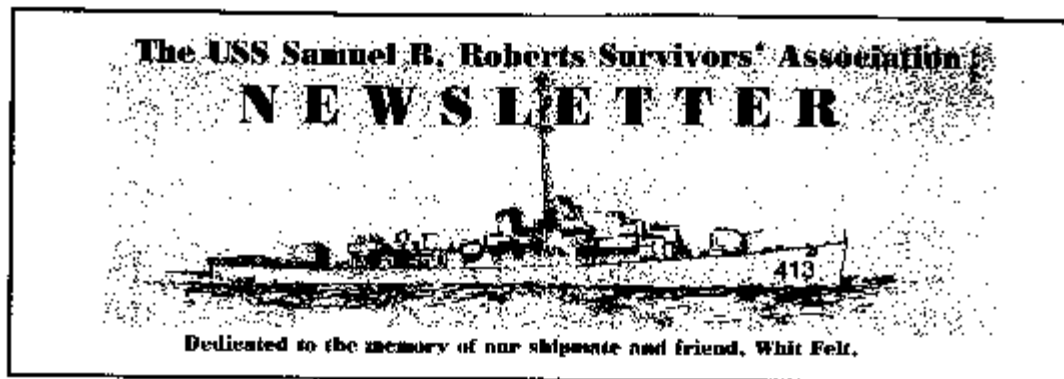


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Death Claims Shipmate Whit Felt

On Wednesday, October 7, 1998 our shipmate, Whit Felt died peacefully following a short battle with cancer. He was with his family in his last moments.

Whit was not only one of the founders of our Association, but was instrumental in finding missing members of our crew, bringing them into the group and holding us all together through the NEWSLETTER. He most generously supported our activities and was always available to all of us to discuss whatever cares and concerns we might have in seeing that the SAMUEL B. ROBERTS SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION maintained a true course.

Whit was very active in the affairs of his home town, Salt Lake City. His interests included the Salt Lake Lions Club which he served as President and the Utah Museum of Natural History which he served as Board Member and as President.

He was deeply involved in the affairs of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints which he served in many capacities. A true sports lover, Whit followed the basketball and football teams of the University of Utah, his alma mater. He and Leah spent a good portion of their time cheering on the efforts of those Utes. I recall his telling me of the time that he accompanied the basketball team, on the team plane, to one of the tournaments. Whit was

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Leah Felt Writes

October 20, 1988

Dear beloved shipmates of Whit,

I have no words to express adequately my love and gratitude to you.

Whit and I have been blessed with your deep and lasting friendships. Each reunion has increased our mutual bonds. Our association with you has made our lives rich and full and happy.

May God bless each one of you for the happiness you've brought into our lives.

The red, white and blue wreath sent by the Samuel B. Roberts Association was the most beautiful floral arrangement we received. All the others have finally withered but it has remained fresh.

Thank you for it and for happy, happy days and precious memories.

I Love you very much,

Leah Felt



Editor's Note: Bud Cornel, Adolph Herrera and Jack Yusem were in Salt Lake City for Whit's funeral. They have all reported that it was a most impressive ceremony and that it was obvious from the great number of persons who turned out, that he was held in high esteem by those in his home town. Certainly not a surprise to any of us!

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a boardmember of the the Crimson Club and was president-elect of the University of Utah Emeritus Alumni Association when he was diagnosed with cancer.

The true love of his life was his wife Leah and their family. They were blessed with five children and sixteen grandchildren and had wonderful times with them traveling or boating on Lake Powell or at their cabin in Brighton or most importantly, just being together.

In my lifetime I have been privileged to meet many persons in many walks of life. Only a few are deserving of being called gentlemen. Whit Felt was one of those; a true gentle man.

We miss you Whit.



From Sick Bay

RUTH YUSEN continues her battle with cancer. She is undergoing chemotherapy but the prognosis is very promising. Prayers and cards are very much in order.

LEITHA WELLS is also having her problems with cancer and is undergoing some experimental. She sounds upset over drivers taken away. However are easier now.



undergoing some chemo-therapy. fine but is a bit the fact that her license has been Local citizens breathing a bit. Do send her a card.

DICK ROHDE. I've had my second and final lumpectomy and at this writing am about halfway through my series of 38 radiation treatments. Side effects are minimal and no complaints from me. Still playing golf but sometimes have a mad dash home when nature calls. Also, I don't joke about hot flashes anymore.

IT LOOKS LIKE SAN DIEGO IN OCTOBER.

According to President Jack Yusen, San Diego California is the spot that most people chose as their favorite for next year's reunion. Before any plans are made, however, it is important to find out just how many of you would be present. The thought is that the 1st week in October, from Saturday, the 2nd to Wednesday the 6th would be the time.

Before any plans can be made, we must be sure that we will have a good attendance. On page 8 of this NEWSLETTER you will find a form which we ask that you complete and return to Dick Rohde. On the basis of the returns Jack can start making plans.

Changes of Address and New Members

Please note the following address change for Bob and Billie LeClercq:

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I am happy to welcome new Associate Members of our Association - James and Lisa Young. Jay is the son of Don Young. Some of you met Jay in San Diego at the time the Taffy III memorial was dedicated. Their address is as follows:

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