

In Memoriam

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'04 and '03 **Alwyn L. Jackson**, 33, MA and BA social work, died July 15, 2007. A former member of the National Guard, he had been the recipient of the Army Service ribbon and the Air Reserve Meritorious Medal. He was pursuing his PhD in social work at the time of his death.

'04 **Ryan Carter Shearer**, 25, BAB human resource management, died Aug. 14, 2006. He was an Eagles hockey player for four years.

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'91 and '82 **Michael Randy Holmes**, MA technical writing and BA creative writing, died April 22, 2007. A Bronze Star and three-time Purple Heart recipient, Holmes became a police officer in Pemberton, N.J., after leaving the Marines. He then worked as a journalist and finally a college professor, before retiring in 2004. Holmes was a lifetime member of M.E.N.S.A. and the V.F.W.

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'89 **Lucile C. Kounkel**, 75, BA liberal studies with a minor in social work, died June 2, 2007. She was a longtime member of The Sons of Norway and volunteered for many years at the Our Place Food Bank.

'86 **Judy A. Duncan**, 62, BAE reading, died April 1, 2007. She became a Sister of Perpetual Adoration after graduating high school, and taught for awhile as Sister Robert Ann at St. Francis Xavier and St. Augustine. She obtained her degree from EWU after leaving the convent.

'82 and '78 **Susan Kathleen Jones**, 60, MA and BA education, died Feb. 22, 2007. She was very involved in home economics education.

'81 **Marla Spooner**, 61, BA applied psychology, died May 26, 2007. Most of her working life was spent as the director of the YMCA's Children's Daycare in Spokane, where she touched the lives of many children.

'80 **Larry W. Drotz**, 62, MS social work, died Dec. 18, 2005. He worked at the Washington State School for the Deaf and Blind until he retired in 2000.

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'79 **Willard F. Perry**, 75, BA applied psychology, died Dec. 21, 2003.

'76 **Grace D. Hanson**, 61, BA social work, died June 24, 2006.

'76 **Patrick Jude Raymond**, 53, BA psychology, died Apr. 27, 2007. He was a registered nurse for more than 25 years.

'75 **Scott Brady**, 55, BA psychology, died May 30, 2007. He lived the last 16 years of life in the Everglades in Florida working for the Flamingo Lodge Resort.

'75 **Jay D. Steele**, 58, BA psychology, died May 21, 2007 in Palm Beach, Fla.

'73 **Richard L. McMillan**, 59, BA psychology, died June 19, 2007. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1969-1975, then worked for *The Spokesman-Review* until retiring in 2003.

'71 **Gary Caspersen**, 60, BA communications studies, died Nov. 15, 2006. He served in the Army in Korea and worked as a harbormaster for the Port of Anacortes for several years before joining the Guemes Island ferry crew. He recently retired as a master captain.

'71 **Susan Carole Knipfer**, 58, BA administrative office management, died June 3, 2007. She lived in Ardenvoir in the Entiat Valley.

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'69 **David L. Richardson**, 67, BA general business, died Jan. 4, 2006.

'68 **Dave F. Middleton**, 61, BA economics and government, died Aug. 19, 2006.

'67 **Pennie J. Coffey**, 60, BA industrial technology, died in April 2006.

'67 **Marty O'Brien**, 63, BA physical education, died July 15, 2007. He was an excellent coach from the exemplar athletic program at Ephrata, having led the high school basketball program to several state championships.

'65 **Charles J. Keuthan**, 67, BA economics, died Sept. 29, 2006.

'61 **Robert P. Payton**, 69, BA general business, died March 20, 2006.

'61 **Mina M. Wold**, 69, BA elementary education, died Feb. 20, 2007. She taught at Sheridan Elementary School for 30 years and was the first teacher in the Spokane Public Schools District to be named Teacher of the Year. She retired in 1992.

Guy Breshears ('93 BA education)

Breshears made his mark in Four Lakes, Wash. The history buff felt a historical site in the area was going unnoticed, so he petitioned the Washington Department of Transportation to put up a heritage marker sign at 1st Street off of Highway 904. Breshears got his wish. The sign was installed last spring. Now people have a little direction to the site of a historical monument dealing with the Battle of Four Lakes, which occurred Sept. 1, 1858. Breshears says very few people, including those who are receiving history degrees at Eastern Washington University, knew where the monument was located. He's hoping the new heritage marker on SR 904 will change that and increase the awareness of this historic location.





