

2018 Memorial Grove Honorees

Henry Emerson (Hank) Bond

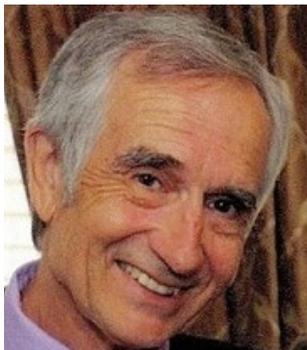


Henry Emerson (Hank) Bond of Cody died on July 1, 2019. He was born on July 5, 1929, on West Divide Creek, Rifle, CO to Henry Bond and Lula Robertson. Henry lived his early life in CO until 1945, when he began an apprentice machinist program at the U.S. Naval Shipyards in San Francisco. He enlisted in the Marine Air Corps in 1946, and was an instrument flying instructor – John Glenn was his most famous student.

After leaving the Marines, he married Mary Farhat and in December of 1950 the Marines called Henry back into duty until 1952. He received his MS in Range Management in 1959 from Colorado State University. His career with the Forest Service included assignments on the Medicine Bow, Bighorn, Nebraska, San Juan, Rio Grande, and Carson NFs. He retired in 1983. Henry raised registered Fox Trotters and was key in bringing this breed of horse into Wyoming.

He is survived by his wife Mary and four of his children Dr. Garry Bond; Laura Bond Evans; Karen Bond, and Mary Lou Hall. There are also six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one sister Shirley Bond Jones.

Clair William Brown



Clair William Brown of Fort Collins passed away March 6, 2019. Clair, or “Brownie” as most knew him, was born January 28, 1947 to I.N. and Violet Brown in Kansas where he grew up and went to school. In 1965, Brownie started at Colorado State University where he studied Forestry and Education and earned bachelor’s degrees in both fields.

Clair worked for the Forest Service for 30 plus years on the White River and Arapaho-Roosevelt N. F. In 1984 he married Karen “Kari” Haggmann in Lakewood, CO. After the Forest Service he worked with the Colorado State Forest Service and the Division of Fire and Prevention Control until he retired fully in 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Kari, his daughters: Holly Kuntz and Kendra Schmidt of Fort Collins, sister, Sammy Smith of Pauls Valley, OK.

Andrew Joseph (Andy) Cadenhead



Andrew Joseph (Andy) Cadenhead of Hayden, CO passed away January 23, 2019. Andy was born in 1960 in Los Alamos, NM where his father, Charles was a nuclear physicist for the National Labs. His mother, Arley Edwards Cadenhead was a gifted artist and adventurer. His parents embedded a love of the outdoors in all the kids. Andy was the youngest of six children.

Andy's parents passed away when he was seven years old. Andy and his siblings were raised by an aunt and uncle in Illinois where he went to school before going to Colorado State University and graduating with a forestry degree in 1982. While working seasonally on the White River he met a new summer seasonal named Nancy Nahorniak. His first permanent assignment was on the Medicine Bow and he married Nancy in 1988 and lived in Encampment for twelve years. They had many wonderful adventures together: rock climbing, wind surfing, cross country and telemark skiing, raising and racing sled dogs, horseback riding and raising two wonderful children. Andy truly loved the forest and all the wonders inherent to it and worked for thirty years in a number of different locations, including the Medicine Bow/Routt, PSICC, and White River.

He touched many lives in so many different ways. He has been and will be greatly missed by his wife Nancy, children Ian and Abby and other family and friends.

Richard Peter (Rick) Caissie



Richard Peter (Rick) Caissie passed away on February 9th, 2019 after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was born on May 9th, 1949 to Melvin and Catherine Caissie, in Revere, Massachusetts. He received his B.S. in Forestry from Humboldt State University, in northern California.

Rick's career with the U.S. Forest Service included working on the Klamath National Forest, the Targhee National Forest, and the Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forest. His work was primarily in the field of timber. He was a silviculturalist. Rick retired after 35 years with the U.S. Forest Service, and then did contract work for several years for the White River National Forest.

Rick's passion was downhill skiing. He also enjoyed cycling, hiking, and cross-country skiing. He was a collector of first edition books and fine wines. Rick loved life and loved the mountains and is survived by his wife, Jo Caissie, and 2 siblings.

Jack Douglas Cameron



Jack Douglas Cameron passed away on August 18, 2019 in Greeley, CO. He was born on April 7, 1935 in Greeley, CO to Morey and Eunice Cameron. After receiving a degree in Wildlife Biology from Colorado State he joined the Marines attaining the rank of Captain. Jack's 36 yr. FS career took him to the Medicine Bow, Roosevelt, Bighorn, Black Hills, and Mt. Hood N. F.s. He instilled his love for the outdoors in his family. In retirement he returned to the Black Hills with his wife Gaye.

He is survived and was loved dearly by daughters Perri Shutts and Jessica Gonzales, his sons, Scott, Craig, Jeremy, Jonathan, and their families.

