

In Memoriam

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'07 David M. Lindstrom, 28, BA social work, died Oct. 17, 2007, in Spokane. He was born in Fort Stewart, Ga., and graduated from Riverside High School in 1998.

'01 Michael James Delger, 28, BA business, died Aug. 29, 2007, in Bellevue, Wash. He worked for Boeing in Seattle.

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'96 Brandi Melissa Black, 36, BA geography, died Oct. 4, 2007, in Spokane.

'91 Jill A. (Enzler) Zamora, 40, BA business administration, died July 11, 2006, in Spokane. Her family says her EWU degree helped create her entrepreneurial spirit and career successes.

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'87 Ann Marie Anderson, 73, MSW, died Aug. 4, 2007, in Sun City, Ariz. Ann was an ambassador for Eastern with her professionalism and dedication to others. She volunteered for the Supreme Court of Arizona, reviewing child protection issues and making recommendations to the court. While working for the state of Montana in child protection in Kalispell, she made a significant contribution to her cause. It was her mission to help children achieve a better life.

'86 Lori Poad, 43, BA mathematics, died Jan. 19, 2007, in Bellingham, Wash.

'84 Michael James Anderson, 67, BA business, died Sept. 13, 2007, in Spokane. He served honorably in the U.S. Army for 21 years, earning his wings as an aviator in April 1970 and retiring at the rank of CW3. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and a tour of duty in Antarctica with Operation Deep Freeze. His hobbies included flying, boat building and genealogy.

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'77 George E. Duncan, 61, BA reading, died April 20, 2007, in Othello, Wash. He received his teaching credentials and substituted in many area schools and had a variety of other jobs. He enjoyed fishing, golf, reading, bowling, playing cards, country western music and movies.

'77 Loren Fitting, 51, BA applied psychology, died Sept. 25, 2007, in Moses Lake, Wash. He began his teaching career in The Dalles, Ore., served as an administrator in Rufus, Ore. and as a principal and superintendent in Nespelem and Toutle, Wash. He later was a principal in Concrete, Wash., before settling in Moses Lake.

'77 Paul R. Scroggie, 55, BA history, died Aug. 6, 2007, in Spokane. After college he entered the Marine Corps for a short time. He enjoyed stamp collecting and was a licensed ham radio operator.

'75 Terry Bennett-Glaser, 54, BA theatre arts, died July 31, 2007, in New York. After college, Bennett-Glaser spent a year with Ringling Brothers Circus in Florida, where she learned to ride elephants. She lived in New York for 29 years where she pursued her acting career in productions that included stage, film and television. In 2002, Bennett-Glaser was awarded the prestigious Off-Off Broadway Review for Excellence (OOBR) for her lead role in Strindberg's *The Father*. In addition to acting, she directed, produced and stage-managed many productions, including the Off Broadway performance *Full Circle*. As manager of Viewer Relations for the History Channel and A&E Television Networks, she was viewed as a dedicated professional, with far-reaching contributions.

'75 Janet A. Coil, 60, BA communications disorders, died Oct. 3, 2007, in Spokane. Before her long battle with cancer, she was an underwriter and supervisor in the insurance business in the Sacramento area. Her interests included sports, reading and music.

'75 Philip A. Marro, 77, BA social science, died Sept. 14, 2007, in Spokane. He was a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served in the Security Police. He taught in Mabton, Wash., and enjoyed traveling, cruising in his motor home and spending time with the lunch group at Opportunity Presbyterian Church.

'75 Patricia Ann Pendleton, 70, BA food and nutrition, died Aug. 14, 2007, in Spokane. She worked as a food manager at Lakeland Village until retirement.

'74 Elda H. Litzenberger, 91, BA education, died Nov. 5, 2007, in Spokane. She taught school in Odessa, Wash., before moving to Chattaroy. She was a long-time teacher in Elk, Wash.

'72 Jacqueline (Jackie) Marie Bateman, 57, BA social science, died Nov. 4, 2007, in Gig Harbor, Wash. She had a long career in human resource management, starting in Richland, Wash., with the Washington Public Power Supply System. She eventually moved to the Puget Sound region where she held positions at Nalley's and Metagenics.

'72 Pam (Kari) Dahmen, 57, BA communication disorders, died Aug. 11, 2007, in Spokane. She worked in the mortgage industry for the past 30 years at various institutions, most recently at Washington Trust Bank and Premier Mortgage.

'72 Gerald E. (Jerry) Newcomb, 64, BA physical education, died Sept. 8, 2007, in Spokane. He was employed by the Burlington Northern Railroad for 41 years. Always an athlete, he enjoyed participating, watching and refereeing sports. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

'72 Jimmy Ray Tilley, 58, BA industrial technology, died Aug. 18, 2007. He was a successful entrepreneur in Washington and Hawaii.

