

In Memoriam

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'02 and '81 **Gene Alan Ray**, 50, MA curriculum instruction and BA social science, died Oct. 10, 2008, in Spokane. He taught eighth-grade U.S. history at Shaw Middle School in Spokane.

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'99 and '97 **Andrea Berna**, 38, MSW and BA applied psychology, died July 25, 2008, in Spokane. She was a social worker and a lifelong advocate for Indian Child and Welfare.

'99 **Lesli Rachelle Hardy Mickey**, 42, BA finance, died Sept. 25, 2008, in Layton, Utah. She was the Flight Chief over Munitions' Foreign Military Sales at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

'99 and '90 **Lisa Marie Smitherman**, 41, MA early child education and BA education, died July 23, 2008, in Spokane. She taught first grade at Wilson Elementary in Spokane for 15 years.

'98 **Robert Bommersbach**, 43, BA human resources, died Oct. 9, 2008, in Spokane. He worked as a substitute teacher in Spokane for several years and as an elementary teacher in Davenport, Wash.

'96 **Nadine Chapman**, 58, MFA creative writing, died July 27, 2008, in Spokane. She taught creative writing and composition at Whitworth University in Spokane and had published several books of poetry and short stories.

'91 **Siegfried Fichte Jr.**, 45, BA business administration, died Aug. 6, 2008, in Spokane.

'91 **Linda Slutter**, 63, BA applied psychology, died Jan. 14, 2008.

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'89 **Donald Davisson**, 75, BA health services administration and BA business administration, died Aug. 19, 2008. He had retired from Deaconess Hospital as a painter.

'85 **Judy Johnston**, 63, BA natural science, died May 1, 2008, in Spokane.

'82 **LaVora Colbert**, 85, MA elementary teaching, died Aug. 21, 2008, in Spokane. She retired from teaching in Chewelah, Wash., in 1988.

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'79 and '77 **James Harbin**, 73, MSW and BA social work, died July 13, 2008. He was a drug and alcohol counselor for the Spokane County Department of Social Services until his retirement.

'78 **Harold Hubachek**, 64, MA public administration, died Jan. 13, 2008.

'78 and '76 **Debra Lynn Layman**, 52, MA and BA English, died Aug. 26, 2008. She taught English courses at Spokane Falls Community College.

'78 **Richard Mason**, 62, BA personnel management, died Aug. 5, 2008, in Medical Lake, Wash. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

'76 **Gerald Keith Howard**, 53, BA marketing, died Oct. 24, 2008, in Kennewick, Wash.

'74 **Deborah Craig**, 55, BA home economics, died Sept. 14, 2008, in Spokane. She worked as a buyer for the Crescent Department Store and Empire Health Services in Spokane over the course of 30 years.

Mike Dempsey 1954-2008



Mike Dempsey, 54, died Oct. 12, 2008, in his hometown of Wenatchee, Wash., after an eight-month battle with brain cancer. He graduated from Eastern Washington State College in 1976 with a BA in radio and television.

Dempsey was an avid Wenatchee High School Panther fan and KPQ radio's "Voice of the Panthers" for 23 years, doing play-by-play for football and basketball games. He was also an unabashed supporter of Eastern Washington University and had served on the EWU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Fellow alumnus and Wenatchee City Council member Mark Kulaas '77, says Dempsey was "a familiar sight around the community in his EWU shirts and sweatshirts, was quick to point out the benefits of an Eastern education and was vocally proud of Eagle athletic accomplishments."

'73 **Richard Gengelbach**, 67, BA mathematics, died Aug. 18, 2008, in Spirit Lake, Idaho.

'73 **Frank G. Kokorudz**, 61, BA accounting, died Sept. 4, 2008, in Palm Springs, Calif. He was an accountant for the Department of Defense most of his professional life.

'72 **Patricia Hubbard**, 72, BS nursing, died Sept. 15, 2008. She was a registered nurse at Deaconess Medical Center and St. Luke's Rehab in Spokane until her retirement.

'72 **Susan Jane Kinsinger**, 58, BA social work, died July 22, 2008, in Walla Walla, Wash. She dedicated her career to working in corrections in the state of Washington, retiring from the Shelton Correctional Center in 2004.

'72 **Micheal C. Rice**, 56, BA music, died Feb. 25, 2008, in Seattle, Wash.

'71 **Terry B. Hanberg**, 62, BA geology, died March 7, 2008, in Bremerton, Wash.

'71 **John D. King**, 81, BA visual arts, died April 21, 2008, in Ashland, Ore.

Herm Pein 1928-2008

The legendary Herman "Herm" Hans Pein, 80, died in an automobile accident Dec. 1, 2008, near Chewelah, Wash. Pein was a second team All-Evergreen Conference center as a junior at Eastern in 1948, and then earned the same honor as a senior when he also garnered first team All-EvCo honors as a linebacker. He was the 1948 and 1949 Pacific Coast heavyweight-boxing champion and was inducted into the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. Pein was also one of 11 linebackers on Eastern's "100 for 100" All-Time Football Team released in June 2008 by the EWU Athletic Department.

A lifelong resident of Addy, Wash., Pein served in the Korean War and had a short professional football career before returning to teach and coach at Jenkins High School in Chewelah for 36 years. Pein coached many sports over that time, including football for 34 years, track for 20 years, baseball for 16 years and basketball for 10 years. Highlights of his coaching career included a 1977 State Football Championship as well as being inducted into the Washington State Coaches Hall of Fame in 1985.



'70 Sally Ruth Gerimonte, 73, BA communication disorders, died Oct. 15, 2008, in Spokane Valley. She worked in the communication and broadcast industries, retiring as program manager for KSPS Channel 7 in Spokane.

