

# 2013 Remembrances

## **Thomas C. (Tom) Evans**

Tom Evans passed away Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on Aug. 29, 1922 to Thomas and Lulu and married Twila Benedick in 1952. Tom was a U.S. Navy "Seabee" Officer in WWII and served in the Pacific theater. After the war he graduated from the University of Idaho. He was a forester on the Yampa District and the Black Hills, District Ranger at Stub Creek (before electricity) on the Roosevelt, District Ranger at Eagle, Timber Staff on the San Isabel, Watershed Staff in the Regional Office, Forest Supervisor on the Pike National Forest, and Forest Supervisor on the White River National Forest where he retired in 1980. He was also an Honorary Alumnus of the College of Forestry and Natural Resources, CSU. An endowed scholarship at CSU was established in his name by Ralston Purina Corp. He was a life-long member of the Society of American Foresters and a true multiple use management forester. He was as good a friend as you could ever hope to have, a man who lived by the Golden Rule, and whose word was as good as a bond.

He is survived by his wife Twila, daughter Kathy, son Tom and daughter Patty plus spouses and grand kids.

## **Glen Robert Eyre**

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## **Morris D. 'Ferg' Ferguson**

Morris Dee "Ferg" Ferguson, 94, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013, at Custer Regional Senior Care.

Ferg was born July 17, 1918, in Alvord, TX, to John and Jewel (Howard) Ferguson. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 until 1946 and fought with the combat infantry in Europe during [World War II](#), receiving a [Bronze Star](#) for valor.

Ferg began his career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1947, and worked many years on the Black Hills National Forest, retiring in 1976.

He married Virginia Harris in 1951, and together they raised three children. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and storytelling. No one laughed at his jokes more than he. Ferg is survived by his wife, Virginia I. Ferguson of Custer; son, Gary (Anne Marie) of Oakland, CA; daughters, Sharon (Dean) Kurtz and Wanda (Rick) Wheeler, all of Custer; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Betty Huebner of Palestine, TX.

Graveside memorial services were held at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis.

### **Marsha Lynn Druker**

Marsha Druker passed away on 11/30/12. For 33 years, Mrs. Druker was a contract administrator for the USDA Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Region headquarters. She retired in July, 2011.

Marsha was loved dearly by her family and friend and her beautiful singing voice is missed greatly.

Mrs. Druker was born July 20, 1951, in Denver. She attended Colfax Elementary, Lake Junior High, North High, the University of Phoenix and CU.

In August, 1981, she married Paul Scott Druker. Mr. Druker passed away in April, 2007.

Mrs. Druker is survived by her half-brother Richard Stein of Centennial

### **Duane D. Haywood**

Duane Haywood who retired from the Dillon Ranger District on the Arapaho NF in 1982 passed away on Feb.21, 2013. Mr. Haywood lived and worked in business management in Steamboat Springs, Glenwood Springs and Eagle, Colorado, Superior, Montana and Dillon, Colorado with the US Forest Service. He retired in 1982 after 30 years of service. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Elks Lodge in Rifle, Colorado.

Duane Delee Haywood, 81, of Thornton, Colorado, formerly of Parachute, Colorado, died February 21, 2013 in Brighton, Colorado. He was born January 27th, 1932 in Wray, Colorado to John D Haywood Jr. and Lola Wilmoth Speicher Haywood of New Castle, Colorado, where he graduated from New Castle High School. On August 31, 1963 he married Gladys Elizabeth Watson in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. They were divorced in 1982.

Survivors are two daughters, Mary Hensley (Gary) of Matheson, Colorado. and Frances Ritts (Dan) of Colorado Springs, Colorado; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, Donald Haywood of Superior, Montana and Bobby Haywood of New Castle, Colorado and one sister, Verlita (Vee) Dudley of Logandale, Nevada.

