# Howard Allen Field (1911-1988) Porter & Elkhart Counties, Indiana, Fresno & Tulare Counties, California

Name:	Howard* Allen F	ield		Sex:	M
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Birth Date:	27 September 1911	Place:	Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana	200	STA
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Death Date:	2 December 1988	Place:	Fresno, Fresno County, California	261	
<b>Burial Date:</b>	8 December 1988				
Place:	Kingsburg Cemetery,	Kingsburg, Fi	resno County, California		
Cause of Death:					
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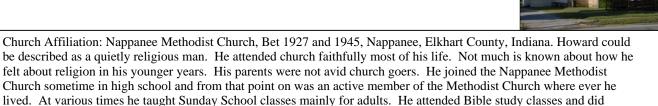
- He was baptized Nappanee Methodist Church in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
- Nickname: Hod, Hodge. Lucie and Gene attended Miriam Field's 56th class reunion at Ron's Bakery in Nappanee, Indiana, in 1997. We were standing in line to get our food and a man walked up to me and said, "Hod Field!"
- He resided at 901 Oak St. in Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana in 1911.



- He had a residence before 1927 in Cooks Corners, 4509 Campbell Rd., Valparaiso, Porter County, Indiana.
- He resided at 805 Market Street in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana from 1927 to 1966.

much volunteer work for the churches of which he was a member.





He was most active in St. Paul's Methodist Church in Fresno, California. At the peak of his church work the minister of the church was Rev. Thomas P. Krumpe. Howard had great admiration for Tom as a person and as a pastor. Tom's wife was Geraldine and she was the perfect pastor's wife. Howard and Miriam were close personal friends of Tom and Geraldine even long after they move on from the Fresno Church.

Howard was on various boards and committees of the church. He was a lay minister and would give the sermons when the pastor was away. He organized many functions for the church. One comical incident happened as the result of a dinner he helped organize. There was much preparation leading up to the dinner and of course the work of the actual dinner. As the cleanup committee was finishing up it was very late at night and he made the decision to leave the silverware soaking in water with Clorox in it over night and he would return the next day to wash the utensil. When he returned the next morning the Clorox had dissolved the plating off the silverware and it was totally ruined. He was pretty distressed over this.

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He insisted that his sons and wife attend Sunday School and Sunday Services on a regular basis. For the most part they complied. There is no record of the point when John and Pody stopped attending church but Eugene attended faithfully well into his college years. By that time there was a new pastor, Rev. Tom Lundy. He was not as dynamic nor as charismatic as Rev. Krumpe but Howard was loyal to the church and so to Rev. Lundy as well. Eugene's last day attending Sunday Services at St. Paul's Methodist Church, or any church after that, was when, during a typical sermon contrasting good and evil Rev. Lundy made the amazingly unsubstantiated claim that, "...the reason the dinosaurs became extinct was because they were evil!" Eugene stood up and walked out of the church completely disgusted at such ignorance and has rarely attended a church service since. This reaction by Eugene mortified his mother Miriam.

Howard continued to be a faithful Methodist even after Miriam, who was an amazingly talented musician, was informed by the wife of the pastor of the Kingsburg Methodist Church that she was not qualified to play the new \$40,000 organ installed in the church. Howard would attend alone on Sunday mornings and continued this activity until late in his life. If there is a Heaven he is no doubt there.

• He worked as a printer at the Nappanee Advance-News from about 1927 to 1945 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. Howard began working as a printer some time while in high school. His parents owned the Nappanee Advance-News. Several of his siblings worked there as well. His parents had bought the newspaper in 1927. The eventual plan was that when Harvey and Marie retired Howard and his brothers would take over the business. One by one the children moved into different jobs. Les moved to Marion to open a shoe shop. Myrtle married and began raising her family. Glen moved out of Nappanee and into different jobs.



By 1945 Howard was married and had two children and his wife Miriam was pregnant with their third child. This is how Howard told the story. In the summer of 1945 he was earning \$25 per week. He had a growing family and was making house payments. The money just did not stretch far enough. He asked his father for a raise to \$60 a week. According to Howard his father's answer was, "No man is worth \$60 a week." That was devastating to Howard who returned home to tell Miriam that he had decided to quit working for his father and move as far away as he could get. He found a job opening at the Turlock Daily Journal being advertised in the journal of the Typographical union. He contacted the paper and was offered the job.