Frances Kathy Collins



Frances Kathy Collins passed away on March 28, 2019. She was born on February 10, 1972 to Bill and Barb Teyah in Junction City, Kansas. She moved to McPherson, Kansas in 1972 where she was raised and graduated from McPherson High School in 1990. She loved swimming, running and being with her friends.

She married the love of her life Trace Collins on March 25, 1995. Frances graduated from Northern Arizona University and worked for the Coconino National Forest. They loved their time in Flagstaff and constantly were going on many adventures and enjoying the outdoors of Arizona with daughter Tahse and son Billy Martin. They moved to

Rifle, CO where Frances took a job with the White River National Forest. She loved her Forest Service family.

Frances loved nothing more than making memories and connecting with people. She leaves behind her beloved husband Trace, daughter Tahse and son Billy of Rifle, CO, her parents Barb and Bill Teyah of McPherson, KS, her sister and brother in-law Bettina and Ken Stutzman of Windsor, CO.

Patrick S. Collrin



Patrick S. Collrin, 73, of Colorado Springs passed away June 27, 2019. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, on April 8, 1946 to Paul and Mary Margaret Collrin. Pat set out on a Navy career right out of high school and served in Vietnam. He also served in the Air Force and Army, earning the rank of Sergeant. He received his BS from Colorado State University. He worked for the Pikes Peak District as a receptionist and visitor information specialist as well as some time on the Leadville Ranger Districts.

Patrick immensely enjoyed his time working for the Forest Service. He left plans for his historic Forest Service maps to be donated to the Pikes Peak Ranger District. Pat had a passion for nature, especially in Alaska and Colorado. He enjoyed his garden, family history, photography, and his faithful dogs, Scooter and Molly.

He is survived by his sisters, Janet Cameron, Margaret Collrin, Kathleen McGeary, and Ann Burnham. Also surviving is Pat's significant other, Sharon Stroud, many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Stephen Edward (Steve) Curran



Stephen Edward (Steve) Curran passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in Taos, NM. Steve was born on October 29, 1952 to Ed and Luella (Johnson) Curran in Lead, SD. Steve graduated from Lead-Deadwood High School in 1971 and then from the University of South Dakota in Springfield, SD.

He began his Forest Service career working in Alaska in 1975 in radio and telecommunications. In 1979 he went to work for the Union Pacific railroad. In 1985 he came back to the Forest Service on the Carson and then to R-8 on the National Forests of Texas. In 1991 he came back to Region 2 on the Medicine Bow.

Forest restructuring caused him to leave the MBR and move to Santa Fe for his last assignment. He and his wife were moving back to Wyoming/South Dakota when Steve passed away. His favorite assignment was the time in Region 2 where he grew and where he considered home.

Steve married Kimberly Bruce in 1996. Steve didn't want to rush into something as serious as marriage without "getting to know" his bride, so Kim has been a part of Steve's life since 1984. From the start of the marriage Kim enriched his life as after the ceremony, Steve won \$5,000 in the casino. He considered that a good sign!

Steve was known as a kind, generous, gentle soul. He loved his family, his friends, his pets, hunting, fishing and time on his Harley. He and Kim logged many miles on motorcycle trips and Steve could tell a story about each of those trips. Steve never met a stranger and most of all, enjoyed getting to know new friends and acquaintances. He always had a smile, a joke, a story or a hand to lend to those in need. His motto in life was Ride fast, take chances. Be free – like the wind. He is missed by many.

He is survived by his wife Kimberly.

Harold Davis



Harold Davis passed away on January 6, 2019. He was born on November 10, 1927 in Cheyenne, Wyoming where he also went to school while living on the Davis homestead ranch near Buford, Wyoming. After graduation in 1948 he worked as a steam fitter for the UPRR and helped repairing the steam engine Big Boy. During WWII he delivered stock to Cheyenne stores and Ft. Warren.

Harold married Mildred in 1950 and they had three sons. After working on ranches, they moved to Laramie in 1956. Harold started as a seasonal on the Medicine Bow N. F. in 1959 and worked as a recreation technician and fire fighter. In 1971 he got his permanent position and worked until his retirement in 1988. Harold also held part time jobs at WYDOT and Snowy Range Ski Area. Over all these years volunteered for the Centennial Valley Fire Dept. where he retired after 40 years of service to the community.

Harold is survived by sons; Tom (Phyllis) and Scott (Kathy), and daughter Abby Davis; and grand-children Heather, Curry, Mathew, Lauriel, Sean, Heidi, and Logan.

Jacob Gary Diedtrich



Jacob Gary Diedtrich, died on September 16, 2019 in Custer, SD. He was born to Gary & Jean Diedtrich on October 11, 1981. After a “hot” start working together on a fire engine for the Forest Service, sparks flew and he married Jenny on September 8, 2012. This union was blessed by two beautiful daughters, Olivia Lynn and Sophia Rosalie.

