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William L. Anderson passed away on March 6, 2016 in Savoy, IL. He was 80 years old. Bill acquired five years of experience from the U.S. Forest Service and then joined the Illinois Natural History Survey in 1958. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. Bill was a life member of TWS. His research studies covered a wide spectrum of species and topics but generally centered upon physiology and environmental contaminants of ring-necked pheasants and waterfowl. Bill served as a Conservation Resource Manager, Conservation Resource Project Manager, and Public Service Administrator during his 20 years with IDNR. A full obituary is available [here](#).
Sources: Stephen P. Havera and Stanley Etter.



Robert "Bob" G. Anthony passed away on December 21, 2013. He was 69 years old. He attended Fort Hays State University (BS Biology 1966), Washington State University (MS Wildlife Biology 1969) and University of Arizona (PhD Zoology 1972). From 1972-77 he was Assistant/Associate Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Pennsylvania State University. In July 1977 Bob became the Assistant Leader of the Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Oregon State University, Corvallis, and an employee of the US Fish and Wildlife Service. In 1994 he became the Leader of the Wildlife Research Unit, now associated with the US Geological Survey, and a Professor in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. Anthony served as President of the Oregon Chapter in 1981 and as the NW Section Representative on the Council of TWS during 1989-1992. In 1995, when the Annual Conference was held in Portland, Oregon, he took on the demanding assignment of Program Chairman for the Conference. He was elected President of TWS for 1997-1998. Even 15 years after serving as President, Anthony remained closely involved in his professional society and was appointed a Fellow of TWS in 2011.



Guy A. Baldassarre passed away on August 20, 2012. He was 59 years old. Baldassarre was a professor, ornithology, and former editor-in-chief of *The Journal of Wildlife Management*. Baldassarre first joined TWS in 1973. He earned his B.S. from the University of Maine in 1975, his M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 1978, and his Ph.D. from Texas Tech University in 1982. After working as an assistant professor of wildlife science at Alabama's Auburn University, Baldassarre joined the wildlife faculty of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse, New York. He also led TWS's student chapters at Auburn and at ESF. Baldassarre co-authored two editions of *Waterfowl Ecology and Management*, a collection of scientific papers and reports of North American waterfowl management. At the time of his death, he was completing a new edition of the classic research guide *Ducks, Geese, and Swans of North America*.



Warren Ballard passed away on January 12, 2012. He was 64 years old. He was a widely published author, editor, and nationally recognized professor at Texas Tech University's Department of Natural Resources Management. During Ballard's long career he produced more than 200 peer-reviewed journal articles and raised over \$5.9 million in grant, contract, and research funding, which has supported more than 60 graduate students. "His legacy lives on in the students, faculty, and research projects he touched," said Michael Galyean, Interim Dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. A member of more than seven professional societies, Ballard served as editor of three international journals including the *Wildlife Society Bulletin* (twice), and was an Associate Editor of four more including the *Wildlife Monographs* (four times) and the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*. In 2002, he earned a special service recognition award from TWS and became a TWS Fellow in 2005. Ballard has also won various society awards for best professional article, monograph, and publications.

Thomas G. Barnes passed away in October, 2014. He was 56 years old. He was a respected naturalist, author, researcher, and award-winning photographer. Barnes graduated from Huron College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, completed his Master's in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at South Dakota State University and his doctorate in Wildlife and Fisheries Science at Texas A&M. Barnes moved to Kentucky and became the state's federally appointed Extension Wildlife Specialist and a professor at the University of Kentucky in the Department of Forestry. His primary research focused on protecting biodiversity, conserving urban wildlife, using selective herbicides to restore native grasslands, and working with managers and private landowners to better manage for abundant wildlife. An avid outdoors photographer, Barnes' visual work was featured in publications such as *Scientific American* and the *Farmers' Almanac*, as well as on federal and local government websites. He also authored a number of books, including field guides of Kentucky's flora and fauna, "Gardening for Birds" and "Kentucky's Last Great Places."



Andrew N. Barrass passed away on February 3, 2014. Andy was a biology professor and TWS student chapter advisor at Austin Peay State University, and a long time State of Tennessee employee at TDEC and TDOT. Andy was an avid duck hunter and strong supporter of Ducks Unlimited. He spent many hours volunteering for DU and was a long time member of the Old Hickory Middle Tennessee Chapter.



Philip Barske passed away on August 23, 2013. He was 96 years old. A World War II veteran, Barske was a 53-year member of TWS and served as a secretary and representative to TWS's Council in the 1960s. Born in Fairfield, Connecticut in 1917, Barske studied at the University of Connecticut and graduated in 1940 with a dual bachelor's degree in forestry and wildlife. Two years later, he earned a Master's in Conservation and Wildlife Management from the University of Michigan, where he studied the effects of wild fruits in the winter diet of pheasants. In 1946, Barske took a job with the Wildlife Management Institute (WMI), where he spent more than 30 years working to promote and advance resource use. For his achievements in the wildlife management field, Barske received the American Motors Conservation Award in 1964 and the John Pearce Award from TWS's Northeast Section in 1975. *Photo courtesy of Jane Barske Kelly.*



William "Bill" Bicknell passed away on Dec. 19, 2015 in Bismarck, N.D. He was 62. Born in Plainfield, N.J., Bicknell earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology in 1976 at the University of Maine at Orono. After marrying Susan Johnson Griffin in 1978, he and his wife moved to Bismarck where he started his career in wildlife. Bicknell spent his entire 30-year career with the Ecological Services Division of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Bismarck. Bicknell joined TWS in 1977 and was active in the North Dakota Chapter, serving on the board and as president. In 2012, the chapter honored him with the North Dakota Award for his service. Messmer described the award as a "pivotal professional award recognizing both career and personal excellence." Glen Sargeant, a research wildlife biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey and member of the chapter, also paid tribute to Bicknell. "Bill had a special passion for engaging students in chapter activities," he said. Bicknell left a strong favorable impression on many people who worked with him. "He was truly the consummate professional," Messmer said. "For Bill, it wasn't about winning awards and accolades; it was about doing the best possible job both for conservation and community. Truly, we all have been diminished by his passing, but we can rejoice in the fact that those who knew and worked with him are better for it. His life and career provide a great example for young biologists to emulate." *Photo courtesy of Terry Messmer.*



Ralph Arthur Bitely passed away on July 18, 2010. He was 77 years old. After graduating from Michigan State University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife, he worked as a biologist for both the West Virginia Department of Game and Fish and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. From 1962-1976, Bitely was also a biologist with the Maryland Wildlife Administration, eventually serving as administrator of the agency. While with the Wildlife Administration, Bitely brought about modern practices to wildlife management in Maryland. One of his major accomplishments was the first state ban on lead shot for waterfowl hunting, an important move that helped lead to a ban in the Atlantic Flyway in 1976 and a national ban on lead shot by 1991. After his retirement from the Wildlife Administration, Bitely became the Atlantic Flyway MARSH Program Coordinator for Ducks Unlimited. He helped establish approximately 50 Ducks Unlimited Chapters and established over 150 habitat improvement projects that created or restored over 77,000 acres of habitat throughout the eastern United States. He retired from Ducks Unlimited in 1992.



