

2016 Memorial Grove Honorees

James William (Jim) Bailey	Arapaho N.F., R-5, R-10 Special Agent
Linda Kay Bledsoe	Arapaho-Roosevelt, White River, R.O., GMUG N.F.
Jeni Bradley Evans	Rio Grande N.F., R-10
Martin Cole (Marty) Everitt	FHA, R.O.
Ronald Frederick (Ron) Greenwald	Pine Ridge, Boxelder, R-6, National Office Job Corps
Gordon W. Griswold	GMUG N.F.
Betty K. Harden	White River N.F., R-2, R-1, and R-3
Stephen R. (Steve) Hemphill	Umatilla R-6, R-5, GMUG N.F.
Robert Earl (Bob) Houser	San Juan, White River
Lynn Edward Laumer	Black Hills N.F.
Donald D. (Don) Loff Sr.	R.O. as Engineer Director, W.O., R-6, R-4
Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf	R.O., Routt FS, Med. Bow, GMUG, Bl. Hills, WO, R-3
Charles Dwight Minnemeyer	R.O., S&PF
John T. Minow	Rio Grande, Black Hills, Gunnison, R.O
Harry R. Nickless	Pike San Isabel N.F.
Stephen G. (Steve) Nielsen	R-9, R-5, Medicine Bow-Routt NF
Willard Charles Rambo	San Juan N. F.
Samuel Carl (Sam) Schroeder	Bighorn, Carson, AR, White River, and PSICC, Salida RD
Clarence J. (Sime) Simones	Nebraska NF, Job Corps, R-6, R-8, R-9
Teresa Olivia Towry	Rio Grande NF
Wendal G. (Van) Van Scyoc	Rio Grande, Routt, Gunnison, White Rv. NF's, R.O.
John Carey Watt	R-5, R-2 R.O. Personnel

Not forgotten:

Doyle William Ashby	Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison N.F.	2003
Daniel (Danny) Gomez	Routt N.F., BLM, BIA	2013
Gary P. Hendricks	Regional Office, R-2; R-1, R-5	1991
Mike Mata	Medicine Bow/Routt N.F.	2007
Morris LeRoy Shiley	Black Hills N.F.	2013

James William (Jim) Bailey



James William (Jim) Bailey, 76, died on Friday, December 30, 2016 in Craig, CO. He was born on September 18, 1940.

Jim was a long time LEO and Special Agent for the FS, primarily in R2, Boulder RD from about 1973 - 1980 as general district assistant ranger and snow ranger at Eldora and then as snow ranger in Steamboat on the Routt. He then went to California on the marijuana project around 1990. He finished his career as Special Agent in Charge for the Alaska Region where he retired in about 1994 and moved back to Steamboat. He worked for Jim Ficke, Natural Resource Consultants, as a forestry technician in retirement.

Linda Kay Bledsoe



Linda Kay Bledsoe of Cedaredge died Feb. 29, 2016. Linda was born in Sterling, CO on Feb. 26, 1955. She graduated from Valley High School in Gilcrest, CO. Linda began her Forest Service career on the Red Feather/Poudre Ranger District in 1973 as a resource clerk, then to the Aspen Ranger District, on to lands in Glenwood Springs, and then in 1983 she moved to the Regional Office in Lands. In 1992, she moved to the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison N.F. as a Realty Specialist.

By 2003 Linda had become one of the most experienced and knowledgeable Realty Specialists in the Region. Linda's knowledge of Forest Service history, water law and paralegal training made her a great asset to the region. She tackled a lot, built a career in lands, went out on forest fires, did exemplary work, and lovingly raised her three sons. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, NASCAR, sports and supporting and coaching her sons and grandchildren in their sporting events.

