Obituaries

COINMAN: Nancy Ruth Coinman died Monday, July 6, 2015, at her home in Mimbres. Nancy Ruth (Braun, Arvidson) Coinman was born on Dec. 12, 1944, in St. Paul, Minn., to Ruth Ann (Braun) Arvidson and Murray David Braun. She is survived by her siblings, William Arvidson (Patricia), Gloria Felts (Rick), Edward Arvidson (Denise), Cynthia Marquez and Elizabeth Direen (Alan). She was preceded in death by mother, Ruth, in 1989; father, Murray, in 1944; adoptive father, Raymond Arvidson, in 2012; and brother, Frederick Arvidson, in 1999. She moved to Albuquerque in 1950, where she attended St. Mary’s, Holy Ghost, Wilson Junior High and Highland High. She graduated from HHS in 1962 and from New Mexico State University in 1966. In 1967, she married Mike Coinman. He was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and became a pilot, but died in an aviation accident in 1969. She stayed in California where she taught school and traveled often to Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. Her traveling fueled a fascination with cultural anthropology that led her to obtain master’s and doctorate degrees in anthropology from Arizona State University. She taught at Tulsa University and then in 1993 was hired by Iowa State University where she taught anthropology and archaeology and led field archaeology research in Jordan during several summers. She retired in 2009 and moved to Mimbres, where she became active in the local archaeology scene and in community service. After a three-year struggle with cancer, with compassionate care from the New Mexico Cancer Center in Silver City, and assistance from neighbors and siblings, she was able to stay in her beloved home in Mimbres. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mimbres Health Action League or the Grant County Archaeology Society. Cremation has taken place at Terrazas Crematory. Arrangements are with Terrazas Funeral Chapels and Crematory. “Trusted care for the ones you love.” Phone 537-0777. To send condolences, visit www.terrazasfuneralchapel.com.