Nina Leopold Bradley passed away on May 25, 2011. She was 93 years old. The daughter of Aldo Leopold, she was noted conservationist, mentor, and progenitor of Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic. Nina pursued a career in wildlife stewardship, helping her first husband with research projects including studies of ducks in Manitoba and waterbuck in Botswana. But it was with her second husband, Charles Bradley, that Nina began to champion her family's conservation legacy. In 1974, they moved to the Leopold Memorial Reserve near Baraboo and founded the Bradley Study Center, where they directed a graduate ecological research program in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin. Through the Leopold Fellows program, Nina actively mentored dozens of young conservation scientists. She also updated and maintained the extensive phenological database that Aldo began in 1936. In 1982, Nina and her four siblings established the Aldo Leopold Foundation. For the rest of her life, Nina served on the Foundation's board of directors and launched many of its educational and ecological restoration projects. *Image credit Ed Pembleton.*



George Knebel Brakhage passed away on September 11, 2009. He was 84 years old. He attended the University of Missouri from 1946-1952, where he earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife conservation and later a master's degree specializing in waterfowl biology. After completing college, George began his professional career in waterfowl conservation when he was hired by Ted Shanks to work for the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) in 1952. He began as an Assistant Biologist stationed at the new Duck Creek Wildlife Area near Puxico. A year later he was promoted to Area Manager and spent another eight years helping to develop and then manage Duck Creek. George also worked on several Canada geese projects during his career with MDC. He joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1967 as Assistant Regional Supervisor-Management in the Division of Management and Enforcement stationed in the Minneapolis regional office, and then transferred to the Washington, D.C. central office in 1972. George retired from FWS in 1985 and began working as a fundraiser for Ducks Unlimited. He retired from DU seven years later after 40 years working for waterfowl conservation.



Carlo R. Brunori passed away on March 30, 2013. He was 74 years old. An avid outdoorsman and hunter, Brunori earned his B.S. in Biology and Wildlife Management from Cornell University in 1962. He began a 31-year career with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in 1964, which included work in wetland preservation, water quality, and code enforcement. Brunori was also a certified Hunter Safety Instructor, and participated in numerous hunter safety programs sponsored by the DNR. A long-time resident of Annapolis, Maryland, he was a member of TWS since 1972, a Certified Wildlife Biologist, and active in the Maryland-Delaware Chapter of TWS.



Roger Bumstead passed away on Sept. 17, 2015 in Albuquerque, N.M. He was 89 years old. Bumstead, born in Oak Park, Ill., was a member of the Southwestern Section as well as the New Mexico Chapter. After serving in the Army Air Corps, he married Vivienne Clark in 1948 and later attended the University of Illinois, receiving a bachelor's degree in wildlife management. The couple moved to Arizona where Bumstead started his career with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. In 1961, he moved to the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist in several locations including Flagstaff, Ariz.; Taos, N.M.; Missoula, Mont.; and Albuquerque, N.M. and eventually served in the Services' northern region office. There, he focused on elk and grizzly bear management. Bumstead was instrumental in establishing the Southwestern Section. In 2014, the Section honored him with the first Roger Bumstead Lifetime Achievement Award. *Photo courtesy of Misty Sumner.*



Dennis H. Chitty passed away on February 3, 2010. He was 98 years old. Born in Bristol, England, in 1912, Chitty spent much of his life between the United Kingdom and Canada. In 1930 Chitty worked with Dr. Fred Fry at the Ontario Fisheries Laboratory while attending the University of Toronto, where he received a B.A. in 1935. A few years later he returned to the United Kingdom to receive an M.A. in 1947 and a Ph.D. in 1950, both from Oxford University. Through his years of research on small mammals, Chitty generated a cutting-edge idea that population cycles are self-generated by the interactions between individuals. He also proposed that the changes in behavior and physiology that prevent population growth and lead to decline might have a genetic basis, now widely known as the Chitty Hypothesis for Population Regulation.



Clu Cotter passed away on January 5, 2010 in a helicopter crash while conducting a routine aerial deer survey in a remote area of the Sierra National Forest. He was 48 years old. Two other biologists for the California Department of Fish and Game, Kevin O'Connor and Tom Stolberg, also lost their lives, along with the pilot, Dennis "Mike" Donovan. Cotter was an active member of TWS's Western Section. After earning a bachelor's degree in ecology and systematic biology from California Polytechnic, he worked with the USDA Forest Service, the Fresno County Planning Department, and the San Joaquin District Department of Water Resources. Cotter brought experience and professionalism to his work with the CDFG, which he joined as an associate biologist in 1999. He focused on many aspects of wildlife management, from public outreach to deer management to carnivore research in the high Sierra. The California Association of Professional Scientists has set up a memorial fund to help the families of the three wildlifers, whose loss will be deeply felt by many. "This will weigh heavily on everyone who knew these fine men," said Don Yasuda, former Western Section Representative to TWS Council.



Malcolm "Mal" W. Coulter passed away on August 2, 2008. He was 87 years old. Mal earned a B.S. degree from the University of Connecticut (1942) and immediately started graduate work at the University of Maine. Mal completed his M.S. degree in wildlife conservation in 1948, after serving in the U.S. Army, and became the assistant leader of the Maine Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit as well as an instructor in wildlife management at the University of Maine (UM), Orono (1948-1968). While in these positions he worked on a Ph.D. at Syracuse University, finishing in 1966. He then moved on to become the associate director of UM's newly formed School of Forest Resources. Mal joined TWS in 1944 and was an Honorary Member. He was appointed to TWS's Certification Review Board, and was one of the first members to become a Certified Wildlife Biologist (1977). He was elected to represent the Northeast Section on Council (1961-62), and was very active in the Maine Chapter of TWS, being the President and Past President (1978-81) and serving on numerous committees. *Sources: William B. Krohn and Ray B. Owen, Jr. Image Credit: William B. Krohn.*



John A. Crawford passed away on July 1,, 2010. He was 63 years old. John was a life-time learner. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from Creighton University, a master's degree in biology from University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a doctorate with honors in range and wildlife from Texas Tech University. Throughout his career as an educator and researcher he sought to incorporate new findings into his teaching and science. During his 27-year career at Oregon State University, John directed the Game Bird Research Program. He published over 75 refereed journal articles on habitat relationships of gallinaceous birds including turkeys, grouse, geese, pheasants and quail. Most of his work during his last 10 years was focused on sage grouse including controversial topics such as fire and grazing in sagebrush habitats. John was an active member of TWS and served as President of the Oregon Chapter of TWS and as an associate editor for *The Journal of Wildlife Management*. He received the Arthur M. Einarsen Award from the Northwest Section of TWS and TWS Award from the Oregon Chapter of TWS.



Walter F. Crissey passed away on December 20, 2009. He was 94 years old. Walt was a member of TWS for some 69 years, 1938-2007, a year short of being a charter member. In 1937, he graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor's degree in game management. Upon college graduation he commenced employment with the New York Conservation Department. It fell to Crissey to analyze twelve years of field data, leading to publication of *The Ruffed Grouse* (1947). He was one of its four co-authors. That year the 915-page monograph was selected by TWS as the Wildlife Publication of the Year. Meanwhile, Crissey learned to fly in 1940, under a federal civilian pilot training program. He was employed by the USFWS from 1949-1975 and served several different positions, including Assistant Chief of the Section of Waterfowl Management Investigations, and later as the Director of the Migratory Bird Populations Station. Much more about Walt and his productive career may be found in his 457-page autobiography, *A Life Like No Other* (2006) and in *Flyways* (1984).



Dennis "Mike" Donovan passed away on January 5, 2010 in a helicopter crash while flying three biologists for a routine aerial deer survey in a remote area of the Sierra National Forest. He was 70 years old. Donovan was a Navy veteran whom agency biologists considered a true partner in their work. His experience flying dated back to 1964 and included three combat tours in Vietnam; work for the U.S. Geological Survey; and supporting Bishop, California's White Mountain Research Station. Donovan was known as a pilot to call on for challenging jobs, including fighting forest fires throughout the West, conducting rescues with the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (photo) and the Palm Springs Mounted Police, and helping build the Palm Springs Tramway along one of the steepest mountains in the U.S.