The house was sold and an auction was held to sell much of the family possessions. The family celebrated John's first birthday in the home of Floyd and Hazel Grasz and the next day drove out of town in the Lincoln Zephyr and headed for Turlock, California.

Howard began work at the Turlock Daily Journal and for some reason did not like the job. He was ready to quit after three days and move on when a man named Bus Schaller offered him a job as a printer at a small job shop at the west end of Turlock. Howard worked there for three years and then began working for the Modesto Bee. After coming back to Turlock from a trip to Indiana, the first one back since leaving, he found himself on the sub list and not as a full time employee. The boss told him that if he went to Fresno Bee he would have a much greater chance of working full time. So in the fall of 1950 Howard began working at the Fresno Bee. He worked there for a few weeks while the family prepared to move from Turlock to Fresno. In October of 1945 the family moved to Fresno and Howard worked at the Fresno Bee until 1976 when he retired.

His job at both the Modesto Bee and Fresno Bee was in the composing room. Basically he set the type for advertisements. In the beginning of his career type was set by typing on a linotype machine and hot melted lead was molded into lines of type. These would then be set into forms to make up the pages of the paper. Before the end of his career things changed to the point that the pages of the paper were being created on computers. The key board of the linotype machine had a different arrangement than a standard keyboard so Howard took a night school class in typing to learn to type on a standard typewriter keyboard. Much changed in the world of newspaper production during his career and he kept up with the changes.

Howard was never a person to complain. He just did his work and kept quiet. However, he did make a statement one time that pretty much revealed how he felt about his job. In affect he said, "A man is not supposed to like his job. It is just a means to make money to support his family."

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• He graduated from Nappanee High School in 1929 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.



• He resided at 155 Metzler St. in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana between 1938 and 1945.



 He worked as a Shock Trooper at Vitreous Steel in 1945 in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. Howard worked at odd hours doing any job at Vitreous Steel to suppliment his income. He worked there until 1945, when he moved to California.



- He immigrated from Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana, on 1 September 1945 to Turlock, Stanislaus County, California.
- He resided at 410 Thor St. in Turlock, Stanislaus County, California between 1945 and 1950.
- He moved from Turlock, Stanislaus County, California, in October 1950 to Fresno, Fresno County, California.
- Church Affiliation: St. Paul's Methodist Church, Bet 1950 and 1972, Fresno, Fresno County, California. While a member of this church he was a lay minister.



- He worked as an a printer for Harold G. "Bus" Schaller's Print Shop between 1945 and 1948 in Turlock, Stanislaus County, California. When Howard first moved to Turlock, California, he worked at the Turlock Daily Journal. He had that job lined up before he ever moved from Nappanee, Indiana. He started working at the Turlock Journal and did not like it and quit after just three days. A man working there as a machinest asked him to work as a printer at his shop near the presnet intersection of Main Street and Lander road. The man was Harold G. "Bus" Schaller. Howard worked there for three years before going to the Modesto Bee. While working for Bus Schaller he was asked to work three days in Patterson at the Patterson Irrigator. Many years later his daughter-in-law, Anne Healy Field worked there as the office manager.
- He moved from Fresno, Fresno County, California in 1973 to Kingsburg, Fresno County, California. In the fall of 1973, they lived in an apartment in Selma while they built the house in Kingsburg.
- He worked in the composing room at the Modesto Bee as an advertisement layout man from 1948 to 1950 in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California.
- He worked in the composing room at the Fresno Bee as an advertisement layout man from 1950 to 1976 in Fresno, Fresno County, California.
- He resided at 3943 Maywood Dr. South in Fresno, Fresno County, California between 1950 and 1972.



• Miscellaneous: Member of the Kingsburg River Golf and County Club, 1972-1988, Kingsburg Cemetery, Kingsburg, Fresno County, California. Howard's most avid hobby was golfing. He began gofing as a teenager and played until a few

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weeks before his death. He built his dream home on a golf course in KIngsburg, Tulare County, California, where he and Miriam retired.

