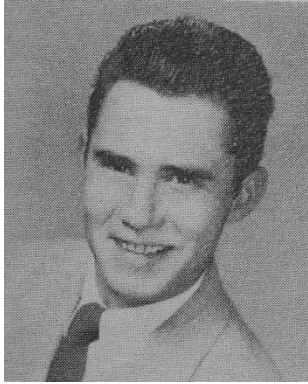


2021 Memorial Grove Honorees

Jack Arnold Arney



Jack Arnold Arney of Cedaredge, CO died November 2, 2021. He was born December 3, 1931, in Collbran, CO. He went through his school years with his two brothers in the Grand Junction/Collbran area. After high school Jack joined the Navy and served during the Korean War aboard the battleship USS Iowa which saw action on the North Korean coast. Following military service, he graduated with a degree in Wildlife Management from Colorado State University in 1957.

For two years, Jack worked for the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. before taking a position as assistant ranger on the Rifle District of the White River N. F. in 1960. In 1963 he was reassigned to the Supervisors Office in Glenwood Springs. From 1965 to 1967 he was assistant ranger on the Cebolla R. D. on the Gunnison and then in 1966 he became District Ranger on the Rio Grande N. F. in Alamosa. In 1975 he moved to Recreation-Lands Division in the Regional Office. In late 1976 he moved to the Shasta Trinity N. F. in Redding, California until his retirement in 1986.

His retirement years were spent on a small ranch north of Cedaredge. He is survived by his wife Jean Browning Arney and son Eric of Morrison and stepdaughter in Pueblo.

Daniel Gene Bagley



Daniel Gene Bagley of Custer, SD, passed away December 6, 2021. Dan was born December 4, 1972, in Lake Preston, SD to Donald and Karen Bagley. The family moved to Newell, SD in 1974, where Dan and his sister Jackie would grow up and attend school and where he excelled in sports. After high school in Newell, SD where he excelled in sports, Dan enlisted in the Army with the 101st Airborne Delta Co 1/187th Infantry Regiment (Rakkasans). After the Army, Dan married the love of his life, Robin Englehart in 1994. Their daughter Caitlyn was born in 1995. Dan served in the South Dakota National Guard with the 216th Firefighting Unit (Hellfighters) and deployed with them in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2004 – 2005. Dan was proud to serve his country.

Dan had degrees from Western Dakota Technical Institute in law enforcement and National American University in business. He worked as a deputy sheriff and juvenile corrections agent before going to his true calling of becoming a wildland firefighter first with the state and then with the Tatanka Hotshots in Custer. He was an excellent teacher. Dan moved from fire to timber management and worked in both on the Black Hills and Bighorn. Dan loved the outdoors, hunting, camping, hiking, running, biking, archery, and just not being behind a desk.

Dan is survived by his wife, Robin Englehart-Bagley, Custer; daughter Caitlyn Bagley (Scott Chipman), father Donald Bagley, sister Jacqueline Bagley.

Ronald F. Bauer



Ronald F. Bauer of Brush, CO died on November 8, 2021. He was born to Jacob and Fredia Bauer in Fort Morgan on February 9, 1934. He grew up on a farm and after graduating from high school in Fort Morgan in 1952 he went on to Colorado State University and received his degree there in 1956. He then served two years in the Army and after his honorable discharge he began his work as a soil scientist for the Forest Service. He married Patty Hauptmann of Neligh, NE on September 1, 1962, in Lakewood, CO. Ron worked at several locations in Region 2, including Durango, CO; Laramie, WY; and Lincoln, NE, before moving into the Regional Office in Watershed Management in 1970. He retired after 36 years of service in the winter of 1988.

He and his wife Patty moved back to his home country to Brush, CO. He loved to garden. While living in Brush he served on the Tree Board for several years and helped plant trees at family homes, schools, and parks each spring on Arbor Day.

Ron is survived by his wife Patty and his older sister Edythe and her husband Harry Watt.

Evan S. Batson



Evan S. Batson died May 26, 2021, while on fire assignment to the Mississippi N.F.'s. Evan was born on February 6, 1987, and was raised in the Springfield, MO area. Evan grew up loving the outdoors; camping, hiking, and canoeing in the Ozarks. Evan was a Boy Scout and started with traditional sports, but moved on to mountain bikes, motorcycles, rock climbing, snowboarding, and white-water rafting that better suited his life. To follow those passions, he made the move to Colorado State University and earned his degree in Natural Resource Management. While earning his degree he drilled oil in California, was a white-water rafting guide, a ski instructor and counselor. After graduation, he began his work with forestry in 2014, as a Forestry Technician. He was a Squad Leader of the San Juan National Forest's Columbine Fire Module. He had a strong handshake; a broad smile, brought lightness and laughter to the situation, not shy to tell you what he thought, loved bluegrass music, and was a good man.

Evan is survived by his mother, Paige Tuck and her husband Brad; father, Ken Batson; the love of his life, Katie; brothers, Ryan, Chace, and Wes; sisters, Claire, Aubrey, and Katie.

Paul William Beaber



Paul William Beaber died on March 31, 2021. Paul was born in the Silverton on March 19, 1949, to Frances and Ross Beaber, who ran the Silverton Standard newspaper for years. He attended Silverton High School, where he participated in nordic and alpine skiing, basketball, and played tuba in the school band, graduating in 1967. He went on to Colorado State University, graduating in 1971.

In March 1974, Paul married Mary Jeffries and they moved to Durango. Paul worked for Goff Engineering/Surveying, then the Bureau of Reclamation, and then became a Land Surveyor/Realty Specialist for the San Juan N. F. for 27 yrs., retiring in 2005. Paul surveyed and marked more than 350 miles of National Forest boundary, worked on land exchanges, large land purchases, and acquisitions of right-of-ways for FS trails.

