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1950s

Maurice Brown, Exp ’56, received the 2013 Person of the Year Award from the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce. The award is the Chamber’s highest honor and is given to those who exemplify superior characteristics and exert a positive force in the overall business community. Brown owns Town and Country Supermarket Liquors and Maurice Brown Exploration.

Marietta (Trowbridge) Dinneen, B.S.H.E. ’51, Home Economics, was recognized with a Historic Presentation Recognition Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her work in establishing and renovating the Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum’s collection of historic wagons and carriages. Dinneen is the first in Cheyenne to receive this national award.

Carl Gustafson, M.A. ’54, Elementary Education, M.A. ’61, History, is the organizer of the annual Snowy Range Music Festival in Laramie. He has a long history with music and has played in 24 countries.

Pete Simpson, B.A. ’53, History, M.A. ’62, History, served as the commencement speaker at Gillette College graduation ceremonies.

1960s

Tom Bradley, B.A. ’68, is superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Gateway Arch) in St. Louis and leading the National Park Service's $380 million partnership renovation project.

Dick Cheney, B.A. ’65, Political Science, M.A. ’66, Political Science, H.D. ’90, Honorary Degree, along with his daughter, Liz Cheney, has started the Alliance for Strong America. The foreign policy non-profit will release policy papers and host public events on international affair topics.

Susan G. Clark, M.S. ’69, Zoology and Physiology, is the Joseph F. Cullman Third Adjunct Professor of Wildlife Ecology and Policy Sciences in the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies at Yale University and the author of Ensuring Greater Yellowstone’s Future: Choices for Leaders and Citizens.
David Jordan, M.S. ’69, Natural Science, is a retired science teacher, longtime Greenwood Mississippi City Council member and prominent state lawmaker. In his new memoir, *From the Mississippi Cotton Fields to the State Senate*, Jordan writes about growing up in the segregated South.

Thomas G. Ogg, B.S. ’62, General Agriculture, Ph.D. ’75, Counselor Education, was selected to represent North America at the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, an enrichment program for marriages in 96 countries. Ogg has served as a Catholic priest in Wyoming for 46 years.

Bill Templar, B.S. ’67, Accounting, has retired after 29 years as the business manager for Platte County (Wyo.) School District No. 1.

1970s

Kevin Aggers, B.S. ’75, Recreation and Park Administration, is the acting director of the Loveland, Colo., Parks and Recreation department. Aggers became a recreation coordinator for the city in 1983.

Michael John Balog, B.S. ’79, Psychology, won first place in the Professional Photography Division at the Cody Country Art League 49th Annual Cody (Wyo.) Art Show. The winning photograph is a female black-chinned hummingbird in flight.

Terry Berg, B.S. ’72, Physical Education – Teaching, was named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Golf Coach of the Year. Berg is the golf coach at Lander Valley (Wyo.) High School.

Tim H. Blessing, B.A. ’74, History, is a professor of history and political science and a member of the Leadership Studies faculty at Alvernia University in Pennsylvania.


James Burke, J.D. ’77, Law, is the Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court. He will succeed Chief Justice Marilyn Kite. Before joining the Supreme Court, he worked in private-practice law.
Bill Ewing, B.S. ’76, Administration of Justice, is the founder of Christian Life Ministries. Ewing played for the UW baseball team from 1974 to 1976 and went on to play AAA baseball.

Stan Graves, B.S.M.E. ’78, Mechanical Engineering, M.S. ’79, Mechanical Engineering, was the alumni speaker for Natrona County (Wyo.) High School. He is the vice president of Science and Engineering at ATK’s Propulsion Systems in northern Utah.

Terry Kent, B.S.E.E. ’72, Electrical Engineering, is Deputy Regional Director for Power and Infrastructure Technical Services Reclamation’s Pacific Northwest Regional. He is a registered Professional Engineer.

Joe Locurto, B.S. ’78, Journalism, is a business development manager for Spherion Staffing Services in Carson City, Nev. Locurto will oversee all sales and marketing activities including creating new business opportunities and cultivating relationships with new and existing clients.

Timothy Murphy, B.S. ’78, Range Management, is the Bureau of Land Management State Director in Idaho. Murphy has been acting in the position since August 2013. Prior to his current assignment, he served as assistant director for fire and aviation at the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Robert Ricklefs, B.S. ’71, Agriculture Economics, is the ranching and farming superintendent at the 137,000-acre Philmont property operated by the Boy Scouts of America in northern New Mexico.

T.J. Schoenewald, B.M. ’76, Music, M.A. ’78, Music, was named the 2014 Certified Dietary Manager of the Year in Minneapolis. He is the food services director at Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital in Thermopolis, Wyo.

Teresa (Urbigkeit) Strube, B.S. ’79, Biological Science and Secondary Education, M.S. ’08, Natural Science, received a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Strube is a UW Lab School teacher and teaches math and science in grades six through nine.

Matt Vandeleur, B.S. ’77, Recreation and Park Administration, B.A. ’85, Middle School Education, will be the principal of the Neah Bay, Wash., senior and junior high schools. Vandeleur is the director of secondary education at North Kitsap School District and is a past principal of Poulsbo Middle School.
Gretchen Viney, B.A. ’74, was appointed to a 4-year term on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Athletic Board. She is currently a clinical law professor at UW-Madison and director of the Lawyering Skills program.

1980s

Deborah (Small) Blow, M.E.D. ’87, Education Administration, B.M. ’80, Music, is the superintendent for the Orcutt, Calif., Union School District.

Wayne G. Deahl, B.A. ’82, English/Communication-Secondary Education, M.A. ’85, English, recently completed his second term on the Wyoming Community Development Authority Board of Directors. He was also named to the State Parks and Cultural Resources Board of Commissioners for a term to end in 2018.

Len DeClercq, B.S. ’82, Administration of Justice, M.P.A. ’94, Public Administration, retired from the Wyoming Highway Patrol as a captain, after serving since 1984.

Jean Eckrich, M.S. ’81, Physical Education, is the David H. Winton Endowed Chair of Exercise and Sport Sciences at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H. She is an expert in the role of exercise in lifelong health, the mechanics and development of human motion, the changing role of women in sports, and principles and practices for coaches.

Rebekah (Crim) Grigsby, B.S.N. ’81, Nursing, is the Dean of the Frank S. Groner Endowed Memorial School of Professional Studies Department of Nursing at East Texas Baptist University.