Thomas D. Drummer passed away on August 13, 2013. He was 59 years old. Drummer received his M.S. in Applied Statistics from Bowling Green State University in 1979, and his Ph.D. in Statistics from the University of Wyoming in 1985. He began teaching at Michigan Technological University in 1985, where he was a member of the mathematics department and a professor of mathematical said colleague Tom was respected as a teacher, counselor, and mentor to his students. He was also a trusted colleague who had a tremendous influence on the professional careers of younger faculty members. During his career, Drummer worked on multiple research projects that involved statistical analyses of wildlife. He studied trout in Yellowstone Lake, the re-introduction of wolves into Yellowstone National Park, sea otters and moose in Alaska and wolves and moose in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale. A member of TWS for 24 years, Drummer also belonged to TWS's Michigan Chapter, North Central Section, and Biometrics Working Group.



Thomas G. Easterly passed away on February 20, 2014. He was 50 years old. He attended South Dakota State University, earning his bachelors and masters in wildlife science. In 1989 he began his career as a biologist working in western South Dakota and southern Wyoming. Tom worked in Casper and Laramie as a wildlife technician before moving to Greybull in 1992 as a wildlife biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Throughout his career Tom focused on ensuring the area's native wildlife species were able to live in a sustainable habitat. Because of his commitment to the maintenance of wildlife populations, Tom served as a key figure in negotiations

between landowners, private groups and government agencies. Tom was a true outdoorsman and his passion and enthusiasm reached far beyond his career. He contributed to both community and regional outdoor education efforts by teaching annual hunter safety programs, led community forums to reinforce the need for habitat management, and volunteered on the Greybull and Shell volunteer fire departments.



Lee (Lester Lee) Eberhardt passed away on April 22, 2015. He was 91 years old. Lee became a world renowned scientist focused on determining impacts of ecological change upon mammal populations. Being an early pioneer in the science of modern ecology for mammals, Lee imparted a model for current methods of analyzing and predicting growth or decline of many different animal species. He spent his early career with the Michigan Department of Conservation, and his primary career was with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington. But, as he said when he retired, that he was very willing to continue to work for beer, bread, and travel...which he did for many years and many different agencies and friends until very near his death.



Robert "Bob" L. Eng passed away on October 20, 2013. He was 85 years old. Eng began his career for the Montana Fish and Game Department, first as a game bird biologist, then as a research administrator in both Helena and Great Falls during the 1950s and 1960s. He became the district supervisor in Great Falls before going on to become a beloved professor of fish and wildlife management between 1965 and 1992 at Montana State University. As part of his contributions to academia, in 2007 Eng initiated the Robert and Martha Eng Scholarship for undergraduate students of wildlife and fisheries science. In 1992, South Dakota State University awarded Eng a Distinguished Alumnus Award for his dedication to teaching and his impact on game management. Similarly, he was recognized as a top alumnus and distinguished Emeritus Professor at Montana State University. He joined TWS in 1951 and became an early member of the Northwest Section and a charter member of the Montana Chapter. Eng served as an interim Northwest Section Representative to Council in 1963 and as a referee for *The Journal of Wildlife Management*.



Albert Erickson passed away on October 27, 2013. He was 84 years old. He was a leading expert in bear biology and wildlife management. Erickson received his Bachelors of Science and Doctorate of Philosophy from Michigan State University. He held various wildlife-related positions at multiple institutions, including Associate Professor with the University of Idaho in Moscow, Curator of Mammals for the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum, and Regional Director of Fish and Game in Anchorage, Alaska. From 1975 to 1993, he worked as a professor in the Department of Fisheries at the University of Washington. There, he conducted seven research tours to Antarctica to study killer whales, Antarctic seals, and other marine mammals. In honor of his efforts, the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names designated a series of bluffs in Antarctica the "Erickson Bluffs." During his career, Erickson wrote several books on bears, including black bears in Alaska and in Michigan. In addition to teaching, Erickson also served for a time as Mayor of Yarrow Point, Washington. *Image courtesy of Monroe Monitor Archives.*



Albert Wilhelm (Al) Franzmann passed away on February 13, 2009. He was 78 years old. He attended the Ohio State University and was awarded membership in Phi Zeta national veterinary medicine honorary fraternity and was awarded the Gamma Plaque as outstanding senior veterinary medical student. In 1968, he entered the University of Idaho and in 1971 graduated with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Forestry Science based on his research on Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep physiology. In 1972, the Franzmann family moved to Soldotna, Alaska, where Al became a research biologist with the Alaska department of Fish and Game and director of the Moose Research Center. His research produced over 250 publications. He was appointed affiliate associate professor of wildlife biology at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and the Institute of Arctic Biology. Al was a Certified Wildlife Biologist with TWS. He was recognized world-wide as pioneer in bridging the veterinary and wildlife professions. In recognition of this, he was inducted in 2004 into the University of Idaho Hall of Fame "for his leadership and contributions in the field of wildlife veterinary research".

Barry A. Garrison passed away on June 8, 2007. He was 48 years old. Barry worked for the California Department of Fish and Game and was an active member and leader of the Western Section of TWS.

David L. Grove passed away on November 11, 2010. He was 31 years old. Grove was shot and killed in the line of duty while on patrol in Fairfield, PA investigating reports of ongoing night-time shooting and possible poaching activity in the area. Grove dedicated his life to wildlife and the great outdoors. He loved spending time with people who shared his passions of hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation, and he took every opportunity to make a difference, whether as a hunter education instructor, a field officer or a private citizen. In 2004, Grove earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries science from Penn State University. Shortly before his death, he wrote an article for Pennsylvania Game News magazine, titled "A Shot in the Dark." The piece discussed the dangers associated with night patrols for poachers.



Lowell K. Halls passed away on November 9, 2008. He was 90 years old. After serving in World War II he earned a B.S. degree from Colorado State University in range management, and later a M.S. degree in range management from Texas A&M University. Lowell started his professional career as a range conservationist with the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, U.S. Forest Service, in Tifton, GA, later was transferred to the Southern Forest Experiment Station in New Orleans, then moved to Nacogdoches, TX as project leader of the Wildlife Habitat and Silviculture Laboratory until his retirement in 1981. Information from his research was published in technical journals, as well as in numerous publications useful for managers. He compiled and edited the White-tailed Deer: Ecology and Management; which received TWS's Outstanding Book Award and remains the authoritative text on that topic. Other formal recognition for his professional contributions includes the Texas Forestry Association Research Award, Texas Chapter TWS Honorary Life Membership, and the SE Section TWS C.W. Watson Award for outstanding contributions to fish and wildlife management.

Sources: James G. Dickson.



Sam Hamilton passed away on February 20, 2010. He was 54 years old. A career FWS employee, Hamilton got an early start in natural resources management. At just 15 years of age, he volunteered with the Youth Conservation Corps at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge in Mississippi, his home state. After earning a bachelor's degree in biology at Mississippi State University, Hamilton continued his work with FWS, holding several positions including Assistant Regional Director of Ecological Services in Atlanta, Texas State Administrator in Austin, and Regional Director of the Southeast Region. Hamilton assumed the top job at FWS when he was sworn in as director in September 2009.

Hamilton was also a great supporter of TWS.



Larry Harris passed away on August 15, 2010. He was 67 years old. Harris was a member of TWS for more than 40 years. Harris received a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology at Iowa State University and a master's and Ph.D. at Michigan State University, where he studied the ecology of elephants and African ecosystems. In 1972, Harris joined the University of Florida's wildlife ecology and conservation department, where he served until his retirement in 1999. Throughout his diverse career, Harris also worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on forest management, with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on coastal ecology, and with the Tanzania Game Division establishing conservation reserves. Harris won TWS' Publications Award in 1986 for his book *The Fragmented Forest*, which presented an alternative to widely used timber harvesting practices, and helped shape the foundation of landscape ecology. Harris also held leadership positions in the Florida Chapter of TWS. In 1998, he was the first recipient of the Herbert W. Kale II Award by the Florida Chapter, the highest honor bestowed to individuals making significant contributions to conservation in Florida.