Paul loved to ski and hike, but most of all he gave back to his community as a volunteer leader. He helped to reopen the ski area, started and organized the Silverton Sparking Sled rodeo, establishing a recreation group with over 200 members, played his tuba in the brass band, helped his wife Mary organize the cemetery workday for a decade, and just did everything he could for the town of Silverton.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of 47 years, brother, Steve, cousins and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alfred Braddock



Alfred Braddock passed away on June 18, 2021, at his residence in Cresbard. He was born December 24, 1935, to Alfred Sr. and Doris Braddock in Phillipsburg, MT. During his growing up years his parents lived in many states as his father was a civil engineer. When he was 13 years of age, his parents settled in Boulder, CO where Alfred graduated from high school in 1954. Following graduation he entered college at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO and graduated in 1961 with a degree in Forestry. After college he was hired by the Forest Service and worked on the Black Hill N.F. in Hill City, Custer and Deadwood, SD (Ranger on Nemo District and Fire Staff in S.O.) and the Medicine Bow N.F. in Centennial and Laramie, WY. He retired from the Forest Service in 1993.

Alfred married Gwendolyn Petersen on January 14, 1967, in Cresbard, SD. They raised four children and moved to Cresbard, SD following his retirement. Grateful for having shared his life are two daughters, Lori and Lynne; two sons, Fred and Corey; nine grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and one sister, Doris.

Benjamin Charles Carlsen



Benjamin Charles Carlsen passed away on July 15, 2021. Ben was born in Glenwood Springs on March 20, 1978, and called Carbondale, Colorado his home for the last 20 years. His love for the valley and the surrounding mountains was evidenced every day in his work with the Forest Service, Snowmass Mountain Ski Patrol, the Aspen City Forestry department, and Aspen Tree Service.

Ben's kind heart, warm presence, and endearing smile made him a dearly beloved member of every community of which he was a part. In 2014, Ben was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. In typical Ben fashion, he faced the devastating news with grace, courage and determination. For over five years, he continued to live out his adventurous spirit running marathons, skiing coveted mountains in Europe, meeting and marrying the love of his life, and fueling his passion for hunting with his two German shorthair pointers, Gertie and Leroy. A year and a half ago the cancer stopped responding to the treatment that had been so successful, and the battle began in earnest.

In these most recent months, Ben's greatest joy and hope was anticipating the arrival of his first child, due in early January. Ben is survived by his wife Katie, parents Tom and Chris Carlsen, brother Ryan, sister Erin (Matt), nephew and niece Caleb and Alison, grandmother Beverly Clark, and countless extended family and cherished friends.

Wayne L. Compton



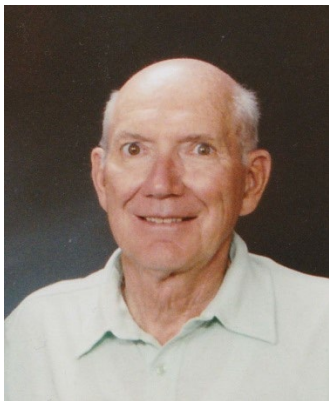
Wayne L. Compton passed away in Custer on March 16, 2021. He was born February 12, 1935, to Lewis M and Evangeline Compton at his father's homestead on the Limestone near Moon, SD. This remained his home until he was 19 years old when he took a seasonal job with the Forest Service at Teepee Ranger Station. He worked as a logger and ranch hand in the Newcastle, WY area. He married Betty Mahnke in 1958, in Newcastle, WY.

In 1959, he began a permanent career with the Forest Service at the Junction Ranger Station. In 1961 Wayne moved to the Harney Ranger

District in Hill City. Wayne spent many years with the Forest Service serving as a fire control technician and in forest management. He served with Black Hills Heli-tack, and as a liaison with contract fire crews fighting fires in many western states. He retired from the Forest Service in May of 1994. After retirement he spent three summers returning to his love of horses working as a wrangler, custodian, groundskeeper, and volunteer for the city and fire department.

He is survived by his wife Betty; daughters Janice Coats and Vicki Keierleber and their families, including grandson Cody; granddaughter Candace; granddaughter Whitney; and great grandchildren Zayden, Jasmine, Jackson, Grant, and Andrew; brother Lewis; sister Augusta and many extended family and friends.

John Raymond Cooley



John Raymond Cooley passed away on February 19, 2021. He was born on a farm in central Michigan near the town of Owosso on November 13, 1927 to Raymond and Tressie Cooley. He had a pony named "Red". His first job was delivering ice to iceboxes using a horse and wagon. He was the first member of his family to go to college, and earned a Master's Degree in Hydrology. He served as a cartographer in the Korean War and had a 35-year career with the Forest Service. He was in multiple use management and watershed in the Regional Office throughout the 60's and early 70's and served as a staff officer on the San Juan from 1974 until he retired in 1983. He and his wife lived in Durango for over 50 years.

He was an accomplished outdoorsman, horseman, and skier. He built cabinetry, solar water panels, and a pair of kayaks in which the family often went fishing. He loved to read the westerns of Louis L'Amour. He researched family genealogy and did leather work.

He provided for his sons Charles and Robert, his four grandchildren (Sara, Anna, Hayden, and Jaxsen), his community, and the forests of Colorado. He spent the last years of his life caring for his wife of 63 years who passed away in December 2020.

Chad Downs



Chad Downs passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021, in Fort Pierre surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in 1978. After graduating from high school in 1996 and attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where

he met his wife Sonia Trautmann. They were married in on November 7, 2009.

He worked as a Civil Engineer for the State of South Dakota and the Dept. of Veterans Affairs before he became a Project Engineer for the Forest Service in Spearfish in 2019. Chad was the most kind and compassionate person anyone would ever meet. His smile, strength, determination, and work-ethic were unmatched. He was always willing to help others and made everybody he met better by the way he lived his life.

