

On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Donald Bender, 79 years old, resident of Riverside.

Donald Bender was a veteran of the United States Army in the elite 82nd Airborne Division. He worked for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for 34 years and retired as a Sergeant in 1991. He and two friends formed a background investigation company known as Triad Diversified Services. He also served as a background investigator for the Riverside Police Department for ten years. He was a member of the Riverside Kiwanis Club and St. Catherine of Alexandria Church.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Donald Bender.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on of Supervisors Minutes. April 23, 2013

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

Deputy

AGENDA NO.

Donald Bender



DONALD BENDER Don passed away at his home at the age of 79, surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 26, 1934 in Thief River Falls, Minnesota to Floyd and Esther Bender. Don graduated from Helix High School in 1953. Upon graduation, he entered the military and became a paratrooper/infantryman in the elite 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. He graduated from Riverside City College in 1964. He spent 34 years carrying ID#18 for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. He worked patrol and had a successful tenure as an investigator where he was involved in investigating many of Riverside's high-profile homicides including the Bobby Crawford kidnapping and The Great Norco Bank Robbery. He retired as a Sergeant in 1991. He and two friends formed a background investigation company called Triad Diversified Services. He also worked as a background investigator for the Riverside Police Department for ten years. He was a member of St. Catherine of Alexandria Church; the Riverside Kiwanis Club, where he loved volunteering for their anual

turkey bar-b-que; delivering Meals on Wheels and participating in numerous community projects. He enjoyed playing racquetball, playing at golf, and working out several times a week. Don and Nancy enjoyed many years on the river at Lake Havasu, Arizona, boating and riding Seedoos together. Don was the friend you could always count on to help with anything you needed, at anytime you needed it, and would show up with a smile on his face. No matter the circumstances, when asked how he was doing, his response was always "Absolutely GREAT". He is survived by his wife and best friend of fifty years, Nancy; sons Marc Bender (Carla), Jeff Bender (2009), Bruce Bender (1983), and daughter Kelli Bender; 5 grandchildren: Sam Bender, Escondido; Jacob Bender, Nashville, Tennessee; Joseph Bender (1986); Marley Bender, Riverside; and Rachel Bender, Chicago, Illinois; 3 great grandchildren and numerous special nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brother Bruce Bender (Mary), Seattle, Washington; sister Roseann Reinhart, Oceanside; Terry Bender (1982) and brother-in-law Leroy Smith (MaryJane), Oklahoma; and sister-in-law Patti Sprague (Chuck), Riverside. Services will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 12noon at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to City of Hope, 1500 Duarte Blvd., Duarte, California 91010. Arrangements are entrusted to Acheson & Graham Garden of Prayer Mortuary (951) 688-1221 Please visit www.achesonandgraham.com to leave condolences.





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On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Kathy Mae Shills, 66 years old, resident of Riverside.

Kathy Mae Shills worked for Bourns, First American Title, Stewart Title and Silva Group. She made many friends during her career but her greatest joy was with family. She loved and was loved by all who knew her.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Kathy Mae Shills.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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AGENDA NO

Kathy Mae Shills



KATHY MAE SHILLS (CRAWFORD) Kathy was born December 30, 1946, and passed away peacefully April 6, 2013 with her adoring family by her side. She spent her entire life in Riverside and graduated from Ramona High School in 1965. She made life-long friends while working for Bourns (over twenty years), First American Title, Stewart Title, and Silva Group. She was loved by all who knew her, but her greatest joy came from her family and friends. Her entire adult life was spent surrounded by those who loved her. Everyone felt that her home was the "happiest place on earth," a place created by her and the special person that she was. Her grandchildren spent fun filled weekends with her and were often joined by many great-nieces and -nephews who have wonderful

memories of those times; she also leaves behind many friends, including her long-standing "Bunco" group of more than forty years. She is preceded in death by her mother Beverly, and leaves behind her son Brett and his wife Tiffany; daughter Brooke and her husband Chris; six grandchildren: Cayden, Keilani, Madyson, Makenzy, Hailey, and Blake; sisters Linda Townsend and Debbie Buckhout and her husband Doug; and five nephews and their children; all live in Riverside. A celebration of her life will be held at Inland Vineyard Christian Church, 935 N. McKinley St., Corona, CA, April 16th at 10:00 am. Reception to follow.