Pat Harris, B.S. ’82, General Business Management, was inducted into the Wyoming High School Activities Association and the Wyoming Sports Officials Association Hall of Fame. He has referred more than 2,000 football and basketball games and has been officiating for 28 years.

Ann (Bromley) Jones, B.S. ’84, Physical Education-Teaching, M.Ed. ’97, Lifelong Learning, is the Advising and Career Services liaison to College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at UW. She is president for the Mountain Pacific Association of Colleges and Employers for the 2014-2015 term.
Tom Lee, B.S. ’83, General Business Management, J.D. ’86, is a Laramie County Circuit Court judge. He has worked in private practice as well as a prosecutor in Laramie County. He has also served as a Circuit Court Magistrate in Laramie County.

Peggy Lynn (Gabriel) Miller, B.S. ’84, Mathematics, B.S. ’86, Mathematics-Secondary Education, was awarded a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. She teaches math for grades nine through twelve at Cody High School.

Terry Roelfsema, B.S. ’81, Vocational Studies, is teaching welding, wood shop, carpentry, electrical and automotive classes to junior high and high school students in Terry, Mont. He is originally from Casper, but has taught mostly throughout Montana, including some time at Custer County District High School as the shop teacher there.

Todd Salat, M.S. ’89, Geology, has been photographing the Northern Lights for 17 years, working under the name “Aurora Hunter.” He lives in Alaska and is a full-time photographer.

Michael Taheri, B.S. ’89, Political Science, was promoted to Brigadier General and took a new position as the Air National Guard Readiness Center commander.

Mark Watson, B.S.P.E. ’82, Petroleum Engineering, is permanent commission supervisor with the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Watson has been interim head of the agency since the end of March. He has 30 years on the commission staff and demonstrated his leadership serving as interim supervisor.

1990s

Callan Ackerman, B.S. ’92, Animal Science, and Gina (Gardner) Ackerman, B.S.H.E. ’92, Home Economics, B.S. ’92, Home Economics, are board members of the Box Butte Health Foundation in Nebraska.

Richard Beckwith, B.S.’90, Molecular Biology, JD ’94, has written his first novel, The Corporate. Beckwith is a city attorney and has a strong interest in molecular biology.

Matt Castano, J.D. ’95, Law, is a Circuit Court judge for the 6th Judicial District in Crook and Weston counties in Wyoming. Castano was in private practice most recently but has served as a Circuit Court magistrate, an alternate municipal court judge and a judge for the Albany County Adult Court Supervised Treatment Program.
Ryan Domsalla, B.S. ’95, Biology, is the ranger of Bitterroot National Forest’s West Fork Ranger Station in Montana. Domsalla started his Forest Service career as a firefighter in 1993 based out of Douglas, Wyo.

Tyler Dunkel, B.A. ’99, Communication, works for the New Mexico Activities Association as a sports information director. He started with the sports information office in 2001.

Adam Grove, B.S. ’91, Wildlife Conservation and Management, is the FWP Area Wildlife Biologist for the Townsend district near Bozeman, Mont. He spent the past 11 years as the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Area Wildlife Biologist in the White Sulphur Springs area.

Russell Haigh, B.A. ’94, Social Studies-Secondary Education, is the coach of the Poudre High School baseball team in Ft. Collins, Colo. Haigh spent time coaching at UW.

Michael Mahoney, B.S. ’98, Molecular Biology, received a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. He is a teacher in Gillette, Wyo., at Sage Valley Junior High School.

Christina (Turner) Sjoquist, M.S. ’95, Agronomy, is the tobacco prevention specialist at the Teton County, Wyo., Health Department. While her training and 25-year career has been in soils, groundwater, geology and environmental remediation, Sjoquist enjoys community organizing, teaching and youth work.

Christopher Spear, B.S. ’92, Political Science, M.P.A. ’95, is vice president and chief of legislative affairs with American Trucking Associations. Prior to joining ATA, Spear was vice president of emerging markets and government relations for Honeywell, but previously was the assistant labor secretary during the Bush administration and a professional staffer in the U.S. Senate.

Michael Ramirez, B.S. Criminal Justice, ’94 has retired from active duty after 20 years in the Air Force. After UW ROTC, he was commissioned in July 1994 and attended pilot training at Columbus AFB, MS. He most recently served as the Squadron Commander of the 345th Airlift Squadron at Keesler AFB, MS.
Shawn Reese, B.S. ’95, Sociology, is the executive officer of the Wyoming Business Council Board of Directors. Reese worked for the Business Council from 2003 to 2011. There he developed the Business Ready Community Program and oversaw the operations of the Investment Ready Communities division. Reese has helped develop energy plans and policies with the Western Governors’ Association and the Republican Governors Public Policy Committee.

Jennifer (Nygren) Rosson, B.H.S.E. ’96, Home Economics, is a professional stylist and personal shopper in San Diego and owns the business Style Your Life.

2000s

Karen Carter, Ph.D. ’00, Education, was honored as the best teacher in Sweetwater County (Wyo.) School District No. 1. Carter has 29 years of teaching experience and teaches fourth grade at Walnut Elementary School.

Skye Coleman-Weisz, Exp ‘08, College of Business, was named the president of the Riverton (Wyo.) Rotary club.

Blythe (Rollins) Duell, B.S. ’00, Psychology, is an associate professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Aaron M. Foster, B.S. ’02, Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management, is the Fremont County Weed and Pest District Supervisor.

Zane Gilmer, J.D. ’09, is an associate in the business litigation division of Stinson Leonard Street. Gilmer’s litigation practice entails representing both corporate and individual clients in disputes before federal and state courts.

Stacy Hall, B.S. ’00, Political Science, is chief information officer/chief operations officer at Starion Financial. Hall is primarily responsible for the overall administration of the bank’s technology, accounting and operations teams.

Rev. Dr. Brian Knutson, M.A.T. ’05, History, has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 35 years of service.

Nina McConigley, M.A. ’02, English, is a lecturer in the UW Department of English. She received the PEN Open Book Award for her book Cowboys and East Indians.
Chad Lemley, B.A. ’00, Elementary Education, received a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Lemley is teacher at Wind River (Wyo.) Elementary School.

Jennifer (Engleright) Mellizo, B.M. ’00, Music Education, M.A. ’06, Music, received a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. She is a UW Lab School teacher and teaches music. She received a trophy, classroom plaque and $3,500.