She is survived by her sons, Jason (Heather) Cerise of Montrose, Craig (Amanda) Cerise of Cedaredge and Anthony (Sidney) Cerise of Greeley; her brothers, Dennis Bledsoe of Chandler, Ariz., and Rod (Kelly) Bledsoe of Windsor; her sister, Vicki (Pat) Grover of Highlands Ranch; and her grandchildren, Isabel, Maya, Blaine, Autumn, Dylan and Colton.

Jeni Bradley Evans



Jeni Bradley Evans passed away in Kalispell, MT, on December 31, 2016. She was born in San Bernardino, California in 1950 and lived life to its fullest and was always in pursuit of her many dreams. During elementary school she lived in Scotland for 3 years. She graduated from San Geronio High School (CA) in 1968 she and attended California State College San Bernardino. Jeni had a successful 38-year federal government career which included working in four F.S. Regions and three other federal agencies. She started as a clerk typist in Juneau, AK, worked in engineering, was a District Ranger in Seward, AK, and retired as

Deputy Forest Supervisor on the San Juan N.F.

She worked on a number of special projects, including a pilot program to improve the way the federal government does business and also the “redesign” of their Human Resources Management operation. After she retired she started her own consulting business, Bradley Evans Inc., in Troy, Montana, specializing in business development, communications and marketing.

Jeni is survived by her loving husband Jim Evans, whom she married in 2005; her brother John Curry; and her stepsons Wayne Bradley, Scott Evans.

Martin C. (Marty) Everitt



Martin Cole (Marty) Everitt passed away on March 9, 2016. Marty was a geological engineer for the Federal Highway Administration and later for the Region 2 Forest Service Regional Office where he served as materials and geotechnical engineer from the early 70's until he retired in 1983. After his retirement, he worked for a private engineering company.

He was born in Caldwell, New Jersey on September 11, 1930. His early childhood days were spent in the small town of Port Jervis, New York. After spending time in Panama, Marty graduated from Roseville High School in 1947 in Michigan. He went on to the University of Michigan where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1952. Between July 1952 and April 1954 he was a lieutenant in the U. S Army and served in Korea. He returned to the University of Michigan and earned a Master's Degree in Engineering in 1957. He married Mary Burton on September 22, 1962 in Endwell, New York. In December of 1963 they moved to the brand new home at 6921 Oak Street in Arvada, which remained their home for the 53 ½ years of their marriage. He was an avid and nationally recognized target shooter, a volunteer at History Colorado and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, and loved to travel, read, attend lectures, and listen to music of the big band era.

He is survived by his wife Mary Everitt and daughters Mary Susan and Laura.

Ronald Fred (Ron) Greenwald



Ronald F. (Ron) Greenwald passed away September 6, 2016. Ron retired as the National Deputy Director of the Job Corps Program. Ron was born August 10, 1937 in Greeley, Colorado. He grew up on the family farm and dairy, and graduated in 1955 from Windsor High and was an all-state basketball player. Ron milked up to 60 cows twice a day until his senior year at CSU. He graduated in 1959 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture, Ron taught until drafted into the Army. He returned to Colorado in 1962 and taught at Lookout Mountain Correctional School for Boys and married Lynn Renee Heath in 1963.

In 1965, the Job Corps program began and Ron was hired by the Forest Service as a teacher at Pine Ridge Center in NE. By 1969 he became the youngest center director while at Boxelder Job Corps Center at Nemo, SD. In 1970 he was the National Environmental Officer in Washington DC. In 1976 he returned to the Job Corps program in Portland OR. Ron retired in 1997 as National Deputy Director of the Job Corps Programs within the U S Forest Service.

Ron leaves behind Lynn, his wife of 53 years; three children; Heath Greenwald, Kari (Todd) Sprague, and Laurie (Jason) Kolb. His 7 grandchildren, listed in no particular order as each was his favorite: Cruz Kolb, Nora Sprague, Hudson Greenwald, Nigel Sprague, Ace Kolb, Nev Sprague, and Ivy Lynn Kolb.

