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## A Big Bang Theory Summation

**Detailed measurements of the expansion rate of the universe place the Big Bang at around 13.8 billion years ago, which is considered the age of the universe.**

This is about another big bang that happened a mere 170 years ago, while not as catastrophic as the *Big Bang*, it was never-the-less a disaster, especially for young Moses Bunker, as expressed in the ensuing report:

“The 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 1852, owing to the 4<sup>th</sup> occurring on Sunday, was celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup>, is one that will never be forgotten by many of the earlier settlers.

“In order that the nation's anniversary might be duly celebrated, a committee of villagers had made arrangement for a parade and picnic at which a luncheon and refreshments of all kinds were to be served without charge. Hosea Allen was in charge of the arrangements and invitations had been sent to the residents of Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Milwaukee to participate in the festivities.

“Accordingly, friends in Milwaukee arranged an excursion to Two Rivers on the side-wheeler steamer *Planet* which left Milwaukee on Sunday afternoon, July 4<sup>th</sup>, at about 6 o'clock for Two Rivers, stopping at Sheboygan and Manitowoc enroute to take on additional excursionists. The steamer with a large number of excursionists on board arrived at the pier here about 9 o'clock Monday morning and was met by practically all the villagers who accorded them an enthusiastic and noisy welcome, in true western style.

“A line of march was then formed with Hosea Allen at the head and Ed. Boutin as marshal of the day, followed by the band and the crowd. After a short parade in honor of the occasion, they were escorted to a grove of tall pine trees, which occupied the site where Mr. Kessman resided for many years. Here tables and benches had been erected and the visitors and others were treated to an elaborate dinner which was to be followed by a program of speech-making, games and a general jollification.

“In order that the celebration might be duly ushered in [an] old cannon which had formerly constituted a part of the defenses of Fort Howard, near Green Bay, and which had been [carried] here, was brought into service.

“The committee on arrangements had procured six 50-lb. kegs of powder and engaged E. LaPoint, a veteran of the Mexican War, to fire the salutes. The cannon was ‘planted’ on a knoll or hill which occupied a site approximately on the northwest corner of the public-school grounds. The knoll was surmounted by a flagpole 75 feet high. For convenience in handling and loading the cannon, the powder from five kegs had been sewed up in flannel bags containing one pound of powder each, each bag constituting one charge. The other keg was opened and left in this condition; the powder being used in priming the cannon. All of the powder both in bags and keg [were] placed conveniently near at hand.

“Promptly at four o'clock in the morning the first salute was fired and continued at regular intervals up to ten o'clock in the morning, when a disaster occurred that caused sorrowing and suffering to many and turned the day of joy and pleasure into sorrow and suffering.

“It seems that some of the younger element were engaged in shooting firecrackers and began throwing them promiscuously about. Suddenly one of the lighted firecrackers was thrown into the keg containing the loose powder which had been used for priming the cannon. Instantly a sheet of flame shot forth igniting the other powder contained in the bags, which, igniting all at once, exploded and flames and powder were shot out in every direction for a distance of 100 feet or more. When the smoke had cleared away it was found that 36 people had been more or less severely injured, the clothes catching fire in many instances, adding to the horror.

“Of those most severely injured were the following: Henry Decker, Henry Rife, Albert Jackson, Oliver Pilon and Moses Bunker. Friends immediately offered every assistance, private homes were thrown open, notably that of Mr. Gotlieb Berger at that time residing near the Washington House, where the injured and badly burned were wrapped in cotton and sweet oil.

“Of the victims Albert Jackson was so severely injured by the force of the explosion, besides receiving burns, that he died within a few hours after the accident. The others all recovered but many were sadly disfigured and will retain the scars the balance of their lives.

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## **Presidents Dialogue**

LEST WE FORGET OUR VETERANS AND THOSE THAT DIED FOR OUR FREEDOM: In the Revolutionary War - 4,435 died; War of 1812 - 6,765 were lost; Mexican War - 13,283 paid with their lives; Civil War - 530,000 were "fighting for the cause;" Spanish-American War - 2,446 departed; World War I - 116,708 were killed; World War II - 407,316 KIA; Korean War - 33,651 gave all they had; Vietnam War - 58,168 breathed a final breath; Afghanistan/Iraq War since 9/11 - 7,057 declared dead (*official counts may vary*).

We honor especially our **BUNKER** cousins that died in all aggressions. They are memorized in the *mil db* for their sacrifice, especially the **37** that paid with their lives during the **Civil War**. Additionally, we lost one each in the **French & Indian War**, the **War of 1812**, and the **Spanish-American War**.

The United Kingdom fought in WW I for three years prior to the United States entry; their **BUNKER** deaths resulted in a staggering **45**; another **20** during WW II.

The USA *mil db* count show we lost but **five** in **World War I** and **sixteen** in **World War II**, plus a Bunkers (with an S). **Three** are exalted on **The Wall** in Washington, DC, for their valor in **Korea**.

*The BFA count is not decisive, it is what has been noted to date. The military database now totals 415 pages; see page 2494 for current entries.*

We welcome new member, **VICKIE LYNN CHERRY**, Aurora, IL., and is a Bunker descendant, from unknown lineage. Bette and Vickie will unite to solve this enigma.

Note two females (see CLASH) on page 2494, related to our celebrated **Colonel Paul Delmont Bunker**. His daughter, Landon Priscilla, a research-chemist in Bethesda, MD., married in 1934 to **Major Thompson Brooke Maury, III**; they had four children. The major was captured at Bataan and died on a POW ship, sunk off Luzon about 14 Dec 1944. Mrs. Maury became a "spot welder" for Lockheed, during the war, while Paul's wife, Leila Landon, kept house for her grandkids. Colonel Paul died in a POW camp in Taiwan in 1943.

*gil Bunker*

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*Speaketh not the silent names on chiseled stone,  
ancient ancestors who shan't endure, saved for  
life's memoires to generations yet unborn,  
the progeny of our mortality.*

gB - 11/2000

## Devonshire Bunkers – 2000

-Bette Bunker Richards

Descendants of James (D-1) on a USB flash-drive. Approximately 1,333 pages in length, it updates the 1982 Bunker Genealogy – parts of the 1965 Bunker Genealogy and more.

It includes descendants of:

- James (D-1) Bunker of Dover, New Hampshire
  - Benjamin Bunker & Betsey Daniels, New London, NH
  - Thomas Bunker & Alice Pertie, Rattery, Devon, UK
  - William Bunker & Ann Forrester, New Castle, DE
- Plus:
- Devonshire Parish Records
  - Military service info for Bunkers from all branches
  - Nearly 100 pictures      • Maps      • Indexes

## Bedfordshire Bunkers – 2008

-Bette Bunker Richards

Descendants of

Roger Bunker, Tingrith, Bedfordshire, England available on a USB flash-drive, including:

- George (C-1) Bunker of Charlestown,
  - George (N-1) Bunker of Nantucket
- and the following connected by DNA tests:
- Joseph Bunker (b ca.1797 St. Albans, UK) and Mary
  - Henry Bunker (c1814-1866) m. Mary Ann Cassidy clarification
  - Thomas Bunker and Clarissa Chamberlin
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- Parish records (except Devon) that are copied to date
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- Indicate which drive you want •

Free *Bunker Family History* w/USB purchase  
(International book postage is extra)

### Bunker Family Association Books

*Bunker Family History* –Henry L. Bunker, III; 1984; 147p; +8p index; paperback; \$15.00 each; two for \$25.00.

*Includes the 16th Century Wills of Roger (b Beds), his son William, his grandson Oliver and Oliver's wife, Johane; Thomas Bunker who married Agnes Coleman; Edward Buncker and his wife Joane; Roger Buncker of Buckinghamshire; John, Thomas and William of Northamptonshire, and others.*

*Bunker Genealogy 1931* –Charles C.W.O. Bunker; with Charlestown, Nantucket, Delaware & Maryland branches; hardback; bibliography; index; 797pp; ~~\$58.85~~ \$49.00.

Two remain in stock.

All books w/free USA p/h. – International postage, extra  
Mail check to BFA President

## Bunker Babble

FAMILY STATISTICS FOR MOST POPULAR NAMES USED BETWEEN 1600 & 1699 FOR BEDFORDSHIRE ANCESTORS:

1.Mary 2.John 3.Elizabeth 4.Benjamin 5.Jonathan 6.Joseph 7.Ann 8.William 9.George and 10.Hannah.