Jake was a very passionate man. He was always ready to lend a hand to those in need no matter what the task. His laugh lit up the room and could always be picked out of a crowd. Jake graduated from the University of South Dakota with a Masters in Business Communication. He turned his summer firefighting days into a career with the Forest Service as a Fuels Technician. He loved spending time camping, fishing, hunting, golfing and just being outdoors where he could throw a ball for his two chocolate labs Jade and Jude, and occasionally Gunner the cat who thinks he is a dog.

Jake is survived by his wife Jenny and their two beautiful girls Olivia and Sophia, mother Jean, sisters Wendi and Hillary, six nieces and nephews along with other extended family, a very close family of co-workers and a sincerely loyal tribe of friends.

Violet Louise Fitzpatrick

Violet Louise Fitzpatrick was born on November 13, 1927 and passed away on August 7, 2019. She retired off the Bighorn National Forest. She is survived by husband Charles Fitzpatrick in Sheridan and two sons, William and CT and two daughters, Ethel and Colleen.

George H. Geiger



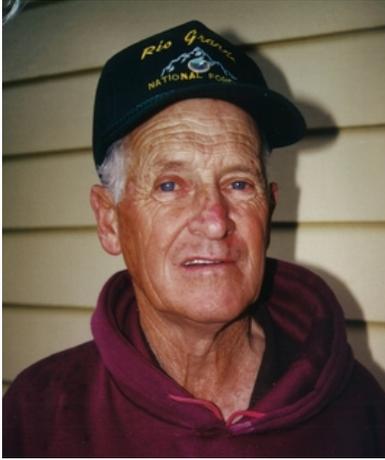
George H. Geiger had the last day of his good life on Sept. 5, 2019, a few weeks shy of his 84th birthday.

George was born on Sept. 28, 1935 in Comanche County, OK. He was raised on the family farm near Bartlesville. He graduated from Oklahoma A&M in 1957 and served briefly as an artillery officer at Fort Sill, OK.

He joined the U.S. Forest Service in 1958. In 1967 he moved with his then wife Betty and their two sons to Hot Springs, SD, where he was the Ranger on the Buffalo Gap National Grassland. In 1980, George transferred to PSICC as Range Conservationist, and retired in 1986. In 1989, he married Carolyn and they spent much time traveling together. In 2003, they moved together to Colorado City where he enjoyed time with grandkids, breakfast at Max's and morning coffee at Subway. George and Carolyn are Rocky Mountaineer members.

George leaves behind his wife, Carolyn; brother, Carl and wife Alice; two sons, Brad and Lance and their families; two stepsons, Stan and Doug Large; six grandkids; and three great-grandchildren.

Joseph Lee Goodge



Joseph Lee Goodge passed away on September 6, 2019. He was born on January 16, 1927 to Baylor Sanders Goodge and Irene Hicks Goodge in Fox Creek, Conejos, CO. Joe was one of 6 children, his mother died when he was nine days old. Following her death, he was taken in by his mother's sister and her husband W.M. and Maggie Mae Darnall. He loved farming, ranching and being outdoors. He was the Valedictorian of his class in 1945 in Romeo, CO and in 1948 became a Missionary in Argentina until December 1950. In 1951 he married LaNella Richardson in the Salt Lake Temple. A few weeks later he was drafted into the Army and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri,. Joseph was honorably discharged from the Army and the family moved back to Colorado. Upon his return home, Joseph went to work for E. Shundler Perlite

Company and he worked there until 1982.

He then worked for many years as a seasonal worker for Rio Grande National Forest on trail maintenance, until he finally decided to just to just take care of his own yard, cutting wood, and doing chores. He never met a stranger, every new person he met was his friend for life and he was blessed with many. He enjoyed playing the guitar with his friend Jim who played the fiddle. Joseph loved his family and was very proud of each and every one of them. He often considered himself the luckiest guy in the world.

He is survived by his wife, his children, Terry, Susan, Jerry and Kenton, as well as numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Phyllis Goad



Phyllis Goad passed away on September 17, 2019, after a short illness from cancer. She was born to Gerothera Mattie Phipps and Dorothy Clen Phipps on June 5, 1938, in Yuma, AZ. She grew up in Yuma where she attended school and graduated from Yuma Union High School in 1956. Phyllis married Charles Baldwin in June 1956 and they moved to Delta, Colorado in 1957 where they raised their four children,.

Phyllis was an active member of the Church of Christ, Altrusa International, and a sorority in Delta. She worked for the Forest Service in several capacities including a computer technician. She also traveled for several years as a dispatcher on fires across the country. Phyllis was a very beautiful, loving, and giving person with a heart of gold. She was a Rocky Mountaineer member.