'70 John Terry Davis, 60, BA social science, died Sept. 16, 2007, in Ridgefield, Wash. Davis earned master's and doctorate degrees in education. He was assistant superintendent of the Kelso (Wash.) School District in 1985 and was hired in 1994 to be superintendent of the Hockinson School District. He retired in 2001, but at Gov. Gary Locke's request, became interim superintendent of the Washington School of the Deaf. He served as superintendent of the KWRL Transportation Corp from 2002 until 2005.

'70 William L. White, 63, BA mathematics, died Sept. 17, 2007, in Liberty Lake, Wash. He worked for the Union Pacific Railroad out of high school and went to work for Caterpillar while attending Eastern. In 1981, he accepted a position with N.A. Degerstrom in Zortman, Mont., and was employed there at the time of his death.

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'68 Bryan A. Endersbe, 69, BA sociology, died March 3, 2007, in Wenatchee, Wash.

'68 Donald Edward Goffinet, 63, BA education and industrial arts, died Sept. 24, 2007, in Sagle, Idaho. After graduation, Goffinet became a commissioned officer for the U.S. Army. When he completed his service in the Army, Goffinet and his family moved back to Spokane where he taught at North Central High School. He later taught in Fairbanks and Ketchikan, Alaska. When he retired from teaching in 1994, Goffinet pursued his fondness for travel and photography.

'68 Thomas Joe Morasch, 61, BA business management, died Aug. 11, 2007, in Walla Walla, Wash. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army, through ROTC, advancing to the rank of captain. He served in Vietnam from 1969-1970 and received the Bronze Star. He began working for Western Farm Services in 1975, and in 1991, he joined McGregor Co. as a certified crop advisor and farm consultant.

'68 Margaret Nance, 61, BA social science, died Aug. 7, 2007, in Anchorage, Alaska. She and her husband, Martin, moved to Alaska in 1970, where she began teaching at Abbott Loop Elementary. During her 20 years teaching in Alaska, she also taught at Lake Otis and Chinook elementary schools. After retiring in 1990, she taught three years at Darby Military Base in Nuremberg, Germany.

'65 Nancy Joy Davis, 64, BA education, died Sept. 12, 2007, in Spokane. She taught elementary school for 33 years, including stops at Blair, Comstock, Indian Trail and Linwood elementary schools in Spokane Public Schools District. Davis was a long-time member of ADK, a women's education sorority. She retired in 1998.

'63 Arthur David Reese, 71, BA industrial technology, died Aug. 1, 2007, in Seabeck, Wash. In 1954, after graduating from West Valley High School in Spokane, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving two and a half years in Japan. He enrolled at Eastern and after graduation, moved to Silverdale, Wash., where he began his 30-year teaching career at Central Kitsap High School. He served as the girls' and boys' high school soccer coach for 17 years. Reese loved snow skiing and began ski patrolling on Mount Spokane. After moving to Silverdale, he spent 35 years as a volunteer for the Crystal Mountain Patrol.

'61 Kenneth Frederick Keen, 72, BA education, died Oct. 1, 2007, in Spokane. He was a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher for 13 years and coached wrestling for several years. He was employed with Lakeland Village and West Central Center working with the disabled. He worked for JC Penneys at NorthTown Mall for eight years and was first-in-sales several times. He loved history, cars, airplanes and Southern gospel music.

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'59 Carolyn Ann State, 70, BA education, died July 29, 2007, in Post Falls, Idaho. She was a retired school teacher.

'58 and '49 Gerald Carlon, 83, MA physical education and BA early childhood education, died Oct. 1, 2007. During WWII, he enlisted in the Navy and served with the Seabees in New Guinea and the Philippines. After the war, he received his teaching credentials and taught for two years in Kahlotus, Wash. From 1952-1958, he taught at Loma Vista Elementary, then Glover Junior High in Spokane until 1981.

'58 Erling John Hjortedal, 76, MA counseling and development, died Oct. 3, 2007. He lived most of his life in Spokane and was the director of Financial Aid at Spokane Falls Community College for more than 20 years.

'58 John Sidney Maddux, 80, BA education, died Sept. 22, 2007, in Edmonds, Wash. He served in the Coast Guard and U.S. Navy, and later spent 32 years working on ocean-going tugboats before retiring as a captain in 1993. In his retirement, his passion was playing golf.

'56 Gerald W. Grob, 76, BA early childhood development, died Aug. 28, 2007, in Las Vegas, Nev., where he had resided the last 10 years of his life. He lived in Spokane for most of his life and retired from Spokane Public Schools District. Following retirement, he began a second career with the Idaho Department of Transportation. He served in the Korean War as a Marine with the G-3-1 Division, Semper Fidelis.

