

2018 Memorial Grove Honorees

Victor B. Atencio



Victor B. Atencio passed away Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at home surrounded by family and friends. He was 84 years old. Victor was born May 26, 1934, to Alfonso Atencio and Maria Aguilar in La Garita, CO.

He moved with his wife to Ignacio in 1956 and enjoyed working on his ranch. He loved the outdoors and spending time with his family sharing his stories. Victor worked for the San Juan National Forest Service for 30 years. He then retired and lived out the rest of his days with his faithful wife in Ignacio.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years Dolores, two sons, Thomas and Robert Atencio, eight grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Rosemary Ann Bailey



Rosemary Ann Bailey, 88, passed away gently in Lonetree, Colorado on April 5th, 2018. She was born to Harry and Frances Sorensen on September 13, 1929 in Waterbury, Nebraska. Rosemary worked with the Forest Service in Watershed Management for many years. She raised three wonderful children Steven, Joseph, and Julia. She was also step mother to Kathy Gibson and Patricia Arny.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilmer (Beetle) Bailey in 2008. Rosemary is survived by her three children, Steven Reagan, Joseph Reagan, and Julia King; her step children Kathy Gibson and Patricia Arny; her grandchildren, Timothy (TJ) Reagan, Kirby Reagan, Jeremy Reagan, Brandon Reagan, Aaron Martin, Evan King, and Ashlyn King; her great grandchildren, Mia Grace Reagan; her seven step grandchildren; as well as her sisters, Frances Goosic of Lincoln, Nebraska, Priscilla Gooding of Independence, Missouri, and Kathryn Doebel of Milford, Michigan.

Ransom Burtis (Randy) Ball



Ransom Burtis (Randy) Ball, age 79, died on May 17, 2018 in Apache Junction, Arizona. Ransom was born in Carson City, Michigan in 1938. He was married to H. Corene Ball in 1959 in Oceanside, California.

He worked in the shop and taking care of the fleet on the San Juan National Forest. Randy was loved by all who met him. He was a man with direct speech, a quick smile, and a sharp mind. He grew up living the farmer's lifestyle and learning how to care for himself as well as those around him.

He is survived by his son Steven (Terri) Ball and his grandchildren Rebecca Rosalez, Dylan Ball, Lauryn Ball, and his great-grandchildren Rosalina Rosalez, Jaime Rosalez, Julius Rosalez.; his daughter Darcy Ball, his grandchildren Brandon Barela, Ryan Barela, Kaitlin Barela, and his great-grandchild Blake Barela. He is also survived by his sister Virgiline Brownridge, his brother Jon Ball, and his youngest sister Nancy Teed, and his loving nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives.

Frank Aubrey Bryant



Frank Aubrey Bryant, 86, of Custer, SD, died April 20, 2018 in Hot Springs, SD. Frank was born January 24, 1932, in Caney, KS, to Frank Bryant, Sr. and Helen (Baldwin) Bryant. He moved with his parents to Atoka, OK, where he graduated from Atoka High School in 1950. After a stint as a police officer in Atoka, and as a member of the National Guard, he was sent to Korea in 1951, to serve with the 45th MP Company, 45th Infantry Division as a Military Police Officer. Frank was discharged June 3, 1953, after earning the Army Occupation Medal (Japan), UN Service Medal, and Korean Service Medal with bronze

star.

After his military service, Frank followed his brother, James (J.R.), to Sioux Falls, SD, where he met and subsequently married Doris A. Miller on May 20, 1955. Frank worked as a surveyor in Sioux Falls until he went to work for the Engineering section of the U.S. Forest Service in Custer. He left the Forest Service to start Bryant Surveying, running that business until his retirement in 1997.. He was an avid golfer and would go walleye fishing with anyone that would take him. He was known to play a hand of cribbage and also enjoyed reading western novels.

