

UMRA Cares Committee Annual Report: Sept 2022 - Aug 2023

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Purpose: Using reports from the Office of Human Resources (OHR), published notices, and surviving next of kin, this committee acknowledges deaths of all University retirees with personalized messages to family members. If deceased were UMRA members, we inform our membership and contribute a \$30 designated memorial gift. The committee's original charge included a "care guides" function to support members with serious illness, but that role is now minimal. When on occasion a member requests we send cards of well wishes, we do so.

2022-23 Committee Members:

Jeanne Markell: chair, delegator, and donation oversight
Nancy Helmich: author, condolence - Twin Cities campus
Kathleen O'Brien: author, condolence - Coordinate campuses, ROCs, UM Extension
Virgil Larson: liaison, membership database manager
Mary Knatterud: author, In Remembrance column
Kris Mortenson: liaison, UMRA newsletter editor

Other committee resources: Kristy Frost-Griep (UMRA treasurer); Jessa Vokoun (OHR); Lynn Praska (UMN Foundation); Julie Wallace(UMRA Archivist)

Protocol

- We intake data on retiree/member deaths to the best of our limitations, working to assure accuracy and respect privacy. OHR's cooperation is greatly valued, however these lists include only retirees whose benefactors reach out about University death benefits. Our goal is to acknowledging as many retiree deaths as possible. Thus, our committee efforts include checking online, contact with colleges/departments and tapping networks of colleagues.
- **All retiree** deaths discovered are acknowledged by the committee after verification. Jeanne sends the list to Nancy & Kathleen. If a contact address is available they write cards expressing, on behalf of UMRA, condolence and appreciation for the person's career contributions. Feedback about this committee practice is very positive.
- **UMRA members** trigger more activity from the committee. Jeanne sends lists of all deceased retirees to Virgil. He confirms who were members, when they joined UMRA and if spouses were also members. In addition to sending condolences cards:
 1. We inform our membership of the passing of all UMRA retirees /member spouses via the *In Remembrance column* of our quarterly newsletter. This year Mary and Kris collaborated on this task. Beginning with the Sept/October newsletter the column will be streamlined with less detail and Jeanne will send the report directly to Kris for

each issue. The digital format includes a link to published obituary notices which usually contain more detail that we have space for. Deaths are only listed when either we see an official notice of death publicly posted or if permission is granted to us by next of kin.

2. Jeanne mails a \$30 designated donation in memory of the deceased URMA member and asks organizations to notify families of the gift. When no preference is named the donation goes to the UM Foundation for the UMRA Research Grants Program Fund. Frequently families tell us they appreciated UMRA's recognition and contribution for loved one's career years.

Committee activity: Sept 2022 - August 2023

- URMA sent condolence cards in memory of 93 retirees; 15 were members of URMA (*the list of names and short bios is attached as addendum for the UMRA archives*)
- Notice of member deaths appeared in the *In Remembrance* column of our newsletter
- Of the 15 memorial donations, 3 were made to the U Foundation for our *UMRA Research Grants Program*
- All committee activity was accomplished by meeting virtually via phone/email/texts.
- In addition to task completion, the committee and its helpful collaborators regularly interacted to strengthen our efforts. This included ways to work more efficiently and effectively, improve accuracy and to be mindful of the meaningful work which involves loss and grief. It is the committee's intention to strike a balance of mission, timeliness and respect for family wishes as we carry out this work. We will continue to assess and modify.

2022-23 Expenses

Expenses (donations, cards, postage) are reimbursed by the UMRA treasurer with appropriate receipts provided. Sometimes committee members absorb incidental out-of-pocket costs (computer supplies, postage, etc). The chart below reflects treasurer Kristy Frost- Griep's account of committee expenditures during the UMRA overlap of FY 22-23. The last two numbers show reimbursement to date for the current fiscal year FY 23-24.

- Sept 2022 - Kathy O, memorials \$90
- Dec 2022 - Nancy H, \$99.92 (stamps \$60, cards \$39.92)
- March 2023 - Jeanne, memorials \$230
- Aug 2023, Nancy H, condolence cards, \$54.89
- July 2023, Jeanne, memorials \$150

U of MN Retiree Deaths recognized by UMRA: Sept 2022 - Aug 2023*name/ date of death/ university dept/ UMRA membership status***Willard Philipson. 8/11/22; UM Extension = non member**

Will retired from the Navy after 30+ years of service. He had a PhD and was a professor at University of Minnesota Extension. He is preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia and their daughter, Leah. Will is survived by his children, Andrew (Cindy), Jennifer and Pam (Tim);

Charles Leo Taffe 8/29/22; UMM Heating Plant;= non member

On August 29, 2022, at the age of 92, Charles Leo Taffe of Morris, Minnesota passed away. He was predeceased by : his parents, George Taffe and Nellie Taffe (McAloon); his former wife Joyce Eisenmenger; his siblings, John Taffe (Teresa), Tom Taffe (Joy), Dick Taffe (Alice), Vincent "Bud" Taffe (Libby) and Jean Buller (Norbert); and his brother-in-law Vince McGraw. He is survived by : his wife Lynn Halbakken Taffe of Morris;

James Scoville 9/7/22; Carlson School Mgt = non-member

James G. Scoville, 82, died of heart failure on **September 7, 2022** in Minneapolis. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judith Nelson Scoville, his son Nathan Scoville, and three grandchildren. After graduating from Oberlin College, he earned a Ph.D in labor economics at Harvard University. Jim was Emeritus Professor at the Carlson School of Management, where he taught industrial relations for 35 years. During his time as department chair at the Carlson School, he took the lead in hiring women into what was then an all-male department and promoted their careers.