Philip Heidemann passed away on March 13, 2008, in a plane crash, along with two other young wildlifera, Gareth Akerman and Damion Marx, and pilot Jeff Rozelle, while conducting a wading bird survey in Florida's Greater Everglades Region. He was a research technician at FAU. Heidemann, along with Akerman and Marx, were involved in projects examining how wading birds respond to alternative management regimes. The three men "shared a passion for conservation research, for protecting nature, and passing it on to future generations," said Dale Gawlik, an FAU associate professor and head of their lab. "They truly believed, and lived the belief, that they wanted to be a part of the solution for managing natural systems." To honor them, FAU has established memorial scholarships in their names as well as a memorial fund to facilitate student research in the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.



Brian Hoffman passed away on June 15, 2013. He was 55 years old. He was a prominent wildlife and wetlands biologist. Hoffmann received a bachelor's degree in zoology and animal biology from SUNY at Stony Brook and a master's degree in wildlife biology from SUNY College of ESF at Syracuse. After completing his degree in 1985, Hoffmann became involved in assessing the impact of electric fences on wildlife in Washington. In 1994, he started directing all biological studies in support of the Statewide Electrified Fence Project in California. His wildlife expertise helped guide the \$5 million dollar project and one of the largest and most complex Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) ever prepared. Hoffmann went on to manage wildlife studies, prepare Biological Assessments, and HCPs for projects throughout the United States. In 2008, he began working as Senior Wildlife and Wetlands Biologist with Cardno-TEC. He assisted in a wide variety of projects, like helping the Department of Defense become more reliant on renewable energy sources and assessing the impact of oil and gas wells on wetland habitats. His collective professional and volunteer endeavors left a lasting mark on the wildlife profession. *Photo courtesy of Linda Hoffman.*



Richard Huenefeld passed away on August 31, 2008. He was 42 years old. Huenefeld was a wildlife biologist and a member of TWS since 1996. He received bachelors and masters degrees in natural resources science from Washington State University, where he had served as president of the TWS student chapter. He spent much of his career conducting ecological risk assessments, and helped design field surveys in the Yucca Mountain area to determine which biological resources might be affected by storage of nuclear waste. Huenefeld coauthored a paper in *The Wildlife Society Bulletin* in 2000, analyzing chemical deterrents that could keep caribou away from roads. Most recently, he headed a project to study bald eagles on the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland. Huenefeld's obvious love of wildlife conservation prompted several of his friends and colleagues to send donations in his name to TWS, a fitting tribute.



G. Blair Joselyn passed away on December 15, 2010. He was 76 years old. Blair was a leader in wildlife research in the upper Midwest and was the Wildlife Research Supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources from January 1975 until his retirement in June 1999. Blair attended Iowa State University in Ames and graduated with a degree in wildlife in June 1957. He went on to obtain a master's degree from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale in January 1960. He then joined the U.S. Army from February 1960 to April, 1962 where he served as a First Lieutenant stationed at Fort Riley Kansas. He was the Conservation and Wildlife Management Officer for the Post. Blair understood the importance of communicating research information and ideas with others, in publications and through meetings with other wildlife professionals. Throughout his career, he attended the annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conferences and helped to coordinate and plan for this important regional conference. As the conference came to Minnesota each decade from 1980 to 2000, Blair was the primary organizer of the event as Minnesota hosted.



Edward O. Keith passed away on September 14, 2012. He was 60 years old. Keith was a member of TWS since 1999. As an associate professor at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Keith taught biology, marine mammal science, and nutrition while also conducting research on marine mammal conservation. At the time of his death, he was working with nearly a dozen graduate students on the conservation of manatees and other species in the U.S. and abroad. Keith received a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology in 1975 and a master's in physiology and biophysics in 1978, both from Colorado State University. He then earned a Ph.D. in biology from the University of California Santa Cruz in 1984. Two years later, Keith began his professorship at NSU and remained a faculty member and contributing researcher at the Oceanographic Center at NSU until his death. Keith was active in the Florida Chapter of TWS.



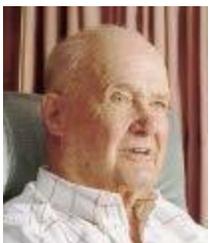
Devra Kleiman passed away on April 29, 2010. She was 67 years old. Kleiman earned her undergraduate degree in biopsychology from the University of Chicago in 1964 and a doctorate in zoology from the University of London in 1969. She was hired by the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. in 1972, becoming one of the institution's first female scientists. She soon became involved with golden lion tamarins, successfully proposing that zoos renounce their ownership of the animals, instead considering them "on loan" from their native Brazil. Kleiman officially retired in 2001 but continued work on various projects, maintained her adjunct position in the University of Maryland biology department, and served as an inaugural member of *The Wildlife Professional's* Editorial Advisory Board.



Karl G. Kobes passed away in January 2009. He was 96 years old. Kobes was a charter member of TWS. After earning a bachelor's degree in forestry, Kobes served as manager of the Mud Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota, helping conduct bird-banding studies and waterfowl research. He spent a long career in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service with stints in Minnesota, Texas, and New Mexico. From 1958 to 1978 Kobes worked out of the Albuquerque office of FWS, writing and editing environmental impact statements. "He was keenly interested in the quality of the environment and wanted to maintain it as best he could," said his daughter, Kathy Kobes Dohrer. In honor of his commitment to the wildlife profession and conservation, Kobes' family requested that friends make donations to TWS in his name.



Edward L. Kozicky passed away on July 21, 2012. He was 94 years old. A TWS member since 1941, Kozicky served as President of TWS from 1969-1970 and also served as an Associate Editor of *The Journal of Wildlife Management* from 1955-1961. He received his B.S. in wildlife ecology with distinction at the University of Maine in 1941. He earned his master's degree in wildlife management at Penn State University, and after a three-year enlistment as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army Mountain Division during World War II, returned to PSU to earn a Ph.D. in wildlife management, graduating in 1948. Kozicky spent the next eight years at Iowa State University as the leader of the Iowa Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. In 1982, he became the first executive vice president of the North American Association of Hunter Safety Coordinators (NAAHSC). In 1986, he retired from the NAAHSC and spent several years as a visiting professor at Texas A&M University's Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute in Kingsville, Texas.



Bill Leitch passed away in January 2, 2009. He was 94 years old. Leitch was a Canadian waterfowl biologist and spent the better part of three decades of his long life working with Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC). He made substantial contributions to waterfowl science, particularly with his long-term study of breeding ducks in the Missouri Coteau, and he helped mentor a generation of DU biologists. "Bill was an avid supporter of youth education and DUC's efforts to mentor young hunters," said Mike Anderson, director of Science and Adaptation for DUC. No doubt his spirit lives on in the lives of people he touched.