Published in Press-Enterprise from April 13 to April 14, 2013



On motion of Supervisor Tavaglione, seconded by Supervisor Benoit, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Cecil Dennis Green, 76 years old, resident of Riverside.

Cecil Dennis Green was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Sergeant E-4. He was honored as an outstanding mediator for the Superior Courts of Riverside County. He served as an Arbitrator/Hearing Officer for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services welfare benefits and child care matters. He was a College Administrator for Riverside Community College for ten years. He served on many organizations throughout the years.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Cecil Dennis Green.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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Cecil Green Obituary: Cecil Green's Obituary by the Press-Enterprise.

Cecil Dennis Green



CECIL DENNIS GREEN Age 76, of Riverside, CA for 40 years, passed away fighting cancer April 2, 2013. Cecil served in The United States Marine Corps, Sergeant E-4. Honored as an outstanding mediator for the Superior Courts of Riverside County, Served on panels for the 2nd District, Los Angeles Appellate Court and State Bar Mandatory Fee Arbitration, Nomination & Evaluation Commission (JNE) for the State Bar, honored the last 6 years as an outstanding mediator for the Superior Courts of Riverside County. He served as an Arbitrator/Hearing Officer for the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) welfare benefits and child care matters. Professor in International Business, Business Administration and Marketing. He served as a College administrator

at Riverside Community College from 1966-76, Administrative positions included Dean of Occupational Education, Coordinator and a Professor of a Masters Degree program in Administration of Vocational Education, California State University Long Beach, State Bar ADR Consulting Committee, Inland Empire International Business Association, Mayor of Riverside's delegation to select Sister Cities in India and South Africa, Inland Empire National Bank, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Industry Education Council, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and Lions Clubs, Children's Home Society, and Canyon Crest Country Clubs. He was preceded in death by parents, Cecil Zachery Green, Catherine Green and granddaughter; Cailee Mary Marie LeMoine. He is survived by wife Janet M. Green (Riverside, CA) daughters; Denise L. LeMoine (Nova Scotia, Canada), Kimberley Danielson (Texas), Sons; Donald L. Green (Riverside, CA) Tony Green (Castle Rock, Colorado) and Chris Green (Sacramento, CA), Sister; Jane Krantz (Fresno, CA), brothers, Terry Green (New York), and Edgar Green (Pasadena, CA) 9 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers: RCCD Foundation for the Cecil Green Memorial Scholarship, 4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506.



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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Paul Gregory Hansen, 53 years old, resident of Palm Springs.

Paul Gregory Hansen was a teacher at Oasis Elementary School. He graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Communication and Education. He also handled real estate and was a PGA Assistant Pro in Encino California.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Paul Gregory Hansen.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Helen Marian Weigel, 89 years old, resident of Palm Springs.

Helen Marian Weigel was a Head Start preschool teacher for 17 years. She served as the curator/greeter for the Ruddy's General Store Museum for the last 20 years. She is the mother of Lee Weigel the former Palm Springs Police Chief.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Helen Marian Weigel.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Bonnie Riddell, 79 years old, resident of Palm Springs.

Bonnier (Anita Marie) Riddell along with her husband owned and operated Golden Palm Villa until she retired in 1995. She received an honorary membership from the Palm Springs Hospitality Association where she was a volunteer for almost twenty years. She was also a volunteer at the Well in the Desert and the American Red Cross.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Bonnie Riddell.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Thomas Lee Miller, Jr., 67 years old, resident of Palm Desert.