'70 Twilliwod Sebby, 92, BA English, died July 12, 2008, in Kennewick, Wash.

'70 Harriet Skaarvold, 65, BA education, died Aug. 2, 2008, in Spokane. She worked as a teacher and child therapist for Community Mental Health.

'70 James Henry Wrede, 64, BA social work, died March 19, 2008, in Cheney.

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'69 Kathleen Donaldson, 82, BA English, died June 22, 2008. She taught for 25 years in the West Valley School District in Spokane Valley.

'65 and '58 Stanley John Tutlis Jr., 71, MA and BA music, died Aug. 16, 2008, in Everett, Wash. He taught English, choir and was head counselor at Lake Stevens High School.

'64 Donald Hugh Dressel, 71, BA journalism, died Sept. 30, 2008. He had a long career with Burlington Northern Railroad, serving as manager of personnel in Billings, Mont., and Chicago. He retired from the railroad in 1996 as manager of Human Resource Development in Ft. Worth, Texas.

'63 Eugene Roy Carey, 75, MA business education, died Oct. 12, 2008, in Spokane.

'63 James Harry Worbes, 68, BA business administration, died Nov. 1, 2008, in Yakima, Wash.

'61 Dr. Ronald R. Riehl, 71, BA biology, died Oct. 6, 2008, in Yakima, Wash. He practiced dentistry in Yakima and designed and built the first dental delivery unit allowing patients to recline and dentists to work seated.

'61 Harold C. Van Tine, 77, BA physical education, died July 13, 2008, in Clarkston, Wash.

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'55 Patricia Lila Lee, 73, BA early childhood education, died Jan. 25, 2008, in Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada. She was a highly respected singer and musician who taught voice in the music department of Mt. Allison University in New Brunswick.

'55 Hazel Elizabeth Reid, 87, BA early childhood education, died Oct. 8, 2008, in Portland, Ore. Her husband, **'41 Robert Reid** BA early childhood education and EWU emeritus professor of education, died Jan. 18, 2004. Robert Reid Elementary School, Eastern's longtime laboratory school for the College of Education and Human Development, was named in his honor.

'58 and '53 Joe Laird Brown, 77, MA school administration and BA early childhood education, died Aug. 1, 2008. He taught in the Spokane and West Valley school districts for more than 35 years with a majority of his career spent at Salk and Sacagawea Junior High Schools.

'52 Henry Edward Bruenn, 87, BA chemistry, died Oct. 17, 2008, in Tacoma, Wash. He was a World War II veteran and served in the U.S. Navy and Merchant Marines.

'51 Hollis D. Cox, 89, MA elementary teaching, died July 18, 2008.

'51 Jack H. Sohns, 80, BA early childhood education, died Oct. 26, 2008.

'50 Charles Gill, 79, BA physical education, died Sept. 5, 2008.

'50 Margaret Alice DeCroff Millsap, 81, BA education, died Nov. 8, 2008, in Billings, Mont.

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'49 Merrill Royce Smith, 84, BA early childhood education, died Oct. 5, 2008, in Waterville, Wash. He spent 29 years in education as a teacher, principal and superintendent in Chewelah and Waterville.

'48 Adrian L. Beamer, 85, BA early childhood education, died Aug. 20, 2008. He had a long career teaching and coaching, eventually becoming Central Washington University's head coach for football, track and golf teams. He retired as Central's athletic director in 1983.

'46 Betty Hart, 84, BA education, died Oct. 9, 2008, in Colfax, Wash.

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'37 Doris Bloodgood, 92, BA education, died July 16, 2008, in Spokane. She taught in Newport, Wash., for several years.

'37 and '32 Frances B. Cardwell, 95, MA and BA education, died Sept. 8, 2008, in Walla Walla, Wash.

'33 Ruth Woolliscroft Steen, 94, BA education, died Oct. 4, 2008, in Sandpoint, Idaho. She taught elementary school for two years in Sunnyside, Wash., and for six years in the Spokane Valley. She enjoyed gardening on the family farm in Veradale, Wash., and in later years at her home in Glengary Bay, Idaho.

Faculty/Staff

'66 Richard Boyd, 93, MA Spanish, died Sept. 26, 2008. He retired from Eastern in 1982 after teaching Spanish for 16 years.

Karl R. Morrison, 90, died Sept. 1, 2008. He taught in Eastern's Art Department for 35 years.

Peggy Nunley, 67, died Oct. 17, 2008. She retired from Eastern in July 1991, after a 14-year secretarial career in the Department of Communication Studies.

Lloyd I. Smith, 77, died July 2, 2008. He retired in 1990 from Eastern's physical plant where he worked as an electrician.

Dr. Carlos Maldonado 1953-2008

Dr. Carlos Maldonado ended a long battle with cancer on Sept. 18, 2008. Dr. Maldonado impacted the lives of many who met and worked with him during his time as director of Eastern's Chicano Education Program, a position he held from 1987-2008.

During his time in Chicano Ed, he raised approximately \$40,000 for scholarships for students every year. In 2002, he succeeded in bringing the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) to EWU, a program designed to enroll students from farm working backgrounds in higher education.

Maldonado served in various professional capacities including chairperson of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) and was the first director of the NACCS national office. He also authored numerous books and articles on the Chicano/Latino experience in the Pacific Northwest.

These accomplishments, as well as his dedication and passion for justice and social equity have influenced the lives of his students, especially those whom he took under his wing. Contributions can be made to the Dr. Carlos Maldonado Memorial Scholarship Fund, Chicano Education Program, 526 5th St. 203 Monroe Hall, Cheney, WA 99004.