Thomas E. Lewis passed away on June 23, 2011 in a tragic plane crash. He was 50 years old. Lewis was a wildlife pilot for the USFWS. Lewis worked for FWS as a biologist at Florida's St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge from 1992 to 2008, where he advocated fiercely for the conservation of herpetofauna on the refuge. There he also helped create what many consider the protocol for rearing wolves on island refuges, and coordinated the St. Vincent Island National Wildlife Refuge's red wolf breeding program. His work was instrumental in making the red wolf the first U.S. species to be successfully reintroduced after extinction in the wild. In 2008, Lewis left St. Vincent to serve as a wildlife pilot intern for FWS at Maryland's Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, where he worked primarily with migratory bird programs. When the accident occurred, Lewis was studying to qualify to fly a Beechcraft C24R Sierra aircraft, while also pursuing a Master's Degree from Texas A&M University. *Image courtesy of Robin Vroegop.*



Ray Linder passed away in September 2009. He was 87 years old. After earning a Ph.D. in wildlife management from the University of Nebraska in 1964, Linder moved to South Dakota. There he taught at South Dakota State University, headed the U.S. Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit, and became a leading researcher on prairie-pothole wetlands. Widely published, Linder won numerous honors including a Special Achievement Award from FWS. A former TWS Council member, Linder also won three Outstanding Service Awards from TWS. His dedication to conservation will live on through the work of his many graduate students.



David S. Maehr passed away on June 20, 2008. He was 52 years old. He died tragically in a single-engine plane accident in Lake Placid, Florida while monitoring radio-collared black bears in the area. The research was part of a multi-year project that focused on black bear ecology and conservation in Highlands County, Florida. He earned 3 degrees in wildlife studies including a B.S. from The Ohio State University (1977), and both his M.S. (1980) and Ph.D. (1996) from the University of Florida. From 1980-1985, he worked as a biological scientist for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission where he conducted statewide research on black bear, river otter, and bobcat. From 1985-1994 he directed pioneering field studies on the endangered Florida panther and other large mammals for the same wildlife agency, then worked briefly as a consultant in Naples, Florida.



David B. Marshall passed away on November 22, 2011. He was a founding member of TWS's Oregon Chapter as well as a noted scientist, naturalist, historian, and bird expert known for his remarkable encyclopedic knowledge of Oregon's wildlife. He attended what is now Oregon State University, graduating in 1950 with a degree in fish and game management. He then started the beginning of a lengthy career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which took him to several wildlife refuges throughout the 1950s, including positions in Nevada, California, and Oregon. In 1965, Marshall served as the second president of the Oregon Chapter of TWS. The chapter's most prestigious award, the David B. Marshall Award, is named in his honor and recognizes outstanding contributions in wildlife research, management, education, law enforcement, or public service related to natural-resource conservation in Oregon.



Damion Marx passed away on March 13, 2008, in a plane crash, along with two other young wildlifers, Gareth Akerman and Philip Heidemann, and pilot Jeff Rozelle, while conducting a wading bird survey in Florida's Greater Everglades Region. He was a research technician at FAU. Marx, along with Akerman and Heidemann, were involved in projects examining how wading birds respond to alternative management regimes. The three men "shared a passion for conservation research, for protecting nature, and passing it on to future generations," said Dale Gawlik, an FAU associate professor and head of their lab. "They truly believed, and lived the belief, that they wanted to be a part of the solution for managing natural systems." To honor them, FAU has established memorial scholarships in their names as well as a memorial fund to facilitate student research in the Greater Everglades Ecosystem.



Henry E. McCutchen passed away on January 3, 2014. He was 76 years old. McCutchen had been a member of TWS for 48 years. He began his career with the National Park Service in 1958, working as a Fire Control Aid for Grand Canyon National Park. His experience fighting wildfires would culminate in his appointment to a regional fire incident command team that traveled across the United States managing the largest forest fires. McCutchen also worked with the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist and the National Parks Service Regional Office in Denver, Colorado as a research scientist. Throughout his 40-year career, he studied grizzly bears in Yellowstone National Park and was instrumental in reestablishing populations of desert bighorn sheep in Zion National Park. Working in more than 40 national parks throughout his career, McCutchen eventually became chief of resources management for California's Joshua Tree National Park. He was also an adjunct professor at Colorado State University and Northern Arizona State University, and worked with the National Park Service Colorado Cooperative Research Unit and the U.S. Geological Survey Colorado Plateau Cooperative Research Unit.



James "Jim" Joseph McDonough passed away on October 15, 2008. He was 91 years old. McDonough, who joined TWS in 1950, was a founding member of the New England Chapter and an effective leader of the chapter and the Northeast Section for many years. A Massachusetts state biologist for more than 40 years, McDonough became an expert on rabbits and white-tail deer. He was instrumental in developing the state's antlerless deer permit system and ecologically-based deer management zones. As an avid hunter and fisherman, McDonough also inspired many people with a lifelong love of nature and the outdoors. "He was a friend and mentor to many younger biologists," said colleague Jim Cardoza. Thanks to McDonough's generosity and longtime support for professional excellence in wildlife management, TWS in 1988 established the Jim McDonough Award, which honors certified wildlife biologists whose contributions are significant and often not widely acknowledged. The award is part of the lasting legacy of a consummate professional.



Ian McTaggart-Cowan passed away on April 18, 2010. He was 99 years old. He would have turned 100 on June 25, and died just two weeks shy of a gala 100th birthday celebration that had been planned in his honor. McTaggart-Cowan was a renowned Canadian zoologist as well as a life member and former President of TWS. Passionate about nature from an early age, he attended the University of British Columbia (UBC). He earned a doctorate from the University of California, then returned to British Columbia to work as a biologist for what is now the Royal B.C.

Museum. Drawn to academia, McTaggart-Cowan taught zoology at UBC, served as department head from 1953 to 1964, and eventually became dean of Graduate Studies. A pioneer in establishing the wildlife profession, McTaggart-Cowan helped convince the Canadian Government to recruit trained biologists to run wildlife agencies and to eliminate the bounty system on “undesirable” animals.



Paul Minnamon passed away on December 24, 2013. He was 82 years old. Minnamon was a wildlife biologist, teacher, and longtime member of TWS. He attended the University of Arizona, where he received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in wildlife management. His graduate dissertation examined the range of the collared peccary in the Tucson Mountains. After completing his master’s degree in 1963, Minnamon worked for Arizona Game and Fish as a fish biologist and Regional Fish Manager. He then began teaching science courses at Sahuaro High School and the Tucson Unified School District. Minnamon also organized short courses for his

students on scientific topics that textbooks only glossed over, such as genetics or ecology. He was a dedicated teacher and eventually went on to become a department chairman. *Image courtesy of Jenny Hanke.*



John Raymond Morgart passed away on October 14, 2009. He was 58 years old. John received bachelors and masters from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Arizona in 1990. John worked for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation but spent most of his career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he worked in Alaska, Arizona, and New Mexico. John was active in local and national TWS activities, served as an associate editor of the Journal of Wildlife Management, and received the Jim McDonough Award from TWS.