Kenneth Warner Erickson 9/12/22; Teamster Carpenter, TC campus = non-member

Erickson, Kenneth E. age 96 of Lauderdale passed away peacefully on **September 12, 2022**. Ken was a longtime carpenter for the University of Minnesota. Ken is preceded in death by his wife, Lois, special friend, Harriet Olson; parents Florence and Henphen and brother, Roger (Julia). Ken is survived by daughter Dianne Haas; two sons, Keith (Debra) and Randy (Jill); American

Vera Lois Erickson 9/25/22; Educ Psychology = non member

Jan. 15, 1937 - **Sept. 25, 2022**; Vera passed peacefully after fighting a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born into an already large family, the 8th child of what would become 19 children in Nopeming, MN. She earned her B.S. degree at UMD, cum laude in 1959. In 1973, Vera moved to Minneapolis completed work on her PhD in Educational Psychology. She had an illustrious career as a Professor at the U of M in which she won a National Research Award (1976) and published important, scholarly articles, retiring in 2005. Vera retired from her position as Associate Professor in 2005. Vera is survived by three children and their families: Maureen Murphy, Kathleen Murphy and Daniel Murphy,.

Steven Hauck 10/06/22; UMD NRRI Admin= non-member

Steven A. Hauck, age 73, of South Euclid, OH, formerly of Duluth, MN, passed away on **October 6, 2022**. Born May 16, 1949, in Rochester, NY, Steve graduated from Gates-Chili High School prior to attending Albion College where he earned a Bachelor's in Geology. Steve later earned a Master's degree in Geology from the University of North Carolina and was hired as the second employee in the minerals division of the Natural Resources Research Institute of the University of Minnesota in Duluth where he served as a research geologist and manager for over 30 years. He is survived by wife Barbara, son Steven (Danette), sisters Carlin Eagan (Daniel), Sandra Doron, and Mary McGuire (Mark), and two grandchildren, Levi and Abigail.

Wendy Zaro Mullins 10/07/22; School of Music = non member

Wendy Zaro-Mullins passed away on the afternoon of **October 7, 2022**, after a long illness. A native of the California Bay Area, Zaro-Mullins earned her bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Southern California. She later earned her doctorate from the University of Oregon in vocal performance and pedagogy and held prominent credits several Opera companies. She had extensive work as soloist with the St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral of Los Angeles; First Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Temple Emanuel in Westwood, CA; St. Paul Episcopal in the Village, New York; and St. Olaf Catholic Church in Minneapolis.

Orlan Merl Youngren 10/17/22; Dept Animal Science= (non-member)

Orlan passed away in his home in Stillwater, MN on **October 17th, 2022**. He was born to Merl and Alice Youngren in Spring Valley, Wisconsin in 1937. After getting a degree in science from the University of River Falls, he was drafted into the Army. Upon being discharged, he relocated to Minnesota and accepted a job at the University of Minnesota. He performed research for over 35 years and published multiple articles in his field. Orlan and Rita were married in 1960

Mae L. Schmidt 10/21/22 ; UMN Extension = (member)

Mae Louise Schmidt, of Lauderdale, MN passed away **October 21, 2022**, at the St. Anthony Park Home, St. Paul, MN. Born May 27, 1942, in Willow River, MN. Mae worked at the University of Minnesota Extension Service on the St. Paul campus for 39 years. Preceded in death by her parents, infant brother and relatives and friends.

Susan Kay Cernjar 11/03/22; U of MN Radio Station= non-member

Cernjar, Susan Kay Age 73, of Mpls, passed away **Nov. 03, 2022**. Preceded in death by her parents Louis and Elsie Wiley Cernjar. Survived by brother Greg (Ellen), nephew Eric (Erin) and 2 great nieces, Gabby and Audrey. Susan graduated from the University of Arizona. She worked at the University of Minnesota Radio Station for several years. No services will be held. Published on December 4, 2022

Joanne Odegard 11/03/22; Bookstores = non-member

Age 90 Passed away peacefully with family by her side on **November 3, 2022**. Joanne was a consummate partner to husband Gene, as he began his career first at Boeing, and later at Univac. Joanne re-entered the workforce in the cashier's department at the U of M Williamson Hall and made

many friends there before retiring at age 65 to devote her time fully to her grandchildren, whom she adored. Memorial service to be held 11AM Saturday, November 12, at Roseville Memorial Chapel (2245 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville).

John Howe 11/05/22; History Dept= member

John Ruskin Howe, Jr., 87, formerly of St. Paul Minnesota and recently residing in Hamilton Township, NJ died on Saturday **November 5, 2022**, at his home with his family by his side. John graduated from Otterbein University in Westerville, OH in 1957, where he met his wife Judith June Jenkins. John taught at Yale and Princeton Universities before his years as professor at the University of Minnesota. He was the Dean of the History Department, Head Librarian, and President of the University Retirees Association. He was a co-author on numerous text books and held positions on the committee that develops Advanced Placement testing for years. He was a long-standing patron of the Guthrie Theater, the Minnesota Orchestra, and the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. John is survived by his wife Judith Jenkins Howe; his daughter, Susan Hughes of Tampa, FL; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Allison Howe of Yardley, PA.

Kenneth Russel Bjorhus 11/07/22; UM Extension= non-member

Kenneth Russel Bjorhus (Russ) was born on July 29, 1929, in Driscoll, North Dakota and passed away **November 7, 2022** in Monticello, Minnesota. He was the 8th of Arthur and Belle Bjorhus's 10 children. The family moved to Valley City, North Dakota and then to Ulen, Minnesota in 1943. After returning to Minnesota in 1957 he began decades of work with U of MN Extension, first in Alexandria, then Grant county until in 198 he was named state director for Farmers Home Administration. He is survived by his wife Marjorie.