Frank is survived by his wife Doris; children, Phyllis Lyndoe of Custer; Curtis of Pierre; Ted of Custer; Shirley Mondy of Albuquerque, NM; stepson, Paul Miller of Custer; brothers; JR of Bothell, WA; Herbert of Atoka, OK; Donald of Pierre; sister Elizabeth Ann (Annie) of Minneapolis, MN; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Edward Douglas (Ted) Day



Edward Douglas (Ted) Day died on June 29, 2018. He was born in Racine, Wisconsin to Jennings Bryan and Estella Day on December 6, 1930. He spent much of his early years in Missouri and after high school he worked on a ranch in Wyoming and his father's farm in Kentucky before enlisting in the Navy. He served from 1950-1954 and sailed the Atlantic and Mediterranean seas aboard the USS Waccamaw and the USS Noxubee. After returning home from service he met and married Sherlene Austin. They moved to Fort Collins in 1954 where Ted earned a BS in Forest Management from Colorado State University.

He spent 25 years working in Colorado on the Routt and Roosevelt N. Fs. Through those years he was blessed with four children. Ted retired from the Forest Service and returned to school. After earning an MA in Anthropology from the University of Colorado, he spent many years researching for the Southwestern Lore publication. With the help of family and friends he built a cabin home in Cimarron, Colorado. Ted loved everything to do with nature and the forest, but he hated porcupines. He spent time writing and self-published many of his works. He was truly gifted in story-telling and his writings reflected his talent.

He is survived by three of his children Faith (Bob) Cofone of Arvada, Douglas Day, and Diana (Dan) Audette of Fort Collins. He leaves behind six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and also his three siblings, Janet Lee of Indiana, Jay Day of Ohio, and Donna Jackson of Kentucky.

Michael (Mike) Dunn

Michael (Mike) Dunn died on May 31, 2018 in Denver, CO. He was born in Bay City, Michigan on April 19, 1954 to David and Alice Dunn. He grew up in Michigan and graduated from Michigan State University and Eastern Washington University. He was married to Sandra on May 5, 1985 and had two children, Douglas and Christine.

His Forest Service career as a geologist began on the Colville N. F. in Washington and he then moved to the Eldorado N. F. in California. In 2006 he came to the Regional Office in Physical Resources and worked in locatable minerals. He worked there until his retirement in about 2010. He enjoyed sports, movies, family game night, and traveling.

Michael is survived by his wife Sandra and children Douglas Dunn and Christine Bailey.

Wayne J. Dunn, Jr.



Wayne J. Dunn, Jr. died on January 31, 2018. He was born in Brownsville, Texas to Lt. Colonel Wayne Dunn, Sr. and Elizabeth Dunn on Sept. 2, 1935. He served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard before attending the University of Minnesota, where he obtained a degree in Forestry. After summers on the Medicine Bow N.F., Wayne was employed by the U.S. Forest Service on the Rio Grande and San Juan National Forests, retiring in 1995.

Wayne married June Dunn (nee Markgraf) on March 29, 1959. They had three children; Dr. Mary Fink of Long Beach, CA; Dr. Matthey Dunn of Bellingham, WA and Margaret Duerr of Orange, CA. Wayne was devoted to his wife and family and treasured time with them. He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. An avid outdoorsman, he relished the beauty of God's creation. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and boating as well as traveling with June around the U. S. and Europe.

Wayne is survived by his wife June of Durango, daughter Dr. Mary (Karl) Fink of Long Beach, CA, son Dr. Matthey Dunn of Bellingham, WA, daughter, Margaret Duerr of Orange, CA; granddaughters Kelsey, Sayer and Lindsey Duerr, grandsons Ryan Fink, Jacob Fink, Hunter Dunn, Noah Dunn, and Tristan Duerr .

Margaret M. (Meg) Esplin



Margaret M. (Meg) Esplin, died on January 8th, 2018. Meg was 67. She was born in Helena, Montana on July 13, 1950 to Karl G. and Beyrle Esplin. Meg lived in Billings, Montana and Salt Lake City, Utah before moving to Lakewood, Colorado. She attended Bear Creek High School and sang with the Sounds of BC before graduating in 1968.

Meg attended BYU but "caught the acting bug" and found herself performing in many theatrical productions and making good friends along the way. She enjoyed sharing her musical talents and was often given the opportunity in the form of church callings, her favorite being playing piano for the children's primary. She sang often, even lending her unmistakable pipes to the Colorado Mormon Chorale.