Kim Parfitt, EXP ’04, College of Education, received a fellowship through the national non-profit Fund for Teachers and the John P. Ellbogen Foundation to spend a summer furthering her work in biology. She did a two-week long program in Kenya on a private animal reserve. Parfitt is a teacher at Cheyenne Central High School.

Jared Reimer, B.S.A.R. ’05, Architectural Engineering, launched Ascent Real Estate Professionals, a full-service residential and commercial real estate brokerage in Fort Collins, Colo.

Ronald Tolman, E.D.S. ’04, Education, E.D.D. ’08, Education, is superintendent of the Box Elder School District in Brigham City, Utah. Tolman has been serving as superintendent of the Jefferson School District in Rigby, Idaho.

2010s

Mike Achacosa, M.B.A. ’13, Business Administration, is the vice president and refinery manager for the Holly Frontier Cheyenne Refinery.

Jesse Allen, B.A. ’12, Communication, was named Miss Wyoming 2014. Allen will represent the state in the Miss America 2015 pageant.

Josh Dorr, Exp ’10, College of Health Sciences, has been signed to Sony RCA, the same company that signed Elvis and Dolly Parton. His self-titled album “Josh Dorr” was recently released on iTunes.

Brandon Garner, B.S. ’11, Kinesiology and Health Promotion, is the recreation program supervisor with the Sheridan Recreation District. Garner has been working at Memorial Hospital’s Wyoming Rehab Fitness & Physical Therapy Clinic.

Robert Clark Hill, B.S. ’10, Industrial Technical Education, was given a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Hill teaches at the Transitions Learning Center in Casper.
Julian Saporiti, M.A. ’14, American Studies, is merging academic research with his rich musical upbringing. His research focuses mainly on street performers in New York City’s Washington Square Park.

Elizabeth “Liz” Shaffer, B.S. ’14, Microbiology, is the UW Extension 4-H educator in Sheridan County.

Wayne Thomas Tuttle, EXP ’14, School Principalship, received a 2014 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. Tuttle teaches at Summit Elementary School in Casper.

Jeff Ward, EXP ’12, Business Administration, is the new lean champion for Franklin Building Supply. He will be responsible for supporting the planning, goal setting, and coordinating of lean projects to include best practices of lean methodology and tools through training, coaching, and hands-on work. Ward has 15 years of Experience in the building construction industry.

WEDDINGS


Priscilla Maeve Gill, B.A. ’07, Elementary Education and Jason Douglas Walsh married July 12, 2014. The bride is an elementary teacher. The groom is an engineer at Pearson Packaging Systems.

Abbey Nicole Hampleman, B.A. ’13, Elementary Education, and Derek Ryan Brazelton married July 12, 2014, in Gillette, Wyo. The bride is an early childhood instructor. The groom is a detention officer at the Campbell County Sheriff’s Office.


Alyse Springer, B.S. ’10, Physiology, and Bradly Williams married May 31, 2014. The bride is employed at Utah Healthcare Institute. The groom is employed at SciAps Incorporated.

ARRIVALS

Lesley (Petersen) Augedahl, B.S. ’07, Business Administration, C.E.R. ’10, Real Estate Certificate Program, and Isaac Augedahl, a daughter, Declan Rose, on April 9, 2014. She joins siblings Evelyn and Laila.

Sarah (Miller) Bales, B.A. ’10, Communication, and James Bales, a son, Kaden Wayne, on June 18, 2014.

Pete Baxendale, Exp ’14, Business Administration, and Cailey Baxendale, a daughter, Caybree Lane, on May 6. She joins siblings Jaxen and Xaden.


Guy Grant, B.S.C.E. ’09, Civil Engineering, and Afron Grant, a son Tyce Joseph, on April 8, 2014. He joins siblings Micah, Gabe and Hayden.

Travis Guthrie, B.S.C.E. ’02, Civil Engineering, M.S. ’04, Civil Engineering, and Julie Guthrie, a daughter on April 26, 2014.

Lara (Pogue) Hartman, B.S. ’04, Marketing, and Jeff Hartman, B.A. ’07, English, a daughter, Inara Sephine, on April 20, 2104. She joins sibling Roque.

Aaron Hawks, B.A. ’13, Sociology, and Joni Hawks, a daughter Lyla Belle, on April 18, 2014.

Patricia Kling, Exp ’14, Psychology, and Brian Lovell, a daughter, Charlotte Mae, on April 29, 2014. She joins siblings Lily, Josh and Sam.

Justin Lundvall, B.S.C.E. ’95, Civil Engineering, M.S. ’97, Civil Engineering, and Meghan Lundvall, a son, Koy Harrison, on April 13, 2014.

Mark Lyon, B.A. ’05, Criminal Justice, and Nichole Lyon, a daughter, Markie Fayth, on April 9, 2014. She joins siblings Katie and Raegan.


Bryan Olenik, B.A. ’00, Biological Science-Secondary Education, and Jackie Olenik, a daughter, Cassidy Elizabeth, on July 7, 2014. She joins siblings Dylan and Courtney.

Jennifer Painter, Exp ’11, and Matthew Painter, a daughter Katherine Susan, on April 14, 2014. She joins sibling Adriane Ruth.

Levi Parrill, Exp ’11, and Chelsi Stark, a son on March 26, 2014.

Robert Rousselle, B.S.C.E. ’05, Civil Engineering, and Gillian Rousselle, a son, Raiden Jung-Hay, on March 6, 2014.

Rachel (Iberlin) Seim, Exp ’08, College of Business, and Justin Seim, Exp ’08, a son Greysen James, on July 22, 2014.

Halee (Garza) Sorenson, Exp ’10, College of Agriculture, Casey Sorenson, B.S. ’11, Agriculture Business, a son, Cordett Allen, on April 26, 2014. He joins siblings Caiden and Cruz.

Karah (Winters) Stevens, B.A. ’01, Elementary Education, Joseph Stevens, B.S. ’04, Kinesiology and Health Promotion, a son on Feb. 2, 2014.

Clinton Tate, Exp ’04, College of Agriculture, and Rachel Tate, a daughter on March 13, 2014.
IN MEMORIAM

Zora (Juraco) Apt, B.A. ’65, English-Secondary Education, died March 31, 2014. She was born Sept. 16, 1943. She taught high school in Rawlins and Cody, Wyo., and in Japan. She worked for Wells Fargo Bank and retired after 29 years of service. Apt was an active member of St. Isabella’s Parish and was an accomplished needle pointer. She is survived by her sister and other family.

