

In Memoriam

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'87 Jan Neidig-Leeper, 54, B.A. liberal studies, died Jan. 29, 2005. A Spokane resident, she was senior and managing housing developer for Common Ground, a nonprofit organization.

'84 Jon Fox, 43, B.A. business administration, died Nov. 10, 2004, in Yakima. He retired from the Army as a major in 1994 and had worked in various capacities in the region until his illness.

'84 Bessie "June" Babcock, 81, M.S. developmental psychology, died in December 2004 in Spokane. She taught school in California for 25 years, then taught English in the South Pacific, Japan and Latvia.

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'79 Caryl Zorn Badey Minard, 67, B.A. general accounting, died Feb. 13, 2005, in Everett. She had worked as an auditor with the Washington Department of Revenue for more than 20 years.

'78 Richard E. Flamer, 72, M.A. counseling psychology, died Jan. 24, 2005. A resident of Tallahassee, he retired in 1997 as vice president of student affairs at Florida A&M University.

'78 Diannia Piercy, 52, B.A. studio art, died Feb. 25, 2005. An artist and teacher, she was coordinator of faculty development and an instructor at the Art Institute of Seattle.

'76 Ralph L. Lieser, 51, B.A. biology, died Nov. 17, 2004. He had been living in Ocean Park, Wash., having retired from a position as lead operator for the Vancouver Parks Department, where he had developed a water filtration system for the city.

'74 Sister Mary Kathryn (Anna Jean) Trenary, 80, M.A. interdisciplinary studies (music), died in March in Spokane. She would have celebrated her 60th jubilee this summer. She taught music in Seattle, Spokane and in the Yakima area.

'72 Constance Edgett, 85, B.A. dental hygiene, died Nov. 30, 2004, in Cheney. She was active in the West Plains Chamber of Commerce.

'72 Donna Jean Hofer, 56, B.A. government, died Nov. 19, 2004. A resident of Kenmore, Wash., she was recently retired from a Department of Treasury position and active in community organizations.

'70 & '74 Daniel Kelly, 63, B.A. industrial technology and M.A. psychology, died Nov. 20, 2004. A man who loved hunting, fishing and cooking, he retired from Pend Oreille County's Northeast Tri-County Health District as director of environmental health in 1993.

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'65 Ruth Wahl, 91, M.A. elementary teaching, died March 14, 2005, in Moses Lake. She taught in the Washington communities of Washtucna, Connell and Lind.

'65 George Watson, 89, B.A.E. social science, died Oct. 26, 2004, in Spokane. A long-time teacher in the area, he had also been a ski instructor and a bull rider.

'63 Margaret Carlson, 80, M.A. elementary teaching, died Aug. 29, 2004, in Spokane. She taught for many years, won a Fulbright Scholarship as an exchange teacher to England and later taught in Japan.

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'58 Lois Jansson, 85, B.A. social science, died Jan. 25, 2005. A resident of St. Maries, Idaho, she taught for many years and had served as a volunteer at a women's shelter and on a crisis line.

'57 Frank T. Yuse, 77, B.A. education and liberal arts, died Jan. 2, 2005, in Spokane. The long-time community activist and educator was profiled in the fall 2004 issue of *Perspective* for his recognition in the Kathleen O'Connor contest to seek a solution to problems with the U.S. health care system. He taught in several Idaho and Washington communities and worked on various social justice issues for Catholic Charities after retirement.

'55 Alvin Sauer, 67, M.A. industrial technology, died Jan. 30, 2005. Active much of his life in the field of agriculture, he received his 50-year pin from the Lamont Grange and had served on the Sprague Chamber of Commerce.

'51 Dean M. Baum, 79, B.A. early childhood education, died Oct. 23, 2004, in Portland. He taught in several Washington and Idaho communities and also worked in farming and ranching in central Washington.

'50 William Golden, 77, B.A. economics, died Dec. 4, 2004, in Spokane. He had careers with Weyerhaeuser, Equitable Life Insurance Company and as chief appraiser in the Walla Walla County Assessor's Office.

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'49 William "Bill" Penhallegon, 79, B.A. mathematics and education, died March 7, 2004. He was chair of the Physical Education Department at Wenatchee Junior College for 20 years and after retiring from teaching in 1984 joined Gwin, White and Prince Fruit Brokerage. He was honored as an Outstanding Educator of

America in 1971 and 1973. He had been living in Grand Junction, Colo.