The Forest Service counted Meg in their ranks for 34 years, from 1976 to 2010. She lived in Lakewood, Colorado until she had the chance to relocate to New Mexico, where she had dreamed of living the retirement life. She moved to Albuquerque in 2004 and retired in 2010,

giving her time to devote to her love of cooking, dreams of entertaining and relishing her time with her pets.

Meg is survived by her children Mackensie (Kiki) Luke and Marc Esplin, their respective spouses Forest and Isabel, her grandchildren Xavier, Samuel, Bella and Ian, her stepdaughter Celeste, step-grandsons Tyler, Trevor and Trey, as well as many close cousins, treasured friends and numerous others whose lives she touched.

Arthur Frederick (Art) Fisher



Arthur Frederick Fisher died May 4, 2018, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was 96. Arthur was born on a farm near Storla, S.D., April 21, 1922, to Ida Luella Townsend and Frederick Holbrook Fisher. He lived and grew up in Keystone, S.D., and Monterrey, Calif. He was a big kid with a soft heart. He loved reading and sharing ideas. He especially liked the poems of Robert Service. He enjoyed many types of music, but especially country, Irish ballads and the Hawaiian steel guitar music of Marty Robins and Larry Byrd. He had a way with language and was fascinated by non-English languages and clever turns of phrase and puns. His eyes twinkled with the promise of a big smile, a hearty laugh or a fun joke.

When he joined the Army, he wanted to work with radios. And he did, in the Signal Corps, which took him to the island of Leyte, in the Philippines and to Halandia (now known as Papua), New Guinea. He most enjoyed owning and running a radio shop in Custer, S.D., and working 30 years for the Forest Service as a communication technician on the Medicine Bow N. F. and the Tonto N. F.

He met and married the love of his life, Evelyn Luella Hendrickson, in 1947, and they were happy and loving partners for almost 71 years. They began their life in Custer then migrated to Laramie, Wyo., for 19 years and Phoenix, Ariz., for 50 more.

Art is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hendrickson Fisher; children, Roy Hendrickson and Diane Walter; grandchildren, Jason Hendrickson, Brenden Hendrickson, Rhea Plaisted, Kate Acosta, and Kelly McCleary; great-grandchildren, Justine Wagner and Jiselle Plaisted; and great-great grandchildren, Zaiden Wagner and Aisley Wagner.



Don Rossiter Fritch

Don Rossiter Fritch died on July 6, 2018. He was born on June 24, 1933 to Kenneth Rossiter Fritch and Anna Marguerite Fritch in Syracuse, New York. He grew up near a City Fire Station where he met his "first heroes". Don was active in Boy Scouts and proudly achieved his Eagle Scout. In 1955, he graduated from Syracuse University in Forestry and also was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Army. He was stationed

with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. He spent 2 years in Germany and then remained in the Army Reserve for 22 years, retiring as a Major in 1977.

Don began his 35-year career with the US Forest Service in the Black Hills N. F. From 1960-1977 he worked on the Columbine Ranger District and San Juan National Forest as a Lands Staff Officer and then to the Bridger-Teton N. F. until his retirement in 1988. Some of his most memorable accomplishments were the laying out of the original ski runs at Purgatory Ski Area, establishing Mary Jane at Winter Park, and expanding Peak 8 at Breckenridge. He joined the National Ski Patrol in 1949 and was active for 63 years on 10 different ski patrols. Upon Don's retirement from the Forest Service, he and Kathy returned to Durango where they enjoyed 20 years of rediscovering the San Juan Mountains sharing adventures with friends and family, and living life. Summers found Don rowing his raft, "The Red Dog Saloon" on the white-water rivers of Wyoming, Colorado and the Four Corners Region.

He is survived by his children, Mary Berning, Robin Fritch, Darla Baumgarten, and Ken Fritch; eight Grandchildren: Michael, Amy Fuentes, Christopher Berning; Jurgen and Steffen Baumgarten; Kaitlyn, Kyndall, and Kylene Fritch, and 5 Great Grandchildren. Don is also survived by his loving partner Marjorie Grant of Longmont. Friends for decades, they reunited 8 years ago.