FAMILY STATISTICS FOR MOST POPULAR NAMES USED BETWEEN 1600 & 1699, FOR DEVONSHIRE ANCESTORS:

1.John 2.Elizabeth 3.James 4.Francis 5.Mary 6.Thomas 7.Richard 8.Martha 9.William and 10.Abraham. \*

Congratulations - **BRUCE** and **BARB BUNKER** a couple of Ontarian *Crannocks* that sold their hockey sticks and moved to a senior residence with “three hot and a cot.” May their days be filled with watching their son, David, excel on the amateur senior level golf events and their two daughters, Diana & Maria continue to stay free of the *damn-demic*. \* Welcome to new member **BRENT D. BUNKER** (D-739-V) although Bette claims he was a big help with the Dover book and Lowell said he thought his cousin (their fathers were brothers) was already a BFA member; change it to “welcome back.” \* **GEORGE** (C-1) of **Bunker Hill fame** (*believe it or not*) and Calvin Coolidge, 30<sup>th</sup> US Pres. are related. George is his 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather AND the 7<sup>th</sup> great grandfather of Margaret Mead, the Cultural Anthropologist, also the 9<sup>th</sup> great grandfather of actor Orson Bean. *famouskin.com*  
*Bette* – 18 Oct 2021 \* Way back in 1992, **DENNIS BUNKER** of Lena-Winslow HS [Lena, IL] was the most valuable football player in the Northwestern Conference. He rushed for 1,002 yards, and scored 13 touchdowns (12 rushing, one on a kick-off return) in leading Le-Win to a 5-4 record. *Register Star* – DENNIS LEE<sup>10</sup> (D-1049A-IV) 1982 BunGen p.338 – *Bette* - Oct 2021 \* Going back another decade (give or take) we find **DENNIS A. BUNKER** astride his Police Department motorcycle in Gresham, Oregon. He can see more from his “bike” than from a patrol car. He watches for kids not wearing seatbelts and drivers that are drinking or smoking “pot.” That can’t be done in a cruiser. Foul weather is a hassle, but he rides even in the rain and reverts to a vehicle only in the snow or below freezing temperatures. *Oregonian*, May 1985 – *Bette*, Oct 2021 \* Today - we have **ISAAC BUNKER** who was recently recognized as “First Team All Conference (2<sup>nd</sup> straight year), All Region, and Honorable Mention All State” at Offensive Guard. He was also awarded Lineman of the Year for the Rock Valley Conference. *Cheesemakers* were the Rock Valley Conference Champs and one game away from making it to the state championship game. Looking forward to his senior year. Isaac is son of treasurer D-1050-V LOUIS CELESTE<sup>10</sup>. *lcb* – 11/’21 \* The 2021 December *Bunker Banner* was republished virtually by *Reunions* magazine, [www.reunionsmag.com](http://www.reunionsmag.com)  
\* How was your day on the football field, Bunky? \* *gb* \*  
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## Charlestown Branch

### MEMORIAL to GEORGE BUNKER

In 1907, a stone was erected in the Phipps Street Burying Ground, Charlestown, MA that reads:

*In memory of*

**GEORGE BUNKER, distinguished pioneer of Charlestown, patron of learning, died 1664.**

**JUDITH BUNKER, his wife died 10 Oct 1646.**

**Erected by descendants of their daughter**

**Martha Bunker Starr 1907.**

(1965 BunGen p.8)

"In the vital records of Charlestown, Item #44 is a list of deaths, and that of Judith Bunker, wife of George, who died 10 October 1646. No doubt she was the first of the Bunker family buried in the ancient burial ground, under the shadow of Bunker Hill, where still stands the Welsh headstone in memory of her youngest son Jonathan, her grandson Captain Benjamin and her four great-grandchildren [probably C-5-I. Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, -III. Abigail<sup>4</sup>, -V. Jonathan<sup>4</sup> and -VI. George<sup>4</sup>]. George was undoubtedly buried there in 1664, but no memorial stone has survived."

*Henry L. Bunker, III (U-37)  
Bunker Family History p.70*

## Dover Branch

### Moses (cont. from p.2485)

"Moses Bunker was probably, next to Jackson, the most badly injured, and although only eight years of age at the time, and badly burned, he finally recovered and still lives to recite the history of that day.

"The steamer *Planet* with such of the injured and others of the excursionists immediately left for Milwaukee to procure more sweet oil and cotton and other medical supplies as might be needed and returned the following day in record breaking time with the much-needed supplies.

"The old cannon used on that occasion did service for nearly 50 years on similar occasions after that, and finally came to a glorious end by bursting while firing a salute on the occasion of the Schley's victory at Santiago, July 4, 1898. Fortunately, no one was injured when she burst. The victory was evidently too great for the limited capacity of the cannon to properly give vent to its pent-up feelings, so with a supreme effort it burst."

*Early Days in Two Rivers, Wisconsin*

-Arthur H. Lohman, 1909

Historian NOTE: *Moses was the son of Adolphus and Sophia Caya Bunker; descended from the Verboncouers. He was at first a fisherman following his father in his occupation; later is listed on the 1900 CENSUS as a "River driver" [a person who "drove logs" downriver to a sawmill].*

*Bette Bunker Richards – 2009*

### \$75,000 BLAZE STRIKES GAS SUPPLY TANK

#### Clive Bunker endures 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns

ST. GEORGE, Utah, Aug. 17 – AP – A fire this afternoon enveloped the Dixie Gas company's butane gas supply tank at a plant just outside the Northwest City limits on highway 81.

Byron Thornton, company president, estimated damage might run as high as \$75,000. One man was seriously burned, and a tank truck and company office badly damaged. The flames threatened to envelope a company outdoor theater across the highway.

Clive Bunker, 33, St. George, company distributor, suffered second and third degree burns when a supply tank ignited as he was preparing to load it.

Fire Chief Julio Paolasso said there was danger of a tank exploding.

*AZ Daily Star – 18 Aug 1949*

D-981 CLIVE CROSBY<sup>9</sup>, b 14 Aug 1917; d 19 Aug 1949, two days later from the burns. (1982 BunGen p.321)

*Bette – 29 Dec 2021*

### FIRE AT BELGRADE

The Blacksmith Shop of Elijah Bunker Destroyed,

Total Loss: No Insurance

"BELGRADE, ME: Jan. 7 – (Special) – The blacksmith shop of Elijah Bunker, just west of this village, was destroyed by fire, late Thursday afternoon. The fire caught around the forge and the shop was a total loss. No insurance.

"M. Bunker's house and barn nearby was saved by a favorable wind. Mr. Bunker has been a leading blacksmith of the town for two score years, and the loss is a serious one to him."

*Kennebec Journal – 8 Jan 1898*

"Over seventy a blacksmith is a remarkable record of Elijah Bunker, of Belgrade, ME, who has just sold out his establishment there."

*Wauwatosaw News – 30 Mar 1907*

Historian NOTE: *When he sold his blacksmith business after 70 years, the notice appeared in papers all over the country as far away as Oregon. I just included one from mid-country. I thought it was spectacular that a man could be a blacksmith for 70 years. Either he started as a teenager, or his kid took over after he retired. At any rate, he was still alive when the shop was finally sold.*

*Bette – 17 Sep 2021*

D-291 ELIJAH SMITH<sup>7</sup>, born 10 Apr 1824 Anson, ME; died 1 Nov 1908 aet 84-6-21 Oakland, ME. (1982 BunGen p.151).

## “HOUSING ATTORNEY ROBBED, SLAIN YOUTH CHARGED

“Attorney Donald Q. Bunker came to Boston from Illinois a month ago to start a new life for himself and his family.

“Yesterday morning he was found dead, a murder victim. Hours after his body was found, a Dorchester youth was arrested and charged with robbing and killing Bunker.

“The 44-year-old lawyer had landed a job July 19 as assistant general counsel for the Boston Housing Authority. He was staying at the Harvard Club on Commonwealth Avenue while trying to find new living quarters for his wife Margareta, and two sons, aged 11 and 6, who had remained behind in Wilmette, Ill.

“Mr. Bunker was completing arrangements for the sale of their suburban home.

“On Tuesday night, police said, Bunker attended a meeting in Weston and drove back into Boston early yesterday.

“He was found slumped in the rear seat of his car in the parking lot of the Ramada Inn, Brighton. He had been shot once in the right eye with a small caliber pistol. His wallet was missing.

“Acting on information supplied by a witness, police yesterday afternoon arrested Carlos M. Allen of 508 Park St., Dorchester, on charges of murder and armed robbery. Allen is scheduled to be arraigned today in Brighton District Court.

“The suspect had a fully loaded .22 caliber pistol hidden in his sneaker when arrested at the corner of Park and Washington streets, Dorchester, by officers Jay Green and Laura McCottrell, officials said.

“Allen is a former employee of the Ramada Inn, where he worked as a dishwasher as recently as six weeks ago, police said.

“It is believed Bunker was sleeping in the rear seat of his car just before he was shot. One investigator, however, said that witnesses at the Ramada had seen Bunker in the company of a young male shortly before the shooting.

“Bunker was still alive when authorities at the scene. He died 45 minutes later at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital.

“The victim was born in Boston but grew up in Bristol, Conn. He attended Tufts College and, after two years in the Nav7, completed his law degree requirements at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar Association in August 1962, and to the Massachusetts Bar the following April.

“For many years Bunker had lived in Lexington while on the staff of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Four years ago, he was transferred to the Chicago area and later entered private practice in Wilmette.

“He was described yesterday by colleagues at the Housing Authority as a ‘quiet, pleasant and industrious person.’”

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Boston *Herald* – 23 Aug 1979

D-872-II DONALD QUEINTIN<sup>10</sup> b 9 Jul 1934 Boston; d 22 Aug 1979 Brighton MA (1982 BunGen p.300)

Bette – 29 Sep 2021

## DONALD E. BUNKER SALUTED

“The Prudential Florida Realty’s east office has named Donald E. Bunker as its top sales associate for September.

“He was named the top listed associate in August.

“From 1987 until recently, Bunker was the director of sales and marketing for the Cambridge Technology Group (CTGroup) in Cambridge, Mass. He was district sales manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company from 1981 to 1987, during which time he managed the professional sales force for the Michigan East District. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan. He is originally from Grand Blanc, Mich.”

Naples [FL] *Daily News* – 20 Oct 1991

D-1309 DONALD EDWARD<sup>10</sup> b 14 Feb 1927 Flint MI; m 9 Jul 1949 SUSIE JUANITA WILLIAMS (1982 BunGen p.389)

Bette – 28 Sep 2021

## Nantucket Branch

### GRAMMA’S INFLUENCE

Hannah Bunker Robinson passed away over one hundred years ago, but she lives on through her descendants as we all do. In her case, it is sort of special. Hannah was active in civil rights and left her influence in that way, but she also was a poet and left behind a family that continues writing poetry over one hundred years later. Shortly before she died Hannah left us with a poem about life, she wrote it in 1900. There was no title, but it is certainly pertinent yet today.

Farewell Youth! With all thy pleasures  
Health, Ambition, childish Joy, -  
When the rainbow tints seemed brightest  
Wrought in dreams without alloy.  
Time no impress then seemed making,  
Days and weeks like moments flew,  
Sorrow had no power to bind us.  
Vanished grief for pastime new.

