

# In Memoriam

## '00s

'04 **DeAnne Marie McVey**, 43, MS social work, died Jan. 7, 2008, in Spokane. She was a youth pastor and a program manager at residential children's home and a medical coordinator for People to People.

'02 **Gloria M. Meaders**, 79, BA interdisciplinary studies, died Oct. 8, 2007, in Spokane. At age 73, she earned her bachelor's degree. She retired from West Coast Grocery, volunteered at the local Salvation Army, United Way and was the activities director at the North Star Senior Center.

'00 **Gary Josef Hermann**, 44, BS computer science, died March 17, 2008, in Portland, Ore. Hermann loved the outdoors, camping, hiking, chess club, riding his bicycle and his motorcycle.

## '90s

'90 **Lynn Gillett Flaherty**, 68, BA liberal studies, died on March 11, 2008. She worked as a clinical nurse specialist at Eastern State Hospital and was also on

the clinical faculty at the Intercollegiate College of Nursing, teaching undergraduate clinical psychology.

## '80s

'87 **Richard Green**, 63, BAB management, died Nov. 7, 2007. He lived at Loon Lake, Wash.

'86 and '77 **Mark H. Williams**, 52, MA music education and BA music, died Jan. 3, 2008, in Bellingham, Wash. He taught in Spokane Public Schools from 1978-1990 as an elementary band director and was an active member of Spokane's music community, performing with the Spokane Symphony, Spokane Civic Theatre and Spokane Jazz Society, and serving as director for the Spokane British Brass Band.

'84 **Varick Floyd Cutler**, 54, MS social work, died Nov. 20, 2007, in Boise, Idaho. He played Division I basketball at Maryland and La Salle. His two vocations were coach and social worker. He has served the communities of Boise, Idaho; Rapid City, S.D.; and Lake Chelan, Wash.

'83 **Lester E. Netterstrom III**, 49, BA marketing, died March 3, 2008. He lived in the Seattle area for the past 26 years, where he most recently worked with Alerton as a national accounts manager.

'82 **Michael L. Flanigan**, 53, BA government, died Jan. 6, 2008, in Spokane Valley. He served a term as city councilman for the City of Spokane Valley and was active in Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce, Valleyfest and volunteered on numerous community boards and committees.

'82 **David C. Weaver**, 56, BS nursing, died Jan. 26, 2008, while skiing in the Methow Valley, Wash. He worked as an advanced registered nurse practitioner at Rockwood Clinic in Medical Lake for the past 12 years.

'81 **Victor Norman Lillquist**, 50, BAE history, died Dec. 26, 2007, in Ellensburg, Wash. He taught history, social studies, American government and math and coached in the Mount Vernon, Ore., and the Naches, Cheney, Cle Elum and Ellensburg School Districts.

'81 **Ann W. Lynch**, 72, MA public administration, died Feb. 13, 2008, in Spokane. She worked for the city of Spokane before moving to Seattle, taking a position as investment assistant for the First Washington Corporation. She returned to Spokane after retiring in 2003.

'81 **Gregory Alan Papst**, 49, BA radio-television, died Feb. 24, 2008, in Spokane. He worked in sales and as a forest crew supervisor with the Washington State DNR before changing careers to travel the country as a trainer/motivational speaker for Equita Financial of Dallas. He was a director for Christian Youth Theatre, and he acted in community and church productions and enjoyed commercial work with Big Fish Talent Agency.

## '70s

'78 **Nancy Ann Leonardo Santos**, 52, BS nursing, died Feb. 23, 2008, in Tucson, Ariz. She worked in the oncology and labor and delivery units of University Medical Center in Tucson for nearly 30 years.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Banner Bank and EWU Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament

Tee off at one of the newest and finest golf facilities on the west side – **Trilogy Golf Club at Redmond Ridge, Redmond, Wash.**

A fun-filled day of golf awaits you, your friends and fellow alumni at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Banner Bank and EWU Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament, beginning at noon, July 11, 2008. Cost: \$150 per person; \$600 per four-person team; and \$300 for corporate and individual tee and green sponsorships (100 percent of tee and green funds support alumni scholarships). Each sponsor will be recognized at a designated hole on the course. Reserve your tee and green sponsorship by contacting Stacy Olson at **509.359.4553**, **1.888.EWU.ALUM** or **saolson@ewu.edu**



'76 **Barry N. Baker**, 60, BA business administration, died Nov. 17, 2007, in the Spokane Valley. He worked as a finance manager and controller with the Nez Perce and Kalispel Tribes and also with the Bristol Bay Native Association in Dillingham, Alaska.