Gordon W. Griswold



Gordon W. Griswold of Delta died Nov. 19, 2016. He was 76. He was born Sept. 11, 1940 in Ada, Okla. He spent his early childhood in Ada and then graduated from Lawton High School in 1958. He earned in bachelor's degree in engineering from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

After graduating from OSU, he joined the United States Army where he was a combat engineer. On April 5, 1968, he married Esther Hagood in Oklahoma City, Okla. They lived in Almont and Lufkin, Texas, prior to retiring to Delta in 1999. Mr. Griswold was a zone engineer for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests.

He is survived by his wife, Esther of Delta; son, Michael (Pamela) Griswold of Clear Lake, Texas; two daughters, Katherine Griswold of Delta and Karla (Robert) Husted of Paonia; grandson, Austin Husted; and granddaughter, Julia Griswold.

Betty K. Harden

Betty K. Harden passed away on June 19, 2016 in Arden, North Carolina. Betty was the computer specialist on the White River NF during the 1990's until 2005. Prior to being in R-2, she worked in R-1 in Missoula and also in R-3. Before retiring, Betty was stationed as a virtual employee from the Asheville, North Carolina Forest Service Office where she provided support for the Main Frame Servers in R-2 and other Regions across the agency. Betty loved the Forest Service and dedicated much of her life to the Agency.

She is survived by her husband Ted, who also retired from the Forest Service was a Telecommunications Specialist in R-1, R-2, and R-8.

Stephen R. (Steve) Hemphill



Stephen R. (Steve) Hemphill passed away on May 15, 2016. He was born on February 20, 1945 in Pendleton, OR. He graduated from Pendleton High School and received an Associate's degree in Civil Engineering from Blue Mountain Community College.

Steve retired from the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in June 2001 with 35 years of service. He started his Forest Service career as a seasonal employee in June 1965 as a Civil Engineering Technician on the Umatilla NF. After serving in the Army in Vietnam he started his career with FS on Umatilla and moved on to the GMUG NFs in Civil Engineering. He was the Special Projects Coordinator there from 1994 until he retired. One of the last major projects he worked on was the Trans-Colorado

Pipeline.

He enjoyed hiking through the forests, hunting, fishing, camping, and enjoyed being around people from all walks of life. He was known for his friendly, easy-going attitude and his great sense of humor and ready laugh. He is survived by his wife, Patty, son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Jenna, and his grandson, Jack.

Robert Earl (Bob) Houser



Robert Earl (Bob) Houser died in Durango, CO on March 3, 2016. He was born July 28, 1929. Bob graduated from Chillicothe Illinois Township High School in 1948 and Bradley University in 1950 with an associate degree in civil engineering. On November 24, 1950 he married Edith “Joanne” Kehlenbach. Bob was an outstanding athlete, enjoying football, basketball, and baseball in high school, and was drafted to play on the Three-1 Minor League Hiram Walker Baseball Team in Peoria, Illinois from 1953-55.

In 1963 he moved to Durango, Colorado where Bob worked as a civil engineer/land surveyor on the San Juan N.F. In 1971 Bob was transferred to Pagosa Springs, then Glenwood Springs in 1981 where he retired from the Forest Service in 1988. After retirement Bob and Joanne lived in Pagosa Springs and then Delores, CO. Bob loved to hunt, fish, hike, ride his horses, and make furniture.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joanne who resides at Four Corners Health Care Center; children Sheryl Kaufman of Durango, Colorado, Steven Houser of Castle Rock, Colorado, Mark Houser of Farmington, New Mexico, Eric Houser of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Lynn Edward Laumer



Lynn Edward Laumer, 71, passed away on Jan. 2, 2016. He was born on January 29, 1944. Lynn grew up on farms in the Newell area and attended school in Newell, SD and graduated from high school in 1962. He loved sports, participating in baseball, football, basketball, and track. His love of music and he played the baritone horn and was a member of the barbershop chorus in Spearfish. He enjoyed cars and his particular favorite was the '67 Ford Mustang. In 1965, Lynn married the love of his life, Karen Edlund, and they moved to Aberdeen where he completed college at Northern State, receiving a teaching degree with a math major and physics minor. He and Karen bought land on Horse Creek, near Newell, where they raised hogs and maintained a dairy herd for nearly twenty years.