Doris Roberta “Bertie” (Luman) Bacheller, B.A. ’58, English, died June 14, 2014. She was born Nov. 29, 1936. While at UW, she pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married Harold Bacheller in 1958. The couple moved to Denver and raised their family. She opened Insurance Specialties in Fort Collins, Colo., and operated Luman Cattle Ranch in Wyoming. She is survivors by her husband, four children and other family.

Verne Francis Barton Jr., Exp ’45, College of Arts and Sciences, died Sept. 6. He was born in 1923. He served in the U.S. Army Infantry and later in the National Guard. In 1943, he married Elaine Brook, and the couple had two children. He was involved with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the Newcastle Saddle and Sirloin FFA. He was a member of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission and on the Weston County School District No. 1 school board for 10 years. He is survived by his grandchildren and other family.

Alyn Beck, B.A. ’98, International Studies, died June 8, when he was killed in the line of duty. He was born Oct. 14, 1972. He married Nicole Hastings in 1996. In 2001, he moved to Las Vegas and began a career in law enforcement. At the time of his death, he was in the process of being promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is survived by his wife, son and daughters.

Linea Irene Trowe Bentley, B.A. ’40, Sociology, died July 21. She was born July 23, 1918. While at UW, she was president of Pi Beta Phi sorority and a member of the Four Arrows singing group. She married Robert W. Trowe, and the couple had two children. Bentley taught kindergarten for a decade until the family moved to Guatemala in 1964. Following the death of her husband, she married Del Bentley. She is survived by her daughter and five grandchildren.
James Bernie Blackstone, B.S. ’51, Animal Production, M.S. ’65, Range Management, has died. He was born in 1929. Blackstone trained horses and his horses were sought by many. He married Arvella Marie Madsen in 1955 and the couple had five children. In 1984, the couple relocated to Thermopolis, Wyo. Blackstone is survived by his brother, sisters, and other family.

Bill Bormuth, B.S. ’73, Business Administration, J.D. ’76, Law, died April 30, 2014. He was born Oct. 5, 1944, in Casper. Bormuth married RoyAnna Colman in 1964 and the couple had one son. Following law school, he started a law practice in Cody with partner Mick McCarty. He specialized in real estate, banking, oil and gas and tax and estate planning. He is survived by his wife, son, a brother and other family.

Merwin Paul Botkin, B.S. ’48, Animal Science, M.S. ’49, Animal Science, died June 18, 2014. He was born Sept. 19, 1922. He married Barbara Johnson in 1948. Botkin was a professor in animal science at UW for 33 years, retiring in 1985. He coached the livestock judging team. He served in the U.S. Army and was involved in the Battle of the Bulge. In 2012, he was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus of the UW College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Botkin was an avid golfer and enjoyed gardening and bowling. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, son, brother, grandchildren, and other family.

Robert Earl Bressler, B.S. ’48, Business Administration, died June 26, 2014. He was born April 8, 1925. Bressler grew up in Grand Teton National Park. He served in the Navy during World War II. He began his career as an accountant in Casper. He married Dorothy Marie Wilson in 1949. The couple moved to Alaska and later to Los Angeles. Bressler enjoyed fishing and traveling around the country. He is survived by his son, brother and other family.

Marcia Ann Brown, BA ’68, French-Secondary Education died, September 14, 2014. Brown worked many places on campus including the Music Department, Wyoming Union, and Enrichment Class. She most recently was employed at Peak Wellness. She married Virgil Brown in 1982. She was very active in the United Presbyterian Church of Laramie. She is survived by friends and family.
Felix Robert Ernst Buchenroth Jr., Exp ’53, College of Arts and Sciences, died June 16, 2014. He was born Aug. 20, 1931. At UW, he was a cheerleader and a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He married Marion Waln, and the couple had four children. He became the president of Jackson State Bank. He served on the Jackson Town Council and the Teton County School District No. 1 board of trustees. He played a critical role in the establishment of the Jackson Hole Ski Resort. He married Barbara Ahr in 1981, and the couple traveled across most continents. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Ann G. (Guschewsky) Clark, B.S. ’74, Microbiology, died May 10, 2014. She was born July 30, 1951. She worked for the VA hospital in Tucson, Ariz., in a cancer research lab. She then worked in an immunology research lab in Kansas. She held other positions in resource management until her retirement. She married her husband Cal in 1986. Clark is survived by two sisters, three children, three grandchildren and other family members.

Nancy (Giesler) Cooper, B.A. ’68, Mathematics, died in central Virginia following a sudden illness.

Richard Cummings, B.S. ’58, Agriculture Economics, M.S. ’62, Agriculture Economics, died May 18, 2014. He was born Sept. 9, 1937. While at UW, he was a member of the Farm House fraternity. He served in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged in 1960. Cummings married Barbara Nolin in 1960, and the couple had two daughters. He taught classes at Eastern Wyoming College and taught economics at Black Hills State University for over 30 years. Cummings was the first inductee into the BHSU Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2011. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, two daughters and grandchildren.

Leta Grace (Falkenstien) Deveraux, B.A. ’02, Elementary Education, died May 26, 2014, at the age of 106. She was born March 29, 1908. She taught school. She married Jerome Deveraux in 1930, and the couple was married 67 years. The couple opened Deveraux Insurance and Real Estate. She was regent of DAR for four years, president of Camp Fire Guardian and was involved in numerous community activities. She loved concerts and plays at UW. She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
Richard Glenn “Dick” Dubois, M.A. ’72, Art, died May 21, 2014. He was born April 23, 1941. He married Gloria Niedert in 1962, and the couple had two children. He taught at Black Hills State College in 1969 and retired in 2003. His true passion and goal in life was to teach people how to express themselves through art. Dubois was the co-founder of the Northern Plains Watercolor Society and held numerous art shows. He is survived by his wife, daughter, son, sister, grandchildren and numerous family members.

Douglas Kelly Eads, B.S. ’81, International Agriculture, died May 3, 2014. He was born Aug. 8, 1947. He retired after 22 years as a major in the U.S. Air Force. After retiring, he came to Radford, Va., where he owned and operated Bakers Best Catering. For the last four years he was a job placement counselor with Department of Aging and Rehab Services. He is survived by his wife, daughter, sons, and other family.