Marilynn "Sam" Lietz, (’78 BA Communication Studies)

Lietz, who works as the Integrated Service Delivery Program Manager for Information Technology for the Central Intelligence Agency, was selected (out of the 400 person team) to receive the Meritorious Unit Citation from the Director of the CIA. This team designed and built a facility and transitioned 700 members of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s (DNI) transition to their new headquarters at Bolling AFB. Lietz also received a citation from Ambassador Patrick Kennedy, the Director of Management for the Office of the DNI on behalf of Ambassador John Negroponte, the DNI. The program ran from August 2005 until June 2006.

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’59 **Mary Williams**, 68, MA curriculum specialist, died June 11, 2006, in Cheney.

’57 **Warren E. Morgan**, 96, MA school administration, died April 9, 2007. A lifetime educator, Morgan worked as an elementary school principal from 1942-1956, then as assistant superintendent of personnel from 1956-1965.

’56 **William H. Durham**, 80, MA education died June 25, 2007. A World War II veteran, Durham lived his entire life in Spokane as a teacher and principal for several schools in the area.

’55 **Willard C. Julum**, 74, BA education, died May 9, 2007. A former Eagles football player and ASEWU president, Julum went on to teach and serve on the Dieringer School Board.

’54 **Beverly Ann Pearson**, 74, BAE education, died July 4, 2007, in Spokane.

’53 and ’48 **Robert K. Charles**, 81, MA social sciences and BA early childhood education, died in January 2006. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Charles began his teaching career at Port Townsend and retired in 1979 as principal in the Clover Park School District.

’53 and ’41 **Marvin Shadduck**, 93, MAE education and BAE early childhood education, died May 14, 2007. A star Eagles football player, he was later called on to toss the coin for Eastern’s millennium homecoming game. He served as a teacher and principal.

’52 **Norman E. Sanders**, 78, BA early childhood education, died Dec. 16, 2006, in Kihei, Hawaii.

’50 **Stanley B. Jump**, 89, BA education, died June 19, 2007. A fine arts teacher, Stanley was also a capable tap and ballroom dancer, harmonica player, wrestler and archer. He was a World War II veteran.

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’48 **Alfred Edwin Fredekind**, 91, BA education, died March 16, 2007, in Tacoma. He joined the Navy as a pilot instructor in World War II, and became a teacher after he left the military.

’44 **Clarissa J. Reins**, BA education, died April 2, 2007.

’44 **Ruby Williamson**, 82, BA education, died April 10, 2007. She taught school for many years in Spokane, retiring from education in 1979.

’43 **Lawrence D. Fox**, 83, BA education, died Jan. 29, 2007 in Grandview.

’42 and ’39 **Hillford B. Anderson**, 90, BA early childhood education and three-year teaching certificate, died April 14, 2007. He worked with the Okanogan School District for 35 years.

’42 **Lynn Dupin**, 86, BA music, died Jan. 13, 2007. She performed as a soloist mezzo-soprano in operas, oratorios and recitals across the United States, but returned to the Northwest to teach at Central Washington University, where she remained for 18 years.

’40 **Harry J. Zier**, 90, BA social sciences, died Nov. 30, 2006, in Seattle.

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’37 **Margaret Comegys Downing**, 91, one-year teaching certificate, died July 14, 2007. She taught for 30 years in Chelan and Seattle schools.

’32 **Dorothy Brislaw Amend**, 94, three-year teaching certificate, died May 25, 2007. She taught first grade for seven years before marrying in 1939.

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’27 **Virginia McBride**, 97, two-year teaching certificate in early childhood education, died July 26, 2006.

’25 **Norma R. Wills**, 102, BA education, died May 29, 2007. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse, and many of the residents of Pomeroy who’ve now raised two generations of their own were her students.

Faculty/Staff

Loretta Cannon died Jan. 5, 2007. She retired from payroll in 1996 after 22 years of service.

Dr. Mary B. Johnston, former EWU professor of Home Economics, died Aug. 9, 2007. She was a professor for 12 years before retiring in 1982.

Wayne Loomis died Feb. 7, 2007. He retired from facilities in 1982 after 20 years of service.