In late 1987, Lynn and Karen moved to Spearfish where he began working for the U.S. Forest Service and became a Licensed Land Surveyor. He surveyed and maintained many, many miles of property line on the Black Hills.

Lynn is survived by his wife of fifty years, Karen, and his two daughters: Tracy Jepson of Ankeny, IA, and Karlie Laumer, of Spearfish, SD; his grandsons, Christopher and Steffan Jepson.

Donald D. (Don) Loff Sr.



Donald D. Loff Sr. passed away Jan. 7, 2016 in Wilsonville, OR. Don was born May 17, 1931 in Duluth, Minn. Don graduated from Eveleth High School. Don married his high school sweetheart and they were married for 64 years. Don graduated from the University of Illinois with a civil engineering degree in 1955. Don started his career with the Forest Service in Portland, OR as a highway engineer. Don worked on the Siuslaw and Gifford Pinchot N.F.s, then R-4, R-2, and the W.O. He came back to the Rocky Mountain Region in 1980 as Director of Engineering and retired in 1990. The family enjoyed the camping, skiing, fishing, and felt so fortunate to experience all the

beauty.

Don is survived by his wife, Jean; son, Don (Sally); daughters, Sue (Peter Fry) and Sheri Loff; grandchildren, Juniper (Nathan Winters), Danny, Lindsey (Robert Strait), Loren (A.J. Ulibarri), Mitchell (Brigette) and Marya (Joey Crager); and great-grandchildren, Alydia, Asher and Brianna. Don would say to all of us "always cherish your family and friends, and enjoy the beauty in life as time goes by swiftly."

Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf



Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf passed away on September 29, 2016 only 20 days after his wife Shirley. Walt was born in Lincoln, Nebraska December 3, 1925. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 during WWII and he served on USS Union in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1946. Walt earned a BS in Forestry from the University of Missouri in 1949 and married Shirley Ann Ballhorn in 1950.

Walt retired from the Regional Office in 1981 where he was Assistant Director of Recreation and Lands. He was Forest Supervisor on Routt National Forest, and in the W.O., on the Medicine Bow NF, the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison NFs, the Black Hills NF, and in Region 3 on Carson N.F.

He and Shirley enjoyed square and round dancing and were fortunate to be able to travel to the Caribbean, Hawaii, Canada and all of the USA. He is survived by his sons, David, Paul (Susan) and Mark (Joan); his four grandchildren, five great grandchildren.

Charles Dwight Minnemeyer



Charles Dwight Minnemeyer, 70, of Bloomington, passed away on January 30, 2016. Charles was born September 27, 1945 in Monroe County, Indiana. He graduated from Bloomington High School and received a BS in entomology from Purdue University. After serving in the US Army, he completed a MS in entomology from Colorado State University. Charles married Deborah (Clark) Minnemeyer on May 19, 1973. Charles was an entomologist for the Rocky Mountain Region until he retired in 1986. His research concentrated on the spruce beetle in the forests of the Rocky Mountains. After moving back to IN, he devoted his time to volunteering in local community events, coaching youth sports, and moonlighting as a civil war historian. He enjoyed restoring baseball mitts, watching horse racing, and swimming.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Minnemeyer of Bloomington; son Chas Minnemeyer and his wife Jenny of Frankfort, IL; son Grant Minnemeyer and wife Colleen of Spencer; and grandson Miles.

John T. Minow



John T. Minow, age 92, of Lakewood passed away December 17, 2016. He was born May 26, 1924 and grew up on the Cross S ranch and attended high school in Broadus, MT. After high school, he attended college at Montana State University and then during World War II he served in the 94th Infantry Division in Europe including service in General Patton's Third Army during the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star for bravery. He returned to college at University of Montana in Missoula, MT, where he completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry.