Patricia W McDonald. 11/15/22; ROTC=. Non member

Patricia W. "Patty" McDonald passed away peacefully on 15 November 2022, at the age of 88, surrounded by loving family. Patty Wise was born in Lake City, Minnesota, on November 4th, 1934, as the older of two daughters, to Verner and Myrtle Wis. After high school she completed training at the Minnesota School of Business. She married Robert McDonald in 1954 . In 1974 she began working as administrative secretary at the University of Minnesota Air Force ROTC unit, a position she would hold for 24 years. During this time, Patty attained an Associate of Arts degree, and reinvented herself as a strong, single woman after a divorce.

Michael Coonrod. 11/21/22; OIT/Linux= non-member)

Coonrod, Michael W. Age 57, of Inver Grove Heights, passed away peacefully November 21, 2022, after a lengthy battle with ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). Preceded in death by brother, John; father, Clifford E.; grandparents, Albert & Elsie (Blowers) Soucek, Clifford W. & Leone (McFadden) Coonrod. Survived by loving wife of 33 years, Judy Salz; son, William Clifford; daughter, Kristen Taylor; mother, Nona (Soucek); brother, Bob (Angie); niece, Nakita; nephew, Cobra; also, other family & friends.

Robert B. Tapp 11/26/22; Dept of Humanities = member

Tapp, Dr. Robert B. 97, died in Manhattan on **November 26**. Born in Hollywood to Charles Tapp and Ora Mae Berg, he earned his BA and PhD from the University of Southern California. Dr. Tapp was professor of philosophy of religion, Meadville/Lombard Theological School, affiliated with the University of Chicago (1964-72); professor of humanities and religious studies, University of Minnesota (1972-94); and dean, The Humanist Institute (1995-2005). Post-retirement, he taught many humanities courses at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Judith D. Wallach

Laura Weinberger 11/26/22; Dept of Mathematics= member

Weinberger, Laura (Larrick) 91, died peacefully with family at her bedside in Durham, North Carolina on **November 26**, 2022. Laura was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a committed companion to her husband Hans, who preceded her in death. Laura actively served the League of Women Voters of Minneapolis the DFL Feminist Caucus, and a member of the Minneapolis Charter Commission. She was a founding director of the Southeast Seniors Block Nurse Program, and was Master Gardener with University Extension.

Willian (Bill) Norman 11/28/22 ; School Public Health Biostats Srvcs = non-member

William (Bill) age 69, of Golden Valley, died on **11/28** from cancer. Survived by wife Emilie, children Ali (John) and Ben (Morgan), sisters Merrie and Holly (Joe) and nieces Sarah, Katherine (Edward) and Annika. He was a kind and gentle man who gave generously to others in many ways including singing in the Morning Star Singers Hospice Choir and tutoring at Neil Elem. School.

Mary L. Amiot 12/04/22; UMC Food Service = non member

Mary Louise Amiot, 84, of Crookston, MN, passed away peacefully at her home early Sunday morning, **December 4**, 2022, with her loving family by her side. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mary Lou will be held at a later date. The Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Jean Karen Laundergan 12/06/22; UMD Engineering Dept= non member

Jean Karen Askeland Laundergan, age 82, died from complications due to Alzheimer's Disease on Tuesday, **December 6**, 2022, in Duluth, Minnesota. Jean graduated from Duluth East High School and the University of Minnesota Duluth with a degree in Elementary Education. After teaching in Bloomington, Minnesota and Ames, Iowa, she spent the majority of her career at the University Minnesota Duluth as an Administrative Assistant for multiple departments including the Department of Engineering. Jean was active in St. Andrews by the Lake Episcopal church, the Duluth Women's Club, and P.E.O. Chapter AL.

Richard Hotchkiss 12/25/22; Dept Comp Science= non- member

Age 91 of St. Paul, MN Died **December 25**, 2022 He's joyously running marathons in heaven now, and reading mystery novels with his beloved Alice. USAF in the Korean War, Mankato State College and U of M graduate. A kind and devoted father and husband, computer scientist, teacher, loyal friend, excellent photographer, all around DIYer. Predeceased by wife Alice Ann.

David Kieft 1/06/23 ; Dept of History = non- member

Kieft, David O. Age 84 Of St. Paul He was a retired University of Minnesota History professor, died Friday, January 6, 2023. He was born in 1938 in Milwaukee, WI and attended Berkley University earning a Master's degree and Phd in History. Dr Kieft assisted Dr. Henry Kissinger at Harvard with a project to bring future foreign leaders to Harvard. At the age of 26, Kieft began his career teaching German and Diplomatic History at the University of Minnesota until his retirement in 1991. In 1970, he was a recipient of the Horace T. Morse award for outstanding service to undergraduates.

Robert Osborne Pepin 1/06/23 -non member

Robert Pepin who died **January 6, 2023** was born on April 12,1933 to Wilfred and Bernice Pepin. Bob was offered a scholarship to Harvard University where he received an A.B. in physics in 1956. Bob received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California Berkeley in 1964. Bob joined the University of Minnesota as a Research Associate in 1965 and joined the faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1966. He was a Professor of Physics from 1975 until his retirement in 2008. He was the director of the Lunar Science Institute now known as the Lunar and Planetary Institute from 1974-1977. He was the director of the Institute of Technology (now the College of Science and Engineering) Honors Program from 1989 until 2007. Bob received several teaching awards, including the Morse-Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lillian.