'74 **Paulette Ann (Bond) Berge**, 55, BS biology, died Dec. 19, 2007, while visiting family in Las Vegas. She and her husband recently moved to Post Falls, Idaho, after living in Las Vegas for 25 years, where she had a career in real estate.

'74 **John Thomas Dunn**, 62, MA English, died Nov. 3, 2007, in Spokane.

'74 **Elda Helen Litzenberger**, 91, education certificate, died Nov. 5, 2007, in Spokane Valley. She taught in Odessa, Wash., before moving to Chattaroy. She taught in Elk, Wash., for many years.

'73 **Steven E. D'Assisi**, BA economics, died Dec. 8, 2007, in Spokane. He retired from Spokane County in 2003 after 30 years as a commercial appraiser.

'73 **Donald W. Linke**, 64, BA sociology, died Feb. 22, 2008, in Spokane. He was the director of Corrections for Spokane County for 11 years. He later worked as a program manager for the Benton-Franklin Council on Aging.

'73 **Thomas Charles Thompson**, 54, BA business administration, died Nov. 8, 2007, in Pullman, Wash. He had recently retired after 34 years with Safeway stores.

'71 **Garry Dean Lynch**, 71, BA marketing, died Jan. 12, 2008, in Battle Ground, Wash. He spent his career in transportation and distribution, retiring as general manager for Alexander's Moving and Storage in 2000.

'71 **Richard C. Manchester**, 65, BA general business, died Feb. 22, 2008, in Flagstaff, Ariz. He moved to Grand Junction, Wash., from Cranbrook, B.C., Canada, in 1978 after purchasing Fabricare Services.

'71 **Travis L. McCain**, 80, BA social science, died Jan. 8, 2008, in Spokane. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1975 after 30 years of service.

'71 **Joie M. Taylor**, 78, BAE psychology, died Nov. 24, 2007, in Spokane Valley. She taught elementary school in Spokane District 81 (Spokane Public Schools) for seven years.

'70 **Linda M. Hayes**, 59, BAE social science, died Dec. 18, 2007. A lifelong resident of Spokane Valley, she recently retired from Spokane Public School's Audubon Elementary School, where she spent most of her teaching career.

## '60s

'69 **Carol I. Cox**, 85, BA social science, died Feb. 24, 2008. She was a longtime second-grade teacher in Leavenworth, Wash. In 1958, she and her husband moved to Oroville, where he was involved in the apple industry.

'69 **Ona Mabel Dehne**, 88, MA art, died Jan. 21, 2008, in Florence, Ore. She taught art at Lakeland Village and often substituted for art teachers in the Spokane area. Her interest in art began early in life, and she made it a lifelong project.

'69 **Robert Arden Lystad**, 82, BA education, died Feb. 11, 2008, in Spokane Valley. He worked as a building contractor before changing careers to become a junior high science teacher at Greenacres Middle School, where he also coached for 23 years.

'69 **Phyllis Lytle**, 78, BA sociology, died Nov. 23, 2007, in Spokane, where she had lived since 1968.

'69 **Lorraine L. Nicholls**, 77, BA English, died Dec. 25, 2007, in Spokane Valley.

'67 **Reginald Kenneth Cullitan**, 64, BA government, died Dec. 11, 2007, in Spokane. He worked as a career law clerk in the 9<sup>th</sup> District Court and Washington State Court of Appeals.

'67 **Aldythe Anne Wilford**, 74, BA English, died Dec. 19, 2007. She worked as a reporter for the *Spokane Valley Herald* and later taught English and history at Holy Names Academy. She worked for many years for Central Valley School

District. More recently, she served as vice president for the Spokane Valley Senior Center, where she wrote articles for the newsletter and managed bingo games.