Robert D. Emery, EXP ‘51, College of Arts and Sciences, died Aug. 17, 2014. He was born Nov. 17, 1929. He was in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed by an oil company in Wyoming. Emery married Dorothy Jean Kirk in 1972. The couple ran a campground for 21 years. He loved to fly planes, ride motorcycles and research anything motorized. He is survived by two step-daughters and three nephews.

Mabel Marian (McCullough) Engen, B.A. ’85, Elementary Education, died April 29, 2014. She was born Oct. 28, 1928. She taught students in Laramie and worked in the UW controller’s office. She is survived by two siblings, three children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family.

John Eschrich, B.S. ’50, Wildlife and Fisheries Biology and Management, died April 23, 2014. He was born Feb. 26, 1926. He married Mary Lou Claypool, and the couple was married for 50 years. Eschrich served in the Navy in WWII in the Pacific Theater. He worked for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. He worked at Wyoming fish hatcheries in Story and Daniel before becoming superintendent of Ten Sleep. He was a member of the Osage Nation. Eschrich is survived by three children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois Clara (Prahl) Falgien, B.A. ’42, Elementary Education, died June 20, 2014. She was born April 17, 1919. She married Joe Falgien in 1946, and the couple had three children. The couple was married 49 years. She worked for 25 years as the Deputy County Assessor at the Albany County Courthouse. She later owned Bud’s in Laramie. Falgien is survived by her son, granddaughter and other family.
Marilyn (Freeman) Field, B.S. ’54, Secretarial Science, died June 20, 2014. She is survived by three sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ralph Lewis Gill, B.S. ’52, Accounting, died Aug. 3, 2014. He was born July 29, 1930. He married Jeannine Porter in 1952. He served in the U.S. Army as part of the 10th Mountain Division in Austria. Gill operated an accounting business and later managed several businesses. Gill and his wife started the Jackson Hole News and was a partner in Northwestern Construction. He served on the Teton County School District board of trustees, the St. John’s Hospital board of trustees and the Wyoming Highway Commission. He is survived by his daughter, son, grandchildren and two sisters.

Bonnie Kay (Novak) Gray, died June 9, 2014. She was born May 8, 1939. While at UW, she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She began her teaching career in Laramie and was presented with the United State Junior Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Young Educator Award in 1986. She married Larry Gray, and the couple had two children. She was the manager of five schools in Idaho and held several teaching positions. She is survived by her son, daughter, and other family.

Marjorie “Marge” Pauline Motter Hamilton, M.S. ’59, Home Economics, died Aug. 3, 2014. She was born Feb. 25, 1917. She married John Hamilton in 1935. She worked at Albany Mutual and then worked at UW for a short period of time. She entered the field of real estate and opened her own office. Hamilton was active in the Laramie Women’s Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She is survived by her daughter, grandson and other family.

Marshall W. Hansen, B.S. ’53, Geology, has died. He was born Feb. 20, 1927. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1945 and after being honorably discharged worked various jobs in Buffalo, Wyo. He married Beverly Reid in 1949. He worked in numerous geological positions through Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. He later transferred to Turkey where his activities involved oil exploration. His later jobs involved extensive travel to numerous countries. During retirement, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and hiking. His hobbies included computers, photography and reading. He is survived by his second wife, daughter and niece.
Miles Eyra Hardee, B.S. ’51, Physical Education-Teaching, M.A. ’57, Physical Education-Teaching, died in April 2014. He was born in Casper. He taught physical education in Denver public schools until his retirement. Hardee was a member of the Cowboy Joe Club, a UW fraternity, the UW Alumni Association and the Optimist Club. He played for the UW baseball team while in school. He served in the US Navy. Hardee married Ann Robinson, and the couple had three daughters. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Randy Harris, B.A. ’73, Psychology, died June 26, 2014. He was born June 2, 1951. He served in the Air Force. He was a devoted volunteer for the North Dakota Association for the Disabled and the Humane Society. Harris was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding service to the U.S. He is survived by his longtime companion and family.

Daniel Henderson, B.S. ’07, Business Administration, died Aug. 25, 2014. He was born July 4, 1985. He worked for Jackson’s Sports Grill in Cheyenne while pursuing his dream of joining the Air Force. He married Rebecca Hairfield in 2014. Henderson enjoyed listening to music, watching movies and spending time with friends and family. He is survived by his wife, parents, sister, nieces, grandmother and great-nephew.

Kay Yuen L. Hing, Exp ’56, College of Arts and Sciences, died July 18. He was born March 26, 1928. He served in the Army Signal Corps and was stationed in occupied Japan. He married Arlene J. Bryant, and the couple had two daughters. He later married Carole J. Gibbs, and the couple had three sons. He worked as a school district mechanic. Hing enjoyed travel and photography. He is survived by two brothers, two sisters, his children and other family.

Lyman Leroy Hinck, B.S.E.E. ’59, Electrical Engineering, died Sept. 9, 2014. He was born July 21, 1932. He joined the Wyoming National Guard and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He received three Bronze Star Medals, Korean Service Medal and United National Service Medal. He married Linda Holtz in 1954. He worked for Bell Labs until his retirement in 1987. Hinck worked for the South Elgin Police Department as a dispatcher. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and other family.
Gerald “Jerry” H. Holm, B.S. ’52, Journalism, died June 19, 2014. He was born Dec. 14, 1928. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity while at UW. He worked as a publications manager and in advertising sales for several newspapers. Later he worked in banking. He married Norma Lou Dow. Holm enjoyed golfing and painting. He is survived by his children, five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a niece and nephew.

Richard Look Hoy, BSP ’59, Pharmacy, passed away on April 12, 2014. Born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Otis and Fern Hoy, Rich graduated from Central High School, and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Wyoming in Laramie in 1959. He was married to Helen in 1954, and they raised their five children in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Rich served in the Navy, during the Korean Conflict. Following the war, he completed his education at the University of Wyoming, and became a pharmacist at his family’s store, Hoy’s Drug & Dairy. In 1964 Rich opened and operated The Four Winds for 14 years. In addition to running his business, Rich was also served as president of the Sertoma Community Service organization and was elected to represent Laramie County in the Wyoming House of Representatives for 3 Terms from 1968 - 1972. Rich was instrumental in advocating for the small business owner and creating the Pharmacy Board during his tenure.