Chad loved music and one of his favorite bands was the Dave Matthews Band and the lyrics that say it best ... life is short but sweet for certain. Chad loved the outdoors, snowboarding, biking, fishing, hiking with the pups, ski resorts, national park and forests, breweries, and restaurants.

Chad is survived by his wife Sonia, parents Dan & Barb Downs, brothers Shaun and Jason and their families, including nieces Kassy and Kenzie and nephews Tane, Great-niece, Paisley, Caitlyn; and Sonia parents, Larry and Renee Trautman, his sister in laws Shane and Sara and their families, including nieces, Sydnee, and Savanna, and several grandmothers and other family.

Jackie Dee (Jack) Edling



Jack Edling passed away on November 2, 2021, after a wonderful life filled with family and good friends. He was born in Grand Junction, CO to Jonas A. and Elna Edling on November 10, 1931.

Jack graduated from Colorado State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. After graduating he joined the Forest Service, serving as a civil engineer in Fort Collins, Gunnison, and Monte Vista, retiring in 1992. In 1995 Jack and his wife Sue moved to Canon City to be close to family. He was proud of his service to the community, being a member of the school board in Gunnison, and a deputy with the Sheriff's Department in Gunnison and Monte Vista.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Sue; daughter Diane Taylor and her family, including grandchildren, Bill, Lorrie, and Don; great-grandchildren, Brittanie, Lyndie, Lexxie, Rilee, and Zane; and great-great-granddaughter, Braylie.

Gordon Don Erskine



Gordon Don Erskine died on Thursday, November 4, 2021. Gordon was born in 1943 in Salt Lake City, UT and was raised in Pueblo, Colorado. He is a graduate of Centennial High School,

attended Southern Colorado State College and received his MBA from the University of Utah.

After graduating from college Gordon enlisted in the US Army and served two years of his military service as a Senior Enlisted Personnel Requisitions Clerk in Germany. Gordon met Pauline “Polly” Bradera in Pocatello, ID in 1972 and they were married on Valentine’s Day, 1974.

After leaving the Army, Gordon was hired by the US Forest Service as an accountant and retired in 2003. While working for the Forest Service Gordon served in Idaho, Utah, and Colorado. After his retirement he enjoyed meeting his former coworkers for lunch. Gordon was a life-long member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a member of the Kiwanis, loved genealogy and stamp collecting, was a ham radio operator, and was an avid golfer and Broncos fan.

Gordon is survived by his wife Polly; sister Claudia and her family; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jack D. Fitzgerald



Jack Duane Fitzgerald passed away on Monday, January 25, 2021. Jack was born on May 14, 1939, to Edna R. and James H. Fitzgerald at the family home in Mancos. As a young man he worked in many different jobs, but he loved working for a veterinarian and had a love and knack to connect with animals.

In 1958, Jack married (Mattie) LaNita Trevino and for sixty years they were almost inseparable whether it be work, play, or spending time on the lake or the hills with family and friends. In the early years, Jack worked for the Park Service and then the Forest Service where he supervised the ruin restoration at Chimney Rock and continued working for many years with the FS.

For thirty straight years Jack and Mattie had teenagers in their home and Jack always found time to cheer them on at band concerts, basketball, volleyball, and football games. If there was a lake with fish in it, or an open bow season, you would know where to find Jack and the boys. Jack gave to his community and in 1990 was recognized as Citizen of the Year.

Jack is survived by his wife LaNita; his two sons, Tony and Dennis; and three daughters, Shauna, Marty and Sharon. Jack was preceded in death by his daughter Jacque. Jack has thirteen grandchildren, Tyana, Tandolyn, Vanessa, Merrissa, Michael, Krysten, Kyle, Katie, Keyan, Jack, Kayla, Claudena and Hope and seventeen great grandchildren.

Harry A. Fluck



Harry A. Fluck died on December 6, 2021. He was born in Marion, Illinois on January 19, 1940, to Alfred “Mutt” Fluck and Ida Broeking Fluck. He graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois in 1962 and received his Master’s in Forest Management from Michigan State University in 1969 after serving in the Air Force.

In 1965, he met and married Patricia in Germany while serving in the Air Force. After returning to the States and achieving his master’s degree, the couple moved to Steamboat Springs, CO where Harry began his FS career. All 3 of the couple’s children were born there. Harry and Pat finally settled in

South Fork in 1978 after several other moves.

In 1992, Harry was sworn in as the first Mayor of South Fork, and he proudly served multiple terms as both Mayor and Town Trustee. Harry retired from the Forest Service in 1995. He thoroughly enjoyed his retirement, spending time with family and friends, and ATVing in the forest he loved. Harry is survived by his wife Pat, his children - Henry, James, and Ellie, and his grandchildren - Hank, Dane, and Zackary, and his brothers and sisters – Louis, Susie, Linda, Judy, and John.



Mary Waynella Gonzalez

Mary Waynella Gonzalez of Cedaredge passed away on September 6, 2021, at her residence. Waynella was born on November 3, 1937, to Ella M (Bothwell) and Arthur Wayne Conkey in Los Angeles, CA. Waynella graduated from George Washington High School in Los Angeles, CA in 1956. Shortly after graduation on June 24, 1956, she married her sweetheart, and love of her life, Jack Gonzalez in Redondo Beach, CA. They just celebrated 65 years together. They moved to the Delta area in

1971, making Cedaredge their home for 50 years.

Waynella was very active in the community. She was part of the United Methodist Women, The ESA Sorority, Eastern Star, Gardening Club, and the Book-Literary Club. She enjoyed playing piano, painting, reading, gardening, and her animals.