Phyllis is survived by her four children and families: Charles Baldwin, Gregory Baldwin, Brian Baldwin, and Denise Johnson. She had 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and has one surviving brother, John R. Phipps and two sisters, Janette Marie Rucker and Patsy Ruth Iannella

John Henry Hill



John Henry Hill of Denver passed away on January 24, 2019. He was born on June 1, 1941 to Ralph Ripley and Frances (Deal) Hill. John had many interests and hobbies including coaching youth football and baseball teams, as well as being a small aircraft pilot, scuba instructor, amateur bike racer, very avid train photographer and steam locomotive builder. He retired from Parsons Transportation Group as a Signal Engineer for the RTD Fastrack Team. John graduated from Wheat Ridge High School in 1959, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1957. John attended Colorado University studying art.

He is survived by his wife Georgia Buechler, daughter Leigh Ann Hill, grandsons Liam Aidan Rhysling and Aidan Bryn Rhysling.



Lois Statler Hooks Phillips

Lois Statler Hooks Phillips, 86, of Arvada, Colorado passed away on December 27, 2019. She was born January 5, 1933 in Brighton, Iowa to her parents George and Vera Statler.



Eric Jensen

Eric Jensen passed away in Ft. Collins, Colorado on May 7, 2019. He was born in Albuquerque, NM, on August 14, 1953. He moved to Kremmling, CO in 1976 after earning a Masters of Forestry at the University of Illinois. He worked for the Forest Service for more than 30 years in the Middle Fork, Paonia, and Ft. Collins offices, retiring in 2009. He was an avid lover of nature, world traveler, and pilot and enjoyed many fly-ins with his wife, Deb.

Eric and Deb had been actively involved in the Ft. Collins community for over 30 years, with a special interest in the Ft. Collins Cat Rescue and Spay/Neuter clinic. Eric and Deb are Lifetime Members of the Rocky Mountaineers.

Eric is survived by his wife of 36 years, Deb Jensen, his mother Joyce Lenz of Santa Fe, NM, sister Kris Orr and sister Kari Jensen and numerous nephews and nieces.

Donald Eugene (Don) Kistler

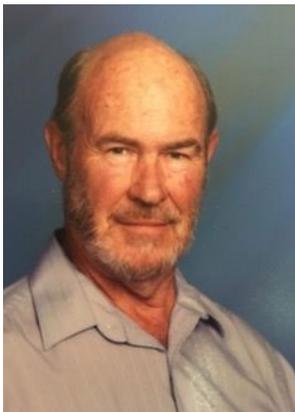


Donald Eugene (Don) Kistler of Custer, SD passed away on January 18, 2019. Donald was born on June 3, 1938 in Mitchell, SD to Milo and Grace Kistler. He married Nancy Mason in 1959 and moved to Custer in 1960 where he started his 36 year career in Fire Management with the Forest Service. Don was in the National Guard and active Army in '60-61. His family remembers that when there was plenty of flames and smoke amongst all the soot was Dad's big smile, grinning ear to ear." He retired in 1996.

He was a member of the Custer Volunteer Fire Department for most of his adult life, served for many years on the Custer School Board, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed spending time with family and telling stories. He will be most remembered for his sense of humor and selfless devotion to his family.

He is survived by his children, Frank; Mary Anne; Shirley, Margi, and Donale; brothers, Richard, Jerry, Eugene, and sister Mary and their families including 29 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, and 7 great great children.

Ainsworth C. (Ainsie) Lee



Ainsworth C. (Ainsie) Lee died on January 26, 2019. He was born on February 28, 1933 to C. M. and Ernestine Lee in Georgia. He was an Eagle Scout and after high school he joined the Air Force. He loved working for the Forest Service and especially enjoyed his time working with the Youth Conservation Corps. He was involved in fire throughout his career in business operations. His yellow fire shirts were still in his closet.. He came to work in Regional Office human resources/personnel in 1982 and retired in 1993. Ainsie was a member of the Rocky Mountaineers. He loved golf, bridge, and having lunch with friends.

He passed on his love the outdoors and respect and appreciation for the environment to his children. He is survived by his three children Keith, Daniel, and Becky and 2 grandchildren Julien and Sophie.

Dennis L. (Denny) Lynch



Dr. Dennis L. (Denny) Lynch died on November 17, 2019 in Fort Collins. He was born on July 26, 1937 in Coffeyville, Kansas to Ben and Margurite Lynch. He grew up in Oregon and then went to Colorado State University where he graduated with a BS in 1958 and was commissioned in the US Army. In 1959 he married Joyce Sheeley of Salida, CO.

In 1962 he became a forester on the Mt Hood NF. in 1962 and then to the to the Roosevelt NF and then on to Ranger to the Pikes Peak District. Denny then went to the Colorado State Forest and completed his PhD. In 1974 he became a Professor of Forest Sciences at CSU and loved teaching, advising, and mentoring students and founded the Christian Foresters Fellowship. Denny's times with students in the fall semester forestry classes at Pingree Park and with the CFF meetings on campus and in his home are some of his fondest memories. He retired in 1998. He was elected SAF Fellow and received the Carl Schenck Award of Excellence in Teaching Forestry as well as the Erick Nelson Award from Christian Leadership Ministries. He was a life member of the NRA, the American Legion, and the Council on Forest Engineerin, and later became a Gideon. He and Joyce were members of Rocky Mountaineers.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce; children, Greg, Beth, and Kristy; grandchildren, David, Jonathan, Nathan, Matthew and Celeste, Shane, Shannon; great-grandchildren, Daniella, Moriah & Benjamin, Payton, Clayton; a brother, Pat and his wife, Patty, and a sister, Lynda and her husband, Paul.

