

In Memoriam

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'99 **Mitchell Perala**, 43, MS interdisciplinary studies, died March 23, 2007, at his home in Richland. He was owner of Excellence in Mind, where he consulted and taught mental toughness skills to professional, Olympic, college, high school and junior high athletes, coaches and teams.

'93 **Natalie Breneman**, 39, BA recreation management, died March 31, 2007, in Spokane.

'90 **Kathleen Howard**, 50, BA business administration, died March 9, 2007, at her home in Spokane. She was employed as a certified public accountant.

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'89 **Toby Lee May**, 43, BA psychology, died March 1, 2007, in Spokane. She had worked as the information technology manager at Paine Hamblen Law Offices.

'89 and '63 **Charles Plumb**, 67, BA education, English, and BA journalism, died March 7, 2007, in Spokane. He joined the Air Force in 1957 and was a pilot in the Vietnam War. He retired from the Air National Guard in 1978. Plumb also worked as the editor for *The Davenport Times* and *The Valley News Herald* over a 40-year period.

'88 **Kenneth Johnson**, 44, BA English, died March 15, 2007, in Spokane.

'85 **Patricia Joslyn**, 62, BA history, died April 7, 2007, in Spokane. Joslyn earned her degree at the age of 40, after many years in the restaurant, hotel and entertainment industry.

'84 **Meagan Jarvis**, 44, BS nursing, died April 1, 2007. She started her career in Portland where she worked as a nurse and volunteered for Hospice.

'83 and '76 **Willis "Pete" Jones**, 70, MA education, school administration, and BA education, social studies, died March 23, 2007. The longtime Spokane resident served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and worked at KXLY television before embarking on a 20-year teaching career at Cheney High School. He was also an assistant coach of Cheney High's volleyball team.

'82 **Patricia Dempsey**, 82, BA education, died Jan. 18, 2007, in Chewelah. Dempsey earned her degree at the age of 50 after raising her children. She went on to teach in Oregon and Washington, becoming the full-time librarian/teacher at Mary Walker School in Springdale, Wash.

'82 and '78 **Susan (Delaney) Jones**, 60, MA education and BA home economics, died Feb. 22, 2007, in Medical Lake, Wash.

'82 **Kent McCandless**, 47, BA social work, died March 22, 2007, at his home in Kirkland, Wash. He received a master's in education at the University of Washington in 2006 and had worked at Fairfax Hospital in Kirkland.

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'79 **David Parks**, 54, MA clinical psychology, died Feb. 10, 2007. Parks was a resident of Enumclaw, Wash., where he bred and raised thoroughbred horses.

'74 **Nancy Sauer**, 54, BA physical education, died May 22, 2006, in Olympia. She taught in Australia for several years before being employed by the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

'74 **Eleanore Faye Vance Diener**, BA English, died March 16, 2007, in Utah. Diener worked in the Grandview, Wash., school system and served as Grandview librarian for several years.

'72 **Dennis A. Bauman**, 60, BA operations management, died May 17, 2006. Bauman served four years in the U.S. Air Force as a weatherman prior to finishing college at Eastern. After graduation, he worked at the Cowlitz PUD, then as a purchasing agent for Weyerhaeuser in Longview, Wash. Bauman went on to open and run restaurants in Longview and Bend, Ore., and built commercial and private real estate.

'72 **Charles Davis**, 59, BA industrial technology, died on Nov. 23, 2006. He served in the Washington Air National Guard and worked for the Cheney School District Transportation Department for more than 35 years.

'71 **Gary Caspersen**, 60, BA communications studies, died Nov. 15, 2006. He served in the Army during the Korean War 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 **Jim Emerson**, 59, BA biology, died Nov. 19, 2006, at his home on Clear Lake. He retired from Lakeland Village in 1993 and went on to be an independent insurance agent.

'71 **Margaret Parater-Thompson**, 74, BA sociology, died Nov. 22, 2006, at her home in Valley, Wash.

'71 **Robert Teschner**, 61, BA biology, died Nov. 9, 2006, in Spokane. Teschner worked as a family practitioner at the Cheney Medical Center before moving to Salt Lake City to complete his psychiatric residency. He eventually moved back to eastern Washington and practiced medicine until he re-

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tired. Teschner worked at Eastern State Hospital as the Director of Medical Service in Geropsychiatrics.

'70 **Harriet Albertus**, 86, BA general studies, died Jan. 6, 2006, in Sumner, Wash.

'70 and '47 **John W. Bennett**, 83, MA school administration and BA early childhood education, died Feb. 1, 2007. He was a longtime resident of Shelton, Wash., and taught school for many years around the state, eventually becoming a math teacher at the Washington State Corrections Center in Shelton. He retired from teaching in 1979.

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'65 **Frank H. Turner Sr.**, 79, MA education, died April 11, 2007. Turner was living in Kennewick, Wash., after retiring as a college instructor for Yakima Community College.