- He resided at 40193 Rd. 32 in Kings County, California between 1972 and 1989. The actual residence was in Tulare County, just east of the county line which was the Kings River.
- Church Affiliation: Kingsburg Methodist Church, Bet 1973 and 1988, Kingsburg, Fresno County, California.
- He retired from the Fresno Bee in 1976 in Fresno, Fresno County, California.
- He worked as an antique dealer between 1976 and 1988 in Fresno, Kingsburg and Modesto, California. The business was called Miriam's Antiques. They also sold antiques at various antique shows.
- Death Cause: Died from colon cancer at the Nancy Hinds Hospice Home, 2 December 1988, Fresno, Fresno County, California.
- Tombstone Inscription: Our Beloved Husband/Dad And Grandpa/Howard A. Field/Sept. 27 1911-Dec. 2, 1988/Precious Memories, 8 December 1988, Kingsburg Cemetery, Kingsburg, Fresno County, California.



He enjoyed golf, photography, genealogy, antiques, playing cards, camping and hiking and sports of all kinds. Howard had many hobbies and activities that gave enjoyment to his life. Golf was his life long passion. He started playing golf as a young man while living in Nappanee. His father played and so did his brothers. He took the sport seriously and was a better than average amateur player all is adult life. Throughout his life he played as often as he could. He played in many tournaments and won several trophies. He was proud of his golf skills. Before leaving Indiana he and his friend Bob Wasson were seriously looking into the possibilities of opening up a miniature golf course. At that time (mid 1940s) that was a very popular form of recreation. He and Bob had land picked out and they even bought the clubs for the pending business. Then he moved to California and I can remember having miniature golf clubs every where for the rest of his life. He loved golf so much that in the late 1960s he bought a lot on the Kings River Golf course. In the early 1970s he and Miriam built a home on the course and that is where he lived in his retirement. He loved living there and played golf as many days of retirement as he could. One thing he loved to do was tee off from his front yard at times when there were no other players on the course. He loved playing with two of his sons, John and Pody. When his grandson Victor, was old enough he would take him out on the course and taught him to play golf as well. Howard played even when he was dying of cancer and played right up till nearly the very end of his life.

Howard did have other hobbies he liked. He always liked photography. This was a hobby that grew out of his work in the newspaper business. His photography hobby really took off with the introduction of the Argus C3 35mm slide camera. His father bought one and showed it to him on a visit to California from Indiana. Howard bought one and took photos for years with it.

He also liked to refinish furniture, especially antique pieces. He had many projects over the years. This led eventually into a business he and Miriam had later in their lives. Sometime before he retired he and Miriam started selling antique collectibles and small pieces of furniture. They would take trips to Indiana to visit family and while there buy items they knew would sell for more money in California. Today his son Eugene owns several pieces of furniture that he refinished. One is a Hoosier Kitchen cabinet that was built at the Coppes, Zook and Mutchler of Nappanee, Indiana. As Howard was refinishing the Hoosier he realized that there was a signature on the back. It turned out to be that if Claud Minor who was the uncle of his sister's husband.

When Howard was young and his sons were of the right age he liked to take them camping and hiking. He was the Cub and Boy Scout Master of troops in Turlock and Fresno. It was when he was Boy Scout Master of the St. Paul's Methodist Boy Scout Troop that he did most of his camping and hiking. He would take the scouts on camping and hiking trips and also his family.

Howard was also an avid sports fan. When he was young he played baseball and basketball. He told me he did not grow early in high school so he was small for sports but by the time he was a senior he was playing sports. He loved to watch sports on TV from boxing to football. He liked to attend the local Fresno baseball farm team summer games. He never missed a game his sons played. His sons John and Pody were excellent basketball players and he loved nothing

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more than watching them play. He and Miriam also faithfully attended the Bing Crosby ProAm golf tournaments played on the Monterey, California, area golf courses.

• His obituary was published in the Elkhart Truth on 6 December 1988 in Elkhart, Elkhart County, Indiana.

#### Howard A. Field

KINGSBURG, Calif.-

Services for Howard Field, 77, of 46932 Road 32, will be at 2 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Creighton Memorial Chapel, Kingsburg, Calif. burial will be in the Kingsburg Cemetery.

Mr. Field died at 10:32 a. m. Friday (Dec. 2, 1988) at the Nancy Hinds Hospice Home, Fresno Calif. Surviving is his wife, Miriam (Grafz), Kingsburg; two sons, Eugene, Patterson, Calif., and Dennis, Kingsburg: four gradchildren: a brother Leslie, Big Pine Key, Fla.; three sisters, Myrtle Williams, Chesterton, Mary Clouse, Nappanee, and Rae Wenger, Edwardsburg. A son, John, died in 1979.