Anna Tell Hampel 1/07/23; UMN School of Dentistry= non member

Hampel, Anna Tell born in Sigmundfeld, Yugoslavia, April 15, 1922, passed away on **January 7, 2023**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin W., and is survived by relatives in Germany, Austria, and Wisconsin. Anna, who came of age as World War II was erupting in Europe, managed to pursue training in dentistry, attending the Universities of Tübingen, Vienna, and Heidelberg. Anna's European credentials were not accepted in Minnesota, so she enrolled at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. She as a professor in operative dentistry, taught in dental anatomy, endodontics, oral diagnosis and treatment planning, and comprehensive care, among other topics. She retired in 1992 and was recognized as a pioneer for women in dentistry, particularly in Minnesota..

James Boulger 1/14/23 -UMD Family Medicine= member

Boulger, James G., PhD age 81, of Eden Prairie, MN. Formerly of Duluth, MN. Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus, passed away **January 14, 2023**. He was a Distinguished University Teaching Professor at the University of Minnesota and a member of the Department of Family Medicine and Biobehavioral Health on the Duluth Campus of the University of Minnesota Medical School. He earned his B.A. degree from University of St Thomas in Psychology/Sociology and his Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Boulger's place of remembrance is in rural Minnesota and in the many physicians in non-rural areas that are better because of him and the values for which he stood. He is survived by wife Dee Sampson Boulger.

Linda Chmielewski 1/21/23; Ctr Spirituality & Healing= non- member

Linda Chmielewski, Age 75, passed away peacefully at her home in Rosemount, MN on **January 21st** 2023. She is survived by spouse; David Chmielewski Sr. Born in Sumner, Iowa and raised on a farm near Fredericksburg, IA. She settled in Minnesota, where she loved raising her family, spending time with her grandchildren and dedicating many years of service at the University of Minnesota. She exemplified kindness and love for all; she had a radiant smile that could light up a room and her calming voice could bring reassurance and comfort to anyone.

Jasper Hopkins 1/23/23; Dept of Philosophy = non member

Jasper Stephen Hopkins, Jr., died of on January 23, 2023 at his home in Minneapolis. He was born on November 8, 1936 in Atlanta, Georgia and attended Wheaton College in Illinois, graduating magna cum laude in philosophy. He earned a M.A. and Ph. D in philosophy at Harvard University, by 1963. In 1970 he was appointed associate professor with tenure at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. He spent the rest of his career at the U of MN, being promoted to the rank of Professor in 1974 and retiring in 2013. He specialized in the philosophy of religion, the history of Medieval philosophy, Existentialism, and, more recently, medical ethics (having received an RN degree from the College of St. Catherine/St. Mary's Campus in May of 1990). He is survived by his wife, Gabriele, by his youngest brother, Lawrence Allen, and by his sister, Deborah Ellen.

Robert Victor Krejcie- 1/29/23 (non member)

Robert Victor Krejcie was born in Manitowoc, WI on April 4, 1936 to the late Victor and Agnes (Dewane) Krejcie. He died **January 29, 2023**. He met his wife, Evelyn Faith Boehme, in 1960 and in 1966, he earned his Masters degree from Stout, before attending the University of Missouri from 1966-1968 where he earned his Doctorate in Education. He was a professor for 22 years at University of Minnesota, Duluth where he started the Master of Industrial Safety Degree program. In 1978 he began earning a Bible diploma from Liberty University, and eventually became an ordained minister. Bob is survived by his wife Evelyn of 61 years.

Kenneth H Johnson 1/31/23; Vet Diagnostic Ctnr = non member

Kenneth H. Johnson was born and raised in Hallock, Minnesota on February 17, 1936. He received his bachelor's degree (1958), DVM degree (1960) and Ph.D. (1965) in Veterinary Pathology from the University of Minnesota. He joined the U of M faculty and served as Department of Veterinary Pathobiology chair from 1976 to 1983. As a scientist he gained international prominence conducting research in the field of amyloidosis. In 1987, he and his colleagues discovered the hormone IAPP (Islet Amyloid Polypeptide), which plays an important role in type 2 diabetes. Ken retired in 1998 after 33 years at the University. Ken passed away **January 31, 2023** at age 86. He is survived by his loving wife, Jean.

Richard "Dick" E. Hessevick 1/31/23; UMD NRRI= non member

Dick Hessevick, age 87, of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, passed away peacefully at home Tuesday, **January 31, 2023**. He was born in 1935 in Duluth and received his bachelor's degree in Geology with a math minor from the UMD in 1959. He married Patricia Smith in Iowa in 1961 and moved to Grand Rapids, MN in 1967. Dick worked for the US Steel/University of Minnesota Coleraine Research Lab from 1967 to 1998. He was a former member of Grand Rapids JC's and Fraternal Order of Eagles of Grand Rapids. He is survived by his wife, Carol.

Ludwig Spolyar 2/05/23 - Student Activities/Counseling Servs= member

Spolyar, Ludwig John of Tahoe City, CA and Minneapolis, MN, passed away on his 92nd birthday, **February 5, 2023** surrounded by his children. Lud was born on February 5, 1931 in Detroit, MI the last of four children to Ludwig and Illeona (Tomay) Spolyar. Lud attended San Jose State College, joined ROTC and Delta Upsilon making lifelong friends with his chapter brothers. After receiving his degree he married Lud and Kirsten (Kit) Staf Spolyar and they moved to California. The Spolyar family moved once more in 1967 to Minneapolis, MN where Lud spent 31 years in Student Activities and Counseling Services at the University of Minnesota. From 1986 to his retirement, he worked with many students at the U in Counseling Services. .