He started his career on the Medicine Bow as Assistant Ranger and then District Ranger. He met Wilma McRevey and they were married in Laramie, WY, on April 29, 1955. They moved to the Rio Grande N.F. at Creede, CO, in 1958 where John served as the District Ranger. He was staff officer on the Black Hills and then went on to Forest Supervisor on the Gunnison N.F. and then on to the newly combined Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests. John's last assignment was in the Regional Office where he worked in Range Management until his retirement in 1980.

John is survived by sons Charles Minow, Lakewood, Joseph (Pamela Croom) Minow, Huntsville, AL, and Paul (Nancy) Minow, Alamosa, CO. Grandchildren Bonnie Ortega and Rob (Nichole) Hopper, and great-grandchildren: Tyler, Riley and Raelle Ortega and Braiden and Tinlee Hopper.

Harry R. Nickless



Harry R. Nickless passed away on May 21, 2016 in Pueblo, CO. Harry was born on October 28, 1938 in Tracy, MN. Harry was retired Timber and Fire Staff on the Pike San Isabel Cimarron Comanche National Forests and Grasslands. Harry served 30 enjoyable years with the U.S. Forest Service. He loved the outdoors, his family, and his job with the U. S. Forest Service. He retired after thirty years of service.

Harry was a wonderful friend to many, a great teacher with patience, wore a bright smile, and brought humor to most any situation.

Harry is survived by his wife Mavis and three sons and their families: Ray and Terri, grandchildren, Claire and Jenna; Steve and Barb, grandchildren, Kyle and Amanda; Dave and Cate, grandchildren, Collin and Trevor; and his sister, Rita.

Stephen G. Nielsen



Stephen G. Nielsen, a U.S. Army veteran, took his last and longest Harley ride Sunday, May 8, 2016. He was born Jan. 15, 1947, in Berkley, CA. Steve disproved the third time is a charm theory and married and divorced three times. Steve had more than 39 years of federal government service, first with the U.S. Army, then with the U.S. Post Office in Minnesota. He then switched careers to work with the U.S. Forest Service in Minnesota as a forester and moved to California before coming to Laramie in 1980 to work with the Medicine Bow N.F. for 25 years. He completed his career with the Forest Service as the NEPA coordinator in Laramie.

Steve enjoyed numerous outdoor activities, including camping, big bonfires, fishing, water skiing, hunting, golfing, snowmobiling, snow skiing, motorcycling, traveling, boating, going to concerts and playing softball. He also enjoyed photography, bowling, cribbage, poker, animals (he had a pet dog) and reading. Steve actively served on the city of Laramie Planning Commission and was a member of the Elks.

He is survived by his father Jerry; daughter Stephanie (Paul) Hunt, of Bethel, Minnesota; and son Tony (Yoko) Nielsen, of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Willard Charles Rambo



Willard Charles Rambo passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at home surrounded by family. Willard was born September 22, 1925 in Meridian, Idaho. He served in the Navy during WWII from November 1943 - May 1946. He participated in the Battle of Leyte Gulf near the Philippines where he survived Kamikaze attacks that missed his ship by as close as 20 feet and multiple close calls from torpedoes and bombs.

Upon his return he began working for the King Hill, Idaho Irrigation District. Willard married a young teacher named Martha Shirk on December 28, 1950 in Phoenix, AZ. He moved to SW Colorado in 1956 and worked for the San Juan N.F. until 1980. He supervised a complex road maintenance program in the San Juan NF. After retirement, Willard enjoyed videotaping steam trains, gardening, and spending time with his family.

Willard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Martha, of Ignacio; sons: Leland (Luann) Rambo of Durango, David Rambo of Farmington, NM, George (Susan) Rambo of Bayfield, and Roger Rambo of Bayfield; Daughter: Gloria Furuya of Ignacio; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren and many extended family and close friends.