### **Joseph E. (Joe) Jensen**

Joseph E. Jensen died in late April 2013. He was born in 1923 in Salt Lake City, Utah to Rueben L. and Della Jensen. He attended the University of Utah and served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Joe worked in Aviation Management in the Regional Office from the early 60's until his retirement in 1980.

### **Delores Ann (Dee) Knorr**

Delores Ann Knorr, 73, of Evans, Colo., died Saturday, July 20, 2013, at her residence. She was born on April 28, 1940, to George and Irene (Jones) Barber in Sterling, Colo., where she grew up and graduated from Sterling High School.

After high school, Delores continued her education graduating from Barnes Business School in Denver where she met Ed Knorr. They were married on Dec. 7, 1958, and moved to Summit County Colorado where she began a career with the Forest Service. Over the years she worked in Kremmling and Dillon, Colo., Chadron, Neb., Laramie, Wyo., and Denver where she retired as an Administrative Officer. Delores enjoyed gardening, dancing, and especially enjoyed tole painting. She will be remembered by her family as a loving mother, grandmother, sister aunt and friend. Delores is survived by two sons, Robert of Dillon, Colo. and Greg of Ulm, Mont

### **Andrew J. (Andy) Kordziel**

Andrew J. (Andy) Kordziel died on May 18, 2013 in Golden, CO. He was preceded in death by his wife Gertrude of 58 years. He was born on Nov. 12, 1925. Andy joined the Navy in 1944 and served aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ticonderoga in the South Pacific during WWII. He graduated from University of Denver in the early 1950's. Andy spent many years as a supervisor in the Regional Office Geometronics Section. He was in charge of compilation and editing information from the ground and aerial photos for making Forest Service maps. Andy transferred to the USGS in the later years of his employment.

He is survived by 5 children: Diane Harvey, Walter Kordziel (Rose Marie Bowden), Wanda Steadman (Kirk), Mark Kordziel (Stacy) and Joseph Kordziel (Jamie). Also survived by 8 grandchildren: Amy Hood (Kenny), Mandy Lacey (Josh), Sarah Harvey, Alissa Harvey, Marcus Kordziel, Tyler Kordziel, Steven Kordziel and Scott Kordziel; 5 great grandchildren: Jacob Hood, Haley Hood, Cadin Hood, Anthony Lacey and Emmalynn Lacey. Visit

<http://aspenmortuaries.com/home.html> for detailed obit.

Andy will always be remembered for his smiles, humor and days on the football field

### **Edward D. (Ed) Lockhart**

Edward Daniel Lockhart, of Delta, CO passed away on Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at his residence. He was 95 years of age. Edward was born to Ray and Bess Lockhart in Delta, Colorado where he spent his childhood. Ed was the youngest of 7 children and graduated from Delta High School and attended Western State College in Gunnison, Colorado. He cowboied for several years, and married the love of his life Lela (Jo) Maher; whom he met at the Egyptian Theater where she was a ticket taker. They just celebrated 72 years of marriage on June 24, 2013.

Ed and Jo lived in Delta County where he ranched and cowboied until he went to work for the Forest Service in 1961. He retired after 22 years in the Forest Service to his home in Delta, Colorado. He went back to the cowboy life for another 20 plus years. Ed was a member of the B.P.O.E. Elks Club and was recognized for being the oldest living member of the Elks in 2011. Ed was known for his great love of man, animals and his family.

### **Helen McGranahan**

Helen Marie Kelly McGranahan, a botanist and lifelong plant enthusiast on the Black Hills NF, passed away August 3, 2013. She was born in 1960. Her formative years and many of her adult years were spent on her family's Century Farm in north Central Oregon. She came to South Dakota in 2002. She was very active in the community as leader of the garden club and wrote extensive articles and worked tirelessly on efforts to inform the public about bark beetles, plants, and nature in general. Her husband, Greg, works as the timber contracting officer for the Forest.