'64 **Herman R. "Bud" Porter**, 72, BA biology, died Jan. 8, 2006. After graduating from Eastern, Porter became a city planner in Spokane and Billings, Mont. In 1967 he went to work for IBM in San Jose, Calif., and White Plains, N.Y., in the telecommunications field. He retired from IBM in 1992 but continued to work for the company on a contract basis for seven more years. In 1998, he moved to Meridian, Idaho, where he served on the Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission. Before his death, the city renamed a walkway the "H.R. Bud Porter Pathway" in his honor.

'64 **John Strobridge**, 71, BA general business, died April 3, 2007, in Spokane. John had lived in Bellevue, where he was the comptroller for the Bellevue School District.

'63 **Florence Carr**, 95, BA elementary teaching, died Jan. 16, 2007, in Mount Vernon, Wash. She lived in Spokane for 55 years, teaching at several elementary schools before moving to the Skagit Valley area in 2003.

'61 and '39 **Eileen (Hoffman) Merritt**, 88, BA education and education certificate, died March 8, 2007, in Spokane. Merritt taught for 18 years in the Liberty School District.

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'59 **Rudolph Larson**, 78, BA industrial technology, died March 13, 2007, at the Spokane Veteran's Home. Larson joined the U.S. Army in 1951 and served in Japan. After earning his degree at Eastern, he went on to teach industrial arts at Argonne Junior High where he eventually retired.

'58 **Joe Templeton**, 75, BA sociology, died Jan. 26, 2007 in Walla Walla. Templeton was a Social Security Administration field representative for 26 years.

'55 **John Sherwin**, 75, BA mathematics, died Jan. 8, 2007. Sherwin was born and raised in Spokane. After graduating from Eastern, he moved to Seattle to work on Boeing's Bomarc Program. He went on to become a manager in Boeing Computer Services.

'52 **Norman Sanders**, 78, BA early childhood education, died Dec. 19, 2006, in Honolulu, Hawaii. He taught for many years around Washington in Endicott, Almira, Grand Coulee and Manson. He ended his career in education as the superintendent of the North Mason School District. Upon retirement, he moved to Maui.

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'43 **Audrey Matthews**, 86, BA education, died April 4, 2007, in Grandview, Wash. She was a retired schoolteacher for Prosser schools.

'43 **Dorothy Watson**, 87, BA education, died March 7, 2007. She started her teaching career in 1940 on Bainbridge Island, Wash., and taught for more than 40 years in Washington public schools, the last 25 years as a fifth-grade teacher at Bow Lake Elementary.

'40 **Harry Zier**, 90, BA social science, died Nov. 30, 2006, in Seattle. While at Eastern, he played basketball and ran track. For 38 years, he was a coach, educator and athletic director working at Omak and Wenatchee High Schools as well as Odle Junior High in Bellevue.

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'37 **Paul Buhrmester**, 91, BA education, died Feb. 14, 2006, in Vancouver, Wash.

'35 **Rosemary Faubion**, 92, BA education, died Feb. 15, 2007. She taught in Davenport, Cathlamet and Lacey, Wash., before becoming a counselor in the North Thurston elementary schools. Faubion received one of the last lifetime teacher certifications awarded by the state of Washington.

'32 **Dorothy Griffith**, 94, BA education, died March 23, 2007, in Four Lakes, Wash. Griffith worked at Interlake Hospital in Medical Lake, retiring in 1978.

'30 **Helen Fletcher**, 95, teaching certificate, died April 12, 2006, in Lacey, Wash. She taught kindergarten and first grade at Garfield Elementary in Olympia and was a music specialist for the Olympia school system.

Faculty/Staff

Joe Chatburn, 91, died Feb. 15, 2007, in Cheney. In 1958 Chatburn accepted a position as professor of education with Eastern, teaching math and education courses and serving as director of the Instructional Materials Center. In 1965, he became chairman of the Education Department and was dean of Continuing Education from 1971-78. Upon his retirement in 1978, he had been involved in public education for 43 years. All four of his children received degrees from Eastern.

John Colonghi, 59, died Dec. 11, 2006, in Sausalito, Calif. Colonghi helped establish the Indian Studies Program at Eastern in the mid-1970s and later served as director of the school's Indian Studies Program for six years.

Clarence Hughes, 87, died Jan. 15, 2007, in

Cheney. Hughes was supervisor of the electrical department at Eastern, where he was employed for 21 years. He retired in 1982.

Professor Emeritus Gerald Mercer, 85, died Dec. 9, 2006. He had taught in the Education Department.

Lillian McKinlay, 96, died Dec. 19, 2006. She worked as a transcript evaluator at Eastern for 17 years, until her retirement.

Dr. Frank Nicol, 88, died Feb. 8, 2007, in Cheney. He taught at Eastern for 30 years and was the biology department chairman for 18 years.