Samuel Carl (Sam) Schroeder



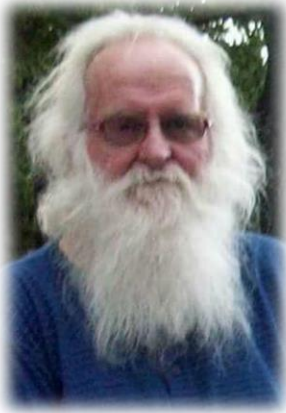
Samuel Carl “Sam” Schroeder, 66, of Nathrop died April 27, 2016, as a result of injuries sustained in an all-terrain vehicle accident. He was born Feb. 20, 1950, in Wauseon, OH. He graduated from Wauseon High School with the class of 1968. He received his forestry degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 1972. Sam married Kathleen “Katie” Twomey Dec. 15, 1979, in Denver.

He worked 36 years for the U.S. Forest Service on the Bighorn, Carson, Arapahoe-Roosevelt, White River and Pike-San Isabel N.F.

He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, off-road adventures and horseback trips. He was talented in carpentry, wood carving and the building of furniture.

He is survived by his wife Katie; daughter, Linnea of Burlington; and son, Mattson (a sergeant in the U.S. Army) of Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Clarence J. (Sime) Simones



Clarence J. (Sime) Simones passed away March 16, 2016 in Chadron. He was born in 1937 at home in Warren, PA. He graduated high school in 1955 and then Paul Smiths College near Lake Placid, N.Y., with a degree in forestry in 1958. On July 18, 1959, he married Mary Ann Simones.

He began his career in forestry with the Forest Service upon graduation in 1957 on the Allegheny N.F. He worked on the George Washington N.F., Jefferson N.F., Ochoco N.F., Winema N.F., and then in 1976 he relocated to Nebraska N.F. and the Pine Ridge Job Corps Center until he retired in 1992. During his time there he coached wrestling and was given the name of "Mr. Job Corp" and was one of the first to be inducted into the Job Corp Hall of Fame.

After he retired he continued to enjoy the outdoors, ran a snow removal business, coached baseball teams, and attended whatever sporting events his children participated in no matter where or when they were. He loved everyone, especially the children and young people in the community and was known as the 8th Street Grandpa. For many years he was "Santa" at various activities and visiting individual homes on Christmas Eve.

He is survived by three sons John of Caldwell Idaho, Bill of Chadron, Robert; daughters Cindy of Chadron, Dawn of Covington, Wash., Shannon of Tacoma, Wash.; 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.

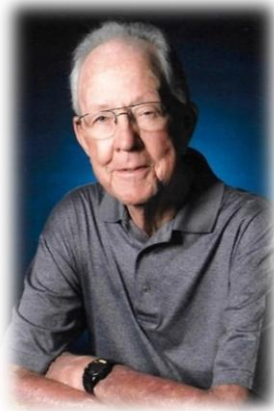
Teresa Olivia Towry



Teresa Olivia Towry, 77, of Monte Vista, passed August 22, 2016 in Colorado Springs. Teresa was born on June 12, 1939 in Conejos, Colorado. Teresa worked as a computer specialist for the United States Forest Service and was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend who enjoyed sewing, fishing, reading, baking and especially the time she spent with family and friends.

Survivors include her daughters Linda (Tom) Gallegos of Monte Vista, CO and Terry Towry of Nashville, TN; grandchildren Ambre Towry, Tarah Gallegos and Levi Peasley; great-grandchildren Kenya and Andy Borunda; brothers Orlando Lopez and Joe D. Lopez of Indiana. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Wendal G. Van Scyoc



Wendal G. Van Scyoc, 82, of Surprise, Arizona died on February 3, 2016. Wendal was born in Osborne, Kansas July 31, 1933. Wendal grew up in Kansas and after graduating from high school in 1951 he worked for the Post Office until he went into the Army in 1953. After his time in the Army he returned to Postal Service and married Margaret Dugan in 1956. He graduated from Fort Hays Kansas State College with a Bachelor's Degree in 1960.