Harvey K. Nelson passed away on February 19, 2010. He was 85 years old. Harvey enrolled in the Wildlife Management Program at the University of Minnesota and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. Harvey long aspired to a professional career with the FWS and in 1950 accepted his first job at the Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge in South Dakota, where he also gained experience on waterfowl surveys, wetlands studies, and refuge management in North Dakota and Minnesota. Following establishment of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in

Michigan, Harvey was hired as its first Refuge Manager in 1953. He also enrolled in a graduate program at Michigan State in Natural Resources Conservation and received a Master of Science degree in 1957. Harvey was a member of TWS for 60 years (1950 – 2010) and a Certified Wildlife Biologist. He received the Professional Award of Merit from TWS, North Central Section in 1987, and was presented the Minnesota TWS Award by the Minnesota Chapter in 1992. *Sources: David L. Trauger, Jerome R. Serie, and David E. Sharp.*



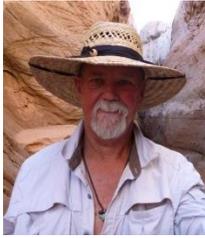
Kristina Norstrom passed away on May 29, 2013 in a helicopter crash during a woodland caribou survey in a remote wooded area of the Birch Mountains Wildland Provincial Park in Alberta, Canada. She was 39 years old. At the time of her death, Norstrom was working for Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to collect radio collars that had fallen off some of the caribou. Norstrom graduated with honors from the University of Calgary, Alberta, in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree in ecology and a minor in geology. Two years later, she earned a geographic information system (GIS) certification and went on to complete the post-baccalaureate Environmental Services Program at Capilano College (now Capilano University) in British Columbia in 2001. Norstrom began working for Ducks Unlimited Canada in June 2002, first as a research technician and then as a crew leader. In March 2008, Norstrom joined Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development in the wildlife management department as an area wildlife biologist. Across the province, Norstrom contributed to and led task groups with the goal of developing and improving sensitive species guidelines, management practices, and forestry ground rules. *Image credit Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.*



Kevin O'Connor passed away on January 5, 2010 in a helicopter crash while conducting a routine aerial deer survey in a remote area of the Sierra National Forest. He was 40 years old. Two other biologists for the California Department of Fish and Game, Clu Cotter and Tom Stolberg, also lost their lives, along with the pilot, Dennis "Mike" Donovan. O'Connor was a senior wildlife biologist supervisor and a longtime member of TWS's Western Section and San Joaquin Valley Chapter. After earning a bachelor's degree in wildlife and fisheries biology from the University of California, he worked as a biologist with the USDA Forest Service before joining the CDFG in 1997. O'Connor studied the relationship between timber harvest and wildlife to better manage forest resources in the Central Sierra Nevada. Since 2005, he had enthusiastically led staff in tasks including wildlife management, lands management, and public education. The California Association of Professional Scientists has set up a memorial fund to help the families of the three wildlifers, whose loss will be deeply felt by many. "This will weigh heavily on everyone who knew these fine men," said Don Yasuda, former Western Section Representative to TWS Council.



Herman "Doc" Ogren passed away on January 12, 2014. He was 88 years old. Ogren was a field biologist, professor, and 54-year member of TWS. Ogren pursued a bachelor's of science from the University of Wisconsin followed by a master's in wildlife technology from the University of Montana. He spent the next few years at the University of Southern California studying barbary sheep in New Mexico as part of a doctorate degree in biology and mammology, which he earned in 1962. During the course of his career, Ogren taught biology at the University of North Carolina, Raleigh and Illinois' Elmhurst College in addition to serving as deputy marshal and field biologist for the U.S. Fish and Game Department in New Mexico. His enthusiasm for his subjects and students made him a popular professor, influencing many to enter professions in conservation and the earth sciences over his 34-year career at Carthage. *Image courtesy of Karen Garren.*



Charles Painter passed away on May 12, 2015 in New Mexico. He was 66. Painter was an award-winning herpetologist and was the first staff herpetologist for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish where he worked for 28 years on reptiles and amphibians. He belonged to the TWS Southwest Section and New Mexico Chapter. While growing up in Arkansas and Louisiana, Painter developed his love for reptiles and amphibians. That passion stayed strong even as he served in the U.S. Army in South Korea, where he collected over 1,500 specimens. Painter graduated with a master's of science in biology in 1976 from the University of New Mexico, and for his master's thesis work he compiled an inventory of amphibians and reptiles in Colima, Mexico. *Photo Credit: Bill Burger.*



Tony Peterle passed away on November 15, 2011. He was 86 years old. Tony earned his B.S. degree from Utah State University in 1949, and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan in 1950 and 1954, respectively. The primary focus of his advanced degrees was the ecology of the sharp-tailed grouse in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Stimulated by his interest in grouse, Tony applied for and received a Fulbright Scholarship to study red grouse in Scotland during the academic year 1954-1955. Tony served as TWS's representative to the International Union of Game Biologists (IUGB) for 21 years, from 1973-1993. In that capacity, Tony worked diligently to forge communications and working relationships between wildlife biologists in North America and Europe, including scientists in several former Communist countries of Eastern Europe. *Sources: Ronald F. Labisky and Theodore A. Bookhout.*

Fred Priewert passed away on December 16, 2014. He was 92 years old. Priewert earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. From 1942 to 1948, Priewert served in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Germany, he worked with German government to restore land and wildlife habitat decimated by war. After returning to the United States, he started work on his master's degree. While working on his master's degree, Priewert was hired by South Dakota Fish and Game Service. He then spent 11 years as director of the Iowa Conservation Commission. In 1981, he returned to Minnesota where he spent six years with a regional office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service until retiring in 1987. Priewert was President of TWS's South Dakota Chapter from 1967-1968.



James D. Range passed away on January 20, 2009. He was 63 years old. Range attained a B.S. degree at Tulane University, a M.S. in fisheries biology from Tennessee Tech, and graduated from the University of Miami's School of Law. He was one of the nation's most prominent champions of natural resource conservation. He was known in Washington, D.C., and throughout the United States as a skilled policy strategist with an extraordinary bipartisan network of friends and contacts. Range was chief counsel to Senator Baker during the period between 1980 and 1984 when the senator served as Majority Leader. From 1973 to 1980, Range served as minority counsel to the U.S. Senate's Committee on the Environment and Public Works. He was counsel to the National Commission on Water Quality in 1972. Range was profiled by Time magazine in 2005 for his efforts to expand the availability of conservation easements, and a Wall Street Journal story that same year highlighted Range's successful efforts to engineer the rollback of an excise tax that was unintentionally placing American fly rod manufacturers at a huge competitive disadvantage.



Robert L. "Bob" Rausch passed away on October 6, 2012. He was 91 years old. He was a famed parasitologist and mammalogist and TWS member since 1945. Rausch earned a D.V.M. from Ohio State University in 1945, and later did post-graduate work in Michigan and Wisconsin before accepting a position at the Arctic Health Research Center (AHRC) in Alaska as a parasitologist. During his 27 years there he devoted his career to the investigation of zoonoses, particularly on the biology of parasites of rodents and carnivores in the Arctic and subarctic regions. Eventually rising to become Chief of the Infectious Disease Section at the AHRC, his research took him to many parts of the world, where he conducted collaborative parasitological studies alongside scientists in Siberia, Japan, China, and South America.



Henry Milton "Milt" Reeves passed away on February 1, 2013. He was 85 years old. Milt attended Utah State Agricultural College (now Utah State University) in Logan and received his B.S. in wildlife management in 1950, after which he worked for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game as a conservation officer and research biologist. He returned to Utah State for his M.S., writing a thesis titled "Muskrat and Waterfowl Production and Harvest on Dingle Swamp, Bear Lake County, Idaho". This ecological research led to the establishment of Bear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in southeastern Idaho. Milt obtained his master's in 1954 and began a 30-year career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, starting as a game management agent in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. His duties focused on white-winged doves and waterfowl of the Laguna Madre. Milt's long TWS membership spanned 58 years, from 1950 to 2008. He served as an Associate Editor for *The Journal of Wildlife Management* from 1983 to 1984. He wrote three chapters in *Ecology and Management of the Mourning Dove*, which was honored with TWS's editorship book award in 1996. Sources: Clait E. Braun and Roy E. Tomlinson. Image Credit: Barry D. Reeves.



W. Leslie "Les" Robinette passed away on May 10, 2015 in Denver, Colo. He was 99. Robinette was born in Fairview, Va. His family later moved to a farm in New York, where he developed an interest in wildlife. He went on to study forest zoology at Syracuse University, graduating in 1937— the same year TWS was founded. In 1946, Robinette became a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service where he led aspects of a project on deer and livestock interactions in the western United States. A book resulting from this research, *The Oak Creek Mule Deer Herd in Utah*, won TWS' outstanding monograph award in 1979.