Robert John (Bob) Gallant



Robert John (Bob) Gallant of Fraser, CO died on July 27, 2018. He was born on April 8, 1946 in Jackson County (Kansas City) Missouri to Pauline E. Wenger Gallant and Clair B. Gallant. He was active in church and Boy Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He earned multiple degrees from Kansas State University and Missouri University.

Bob worked on the Sulphur Ranger District on the Arapaho Roosevelt N. F. for most all his Forest Service career. He was a member of the Society of American Foresters and was an avid Rockies fan. He enjoyed hiking and spending time in the forests of Grand County.

He is survived by his 100 yr. old mother, Pauline, of Sabetha, KS, his sister Patty McLaren of Houston, TX, and his brother William Gallant of Lotus, CA.

Richard E. Hill



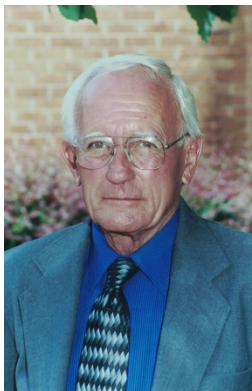
Richard E. Hill passed away in July of 2018 at the age of 67. Richard was a long-term seasonal with the Forest Service, working in grassland ecosystems. Richard was born in Waterloo, Ontario. He moved to Pennsylvania in 1978. With a degree from Colorado State University in Wildlife Biology, Richard pursued his passion for grassland ecosystem issues and the associated wildlife requiring these specialized habitats. Richard worked on the Pawnee N. G. for over 24 years. He also worked

on the PSICC for one year and the Thunder Basin NF for three years.

Richard said he thought the best part of the Grassland was the challenge of change. “It is never the same year to year or even hour to hour – weather, people, infrastructure, are all in a constant state of flux.” Richard also loved the “allure of wanting to know what lies over the next hill or around the next bend – and standing on a ridge top and seeing forever in all directions with nothing overhead but blue sky. Looking up to watch a raptor soaring effortless overhead, a sudden lighting flash and clap of thunder, or even fog rolling across the prairie and wind ruffling the grass.” Richard enjoyed working with the public. He was a great ambassador for the Grassland sharing his knowledge of the ecosystem, multiple resource uses, and mission of the Forest Service on this specialized landscape.

Richard’s other interests included hunting, fishing, photography, traveling, and enjoying the pleasures of life. He is survived by his wife Maggie and their six children Heather, Lachlan, Robin, Katharine, Travis and Wyatt.

Robert (Jigger) Janes



Robert Paul (Jigger) Janes passed away on February 10, 2018. He was born to Willard W. and Charlotte I. Janes on August 25, 1935 in Denver, Colorado. He was the second of their three children. He grew up in Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he married the love of his life, Janice N. Lane, in 1954. Robert graduated Idaho Springs High School in 1953. He then enlisted in the US Navy in 1954, and received an honorable discharge in 1961. He began working for the Forest Service in 1964, where he spent the rest of his working life, retiring after thirty-five years, beginning in the warehouse in Lakewood, Colorado, and culminating with him becoming District Ranger. His interests included fishing, classic cars and pickups, and boating

Robert is survived by his sister Valerie Hutchinson of St. George, Utah, his children, Robert Terry Janes of Evergreen, Colorado, Connie Lynn Hellmuth of Socorro, Texas, and Mark Kelso Janes of Guerneville, California, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom he deeply loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his wife.

James Lees



James Lees of Whitney, NE died on December 30, 2018. He was born to Katherine Eliza (Billman) and Frank James Lees of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, in 1936. He started early as an avid outdoorsman spending much of his young life learning in nature. He was a life guard and earned the

rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in forestry. He married Judy Holland who also was at CSU.

Jim began his career with the Forest Service on the Gunnison National Forest and also worked in Wyoming on the Shoshone and finally in Nebraska.. Along the way they raised two children ever sharing the love of nature. Jim added to his skills by serving as Ski Patrol and learning to ride and pack horses in the wilderness areas where he worked.

Upon early retirement, Jim purchased the Ox Yoke Ranch on East Ash Creek where he began raising cattle and horses. After Judy's death, he married Dixie Hageman. Dixie shared his love of horses and the rural life. They also served as foster parents to many young people. Jim's passion for history led him to research, write, and orally interpret many regional, historic people, places, and events. He loved cowboy poetry and touched many people's lives with his civic involvement and oral presentations of history and poetry.