Rich and Helen moved to Phoenix in 1981 where he returned to his work as a pharmacist at the VA Hospital and other area pharmacies. Rich was a member of the Phoenix Elks Organization. During this time, Rich and Helen also spent summers in Windsor, Colorado to be near family and friends in that area.

Rich had many friends spread across the West and was an ardent Wyoming Cowboy’s fan, traveling often to see the football team play in many locations. Richard and the Hoy family have continued to support the University of Wyoming by providing scholarships via the Otis L. Hoy Memorial Fund in the College of Health Sciences. He enjoyed golfing, woodworking and the company of good friends.

Richard is survived by his wife Helen, their five children, Steven Hoy (Annell), Kathleen Witsil (Steven), Sandy Helzer (Jim), Rick Hoy (Anne) and Connie Hoy (Buck Holland); eight grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He is also survived by his siblings Ted Hoy, Cheyenne, WY; Margaret Dickman, (Fran) Laramie, WY; Kenneth Hoy, (Diane) Gettysburg, PA; and Amada Johnson (Kendall), Provo, UT.
Memorials may be sent to:
Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ, 85014 or
University of Wyoming, Otis L. Hoy Fund, College of Health Sciences, 1200 E. Ivinson Street, Laramie, WY, 82070

Joe Jackson, B.A. ’58, Music Education, M.E.D. ’72, Secondary Education, died May 15, 2014. He was born Jan. 12, 1936. He started playing the drums in a band at the age of 13. While at UW, he ran hurdles and was a member of a band. He married Margaret Hays in 1958. Jackson taught in Saratoga and Glenrock, Wyo., until his retirement from teaching after 33 years. He is survived by his wife, sons, daughter and other family.

George Slocum Huntington, B.S.C.E. ’93, Civil Engineering, M.S. ’95, Civil Engineering, died Aug. 14, 2014. He was born Oct. 25, 1958. At the time of his death, he was employed by UW. He fostered several teenagers. He married Anne Marie Powell in 2011, and the couple had two children. He is survived by his parents, sisters and other family.

Donald Jack Jacobson, B.S.E.E. ’62, Electrical Engineering, died April 27, 2014. He was born April 30, 1939. He worked in Casper for the Bureau of Reclamation for 30 years. He married Susan Anderson in 1970, and the couple had two children. He was an outdoorsman and athlete. He enjoyed long bike tours and ran the Boston Marathon in 2000. Jacobson was active in the Nordic ski community and was instrumental in developing the Casper Mountain trail system. He earned the 2013 Worldlopper Master Medal for completing ski marathons in 10 different countries. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and other family.

Lorraine Hope (Pohler) James, B.A. ’62, Elementary Education, died May 2, 2014. She was born Jan. 5, 1931. She married Grover Bassett in 1952, and the couple had one son. The couple later divorced and she married Leon Lowrie in 1957. In 1963, she married Robert James and had one son. She was employed by the Continental Oil company and then as a teacher in Natrona County School District. She is survived by her two sons, a brother, a sister, five grandchildren and other family.
Royal Jensen, B.S. ’42, Agronomy, has died. He was born Nov. 1, 1918. Jensen was a jockey and involved in cutter racing and chariot racing. He later hauled milk for the local dairies. He married Charlene in 1947, and the couple had four children. Jensen taught school and was a principal and assistant principal during his career. In the summers, he worked for the Forest Service. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved to travel. He is survived by his four children, a brother, a sister and other family.

John August Jereb, B.S. ’50, Zoology and Physiology, M.S. ’55, Zoology and Physiology, died June 22, 2014. He was born July 27, 1925. He served in World War II and received the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, two bronze stars and a Victory ribbon. Jereb had a long and varied medical career and continued his medical education throughout his time working in medicine. He had an interest in leatherwork, woodworking and antique restoration. He is survived by his wife, children, four granddaughters, brother and other family.

Marilyn Ann Johnson, B.A. ’52, Elementary Education, died May 6, 2014. She was born Aug. 17, 1930. While at UW, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She married Bobby Miller, and the couple had one son. She taught in the public school system in California for 23 years. She was a member of the Unitarian Church, Zero Population Growth and the Salvation Army. She is survived by her son, grandsons and great-grandsons.

Eugene Stout Jones, B.S.E.E. ’47, Electrical Engineering, died Feb. 17, 2014. He was born April 17, 1921. He married Bethene Revell in 1942. He worked in the field of engineering before working for California Public Utilities Commission for 30 years. Jones loved basketball and had numerous hobbies that kept him busy during retirement. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

Frank Lowell Kenney, B.S. ’53, Wildlife Conservation and Management, died July 11, 2014. He was born in 1921. He enlisted in the U.S. Army following Pearl Harbor. He was awarded the Bronze Star for valor. Kenney married Mary Wood in 1946. He had a career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a manager and a biologist. Kenney was a writer and was published in many magazines and periodicals. He is survived by his wife, brother, two sons, grandsons and other family.
Amy Corthell King, B.A. ’40, French, died April 26, 2014. She was born in 1919. She married John King shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack, and the couple moved to various Army Air Corps bases. The couple later divorced. She moved to a family farm west of Laramie and became a rancher. She also worked for a family law firm. She was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters and loved gardening, sewing and music. She is survived by her sisters and numerous family members.

Ivan L. Koch, M.A. 62, English, died July 20, 2014. He was born in 1932. He taught English in South Dakota and Alaska. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the American Legion. Koch married Marlene Skinner in 1975. He is survived by numerous family members.

Steve D. Kunkee, B.S. ’75, Computer Science, B.S. ’74, Physics, died April 30, 2014. His career included time at Texas Instruments and working on Siemens’ NX CAD software. He volunteers to help the local FIRST Robotics competition team. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and others.

Royce W. Lane, Exp ’80, Electrical Engineering, died Sept. 3, 2014. He was born in 1938. He spent four years in the Navy. Lane married Carol Beatty in 1963, and the couple was married 51 years. He worked for UW for more than 30 years in the physics department, the UW Research Support Group and the electronic shop. He enjoyed reading, woodworking and putting together puzzles. Lane is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and numerous family members.