Farewell Middle Age! Thy bounties  
Are the blossoms of our youth,  
Rich in promise of the future  
Harvest born of Love and Truth.  
Here we count the sheaves at twilight,  
Missing some we loved so well -  
But ‘twas God that gave and called them -  
And “He doeth all things well.”

Welcome Age! Within our bosoms,  
Cherished every joy and ill;  
Hushed all sorrow and repining,

List we to the words “Be Still.”  
Forms we love in dreams attend us,  
Voices call – long since I am dumb,  
Spirit hands reach out to greet us  
List we for the summons, “Come.”

Hannah’s son, Edwin Bunker Robinson, was a photographer and is still recognized for his photographs today, several of which are a part of the Nantucket Historical Society collection. Continuing with the family tradition, Edwin’s daughter, Ina B. Robinson, memorized a lot of poetry and regularly recited it for her grandchildren. John Lithgow, remembered, “My brother, sisters, and I would sit at her feet and beg her to recite. Her dark brown eyes would twinkle, she would tilt her head back, fold her hands in her lap, and begin to speak in a gentle, even voice. She would recite for as long as forty minutes”. One poem that both John and his cousin, Pamela Lithgow Briggs especially remember is “The Deacon’s Masterpiece” or “The Wonderful One-Hoss Shay” by Oliver Wendell Holmes. John has written over 80 books and has won many awards for his acting. His “Dumpty” series of satirical verse has recently been on the best seller’s list. His has also written several lyrics for songs.

*My favorite is:*

“I’m a manatee, I’m a manatee  
I’m every bit as wrinkled as my granny  
No difference between my face and fanny  
A noble manatee, well, that’s me”

John’s father, Arthur W. Lithgow, a pioneer producer, and director in Regional Theatre specialized in creating new theatre programs or taking charge of old ones. John has fond memories of his father reading to him.

Pamela’s father, William E. Lithgow, also recited poetry to his children. Pamela’s favorite was “Little Orphant Annie” by James Whitcomb Riley. Pamela’s daughter, Melissa E. Jordan and granddaughter, Phoebe Jordan-Reilly, carry on the family talent, both published poets.

*My favorite of Melissa E. Jordan’s poetry is:*

#### STATION CABIN

I had no choice but to build a cabin  
from nesting boxes and blue milk crates,  
there in the bed of a woody wagon.

I laid down every blanket I could drag in  
but left my school clothes to the fates.  
I had no choice but to build a cabin.

I chinked the crates with flannel-back satin,  
(a scrap bin score, from some lower state)  
there in the bed of a woody wagon.

In one crate shelf I set a pewter flagon,

then a specked bowl and a green-rimmed plate.  
I had no choice but to build a cabin.

In this tiny space I was the new Aladdin  
pillowed time out of mind, snacking on dates,  
there in the bed of the woody wagon.

Some nesting boxes held crystals and dragons,  
totems to cheer me when the driving went late.

I had no choice when I built that cabin  
there in the bed of a woody wagon.

From Melissa’s daughter, Phoebe Jordan-Reilly:

#### SAP PEOPLE

There’s a file on me made of bark,  
oozing amber, full.

I get comfort from those who are still  
in the woods

from the way they bite the hot bent  
thighs of the birch, how they swell  
and march for the pods in the brush.

Today I outlaw the pin.

I’ve seen ruptures  
and sewers of gum.

If I don’t keep my legs crossed like this  
blue locusts come spurting out.

The keys drop onto the table  
while you burn my fur coat.  
The white paste of my mouth  
sticks onto yours, touching  
the fur at your cuffs, ripping  
the smut from your hairy throat.

Earlier I saw the paws but the berries  
bloomed your skin; I caught seed.

Believe me, I am waiting for the fluff,  
the mess. I am never softer  
than when  
I’m sleeping.

Grandma’s do not just pass down their genes. They pass down their actions, memories and love to be nurtured and passed on again and again. Even if we do not realize it, we are the product of our ancestor’s customs, culture and practices and it is usually passed on by our Grandma’s and Grandpa’s just reading to us, reciting poetry to us, singing with us, and telling us stories about the olden days. For this family, it is five generations from Hannah Mitchel Bunker Robinson to Phoebe Jordan-Reilly and poetry is still a big part of their lives.

*Bette – 14 Dec 2021*

N-108-V HANNAH MITCHELL<sup>7</sup> 1965 BunGen p.64

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#### CHARLES BUNKER

“We learn that on Monday last, while the citizens of Hudson were firing a salute in honor of Gens. Scott and  
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Gaines, then passing on the river in the steamboat *Fulton*, Mr. Charles Bunker, son of Capt. Elijah Bunker, of that place, was instantly killed by the discharge of a field piece. Mr. Bunker was an active and promising young man, and had lately joined Capt. Robinson's Sea Fencibles [a defensible unit established to provide a close-in line of defense and obstruct the operation of enemy shipping, principally during the War of 1812] now at Fort Green, from whom he had obtained a few days furlough to visit his friends. He is a brother of Captain William Bunker, the young man who was killed by a fall from a mast head of a vessel in this port a few weeks ago."

*Albany Gazette* – 3 Oct 1814

N-56-III CHARLES F.<sup>6</sup>; b 7 Jun 1792; d 26 Sep 1814.

N-56-II William H.<sup>6</sup>, b 28 May 1790; d 24 Oct 1808.

(1965 BunGen p.48)

Historian NOTE: *William's dates are problematic, it's interesting what our records say and this article.*

VITAL RECORDS for EASTERN NY 1777-1834:  
BUNKER, WILLIAM, 18, son of Capt. Elijah [N-56] of Hudson d. NYC 11/15/08 fell from aloft upon deck.  
BUNKER, WILLIAM CAPT., formerly of Hudson d. in Athens NY 4/12/14.

*I have 166 Williams in the Beds db. There were 13 Bunkers listed in the Hudson tax records of 1803. All the Bonkers are from the same area, including many more Williams.*  
*Bette* – 20 Oct 2021

## A CATHEDRAL WEDDING

Miss Caroline Hemenway Bryce and Mr. Paul Bunker were married in the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, L.I., yesterday afternoon, after the style of the old English Cathedral weddings.

The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, D.D., bishop of Long Island, assisted by the Rev. Drs. Jessup and Humphreys. There was a full choral service, with choir, under Professor William H. Woodcock. According to English custom the banns of marriage had been published for three consecutive Sundays in the Cathedral.

The bridal procession formed at the main entrance to the Cathedral. The bride, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. Thomas Tilston Bryce, walked up the main aisle to the altar, followed by Miss. Annie Bryce, as maid of honor, and two bridesmaids, Miss Ruth Bunker [Paul's sister, Ruth Starbuck married Lieut. Thomas Ridgway, who became the parents of Gen. Matthew Bunker Ridgway, Chief of Staff, US Army, - June 1953 to retirement] and Miss Mable Metcalf. The groom was attended by Mr. Dennis M. Bunker [Paul's brother was a noted artist. Dennis Miller Bunker, *Bunker Banner*, pages 766, 849 and 860], of Boston, the artist; Lieutenant Thomas Ridgway, Fifth United States artillery, and Messrs. Edwin J. Adams, Arthur J. Taylor and Tileston Bryce were ushers.

The bride wore a dress of white Faille silk, long train, empire lace petticoat front, bodice cut low with elbow

sleeves, pearly and empire lace trimmings, white tulle veil and orange blossoms and a pearl necklace, the gift of her mother. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

The maid of honor wore a directoire dress of pale green hand embroidered lisse, and the bridesmaids directoire gowns of pale pink embroidered lisse; also strings of silver beads, the gift of the bride. The Cathedral was filled with a fashionable gathering, over eight hundred invitations having been sent out. Among those present were Colonel and Mrs. George M. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Brayton Ives, ex-Governor and Mrs. Ingersoll, of Connecticut; Colonel and Mrs. Alfred Wagstaff, of Babylon; Mr. and Mrs. George Betts, Mr. and Mrs. James Betts Metcalf, Mrs. Augustus Hemingway, of Boston; Mr. and Mrs. C.P. Bryson, Mr. and Mrs. William Bunker, Mrs. John Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chauncey and Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Day.

The bride is a great-granddaughter of the late Thomas Tileston, long president of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and also of the late Samuel R. Betts, United States Judge, Southern District of New York. Mr. Bunker, who is a resident of San Luis, Obispo County, Southern California is the son of Matthew Bunker, treasurer, and secretary of the Union Ferry Company.

*NY Herald* – 20 Jun 1889

N-269-I PAUL<sup>9</sup>, b 5 Nov 1859 Brooklyn NY; m 19 Jun 1889 Garden City, NY; d 15 Dec 1903 Long Island NY (1965 BunGen p.109).  
*Bette* – 4 Nov 2021

## Binaries

### CARTOON HUMOR CALMS TENSE SITUATIONS

He cartoons what he knows. In Vietnam, it was went on in the war zone. In Tucson, it's what goes on in the burn unit at Saint Mary's Hospital.

There, registered nurse John Bunker scribbles stress reducing cartoon - often outrageous, always impromptu.

"It only takes a minute or two. I use paper towels, toilet paper, scrap paper, whatever is handy."

"Sometimes I cringe went I see them," admits Katie Sayer, nurse manager of the unit. "But he does give us comic relief."

Burn unit nurse Robin Bowyer agrees. "We get gunshot wounds, snakebite, burns, every soft tissue trauma. It is very, very stressful here."

You wouldn't know it looking at Bunker's smooth round face – one that belies his 62 years. A rather soft-spoken soul, Bunker grew up speaking pidgin English on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu, where his dad was stationed while in the service. "We grew up with the locals, not on base," says Bunker, who drew his first cartoon in school there. They were not appreciated. "The teacher thought I should be doing art."