Waynella is survived by her husband Jack of Cedaredge; son Kenneth of Colorado Springs; daughter Pamela of Cedaredge; sister Linda; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Gerald Eugene (Jerry) Grady



Gerald Eugene (Jerry) Grady passed away on March 9, 2021. He was born on Feb. 18, 1936, in Mitchell, SD to Frances (Schurz) and Robert Grady after his mother rode into town from the family farm in a horse drawn sleigh to avoid the impending brutal winter storm! Jerry grew up on a farm and after high school in Mitchell he attended Northern State and Dakota Wesleyan joining the U.S. Army and serving in Germany.

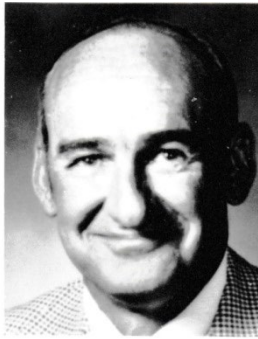
He came back to SD and married Doris Blankenship on June 25, 1960. Jerry used the GI bill to enroll at South Dakota State University and graduated with a civil engineering degree. He began his 32-yr. career with the FS on the White River N. F. and stayed active in the National Guard retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He spent most of his career on the Nebraska and Bighorn N. F.s designing roads and bridges. He was a skilled woodworker and prided himself on his “workshop”. He was active in the community, loved genealogy, traveling, golf, and being with his grandchildren. Grandpa Jer was the best babysitter, taxi driver, and sports fan for the kids.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Doris, and his daughter Deb and her family including grandchildren, Sophie, and Colton Hartford, all of Rapid City. He is also survived by his sister, Francy; brother, Dan; and many nieces and nephews.



Donna B. (Tommie) Gull, age 89, of Austin, Colorado passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Tommie was born March 13, 1932. Tommie worked on the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison N. F.s in personnel management for many years.

Sidney Hubert (Sid) Hanks



Sidney Hubert (Sid) Hanks passed away on June 21, 2021. He was born on September 21, 1932, in Thedford, NE to Firman and Pauline Hanks. He grew up in Thedford and got his undergraduate degree at Doane College in Crete, NE and then served his country in the U. S. Army. After his service he got his Master of Forestry from Duke University and began work at Bessey Nursery in the late fifties. He married Wonda Banker on June 1, 1962. After their marriage they moved to the Mt. Sopris Nursery in Basalt, CO where Sid was the Nursery Manager. He was there until 1968 when he went to the Northeastern Area in Upper Darby, PA in Cooperative Forest Management. In 1973 they moved to Washington D.C. where he worked in Cooperative Forestry until 1974 when he moved back to Colorado as the Deputy Regional Forester until his retirement in 1989.

After retirement he and Wonda enjoyed winters in Rockport, TX, visits to Nebraska, and family. Sid was a huge supporter of Memorial Grove and did all he could to help keep this tradition as an important part of R-2's legacy. Every year up until 2020 Sid was always there at the ceremony and ensured that each brass plate with honoree names was attached to the Memorial just right.

He is survived by his wife Wonda.

Edwin H. Holley



Edwin H. Holley of Bayfield, Colorado, died March 19, 2021 at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on October 12, 1934 to Lige and Gladys Holley in Lynn, TX and grew up there in Texas. He worked in steel works for a while in Pueblo and then moved to Bayfield where he started work with the Forest Service. Ed retired from the Forest Service in 1983 and went into building and construction until 1993. He loved exploring the mountain country and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was very much loved and will be missed.

He is survived by wife, Heidi; children: Robin, Mark, and Aaron and their families including grandchildren: Drew, Jaclyn, Rebecca, Brittny, Cody, & Cooper; and two great-grandsons; and sister: Pat McMillan.

Jeffrey Brian (Jeff) Hovermale



Jeffrey Brian (Jeff) Hovermale passed away on December 29, 2021, with his family at his side. He is now with Mother Earth and the great spirit gods. Jeffrey is known throughout the Colorado Springs region for his decades of service to the people and land.

Born in Smithsburg, MD on October 20, 1964, Jeffrey attended Allegany College of Maryland before serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador. Jeff held a variety of positions with the FS, starting in Yampa, CO. He retired as the Lands, Special Uses, and Minerals Staff Officer on the Pikes Peak District where he led the agency's role in building the new Summit Complex on Pikes Peak – America's Mountain and consultations with seven Tribes on the management of the sacred summit. Within the community, Jeffrey worked to improve the Mill Street Neighborhood and was widely known for his gentleness and generosity.

Jeffrey maintained a sense of youthful curiosity his whole life and found joy in large and small adventures. He had hiked most of the trails on the district, was a lover of bluegrass music and live concerts, rode his Schwinn cruiser around downtown, was known for listening rather than talking, was an avid traveler, and made time for a regular Sunday drive to points of interest throughout Southern Colorado.

Jeffrey will be lovingly remembered by his mother, his brother and sister-in-law, his nephew and niece, and his great-niece and great-nephew.

Theodore William (Ted) La May



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Theodore William (Ted) La May passed away on November 26, 2021. Ted was born in Huntington, New York on September 21, 1929, to Ernest and Alice La May. After high school, he attended one year of college at what was then Chanute Junior College in Chanute, Kansas enlisting in the Army and serving during the Korean War. Upon his return, he enrolled at Colorado A&M (CSU) State University and graduated in 1956 with a major in Forest Management.