Mr. Field was a 1929 graduate of Nappanee High School. He was a member of the Kingsburg United Methodist Church and retired in the late 1970s as a printer at the Fresno Bee News newspaper, where he was employed for 25 years. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Kingsburg River Golf and Country Club. Memorials may be given to the Hancy Hinds Hospice Home, Fresno Calif.

His obituary was published in the Patterson Irrigator on 8 December 1988 in Patterson, Stanislaus County, California.

#### Funeral today for father of Eugene Field

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) for Howard A. Field, 77, father of Eugene Field of Patterson. He died last Friday in Kingsburg.

A native of Nappanee, Ind. He retired after working in the composing rooms of both the Modesto and Fresno Bees. He lived in Turlock for five years before moving to Fresno and then Kingsburg 17 years ago.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Kingsburg Golf and Country Club.

The funeral will be held at the Creighton Memorial Chapel in Kingsburg, with burial in the Kingsburg Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Miriam Field of Kingsburg: sons Eugene Field of Patterson and Dennis Field of Kingsburg: one brother, three sisters and four grandchildren.

The Family requests that remembrances be sent to the Nancy Hinds Hospice Home of Fresno, 1416 Train Ave. Fresno.

His obituary was published in the Nappanee Advance-News in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.

Howard A. Field Dec. 2, 1988

Howard A. Field, 46093 Rd. 32, Kingsburg, California, died Friday, December 2, in the Nancy Hinds Hospice in Fresno.

He was a son of Harvey and Marie Field, former owners of the Nappanee Advance-News, and a 1929 graduate of Nappanee High School. He retired from the Fresno Bee News in the late 70s, having worked there for over 25 years.

Mr. Field was a member of the United Methodist Church in Kingsbury [sic]. He was an avid golfer, and a member of the Kings River Golf & Country Club.

Surviving are Mrs. Field, the former Miriam Grasz; two sons: Eugene, Patterson, California, and Dennis, Kingsburg; 4 grandchildren: Lucy, Victor, Clover and Suzanne; a brother, Leslie, Florida, and three sisters: Myrtle Williams, Chesterton; Mary Clouse, Nappanee, and Rae Ellen Wenger, Edwardsburg, Michigan. He was preceded in death by a son, John, in 1979.

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Services will take place at the Creighton Funeral Home, Kingsburg, December 8.							
Father:	Harvey* Oliver Field (188	9-1966)					
Mother:	Marie* Jeanette Eddy (1891-1966)						
Spouse:	*Miriam* Elaine Grasz (28 May 1918 - 25 September 2009)						
Marr. Date:	6 May 1938 Place: Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana		Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana				
Children: 1							
<b>2</b> John Wayne Field (1944-1979)							
3 Dennis "Pody" Robert Field (1946-							
General:							

Howard told Eugene that he remembers his grandmother, Lavica Field, taking him and his brother Les by the hand and leading them to see the body of their grandfather, George, in his house in Valparaiso, Indiana, at 1001 Oak Street.



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1911	- 1935	1959	<ul><li>1983</li><li>2009</li></ul>	Name:	Howard* Allen Field	
				Parents:		Harvey* Oliver Field (1889-1966) and Marie* Jeanette Eddy (1891- 1966)
				Life Range	27 September 1911- 2 December 1988	1700)
•				1911	Residence:	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso. 901 Oak St.
				1911 September 27	Birth:	Indiana, Porter County, Valparaiso.
				1918 May 28	Spouse:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Miriam* Elaine Grasz (1918-2009). Born in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana. Died on 25 September 2009 in Selma,
	•			Bef 1927	Residence:	Fresno County, California.  Indiana, Porter County,  Valparaiso, 4509 Campbell  Rd., Cooks Corners.
				Bet 1927 and 1945	Church Affiliation:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Nappanee Methodist Church.
				Abt 1927-1945	Occupation:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. printer at the Nappanee Advance-News.
				1927-1966	Residence:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. 805 Market Street.
	•			1929	Graduation:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Nappanee High School.
				Bet 1938 and 1945	Residence:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. 155 Metzler St.
				1938 May 6	Marriage:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Miriam* Elaine Grasz (1918-2009). In Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
				1941 January 20	Son born (#1):	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Eugene* Allen Field (1941- ). Born in Nappanee, Elkhart County, Indiana.
	•			1944 August 31	Son born (#2):	Indiana, Elkhart County, Goshen. John Wayne Field (1944-1979). Born in Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana. Died on 10 November 1979 in Fresno, Fresno County, California.
				Bet 1945 and 1950	Residence:	California, Stanislaus County, Turlock. 410 Thor St.
				Bet 1945 and 1948	Occupation:	California, Stanislaus County, Turlock. a printer for Harold G. "Bus" Schaller's