Donald James Westling 2/08/23; UM Police Dept - nonmember

Don Westling, age 79, of Spring Lake Park, MN. Died peacefully and pain free at home on **February 8** with his family by his side. Survived by loving wife, Robi. Don graduated from South High School, served in Vietnam, and retired from the University of Minnesota Police Department after 28 years of dedicated service.

Fred Amram- 2/12/23 ; General College and Speech Comm= non-member

Amram, Fred Michael Brick of Minneapolis, age 89, died **February 12, 2023**. Born on September 19, 1933 in Nazi Germany, Fred escaped with his parents, and after graduating from Syracuse University he moved to Minnesota with his former wife, Barbara Amram to attend Graduate School at the University of Minnesota. There he became a professor of Speech Communication in the General College, and later served as Director of the U of M's antipoverty programs (HELP Center). His teaching and research extended to other areas including Creativity, Women Inventors, and Genocide and Holocaust Education. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Brick..

Ernest Duffing- 2/14/23; Central Computing= non member

Ernest Matthew Duffing, age 84, of Hastings, passed away at home with family on Tuesday, **February 14th, 2023**. Ernest was born on January 28, 1939, to Charles and Carmen Duffing in their home in Red Wing, MN, the second oldest of 5 children. He received his bachelor's degree from the U of M. While in high school, he joined the navy and served in the naval air. After the service he met and married Gloria Reinardy. He retired from the U of M after 35 years as a computer programmer analyst.

Stanley Stevens. 2/17/23 Applied Economics= non member

Stevens, Stanley 79, of rural Dundas, passed away peacefully at home from Parkinson's Disease on **February 17th**, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Janet Gettings Stevens, three children, Carlson (Masae) Stevens, Andrew Stevens, Sarajane (Logan) Hamel and four grandchildren. Stan was an Associate Professor in the Agricultural Economics Department at the University of Minnesota as the extension grain marketing economist. He gave educational speeches for farmers and businesses on grain marketing throughout the upper Midwest and Canada. Services will be held at the First United Church of Christ in Northfield, MN, at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 18. An organ prelude will begin at 12:45. The family requests memorials to the Rice County Historical Society or the First United Church of Christ.

John Foley - 2/20/23; UM Policy Department = non-member

John Curran Foley, age 92, of Plymouth, died on **February 20**. John was born in MPLS, in March 1930. He worked for 25 years in the U of MN Police Dept as an officer, detective, and Lieutenant. Preceded in death by loving wife of 45 years, Marge Foley (d. 2009); son, Kevin (d. 2010); parents, Mary and John Foley; and siblings, Margaret Polley and Frank Foley. Survived by daughter, Deborah Foley; nephews, John and Vincent Polley (Lynn); great nieces, Kailen, Aisling, and Elizabeth Polley; and loving sweetheart, Victoria Nervig. John loved fishing, adored his grand nieces like grandchildren, and enjoyed playing cards, board games, and reminiscing about his work at the University. He utterly cherished his constant companion Vicky, whom he met in grief counseling after Marge died.

Nancy Geszvain- 2/21/23 ; Boyton Health Ctr= non member

Nancy J. Geszvain passed away peacefully on **February 21**, 2023 (64). Nancy was born February 10, 1959, in Waukesha, WI to parents James and Anne (Eldredge) Geszvain. After graduating from high school in Fort Atkinson, WI, Nancy attended and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1983 with a Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering degree. She resided in St. Paul and worked in the optometry field in the twin cities area. Nancy met Robert Meyer and they were married on September 15, 2001. She is survived by her loving husband: Robert Meyer.

Richard Goldstein 3/06/23; Dept of Mechanical Engineering = member

Goldstein, Dr. Richard J. Goldstein passed away on **March 6**, 2023, in Minneapolis at the age of 94. A renowned mechanical engineer and academic, Richard's contributions to heat transfer measurement techniques and film cooling led to improved efficiency in gas turbines and many other thermal systems. Dr. Goldstein was born in New York City on March 27, 1928, and received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell University (1948) and went on to complete his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering (1950) and Physics (1951) from the University of Minnesota. He joined Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a Development Engineer in 1951, serving afterward in the US Army as a first lieutenant for two years. Richard returned to the University of Minnesota in 1956 and received his Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, joining the University's faculty in 1961. He served as a professor, researcher, and department head in the coming years and was named James J. Ryan and Regents' Professor Emeritus of the Heat Transfer Laboratory in the mechanical engineering department. Richard's recognitions include multiple honorary doctoral degrees, membership in the National Academy of Engineering and serving as president of the American Society of Mechanical

Engineers, president of the International Centre for Heat and Mass Transfer, and president of the Assembly for International Heat Transfer Conferences. During his more than 65 year academic career, Richard's work was presented in more than 300 publications and his books, he advised 74 doctoral and 82 master's students, and many visiting and postdoctoral scholars and directed the development of an outstanding teaching, research, and service-oriented program at the University. He is predeceased by his wife, Barbara.