'55 Cecil G. Rickard, 80 BA social science and BA education, died May 5, 2007. Both Cecil and his wife Martha J. Rickard completed fifth year requirements at Eastern. They both taught in the Highline School District for 12 years. Cecil attended Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, becoming an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church, until failing health caused him to leave the ministry.

'54 Grace A. Brunton, 95, MA elementary teaching, died Sept. 20, 2007, in Meridian, Idaho. Brunton attended Cheney Normal School and went on to teach at the East Wenatchee School. She later returned to Eastern to receive an advanced degree. She taught in East Wenatchee for several years, retiring in 1974.

'53 Norma Jean Ferguson, 84, BA early childhood education, died Sept. 16, 2007. Norma touched many young people's lives in her role as a teacher in such places as Kinmundy and Percy, Ill.

'51 Donna LaRose, 79, BA education, died Aug. 30, 2007, in Spokane. Her first teaching job was at Roosevelt Grade School in Spokane. She enjoyed spending time at the family's cabin at Priest Lake. Her creative and artistic gifts always showed through whatever she did – gardening, interior decorating, quilting and painting.

'51 Meriel E. Michelson, 83, BA early childhood education, died July 18, 2007, in Pasco, Wash. He was an All American football player. Michelson was a retired counselor for the Pasco School District, working 30 years at McLoughlin Junior High School.

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'49 Marcella V. Grady, 85, BA education, died Sept. 23, 2007, in Spokane. She grew up in Deer Park, Wash., and after receiving a War Emergencies Teaching Certificate, taught in Battleground, Wash., and later Concrete, Wash., before returning to Spokane. She taught music at the elementary and junior high school level in the West Valley School District. She enjoyed camping, fishing, hunting and later mastered the art of bread baking and barbecuing. She wrote and published a sourdough cookbook.

'48 Ronald W. Miller, DDS, 81, BA education, died Sept. 4, 2007, in Blaine, Wash. A former Yakima dentist, Miller was a natural athlete. He received a basketball scholarship to Eastern. After graduating from Eastern, he and his wife Yvonne moved to Seattle where he graduated from the University of Washington Dental School in 1952. Miller retired from dentistry in 1983. He moved to Westport, Wash., and built his home on the beach.

'47 Carl H. Bush, 88, BA education, died in October 2007. He taught in the Seattle School District for 31 years until retirement. During WWII, he flew 18 missions with the 379th bomber group stationed at Kimbolton, England, as a B-17 pilot.

'40 Ruth A. Berg, 86, teaching certificate, died July 22, 2007, while visiting her daughter in the Wenatchee, Wash., area. She was a resident of the Waterford in Spokane. After graduating, she taught school in LaCrosse, Wash., and Sacramento. She was a talented cook and gardener.

'40 Dorothy Rosemary Robertson, 93, BA early childhood education, died Sept. 24, 2007, in San Rafael, Calif. She was a San Francisco elementary school teacher and principal for 32 years. Devoted to education, she was a beloved teacher, friend and mentor to generations of children, parents and teachers.

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'39 Margueritte T. Cook, 90, education certificate, died Sept. 28, 2007. She and her husband, Reuel, served on the mission field in Brazil from 1946 to 1961. She later retired as an elementary school teacher.

'37 Mildred Jane Sewell, 91, BA education, died Oct. 9, 2007. She graduated from Cheney Normal School and taught for two years before she married James Sewell in 1939.

'31 Harry L. Burns, 99, BA education, died Aug. 9, 2007, in Portland, Ore. He began his teaching career in Deer Park, Wash. He later taught in Preston, Wash., for two years, and was a wood shop and math teacher in LaCrosse, Wash. He later became the basketball coach and high school principal. In 1948, he moved to Steptoe, Wash., where he served as school superintendent until his retirement in 1973.

'31 Alice Aileen Brunson Lawrence, 96, education certificate, died June 14, 2007, in Phoenix, Ore. She taught for five years in rural schools in Swan Valley, Potomac and Target Range, Mont. In August 1936, she married Mark E. Lawrence, her husband of 61 years. She was primarily a homemaker but occasionally substituted in elementary schools in Vale and Medford, Ore.

'31 Herman A. Sleizer, 99, teaching certificate, died Aug. 13, 2007. He taught for 10 years at Kelso High School, in Kelso, Wash., before spending 30 years as a history teacher at Rogers High School in Spokane. At his retirement from Rogers, he was awarded a certificate for perfect attendance. He coached tennis and other sports during his teaching years, and he played tennis regularly into his 80s.