Stanley Demond Mason

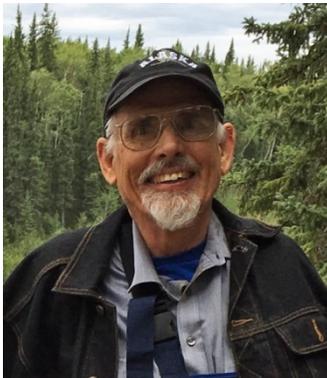


Stanley Demond Mason passed away on September 6, 2019. He was born on June 28, 1978 in Bolton, MS to Samuel Glen and Shirley Mason. Stanley was the older of two children to this union. He was a man of integrity, funny, loving, opinionated, hard-working, and confident. Stanley grew up in Bolton, MS where his family instilled in him the importance of family, hard work, faith, and caring for others. Leadership was instilled in Stanley as early as a teenager.

Stanley graduated from Alcorn State University with his Bachelor of Science degree from Alcorn State University in 2001. Agriculture was always a piece of Stanley's heart even as young as a child. To no surprise, Stanley chose this field for his career. Professionally, Stanley was a Regional Soil Scientist for the Forest Service. In 2016, Stanley "re-met" Mikesia Gibson at an Alcorn homecoming game. They previously attended Alcorn together. They were married on December 2, 2018. Although married for such a short time, Stanley loved his family and prided himself in being a family man. In May 2019, Stanley was re assigned as a Deputy District Ranger in Paris, Arkansas. Stanley resided there with his family.

Stanley leaves behind his wife, Mikesia Mason; his daughter, Kayla Jones; his sister, Shamekia L Mason; grandparents, Cleophas and Emma Mae Henderson step-mother, Dorothy Harmon; siblings: LaShunda (Brad) Robinson, Jillian Harmon, Mario Harmon, and Felton Harmon.

Robert L. McAtee



Robert L. McAtee, age 72, passed away March 12, 2019. Robert was born August 25, 1946. Throughout life Robert was an avid writer, he was a member of High Country Haiku, part of the Haiku Society of America. He worked as a cartographic technician in the Regional Office Geometronics Section. He organized a national group for the U.S. Forest Service for people with disabilities, and was a leader of an epilepsy support group. Robert's hobbies included hiking and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, son, Sean McAtee, daughter, Sheila McAtee, and siblings, Kelly (Mary) McAtee, Patty (Dan) Mohrman, and Karen (Anthony) Picanzo.

Donald Paul Mecklenburg



Donald Paul Mecklenburg, of Elkhart, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the age of 84. Don was born June 3, 1935 near Hancock, Minnesota to the late Walter and Ella (Halverson) Mecklenburg and was their only child. Don farmed alongside his father until he graduated with a degree in Forestry and Range Management from the University of Minnesota.

In 1959, he went to work for the U.S. Forest service at Bayfield, Colorado while serving 6 years in the U.S. Army Reserve. He then was promoted to Ranger in Cody, Wyoming in 1966. Cimarron National Grasslands is where he retired in 1986. Those who knew

Don, know how much he loved God, his bible, horses, as well as his family and friends.

He was united in marriage to Arlene (Wendt) on May 27, 1960. To this union, two children were born, Sandra Mecklenburg and husband Jim Bailey of British Columbia, Canada, and Tim Mecklenburg and wife Morey of Hugoton, Kansas. Don's grandchildren include Cade and Clay Mecklenburg, step-grandchildren Evan, Aimee, and Sophia Bailey and one great step-grandchild, Eleanor Bailey.

Billy Bonifacio Montaño



Billy Bonifacio Montaño, 84 passed away quite suddenly on August 29, 2019. He was born on March 21, 1935 in Del Norte, CO to Liberato Montaño & Vita Thomas. Bill was raised by his grandparents Jack & Piedad Thomas and went by Billy Thomas. Bill married Eva Montaño (Abeyta) in Taos, NM in 1952 and enlisted in the Navy and served until 1957.

Following his service he dedicated his life to the Forest Service for 45 years. Even after "retiring" he kept watch on how things were going. He loved the mountains and continued to take drives up to mountains, checking gates, the Forest Service buildings and campgrounds. His hobbies included working in his shop, raising rabbits as well as pure bred basset hounds and cruising around

making deliveries. He was happiest when spending time spoiling his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by a sister Isabelle Bell, his wife Eva Montaño, three of his children; Debra Kay Chapman, Bill Montaño, David Montaño and four grandchildren: Amanda, Billy, Christie, and Joe; and five great-grandchildren and a very special friend Linda Espinosa and her loving family. His family was built with blood and bonds, many were lucky to call him Granpo.