Thomas Stevens Spruth 3/9/23; Carlson School Mgt.= 3/9/23 non member

Spruth, Thomas Stevens "Steve" died peacefully **3/9/23** after a 3.5 year journey with cancer. Born 9/27/57 in Pittsburgh PA, he parlayed 20 years of work in startup and development of health care ventures into a second career of 20 years teaching at the UofM's Carlson School of Management. His focus was on entrepreneurship, strategic management and non-profit management. He wove those topics into international themes and took students on experiences abroad. His other passion was mentoring students post-graduation in their early business ventures. He loved Minneapolis, its waterways, paths and bikeways. He will be missed by his family, many friends, former students and cats. An April 28th memorial service is planned at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church at 4:30 with visitation an hour before. Donations in Steve's memory may be made to Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery (where he consulted) CrisisNursery.org/... or Breakthrough Twin Cities (a non-profit started by a student). breakthroughtwincities.org

Ross Rinehart 3/11/23 ; Son of UMRA members Peggy & Jerry Rinehart (past president)

Rinehart, Ross Mann age 35, of Franklin, West Allis, Hudson, Wisconsin and the Twin Cities died peacefully on **March 11**, 2023 after a long health struggle. Ross brought out the best in everyone and convinced us all he was a super man. Ross is survived by parents Jerry and Peggy, sister Dr. Jill Rinehart and nephews Åland and Jagr Rinehart and the wonderful staff at Options for Community Growth, Crescent Assisted Living, Aurora Hospitals and many friends and extended family members. A memorial and remembrance gathering was held in West Allis, WI. Memorials preferred to Bridge for Community Life, 651 Braakke Drive- PO Box 1620, Hudson, WI 54016. bridgecl.org.

Margaret Marie Jordan 3/13/23; Lab Medicine Pathology= member

Jordan, Margaret, M. Age 82 and 360 days, of Minneapolis, MN passed away on **March 13**, 2023. She spent her career at the University of Minnesota and upon retirement took up genealogy. Through her genealogy research, Margaret became deeply involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in which she served in many appointed offices including State Registrar. During Margaret's life, she also enjoyed traveling the world, her favorite trip being when she drove over 4,000 miles, one way, to Machu Picchu, Peru. She also especially loved all of her years at her family cabin on Wood Lake in Fifty Lakes, MN.

Ronald Warness 3/14/23; Central Comp Operations= non-member

Richard warness, Age 79 of Woodbury, MN passed away peacefully in his sleep on **March 14, 2023** after a short illness. Preceded in death by parents Norman Warness and Ruby Bloom. Survived by loving wife of 47 years, Sheila. Ron was born in Spicer, MN and raised in Orr, MN. He moved to the Twin Cities in the late 1960s and began a career in the computer field. He worked in IT support at the U of M, retiring in 2007 after 35 years of service. Ron was an avid fisherman, and enjoyed traveling, photography, and genealogy..

Edward L Kaplan- 3/18/23; UMN Medical School= member

Edward L Kaplan (Ed), Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota Medical School, 87, of Golden Valley, MN, passed away peacefully on Saturday, **March 18th**. He was a pediatric cardiologist and infectious diseases physician and Head of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Streptococci. Ed grew up in Cleveland, Mississippi and attended the University of Rochester, NY. There he met his wife of 63 years, Irene Colle Kaplan. After college, Ed went to medical school at Washington University, St. Louis. He completed his internship and residency in Seattle, Washington, served in the United States Public Health Service with a rank of Lieutenant Commander in Minneapolis until 1968, then returned to Seattle he completed a fellowship in pediatric cardiology. In 1970, Ed returned to Minneapolis taking a position in pediatric cardiology and pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Minnesota, where he remained for the rest of his long career. Ed retired from the University in 2013, but continued to work writing medical papers and chapters for medical books. He is survived by his loving wife, Irene.

Kathleen Nuccio 3/19/23; UMD Social Work= non-member

Dr. Kathleen E. Nuccio, age 73, passed away Sunday, **March 19, 2023** in Grand Rapids, MN. Kathleen was born in 1949 in Hackensack, NJ to Luke and Dorothy Nuccio. She graduated from Paramus High School in Paramus, NJ. Kathleen continued her education at Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey achieving a BSW; she received her master's degree (MSW) at Fordham University, Lincoln Center, NYC, and earned her PhD in Social Work at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. Dr. Nuccio was a professor at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN and retired from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Kathleen continued many activities and services in her retirement.

Robert Evans 3/19/23; (UMD Philosophy Dept= non-member

Robert Howard Evans died **March 19, 2023**. Bob was born May 1, 1938, in Pittsburgh, PA. He graduated from the College of Wooster, attended the University of Indiana, and then received a Mellon Fellowship, and his PhD, from the University of Pittsburgh. He arrived in Duluth in 1964 as a replacement instructor but continued there on the faculty for 40 years. He was Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts under Rip Rapp. Bob became the first Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

for the College of Letters and Science, and Head of the Philosophy Department numerous times. He was president of the Duluth Chapter of the AAUP and served as the UEA legislative liaison. He received the Jean Blehart Distinguished Teacher Award, and the Advisement Award for CLA. He is survived and loved by his wife Mary

Joyline Majors- 3/24/23 ; UM Hospitals = non-member

Joyline Majors, 94 of Palisade passed away Friday, **March 24, 2023** at her home. She was born May 17, 1928 in Alabama and attended nursing school, graduating as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She worked as a CRNA, retiring from the University of Minnesota Hospital, Minneapolis. She was a member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She was preceded in death by her parents and her mother-in-law and father-in-law. Joyline is survived by her spouse Sandra;

LouAnn Jopp 3/25/23 ; UMN Extension= non member)

LouAnn Barbara Jopp, age 79, of Waite Park, passed away on Saturday, **March 25**. LouAnn was born on February 1, 1944 in Red Wing. She earned a BS degree in Home Economics from the University of Minnesota then had a career as an educator at St.Cloud high schools and then at the College of St. Benedict, St. Cloud State University and the University of Minnesota (where she taught food safety through the Extension Program, retiring in 2010). Survivors include her husband, Harlan of Waite Park daughter, Karrie (Andy) Bowen of Eagan; son, Erik (Staci Brown) Jopp of Richmond; and grandchildren, Memorials are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice.