Jim is survived by his wife, Dixie; children Jenny (Dave) Nixon of Crawford, and Jay (Gretchen) of Chadron; step-children Thad (Gloria) DeHaven of Woodbridge, Va., and Renee (Justin) Willard of Windsor, Colo.; grandchildren Rachel and Nathaniel Nixon; and sister Pat Buzulence of Twinsburg, Ohio.

A. J. (Jim) Lively



A. J. (Jim) Lively died August 13, 2018, in Pueblo, CO. Jim was born in Halsey, NE on August 18, 1930. He attended the University of Nebraska and was in the U. S. Navy before coming to the Forest Service. He had various positions and assignments in his forty years with the Forest Service, mostly on the Pike San Isabel N. F. s and Cimarron Comanche N. G.s unit.

He loved animals, nature, organizing, and details. He was a member of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Posse and served as a volunteer on the Pueblo Police Department. The family has many special memories of him. He was a kind, calm, and well-grounded and on so many people's favorite people list.

He is survived by his daughter Lori Winner of Pueblo.

Robert O. (Bob) Moore



Robert O. (Bob) Moore died on May 3, 2018. He was born Feb. 22, 1930, in Richland, Mo., to James Artie Moore and Leva Leona (Smith) Moore. His family lived in rural Richland with the children attending country schools for the first eight grades. Bob was a Korean War Veteran and retired from the U.S. Forest Service after 29 years as a mechanic at the Hill City Shop on the Black Hills N. F.

Bob began playing guitar when he was about six years old. He played lead guitar for several years in his brother's band. He played in Missouri, New Mexico, Colorado, South Dakota and then for several dance bands in the Richland area. Through the years Bob played back up for several folks on radio stations in Springfield, Mo., and Roswell, N.M. Later, he became lead guitarist for bands in Colorado and South Dakota. He played for several music shows in the Black Hills including the Mountain Music Show, the Miners' Music Show, the Dakota Cowboys, the Cowboys and the Village Jamboree and became known as the guy with the white guitar or "the grouch with the Gretsch." Bob played until ill health forced him to cut back. A highlight of Bob's was when he got to "pick a little" with Chet Atkins at the radio station in Springfield.

Bob is survived by his wife of 57 years, Pat; daughters, Angela Olson, Tammy (Mark) Blaede, Theresa Wickham, and Anna (Travis) Roberts; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren Clive, Iowa.

Larry Duane Mullen



Larry Duane Mullen died in Grand Junction, CO on July 22, 2018. He was born on June 8, 1941 in Durango, CO and grew up in Bayfield, CO. He graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Wildlife Management and started his Forest Service career on the San Juan N. F. in Delores. He worked on the Shoshone N. F. in Cody and on the Black Hills N. F. in Custer, S.D. before transferring to the Deschutes N. F. in Bend, Oregon. In 1988 Larry came back to the Region 2 in the Lakewood as the Wildlife Program Group Leader. He retired in 1997 and moved to Grand Junction.

Larry was an outstanding wildlife biologist and was respected as one of the best forest planners. He was a solid professional who cared greatly for the resources on the ground and always sought to find balance in management. He enjoyed elk hunting, fishing with worms, and especially liked truck camping.

He is survived by his wife Loretta and two daughters, Valery and Lisa.

William (Rip) Ripley



William (Rip) Ripley III passed away on February 15, 2018. He was born and raised in South Weymouth, MA, and received his B.S. in Forestry from University of Massachusetts and his M.S. from Duke University in 1957. He served in the U. S. Army from 1954-56.

He worked on District of the Deschutes, White River, Roosevelt N. F.s and was District Ranger on the Pactola District on the Black Hills N. F. In 1975 he moved to the Regional Office where he had responsibility for State and Private Forestry programs for the Region. He retired in January 1994.

He was an active member of the Society of American Foresters since 1954 and served in numerous leadership and committee positions at the chapter, state, and national level. He loved the outdoors and in retirement he and Donna hiked the Colorado Trail.

Rip is survived by his loving wife, Donna, who he met while working in the Regional Office, and 3 sons, Reid, Craig and Dean.