William J. (Bill) Piloni

William J. (Bill) Piloni passed away April 29, 2019 after a kidney transplant and a short battle with cancer with renal failure. Bill was born April 25, 1933. Bill graduated from Gunnison High School and matched the life the mountains had for him. Bill was very active and never gave up. Bill was fleet manager for the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Gunnison National Forests before retirement. After retirement, he pursued raising hay, putting up hay, and raising cattle on a leased piece of property. The work ethic, knowledge, and commonsense Bill used while working various jobs and skills he had would challenge any college education. Bill would always do his best to be fair and believed in an honest day of work striving to improve his skills. Bill is survived by his wife Susan, father John, brothers Jim and Terry, sister, Twyla, and his faithful miniature Aussie, Scout, along with Scout's two companions, Colt and Tuff. None of them would let Bill out of their site.

Alex-Cine Napolitano

Alex-Cine Napolitano died on January 6, 2019 in Sheridan, WY. She was born on July 2, 1948. She had worked on the Bighorn N. F. and retired from the Delores R. D. on the San Juan. She is survived by her husband John and three children, Rhome, Angie, and Rob. She was a great person who always had a smile and good things to say.

Donald George Rivers



Donald George Rivers, 67, passed away on Jan. 5, 2019, in Lafayette, CO. Don was born on June 13, 1951, in Rapid City, S.D., to Esther and Eanard Rivers. Don received surveying and engineering degrees from South Dakota State University and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, as well as a M.S. degree in Logging Engineering/Forestry Oregon State University.

He started his career as a professional engineer with the Soil Conservation Service in Montana and transferred to the U.S. Forest Service, where he remained for 36 years until his retirement in 2014. As a logging engineer, Don was assigned to the Bridger-Teton N.F., then as for twelve years as Asst. Regional Engineer in Alaska, and then on to the Washington Office until transferring to his final duty station in Lakewood. Don's interests included fishing, running, hiking, rafting, camping, golfing, sea kayaking, hunting, travel and gardening. He was kind, patient, playful and told corny

"dad jokes. He was a member of the Rocky Mountaineers.

Don is survived by his mother; his children, Donald P. Rivers, Jessica Spoeneman, Kelly Heath, Emily Rivers and Lian Rivers; grandchildren, Haley, Braden, Isaac, Mason, Lily, and Audrey; and sisters, Myrna Landt and Loretta Hammerquist. He was also survived by Patty Rivers, his devoted friend and partner of 34 years.

Ralph (Jerry) Stevenson III



Ralph (Jerry) Stevenson, 59, of Pueblo, CO, passed away on August 19, 2019 due to complications from parotid gland cancer. He was born July 18, 1960. Jerry will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor, dedication to his family, and love of the outdoors.

Jerry grew up in Tampa, Florida and attended college at the University of New Mexico, where he met his wife Catharine. After graduation he began his career with the FS as a civil engineer, earning his PE certification and working on the Coronado, Cibola, Carson, Umpqua, Willamette, Bighorn, and finally the PSICC. Jerry enjoyed family activities such as hiking, camping, and traveling. He was an avid biker and helped develop a network of bike trails while living in Sheridan, WY. Jerry was honored as Colorado Renewable Energy Society Volunteer of the Year in 2009, and also fulfilled a lifelong goal of writing a novel, which he published under a pen name.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 35 years, Catharine; daughters Holly (John) Lattin and April (Kit) Corey; grandson Shane; mother Sandy; brothers Scott, Mike (Nancy), and Dave; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Ralph.

Myron Tjarks



Myron Tjarks passed away on May 16, 2019. He was born on July 23, 1933 in Glenville Nebraska to George and Dena Tjarks. He was one nine children. After high school he went to the Army

After leaving the service, he and his first wife moved to Boulder where he obtained his BS in accounting. He first worked for GSA and soon moved over to the Forest Service Region 2 Regional Office. He worked in accounting until computers came on line. Then he switched over to the Regional computer shop and worked in various positions there for the remainder of his career. He retired in December 1991. He married Mary Nelson in January 1996. They were married just under 24 years.

Myron loved to work and build with wood and spent almost every weekend at Jackson Lake, boating & water skiing.

He is survived by four of his siblings, his two sons, Mike and Scott, and their spouses, his wife Mary and stepson, Mark and his spouse. He is also survived by 5 granddaughters and one grandson.

Judy Lee Williams



Judy Lee Williams, 72, passed away on July 11, 2019 at her home in Lawton, OK.

Judy was born on November 14, 1946 in Oklahoma City, OK to Burl and Minnie Opal Hodgin. She grew up in Germany and Lawton, where she graduated from Lawton High School. After high school she attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, earning an Associate Degree. After college she began a long career with Civil Service, retiring after 25 years. Judy worked in the Regional Office in Area Planning & Development and Cooperative Forestry, S&PF staffs in the late 70's and early 80s. She was a good friend and coworker.

