request Information

Call Rod at 782-0486 or email, oroumcprayer@gmail.com

A very special thank you to Linda Perry. We appreciate your time as the prayer request person also your clever reminders of happenings at the church and in the community.

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Veterans advocate, columnist, outdoorsman Stu Shaner dead at 76

By Risa Johnson, rjohnson@chicoer.com, [@risamjohnson](https://twitter.com/risamjohnson) on Twitter

Wednesday, December 14, 2016



Oroville >> Stu Shaner, 76, a prominent member of the Oroville community, died Tuesday night after a months-long struggle with dementia following a hip surgery earlier this year.

Shaner, who lived in Oroville since age 5, worked to construct the Oroville Dam, wrote two columns for the Oroville Mercury-Register and served as co-chair for the Veterans Memorial Park Committee for over a decade. He dedicated his life to his family and showing respect for veterans, his country and his town.

Shaner leaves behind his wife Lynn and his four children: Ricky Shaner of Oroville, Debbie Shaner of Susanville and Paula Fishkin and Jeff Shaner of Chico. His siblings include Larry Shaner, Peggy Schultz, Betty Ledford and Kathy Stingley, who passed away in 2005. His grandchildren are Noah, Jessica, Gavin, Emma, Penelope and Vonnegut.

There will be two memorial services for close friends and family. The first will be held 11 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in Oroville and the second, a grave site committal, will take place 10 a.m. Monday at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Oroville.

All-American attitude

Shaner's sister, Betty Ledford, remembers her brother once going through a phase of wearing just a red, white and blue shirt. He was a guy who would only purchase — or accept as gifts — American-made products.

“He lived and breathed it,” she said. “He’s the most patriotic person I know.”

Shaner was born in a small town in Pennsylvania, before moving to Thermalito as a young boy then Oroville, where he would reside in a home built by his uncle.

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“He always told me he was so impressed as a child that they had memorials for veterans in a small town,” she said.

Shaner wanted to serve his country as a pilot in the Air Force but was unable to as his eyesight was not good enough, Ledford said. He would go on to construct a memorial for those who died during the construction of the Oroville Dam and serve as a chairman, planning for the Veterans Memorial Park in Oroville, which is still under construction. It was natural that Shaner would be civic-minded, as his father was a city councilor and mayor, his sister said.

He also loved the outdoors, frequently going hunting and fishing in the foothills with his brothers.

And they wouldn't just bring home dinner.

“He would bring home stray animals he would find, that were hurt, and he'd bring them back to life,” she said.

With family living close by, they got together often as adults and Ledford and her brother went to the same church.

Shaner underwent hip surgery in March and was diagnosed with dementia about six months ago, Ledford said. From there, his health was in a “steady decline.”

Making the veteran's memorial a reality

Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly served as co-chair with Shaner on the Veterans Memorial Park Committee since before Connelly began as a supervisor in 2005.

Connelly said he was a complementing counterpart and almost like a brother.

They got to know each other when Shaner asked for his support with the Oroville Dam memorial and they became close working together as co-chairs for the veterans memorial project.

“He was kind of like an older brother,” Connelly said. “I don't have a bad thing to say about him. He was very easy to be co-chair with because of our distinctly different personalities. He was more from the heart.”

Shaner never missed a meeting until his health worsened this year, Connelly said.

“We always met because of Stu's will,” he said. “He always moved forward.”

At every committee gathering, Shaner would give a report on a veteran he had researched, even calling family members to learn more about them. He would also share veterans' stories in one of his columns in the M-R and add a personal note at the end.

Here is an excerpt from one of Shaner's columns about a mother reunited with her lost son in the service in 1943, published October 16, 2009: “The above story can almost make a grown man cry. It is one of the thousands of good stories of our wars. War is often

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sad stories. Thank you Joan Lee for finding this one, but to me it's also the rest of the story I want."

Shaner traveled across the United States to see veterans memorials. He loved his small town, U.S.A. too, collecting local knickknacks and newspapers in his home, Connelly said.

"He was a collector of everything about Oroville," he said.