After college, he began his Forest Service career on a timber survey crew in Colorado and a few years later he was promoted to an Assistant District Ranger, serving at Yampa of the Routt N. F. He met Patricia Shearer at the Catholic Church in Steamboat Springs and they were married on June 4, 1960. Ted was named the Ranger for the Collbran District on the Grand Mesa N.F. in 1961 and while there they had four children. Ted went on to have a 38-year career with the Forest Service which included stops on the Alder District on the

Rio Grande, and the Piedra and Animas Districts on the San Juan. He retired in 1994. Ted was gracious, kind, and a true family man who loved the forest and the Colorado Trail.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years Patricia, sister Patricia, daughters Karen and Diane, sons Keith and Chris and all their families including four grandchildren Lindsey, Siena, Ryan, and Loghan,

Frank Landis



Frank Landis passed away in 2021 and was born in 1957. Frank was an outdoor recreation planner on the Pikes Peak District of the PSICC. He had previously worked on the Routt N. F. in Yampa. One of Frank's special hobbies was baseball card collection.

Sandy Wiser Marquis



Sandy Wiser Marquis 61 of Pahrump, NV died on September 12, 2021. She passed peacefully from medical complications related to Chronic Pancreatitis. She was born in 1960 and grew up in Billings, Montana.

Sandy retired from the Big Horn National Forest in Region 2, in August 2015, after 37 years with the Forest Service. She began her career in Butte, MT in Region 1 on the Deerlodge National Forest. Her career took her also to the Gallatin N. F. and the Helena NF in Region 1, the Mt. Hood N. F. in Region 6, the Regional Office in Region 1, back to R-1 on the Custer NF, and then the Big Horn N. F. Sandy had an outstanding reputation her whole career and had thousands of friends.

Sandy's passing left her husband, David Lee Marquis, and Max Marquis, her son who is well known for his musical abilities.

John Cortland McCarthy Jr.



John Cortland McCarthy Jr. died July 12, 2021. He was born on Oct. 15, 1939, in Clear Creek, Utah, to John Sr. and Wilma McCarthy. He spent his childhood playing in the mountainsides of Clear Creek and to attend high school he moved to Orem to live with his grandparents. John went on to earn a bachelor's degree in forestry from Utah State University. It was while working for the Forest Service in Idaho that he met his wife, Lorraine and they waited for her graduate high school before marrying on Sept. 23, 1960. Together, they raised four children.

John's decades in the forest service brought his family to Logan, Utah, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, Durango, Colorado, Newcastle, Wyoming and finally to Glenwood Springs in 1980. John loved working outdoors, doing field work for the forest service and being on the management team fighting forest fires of all sizes. He especially enjoyed his time working as a district ranger in Wyoming. John loved skiing, fly fishing, hunting, getting firewood, woodworking and strategizing with his investment club.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine; children, Dennis, Mark, Kelly, and Laura and their families including 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; and his sister Marlene Murdock.

Charles Edwin Medina



Charles Edward Medina of Salida died Aug. 20, 2021. Charlie was born December 3, 1946 in Alamosa to Doris and José Medina. He spent his early years roaming the mountains surrounding the San Luis Valley and enjoying summers at the Presbyterian church camp along Chalk Creek. The vanilla smell of Ponderosa Pine inspired him to become a forester. After graduating from Alamosa High School in 1965, Charlie attended Colorado State University where he graduated in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in forest management.

Charlie began his career with the Forest Service in 1971, working on the Big Horn, Gunnison Routt, San Juan, and finally the PSICC N. F.'s. He met Libby Brewster in Steamboat Springs at an environmental education workshop, and they were married August 6, 1977, at Seedhouse Guard Station. They enjoyed 44 years together. He became the Salida District Ranger in October of 1989 and was involved in many important and successful years of management on

the District. He retired in May of 2006. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and woodworking. He had a great sense of humor and invented memorable characters that have become a part of family lore. His greatest passion was to tell people about Jesus.

He is survived by his wife Libby, and daughters, Katie, Rebecca, and Kristen and their families.

Mary Edith Morfitt



Mary Edith Morfitt died on July 31, 2021. She was born on October 8, 1923, to Grace Marie (Pease) and Herschel Edward Thorp in Sutherland, Nebraska. She went to school in Paxton, NE and graduated in 1942. She attended business college in Denver, where she lived and worked until 1945. During World War II, she volunteered as a Red Cross nurse's aide at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. She married Delmar (Red) Morfitt on October 5, 1947. They were married for 52 years and had four children. They lived in Nebraska until they moved to the San Luis Valley in January 1962. Mary worked for the Forest Service for ten years. After retirement, Red and Mary were "winter Texans", spending several months each winter at their second home in Harlingen, Texas.

Mary was an excellent cook and was well known for her homemade bread. She enjoyed sewing, painting, reading and crafting and seldom missed a night of Jeopardy. Mary traveled extensively and was very active with her family, the Saguache Methodist Church, and in the community. She volunteered many years at the Saguache Museum, and belonged to Friends of the Library, American Legion Auxiliary, Study Club, Red Hat, Sagebrush Quilters and the Scrabble club.

She is survived by children Dell, Susan, and Elizabeth and their families including eight grandchildren -Joel, Aminah, Noah, Andrew, Rachael, Sarah, Ethan, and Laura, four great-grandchildren Liam, Hannah, Andrew, and Antora.

Homer David Morris



Homer David Morris, 76, of Powell, Wyoming passed away August 15, 2021. He was born to John and Helen Morris, on August 2, 1945 in Belle Fourche, SD. Dave graduated from Hulett High in 1963. Dave joined the Marines and served honorably in the Vietnam Conflict. When he returned, he continued his education and graduated from the University of Wyoming. He married Judy Bruce on December 21, 1968, in Evanston, WY.

Dave career with the Forest Service was mainly as a Range Conservationist, starting in Laramie and then went to Collbran, CO and finally to Greybull, WY. Dave wasn't afraid to stand up for what he thought was the right thing to do. His love of the outdoors was shown through his dedicated work. Dave was a member of the Society for Range Management, VFW, and the Board of the Big Horn County Weed & Pest. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and woodworking. He was always working on a project from irrigation to pruning trees, or cutting firewood to have his infamous fires. Most of all, he loved his family which he showed with generosity, always a concern for safety, and sharing as much time as possible.