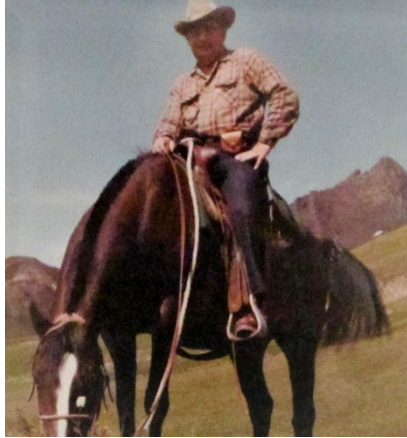
Samuel Arthur (Sam) Scanga



Samuel Arthur (Sam) Scanga, 74, died on April 1, 2018. He was born in Salida, CO to Frank and Louise (Salerno) Scanga on October 6, 1943. He was raised on the family's farm and ranch just west of Poncha Springs; graduated from Salida High School in 1961; and attended Colorado State University, earning a degree in Forestry and Range Management in 1965. He served in U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. While serving his country, he met the love of his life, Anita, in New Hampshire and they were married in 1968.

Sam dedicated 32 years to the U.S. Forest Service on Uncompahgre, Routt, and San Juan N. F. He retired as the District Ranger in Pagosa Springs, CO in 1992 and took over the family ranch operations near Poncha Springs. If he was not able to be outside working on his ranch, checking cows, harvesting hay, tending to water, or spending time with his family (especially his 5 grandkids) he was certainly not where he wanted to be. Despite his lengthy battle with rheumatoid arthritis, Sam amazed all of those around him with his determination and drive to remain active until his last days on earth; he never quit!

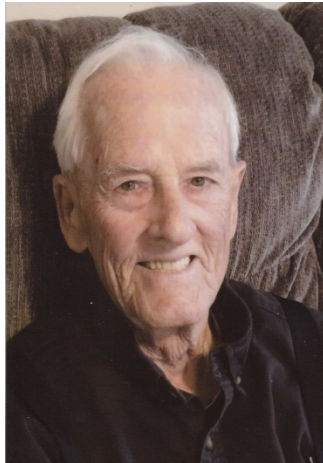
Sam is survived by his loving wife of 49.5 years Anita, a sister Marie Perri, his daughters Rebecca (Robert) Montoya and Lisa (Dana) Hatfield and his son John (Chauna) Scanga. In addition, Sam was most proud of his 5 grandchildren: Megan, Sam, Ian, Madison and Ben.



Thomas E. (Tom) Schessler

Thomas E. (Tom) Schessler died on February 17, 2018 in Clancy, Montana. He was born in August 3rd, 1925 in Park City, Montana to Henry and Martha Schessler. He started his career working in mining claims in R-1. In 1961 he went to R-7 and was in the Resource Mgmt. staff. In the mid-seventies he came to R-2 as the Director of Watershed Soils and Mineral staff. After his retirement in 1984 he moved to Gallatin Valley in Montana.

He is survived by his daughter Kristin, his grandson Glenn (Cassie) Owens and two great grandchildren. He was a great Dad, a great friend, and an exceptionally great friend to the lands we are privileged to live upon.



Russell James Frank Schwulst

Russell James Frank Schwulst died on July 26, 2018 in Pocatello, ID. He was born on January 23, 1937 in Richfield, Wisconsin to Ewald and Florence Schwulst. After high school he attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received B.S. in Civil Engineering. He was married to Sondra Simpson and they had three children: Joette, Amy, and David. Russell served in the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers as a First Lieutenant.

His career with the Forest Service started in R-5 and came to Region 2 in 1975 from the Modoc N. F. in R-5. On the Rio Grande he had responsibility for Engineering, Soils, Watershed, and Minerals. He was a strong and capable leader and yet a gentle and caring soul. He was admired by all. He and Sondra would host a backyard Friday afternoon club to celebrate a week of hard work. He retired in 1985. He loved hunting, fishing, and riding horseback. After retirement he moved to Soda Springs and then Pocatello, ID area.