'66 and '63 **Charles LaBounty**, 68, MA psychology and BA music, died Feb. 19, 2008, in St. Paul, Minn. After teaching high school, he earned his PhD and taught psychology at Hamline University in St. Paul for 35 years.

'66 **Gary B. Lansing**, BA accounting, died Feb. 6, 2008, in Spokane. In 1959, he was stricken with polio, but after rehabilitation, he earned his degree from Eastern and went to work as an accountant for the state of Washington and later for Clallam County in Port Angeles.

'62 **Darrell T. Smith**, 76, MA school administration, died Dec. 17, 2008, in Yuma, Ariz. He was a teacher and a junior high school principal in Liberty and Deer Park School districts.

'61 **Shirley M. Anderson**, 87, BA education, died Nov. 27, 2007, in Spokane. She taught school in Montana, California and Washington.

'61 **James Albert Hatch**, 80, MA physical education, died Nov. 4, 2007, in Cheney. He started his teaching career in Huntington, Ore., and later taught at Harrington and Carnation, Wash., before moving to Cheney, where he would spend the rest of his life teaching and coaching at Cheney High School before retiring from education in 1988.

'61 **Janet Craig (Brown) Mayther**, 88, MA home economics, died Dec. 2, 2007, in Spokane. She worked for Washington State Department of Social and Health Services as project manager of the foster care program. After retiring from the state, she became involved in the maintenance of rental properties in Spokane and Olympia areas.

'60 **Mary Ann Dutcher**, 98, BA education, died Feb. 24, 2008, in Spokane. She taught elementary school for 33 years in St. Regis, Mont.; Post Falls, Idaho; and Oroville, Wash.

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## '50s

'55 **Duane L Vahsholtz**, 73, BA education, died Dec. 10, 2007, in Vancouver, Wash. He retired after 35 years in the Vancouver School District.

'53 **Le Roy Burns**, 79, BA social science, died Jan. 22, 2008, in Vancouver, Wash. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War and for 30 years as a reserve, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He taught or coached at Ridgefield High School, Rainier (Ore.) High School, Fort Vancouver High School, Hudson's Bay High School, Oregon State University and Clark College.

'52 **Dorothea L.M. Liere**, 89, BA education, died Feb. 29, 2008, in Spokane. She was a music and language teacher in the Central Valley School District. After retiring, she was director of choral music in the Veradale

United Church of Christ, a cellist in the Project Joy Senior Orchestra and taught English in the Barton Literacy School in Spokane.

'52 **William "Ross" Scott**, 81, MA education and fine arts, died Sept. 14, 2007, in Lake Oswego, Ore. He retired in 1983 after a 30-year career in education with Portland Public Schools. The Ross Scott Memorial Scholarship for high school seniors has been established in his honor by the Lake Oswego Lions Club.

'51 **Phyllis M. Cloaninger**, 78, BA education, died Feb. 6, 2008, in Colfax, Wash. She taught elementary school before starting a family. She enjoyed being a part of the family farming operation, and her kitchen was always open to visitors.

'51 **Jack Nathan Ross**, 78, BA early childhood development, died Oct. 5, 2007, in Spokane. He was a school teacher and PE coach for 32 years and retired from Ridgeview Elementary School in 1983. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling, genealogy and the family's cabin at Sacheen Lake.

'50 **James R. Danielson**, 77, BAE history, died Feb. 15, 2008, in Olympia. He devoted much of his life to teaching and later was an executive editor and seller of school textbooks.

'50 **James Robert McDaniels**, 80, BA education, died Aug. 2, 2006, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was an educator and advocate for teachers and students for 31 years. He served on President Nixon's Advisory Council on Education and represented the state of Washington on the board of directors for the National Education Association.



## Hall of Fame Contributor John Lothspeich

Former Eastern Washington basketball player and school administrator John Lothspeich, 84, died on Jan. 17, 2008.

A 1948 Eastern Washington College of Education graduate and former basketball player under the legendary W.B. "Red" Reese, Lothspeich also spent nearly 20 years as an administrator on the campus in Cheney. He was instrumental in bringing the Seattle Seahawks training camp to Cheney and helped secure funds for the EWU Special Events Pavilion and other campus construction projects.