A family man

One of his sons, Jeff Shaner, remembers his father as a hardworking iron worker. Often commuting to place like Sacramento to work on high rises, he would make sure to be home for dinner although his co-workers would stay in the city.

"He came home every night because he didn't want to be away from his family, his wife," Jeff Shaner said.

Stu was also involved with his union, often calling its headquarters and even picketing for other unions, his son said.

"He just believed that the working man should be able to feed his family, too."

They bonded over things like sports and hunting. Jeff Shaner had "all sorts of pets" growing up, including 10 peacocks wandering around the property. He said his father also loved to plant trees even though his water bill was "sky high."

They saw each other often and his father would often ask for advice on the veteran's memorial project. Now Jeff said he is ready to carry out the rest of his father's vision for the park.

"I'd talk to him on the phone about the memorial project, reassuring him," he said. "I plan on going to the memorial park meetings and ensuring what he would like (is realized.)"

There was an outpouring of support for Stu's family on Facebook Wednesday as the news circulated, with many sharing memories and their gratitude for his contributions to the community.

"He was just a good guy. Everyone knew him," Shaner said. "He was sincere and forgiving. He never yelled or held a grudge against anybody."

Reach reporter Risa Johnson at 896-7763.

URL: <http://www.chicoer.com/general-news/20161214/veterans-advocate-columnist-outdoorsman-stu-shaner-dead-at-76>

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Oroville resident Stu Shaner remembered as ‘family man’ to his kids and extended community

Stu Shaner gets ready for this year’s Veterans Day Parade on Montgomery Street in Oroville beside Samantha Shaner and his 4-month-old grandson Vonnegut Shaner. Bill Husa — Mercury-Register

By Heather Hacking, Chico Enterprise-Record

Oroville >> Memories spanning decades were shared at the memorial service for Stu Shaner Saturday in Oroville.

Shaner was an advocate for buying American products, and several at the podium said they had checked the labels on their clothing to make sure their garments were made in the United States.

Shaner’s family gave details of his devotion to his immediate family, as well as to those within the larger family circle. Still others recounted his decades of service to the community.

People stood along the wall at the First United Methodist Church on Acacia Avenue, with more than 200 people assembled. The bouquets near the podium included many red, white and blue blooms, which were the colors Shaner was known to wear.

Shaner, a prominent member of the Oroville community, died Tuesday night after a months-long struggle with dementia following a hip surgery earlier this year.

Several of Shaner’s family members wrote remembrances that were read by longtime family friend MaRee Acebo Wally.

Shaner’s daughter Paula Fishkin said her father modeled the role of good father and husband. He gave a kiss to her mother when he came home, held Mom’s hand when out and about and “could never get close enough to her” when sitting on the couch.

When Fishkin met her husband, Bill, she was able to recognize him as the man she wanted in her life, Wally shared.

“Dad played school” with his daughter, who would often take the role of teacher. When she became a real teacher, Shaner volunteered in her classroom.

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One summer, his daughter recalled, two siblings attended a YMCA camp at Buck's Lake. Shaner was also in the area, on a job on the other side of the lake. At one point, the two siblings saw someone swimming in the middle of the lake. It was their father, fully dressed in his ironworker clothes. When the children saw him, he waved, and he swam back to his side of the lake.

"When he had an idea, he gave it his all. That's what it takes to build a skyscraper, create a memorial and raise a family," his daughter wrote.

Shaner worked as an ironworker, from the time he was an initiate in 1960 until retirement in 1997. His sister Peggy Schwartz recalled her brother, when he was still a child, at the top of Mount Rose, one of the highest peaks in the Sierra Nevada. He wore a cape-like outer-garment, the wind caught the fabric and he looked like he was about to fly away.

Schultz was younger and wanted to go swimming with Shaner and brother Larry Shaner. When they said no, 5-year-old Peggy Schwartz followed on her bicycle.

"I pedaled down Nelson from Fourth to 10th Street, where the road turned to gravel." That's where her father found her.

They explored every cave on Table Mountain, looking for Black Bart's treasure. They also did not allow her on those adventures, she said.

Larry Shaner shared more memories of pulling trout from streams that appeared to go straight up the canyon walls.

