

In Memorium

'90s & '80s

'83 Tricia Burnett, BA communication health education, 42, died July 2003. She was Washington State Women's Power Lifting Champion in 1984. Participating in track at EWU, in her senior year, she was on the 400 relay team that went to the NCAA nationals. She was a member of the Seattle Zoological Society and the American Diabetes Association and had been living in Bellevue, Wash.

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'79 Timothy McFeeters, MA public administration & MS social work, 54, died August 2003. He had been living in Tucson, Ariz.

'78 Henry Crowley, BA theatre, 52, died August 2003. An actor, director and writer, he performed for more than 25 years in productions in the Puget Sound Area. Henry was a founding member of Open Door Theatre, an applied theatre company seeking to free children from violence and abuse by teaching safety skills through dramatic live performances. He had been living in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

'77 Wally Powers, BA college instruction, 55, died December 2003. He had taught English as a second language at the Seattle Language Institute and Evergreen Community College and wrote short stories. Wally was a resident of Cheney.

'75 Col. James E. Elliott, BA government, 58, died January 2004. He served in the Army for more than 30 years, including three tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. He received numerous awards and medals, including two Purple Hearts, a Presidential Unit Citation, a Joint Service Command Medal, six Vietnam Service Medals, two Bronze Stars, three Legion of Merits, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Silver Star and three Meritorious Service Medals. After retiring from the Army, he returned to Spokane in 1999.

'73 Clyde Bell, studied sociology, 55, died March 2003. Clyde worked for Standard Oil until 1971 and then was a counselor for the Washington Department of Social and Health Services before retiring in 1988. A Spokane resident, he coached men's softball, boy's basketball and women's basketball.

'71 Dean Gibbs, studied child development, died December 20, 2003. Dean was a long-time resident of Spokane.

'71 Richard Nearents, BA physical education, 71, died September 2003. Richard was a resident of Conconully, Wash.

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'67 Michael Jennings, BA journalism, 59, died December 2003. He participated in Army ROTC at Eastern and retired from the military in 1993 after serving 22 years and had been living in Sprague, Wash.

'62 Leo Young Jr., BA history, 67, died October 2003. He lived in Chino Hills, Calif.

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'59 Vernon Crawford, BA mathematics, 67, died February 2004. He served in the Army, worked at Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City and at IBM in both New York and Boston. He later took over a maple syrup business and changed the name to Crawford Valley Farms. He had been living in Wellesley, Mass.

'57 Roger Goodspeed, BA physical education, died August 2003. Roger was a resident of Hansville, Wash.

'55 Wesley Blalock, BS and BAE biology, died July 2003. He taught 7th- and 8th-grade science in Brewster, Wash. He later moved to Idaho, where he taught high school biology and chemistry in Bonners Ferry and taught his last two years at Sandpoint Charter School.

'51 Arthur Lowry Jr., studied psychology, 83, died March 2003. Arthur was living Salton City, Calif.

'51 Addison Robinson, BA early childhood education, 78, died September 2003. He was a resident of Culesac, Idaho.

'50 Richard Comstock, BA early childhood education, 78, died January 2003. A Kent, Wash., resident, he served in the Coast Guard in World War II and taught elementary school in Colfax and Wenatchee. He retired after teaching science at Pioneer Junior High School in Wenatchee, Wash.

'50 Ernest Rohde, BAE education, 75, died January 2004. He lived Kennewick, Wash.

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'49 Leta Cipriano, studied elementary teaching, 76, died November 2003. She taught in Molokai, Hawaii, before moving to Kennewick, Wash.

'41 Dorothy Speer, BA theatre, died October 2003. She had been living in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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'38 Mabel Herron, earned a three-year teaching certificate in home economics, died February 2004. She lived most of her life in Kahlotus, Wash., where she also taught school.

'37 Marjorie Lyons, BA communication disorders, 87, died July 2003. Marjorie was a resident of Sacramento, Calif., for more than 50 years. She taught for more than 25 years in Seattle, Spokane and Sacramento. Marjorie helped establish the Junior Music Sponsor Program, which supports music education in public schools.

'37 Vivian Pinson, BA home economics, 88, died April 2003. Vivian was residing in Vancouver, Wash.

'34 Elsie Swan, three-year teaching certificate in education, died March 2003. After graduating from Cheney Normal School, she began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse located in Ruby, Wash. Elsie also taught first grade in Fairbanks, Alaska, in 1939. For many years, she was a substitute teacher in the West Valley and Central Valley School Districts in Spokane.

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'27 **Helen Charlesworth**, BAE education, 94, died May 2003. Helen was a founding member of the Tawanka service organization at Eastern. She also taught at numerous schools in Washington, including Springdale, Centralia, Odessa, Marcus, Longview and Vancouver and had been living in Vancouver. She earned a master's degree in education from the University of Portland.

Faculty/Staff

'80 **Ysidro (Sid) Esparza**, MSW, died April 11, 2004, in Tacoma. He was field director of the EWU School of Social Work when he left the University in 1999. He had previously received the Washington State Hispanic Educator of the Year Award and had worked at Tacoma Community College.

Scott Levi Taylor died April 1, 2004, in an auto accident south of Cheney. A lecturer in psychology, he came to Eastern in fall 2003 from a position with the Harvard Medical School. His

excitement, enthusiasm and passion for teaching were remembered by his students and colleagues at a memorial service April 14.

Margaret Allen, who retired from a faculty position in the Education Department in 1976, died February 27, 2004. She taught at Eastern for 23 years, first coming as a kindergarten teacher at Robert Reid Laboratory School in 1953. She resided in Englewood, Colo., at the time of her death.

Beverly Klassen died January 31, 2004. She had worked at the EWU Spokane Center as an office assistant, coming to the University in 1990 and retiring in 1999.

Jim Corbit died March 31, 2004. A maintenance mechanic, he came to Eastern in 1973 and retired in July 1997. He had previously been a barber in Montana and enjoyed driving his convertible in auto parades.



'41 **Dr. Robert W. Reid**, BA early childhood education, died January 18, 2004. An emeritus professor of education, the Walla Walla native had a long association with Eastern, beginning in 1953. Soon after joining the faculty, he got involved in designing a new campus training school. The Robert Reid Laboratory School on Eastern's campus, in which students are able to observe classroom operations, was named for him in 1977, the same year he retired from the University. A memorial was held for Reid April 24.

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