Dave is survived by his two sons, Kane and Bart and their families, including grandchildren, Sierra and Garrett; sisters, Joy; Anita; and Gail.

George Arthur Morris



George Arthur Morris of Centennial, Colorado and formerly Glenwood Springs—died peacefully on July 28, 2021 of natural causes. George was born on July 27, 1939. He earned a Master of Forestry degree from Duke University and a Master of Science degree in Systems Analysis from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

George worked for the US Forest Service for 32 years. He worked in R-8 on Job Corps Centers on the Daniel Boone and Ouachita N. F.s and was on the White River N. F. for 15 years as staff office and had his final assignment as the Forest Supervisor of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah from 1988 to 1994. George was introduced to Native American art at age ten. In retirement he started the Morris Trading Company which dealt in art from the Hopi, Navajo and other Indigenous peoples of the Southwest. George was a devoted husband, father

and grandfather. George lived a vigorous life with his spirit of adventure living on in his grandchildren.

George is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ginny, his son Doug and wife Mary and their children Ella and Joe, his son Jeff and wife Tina and their children Mac, Molli and Marty. George is preceded in death by his brother John Alfred Morris.

Danny Lee Peters



Danny Lee Peters passed away on Dec. 9, 2021. He was born on April 15, 1931, to George and Milda Peters in Aspinwall, Iowa. Dan spent his early childhood in Aspinwall, attending the two-room schoolhouse until they moved to Manning in 1942.

During some summers he worked for the Milwaukee Railroad and after high school he became an accomplished telegrapher and worked for the railroad. He married Lois Wilhelm in Manning, IA and was drafted into the Army six months later.

Dan served proudly in Korea and was an ammunition runner during the Battle of Pork Chop Hill and was promoted twice during his service. In February 1954, he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant and returned to Iowa where he enrolled at Iowa State and graduated with

a degree in forestry.

His 25-year forestry career took him to the Black Hills, Dillon, Pagosa Springs, Steamboat Springs, and Monte Vista. After retiring he started a painting business and in 1991 he returned to Manning and was engaged in many community projects including being Mayor for five years.

Dan is survived by his five children: Mike, Mark, Julie, and Greg and their families including 12 grandchildren: Daniel, Darcy, Michaela, Michael, Timothy, Emily, Meghan, Wesley, Nicholas, Kristen, Alison, and Nathan; six great-grandchildren: Ava, Dorothy, Charlotte, Micah, Julie, and Harlyn; a brother David; a sister Cynthia.

Pam Pettit

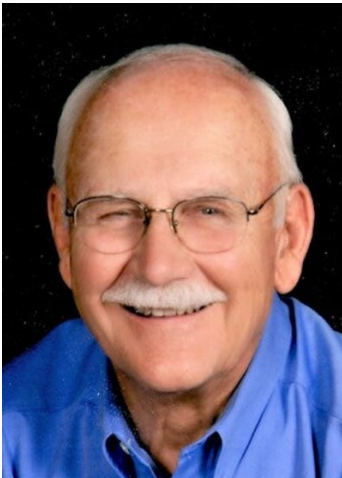


Pam Pettit passed away May 12, 2021, in Upton, Wyoming. Pam was born on January 4, 1953, in Rapid City, SD to Louis and Francis Pettit. She grew up and enjoyed her time in the Black Hills. On February 19, 1977, she married Jim Hammond, and on February 25, 1980 she gave birth to her son, Thayne Hammond. She enjoyed being a mom and lots of family fun.

In 2007 she retired from the federal government after 24 years of service with the National Park Service and Forest Service. After her retirement she became a "hired hand" helping learn and put on cowboy cookouts with Clayton and Rhonda Sander. The outdoors was her haven, it offered her peace that she treasured. You could find her out picking raspberries, fishing, taking a walk, or gardening. She loved time with family and friends and all animals big and small.

Those she loved life with are: son, Thayne Hammond; sisters, Janet Reindl and family and Nancy Budden and family; and many special friends

Donald Dean Rogers



Donald Dean Rogers died on June 28, 2021, in Fort Collins, CO. He was born on April 12, 1936, to Joseph and Verna Rogers of Muscatine, Iowa and grew up next to his grandparent's house. He told stories of the Hawkeye Pearl Button Company, which his grandfather built from the ground up and the delicious German pies his grandmother prepared for him. In high school Don loved all sports including football, basketball, and track & field. He was an Eagle Scout and went on to Iowa State University for a degree in forestry.

Don started his career with the Forest Service in Colorado and met his wife of 57 years, Karen Kimball, in Denver. His focus on timber management took him to Walden then Del Norte and on to the Black Hills. He was on fire teams and served as "Camp Boss" on many fires. In 1979 came back to Colorado at Leadville and eventually settled and retired in Fort Collins, CO. He loved skiing and served on the National Ski Patrol at both Steamboat Springs and Wolf Creek, later volunteering as a Ski Ranger in Summit County.

He was always eager to cheer his grandchildren on and share his knowledge of the outdoors with them. They loved him very much! His wife Karen passed away four months earlier. He is survived by his three children, Scott, Stacy, and Mark and their families.

Larry Lee Simmons



Larry Lee Simmons passed away on September 16, 2021. He was born on December 12, 1941, in Iowa. He had a great life from his 25 years working for the Forest Service to his countless trips to the Sturgis, South Dakota motorcycle rally. During all his trips in his motorhome, he always had his best friend Charlie the cat by his side. He was a member of the Nomad Club winning multiple awards over the years. He is survived by his sister Lorelei, brother David, niece Crystal, and nephew Todd.