"We were great duck hunters," he said.

They rode bicycles with their guns carried across their handlebars. They liked the rock piles at 14th Street before the Oroville Dam was constructed. When they were older, they poached on rice fields in Richvale.

Much later, the men pitched in \$1,750 for a duck club of their own. Larry Shaner said he hoped future family members will continue to hunt on that land.

Stu Shaner's son, Jeff, remembers the notes given to the school from "Dr. Mallard" when the father and son played hooky to hunt ducks and fish.

Shaner's nephew David Ledford said that "at his core," Shaner was a family man, and family extended beyond Shaner's own home. He also cared deeply about fellow workers, including strong support for union members.

The community was yet another family, Ledford said. "You didn't want to say anything bad about Oroville," where Shaner had lived since age 5.

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As a grandfather, Shaner was inspiring, Ledford said. He “got down at their level” to speak. He was also the family historian, and knew the answers to all the questions about family origins in Pennsylvania, where he was born.

As for his work in the community, Butte County Supervisor Bill Connelly said Shaner’s “heart was always in the right place.”

Shaner worked to construct a memorial to remember the men who built the Oroville Dam. He also committed more than a decade on efforts for a veterans memorial. Connelly is cochair of the project, but he said as far as he is concerned, that project has moved ahead by the sheer will of Shaner.

Another longtime family friend said Shaner’s writing was another memorial, remembering veterans and recalling historical events in Shaner’s columns, which appeared in the Oroville Mercury-Register.

His iron worker union organizer, Karl Pineo, said Shaner was always one to pay his way. After decades in the union, Shaner was eligible for a lifetime membership. Yet, Shaner insisted on paying his \$8.40 a month.

A graveside service for Shaner will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Monday, December 19, 2016

When Stu Shaner died Dec. 13, our first thought was sadness that he didn't get to see the completion of the Veterans Memorial Park on Montgomery Street in Oroville. That would have been his dream come true.

Our second thought was gratitude that he had persisted to the point that the project now has enough momentum it's very likely to reach completion without his persistent effort to keep it moving forward.

There's no question it wouldn't have gotten this far without him. The effort has been underway for 16 years, with dozens of setbacks. Most people would have given up years ago.

Shaner wasn't most people. He was one of a kind. He seemed eternally optimistic, seeing the best in everyone. After every setback he was always thoughtful, giving consideration to the people making the decisions that didn't go his way.

And then, he'd get back to work. He'd be a lobbyist when that was necessary, a cheerleader when that was called for. And step by step the veterans park took shape. A couple of old houses vanished. Land was graded. And now walls are rising and the place actually is beginning to look like a memorial. The work is too far along to not be finished.

The park will honor residents of Butte County who died in our nation's wars, and those from elsewhere who died here training for war. It will also bear the names of local veterans, engraved in tiles that were sold to pay part of the memorial's cost.

One name it won't have is Stu Shaner's, at least not until someone realizes that's just not right. Shaner wasn't a veteran; poor eyesight kept him out of the service. He took on this project because he thought the local people who died in the service of their country ought to be remembered and honored.

That was the only right thing to do, in his mind. That's the same thing that drove him to battle the state bureaucracy to get a monument built to the men who died in the building of Oroville Dam. It's not really the kind of thing that folks in Sacramento want on their edifices, but Shaner insisted there needed to be a reminder of the human cost of that project.

We recall that the one time we saw him angry was when someone challenged a comment he'd made in his history column in the Mercury-Register that a couple of people had died in an earlier project that put a couple of dams in the South Fork of the Feather River.

Shaner tracked down news accounts of a fatal accident on that project and ran them out in his column. So there!

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What had irritated him was that people who'd lost their lives in the building of this country had been forgotten.

What drove him to get the Veterans Memorial Park completed was to see that the people who lost their lives keeping this county safe in times in war were not forgotten either. Shaner didn't get to see the completion of the park, but he got to see the beginning of the end. We're sure he knew before he died that it was going to get done.

He's the reason why it will get done. And for that he should not be forgotten either. We know we never will.