Something happened in North Carolina, where Bunker spent his last year in high school trying to mesh pidgin English with all those Southern drawls.

A 20-year military man, Bunker managed to get his first cartoon published while stationed in Germany in a newsletter for officers' wives. "They needed things like a chef cooking lobster," he says. Pay: zilch.

He also did two tours of Vietnam, first in the Mekong Delta, then in the DMZ. Once he was caught in an ambush. Another time he broke both legs after his jeep flipped. Bunker turned both incidents into cartoons. "Whenever there is a tense situation, I do a cartoon."

Little wonder that the cartooning continued after switched one high stress occupation for another. After the army, Bunker enrolled in nursing school at Pima Community College. There he met his future wife, Carolyn. "She has three kids. I started doing cartoons for them," he says. His cartoons also proved to be lifesavers for Carolyn when she had to give presentations to other health professionals.

"I used them as cheat cards. Nobody noticed my mistakes because they were laughing so hard at John's cartoons." Readily comparing her husband's work to that of Gary Lawson, Carolyn coos, "It's really sick humor."

Fellow worker and admirer Kathleen Jones says Bunker's work "is almost identical" to that of syndicated cartoonist John Callahan, whom she treated in Oregon 25 years ago.

A quadriplegic, Callahan pens cartoons infusing wacky humor into painful situations. Same thing for Bunker, who's used everything from catheter insertion to the wonders of Viagra as cartoon fodder. He also skewered plenty of physicians, as well as HMOs. "Yes, I have gotten in trouble with the higher-ups," says Bunker with an easy chuckle. "I've also reminded them that HMOs are our bread and butter." Too bad.

For while some of his cartoons are too medically "in" for the general public, just about anyone can "get" a cartoon of a managed care bureaucrat asking, "Can't we do this at home?" while emergency room personnel frantically pound on a dying man's chest.

Many of the "hundreds and hundreds" of cartoons Bunker's done over the years have circulated throughout the hospital. Others have been published in trade magazines for health professionals. As for what might be next, Bunker says, "I'd love to do political cartoons."

Should be plenty of tense situations there.

*AZ Daily Star* - 20 June 2000

-Bonnie Henry email at [bhenry@azstarnet.com](mailto:bhenry@azstarnet.com)  
RN 509853 JOHN EDWARD; Eng descendant.

## ANOTHER KIND of RESCUE

"Tell me one thing you learned in school this week," Tucson fire-fighter-paramedic Patrick Bunker said to the five attentive boys on the bench in front of him.

"About the equator" Bryan, 12, answered quickly. "It goes around the planet, all the states and stuff."

"I learned about decimals," Billy, 10, offered. "You could owe someone a dollar, but if you got the decimal in the wrong place, you could owe them \$100."

Jimmy, 12, said he learned about long division; Carl, 11, about the production of energy; Chris, 10. Said he had to study harder to pass math tests.

These are the kind of responses, Bunker, 30, seeks from six Reynolds Elementary School boys he visits from 45 minutes to an hour every week.

It was Bunker who began Firefighters As Role Models – known as FARM – in 1989. Now, 27 of his Tucson Fire Department co-workers do the same kind of thing with about 90 elementary and middle school pupils in four local districts.

"It all started when a Reynolds social worker asked for a fireman to come and talk to this one boy who was having trouble with his schoolwork and behavior," Bunker said. "He told the social worker he wanted to be a fireman someday, and she wanted a fireman to tell him how important school was to his goal.

"I'm the fireman who came to talk to him. Now when I was a kid I was classified as learning-disabled. From second grade through middle school, some really great TUSD (Tucson Unified School District) workers taught me how to learn. What I'm doing now is sort of a pay back."

Firefighters Local pitched in \$2,000 to get the program rolling.

Bunker does far more than show up once a week for a few minutes, says Reynolds Principal Betty Southard. "He comes to school on many other days, talks with the teachers, talks with the kids who are upset about something, breaks up skirmishes in the halls. He also checks with the middle school and high school where his first kids attend to see how they are doing.

"They're doing okay," Bunker reported on his alumni. "They get into less trouble than they used to, some have improved their grades dramatically. Most important, they are still in school."

"The original intent was to have a fireman talk to kids, one on one," Southard said. "But what has happened is we get visits from many firemen, and they are all wonderful role models. We have had a couple of fire fairs. The firefighters have done a tremendous job of turning students around who didn't have much to look forward to before."

The services of FARM volunteers cost the school districts nothing and cost the city of Tucson very little payroll time, Bunker said. Most of it is done on days off.

Bunker called for homework from his five listeners. Carl stood up and told the others how the U.S. Civil War got started. The north thought slavery was bad and the South though it was all right," he said.



“Should you be judged by the color of your skin or your religion?” Bunker asked. “No,” he said giving voice to the negative nods of his pupils, “because it doesn’t matter. If Carl’s a jerk, Carl’s a jerk; if he’s a decent human being, which he is, that’s what he is. Skin color doesn’t matter,” Bunker instructed.

Bunker gave the five boys assignments for written research reports due next Monday. If they are not handed in to Southard by then, those lacking reports will not be allowed to visit with Bunker next week.

“And what is it that tell you should do the report?”

“Responsibility,” his charges respond.

“I don’t tell them anything their parents or teachers told them,” Bunker said, “but for some reason it sinks in more when someone else says it.”

“You all like to play sports, right?” he asked the five boys. “Well, what’s the most important organ in your body to exercise?”

“The brain,” they answered

The session ended with a little game of touch football in the playground, assisted by Bunker’s partner, firefighter-paramedic Roger S. Tamietti.

“We’re not professional counselors,” Bunker said. “We’re just firemen, someone for the kids to talk to other than the MTV generation. We’re not going to save the whole community with this, but if we see just one of these kids graduate from high school, and become a successful member of the community, I think we’ve done well.

“In the meantime, we volunteers have learned so much about ourselves, the community, the school system, all of which far outweigh the time we’re donating to it,” Bunker said.

The FARM program has become popular among educators that the Tucson Fire Department will soon begin an Adopt-a-School under which fire companies spend several days a year with all the kids in designated schools, Bunker said.

*-Tom Turner – AZ Daily Star - 3 Dec 1993*

RN 510625 GEORGE PATRICK, Eng descendant.

*Bette – 24 Dec 2021*

## Military Bunkers

### WAR OF 1812

“To his Excellency the Governor and the Honorable the Council of the State of Newhampshire (sic) to be convened on the 12 day of May instant.

“We the undersigned composed officers in the Tenth regiment of the second Brigade and second Division of the Militia of the state aforesaid, beg leave respectfully to represent that we have been informed that the present Field Officers of said Regiment have sent into The Executive their resignation with a recommendation of three gentlemen out of line to be appointed as their successors. What the personal

qualifications of the Gentlemen recommended are to entitle them to this peculiar mark of Executive favour (sic) we shall not presume to give any opinion; but we conceive ourselves in saying that the established usage in the Military department in this State since the revolution, they have no pretensions to be promoted over the Officer of the line, who have endeavored to discharge the duty of their respective offices with fidelity to the Government, and we fondly hope, not without some share of representation to ourselves. Neither will we attempt to point out the motives of the Field Officers in making this recommendation, and thereby, as far as in them lie, disgracing the officers who have served under them. If they think we do pofsefs [possess] suitable qualifications to be elevated to the Rank of Field Officers as most of us hold our present offices under their recommendation, they must admit, they were guilty of a most egregious error, when they sent our names to the Executive for appointment, and thereby placed us in the line of promotion. But will it be presumed at this period when age and infirmity have greatly debilitated some of them both in body and mind, that they pofsefs (possess) a more discriminating judgement (sic) to designate proper characters for promotion now, then they did in the vigor of life when they recommended us?

“If partly spirit or private animosity be the motives of the Recommendation, we entertain the highest confidence that the Supreme Executive pofsefs (possess) to exalt an opinion of their elevated and responsible station to overturn the established usage of the State by prostituting their high authority to subserve (sic) and foster such unhallowed purposes.

“When we accepted our Commissions, a strong motive with us to Sacrafice (sic) our time and Money for the equipment and discipline of the Militia was what we conceived a well-founded opinion that we were in the line of promotion according to our respective grades and merits. If we have been guilty of disobedience of orders or in any shape violated our duty as officers, we are subject to a proper and suitable correction by the sentenie (sic) of a Court Marshal, which incumbent on the Field Officers to institute. But while no accusation is brought against us, and we now stand not only unimpeached (sic), but unimpeachable it is difficult for us to (assign) a proper motive for degrading us by taking Gentlemen out of the line and placing them over our heads.

“The good sense of the Executive must suggest to them the fatal tendency and consequences of such a measure. The Military pride, which is an (essential) ingredient in the character of a good officer, would compel those, this degrade, to resign their Commissions; and when will you find men of intelligence and spirit to accept subordinate officers, of such acceptance does not  
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place in the line of promotion. If their elevation depends, not on their rank and merit, but on the whim, caprice, or political sentiment of the Executive at the time a vacancy happens in any of the higher grades of office? For you must be sensible that a precedent of the kind once established may be seized with avidity by succeeding administrations, whose sentiments do not accord with the present, to promote party views, and other Regiments may be deranged, as this will be by such unmilitary appointments. The consequence won't be, that the active, enterprising, and ambitious will refuse to seek or accept an office, which will execute, will not entitle them to preferment. And without such men for officers; whence shall we look for the well-disciplined militia, which has justly been considered, the shield and bulwark of our rights and privileges? Instead of depending on the Citizen Soldier to protect us against foreign or domestic foes, we shall be under the necessity of substituting a standing army, which has invariably proved the grave of the Civil Liberties of the nations, which have adopted it. If such a recommendation as is stated above has been presented, we earnestly entreat your Excellency and the Honorable Council by the obligations your station places you under to promote the welfare and best interest of the State and the respect that is due to the responsible offices you hold to refuse to give your sanction to a measure so novel and unprecedented in its kind and dangerous and fatal in its consequences. And we hereby enter our solemn protest against the same, as being totally refinement to the long-established Military rights we claim for ourselves and our brother officers in the line.