He spent a lifetime as an advocate of education and, most recently, fellow retired persons. He was a leader for civic engagement and public policy advocacy in eastern Washington, and has been justly honored for his efforts.

Lothspeich was recognized Sept. 29, 2007, as the first recipient of the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame Service and Contribution Award. The award

was created to recognize extraordinary achievements and contributions by individuals with a past association with the Eastern Athletics Department. The award honors individuals who have contributed not only to EWU, but to other outside endeavors such as education, community service and coaching.

In 2005, he received the Washington State AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. It is the most prestigious award given to volunteers and symbolizes that individuals have the power and ability to make a difference in the lives of others.

More on the life and accomplishments of John Lothspeich may be found at:  
<http://goeags.cstv.com/genrel/080207aab.html>.

## '40s

**'49 Henry (Hank) Coplen**, 80, BA early childhood education, died Jan. 12, 2008, in Spokane Valley. He was a teacher, coach and school administrator for the state of Washington for 37 years. He had numerous basketball coaching awards and coached community college basketball state champions at Columbia Basin in Pasco and Spokane Falls and served as the director of State B Basketball.

**'47 Carl H. Bush**, 88, BA early childhood education, died Oct. 26, 2007, in Lake Forrest, Wash. He taught in the Seattle School District for 31 years.

**'42 Phyllis Jean Hinchliff Craddick**, 86, BA education, died Jan. 31, 2008, in Gresham, Ore.

**'41 Edna (Mundt) Nyberg**, 91, BA education, died Feb. 4, 2008, in Seattle. She began her teaching career in Chewelah, Wash. In the early 1940s, she moved to the Seattle area, teaching in the Kent School District and later transferring to the Seattle School District. In the early 1960s, she became the youngest woman ever hired as an elementary school principal in the district. She retired in the early 1970s.

**'41 Dr. Stanley Walfred Rydbom**, 89, BA early childhood education, died March 19, 2008. Rydbom was a member of the EWCE swim team and was the first Selective Service draftee from Pend Oreille County for service in the U.S. Army in 1941. He practiced dentistry in Lake City, Wash., until his retirement in 1980.

**'40 Mary Eleanor Troy**, 87, BA education, died Jan. 27, 2008, in Minden, Nev. She taught in the Spokane area for eight years before moving to San Bernardino, Calif., where she lived for 41 years. She retired from a 43-year career of teaching kindergarten, first- and second-grade children. In 1990, she moved to Minden, where she resided until her death.

## Faculty/Staff

**Jim Goodwin**, 85, died March 12, 2008. He retired in 1985 from EWU after working 22 years with the grounds, maintenance and paint crews on campus.

## Armin W. Arndt

(Nov. 6, 1940-April 26, 2008)

Dr. Armin W. Arndt, 67, chair of Counseling, Educational and Developmental Psychology, died April 26, 2008, at his home in Cheney. A memorial service was held on May 8 in Showalter Auditorium.

Arndt joined the faculty at Eastern in 1972. He received a BA in psychology in 1962, joined the Army and was stationed in West Virginia and France as a historical recorder. After completion of his military duty he continued his education at Berkeley where he completed his MA and PhD in developmental psychology in 1973.

He enjoyed music, reading, dining out, visiting with family and friends, collecting Oz books, watching movies, participating in community and University organizations and swimming. He earned six National Masters swimming records in the breaststroke.

Arndt was always eager to work on programs that helped meet the needs of all students. If you graduated from EWU, Arndt was probably the man who read your name at commencement. He was a big-hearted man who offered his legacy for many to emulate.



**Linda Matthias**, 49, died Jan. 27, 2008. At the time of her death, Linda was director of Instructional Technology at EWU. She was also an Eastern alumna, earning a master's degree in business administration.

**Hubert P. Mills**, 83, died Feb. 21, 2008. Before his retirement, he served as chairman of the Management Department in the School of Business.

**Norman (Norm) W. Stone**, 91, died Jan. 19, 2008. He retired in January 1983 as EWU professor of mathematics.

**Sally A. Wynd**, 71, died March 31, 2008. She retired in July 1992 from the EWU Psychology Department after 15 years of service to the University.