Thomas Lee Miller, Jr. was a well-known and respected business man in Palm Desert. He owned Palm Desert Residential Landing for 13 years. He started his real estate career as a broker in Running Springs owning five real estate offices and a construction company. He was one of the owners of Nordic Homes. He was the manager of Great American Bank and Quaker City Federal until he opened his own company.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Thomas Lee Miller, Jr.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Marian Panageas-Shannen, 83 years old, resident of Palm Springs.

Marian Panageas-Shannen was a prominent businesswoman and very active in the Palm Springs Community. She owned and operated a small gift shop "Renaissance" downtown. She volunteered at the museum and the follies.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Marian Panageas-Shannen.

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and for the County of Riverside, State of California. By: ______ Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Rosaline Morcus, 81 years old, resident of Indio.

Rosaline "Roz" Morcus was a member of Desert Springs Church. She had recipes published in "Let There Be Food! The Desert Springs Church Cookbook." She was a member of the Red Hat Society and led her only local chapter the Racy Red Hatters and she was honored with the Ambassador Sister Crown.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Rosaline Morcus.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Shirley Carelli Greif, 84 years old, resident of Rancho Mirage.

Shirley Carelli Greif taught school in the Los Angeles area for eight years before leaving to start her family. She continued to be a substitute teacher working with special needs children. She was active with many charities including City of Hope, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Museum of Tolerance, Jewish Federation, and Temple Sinai of Palm Desert. She was a docent at the Palm Springs Art Museum. She wrote a poem "The Promise" which can be seen at the Holocaust Memorial in Palm Desert Civic Center Park. She along with her husband Earl are the cofounders of the Tolerance Education Center in Rancho Mirage.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Shirley Carelli Greif.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

By: Deputy

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Richard Parkinson M.D., 92 years old, resident of Indio.

Richard Parkinson was a veteran of the United States Army serving as Second Lieutenant during World War II. He served in the California National Guard and retired as a Brigadier General. He established a successful medical practice handling various areas of medicine. He served three tours of duty in South Vietnam as part of the American Medical Association's Volunteer Physicians for Vietnam Program. He opened a free medical clinic in Indio and also worked as a doctor in the California Penal System.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Richard Parkinson M.D.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

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By: Deputy

AGENDA'NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Lawrence E. Phelps, 74 years old, former resident of Palm Springs.

Lawrence Phelps was a former educator at the Palm Springs High School primarily teaching wood shop classes. He was also a mentor to many of his students. He was active in his daily life always working on various projects.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Lawrence E. Phelps.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on April 23, 2013 of Supervisors Minutes.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Richard H. Durr, 92 years old, resident of Indian Wells.

Richard Durr retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army. After military service he worked for H&R Block in Texas. He was a member of the Desert Horizons Country Club and enjoyed golfing.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Richard H. Durr.

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AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Douglas M. Granados, 66 years old, resident of Palm Springs.

Douglas Granados was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion, Palm Springs chapter. He worked in the automotive industry for over 25 years.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Douglas M. Granados.

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By: Deputy

AGENDA NO.



On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Jean Adele Rose Shank, 92 years old, resident of Cathedral City.

Jean Shank was a devoted wife and mother. She provided her family with love and devotion. She was an avid cook and loved to crochet. She created several blankets for the Linus Club, and she was actively involved at the Mizell Senior Center.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates her service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Jean Adele Rose Shank.

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On motion of Supervisor Benoit, seconded by Supervisor Stone, and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the meeting of Tuesday, April 23, 2013, is adjourned in memory of Larry Smith, 68 years old, resident of La Quinta.

Larry D. Smith was former Sheriff of Riverside County serving from 1994 to 2002. He was considered a great leader working well to forge worthy relationships with deputies of all ranks. He had honor and character which led to his name being placed on a building: the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

Larry offered his advice even after retirement because his vast knowledge of the correctional system was well respected by those who served as Sheriff after him. He began his career in 1966 as a Sheriff's Deputy in Blythe and as he promoted he became a mentor to many others. He was an aid in the County obtaining the land that is now the site of the Ben Clark Training Center where officers and firefighters use the facility for all their training needs.

He served as president of the California State Sheriff's Association. He was active in his church the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church where he mentored pastors on running an organization.