Cloetta Jane Schroeder

Cloetta Jane Schroeder passed away on April 23, 2021, in Windsor, CO. She was born on June 22, 1961, in Williston, ND to Roger W. and Charolette Schroeder. The family moved from North Dakota to Casper, WY in 1970. She received an Associate Degree in Data Processing from Casper College in Casper, WY. After working in private industry for a year she worked for the Bureau of Land Management for five years and then moved to the Forest Service on the Bighorn N. F. in Sheridan. She worked in R-6 as a Group Leader for Information Resource Management in early 2000's and also in R-8 and R-9. She then became the Administrative Officer on the PSICC. She then moved to the Albuquerque Service Center-WO as Assistant Director in the Office of Chief Information Officer, and then her final position was as Assistant Station Director for Operation at the Rocky Mountain Research Station.

She was highly respected by all who worked with her. Cloetta was a truly a big-hearted person. She cared for all her employees and was highly respected by all who worked with her. Cloetta was always on the cutting edge of making business practices, budgets and personnel practices support the work and people of the Forest Service. She loved her family deeply and her face shone whenever she talked about family visits and adventures.

She is survived by her younger sister Donnetta.

Marvin L. Thompson



Marvin L. Thompson passed away on November 5, 2021. He was born on July 29, 1947, to Wakefield V and Marcy Thompson. He was a proud Marine and served his country in the Vietnam War where he was wounded. He was discharged with several medals as well as a Purple Heart. After his discharge he traveled to every state in the US. He settled in Colorado where he met his wife of 44 years Paula, where they had many adventures together. They settled in Rifle where they had 2 children Wendy and Crystal. Once settled in Rifle, Marv went to work for the USFS and made it a career of 25 years from which he proudly retired. Marv loved spending time with his grandkids, enjoying the outdoors in the forests, camping, working on guns, and working on crossword puzzles.

Marv is survived by his wife of 44 years Paula, children Wendy Thompson, and Crystal Thompson, Grandchildren Marcus Thompson, Nakasha Reynolds, Chayton Reynolds, Eddie Richardson III, Sachmo Straw, Jiraiya Straw, Everett Straw, Thomas Gonzalez, and Cooper Cox. Brothers David, Jerry, Timmy, Tommy and many ½ brothers and sisters.

Ronald M. Thompson



Ronald M. Thompson, Aspen resident for 43 years, died while on vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona January 8th, 2021. Death came from an infection in his sole kidney after a misdiagnosis and removal of the other one just three years ago.

After growing up in Milwaukie, Oregon and being an Oregon Duck, Ron started his life's work as an air traffic controller for the U.S. Air Force, based in the Philippines, during the Vietnam War, and later worked as a civil engineer here in the Roaring Fork Valley, but his most satisfying work was as a U.S. Forest Service employee and later as a volunteer for the U.S. Forest Service. He managed the Wilderness Program at Zig Zag Ranger District on the Mount Hood National Forest, in Oregon and White River National Forest here in Aspen.

When not working he was exploring the world on his own time visiting some 101 countries.

Of the many non-profit environmentally-based organizations and endeavors that Ron was personally involved with over the years, he was proud of helping start the Independence Pass Foundation with Bob Lewis in 1989.

Ron leaves behind his adoring wife, Donna.

His ashes will be spread at the Maroon Bells when the flowers are in full bloom this spring and his spirit will always live there.

Mary P. Tyler



Mary Patricia Tyler passed away on August 21, 2021. She was born Mary Patricia Robertson to William and Marion Robertson on March 8, 1942, in Pueblo, CO. She grew up in Denver, graduating from East High School and the University of Colorado. Mary married Courtney Skinner in 1967, they worked the ski season in Sun Valley, ID and returned to the Wind River Mountains when the lifts stopped turning. They settled permanently in Pinedale, WY in 1974 and raised two daughters, Kezia and Darcy. Mary spent most of her life in Pinedale, WY before moving back to Colorado.

Though stoic, Mary was compassionate; private, yet the first to invite a stranger for dinner. Mary traveled extensively and this worldliness instilled many skills and passions in her children. She could easily host a world-renowned seven-course meal (Elk Wellington as the main and ending with Crème Brule) or feed a whole pack-trip of guests from whatever was found in the panniers. She loved the outdoors and working for the Forest Service, particularly going on fire assignments and selling Christmas tree permits at the front desk on the South Platte Ranger District. Mary enjoyed exploring museums, attending symphonies, and was a staunch supporter of the arts. She was a particularly graceful skier, had a voracity for reading, and valued education.

In addition to her daughters, Kezia and Darcy and their families including grandchildren, Tristan, Bjorn S, and Lars; she is survived by cousins Mary and Daniel.



Miles Weaver

Miles Weaver died July 23, 2021, in Grand Junction, CO. Miles was born August 24, 1939, in Los Angeles, CA to Loyal and Mildred Weaver and went to school in Downey, CA. Known by his friends and family (two sons, three grandchildren, a sister and brother) as a kind and loving family man who loved God and all He created.

Miles was the Recreation Staff Officer on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison N. F.s. Working his entire career for the Forest Service, including time on the Mt. Hood National Forest before coming to the GMUG. He enjoyed his job, riding

horses, ATVs, hiking, skiing, and spending time outdoors. He passed his love of tennis and skiing to his two sons as well as many camping trips and Boy Scout adventures.

Miles is survived by his wife (Sheri) of 36 years and two sons, Jeff and Andrew, and their families including three grandchildren; a sister Anne, and a brother Sam.