### **Gary E. Metcalf**

Gary E. Metcalf passed away August 20, 2013 in Lakewood, Colorado. Gary was born on the family farm in Decatur County, Kansas on Aug. 25, 1931 to Elmer and Vida May (Berry) Metcalf. He and his two siblings attended country school northeast of Oberlin, Kansas, and Gary graduated from Decatur Community High School in 1949. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in Oct. 1950 and spent the next four years as a Machinist's Mate on the U.S.S. Gunston Hall, making several trips across the Pacific to Korea and Japan.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Gary married Elinor Nielsen and the couple had one daughter, Joyceane (Peterson). They moved to Georgia, where Gary graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Forestry in 1960. Gary's career as a forester began in Illinois, but he soon began work on a Master's Degree at Colorado State University in Fort Collins. He was employed by the U.S. Forest Service from 1963-1989, working on the Black Hills National Forest for the first ten years. During that time he lived at Deadwood SD., Sundance WY, and Custer, SD. In 1973 he was transferred to the Medicine Bow National Forest, Laramie, WY, where he spent four years. The last twelve years of his career were in Timber Management in the U.S.F.S. Regional Office in Lakewood, CO.

Gary met his current wife, Mary, in 1973, and the two made their lives together beginning in 1974 and marrying in 1994. They shared a deep love of nature and enjoyed camping and hiking in the forest. Gary's happiest times were spent among the trees, making his own trails, finding interesting artifacts from former miners and railroad workers, and observing the wildlife around him. Gary also had a fascination with cars and driving, winning trophies for his skill in driving in ice races on Stockade Lake in the Black Hills. This love translated into owning touring motorcycles and taking road trips around Colorado and beyond. Gary had a good sense of humor, loved to tease, and will be remembered for his smile that lit up his face.

### **Lee Frank Meydrech**

Lee Frank Meydrech died May 12, 2013 in Williamsburg, Co. He was born July 6, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois to William F. and Marie (Janik) Meydrech. Lee was a Veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during WWII. He was united in marriage to Beth May DeGraaf; she preceded him in death in 2005. Lee was a draftsman for several National Forest services in Colorado for over 35 years and is perhaps best known for his cartoonist talents and coming up with the saying "Pack it in, pack it out." He lived in Parachute, CO.

Lee worked on the Pike NF for several years in the 60's and 70's.. He worked various odd jobs including doing the art work for the "pack it in - pack it out" posters. He also painted a large depiction of Zebulon Pike looking out over to Pikes Peak which hung in the summit house for several years. Lee created the displayed for the Salida District that

showed the 4 ranger districts combining to make the Salida Ranger district of the 80's. He even worked one season on the Regional Pike hotshot fire crew. He left the Pike and transferred to the BLM in Glenwood Springs where I believe he retired. He is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

### **Charles Henry Miller**

Charles Henry Miller died June 29, 2013 in Glenwood Springs, CO. He was born Dec. 19, 1931 in Grand Rapids, MI to Harold and Ethel Miller. Charles worked for many years in engineering on the White River National Forest. He served in the Air Force and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Glenwood.

### **Wilma Jean Pence**

Wilma J. Pence of Arvada died on March 8, 2013. She worked in the Regional Office for many years. Wilma Jean Thornton was born on December 28, 1923 in Bentonville, Arkansas to Earl and Neoma Thornton. She came to Colorado before 1940 and was first married in Colorado in 1943. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Pence in 2007. She is the mother of Rodney (Joan) Card, Lynnette (Benny) Millwood, Mark (Lisa) Radovich, and Marilyn Radovich. She had 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

### **Melvin Keith "Pete" Peterson**

Melvin Keith "Pete" Peterson of Eckert, CO passed away April 27, 2013. He was the Road Maintenance Crew Foreman for many years on the GMUG NF. Pete started on the GMUG NF in 1965 and retired May 1994. Pete was born in Cedaredge, CO in 1938 and parents were Frank and Anita Peterson and married Carol in 1962. He served in the U.S. Army and returned to the Cedaredge area where he lived his entire life.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Carol of Eckert; son, Keith Peterson and wife Theresa of Eckert; daughter, Angie Wilson and husband John of Grand Junction; a sister, Betty Kendrick of Eckert; and four grandchildren: Marty Peterson, Josiah Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson and Thomas Wilson