David G. Rose passed away on December 11, 2011. He was 79 years old. Rose was a lifetime member of TWS since 1959. He received his B.S. in wildlife biology from Humboldt State University in 1960. After attending graduate school for two years at Southern Illinois University, Rose went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge near Marion, Illinois, home to the first protected wilderness area in the state. Rose continued with the FWS for nearly two decades, working for most of that time as a wetlands manager in Hastings, Nebraska. There, Rose restored wetlands and prairies located within wildlife refuges that were integral stopping points along the major Central Flyway migratory path of waterfowl traveling between Canada and the Gulf of Mexico. In the early 1980s, Rose settled in Missouri, spending the last decade before his retirement as a field biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. According to his daughter Nancy Rose, he valued TWS publications throughout his career as a way to keep current with scientific research in his field.



Glen C. Sanderson passed away on March 22, 2008. He was 85 years old. After serving in World War II, Dr. Sanderson joined the Illinois Natural History Survey, where he had a remarkable career spanning 45 years. Dr. Sanderson was the director of the Section of Wildlife Research for 27 years. Although he retired in 1990, he maintained a very active emeritus position until his death. Dr. Sanderson served on and chaired numerous national committees for TWS, including Position Statements, Publication, Terrestrial Publications Awards, Information Publicity, Committee Charges, Bylaws, and Historical Affairs, among others. He also served as editor of *The Journal of Wildlife Management* in 1971 and 1972 and *The Wildlife Society Bulletin* in 1987. Dr. Sanderson has received many professional honors, including the 1992 Aldo Leopold Award, the Honorary Life Membership, and TWS regional and state Professional Awards of Merit.



Wayne W. Sandfort passed away on November 10, 2011. He was 87 years old. Wayne was a long-term member of TWS and a leader in wildlife management and research in Colorado. He attended Colorado State University where he obtained both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. Wayne was the first student in the Colorado Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. Wayne worked for 33 years with the Colorado Game and Fish Department as an Upland Game Biologist, leader of statewide Upland Game Bird Surveys, Game Research Chief, State Game Manager, and Assistant Director. He retired in 1983. TWS was a big part of his life. In 1955, he became the first President of the Central Mountains and Plains Section, Regional Representative to TWS from 1970-73 and Vice President of the Society in 1974-75. Wayne was a Charter Member of the Colorado Chapter and served on numerous committees at all levels of the Society. Wayne received various TWS awards including an Honorary Membership in 1991. *Sources: Len H. Carpenter.*



James Abram Schneck passed away on May 20, 2009 in a car accident with fellow young wildlife professional Kelson Michael Vaillancourt. He was 23 years old. The young men were on their way to conducting a bird count, part of their job as temporary workers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Marvin D. Schwilling passed away on June 28, 2008. He was 83 years old. Schwilling worked for Kansas Wildlife and Parks for 37 years, in addition to serving as adjunct professor in the division of biological sciences at Emporia State University. He was the wildlife project leader at Cheyenne Bottoms Waterfowl Management Area for 14 years from 1962, and retired in 1990 as Nongame Biologist.

C. W. (Bill) Severinghaus passed away on July 6, 2007. He was 90 years old. A founding member of TWS, Severinghaus became an Honorary Member in 1987. He was an internationally recognized authority on the biology, life history, management, and population dynamics of the white-tailed deer, having spent over 40 years conducting research in the United States and Canada.

Eugene “Gene” D. Silovsky passed away on November 21, 2013. He was 69 years old. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point with honors and a degree in conservation, he received a scholarship to attend Oregon State University to obtain his Master’s. Gene’s professional life included more than 26 years with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest Region. His Forest Service career began in 1972 on the Siuslaw National Forest on the Central Oregon Coast. From 1977 to 1987 Gene was the Wildlife Biologist for the Fremont National Forest headquartered in Lakeview, OR. He ended his career as Assistant Wildlife Program Manager in 1999 in the Portland Regional Office. Throughout his career, Gene provided fish and wildlife technical information to a variety of legislators and legislative committees. Gene was very active in TWS, including serving as President of the Oregon Chapter.



Jon M. Skovlin passed away on February 14, 2013. He was 82 years old. A member of TWS since 1973 and a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Forest Service, Skovlin had been an active participant in the Society and attended many Annual Conferences, on occasion presenting papers on microhabitats and forest vegetation based on research he conducted with colleagues at the USFS Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in La Grande, OR. He graduated from Oregon State College in Corvallis in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in fish and game. After returning from a military assignment in Korea, Skovlin earned a Master of Science in forestry from the University of Idaho in Moscow. Upon completion of his degree, Skovlin accepted a permanent appointment with the USFS. During his service, Skovlin worked at the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range in La Grande. In 1967 he took a three-year appointment in Kenya, working on a United Nations project to convert native pastoralists from subsistence livestock grazing to commercial ranching practices. Skovlin returned to La Grande in 1971 and remained there until his retirement in 1981.



Graham Worthington Smith passed away on April 8, 2015. He was 64 years old. Graham had a rigorous academic career, including a B.S. in Biology from University of Oregon, a M.S in Wildlife Biology from Washington State University, and a Ph.D. in Fisheries and Wildlife from Utah State University. His research was wide-ranging, including work with population ecology, quantitative methods, migratory birds, and mammalian biology. Dr. Smith had a long and well-respected federal career, first with the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho, then nearly 15 years with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Division of Migratory Bird Management), and finally ten years with the U.S. Geological Survey (Patuxent Wildlife Research Center) in Maryland. At his retirement in 2012 and thereafter, so many of his friends and colleagues have expressed their gratitude and admiration for his intelligence and keen insights into science and logical problem solving, balanced by his generosity, patience, and humor.

Paul F. Springer passed away on May 2, 2007. He was 85 years old. Springer was a life member of TWS and Certified Wildlife Biologist. He spent his entire career, since 1947, employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a research biologist.



Tom Stolberg passed away on January 5, 2010 in a helicopter crash while conducting a routine aerial deer survey in a remote area of the Sierra National Forest. He was 31 years old. Two other biologists for the California Department of Fish and Game, Clu Cotter and Kevin O'Connor, also lost their lives, along with the pilot, Dennis "Mike" Donovan. Stolberg was a long-term seasonal aide for the CDFG, having first joined in 2004. An Eagle Scout with a bachelor's degree in history, Stolberg by all accounts was an asset to the agency, answering questions from the public about hunting and assisting with wildlife habitat projects and deer population studies. The California Association of Professional Scientists has set up a memorial fund to help the families of the three wildlifers, whose loss will be deeply felt by many. "This will weigh heavily on everyone who knew these fine men," said Don Yasuda, former Western Section Representative to TWS Council.



Harold "Hal" Swope passed away on December 15, 2014. He was 91 years old. Swope attended Colorado A&M College in Fort Collins, where he graduated with a B.S. in Wildlife Management and a Masters of Forestry. In 1950, he began work for the Colorado Department of Game and Fish as a "bird biologist" and stayed with the organization for 31 years. Swope's fieldwork primarily focused on pheasant ecology. He supported research attempting to understand the value of wheat fields, a pheasant habitat, and worked closely with wheat farmers to delay harvest until pheasant nests were through incubation. Swope was a devoted member of TWS, participating at the Section and Chapter levels. "He was one of those people that worked behind the scenes to get everyone involved in helping wildlife," said Clait Braun, a friend and colleague. "He made sure that those interested in serving TWS had his support in terms of travel and time to be active." Swope was president of Central Mountain and Plains Section in 1968.



