

In Memoriam

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'04 **Wendy Walters**, 48, BA interdisciplinary studies, died Sept. 23, 2005, in Spokane. She served as community services manager for Skils'kin and was devoted to helping those with developmental disabilities.

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'95 **Steven Spence**, 38, BS biology, died Sept. 21, 2005, in Spokane. An avid outdoorsman, he worked as an industrial machinist.

'91 **Terry Lewis**, 48, BA business administration-accounting, died of Crohn's disease July 28, 2005. He had worked as a controller in Wenatchee.

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'89 **Rosalie Hill Thorpe**, 65, BA education, died Sept. 14, 2005, in Spokane.

'87 **Robert George Ellis**, 41, BA business administration, died Aug. 8, 2005, at his home in Renton. He had been a senior program manager at PEMCO Corporation Computer Services for the past three years.

'84 **Stephen Reittinger Jr.**, 64, BA liberal studies, died Sept. 15, 2005, in Spokane. He served 28-plus years in the U.S. Air Force.

'83 **Shawn Nicholls**, 47, BA English, died Oct. 4, 2005, at his home in Airway Heights. He was the owner of Nicholls Produce.

'82 **Karla Jean Black**, 45, BA personnel management, died Sept. 10, 2005. A resident of Seattle, she was employed by MandT Bank.

'82 **Nalani Collier**, 53, BS nursing, died Aug. 7, 2005. She taught nursing at Spokane Community College, worked as a nurse and recently earned a master's degree in archaeology.

'82 **Sarann Graham**, 52, BA English, died Aug. 5, 2005, in Spokane. Recently retired, she taught at North Central High School for many years.

'82 **Marvin "Wayne" Williams**, 69, BA management information systems, died Sept. 9, 2005, in Spokane. He retired from the U.S. Air Force.

'80 **Thomas Breeden**, 50, BA general accounting, died Oct. 9, 2005. The Spokane resident was a great lover of the outdoors.

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'76 **Bernice Starkey**, 65, MA elementary teaching, died March 6, 2005. She had retired to Alaska, having taught in Germany and Japan during her career.

'74 **Randy Lee Kremer**, 54, BA history, died Sept. 19, 2005, in Ocean Shores. During his career, he had worked for Oregon's former Sen. Mark Hatfield.

'70 **Michael S. Buck**, 58, BA radio-TV, died at his Spokane home July 23, 2005. He worked in Custodial Services at EWU for 15 years.

'70 **Walter Strickland**, 80, BA sociology, died Oct. 7, 2005. The 46-year resident of Spokane served 28 years in the U.S. Air Force and had worked at Old National Bank.

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'69 and '80 **Cheryl House**, 58, BA sociology and MA special education, died Jan. 14, 2005, in Tacoma. She worked with emotionally disturbed children during her career.

'68 **Roberta Mayer**, 84, BA social science, died March 25, 2005, in Mount Vernon. She had been a Spokane-area elementary school teacher for much of her life.

'68 **Hope Brokaw DeWitt**, 85, BA English, died Sept. 4, 2005, in Spokane. As a member of the Women's Air Corps, she was one of very few women who served in combat in North Africa in WWII. She taught school and worked for the Forest Service.

'68 **Richard Noel**, 71, BA social science, died Sept. 4, 2005. He taught for many years and retired as principal of Bonners Ferry Elementary School in Idaho in 1993.

'68 **Robert Benham**, 78, BA studio art, died Jan. 31, 2005. A teacher in the Freeman School District south of Spokane, he moved to Topock, Ariz., after retirement.

'67 **Michael Osborne**, 61, BA history, died July 25, 2005. The Spokane resident worked in the marine/boating industry.

'67 **Bruce Toreson**, 60, BA government, died Nov. 5, 2005, in Mukilteo. He retired in 2004 after a long career in the insurance industry.

'66 **Robert "Red" Eigell**, 64, BA economics, died July 29, 2005, in Spokane. He operated a tire business for many years and was an avid reader and golfer.

'65 **Emile LeFebvre**, 63, BA economics, died Oct. 31, 2005. He worked as an industrial engineer in the aerospace industry for many years and was living in Post Falls, Idaho, at the time of his death.

'63 **Emma Wilson Smith**, 101, BA elementary teaching, died Sept. 18, 2005, in Spokane.

Emma, who earned her degree at age 59, was a deacon (ordained at age 81) at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and served many years as a teacher. She was profiled in the spring/summer 2005 issue of Eastern's *Perspective* magazine.

'61 **David Janke**, 74, BA social sciences, died May 3, 2005, in Spokane. He had retired from Kaiser Aluminum, taught elementary school and sold real estate.

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'57 and '64 **Dan Olson**, 76, BA early childhood education and MA biology, died July 25, 2005, in Spokane. He had been an Air Force pilot and retired as head of the Science Department at Spokane's North Central High School in 1986.