### **Kenneth Carl Scholz**

Kenneth Scholz died on August 3, 2012 at his home in Spearfish, SD. He was born April 23, 1921, in Appleton City, MO, to Henry and Clara Scholz. He graduated from Colorado State University in forestry and began working for the U.S. Forest Service in Pingree Park outside of Fort Collins, CO. His career took him to many locations in the western part of the United States. He had a ranger district 48 miles outside of Cody, WY, then to Buffalo, WY, Idaho Springs, CO, Custer, SD, where he was the Fire Control Officer for the Deadwood fire in 1959, then on to the Denver office. He was also the Supervisor of the White River National Forest in Glenwood Springs, CO. He returned to Custer as the Supervisor of the Black Hills National Forest. He went to Washington, DC, for several years before going to Billings, MT.

He was married to Phyllis (McFarland) Scholz for 66 years. They retired in Silver City, NM, and lived there for 25 years. In 2007, they moved to Spearfish. Ken loved nature and family. He had a scientific mind that was always seeking new knowledge and a great sense of humor.

### **Sigur C. "Sig" Stavran**

Sigur "Sig" Stavran of Grand Junction, CO died on 23rd of January, 2013. Sig was born in Rock Springs in 1936 and lived in a lot of places. He was an engineer with the Forest Service for 36 years and during that time and lived in Denver, Steamboat Springs, Gunnison, Cody, WY, Custer, SD and Missoula MT.

He retired after living in Cedar City, Utah for six years. He also lived in Anchorage, AL for a short time. After his retirement, he worked for several places and finally started working in the engineering department for the City of Fruita. He worked there for ten years retiring on the 31st of December.

### **Dan E. Williams**

Dan E. Williams passed away June 5, 2013 after a hard fought battle with cancer. He was born in Pueblo, CO to Jim and Florabelle Williams on February 1, 1935. In September 1956, he married his sweetheart, Karen Stout. They were inseparable until his passing. Dan was retired Director of Recreation from R-2. He also was Forest Supervisor on Malheur in R-6 and worked in R-8 as recreation staff officer on Florida N.F.s. He also worked in Recreation in R.O. in

R-3 and was ranger on the Coronado N.F. After retirement for the Forest Service, he taught Natural Resource courses in the College of Forestry and Natural Resources at CSU in Ft Collins. Dan is survived by his wife Karen Williams of Lakewood, Co; along with 3 daughters, Bobbi Muhovich (Jon) Grand Junction Co; Patti Thompson Lakewood, Co; Sandi Swayne (Jesse) Lakewood, Co. He also has two older surviving siblings, sister Lila Houghton Pueblo, Co and brother Jim Williams, Walsenberg, Co. Dan had six wonderful grandchildren who adored him: Nichole Torres (Henry), Rachelle Stubby (Tory), Jerrick Swayne, Tony Muhovich, Tim Muhovich, and Joshua Swayne, and two great grandsons Hayden and Jade Torres.

**Thomas B. “Tom” Williams**

Tom Williams died on June 30, 2013 in Glenwood Springs, CO. He went to work for the Forest Service in Kalispell, MT and then moved to Ft. Collins. He then worked for many years on the White River N.F. in Glenwood before moving to Alaska and finally Ogden, UT where he retired. He moved back to Glenwood Springs after retirement in 1982. He was very instrumental in obtaining right-of-ways and access to the Maroon Bells Recreation Area. He was also very involved in the Ruedi Reservoir project as well as the Vail Pass and Glenwood Canyon highway projects. Much of his time on the White River was designing and laying out roads and campgrounds. He had 13 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.