Gilmanon - May 6<sup>th</sup> 1813”

“ENSIGNS	LIEUTENANTS	CAPTAINS
<i>John Tuttle</i>	<i>Wm Hutchimon</i>	<i>Ebenesor Eastman</i>
<i>Moza Clough</i>	<i>Charles Ramtel Jr.</i>	<i>John Chase</i>
<i>Daniel Algove</i>	<i>Ebenezer Parsons Jr.</i>	<i>Samuel Chase</i>
<i>Caleb Merrill</i>	<i>Philip B. Sweiney</i>	<i><u>Daniel Bunker</u></i>
<i>David Norris</i>	<i><u>Enoch Bunker</u></i>	<i>John Bickford</i>
<i>Henry Sleepers</i>	<i>Moses Chesley</i>	<i>Andrew Young</i>
<i>Unreadable</i>	<i>Josiah Nelson</i>	<i>Jonathan Nelson</i>
	<i>Joseph Sale</i>	<i>Antralla Page</i>
	<i>Jona N Prettiers”</i>	

D-131 ENOCH<sup>6</sup> BUNKER (1982 BunGen p.93)

D-74-III DANIEL<sup>6</sup> BUNKER (1982 BunGen p.70)

### CLASH

The story of Philippines artillerymen Bunker and Maury forms one of the minor sagas of the United States Army. And not the least heroic figures are the feminine members of the two families.

Colonel Paul D. Bunker of Michigan is serving on the Island of Corregidor in the Manila Harbor as a coast artilleryman. His son-in-law, Major Thompson B. Maury, III is on the staff of General King, who commands General MacArthur's field pieces. The only word heard from them in many weeks was the good

news that the Tennessean was recently promoted from a captain to his present rank in reward for valiant and efficient service on Bataan.

Mrs. Maury, who is the daughter of the late Rear Admiral Beehler, was evacuated from the islands last fall when a clash with Japan was imminent. But instead of returning to the mainland to wait and weep, she obtained a manual job at the Lockheed airplane plant in Los Angeles. She is serving her apprenticeship as a “spot welder” and when she has met the qualifications, she will become a full-fledged operative and member of the union. Meanwhile, the colonel's lady keeps house for her daughter and takes care of the latter's four children on Van Ness Avenue there.

*AZ Daily Star* – 9 Mar 1942

D-774 PAUL DELMONT<sup>8</sup> (1982 BunGen p.279)

### NEW TO mil db

**ALLEN J. BUNKER** (Verboncouer descent) a seventeen-page report was added to BFA *mil db* paper file concerning Allen's Army Air Corps death during WW II in 1944. B-24J exploded during takeoff. Entire crew lost.

% Accidents *Mike Stowe* – 19 Oct 2021

**Cecil W. Bunker** was in two Army Air Corps accidents: Feb 1944 in La Junta, CO and Jun 1944 at Bergstrom Field, TX. Five- and seven-page reports were added to *mil db*.

% Accidents *Mike Stowe* – 1 Jun 2005

**David Allen Bunker, Jr.** (1970-2007) see obit in this edition.

*Bette* – 24 Oct 2021

**Donald Q. Bunker** Donald Quentin Bunker, Jr. – D-872-II – US Navy, ca.1956. Born 9 Jul 1934; d 22 Aug 1979 (shot & killed by a robber); bur West Cemetery, Bristol, Hartford Co., CT; attended Tufts College followed by 2-yrs US Navy; Univ. of PA, completed law degree requirements in 1962; Admitted Aug 1962 to CT Bar Assn; Admitted MA Bar Assn Apr 1963.

*Bette* – 29 Sep 2021

**Ellery C. Bunker** #2427879; white; 2422 Ontario St., Toledo OH – NA LB 1 [New Accession, Local Bureau] Toledo OH 2 Apr 1918; b Toledo 21 10/12 yrs.; Co F 332<sup>nd</sup> Inf to 4 Jul 1918; Co H331<sup>st</sup> Inf to 20 Jul 1918; Co D 328<sup>th</sup> to discharge; Pvt; St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, Defensive Sector; AEF [Allied Expeditionary Force] 8 Jun 1918 to 20 May 1919; Honorable Discharge 29 May 1919.

Historian NOTE: RN 509323 *Ellery C. Bunker, b May 1896; m Ethel G. Casten. He is the son of Lena M. Davis and George Bunker.*

*Bette* – 12 Sep 2021

**Harley Nelson Bunker** [2163] served in the military, Pvt, US Army, WWII (see p.2497)

*Bette* – 13 Oct 2021

**John Bunker** – 1918 – Pvt - #30765

Bedford (Luton division); Parish of Luton; East Ward; 61 Albert Road; British Army; East Riding Yeomanry.

ARCHIVE REFERENCE: AVL\_Luton;

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COLLECTION: Absent Voters Lists WW I.

AWARDS: Victory Medal, British War Medal.

SOURCE: *jane@forces-war-records.co.uk* -11 Sep 2021

Historian NOTE: *UK John is unknown. Bette* – 12 Sep 2021

Ed NOTE: *The six from Ohio: Ellery, Joseph, Noah, Pearl and Walter are new additions; only Virgil's military data is new. They were all added to the mil db.* gB - 12 Sep 2021

**John W. Bunker** – 11082366; Cpl; AUS; Radio operator; A 27-page report was added to the *mil db* regarding a B-17F accident in Pitkin, LA on 23 Sep 1944. Fire in flight, entire crew bailed out safely. *Mike Stowe* – 14 Dec 2021

**Joseph H. Bunker** #3090330; white; 624 Taffel St., Cincinnati OH – NA LB 4 [New Accession, Local Bureau] Hamilton Co OH 28 May 1918; b Cincinnati 20 Jan 1890; 159th Dep Brig [Deployment Brigade] to 16 Jun 1918; Co G 153<sup>rd</sup> Inf to 15 Sep 1918; Co B 127<sup>th</sup> Inf to 29 Nov 1918; Co C 329<sup>th</sup> MG Bn [Machine Gun Battalion] to discharge; Pvt; Meuse-Argonne, AEF [Allied Expeditionary Force] 20 Aug 1918 to 8 Apr 1919; Honorable Discharge 21 Apr 1919. Historian NOTE: RN 512810, *Joseph H. Bunker is in our db as Joseph B. I believe the only use of the B was in one census. All other references are to Joseph H. He is the son of Herman J. and Mary L. Bunker, immigrants from Germany. Joseph died 14 Jul 1936, buried St. Mary Cemetery, St. Bernard, Hamilton Co., OH. I find no evidence of a marriage or children.* *Bette* – 12 Sep 2021

**Kenneth L. Bunker** #0791300 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. (23 Sep 1944 - a nine-page report added to the BFA *mil db* regarding an AT-10 accident at Blytheville, AK. Co-pilot cut throttle about 20-feet above ground, causing plane to stall). *M. Stowe* – 26 Dec 2021

**Noah Bunker** #3864655; colored; 4104 Scovil Ave., Cleveland OH - NA [New Accession] Cleveland 24 Sep 1918; b Boomville, NC 15 Sep 1875; 158 Dep Brig [Deployment Brigade] to 4 Nov 1918; Co G 6<sup>th</sup> Pion Inf [Pioneer Infantry] to 13 Nov 1918; Hq Co 6<sup>th</sup> Pion Inf to discharge. Pvt. Honorable Discharge 9 Dec 1918. Historian NOTE: RN 509326 - *Noah, son of Sherman and Mary Bunker. One of eleven children, I have no other data. The only information found, I believe he may be the Noah Bunker who died 24 Aug 1930 and is buried in Highland Hills Cemetery, Cuyahoga Co., Ohio. His parents were from Surry Co., NC so this soldier was probably descended from a slave owned by the twins.* *Bette* – 10 Sep 2021

**Pearl F. Bunker** #2899460; white; RFD 3, Rosewood OH – NA [Newly Accessioned] Champaign Co OH 26 May 1918; b Addison OH 24 Jan 1898; 159<sup>th</sup> Dep Brig [Deployment Brigade] to 16 Jun 1918; Co C 114<sup>th</sup> Engrs to discharge; Pvt; Meuse-Argonne. AEF [Allied Expeditionary Force] 22 Aug 1918 to 2 May 1919; Honorable Discharge 21 May 1919. Historian NOTE: N-259A-II *Pearl Freeman Bunker, son of Ida Bell Bunker, grandson of Freeman Bunker. Pearl b on 24, 25 or 28 May 1889 Addison, Champaign Co., OH; d 2 Dec 1960 Dayton, Montgomery Co., OH.* *Bette* – 19 Sep 2021

**Virgil C. Bunker** #3903282; white; RFD 3, Marengo OH – NA [Newly Accessioned] Mt. Gilead 26 Aug 1918; b Marengo

21 Dec 1896; Battery F 69<sup>th</sup> FA [Field Artillery] to discharge; Pvt; Honorable Discharge 20 Dec 1918.

SOURCE: N-438 *Virgil Clyde*<sup>10</sup> Bunker [b 21 Dec 1896 Marengo OH] (1965 BunGen p.140)

**Walter Bunker** # 2479344; white; 232 Plum St., Springfield OH – NA [Newly Accessioned] Springfield 30 Apr 1918; b Springfield 25 11/12 yrs; 158 Dep Brig [Deployment Brigade] to discharge; Pvt 1 cl 18 Jul 1818; Cpl 1 Sep 1918; Honorable Discharge 11 Dec 1918. Historian NOTE: RN 20528, *Walter Bunker has three dates of death, 26, 27 and 28 of Sep 1965, Springfield, Hamilton Co., OH. He is the son of Mary Goodenough and Charles Bunker.* SOURCE: *Official Register of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in World War, Vol. 3; Official Roster, page 2222.* *Bette* - 12 Sep 2021

## Unconnected Cousins

### LASHED TO A DECK HOUSE

#### FOR FIFTY-THREE HOURS

Half Frozen Seamen Rescued from the  
Wreck of the *Levanter* by the  
Bark *Herbert Fuller*  
CAPTAIN BUNKER'S PLUCKY WIFE  
She Tried to Cheer the Crew While  
Storms Were Battering the  
Waterlogged Schooner

Lashed for fifty-three hours to the deckhouse of a waterlogged wreck, which barely floated, drenched by the waves which poured over the trembling hull, benumbed by the cold, utterly helpless and exhausted, Captain Bunker, his wife and little son and nine seamen, the crew of the American schooner *Levanter*, had lost all hope of succor last Friday noon, when they were rescued by Captain Nash and the sailors of the American bark *Herbert Fuller* 170 miles of Cape Hatters.