William J. Laya, B.S.P. ’55, Pharmacy, died June 9, 2014. He was born Sept. 1, 1930. He joined the National Guard and saved four men in Korea for which he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor Device. Laya married Joyce J. Linse in 1955, and the couple had six children. He operated several pharmacies and retired in 2006. He served as a Sheridan County Commissioner for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, sister, children, grandchildren and other family.

Paul Joseph Lupcho, B.S. ’59, Agronomy, M.S. ’62, Plant Pathology, died April 12, 2014. He was born Oct. 19, 1933. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service as a social scientist. He married Janet Louise Atkinson in 1959, and the couple had three children. Lupcho loved the outdoors and was a member of the UW rodeo team as a bull rider. He is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren.
Darryl Theodore Manring, B.A. ’48, Music Education, died May 27, 2014. He was born Aug. 22, 1920. He married Janet Husted in 1947. He taught at Peru State Teachers College in Nebraska followed by 20 years teaching music education at Illinois State University. Following the death of his first wife, he married Ruth Thomas. Manring was active in both St. George’s Episcopal and Lusk Congregational churches. He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Herbert Leo McCoy, B.S. ’74, Industrial Arts Education, died June 10, 2014. He was born Aug. 11, 1947. He entered the Navy in 1968. He married Margaret Hope McKee in 1972. He worked as a teacher for Sweetwater County School District No. 1 for 29 years. McCoy was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Rock Springs and a member of Hot Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. He is survived by his mother, daughters, son, sister, grandsons and other family.

John Newton Morris, B.S. ’54, Animal Science, died July 3, 2014. He married Norma Jean Bell and the couple was married for 60 years. He was devoted to family, community, church and his state. He served on several boards and was a member of the Military Advisory Council. He received the George F. Hixon fellow award while in Kiwanis. He hosted the Governor’s Western Art Show picnic for numerous years and was an inductee into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame. He is survived by three daughters, 12 grandchildren and other family.

Robert William Mower, B.S. ’59, Chemistry, died July 25, 2014. He was born April 19, 1937. He was recruited by NASA to work as a physicist, and his work helped the U.S. win the “space race” and put the first man on the moon. He served for 19 years in the National Guard. Later, he worked for the Wyoming Game & Fish and taught at Riverton (Wyo.) High School. He married Beverly Doerr in 1957. He later married Carol LaRae Kirkpatrick in 1960. They later divorced, and he married Susan McArthur in 1980. He is survived by his wife, children and 12 grandchildren.

Kelly Murphy, B.A. ’95, Art, died Aug. 13, 2014. He was a creative director at Mary Kay Cosmetics, living in Dallas. He was the art director at Dallas Voice for five years. He is survived by Jim Walker, his partner of 10 years; his parents; two sisters; a brother and numerous family members.

Dean A. Noseep, B.S. ’96, Marketing, died June 22, 2014. He was born Aug. 1, 1973. He pursued a career in marketing and health care. Noseep enjoyed basketball, volleyball and running. He was a Nike Cross Nationals participant. He is survived by his parents, sister, brother, grandmother and other family.
Monte Olsen, EXP '82, College of Arts and Sciences, died April 8, 2014. He was born Aug. 6, 1956. Olsen is a former Wyoming state representative and professional skier. He served as the secretary/chair/vice-chair for the Albany County Tourism Board from 1989 to 1992. He also served as a board member in the Wyoming Travel Industry Coalition and for the Laramie Area Chamber of Commerce. He served as a state representative for House District 22 from 2003 to 2008. He is survived by his sons, three brothers and numerous family members.

Myrna Joyce Pannell, B.S. '58, Medical Technology, died July 18, 2014. She was born March 29, 1936. She married William Marian Pannell in 1963. She worked as a medical technologist for 35 years. She was active in Boy Scouts of America and an active member of the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists and the Intermountain States Seminars. She is survived by daughter, son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LeRoy Pearce, B.S. '50, Physical Education-Teaching, M.A. '50, Education Administration, died Aug. 6, 2014. He was born in 1927. He was appointed assistant freshman coach at Wyoming under Bowden Wyatt. He served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a corporal. Pearce returned to coaching in 1951 and coached in Arkansas, Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska and Georgia. Later in his life, Pearce had a career in commercial and residential real estate. He is survived by his family.

Wendy C. Perryman, B.S. '89, Zoology and Physiology, M.S. '90, Zoology and Physiology, died April 13, 2014. She was born Sept. 23, 1965. She was a professor for ten years at Oral Roberts University and worked as a paraprofessional and tutor at Garden City (Kansas) Community College. She is survived by her parents, a brother and one sister.

James Petrie, B.S. '62, General Business Management, died Aug. 16, 2014. He was born in 1940. He married Connie Woodley in 1960, and the couple had three sons. He worked in nuclear energy, food, pulp and paper, power generation, fine chemicals and environmental issues. He is survived by his wife, three sons, seven grandchildren and other family.
Lloyd Charles Pickett, B.S. '54, Agronomy, M.S. '57, Plant Pathology, Ph.D. '63, Adult Education, died June 23, 2014. He was born June 27, 1930. He worked for UW in Afghanistan as a member of a USAID team assigned to develop a College of Agriculture in Kabul University. He worked for the Montana State University Cooperate Extension Program. He later started a home repair/modeling business. He is survived by his daughter, son and four grandchildren.

Robert Rocco Pisto, B.S.C.E. '48, Civil Engineering, died June 6, 2014. He was born March 13, 1921. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He married Margaret Elizabeth Laird in 1947. Pisto was a land surveyor and licensed civil engineer on a variety of projects in the Western States. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hiking and camping. He had considerable drawing skills. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and brother.

Jon Brenton “Bret” Prine, B.S. ’80, Industrial Art Education, B.S. ’91, Earth Science-Secondary Education, died July 3, 2014. He was born Nov. 30, 1949. While at UW, he was awarded the Outstanding Student in Trade and Industrial Education. He taught mechanics in Worland, Wyo., and later at Western Wyoming Community College. He married Linda Moore in 1986. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and attending UW football games. Prine made pottery and was a great cook. He is survived by his son, mother, brothers, nephews and numerous cousins and good friends.

Julia (Somsen) Quayle, M.A. ’65, English, has died. She was born Jan. 5, 1942. She taught English at a middle school for 16 years. She received awards for teaching. She later taught piano lessons and taught language arts. She is survived by her husband, sons, sister and two grandchildren.