He is survived by his wife Sondra and daughters Joette Pepper, Amy Sullivan, and son David; grandchildren Dr. Kyla Ego, Cole Pepper, Kyle Sullivan, Katalyn Vankauren, Kalan Sullivan, Chelsea Merrill, Kandra Graber, Allyson Schwulst, and six great grandchildren.

Lee Ray Sutton, Sr

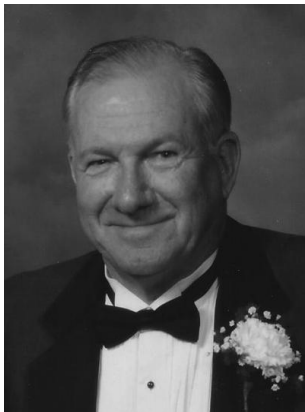


Lee Ray Sutton, Sr. died on March 12, 2018 in Rapid City, SD. Lee was born on June 3, 1938 in Lindley, NY to Albert Gaines Sutton and Mary Viola Sutton. He graduated from Williamson High School, in Tioga, PA in 1956. He graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry. He married Patricia Ann Cummings in 1960 in Tioga, PA. To this union 4 children were born: Patricia Lee, Susan Marie, Lee Ray, Jr and Albert Glenn.

Lee had a 30 year career in the United States Forest Service. He also served many terms on the Custer City Council and was the mayor of Custer from 1993 to 1995. Lee was a member of the Masonic fraternity for over 50 years and served as Master of Battle River Lodge #92 (Hermosa, SD) in 2013 and 2015. Lee was a strong supporter of both the Girl and Boy Scouts of America and also enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and yard work.

Lee is survived by his wife Patricia of Custer; sisters Jeanne Kay Sutton of Eureka, IL, Clara May (Theron) Miller of Bluffton, IN, and Ruth Fay Askins of Creve Couer, IL; his children, Patricia Lee Sutton of Kailua, HI, Susan Marie (Thomas Thompson) Sutton of Minneapolis, MN, Lee Ray Sutton, Jr. (Jennifer) of Edinboro, PA and Albert Glenn (Sarah) Sutton of Rapid City; 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Raymond Carl Urbom



Raymond Carl Urbom, 92, of Laramie passed away December 30, 2018 in Laramie, WY. Ray was born in 1926 in Rockford, Illinois to Carl W. Urbom and Alberta I. (Mefford) Urbom. Ray served in the U.S. Navy During World War II from 1944 to 1946. He graduated from Utah State University in 1949 with a degree in Forest Management. He worked with the Forest Service for 35 years in Steamboat Springs, Idaho Springs, and Montrose, Colorado, retiring in July 1981 in Laramie, Wyoming with the Medicine Bow National Forest. He received numerous awards during his time in forestry and taught his children much with frequent trips fishing, hiking and skiing in the mountains.

Ray was a member of the St. Matthews Episcopal Cathedral in Laramie, the Laramie Lions Club, Moose Lodge #390, Garden Club of Laramie, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He is survived by his very close friend, Joyce Stoner, his six children Karen McLean, Barbara Zinkhan, Steven Urbom, David Urbom, Nancy Arnold and Beverly Toelle as well as three stepchildren Dee Gipson, Toby Bricker and Jami Roberts, multiple grandchildren, great grandchildren and step grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

Joseph I. Vanatta, Jr



Joseph I. Vanatta, Jr. passed away November 20, 2018 at his home on Ash Creek. He was born to Joseph I Vanatta, Sr. and Lillian Cook Vanatta in Newcastle, Wyoming on January 5, 1930. At the age of three the family moved to Sheridan, Wyoming. In 1941 when World War II started, the family loaded up an old truck and headed to the state of Washington where Joe's dad was employed at the Galena Air Force Base. Joe attended several schools there during the war.