The *Herbert Fuller*, which left Brunswick, Ga., on Christmas Eve for New York, reached this port yesterday and safely landed the *Levanter's* 'company. Mrs. Bunker, the captain's plucky wife, still showed in her pinched face the effect of her terrible experience.

Captain Bunker told the story of the *Levanter's* last voyage. Everything was snug aboard the schooner when she sailed from Brunswick, Ga., a few days ahead of the *Herbert Fuller*, with a cargo of pitch pine lumber.

#### OFF TREACHEROUS HATTERAS

She was bound for this port and until off Hatteras the vessel made good progress. It was not until Christmas morning that she ran into the succession of gales that finally wrecked her.

The gales came from the north-northeast and mountainous waves fell upon the heavily laden vessel. Her sails were split into ribbons and on December 27 she was fifty miles due east of Hatteras, with seven feet of  
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water in her hold. A gale was blowing from the northwest and soon after daylight the lumber below decks became loosened and threatened to burst open her sides. The *Levanter's* decks were nearly flush with the water at noon, and the steering gear gave out.

With hardly any canvas and no rudder to hold her the *Levanter* fell off before the gale until she rolled a hopeless wreck in the trough of the sea.

#### CLUNG TO THE DECK HOUSE

Captain Bunker called the crew aft and asked what they advised. Mrs. Bunker, who never lost her courage, said it was better to take to the boats, but Captain Bunker knows by experience the utter uselessness of this course. The sailors thought it would be best to lash themselves to the top or the after-deck house, and this they did at ten o'clock that night.

Meantime the cabin and forecastle were flooded. A small supply of water had been secured and a little food, but not enough to last long. The water was dealt out in small quantities, but in their wet and half frozen condition they suffered much from thirst

Mrs. Bunker clung to her boy, and both were lashed together. She never once complained but bore herself bravely and tried to cheer the others with a hope she did not feel.

The entire company was huddled together on the deck house and at one time it seemed as if they would never leave alive.

Slowly the night of December 27 passed, then another day went by, and another night fell. Just before dark a sail was seen far away on the horizon. It disappeared with the waning light.

When the *Herbert Fuller* answered the signal flying from the *Levanter's* mainmast on December 30 not one of the group huddled on the schooner's after house had strength enough left to hail her.

#### SUCCOR AT LAST

To the storm which wrecked the schooner her crew owes its rescue, for the *Herbert Fuller* had several times been blown back into the Gulfstream before she sighted the *Levanter*. The bark was under three-reefed spanker and double-reefed mainsail when she hove to, not far windward of the schooner

One of the bark's lifeboats made three trips to and from the helpless *Levanter* before all her company was taken off. Several times the lifeboats were nearly swamped, and it took seven hours to make the transfer. The *Fuller's* sailors hauled down the signal of distress and the *Levanter* was left to its fate.

Captain and Mrs. Bunker left for their home in Isleboro, Me., yesterday. Mrs. Bunker was thinly clad, and she wore a silk handkerchief over her head in lieu of a hat. All of her clothing, as well as that of her husband, his instruments and the effects of the men were lost.

The lost schooner was owned in Thomaston, Me.

New York *Herald* – 1893-01-05 **2496**

Historian NOTE: *Since they went home to Isleboro, Maine, they were likely descended from the Cranberry Islands Bunkers; there is just not enough information to find them. I sure would like to identify this brave lady who held her child while tied to the mast all through the storm.*

Bette – 20 Oct 2021

## DISASTERS, &c.

Sch *Packet*, from Franklin, Me, for Boston, with a cargo of lumber, was fallen in with 20<sup>th</sup> inst., at 4:30 PM, 15 miles from Highland Light, Cape Cod, on her beam ends, with only her port quarter out of water, and four men lashed to it. The pilot boat *Edwin Forrest* fortunately discovered their situation and took them from the wreck, and subsequently transferred them to a steam tug, bound from New York, who landed them at Boston on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The schooner was abandoned. The *Packet* hailed from Trenton, Me, and was commanded by Capt. Bunker.

*Boston Post* – 1869-05-27

## SCHOONER CAPSIZED

The schooner *Eva L. Leonard*, Captain Bunker, while sailing up the north river on Friday was struck by a heavy squall and capsized. The crew were saved, and the schooner was towed to pier 29 North River by the harbor police boat, Captain Todd.

*NY Herald* – 1869-07-11

## FATAL ACCIDENT

Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock a gentleman named Bunker, formerly a sea captain, but for many years past superintendent of the extensive warerooms of George Merles, Esq., No. 287 Water St., was almost instantly killed by a crate of crockery falling through the hoist-way and striking him on the head. The body was carried to the late residence of the deceased, and the coroner notified by Capt. Ditchett to hold an inquest.

*NY Daily Tribune* – 1852-05-06

*Wish they'd include first names. Bette* - 4 Nov 2021

## HEEEERE'S JOHNNY

### DESCENDANTS OF JOHN BUNKER

#### First Generation

1. **John BUNKER** b before 1714 Littlehempston, Devon (Totnes), England; m Elizabeth ADAMS 5 Jan 1734, b before 1717 Littlehempston, d 15 Nov 1745 in Littlehempston; 2 issue: John b 1735 Littlehempston & Elizabeth b 1744.

#### Second Generation (Children)

2. **John BUNKER** (John<sup>1</sup>) b 1735 Littlehempston, m someone; 1 issue: John (1760-1836)

#### Third Generation (Grandchildren)

4. **John BUNKER** (John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 1760 Littlehempston; d Jan 1836 Berry Pomeroy, Devon, age 76. John m Mary BROWN 3 May 1791 Littlehempston, Mary b 1769 Devon, d Oct 1824 Berry Pomeroy age 55; 1 issue: John (1791-1856)

#### Fourth Generation (Great-Grandchildren)

**5. John BUNKER** (John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 1791 in Littlehempston; d Mar 1856 Heavitree, Devon, age 65. John m Jane COX ca1825. Jane b 2 Apr 1797 Upton Pyne, Devon, d Jun 1881 Heavitree, Devon, age 84; 1 issue: John (1828-1872)

#### Fifth Generation (2nd Great-Grandchildren)

**6. John BUNKER** (John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 1828 Devon; Jun 1872 Devon, age 44. John m Mary Ann RICHARDS Dec 1855. Mary b 30 Dec 1830 Buckland Brewer, Devon, d Mar 1884 Exeter, Devon, age 53; 5 issue: i. John (1859-1934), ii. Elizabeth b 1862 Devon, iii. William Ridge 1863 Heavitree, Devon, d 1947 Grant City, MO age 84, iv. Lucy b 1866 Heavitree, v. Jane b 1870 Heavitree.

#### Sixth Generation (3rd Great-Grandchildren)

**7. John BUNKER** (John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 19 Nov 1859 Exeter, Devon; d 4 Mar 1934 Grant City, MO age 74; immigrated 25 May 1883; appeared Census 1900, 1910, 1920 Union, Worth Co., MO. John m Hannah ALLEN May 1883 England. Hannah b 16 Feb 1859 Kingcott St. Giles near Great Torrington, Devon, d 8 May 1932 Union City, Worth Co., MO age 73; 5 issue: i. John Harry (1885-1964) ii. Garnet Wolseley b 16 Dec 1890 Sheridan, Worth Co., MO, d 27 Dec 1957 Grant City, MO age 67., iii. Anna "Ruby" Pearl (1894-1938), iv. James Arthur b 24 Jun 1898 Worth Co., MO, d 13 Oct 1979 Bonner Springs, KS age 81, v. Frederic George (1903- 1980) age 77.

#### Seventh Generation (4th Great-Grandchildren)

**12. John Harry BUNKER** aka Henry J. Bunker (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 10 Dec 1885 Worth Co., MO; d 28 Apr 1964 St. Joseph, MO age 78. John m Hattie Mae MOORE 18 Feb 1920. Hattie b 19 Oct 1893, d 5 Feb 1986 MO age 92; 2 issue: i. Harley Nelson b 29 Sep 1922 Grant City, MO, d 11 Nov 1998 Osborn, MO age 76, bur Osborn Cemetery & ii. Helen Delores b 24 Jun 1928 Grant City, MO, d 30 Sep 2009 St. Joseph, MO age 81. Helen m Yeldon Lee DOWNING 30 Apr 1949; Yeldon (1923-2006) d age 83.

**13. Garnet Wolseley BUNKER** (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 16 Dec 1890 Sheridan, MO; d 27 Dec 1957 Grant City, MO age 67. Garnet m(1) Goldie Ella PROCTOR. Goldie d 24 Mar 1955 Grant City, MO; 2 issue: i. Madge Ileana b 31 Dec 1926 Grant City, MO, d 12 Jul 2015 St. Joseph, MO age 88. Madge m Earl Hale HARDY 18 Jul 1945. Earl b 1923, d 2007 age 84. ii. Garnet Wolseley, Jr. b 19 Jan 1935 MO, d 15 Mar 1992 Worth Co., MO age 57; m 24 Feb 1956 unknown person. Garnet m(2) Edna Mae DICKERSON GILLAND 28 Dec 1955 Worth Co., MO. Edna b 17 May 1901 MO, d 21 Apr 1992 Albuquerque, NM age 90.