The Board of Supervisors commemorates his service to the County of Riverside; and

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt condolences to the family of Larry D. Smith.

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Dated: April 23, 2013

Kecia Harper-Ihem, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY: Larry Smith, former sheriff, 'dignified, humble man,' dies



Riverside County Sheriff Larry D. Smith, second from left, chats with Sheriff's Department staff after a news conference and celebration of his career in law enforcement on July 30, 2002, in Riverside. Smith, 68, died April 19, 2013.

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BY BRIAN ROKOS | STAFF WRITER | April 19, 2013; 09:12 PM | Comments ()

Larry D. Smith was a bright man, Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff said, bright enough and humble enough to surround himself with other smart people in Mr. Smith's two terms as sheriff.

"He said that made the team much richer," Smith's wife, Toni, said late Friday night, April 19, after her husband died at age 68. "He didn't have any yes people. He loved debate

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Smith, sheriff from 1994-2002, died Friday morning at his home in La Quinta. He had suffered heart problems since he was in his 30s and more recently was fighting bladder cancer and pneumonia, his wife said. Smith had previously beaten prostate cancer twice.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. May 4 at the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church, 47-321 Highway 74 in Palm Desert. Smith is survived by a daughter and two sons.

The willingness to work with a team and forge good relationships with deputies of all ranks made Smith a great leader, said Sniff, who will deliver a portion of the eulogy.

"Some folks can be forceful and some can elicit support by how they talk to them. I'd say he was the latter." Sniff said.

Toni Smith said her husband was influenced by his Midwestern roots.

"He believed in attraction and not promotion," she said. "He was a very dignified, humble man. He was an Illinois farm kid who saw good in everyone. And he walked his talk. ... He always talked about doing things for the right reason, not just in big things or in small things, but in all things."

It was that character, Smith said, that she believes helped her husband achieve an honor few enjoy while they are living: earning his name being placed on a building -- the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning.

Even after Smith retired after 36 years in the department, Sniff said, Smith would still offer his counsel to Sniff on corrections -- moving jail inmates to prisons and to courts, and housing and feeding them in mini cities.

"For me the biggest issues that we're facing and will continue to face is corrections. He was one of the smartest people and most knowledgeable people about corrections in the state of California," Sniff said.

Smith began his career in 1966 as a deputy in Blythe. As he earned promotions, he pulled many deputies up with him, among them Sniff.

"He was a great mentor to many of us coming up through the ranks," Sniff said.

Years later, Smith was close to earning a law degree and retiring to open a practice when then-Sheriff Cois Byrd encouraged Smith to run for sheriff.

He fended off other challengers to win his first term as the county's 11th elected sheriff and ran unopposed for his second.

During Smith's tenure as sheriff, he helped the county acquire from the federal government the land that is now the site of the Ben Clark Training Center near March Air Reserve Base. Law enforcement officers and firefighters from throughout the state train there.

"He was excited about it because he believed in collaboration," Toni Smith said.

Smith mentored other sheriffs when he served as president of the California State Sheriff's Association. He also strongly advocated education for his deputies, Sniff said.

"I thought I was getting a job that would be fun," Mr. Smith said at a 2002 retirement gathering, talking about his early days. "I was right, it's been fun. What I didn't know is I was getting a career."

Smith's other passions included his church, the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church, where he mentored pastors on running an organization, and programs for those battling addiction.

A scholarship will be established in Smith's name to help people afford to attend the Ranch Recovery Center in Desert Hot Springs, which provides treatment alternatives for drug and alcohol abuse, Toni Smith said.

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"He fell it was an important legacy," she said. He has seen lives transformed timough that effort, where families have been reunited and men and women went on to live full lives that they would not have been able to if they had not sought treatment."

Toni Smith said her husband had positively touched so many lives that a steady stream of visitors came by in his final days to say thank you.

"You know," Larry Smith told her in his typical dry wit, "this is better than a memorial service because I'm here face to face, hearing all this."

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