Judy was an avid photographer. She loved to go to the Wichita Mountains and photograph the landscape and wildlife. She also loved to take photographs of her nieces and nephew.

She is survived by her brother Larry Hodgin and wife Kathy of Lawton; nieces Kristy Brinkley and husband Steven of Coweta, OK; Sarah Cox and husband Jason of Barberton, OH; nephew Jeremy Hodgin of Broken Arrow, OK, and 9 great nieces and nephews.

Jack Allison Wolfe



Jack Allison Wolfe passed away on May 11, 2019. Jack was born in Houston, PA on December 30, 1930 to Wade Hampton Wolfe and Eva Marie Starkey Wolfe. Jack was married to Bertha Alice Manner for 53 years.

Jack was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He graduated in Forestry from Colorado State University and had a productive and satisfying 32-year career in the Forest Service. He was a Ranger on the Medicine Bow, the San Isabel, and the Routt and also worked on the Wild and Scenic Rivers program in R-9. Jack preferred the Ranger service. A highlight was in 1962 when he selected a Colorado Blue Spruce that was chosen to be the National Christmas Tree in Washington, DC. He got to proudly escort his selection upon its delivery to the Capital. Of his hobbies, his favorite was wading and casting flies into a clear, cold trout stream. Jack was charming, witty, and well spoken- all traits, which will make him sorely missed.

Jack is survived by his daughters Kristin Grant, Trena Pless, and Paula Guest. Grandchildren are Allison, Erin, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Meredith, and Caroline. A fourth generation includes six great grandsons, Jonah, Auden, Grayson, Oliver and Cardinal Gilliam and his namesake, Jack..

Richard E. “Woody” Woodrow



Major **Richard E. “Woody” Woodrow** passed quietly after a long illness coping with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). Following his 88th birthday he was ready for the angels to wrap their wings around him and ascend to heaven. He left his time on earth agreeing with a military friend that recently wrote, “You have lived a charmed life; a marine fighter pilot, a forester graduate from Penn State, married an outstanding woman and had three wonderful daughters. I do not think it can get any better than that.”

He served as a Marine fighter pilot as well as a long period in the reserves. He lived his life well in Florida, California, Alaska, Oregon, Colorado and Washington, D.C His first job as a Forest Ranger was in Eagle then he was the Supervisor of the White River National Forest in the 1980s. He was a hero to his daughters who praised him at every opportunity for being “the best Dad ever.” He and Shirley were members of the Rocky Mountaineers.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, and daughters, Robin (Wirsing), and Kimberly and Kira Woodrow, he leaves behind his only grandchild, Matt, and two great-grandsons, Calvin and Miles; as well as nephews, a niece and many friends and neighbors who count him as a friend.

Not Forgotten:

Argel H. Bury



Argel H. Bury of Belle Fourche died Friday, March 16, 2018. He was born December 22, 1932 in Webster, South Dakota to Harry and Marie (Herr) Bury. He graduated high school in Webster in 1951. He married Rosemary Wietgreffe and to this 13 years of marriage four children were born. The family moved to the Black Hills from Webster in 1960 and Argel worked for the Forest Service until retiring in 1983.

He married Rosalie Huffman and they celebrated 42 years together. After the FS he has several businesses in Belle Fourche.

Argel was a past member of the Moose Lodge, Bowling and Horseshoe league. He loved to go fishing and camping with the kids. He was an avid hunter and loved football. When he was younger he trapped muskrat and fox.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie; children, Debra Madden, Douglas Bury, Kathy Haisch and Dennis Bury; step children, Rik and Stacey; 19 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren and a sister, Darlys Olson.

Ralph Leon Cockrell



Ralph Leon Cockrell died on March 6, 2012 in Cheyenne. He was born on Sept. 17, 1944, in Lovell to Admiral Dewey and Edna (Durfee) Cockrell. The fourth of five children and naturally athletic, Ralph graduated from Lovell High School in 1963, leaving behind a lasting legacy of basketball heroics that are still spoken of today. He attended the University of Wyoming, earning a bachelor of science degree in range conservation in 1968.

His love of the outdoors led Ralph to a career spanning three decades with the Forest Service. While working in Spearfish, S. D., he met Kathleen Ann Remsberg. They were married in 1974. He moved to the San Juan N. F. and then until he retired in 1996 was on the Medicine Bow. Ralph was an avid hunter, a camper and a fisherman as well as an accomplished gardener. Ralph was always willing to lend his ability to fix almost anything to those in need and his true love spending time with family, either enjoying a lively game of cribbage or simply getting caught up on the busy lives of his children.

Ralph was survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Kathleen; daughters Carolyn Wood, Jennifer Cockrell, and Katie Cockrell; sons Dennis and Jonathan; brother Ronald.; sister Connie Remmich and grandchildren Dominic, Raif, Ronin, Alaina, Parker and Sierra.

