

**Seuss celebrated at library**



STAFF PHOTOS BY TIFFANY WATSON  
Waldorf resident Brittany Roberts with her daughters Charlee, 3, and Ryann, 1, at Waldorf West Library creating a "Vertie the Turtle" from the Dr. Seuss book during the libraries celebration of Dr. Seuss' 113th birthday



Waldorf resident Beth Sorsby with her twins, Easton Sorsby and Earl Sorsby IV creating a mustache, as seen in the Dr. Seuss book "The Lorax."

**Obituaries**

**Alena Puahone Deery**

Alena Puahone Deery of Waldorf, MD, passed away Thursday, March 2, 2017. She formerly resided in Kula, Maui, and Honolulu, Oahu, in Hawaii. She was born June 3, 1982 in Seattle, Washington.



Alena is a 2000 McDonough High School graduate, then went on to The College of Southern Maryland, graduating 2004 with a degree in Music and Education. She was active in Student Government as well.

She is survived by her mother, Katherina Deery; and her three brothers: Michael, Kyle and Grady. She is preceded in death by her father, Paul Deery.

Her indomitable spirit took her to so many places, despite her medical challenges. Whether it was traveling to different states, participating in youth groups and worship teams, singing in talent shows, or becoming an Artisan of craft cards, she faced life head on. She even parasailed off the blue waters of Waikiki Beach.

With scooter and camera, Alena would go, always finding beauty wherever she could! Through her gift of photography, she brought joy to many lives. Her heart was always trying to make a difference in the lives of those around her, even as she endured chronic pain.

There will never be another you, Alena. So, we thank God that we got to laugh and cry with you, that we were given opportunity to bless you and be blessed by you, for the songs you wrote, then sang to us, we will always remember. So, Aloha 'ou, until we see you again, we count it a privilege to have been a part of your life.

Alena's family graciously sends a heartfelt thank you to all who cared for her along the way; her family members and friends, her church family, her halau ohana, the medical and support staff at the many facilities. You know who you are and we appreciate every gesture of support, your love, for just being there when she needed you.

Services will be held at Lifestream Church of the Nazarene, 5105 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, on Sat, March 11 at 3 p.m.

**Terri Jean Rich**

Terri Jean Rich, 55, of Waldorf, MD, passed away unexpectedly on March 1, 2017 at her home.



Terri was born in Easthampton, MA, on Feb. 8, 1962 to Naomi Sjindile and the late Russell Ulm. She is survived by her husband, Robert Rich; sons, Andrew Marquis and Adam Rich; daughters, Shannon Czesak and Cailin Rich; sister, Wendy Rubek, and grandchild-

**Norris C. Pyles**

Norris C. Pyles, 80, a resident of Bradenton, Florida, passed away on March 3, 2017 at 2:50 p.m., after a very long and brave fight with a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mildred and Carlton Pyles of Temple Hills, MD, and in 1983 by his son, Richard C. Pyles Sr. He is survived by his wife, Mary Pyles, of nearly 42 years; his sister, Janice Lucca of Great Falls, VA; his brother, David Pyles of Vero Beach, FL; his two sons, Alan Pyles of Stanardville, VA; Steven Pyles Sr. of Mechanicsville, MD; his seven grandchildren: Richard C. Pyles Jr., Dawn Pyle Spivey, Shannon Pyles Vereen, Jennifer Pyles, Steven Pyles Jr., Christopher Pyles, Laura Pyles Dunning; and his great grandchildren: Richard Pyles III, Reagan Pyles, Ryan Pyles, Reid Pyles, Cheyenne Maultrie-Pyles, Shayden Spivey, Dawson Spivey, Jaden Vereen, Brooklyn Vereen, Briley Vereen, Jordan Vereen, Laural Dunning and Mallory Pyles.

Norris was a businessman in Maryland; a residential real estate developer and home builder in Prince George's, St. Mary's, Charles and Kent County, MD. He owned two automobile dealerships in Maryland, a Pontiac and a GMC truck dealership in Waldorf and a Ford-Mercury dealership in Chestertown.

He was active in building and renovating churches in Maryland and Florida and served as a deacon and deacon leader in many churches; also an active member and supporter of the Gideon Association. He was a member of the Southgate Lions Club in Temple Hills, MD.

One of his great joys in life was sharing with his sons their interest in skeet shooting, hunting and fishing.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Monday, March 20 at Brown & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, 43rd Street Chapel, 604 43rd Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to the Northwest Baptist Church Building Fund located at 7913 Ninth Avenue NW, Bradenton, FL 34209.

Condolences may be made to: [www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com](http://www.brownsandsonsfuneral.com)

**Rev. Stephen Paul Merki**

Rev. Stephen Paul Merki, 59, of Quailwood Parkway, La Plata, MD, passed away on Monday, March 6, 2017, at home following a seven-year battle with ALS "Lou Gehrig's disease".



Steve Merki was an extraordinary ex-

**Robert Allen Jewett**

Robert Allen "Bob" Jewett, 68, of Waldorf, MD, died March 7, 2017 suddenly at his residence.



Bob was an Area Superintendent with the dry wall division of Pillar Construction, Inc. in Alexandria, VA. Prior to his employment with them, he worked with Copley Construction and he founded his own company of R&J Painting Company, totaling 50 plus years of service.


He was a Commissioner for the Upper Marlboro Boys and Girls Club. He served as a coach on multiple levels with many different sports and was active with Cub Scouts. He did Down Markers for Westlake High School football for many years and was a member of the Southern Maryland Rock and Mineral Club. His favorite hobbies were boating and fishing.

He was the son of Monroe Allen Jewett and Mary Sullina Thomas Jewett. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Mark A. Jewett.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Betty Brown Jewett; his sons, Charles E. Jewett and Douglas A. Jewett; his brother, George E. Jewett and wife Mary Jane; his sisters, Joyce Jewett Floyd, Betty Joe Dudzik, and Brenda Faye Rogalski; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie Jewett.

Friends received on Friday, March 10, from 5-8 p.m. at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Ave., La Plata, MD 20646. Funeral Service on Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m. at Welch Funeral Home in Montross, VA. Interment at Providence United Methodist Church Cemetery in Chiltons, VA.

Memorials in Bob's name are asked to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN.



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