

Henry Ellis Paul 1920-2005

Desert Sun Feb 24, 2005 Henry Ellis Paul, born May 31, 1920; died Feb 9, 2005

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He is survived by two brothers, Leland, of Fort Myers, Florida, and Jack of Cottonwood, Arizona; daughters Cathleen Brant of Palm Springs, Laurie and husband John Horchner of Chino Valley, Arizona, and Priscilla Lacek of Banning; grandchildren Anthony, Matthew, Adrian, Paul, and Suzi Lacek, five great grandchildren, and seventeen nieces and nephews.

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