George W. Darlington

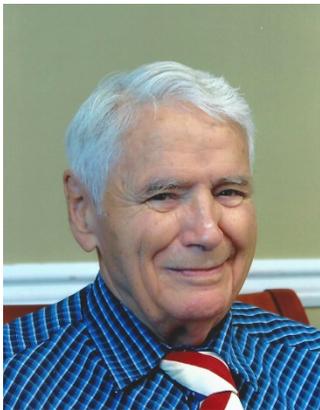


George W. Darlington died on November 12, 2004 in Douglas, WY. He was born February 22, 1928 in Upton, WY to Oley and Gail Darlington. He was one of five children and grew up on the family ranch where he would ride a horse for ranch supplies when he could. He played sports, hunted and fished. He married Vera and longed to own a ranch.

He enlisted in the Army and served in Japan and Korea during the Korean War. George and Vera had two children and after the war George came to work for the Forest Service and worked as an Engineering Technician on the Douglas Ranger District and the old Laramie Peak District. He retired after thirty one years.

He loved the country, the ranch, hunting and fishing, horses, played some golf, and especially loved his family. He is survived by his son Dave and daughter Linda and their children and grandchildren.

Daryle Eugene Gibson

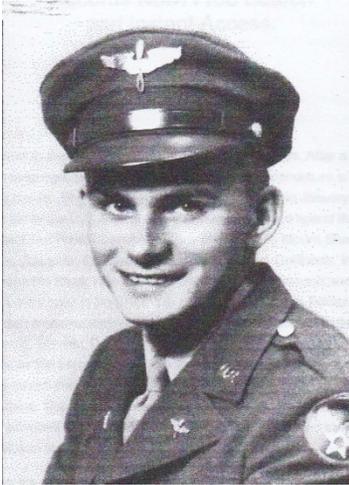


Daryle Eugene Gibson passed away on February 25, 2018 in Westminster, CO. He was born in Greeley on February 8, 1922. He graduated from Greeley High School and was a chief petty officer in the Navy during World War II. He worked for the Forest Service for thirty-five years. He was the Administrative Officer on the Medicine Bow N. F.

He worked in real estate after he retired and was active in the Lions Club and an avid University of Wyoming fan. He was admired for socialability, administrative skills, his humor, and his devotion to and serving God.

He is survived by his daughters, Sheryl Kettell, Sylvia (Richard) Kelso, and Meryth (Lee) Piatt and sons Gary and Merlyn (Laura), as well as nine grandchildren and thirteen great grand children.

Harvey Peter (Hoot) Gibson



Harvey Peter (Hoot) Gibson died in June 17, 2015. He was born on March 9, 1926 in Manistee, MI to Tennys and Alma Gibson. He spent his childhood tromping the woods in Michigan and his grand-parents farm. At five he was called “Hoot” and it stuck and perfectly described his personality. He was a hoot. He was in the Army Air Corps toward the end of WW II but never got to use his pilot training as the war ended. He attended Michigan State but didn’t have money to finish and ended up as government trapper on the Black Hills where he met his future wife Paula. He returned to finish his degree in Michigan in 1950 and he returned to the Black Hills and married Paula. He worked for a while with the U. S. Border Patrol in Texas and finally in 1954 transferred to the Forest Service. He worked in California, Arizona, Wisconsin, and in Region 2 he worked on the

Black Hills as Timber Staff, the Shoshone as Ranger, and the Regional Office.

He loved to go to gun shows and had a small business marketing belt buckles and medallions. His sense of humor, story, and joke telling abilities were unmatched. He always said. “You don’t need new stories, just a new audience.” He is survived by his children David (Nancy) Gibson, Alan Gibson, Barbara Gibson, Carol Smith, and Susan Gibson; seven grandchildren, and seven great grand-children.

Robert Prater (Bob) Kelly



Robert Prater (Bob) Kelly of Lincoln, NE died on June 14, 2011. He was born on December 28, 1922 in Dallas, TX. To Eli Hughes and Adelia Mae Kelly. He was raised on a Texas ranch during the depression and took over the family farm and ranch at age 14. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as a gunnery instructor and also flew combat missions in the Pacific from 1943 to 1945. He married Linda Forson in 1949. Bob earned a degree in Agriculture Education from Texas A&M and Wildlife Management degree from Colorado State University. He taught Vocational Education in high school until 1960 when he went to work as a biologist for the Forest Service on the Wind River R. D. on the Shoshone and then to the San Juan on the old Glade R. D. After the Forest Service he worked for the USFWS and retired in Nebraska.

He was active in 4-H and FFA, NRA, and several other organizations after retirement and did substitute teaching. He loved horses, showed Quarter horses, did photography, and 4-wheeling.

He was survived by his wife Linda, son Clay, and granddaughters Brittany and Chelsea.