Darrell Rasmussen, B.S. ’56, Management, died June 11, 2014. He was born July 28, 1934. While at UW, he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and a student trainer for the varsity basketball team. He entered the U.S. Army as a specialist in counterintelligence, serving 30 months in Japan. Rasmussen was employed by Geotech Corp. and played rugby in the Dallas Rugby League. He established his own business managing a resume writing service in Texas. Rasmussen is survived by brothers and other family.
Paul Anne Rider-Kreycik, B.S. ’70, General Business Management, died July 4, 2014. He was born May 21, 1948. While at UW, she was president of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She married John Markle Rider in 1969, and the couple owned and operated the Douglas Budget newspaper until 1986. Following the death of her first husband, she married David James Kreycik in 2000. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and sisters.

Gale Owen Rutherford, B.S. ’83, Geology, B.S. ’89, Earth Science-Secondary Education, died June 9, 2014. He was born Oct. 14, 1959. He married Silvia G. Boehm in 1982. He ran the family ranch until his death and was a 4-H member for many years. While at UW, he was president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi. Rutherford was a board member of the Platte County Weed and Pest and the Platte County Resource District. In 2012, his family ranch was recognized as a Wyoming Centennial Farm and Ranch. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, mother, brother, sister and other family.

Thomas Wilson Russell, B.S.M.E. ’50, Mechanical Engineering, died April 27, 2014. He was born March 1, 1925. He was a World War II fighter pilot in the Army Air Corps, serving in the Pacific Theater. He married his wife Marjorie, and the couple was married 52 years. Russell was an inventor of instruments used in military aircrafts and a consultant for the armed services.

Glenda Kay (Michaud) Schmidt, B.A. ’64, Art, died Sept. 26, 2013. She was born June 4, 1942. While at UW, she was a member of the Kappa Delta Sorority. She had many jobs in Laramie including working at the Fort Sanders Recreation Center, teaching ceramics and working as the director of the recreation center. Schmidt started a nursery school and initiated the SACC program. She retired in 2007. She married William L. Schmidt in 1967. She is survived by her husband, mother, sister, brother and numerous relatives.

Paul Clifford Sherwood, B.S. ’66, Agriculture Business, died July 26, 2014. He was born in 1939. He worked in various jobs in Glenrock. He served on the Commerce County Tourism Board and participated in many community organizations. He was honored by the Glenrock 4-H Clubs and received the “Spirit of Glenrock” award from the Glenrock Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, children, 12 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and other family.
Jacqueline Ann (Wolf) Shubert, B.A. ’64, Art, died Aug. 9, 2014. She was born in 1937. She was a skilled potter, accomplished seamstress and produced stunning stained glass creations. She married her husband Mark in 1969. Shubert is survived by her husband, sister, brother and other family.

Clay Simons, B.A. ‘86, International Studies, died June 23, 2014. He was born Nov. 5, 1962. He was employed in a variety of positions in Moscow, including the U.S. Embassy and the USSR’s only FM radio station at the time. He later returned to the states and started TCarta Marine, which provided maps to different industries. He is survived by his brother, parents, uncles and 10 cousins.

Winston Slider, Exp ’66, Pre-Medicine, died June 11, 2014. He was born Aug. 30, 1941. He joined the U.S. Navy then married Dixie Hoyt in 1967. He was a member of Chugwater Valley Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed serving others and spent time with Habitat for Humanity International in Africa. Slider worked with former president Jimmy Carter in Georgia. He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandsons and other family.

Tom Stewart, ’63, died September 7, 2014. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army, a product of UW ROTC.


Charles George Vivion Jr., Exp ’49, Medical Technology, died May 23, 2014. He was born Sept. 18, 1924. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 as a medic. While at UW, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Vivion married Betty Henry in 1953, and the couple was married 61 years. He practiced general and thoracic surgery in Laramie. He loved the Snowy Range Mountains, riding horses and fishing. He is survived by his wife, children and other family.
Robertta (Thorne) Wakefield, B.S.H.E. ’67, Home Economics, died July 27, 2014. She was born in 1944. She taught at the Wyoming Industrial Boy School in Worland and was awarded teacher of the year in 1978. She later taught at the Wyoming State School for Girls. She retired after 38 years of teaching. Wakefield was an active member of the Big Horn Community Church, a volunteer for numerous organizations and a leader in the Boy Scouts of America. She is survived by her mother, children, grandchildren and other family.

Barbara (Burnside) Wise, B.S.H.E. ’52, Home Economics, died July 30, 2014. She was born in 1931. Wise worked as a home economist at the UW Extension Office in Douglas. She married Robert Wise in 1954, and the couple had four children. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and other family.

Ed Witzenburger, Exp ’42, College of Arts and Sciences, died May 30, 2014. He was born in 1920. He married Eleanor Thompson in 1941. Witzenburger retired as a colonel of the U.S. Air Corps in 1970, having flown fighter aircraft in China in World War II, as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. He served as Wyoming State Auditor, was elected as Wyoming State Treasurer and served as chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party. He is survived by his two sons, daughter, seven grandchildren and other family.

Donald B. Worthe, M.E.D. ’64, Counselor Education, died March 12, 2014. He was born May 9, 1935. He married Margaret Wickline in 1955. He was the director of guidance and counseling at UW and later at Jackson, Ohio high school. He held numerous positions in counseling and instruction. Worthe loved the outdoors and enjoyed a rustic cabin on 93 acres in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, three children, 13 grandchildren and other family.
FRIENDS

Ben Gilbert, a UW assistant professor of economics and finance, and Paige Gilbert welcomed a daughter, Vivienne Harper, on April 14, 2014.

Tim Kuhfuss, UW’s first director of Research Computing Support, died July 11, 2014. He arrived on the UW campus in the summer of 2011 and led UW to make significant strides in computational and data-enabled research. His accomplishments included the design, procurement and installation of Mt. Moran, UW's first campus-wide research supercomputing system, and Bighorn, UW's high performance storage system. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Kevin S. Larsen, a UW professor of modern and classical languages, died Aug. 25, 2014. He was born in 1952. He was involved in missionary work. He married Susan Matz in 1977. He worked at Brandeis University before coming to UW. Larsen loved his work and working in his garden. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, children, granddaughter and other family.

Xiaohong Liu, a UW professor of atmospheric science, was listed in Thomson Reuters’ Highly Cited Researchers 2014 for the field of geosciences.