**15. James Arthur BUNKER** aka Arthur James (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 24 Jun 1898 Worth Co., MO; d 13 Oct 1979 Bonner Springs, KS age 81. James m(1) Esther Marguerite , b 1908, d 1999 age 91. James m(2) Icie Marie JOBE 8 Aug 1922 Worth Co., MO. Icie b 1904, d 1993 age 89; 1 issue: i. Inez Marie b 5 Apr 1924 Grant City, MO, d 6 Apr 2009 Cameron, MO age 85.

**16. Frederic George BUNKER** (John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 1903, d 1980 age 77. Frederic m(1) Hazel GOFF. Hazel b 1903, d 1936 age 33. Frederic m(2) Mildred Irene JONES. Mildred b 1914, d 2003 age 89; 2 issue: i. Edward Lee & ii. Alma m THACKERY.

#### Eighth Generation (5th Great-Grandchildren)

**17. Harley Nelson BUNKER** (John Harry<sup>7</sup>, John<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) b 29 Sep 1922 Grant City, Worth Co., MO; d 11 Nov 1998 Osborn, DeKalb Co., MO age 76, bur Osborn Cemetery. Harley m(1) Margaret DAVIDSON 22 Dec 1944. Margaret b 6 Mar 1926 MO; d 8 Apr 2016 MO age 90; 1 issue: i. Robert Finley b 8 May 1959 OH, d 8 Nov 2013 MO age 54. Harley m(2) Emma Kathryn 29 Oct 1965. Emma b 29 Jul 1934; d 22 Jan 2010 age 75. Harley Nelson served in the military, Pvt, US Army, WWII (added to *mil db*).

Historian NOTE: *Lots and lots of Johns. Since they were from Totnes it is certain they are related to James Bunker. It would be nice to find someone from this family, to take a DNA test.* Bette – 13 Oct 2021

## Science

### BUNKER DNA

I have been using genetic distance charts to try to determine the Y-DNA of some of our ancestors. We have several men whose earliest common ancestor is James Bunker, (D-2) who married Anne Thomas. There are several more whose earliest common ancestor is James Bunker, (D-1) who married Sarah Nute. And then we have some New Zealand men who do not connect to the American Bunkers but are definitely closely related to James (D-2). My analysis so far tells me that I can get within one marker of the Y-DNA of James Bunker of Dover, New Hampshire. With men who do not know their earliest ancestor, I can group them with some of the others and tell who they may be closest to. This helps try to find the missing connecting ancestor.

And then there are the Bedfordshire Bunkers. That is more difficult. So far, all those who closely match or even exactly match is descended from William Bunker and Sarah Green. William was born in 1648. This is after the two George Bunkers came to America and we can trace those Georges as well as William back to Roger Bunker, d. 1515 in Tingrith, Bedfordshire, England. The problem is that I do not have enough Nantucket men to determine the Y-DNA of that George Bunker. And I have only one Charlestown male descendant tested, and he does not match any Bunker.

If more Nantucket male descendants would get tested it would help us a lot to place the Americans that only connect with others at William and Sarah Green. They match many English men who have tested but that does not help to determine whether the men are descended from one of the Georges or were descended from later immigrants to America. If there are any male descendants of George of Nantucket, born with the name Bunker, please consider taking a Y-DNA test from [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com). This is where our Bunker family project is and is the only one with test results that I can compare with ours. If you have any questions, please contact me at [betterichs@gmail.com](mailto:betterichs@gmail.com). Thanks.

## BRITAIN OKs GENE EDITING for CROPS

Britain's government plans to allow researchers to use gene-editing techniques to develop crops that can increase yields, reduce the need for pesticides and cut greenhouse gas emissions as the U.K.'s exit from the European Union allows it to deviate from the bloc's rule.

Gene editing could help scientists to quickly breed crops that are more nutritious or resistant to pests and diseases, the government said in announcing its plan to make it easier for scientist to conduct research in the field.

Scientists draw a distinction between gene editing which involves the manipulation of genes within a single species, and genetic modification, which moves DNA from one species to another.

AP – 3 Sep 2021

## Graveyard News

### NEW HAMPSHIRE OLD GRAVEYARD ASSN.

“While sharing and caring for Dad in his final year of living at home alone, this tear-told story by him explained – and old wicker laundry basket that had presented itself in Mom and Dan's bedroom as far back as I can remember. Something that evening triggered Dad's desire to tell me the deep significance of the many years sitting there dormant.

“That precious old basket had been bought in 1933 by Mom and Dad in preparation for their soon to be born baby girl, Wilma Rosella's first bed when she came home from the hospital after birth. But the happy day was not to come. Little Wilma died at birth October 14, 1933. With the umbilical cord wrapped around her fragile little neck she suffocated before she could be freed of the restriction. Dad wept as he relived the terrible grief he and Mom shared of shock and disappointment of saying goodbye to their precious little girl with “lots and lots” of black wavy hair just like his Daddy's, as he recalled it when sharing with his son.

“When closing the old home after Dad's passing, that ‘Dream Bed’ for little Wilma Rosella came home with Justin and me for my little sister's spirit to cuddle in when she comes home.

The middle name Rosella was a memory of Mom's older sister Rosella Shattuck who tragically drowned in her early teens swimming with a trusted friend of her mothers in the Ashuelot River [tributary of Connecticut River] near the old Pond Family farm where the Shattuck Family was staying on the East Surry Road at the time.

Both Aunt Rosella and baby sister Wilma Rosella Mark rest close to each other in the Crain Cemetery a mile down the road from the old farm where the family was living. They share ground in the Shattuck Family burial lot next to their Pond family descendants.

*“Gone now but not forgotten.”*

Terence C. Mark

Old Graveyard News – Fall 2021

New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association – [www.nhoga.org](http://www.nhoga.org)

### TUCSON'S BUILDER of FINAL FURNITURE

Years ago, when Robert Bunker's daughter pet gerbil passed away, the little rodent was laid to rest in a fine tiny coffin hand crafted by Bunker. That was the smallest coffin Bunker ever built.

The largest to the best of his recollection, was a custom-made, exquisitely decorated model designed to accommodate the 7-foot-long corpse of a former member of the Detroit Pistons basketball team.

Bunker has been a professional casket craftsman for 32 years.

He has designed and built everything from simple wood boxes to elegant polished-steel, satin lined, airtight habitations for the hereafter.

Last year he moved to Tucson from Detroit and opened the Southern Casket Co. at 4345 E. Irvington Rd.

There, he and his eight employees turn out a line of handsome, reasonably priced wooden caskets with interiors handmade of velvet, twill, satin, crepe and linen.

Bunker who worked as “an interior design engineer in what was essentially a casket factory turning out about 32,000 units a year,” came to Tucson “because I wanted to revert back to something smaller.”

He said Southwestern Casket Co., which is operation as a division of Southwestern Scientific Co., is the only casket manufacturing firm in Tucson, will produce about 2,500 caskets a year – all of them made of wood.

“Nationwide, there are probably more steel caskets, but I see a trend towards wood, which is more natural,” says Bunker, a tall gaunt man of 53, “Wood had natural imperfections, which give it it's charm. Steel is expected to be absolutely flawless, smooth and shiny.

“It used to be that people related to steel” he said. “But in the past few years, people have begun relating to woods – oak, walnut, cherry, mahogany and pine.”

In fact, according to Bunker, the traditional pine box, with a few refinements, may be making a comeback.

“The caskets we manufacture here are either cloth-covered wood or varnished wood, and recently pine has become very popular. It makes a beautiful, warm finish. We're even using wood handles. The only metal on these caskets is the hinges and catches, and for those of Jewish Orthodox faith, with no metal at all.”

“My uncle,” he says “was a branch manager in Indianapolis for the National Casket Co., which was the largest casket in the country. He offered me a job and like a damn fool, took him up on it. I was there for 15 years and learned every aspect of the field (Bunker said the word means the same as coffin, but sounds better), selling caskets, delivery. But it was the manufacturing  
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Bunker's Southwestern Casket Co., wholly contained in a small warehouse, seems to be in no immediate risk of expanding a mass-production coffin mill. Along one wall, several employees use hand tools to attach cloth coverings to inexpensive fiberboard caskets. Another employee applies varnish to a sort of deluxe version of a pine box. In an adjoining room, sewing machines are used to fashion crème-colored fabrics into casket linings.

"We start from scratch," Bunker says proudly. I do the design and train the workers. There were no experienced casket people in this city when I arrived."

As a former interior design engineer, Bunker takes special care to make the interior as warm as possible.

*AZ Daily Star* – 12 Jan 1980

-Douglas Kreuz, Weekend staff writer

*Bette* – 24 Dec 2021

ROBERT BUNKER, his BFA ID is unknown.

## In Memory Of

**DAVID ALLEN BUNKER, Jr.**

**1970-2007**

David Allen Bunker, Jr., 37, of Second New Hampshire Turnpike in Unity, NH, died at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon following a motorcycle accident on Sunday in Bristol, NH

He was born in Claremont, NH on March 2, 1970, the son of David A. and Donna C. (Partlow) Bunker and had resided in the Claremont, Newport and Unity area all his life.

He worked as a foreman at the Gould Construction Company in Croydon for the past ten years.

David was a member of the American Legion [entered in the *mil db*] and the Moose Lodge both of Newport. He enjoyed NASCAR, camping, snowmobiling, motorcycling, hunting and fishing and the great outdoors.