Wendal's career with the US Forest Service from 1961 to 1991, included time as the Administrative Officer on the Rio Grande, Routt, Gunnison, and White River NFs and then the Regional Office in Financial Management for over twenty years. Wendal's family camped, hiked, skied and enjoyed all outdoor activities. After retirement he became an accomplished Scroll Saw Artist. He and Margaret moved to Surprise, Arizona in 2002. Wendal worked with the Boy Scouts, volunteered at the local food bank and his church. Anytime a friend or neighbor called, he was right there to help.

Wendal is survived by his wife of 59 years, Margaret, daughters Carla Boh and Karen Fitzgerald, four grandchildren, Marsha Brand, Ashley Degg, Willow Fitzgerald and Hill Fitzgerald and three great grandsons, Matt Farris, Mason Degg and Eli Degg.

John Carey Watt



John Carey Watt died on January 3, 2016. John was born on July 19, 1925 in Takoma Park, Maryland. After high school, John attended the University of Chicago until WWII when he enlisted in the Navy. His ship, a destroyer escort, saw action in both theaters of the war and was part of the convoy that sailed into Tokyo Bay to accept the Japanese surrender. After the war, he returned to the University of Chicago and then went on to Yale University where he received a Master's Degree in Forestry. It was during a summer internship at Yale that he first came to Colorado and fell in love with its' wild places. He married his first wife Edith Woodrow in 1953 and they were married for 51 years. John took a job with the Forest Service in California as an assistant ranger and then on to ranger near Mt. Shasta. In 1961 he moved to the regional office in San Francisco and then moved to Denver in 1965 in personnel. He retired in the early 80's with over 30 years of service with the US Forest Service.

After Edith died in 2003, John remarried in 2004 to Lois Bisbee and they had 11 wonderful years together spent traveling the world and rooting for the Rockies and the Broncos. He is survived by his wife, Lois; children, Frank Watt and Chris Counts; grandchildren, Jenny Meier, Tyler Watt, Allison Watt, Luke Counts and Heidi Counts; and great grandsons, Vinny Counts, Leo Watt and John Watt.

Madeline V. Worden



Madeline V. Worden, 92, died Tuesday, July 27th in Gillette, Wyoming. Madeline was born January 29, 1924 at Golden, CO the daughter of Charles A. and Vera A. (Walberg) Tanner. The family moved to Lakewood, CO where she graduated from Lakewood High school. Following high school she attended and graduated from Colorado Women's College in Denver. Following school she was employed by the Missouri-Kansas-Texas railroad in Denver and later worked for the Sioux Oil Refining Company before going to work for the U. S. Forest Service on the Elk Mountain R.D. as Support Service Supervisor. December 20, 1946, Madeline married Glenn E. Worden in Wheatridge, CO. The family moved to Midwest, WY and later Newcastle, WY which became her permanent home.

Madeline also had a large social life, being a member of First United Methodist Church, O.E.S. , and P.E.O. She was especially proud of her association and acceptance into the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by two sons, Michael E. Worden, and Dr. Scott E. Worden, grandchildren: Rebekah L. Clyde and Geoffrey M. Worden, and great grandchildren: Chord M. Worden, Tristin, Taylor and Taryn Clyde; and her constant companion Charlie, her Boston Terrier.

Not Forgotten:

Doyle William Ashby



Doyle William Ashby died on Thursday, April 17, 2003. He was born on June 17, 1942, to William Arthur and Mary Agnes (Nation) Ashby in Delta, Colorado. He spent his childhood in Delta and graduated from Delta High School. Doyle spent three years in Dolores, Colorado, and returned to Delta for the remainder of his life. On October 18, 1963, Doyle married Betty Byers in Delta.