Roger L. Whiting



Roger L. Whiting, 74, of Custer, SD, passed away November 25, 2021. Roger was born December 23, 1946, in Rosebud, SD, to Arlington and LaVerne Whiting. Roger was the first Whiting in his family to earn a college degree, obtaining his Associates Degree in Forestry from Sinte Gleska University. Roger first marriage was to Irene Williams in 1971 and they had one daughter, Roger married Monica Whiting in 1978 and to their union was born three sons.

Roger had a smorgasbord of careers including, but not limited to, rancher, milk truck driver, tribal and city police officer, county sheriff, and forester for thirty plus years. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, lifetime member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, a Radioman 3rd Class in the U.S. Navy until his honorable discharge in 1970 and a member of the Old Antarctic Explorers Association Inc. Roger was ornery and independent, an amazing Grandpa, generous, skilled, hardworking, and strong willed.

Surviving Roger is Monica, his wife of 43 years; sons, Jacob, Aaron, and Clarence; daughter, Syd; brothers, Charles and Bill; and sister Laura; and his grandchildren, Penelope, Brayden, Colin, and Aaron.

Paul Franklin Zimmerman



Paul Franklin Zimmerman of Hagerman, ID died on February 6, 2021. He was born on July 5, 1944, to Ida Mae and Paul Zimmerman in Danville, KY. He grew up in Illinois and graduated with a degree in forestry from S. Illinois University. He worked for 33 years for the U.S. Forest Service in a variety of positions in Idaho and later Colorado, but in Region 2 he was know for his expertise and knowledge of the lands program and was instrumental in accomplishing numerous land exchanges, purchases, and

adjustments. He was viewed as “a true leader and treasure” to the lands program nationally.

Paul and his wife, Nancy, happily retired in 1999 and they returned to Idaho to build their dream home outside of Hagerman. Paul kept himself busy with work in his shop and his large garden in the back yard. He was always volunteering, enjoyed fishing, a perpetual reader, loved music, long harbored a secret dream of being a radio disc jockey, and had exquisite woodworking talent. His beautiful pieces of work including picture frames, bookcases, kitchen tables, and China hutches enhance homes across Idaho and elsewhere.

Paul is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nancy; sister, Dolly; stepdaughter, Jill of Arvada, CO; daughters, Laura; and Ellen; son, Keith; and grandchildren, Hailey and Gage as well as members of Nancy's family.

NOT FORGOTTEN

Edward F. Heaton



Edward F. Heaton died on January 5, 1951. He was born in Lyndon, KS on June 28, 1887, and his family moved to Leadville, CO in 1898. In 1906 Ed went to a carpentry trade school in Idaho. He returned to Colorado and began working for the Forest Service in 1910 on the Leadville N. F. as the Assistant Ranger. He built the Tennessee Pass Guard Station in 1911-12 and became ranger there. In 1919 became the Dillon District Ranger, Leadville N. F. On the move to Dillon his son Phil rode in a pannier with the family cat on one side of the pack horse and there was a fifty-pound sack of flour in the pannier on the other side. Phil was honored here in 1986.

Ed was a ranger at Dillon until 1931 when he moved to Idaho Springs as Ranger on the Clear Creek District, Pike N. F. He was in Idaho Springs until 1935 when he was promoted as Supervisor of the Arapaho N. F. in Hot Sulphur Springs. In 1937 he moved the Supervisor's office to Idaho Springs and was supervisor there until he retired in August 1946 and moved to Hot Springs, NM. In 1964 Heaton Bay in Dillon Reservoir and the nearby Heaton Bay Campground were named after him.

He is survived by his grandson, John Heaton and family. Ed's name was not added to the Memorial in 1951 and we have not forgotten him.



Bobbi Ann King

Bobbi Ann King of Idaho Springs passed away on Feb. 24, 2020, in Windsor, CO. Bobbi was born in Ainsworth, Neb., to Robert and Beverly Moody on April 4, 1954. She was one of eight children. The family moved to Colorado in 1958, and they settled in Idaho Springs in 1961. She attended Carlson Elementary and graduated from Clear Creek Secondary School in 1972. She worked for the Forest Service for 28 years and weekends at the Chicago Creek Clinic.

Bobbi was an incredible mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, daughter, and friend. Her laugh and smile were contagious! Her love for her family was deep, unconditional and without end. She truly brought joy and happiness with her wherever she went. She is remembered for her love for purple, puppies, long drives, swimming, reading, Coke, pickles, cheeseburgers, and chocolate never wavered. Those who knew her were blessed to have her in their lives.

Bobbi is survived by her sons Cory and Andy and their families including grandchildren Wyatt, Cody, Cooper, Nathan, Norah and Kyle; her siblings Jerrie, Sheila, Susan, Becky Moody, Dona, and Michael.



Eloise Elaine Pepin

Eloise Elaine Pepin has chosen to take her game playing skills to a higher place. She passed away December 4, 2017. Eloise enjoyed a good conversation and was never too busy to put the coffee on. She spent countless hours playing cards with family and friends, creating many memories. One of her recent favorite pastimes was sitting on her deck waving at familiar faces.

Eloise was born on September 13, 1928. She was raised with 11 siblings at Four Mile. She married Ernie Pepin on June 29th, 1946. In 1952, she was elected Custer County Sheriff, defeating five male opponents. She worked at City Hall, Four Mile Post and Pole and the Forest Service until her retirement at the age of 76. She was quick with a prank and did it with a twinkle in her eye. She made the best fried chicken and potato salad and on Saturday night we would look forward to her cast iron fried hamburgers and homemade fries. She took pride in crisp white laundry and a large stack of firewood.

She is survived by four children, Linda Nelson, Valerie Pulscher, Steve Pepin and Denise Burtzlaff and their families including grandchildren Sundae, Dallas, Miranda, Jeremy, Matthew, Shawn, Sara, and Cheyenne; 6 step grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren. sisters, Evelyn, Derelle, and Leola.