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River watcher: 'My side of the river'

By Red Burress

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Many know that Stu Shaner was more than a devotee of honoring deceased soldiers. Among his attributes was in being a river watcher who lived on the other side of the river.

Every year, along about the first week in February, Stu would call me to brag that "the almonds are blooming on my side of the river." Stu's side was across from Riverbend Park where the sun usually warms the snug riverside sooner, including the almond's early flower sign of spring. It was rather like, "I'm first," even though his VFW pride and joy building and budding monument was on "my" side, as is the Old Bath House Feather River Nature Center and many accidental almonds! It was a friendly exchange.

Stu had a lot of environmental information from the 1940/50 days when he frolicked in the foothills and rice fields, hunting and fishing, and learning about the names and nuances of wildlife. I referred to many of his recollections about the region in writing my columns. I didn't have much to offer him about veterans, since I relatively recently retired in Oroville in 1993.

Stu's side of the river also had a great group of cattails in the big bend that I could watch with binoculars from my side and see the redwings, waterfowl, and turtles in the sheltered cove. He would ask, "See any otters lately? I haven't seen any, nor beaver either." I would answer, "I see otters pulling fish out on the rocks in front of the Nature Center, and plenty of beaver are there considering all the chewing that goes on." I visited Stu on his property once, as he wanted to show me the little forest that he planted and pampered, and the "European pigeons" that roosted there. The pigeon-doves were elsewhere, but I could see he was very interested in those mourning dove-like birds.

The Eurasia collared doves are rather new to the Oroville area, introduced to Florida in the 1980s, but like the introduced cattle egret, they have advanced west. A flock of half a dozen hang around Stu's place, and I have seen a couple drop down to my bird bath. They are larger than our native mourning doves and have longer tails unlike our city pigeons, and show the distinctive black collar on the neck. Stu was fascinated with them.

Oroville history, veterans, and wildlife; Stu could talk about them all. It's always a double-loss when a historian leaves the scene. He filled me in on those great pillars along the river in Riverbend, and the electric train that used to run through there. Thus it is about those artifacts of the past and the stories only a few know to share with the present, just as many people aren't familiar with the flora and fauna that dwells in our midst.

The world needs good interpreters ... and many of the old ones are moving on. There is room for new interpreters for wild nature, and young VFW promoters!

One of the stories Stu liked to tell was about the building of the Fish Barrier Dam near the Feather River Nature Center below the Diversion Pool Dam, and the folly of the contractor in leaving heavy equipment out below the high-water mark with a storm brewing in the mountains. The "fish-dam flood" came before Oroville Dam was finished, and covered the machines and workplace, a kind of "I told you so" that Stu had warned them about.

Seeing the flood of 1997 cover the finished barrier dam with 10 feet of water that reached the top step to the Nature Center made me a believer. Will it ever happen again? Stu wasn't sure.

Too bad there aren't any verbal communication lines to Heaven that we know about. Stu wants to talk!

"The understanding of the past, the mother of the present, leads us to a better understanding of ourselves."

— *Dr. Henry Clay Lindgren*

"A sense of history should be the most precious gift of science and of the arts."

— *Aldo Leopold*

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Sunday Service Schedule

Adults & Children's Sunday School	8:45 a.m.
Hmong Service	8:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir Practice	9:45 a.m.
Hmong Adult's Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Hmong Youth Sunday School	10:10 a.m.
Combined English/Hmong Communion Service 1 st Sunday	10:30 a.m.
English Service	10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (after Children's Sermon)	11:00 a.m.
Church Council (First Sunday)	Following Service
Trustees (Second Sunday)	Following Service
Coffee Hour & Fellowship	Following Service.

Monday Schedule

Finance Committee (Second Monday)	5:30 p.m.
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Wednesday Schedule

Chancel Choir Practice	6:45 p.m.
Dinner @ Six each Wed. Sept. to May	6:00 p.m.

Thursday Schedule

Bible Study & Breakfast	7:30 a.m.
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Friday Schedule

Community Prayer Service (room L/M)	6:00 p.m.
Sonwalkers Youth Group Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Young Adults	6:00 p.m.
Hmong Women's Choir	6:00 p.m.

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