

Who's Who in the Smith Murder Case

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The victims

Charlene Smith 33 years old and an interior decorator and gold jewelry vendor.

Lyman Robert Smith 43 years old and a prominent Santa Paula attorney.

Randy Adams Lieutenant in the Ventura Police Department who was contacted by the Rev. Don Mikel about the Alsip admissions.

Gary Adkinson Supervising detective for the Ventura Police Department, who responded the day of the Smith murders.

Joe Alsip Lyman Smith's former business partner, charged with the Smiths' murders.

Rick Atwood Former deputy sheriff with whom Charlene had a long-time love affair.

Hal Barker Police officer who was Lyman's best friend.

Will Bartfield English auditor who exposed Maverick's creative accounting practices to its prime investor.

Judge Bruce Clark Presided over Alsip hearing.

Paul Clinton Former public defender who represented Joe Alsip before he was charged with the murders of Charlene and Lyman.

Coco Corral Lyman Smith's client and a flamboyant Fillmore Ford dealer.

Carol Daly Sacramento detective who investigated the East Area Rapist cases.

Woody Deem Tough-minded former Ventura County district attorney who hired Lyman.

The Rev. Leonard Dewitt Revived the flagging Ventura Missionary Church in the late 1970s.

The Rev. Leonard Dixon Episcopal priest who married the Smiths and officiated at their funeral.

Isabelle Doyle Charlene Smith's former mother-in-law; the last person known to have spoken to them before their deaths.

Jim Doyle Brother of Charlene's ex-husband and a police officer killed in the line of duty in 1975.

Maureen Doyle Sister of Charlene's ex-husband and Charlene's good friend. She discovered Charlene's jewelry missing after the murders.

Mike Doyle Isabelle's son and Charlene's second husband.

GAP Development company with initials representing its principals, Chuck Gilliard, Joe Alsip and Bob Placencia.

Richard Haas Detective who investigated the murders for both the Ventura Police Department and the district attorney's office.

Richard Hanawalt Colorful attorney who defended Joe Alsip; known for his long absences, his nickname is "The Shadow."

Russ Hayes Detective for the Ventura Police Department who worked the Smith case.

Gladys Herzenberg Charlene's grandmother who raised her after her father's death. Her ex-husband was Bob Herzenberg.

Winslow Herzenberg Charlene's father, a disabled veteran, who at the time of his death in November 1949 drove a cab.

Daniel Hood Santa Barbara pilot who founded Maverick International.

Pete Kossoris Deputy district attorney who prosecuted Joe Alsip.

Majorie Lasswell Winslow Herzenberg's fiance, who help raised Charlene after her father died.

Claire and Marvin Lewis Smiths' neighbors and friends. He was a Superior Court judge; she, a former court clerk who worked with Charlene.

Capt. Paul Lydick Supervised the investigation in the Smith murders.

Charlotte and Carl Marchetti The Smiths's closest neighbors. Their son, Vance, was questioned in the case but eliminated as a suspect.

Josephine Martinez Charlene's mother, who was 20 years old when Charlene was born. She abandoned her and moved to Los Angeles shortly after her birth.

Roosevelt McGowan Ventura County jail inmate who said he heard Joe Alsip confess.

The Rev. Don Mikel Associate pastor at the Ventura Missionary Church. He testified that Joe Alsip had confessed the Smith killings to him. He also was a chaplain at a peace officers weekly prayer breakfast.

Edward C.C. Peagram Fast-talking entrepreneur who helped procure the cattle for Maverick International.

Judge William Peck Lyman Smith's law school chum. He was named to one of the judgeships Lyman sought.

Larry Pool Cold-case investigator for the Orange County Sheriffs Department.

Don Smith Lyman's brother.

Gary Smith Lyman's youngest child, who was 12 when he discovered the bodies of Lyman and Charlene Smith.

Jay Smith Lyman's middle child, who was 15 at the time of the murders.

Jennifer Smith Lyman's oldest child, 18 at the time of the murders. She briefly was considered a suspect in the case.

Lyman Jones Smith or Lyman Sr. Lyman's father.

Marjorie Smith Lyman's former wife.

Wilma Belle Shappart Smith Lyman's mother, who died of cancer in 1956.

Bud Sloan Former prize fighter who ran a successful ranching business. He lent Lyman \$1.5 million to start Maverick International.

Claus Peter Speth Medical examiner who performed the autopsies on the Smiths.

Dave Stone Ventura PD rookie for whom the Smith case was his first murder investigation.

Russ Whitmeyer Private investigator who worked for Joe Alsip's defense.

Paul Aaron Wolfe Former Navy SEAL, considered a suspect in the Smith homicide.