Richard S. Bolan 3/28/23; HHH Institute = non member

Bolan, Richard S. passed away on **March 28, 2023**, age 95. Born in Salem, MA, resided in Massachusetts until 1985, when Dick moved to Minnesota to join the faculty of the U of MN Humphrey School of Public Affairs and Planning. He graduated from Yale University (1954), earned a M.C.P. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a PhD from New York University and worked for the Joint Center for Urban Studies of MIT and Harvard University. After 10 years as a practitioner, Dick joined the faculty of Boston College where he taught until moving to Minnesota. He is urvived by his wife, Nancy Johnston.

Blake Peterson 3/29/23. UMN Extension (non-member)

Blake Donald Peterson, 86, died peacefully on Wednesday, **March 29, 2023** Blake was born on December 10, 1936, enlisted in the Navy, serving in Korea on the U.S.S. Murrelet. Blake and wife Janice Diane Lewis lived in several ND & MN towns moving back to Clearbrook where they farmed and farm for many years. Blake earned degrees from NDSU in 1963 the University of Minnesota in 1986 . Besides farming, his agriculture career included high school teaching and 30 years as an Extension educator for the University of Minnesota. While with Extension he traveled to Grenada, St. Thomas, St. Lucia and Poland to work with local farmers. Blake received the National Achievement Award for Agricultural Extension Agent in the 1980s.

Richard T. Ford 3/29/23; School of Dentistry= non-member

Richard T. Ford, D.D.S., age 88, of New London, passed away Wednesday, **March 29**. Richard was born on January 12, 1935, in Anoka, Minnesota, the son of Carroll and Lois Ford. He attended Carlton College and graduated from the University of Minnesota School Ft. Riley, Kansas while he served in the U.S. Army. Following Richard's military discharge, the family moved to Wayzata where he began practicing dentistry. He later earned a Master's degree in Education and returned to the University of Minnesota and became a Professor in the School of Dentistry until his retirement. While he was teaching, he also maintained a practice at the University of Minnesota Faculty Dental Clinic. Richard is survived by his wife, Elaine, and his two children, Greg Ford of Northfield and Betsy Bonnema of Willmar.

David Kopf 4/08/23; Dept of History= member

David Israel Kopf, 93, late of Seattle, Washington, died on April 8, 2023. David Kopf was Professor Emeritus of history, son of Polish Orthodox Jewish immigrants, rebel, world traveler and art enthusiast. David became multilingual (Sanskrit, German, Yiddish and English), a member of Army Intelligence linguistics in Nuremberg, Germany, a PhD in comparative and South Asian History, Assistant Professor of history, U. Missouri, Columbia and Professor of history, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He was born in New Jersey on March 12, 1930. He was a member of the Association Asian Studies (south Asia editor of newsletter, 1965-1968), American Institute Indian Studies (trustee 1972-1975), International Society Comparative Studies of Civilizations (executive council 1980-1986, 1st vice president 1992).

Catherine Asher 4/14/23; Department of Art History= member

Asher, Catherine E. died Friday, April 14th, Born in London, England, she arrived with her family at Ellis Island in 1951 and eventually settled in Claremont, California. Cathy attended Lake Forest College, where she met her professor and eventual husband, Frederick Asher, who seeded a passion for South Asian art history. She taught at colleges and universities throughout the twin cities and beyond before joining the University of Minnesota Department of Art History as a tenured faculty member and, eventually, full professor. She trained a generation of students who now teach across the world and with whom she remained close even after retiring from the university. She was a loving mother and grandmother, deeply loved, and survived by her children, Tom and Alice; daughter-in-law, Dana; grandchildren, Francesca, Fergus, and Imogen.

Robert "Bob" Thorn 4/18/23. UMN Landscape Arb; non member

Robert "Bob" Eugene Thorn, Jr. was born March 11th, 1953 and passed away **April 18th**, 2023. Preceded in death by soulmate Rebecca Kay Tessier-Thorn. Bob worked many long years for the University of Minnesota landscape Arboretum pursuing his passion for all things mechanical, and in the winter months, moonlighting as a Jolly red gift giver.

Robert J. Bowman 4/26/23 ; UMN Medical School = member

Bowman, Robert J., Dr. Age 80 of Edina. Passed away **April 26** after a brief battle with cancer. Bob had an extensive career at the North Central Blood Services of the American Red Cross, as Medical Director and CEO. He also conducted research at the University of Minnesota, and worked in the pathology lab. As a lifelong scholar, Bob always wanted to learn more, and discover new things.

Gayle Yates 4/27/23; Women's Studies Department= member (and former UMRA pres)

Gayle Graham Yates , 82 years, died on Thursday, **April 27th** in Minneapolis. She earned a Ph.D. in American Studies at the University of Minnesota and upon finishing her degree, she taught at the University half time for two years and then became full time at the University in the Women Studies Program. She helped create the program and served as its first full time faculty director before returning to American Studies in 1982 where she taught until she retired. She also spent two semesters in the 1990s teaching at the University of Munich and a semester at Hamburg University in Berlin followed by a semester at the University of Amsterdam. He wrote five books that reflected her areas of academic interest. Her first work, "What Women Want", was published by Harvard Press in 1975 and launched her work in Women's Studies

John Moncrief 5/11/23.; Dept of Soil Science= non-member

John was born in Bridgeton, NJ on **May 11th**, 1948 . He died June 9, 2023. In 1966, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served in Vietnam from August 1968 to September 1969. John met his future wife, Debra Jean Wyss, and began college with her in 1972 at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. John graduated from UW, Stevens Point in 1975 with a B.S. in Soil Science and Natural Resource Management, a M.S. from Montana State University in Soil Science, and a PhD in Soil Science from UW Madison. In 1981 John became a professor at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Soil, Water and Climate in 1981. He is survived by his wife Debra and children Heather, Will, Travis (Beth), and Noelle (Brandon).