'52 **Lillian Herlin**, 92, BA social sciences, died Sept. 7, 2005. She taught school in Spokane.

'51 **James Joseph Gruber**, 78, BA education, died Aug. 2, 2005, in Seattle. A starter on the Eastern basketball team that went on to the national championship in Kansas, he taught English and journalism at the K-12 and college level in Spokane, later working as a newsman at *The Spokesman-Review* and *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

'51 **William Lowther**, 77, BA education, died Nov. 3, 2005, in Spokane. He taught and coached in Spokane schools before retiring in 1989. At Eastern, he was a member of the wrestling, baseball and football teams.

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'49 **Marian Franklin**, 80, BA early childhood education, died June 15, 2005, in Portland. She taught for many years and was a member of Eastern's Tawanka women's service organization.

'41 **Richard Heinemann**, BA economics/social studies, died Aug. 31, 2005, in Rosalia, where he had farmed and been a driver's education and school bus instructor.

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'39 and '64 **Joyce (Couey) Daschbach**, 88, BA early childhood education and MA counseling and development, died May 15, 2005. She had been a teacher and counselor in Spokane schools, including Holmes Elementary, Salk Junior High and Ferris High School. She retired in 1977.

'38 **Lucy Cady**, 94, BA education, died Oct. 7, 2005, in Seattle, where she had taught school for 42 years.

Valerie Appleton, dean of the EWU College of Education and Human Development



Val Appleton, 52, died Dec. 15, 2005, after a six-month battle with cancer. She had been dean since July 2004 and was on the faculty since 1991. Among her greatest strengths were creating partnerships with the K-12 system and bringing in extensive applied research grants such as the U.S. Department of Education Training All Teachers, bilingual counseling and support project. When she became dean, she expressed her pride at being able to serve the University's heritage of preparing men and women for careers in education and spoke about the opportunities she hoped to create that would improve the promise of Eastern's future. Although her tenure as dean was short, those who knew her have remarked that hers is an example of leadership all would do well to emulate. "She was one of the most warm, sincere persons you would ever meet," said Alan Coelho, interim dean. A memorial service was held in January. Remembrances may be made to the Valerie Appleton Memorial Fund in care of the EWU Foundation.

'36 **Lloyd C. Baumann**, 91, died July 18, 2005, in Port Angeles. He played varsity football at Eastern under Coach Red Reese, served in the Navy in WWII and farmed until retirement in the Ritzville area.

'36 **Martha Ottmar Eaton**, 102, BA early childhood development, died Sept. 22, 2005, in Clarkston. In addition to her many teaching assignments, she had been a counselor with the Washington State Employment Security Department.

'35 **Tom Paski**, 94, BA education, died Oct. 13, 2005. The legendary Bainbridge High School coach and mentor whose influence was such that the community's sports arena was named for him was remembered in services at which Ralph Munro, former Washington secretary of state, spoke of his influence.

'31 **Dordena Felton Rogel**, 92, education/music, died May 15, 2005. The Federal Way resident and member of Eastern's Tawanka women's service organization taught piano well into her 80s.

'31 **Dorothy Belles-Reed**, 94, BA education, died July 23, 2005. She taught in rural eastern Washington, farmed in Washington and Idaho with her husband and remained active in the community.

'30 **Edna Stoller Neher**, 94, teaching certificate, died Oct. 12, 2005, in Brea, Calif.

'30 **Esther Hansen**, 94, teaching certificate, died March 16, 2005, in Puyallup. She taught school in Raymond and Puyallup and served for many years as a substitute teacher in Pierce County.

Faculty & Staff

William Shreeve, 74, professor of education emeritus, died Oct. 13, 2005, at his home in Corvallis, Ore. An Eastern faculty member, 1967-96, he served as chair of the Education Department for 24 years. He received the EWU President's Medal in 1996 in recognition of his dedication and leadership. Remembrances can be made to The William C. Shreeve Educational Administration Fellowship at the EWU Foundation.

Dean Gaudette, 82, died Oct. 6, 2005, in Spokane. He joined the faculty at Eastern in 1965, was director of the campus laboratory school and later chair of the Education Department. He was dean of the School of Human Learning and Development until his retirement in 1981 and had been involved in extensive volunteer work – including a mission with the Peace Corps in Honduras and work with Habitat for Humanity, the Spokane Valley Food Bank and more.

Liane Smith, 66, died Sept. 27, 2005, in Spokane. She retired from Eastern in 1992 after 15 years of service; she had been food services manager.

Albert Gebhardt, 87, died Oct. 29, 2005, in Spokane. Retired from Eastern after 14 years, he had done carpentry work and been a construction inspector. His daughter, Pam Bumpas, is the program assistant in the EWU Department of Electronic Media, Theatre and Film.

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