The surviving family includes his wife, April Lyn (Childs) Bunker whom he married on June 4, 1988; two sons, David Allen Bunker, III, Aaron Michael Bunker; one daughter, Brittany Marie Bunker; three granddaughters Shaylynn Marie Bunker, Madison Michelle Bunker and Zoey Elizabeth Bunker; one godson, Jayden Christopher Conroy all of Unity; his father David and step-mother Janet Bunker of Charlestown; his mother, Donna Carter of Newport; five sisters, Tammy Rizza of Croydon, Hollie Ouellette of Claremont, Tonia Flanders, Tracy Conroy and Crystal Carter all of Newport; two step-brothers, Hugh Bastian of Sunset, LA and Charles Bastian of Charlestown; his maternal grandmother, Jennie Partlow of Charlestown and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his grandparents, Fred and Alice Bunker and Roland Partlow and a cousin, Tracy LaPine.

A Memorial Service [was] held Saturday morning, June 16th at Eleven O'clock in the Stringer Funeral Home, 146 Broad Street in Claremont.

Friends may call at the Funeral Home on Saturday morning from 9 to 11 AM prior to the services. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory and mailed to Lake Sunapee Bank, 9 Main Street, Newport, 03773 with checks payable to Susanne Kangas.

Historian NOTE: RN 16347 DAVID ALLEN<sup>14</sup> [cremated] son of David Alan<sup>13</sup> (D-1625-I; 1982 BunGen p.367).

*Bette* – 25 Oct 2021

**DEEANNA WOODRUFF BUNKER**

**1938-2021**

Deanna Dee Bunker, 83 of Indian River went home to be with our Lord, her husband Gail and their children, Sherry, Shelly, Shanley and Shirley on November 1st, 2021. Deanna was a devoted wife, mother and friend, loved by all. She was the hard-working matriarch of her large family, yet always found time to help anyone in need. She is loved beyond measure and will be forever missed.

Deanna is survived by her children, Sherman (Jo) Bunker, Shawn (Amy) Bunker, Sharon (Don) Rybinski, sisters Judy (Don) Feutz, Janet Rewald, brother Sam (Kathy) Lowery, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, great, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones, too numerous to mention.

Services for Deanna will be 11:00am, Visitation 10 – 11, Thursday November 4th at Indian River United Methodist Church, 956 Eagles Nest Rd, Indian River, MI 49749.

The family is served by Stone Funeral Home & Cremation Services To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Deanna, please visit our floral store.

Historian NOTE: RN 16199 DEEANNA DEE WOODRUFF, Devon database; born February 10, 1938 - died November 1, 2021 (age 83).

*Bette* – 4 Nov 2021

**HARRIS FRANKLIN BUNKER**

**1997 - 2021**

GROSSE POINTE WOODS - Harris F. Bunker, age 24, passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2021, after complications from an extended illness at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He had battled a rare blood disorder, aplastic anemia, and had received a stem cell transplant earlier in the year.

Harris was the loving son of Frank and Melissa Bunker of Grosse Pointe Woods. He was the dear brother of Amalia Bunker and Amanda Carroll. He also was the beloved grandson of Gladys Chipoco. He also is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nephews, a niece, cousins, and friends he cherished as family.

Mr. Bunker was in the second year of his economics PhD program at the University of California - San Diego, where he was interested in public finance and applying information science to the study of economics. Versant in several computer languages, he had selected UCSD to study with experts in the fields of public finance and econometrics.

"Economics was a field of study filled with competing expert opinions, but data made economics into a science," Mr. Bunker said. He wanted to advance the understanding of how best to best apply a nation's resources to achieve policy goals.

Mr. Bunker was a proud product of the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, starting with Mason Elementary and then Parcels Middle School. He graduated from GP North High School in 2015.

Mr. Bunker was a recipient of the Michigan State University Alumni Distinguished Scholar Award, a full, four-year, competitive scholarship for undergraduates. At MSU, he was a Social Science Scholar and an Economics Scholar. A proud Spartan, he closely followed football, basketball, and

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other Big 10 sports, but most of all, appreciated the camaraderie of students, faculty, and graduates.

Mr. Bunker graduated with two degrees from MSU in spring 2019, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. As part of his work as an Economics Scholar, he enrolled in graduate-level classes while at MSU. He also studied as an undergraduate at the University of Zürich in Switzerland and had served as a summer research intern at Columbia University in New York City, where his work contributed to a published study, "The Effects of Head Start on Children and Parents' Health Outcomes."

Among his passions was Quiz Bowl, an academic competition for high school and college students. He served as captain of the team at GP North and at MSU. He continued to participate in competitions and to mentor students at UC San Diego. Mr. Bunker also was a valued member of the international Quiz Bowl community, writing and editing tournament question packets, moderating competitions, and recruiting new players. He competed in tournaments across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Even during his 10-month struggle with aplastic anemia, Mr. Bunker thought of other people. He wanted everyone to become aware of rare blood illnesses and what they can do to help. He encouraged his peers and all young adults ages 18-35 to join BeTheMatch Registry, which matches donors and recipients for bone marrow and stem cell transplantation. The registration procedure consists of a simple cheek swab. He also asked members of the community to donate whole blood, platelets, and plasma to the American Red Cross.

Harris and the entire Bunker family are grateful to the tremendous care he received at Henry Ford Hospital.

Visitation: Thursday, Oct. 28 at Chas. Verheyden, Inc., 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Mr. Bunker will lie in [repose] October 29 from 12:30 p.m. until the time of his Funeral Mass, 1 p.m. at Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church, 438 St. Antoine Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

Interment [was] Monday, November 1 at Mt. Elliott Cemetery in Detroit, a ceremony for immediate family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to [bethematch.org](http://bethematch.org) or American Red Cross, [redcross.org/donate](http://redcross.org/donate).

Those who knew Harris are invited to share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

*Detroit Free Press* – 22 Oct 2021

Historian NOTE: RN 16391 HARRIS FRANKLIN<sup>12</sup>, b 28 Mar 1997 Grosse Pointe, MI, d 19 Oct 2021 Detroit, MI; son of Frank Joseph<sup>11</sup> U-151-I; RN 20456 (1965 BunGen p.173)

*Bette* – 29 Dec 2021

### **KATHY ANN BUNKER**

**1953-2021**

Kathy Ann (Klein) Bunker, 67, of Cato, passed away August 17, 2021. Born [September 30, 1953] and raised in Syracuse [NY] and the Valley, she was the daughter of the late Robert Klein and Helen Lanieu. Kathy graduated from St. James Catholic School, was in the last graduating class of Cathedral Academy in Syracuse and also graduated from Powelson Business Institute. Kathy worked at Syracuse Fire Dept., the Red Cross, the Town of Lysander, and the Wayuga Newspapers.

Kathy met her husband of 49 years, Stephan Bunker on a

blind date on New Year's Eve in 1971. Kathy and Stephan were married on July 15, 1972. Surviving is her husband, Stephan Bunker; her children, Matthew Bunker, Scott (Denise) Bunker, Laura (Benjamin) Bittel; [seven] grandchildren; a brother, Robert Klein; [three] sisters, Linda VanWormer, Karen (Jerry) Walker and Jacqui Lanieu-Paikin.

A Mass of Christian Burial [was] celebrated 10:30 am Tuesday, August 24, at Our Lady of Hope Church. Friends [called] Monday, from 4 to 7pm, at Butler-Badman Funeral Home, 4504 W. Seneca Tpk., Syracuse.

*Syracuse Post Standard* – 20 Aug 2021.

Historian NOTE: *There is a Stephen D. Bunker b. 1949 that lives in Cato, NY with Kathy, Laura, Lisa and Scott that is probably him, but he is too young for the database or any records showing his parents. Last census we can search is 1940, so he was not yet born.*

*Bette* – 18 Oct 2021

### **MITCHELL NEIL BUNKER**

**1962 – 2021**

Mitchell Neil Bunker, 78, of Wolverine, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021, at home, surrounded by his family. Born in Cheboygan on December 31, 1942, to Clarence and Lena (Teatro) Bunker.

On October 27, 1962, he was married to Linda K. Glover. They raised their family in Wolverine where they owned and operated Bunker Concrete business together.

In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, campfires and spending time at the family get away at Lake Manuka. His greatest pride was joy was spending time with his family.

Mitchell is survived by his sons, Brian (Vicky) Bunker and Randy Bunker, both of Wolverine; his daughters, Brenda (Gary) Bunker of Avon Park, FL and Dixie (Bill) Bunker of Wolverine; grandchildren, Joseph (Vicki) Bunker, Sara Bunker, Steven Bunker, Brittany Patton, Myia Bunker, Sadie (Jonathan) Hutchison, Sky Bunker, Grace Bunker, Deanna Alfsen, Ryan Alfsen, Tiffany Ormsbee, Tessa Colpean and Brianna (Shawn) Carter; great-grandchildren, Tannis, Whyett, Liam, Zayden, Ruby, Freya, Leo, Isaac, Alice, Vincent, Aston, Bentley, Destiny, Melody, Landon, Phoenix, Sienna, Emerson and Dawson; his sister, Nettie Marsh; and his brother, Roger.

He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence Bunker and Lena Tilk; his wife, Linda Kay Bunker who passed away 8 weeks ago; his stepfather, Harry Tilk who was a big part of his life after his father passed away; his siblings, Duane, Clarence, Jim, Keith, Gary, David, Gail, Joyce and Betty.

Funeral services [were] held at 12:00 PM Saturday, October 23, 2021, at Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service where visitation will begin at 10:00 AM. The burial will follow at Silver Lake Cemetery, Wolverine. Those who wish are asked to consider memorial contributions to the family.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at [www.gaylordfuneralhome.com](http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.com)

Historian NOTE: RN 16304 *Devon database* – grandson of *Levi Arlington Bunker*.

*Bette* – 20 Oct 2021

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