Doyle worked for the Forest Service on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests in the engineering department. He enjoyed going 4 - wheeling and camping. The greatest joy of his life was all of his grandchildren and it was his number one hobby to make them happy.

He is survived by two sons: Tom Ashby and Russ Ashby of Grand Junction; a daughter, Ginger Byers of Delta; three grandchildren: Riley and Dylan Ashby of Grand Junction, and Olivia Ashby of Atoka, OK.

Daniel A. (Danny) Gomez



Daniel A. (Danny) Gomez died on July 24, 2013 while taking the fire agility test in Espanola, New Mexico. He was born December 19, 1959 to Eliza Gomez in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Danny was employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Forestry Supervisor in Fire, Timber, and Fuels program. He had worked as a timber sale administrator on the Routt N. F. and was known to be a warm friendly person with a good work ethic. Danny had a passion for his work and the people that he worked alongside. Danny would share his love of health and fitness with his staff, family and friends. Danny was a family man that loved his wife, children, sister, and extended family. He will be

remembered fondly by all those close to him as a kind man with a beautiful spirit, at service to others.

Danny is survived by his wife, Deanna Gomez; daughter, Danielle Gomez; sons, Jon Bjork and Tyler Bjork, daughter in law Kali Bjork; grand-daughter Brailey Daniel (named after Grandpa); sister, Charlie Williams.



Gary P. Hendricks

Gary P. Hendricks died on July 11, 1991. He was born July 13, 1939 in Bakersfield, CA. He graduated from Western Washington College and served in the Air Force. He married Bonnie L. Langstaff in Virginia City, NV on Sept. 19, 1987. He was working as Timber Sale Accounting Coordinator in the Regional Office at the time of his death. He worked in R-1 and R-5 before coming to R-2.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie; a daughter, Loretta of Rialto, CC; a son, Darrell of Rialto, CA and two grandchildren.

Michael Mata

Michael Mata died in 2007. He was a timber sale administrator on the Medicine Bow National Forest. No other information could be found about his family or life.

Kenneth Earl (Kenny) Sallee

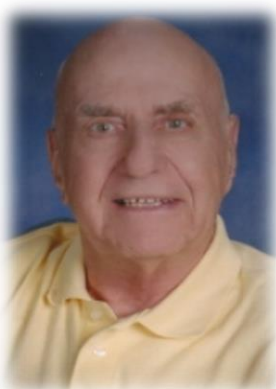


Kenneth Earl (Kenny) Sallee passed away Aug. 14, 2015 in Wayne City, IL. Kenny was born June 28, 1937, in Hot Springs, SD, the son of Everett and Evelyn Sallee.

He retired from the Forest Service in the early 90's. He had been the AFMO on the Elk Mountain Ranger District, Black Hills National Forest and worked for over 30 years on the District. He also was a cattle rancher. He was also a US military veteran who served in the National Guard.

He is survived by his wife Linda Sallee of Wayne City, IL; a son Earl (wife Stacey) Sallee of Rapid City, SD; a step son Marty (wife Janean) Rawls of Wayne City, IL; three step daughters: Tina (husband Barney) Ottema of New Castle, WY; Stacy Griffith (IL) and Misty Griffith (IL); 13 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

Morris LeRoy Shiley



Morris LeRoy Shiley, age 77, of Quincy, Illinois and formerly of Custer, SD, died on Friday, January 25, 2013. He was born on October 27, 1935 in Albion, PA. He married Mary L. Smith on May 24, 1958 in Lusk, WY. Morris was a served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. He was later a mechanic and worked for the U.S. Forest Service on the Black Hills N.F. until his retirement in 2003. He greatly enjoyed family, hunting, fishing, traveling and camping.

In addition to his wife Mary, he is also survived by: daughters: Moreen Stambaugh, and Melinda Rinella , five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