Joe returned to Wyoming in 1945 and worked on ranches and then graduated from Sheridan High School in 1949. He enlisted in the Air Force in September 1950. In 1954 after military service, Joe returned to Sheridan and worked for the VA Hospital and then transferred to the Bighorn National Forest Service as a voucher clerk and eventually as an Engineering Technician. Joe married Phyllis Yvonne (Phillips) and they had three sons and later divorced. Joe left employment with the Big Horn National Forest Service in 1974 and married Linda (Buszkiewicz) in Sheridan. After many successful years in the RV business, Joe retired in 1997 and purchased some farm land near Parkman, WY, where he farmed hay and raised American Paint Horses. He enjoyed being in the Big Horn Mountains; he hunted for elk and stream fished for trout. His other passions included going to auctions and collecting antiques.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife Linda of 43 years; a sister, Phyllis Iddings of Sheridan; three sons: Joe, III (Sandra) of Phoenix, AZ; Hal of Bay Point, CA and Bret (Catalina) of Tucson, AZ; a niece, Tyra Williamson of Sheridan and three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marv VanderKolk



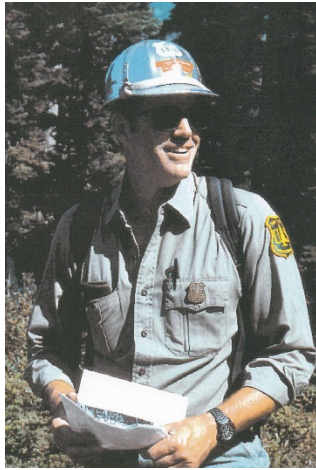
Marv VanderKolk, 78, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. Marvin was born on May 10, 1939 in Hopkins, Mich. growing up on a dairy farm. He attended Michigan State, receiving a degree in forestry. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 30 years. Marv was retired PSICC Lands and Recreation Staff. Marv has been a member of the Rocky Mountaineers for several years.

Throughout his life he enjoyed exploring the outdoors, especially the grasslands of southern Colorado. Marvin spent many years researching and documenting his family's genealogy. He was a well-read individual

who appreciated historical events and topics.

He is survived by wife, Jean; daughters, Julie (Ben) Simon and Jill (George) Dickert; grandson, Max Simon; brother, Bruce (Donna) VanderKolk; and two nephews, Roger and James.

E. C. (Chuck) Waggoner



E. C. (Chuck) Waggoner died on June 5, 2018. He was born January 20, 1937 and adopted as an infant by a single woman, Rose Waggoner. Rose raised Chuck and his adopted brother Richard in Tucson, AZ. Growing up in Tucson, he enjoyed the sunshine, freedom to hike and roam the surrounding hills. After high school he attended the University of Arizona and then in 1960 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a member of the 101st Airborne Division. After his service, Chuck then graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science and then came to the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado. He was working at the Arapaho Ski Basin when he met his wife Sunnie whom he married in 1966. They were married for 51 years at the time of his passing. Together they have a son Ben and a

daughter Erica.

Chuck's career with the Forest Service allowed him and his family to live in Colorado, Oregon and Washington. His position involved avalanche ski area safety and recreational management. He was involved in volunteer fire departments and search and rescue operations. In 1992 Chuck retired from the Forest Service after 20 years of service. During his "retirement" years, Chuck worked part time for various hardware and feed stores as well as on his home, yard and garden. He took great delight in his grandchildren Gabe, Grace and Gideon.

He is survived by his wife Sunnie, son Ben wife Kristen and their three children Gabe, Grace and Gideon of Scottsdale, AZ, his daughter Erica of Lake Quinault, WA.

David Lee Wheeler



David Lee Wheeler, 62, of Pana, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2018 at Lincolnshire Place, Decatur, IL. He was born May 23, 1956 in Bloomington, IL to Charles L. & Dotty J. (Robertson) Wheeler and they survive. David was a graduate of Macomb High School. He received his bachelor's degree in Forestry from the University of Illinois and then received his master's degree in Forestry from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO.

From there, he worked 33 years for the US Forest Service in forest and rangeland management and thoroughly loved his job. He retired in 2012. David was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, Tower Hill, IL. He was also an Eagle Scout and loved the outdoors, mountains, trees and camping.

He married Barbara Ruffner in 1985 and they later divorced. Besides his parents, David is survived by his brothers: Richard (Deborah) Wheeler, Ramsey, IL and Michael (Ann) Wheeler, Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America; nieces & nephews: Nathanael (Grace) Wheeler of Colorado Springs, Anna (Joe) Hang, Caleb (Elizabeth) Wheeler and their daughter, Caralyn, Aubrie Wheeler, Christyanne Wheeler, and Amanda (Tim) Zimmerman.