Richard "Dick" D. Taber passed away on Jan. 24, in Missoula, MT. He was 95. He was the last surviving student of Aldo Leopold, the legendary father of wildlife conservation. Taber received a master's degree in wildlife biology in 1949 from the University of Wisconsin where he was studying under Leopold when he died. Taber finished his degree under Joe Hickey and went on to receive his doctorate in zoology in 1951 from the University of California, Berkeley, under A. Starker Leopold. Taber's dissertation work resulted in many publications of which the best known is "The black-tailed deer of the chaparral" (Calif. Fish & Game Bulletin 8, 1958). A pioneer in the study of wildlife and man, at age 82 Taber published a book with Neil Payne, "Wildlife Conservation and Human Welfare — A U.S. and Canadian Perspective." His first paper on the birds of Adak Island, Alaska, was written while he was serving in the Marines from 1941 to 1946. Taber, a member of The Wildlife Society for many years, joined the faculty at the University of Montana in 1955. In 1968, he left to start a new wildlife program in the College of Forest Resources at University of Washington. He mentored many master's students at Montana and was the advisor to 23 master's and 16 doctoral students in Washington, many of whom now oversee wildlife programs around the world, including in Taiwan and Chile. Honored with numerous professional awards during his career, in 2008 Taber received TWS' highest award named after his mentor, the Aldo Leopold Award. *This memorial was contributed by David A. Manuwal, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, University of Washington and Sterling Miller, Donrovin Research, Lolo, Mont. Photo courtesy of the University of Washington.*



Richard D. “Dick” Teague passed away on March 25, 2009. He was 84 years old. He had a long and distinguished career as a wildlife biologist, extension educator, and university administrator. Dick enrolled in the forestry program at Colorado State University but later switched concentrations and graduated in 1949 with a bachelor’s degree in zoology. He began his wildlife career in 1949 with the Colorado Department of Fish and Game, where he first worked as a wildlife research technician. Dick soon became a big game wildlife researcher and management biologist, and later became a regional research biologist and manager working on elk, bear, and deer habitat and population management. He earned a master’s degree in wildlife at Colorado State and worked on the development of a book for TWS. The book, for which he served as editor, is titled “A Manual of Wildlife Conservation.” Dick was an active member of TWS and the Western Section, serving on various committees, as an officer, and as an executive board member. In 1974 he was elected President of the Western Section of TWS, and later was elected and served as Western Section Representative to TWS Council during the late 1970’s. *Sources: James E. Miller.*



James “Jim” G. Teer passed away on March 19, 2012. He was a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences (WFSC) at Texas A&M University. Jim obtained his bachelors from Texas A&M in 1950, his masters from Iowa State University in 1951, and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1963. From March 1970 until November 1979, Jim served as Head of WFSC. In January 1979, Jim became the third director of the Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation and remained in the position for 20 years until retirement. Jim was very active in TWS. He was a founding member of the Texas Chapter of TWS and served as its first President for two terms and from 1988–1990, Jim served as President of TWS. Jim has been honored by his professional society with several awards including: Outstanding Service Award, Texas Chapter, TWS; Lifetime Achievement Award, the Southeastern Section, TWS; Honorary Member, Texas Chapter, TWS; and in 1994, he received the TWS’s most prestigious award, the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award.



Ralph Town passed away on March 25, 2014. He was 80 years old. Town was a life member of the South Dakota Chapter of TWS. He attended Central Michigan University attaining his BS in Biology and then the University of Michigan obtaining his MS in Wildlife Management. He worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service from 1959 to his retirement in 1989. He lived and worked in many places around the United States; the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in Michigan, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in Northern Minnesota, Pickstown, South Dakota, Bismarck and Jamestown, North Dakota, Washington DC (Chantilly, Virginia), Apple Valley, Minnesota and Centerville, Virginia. Ralph retired to Brookings, SD to be near the birds and natural areas that he loved so well. He was able to hunt and observe wildlife to his heart’s content. *Image credit: Rudes Funeral Home.*



Russell E. Train passed away on September 17, 2012. He was 92 years old. He was a former head of the Environmental Protection Agency noted for his role in shaping policies to clean air and waterways, ban the use of toxic chemicals, and conserve ecosystems. Train earned a B.A. from Princeton University and, after a five-year stint in the U.S. Army during World War II, earned a J.D. from Columbia University. Over the next decade he served as staff counsel on Congressional committees and as a judge in the U.S. Tax Court from 1957 to 1965. One of Train's most significant accomplishments was the passage of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 that requires federal agencies to prepare environmental impact statements before proceeding with major projects. In 1973, Train was chosen to become the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, where he oversaw the approval of several notable acts, including the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. In 1978, Train left the government to work at the World Wildlife Fund. Train received a number of awards for his contributions to the field, including the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom for Environmentalism as well as TWS's Aldo Leopold Memorial Award.



Joe C. Truett passed away on February 27, 2011. He was 69 years old. Truett was a TWS member for more than 35 years. During his distinguished career as a biologist and author, Truett engaged in diverse lines of research, from studying the impacts of industrial development on arctic wildlife habitats, to grasslands ecology, to environmental history. Truett earned a B.S. in wildlife management from Texas A&M University and a Master's and Ph.D. in wildlife biology from the University of Arizona. He then began working for Canadian ecological research firm LGL Limited in 1971, helping to establish the company's U.S. affiliate, LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc., in 1974. As vice president of research and senior ecologist, he directed large-scale projects across the U.S. West and Canada until 1991, when he went into consulting for himself. Truett authored several books, including *Land of Bears and Honey: A Natural History of East Texas*. Co-authored with Daniel W. Lay, it was awarded Best Book of the Year in 1984 by the Texas Chapter of TWS. The Texas Chapter has set up a scholarship fund in Truett's name.



Kelson Michael Vaillancourt passed away on May 21, 2009 in a car accident with fellow young wildlife professional James Abram Schneck. He was 21 years old. The young men were on their way to conducting a bird count, part of their job as temporary workers for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Ronald "Ron" L. Walker passed away on September 30, 2012. He was 80 years old. Walker was a prominent Hawaiian wildlife biologist and an active member of the Hawaii Chapter of TWS. Walker was born in 1932 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, but moved with his family to Hawaii when he was 17. After serving as a cryptographer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Walker enrolled at what is now Oregon State University to pursue a degree in fish and game management. After his graduation, Walker returned to Hawaii to begin a career at the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Over the next 37 years, Walker became a jack-of-all-trades for the DLNR, working as a wildlife biologist, manager, and administrator. In addition to leading a number of projects, Walker managed the Hawaiian Waterbirds Recovery Team in the 1970s, which drafted a plan that has helped stabilize or increase populations of many endangered Hawaiian water birds. In December 1994, a few days after retiring from the DLNR, Walker joined the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where he worked until his retirement in 2003.



James "Jim" Donovan Yoakum passed away on November 21, 2012. He was 86 years old. Jim graduated from Humboldt State in 1952 with a degree in wildlife management. He went on to attend Oregon State University, where he studied Oregon's pronghorn antelope population, and graduated in 1957. That same year Jim was hired as the BLM's first wildlife biologist, stationed in Ely, Nevada, where he wrote a newspaper column on wildlife. Yoakum was an advocate for all wildlife professionals, and was active in TWS, especially TWS Western Section. Joining TWS in 1952, he received honorary TWS member status in 1989. Yoakum served on most positions of the Executive Board, including the post of President in 1970-1971, and finally Historian. The Section awards a James D. Yoakum Award, which recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding, long-term service, support, and commitment to the Western Section of TWS, and must have dedicated a substantial amount of time, energy, and personal sacrifice to furthering the Section's goals and facilitating its programs and operations. The Award recognizes service to the organization rather than contributions to wildlife management and conservation. *Sources: Tina Nappe, Cynthia Perrine, and Peter Bradley.*