'49 & '51 David E. Austin, 78, B.A. social science and education and M.S. education, died Nov. 14, 2004, in Anacortes. He served in the submarine service in the South Pacific during WWII, retired as a California school administrator and became director of off-campus programs for business and industry at Central Washington University in Ellensburg.

'49 Jack C. Charles, 82, B.A. early childhood education, of Yakima died Jan. 1, 2005. He had been a teacher and elementary school principal in Washington's Clarkston, Highline and Yakima school districts.

'46 Miriam Schierman, 89, B.A.E. education, died Dec. 3, 2004, in Spokane. A teacher, she wrote *We Got Here from There*, a book about the early history of St. John, Wash., and another book about the year she spent on Tinian Island, north of Guam.

'40 Harvey Krell, 88, B.A. education, died June 22, 2003, in Spokane. A member of Kappa Delta Pi, he was the first of three generations to graduate from Eastern. He taught in Electric City and after WWII, obtained a law degree and worked as an attorney; he retired from Transamerica Title. His daughter **'74 Marta (Krell) Powrie (Katana)**, B.A.E. special education, said the education her father received at Eastern inspired her to become a teacher as well.

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'34 Carl Wasmund, 96, B.A. physical education, died Oct. 8, 2004. He taught for many years in the Puyallup area, retiring in 1975.

'31 Mollie E. Nicholson, 93, B.A. communication studies, died Feb. 25, 2005, in Everett. She taught school for nearly 30 years in Snohomish County and later returned to her memories of the wheat lands of eastern Washington's Lincoln County to create her book *How It Was in Hawk Creek Canyon*, for which she was awarded the Lucille McDonald Memorial Award by the Pacific Northwest Writers Conference. Mollie was a member of the EWU Alumni Association and the Tawanka organization at EWU, to which the family suggests memorials may be sent.

'30 Dorothy Baken, 93, teaching certificate, died Nov. 14, 2004, in Spokane. She taught in La Crosse, Wash., and farmed in Union Flat for many years.

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'29 Mary Agnes Praetorius, 95, B.A. education, died Jan. 4, 2005. A member of the Tawanka organization at Eastern, she had taught in several communities throughout eastern Washington, retiring in 1975 from teaching at Spokane Community College.

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'76 Florence (Steen) Gates, 87, B.A. general education, died March 8, 2005. She came to Eastern in 1954 and retired as Central Services Supervisor-publications in 1980. An accomplished violinist, she was a member of the Spokane Symphony and EWU Orchestra.

John A. McDaniel, 52, died April 11, 2005, in Spokane. Owner of Northwest Hospitality, he operated many restaurants in Washington and Idaho. He was a volunteer instructor in the EWU College of Business and Public Administration's Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and a member of the Dean's Advisory Board. John was named Eastern's Entrepreneur of the Year 1999-2000.



'55 & '64 Dolores "Bridget" Gibler, 72, B.A. music and M.A. education, died Jan. 27, 2005, in Spokane. Her career as a music teacher and band director in the region spanned four decades; she excelled in an area of education usually dominated by men, 1950s-1980s.

She developed three enduring programs in Spokane Schools, for which she served as music coordinator into the 1980s: Imagination Celebration, Creative Arts in Summer Time (CAST) and the Orff instrument program. She was the first person from Spokane elected president of Northwest Music Educators Association (which honored her in

the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame in 1998) and played French horn with the Spokane Symphony, among her long list of accomplishments.

Many at Eastern knew her for her affiliation with and passion for the Tawanka women's service organization, which recently celebrated its 75th year. For this event, she helped develop an updated directory and two histories (*Tawanka: 1927-1959* and *Tawanka Alumnae 1934-2002: A Brief History*). She held several offices with Tawanka and was continuing treasurer with the Tawanka alumni association for 20 years until her death.

Her long-time friend and partner, Laurel Nett, recently funded the Dolores L. Gibler Memorial Graduate Fellowship to assist master's-level students in teacher education and/or music education. She also added to the Tawanka Alumni Scholarship Fund at the EWU Foundation to assist undergraduate education majors. Memorials in Dolores Gibler's honor may be made to either fund.