

InMemoriam

'90s & '80s

'94 Ronald Varela, MBA business administration, passed away Sept. 13, 2003. Ron was a resident of Spokane and very active in the regional theatre community, known especially for his abilities with accents.

'86 Barbara Koci, BA general studies, passed away April 1, 2003, at the age of 55. Barbara resided in Kennewick, Wash., for 25 years and was a homemaker.

'83 Barbara Peterson, BAE reading, died August 1, 2003. Barbara retired after 24 years of teaching in the Mead School District, north of Spokane. She enjoyed working with kids, traveling, quilting, skiing and spending time with family and friends.

'83 Ronald Rasmussen, BA history, died August 10, 2003, at age 47. Ronald taught high school in Sacramento, Calif., and was a resident of South Lake Tahoe, Calif.

'82 Virginia Wilson, history major, passed away August 1, 2003. Virginia was a retired high school teacher and a resident of Tri-Cities, Wash., since 1943.

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'76 George W. Dana Jr., BA management information systems, passed away September 6, 2003. George worked for The Fluor Corporation and was a resident of Richland, Wash.

'73 Dorothy Brookes-Ford, MA interdisciplinary studies, died August 27, 2003. Dorothy was a resident of Olympia, Wash.

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'69 Christine Nelson, BA psychology, passed away November 11, 2003. Christine worked as a school psychologist in Spokane.

'67 Larry Groshoff, BAE health education, passed away September 12, 2003, at age 59. After graduating from EWU, Larry taught in the Mead School District for 34 years. He then retired in 2001 and moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

'65 Thomas Brown, BAE social science, died August 9, 2003, at age 60. Thomas retired in 2002 after 37 years of teaching in Spokane School District 81. He enjoyed collecting antiques.

'65 & '54 Kenneth Carvey, MA music, BA music, died July 31, 2003, at the age of 70. Kenneth began his teaching career in Wilbur, Wash., and taught band in the Longview School District for 28 years. Before teaching, he was choir director at First Christian Church. Kenneth enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, gardening, golfing, traveling, jigsaw puzzles and singing. He was a resident of Longview, Wash.

'38 & '65 Helen Gwinn, BA education and BA home economics, passed away August 16, 2003. Helen was a long time resident of Walla Walla, Wash.

'64 Helen (Evans) Koivula, MA special education, died September 3, 2003, at the age of 81. Helen was an elementary school teacher for the Cheney School District for 25 years. She also taught at St. Paschal's School in Spokane and retired in 1980. Helen enjoyed oil painting,

reading, politics and crossword puzzles. She was a resident of Spokane for 54 years.

'62 Eleanor Boyd, studied elementary teaching, passed away August 1, 2003, at age 88. Eleanor taught in Wallace and Kellogg, Idaho, for 22 years. She then moved to Citrus Heights, Calif., where she volunteered with the Sutter County Museum, was a commissioner of the Sutter County Housing Authority and was active in other philanthropic work.

'62 Laurence McNamara, BA physical education, died September 22, 2002, in White Salmon, Wash.

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'50 Donald Cobb, BA early childhood education, passed away September 13, 2003, at age 78. Donald was a life-long resident of Spokane. While at Eastern, he lettered four years in football and baseball. He also was named to the Evergreen Conference All State Football Team. Donald worked for many years in School District #81 as a teacher, coach, counselor and administrator. He was a principal at Garry Junior High, North Central High and at Rogers High School in 1987 when he retired.

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'49 Frances Benson, MA curriculum specialist, died September 17, 2003, at the age of 82. Frances was a long-time resident of Spokane and taught in the Spokane Valley for 31 years before retiring in 1981.

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'38 Glen Adams, BAE education and certification, passed away October 17, 2003, at the age of 91. He owned Ye Galleon Press in Fairfield, Wash., where he was a resident, publishing 727 books on a variety of topics, including Pacific Northwest and U.S. History. He was the subject of a story in *Perspective* in winter 1992.

'38 Edward Gillman, BA education and certification, passed away September 6, 2003, at the age of 92. During his years at Eastern, he loved participating in sports and was a four-year letterman in basketball and football. He was involved in Boy Scouts, 4H, church activities and coaching while living in Spokane.

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'27 Helen Charlesworth, BAE education, passed away May 31, 2003, at the age of 94. Helen was a retired teacher living in Vancouver, Wash.

Faculty/Staff

'51 Martha (Long) Blain, BA education, died November 4, 2002. From 1951-52, she was a faculty member at Eastern, where she taught kindergarten at the college elementary school. She retired from the Issaquah School District in 1976. Martha was a resident of Walla Walla, Wash.

Tom Gillin passed away September 3, 2003. Tom was an information technology applications Specialist V in the Client Services Department at Eastern. Tom had been with Eastern for 14 years and lived in Cheney.

Denny Harr died April 16, 2003. Denny worked at Eastern from May 1983 until April 2003, when he retired. While at Eastern, he worked as a systems programmer IV in the Information Resources Department. He was a resident of Spokane.

Charles Keys Jr. died October 10, 2003. He had been an Eastern employee since 1990 and worked as a custodian. Charles lived in Spokane.

Jimmy Porter passed away on August 29, 2003. Jimmy had been an Eastern employee for two-and-one-half years, working as a custodian. Jimmy was a longtime resident of Cheney.

Vera Hoover, 59, died December 31, 2003. She earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern and worked in Eastern's Financial Aid Office for 31 years before retiring from the University last summer.

Save The Date

Historian and Pulitzer prize-winning author David McCullough will give this year's Eastern Washington University Presidential Speaker Series address on Thursday, March 11 at 1:30 p.m. Reese Court, Cheney.