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1911	1935	1959	1083	2009	Name:	Howard* Allen Field	
	•	•			1945	Occupation:	Print Shop.  Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Shock Trooper at
		•			1945 September 1	Immigration:	Vitreous Steel.  California, Stanislaus  County, Turlock. from  Nappanee, Elkhart County,  Indiana,.
	]				1946 January 28	Son born (#3):	California, Stanislaus County, Turlock. Dennis Robert Field (1946- ). Born in Turlock, Stanislaus County, California.
		1			1948-1950	Occupation:	California, Stanislaus County, Modesto. composing room at the Modesto Bee as an advertisement layout man.
					Bet 1950 and 1972	Residence:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. 3943 Maywood Dr. South.
					Bet 1950 and 1972	Church Affiliation:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. St. Paul's Methodist Church.
					1950-1976	Occupation:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. composing room at the Fresno Bee as an advertisement layout man.
					1950 October	Immigration:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. from Turlock, Stanislaus County, California,.
					1966 February 8	Death of Father:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Elkhart. Harvey* Oliver Field (1889-1966).
			•		1966 February 15	Death of Mother:	Indiana, Grant County, Marion. Marie* Jeanette Eddy (1891-1966).
					Bet 1972 and 1989	Residence:	California, Kings County. 40193 Rd. 32.
					1972-1988	Miscellaneous:	California, Fresno County, Kingsburg, Kingsburg Cemetery. Member of the Kingsburg River Golf and County Club.
					Bet 1973 and 1988	Church Affiliation:	California, Fresno County, Kingsburg. Kingsburg Methodist Church.
			•		1973	Immigration:	California, Fresno County, Kingsburg. Fresno, Fresno County, California.
					Bet 1976 and 1988	Occupation:	California, Kingsburg and Modesto, Fresno. antique dealer.
			•		1976	Retirement:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. from the Fresno Bee.

**Chronology Report** 

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1911	1935	1959	1983	2009	Name:	Howard* Allen Field	
			•		1979 November 10	Death of Child (#2):	California, Fresno County, Fresno. John Wayne Field (1944-1979).
					1988 December 2	Death:	California, Fresno County, Fresno.
					1988 December 2	Death Cause:	California, Fresno County, Fresno. Died from colon cancer at the Nancy Hinds Hospice
					1988 December 6	Obituary:	Home. Indiana, Elkhart County, Elkhart. the Elkhart Truth.
					1988 December 8	Tombstone Inscription:	California, Fresno County, Kingsburg, Kingsburg Cemetery. Our Beloved Husband/Dad And Grandpa/Howard A. Field/Sept. 27 1911-Dec. 2,
					1988 December 8	Obituary:	1988/Precious Memories.  California, Stanislaus  County, Patterson. the  Patterson Irrigator.
					1988 December 8	Burial:	California, Fresno County, Kingsburg, Kingsburg Cemetery. Address: Kingsburg Cemetery, 12782 East Clarkson Avenue, Kingsburg, California 93631
						Baptism:	Indiana, Elkhart County, Nappanee. Nappanee Methodist
						Nickname:	Church.  Hodge
						Hobbies:	Hodge golf, photography, genealogy, antiques, playing cards, camping and hiking and sports
						Obituary:	of all kinds.  Indiana, Elkhart County,  Nappanee. Nappanee Advance- News.
						Best Man:	Robert McAndrew.
						Church:	Nappanee  Methodist Church.
						Food service:	Misses Myrtle Mae Field and Mary
						Maid of Honor:	Field Esther
						Music:	Pippen Cora Stuckman.
						e hand and leading them to see the b	grandmother, Lavica Field, taking him body of their grandfather, George, in his