Marsha Riebe 5/14/23; Dept Chem Engin= non member

Marsha "Peggy" passed away on Saturday, **May 14**, 2022. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, she dedicated her professional life to the University creating lifelong friends and inspiring those around her. Preceded in death by parents, Avis and Jesse; step-dad, Lloyd.

Allan Larson 6/04/23; UMC External Relations= non-member

Allan Delano Larson passed away **June 4**, 2023, at home surrounded by his family in Plover, Wis. Allan was born March 13, 1933, on a farm during the depression to Albert and Sarah (Thompson) Larson in Blanchard, N.D. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Physical Education in 1955. Allan became a high school educator and multi-sport coach at Cooperstown, N.D. and later at Lompoc, Calif. While in Cooperstown he met and married Kathryn (Solfield) Skoglund .Allan moved on to university level becoming a respected business instructor at Oregon State University, University of North Dakota and Southwest Minnesota State University through the 60's and 70's. He completed graduate studies at UND achieving an MS in 1964 and PhD in 1970 in Business Education. In 1989 he returned to academia becoming the Director of External Relations for the University of Minnesota at Crookston.

Craig Phair 7/08/23; School of Dentistry= non- member

Phair, Craig Age 73 from New Brighton passed away **July 8**. After high school graduation he graduated from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Craig accepted a faculty position at the University of MN School of Dentistry where he taught from 1983 until his retirement in 2016. He is survived by his wife "Cindy"; a son Eric (Kristin); grandchildren Nolan and Brielle and another expected grandchild in October; A "Celebration of Life" will be held on July 22.

Ray Sibul. 7/21/23; Dept of German = member

Ray Kriisa Sibul, age 85, passed away surrounded by family on July 21, 2023. He was preceded in death by his wife Lenny of 55 years. Ray was born November 29, 1937 in Estonia and he and his family were split apart and soon became refugees. His father was sent to a Siberian labor camp while Ray and his mother lived in a post-war Germany Displaced Persons camp for 10 years. He, his mother and adoptive father settled near Detroit where Ray went to school and attended Wayne State University, and where he met his wife. They came to Morris, MN, in 1965 where Ray would spend his entire 38 career teaching German at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Mary H. Herheim 7/28/23; Student Fin Aid/IT Financing= non- member

Herheim, Mary Helen (Anderson) age 72, of Brooklyn Park, MN passed peacefully on **July 28**, 2023 at her home. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Alan; and daughter, Amanda. A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, August 7, at 11 AM at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 W Broadway, Crystal, MN. Visitation one hour prior. Inurnment to follow at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens.

Doreen E. Wallace 7/29/23; UMD Dept of Biology= non member

Doreen E. (Fleetwood) Wallace, 71 of Duluth (Pequawan Lakes area) passed away peacefully on **July 29**, 2023. Doreen was born June 11, 1952, to Donald & Donna Fleetwood in Wakefield, Neb and graduated with honors from UMD. She retired from a 30 year career with the UMD department of Biology . Doreen is survived by her husband, Gary of 26 years; member (wife Carol also member)

Terry Roe 8/2/23; Dept of Applied Economics = member (wife Carol also member)

Roe, "Terry" L. Age 83, of Maple Grove, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on **August 2**, 2023. He was preceded in death by parents, Leo & Ethel Roe. Terry is survived by his beloved wife, Carol; children, Mark (Nancy), and Seth (Meleah); grandchildren, Jack, Jane, Dustin, Tristan, Cheyenne, and Chloe; siblings, Doyle & Sherri; as well as other relatives and friends. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, August 18, 2023 at 11AM at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 7180 Hemlock Ln N, Maple Grove. Visitation one hour prior to Mass. Evans-Nordby 763-424-4000 evansnordby.com John Moncrie

Patricia J. Kattleman 8/06/23; Industrial Relations Cntr = Member??

Patricia , age 94 of Edina, MN, peacefully passed on August 6th. Preceded in death by husband Dale .

Jurgen Peters 8/20/23 . UM Extension, Waseca County = non- member

Jurgen Peters, retired Ag Extension agent from Waseca County, passed away on August 20. A gathering of family and friends will be from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2023. It will be held at the State Street Chapel of Dennis-Steffel-Omtvedt Funeral and Cremation Service, 711 State St N, Waseca, MN. When a full obituary is available, we will update this post. Our thoughts are with Jurgen's family. Survived by wife Jackie Peters.

UMRA MEMBERS and Memorials from UMRA

- John Howe = Guthrie Theatre *12/1/22*
- May Schmidt= Mt Olive Lutheran Church *12/1/22*
- Laura Weinberger= League of Women Voters, Mpls *12/11/22*
- Robert Tapp= American Humanist Association *12/17/22*
- John Boulger= UMD Foundation (*James Boulger Endowment Fund*). *2/1/23*
- Ludwig Spolyar = St. Francis Cabrini Church. *3/13/23*
- Ross Rinehart = Bridge for Community Life. *3/13/23*
- Howard L Kaplan = Donation to Colle-Kaplan Endowed Scholarship Fund, U of Rochester *5/1/23*
- Richard Goldstein = Donation to Mpls Jewish Foundation *5/21/23*
- Robert J. Bowman = Donation to U of MN Landscape Arboretum *6/5/23*
- David Kopf- Donation to Sierra Club *6/05/23*
- Margaret Marie Jordan = Donation to U of MN Foundation UMRA Research fund #4867 *6/05/23*
- Catherine Asher = Donation to UMN Foundation (*Frederick & Catherine Asher Strategic Initiatives in Art History*) *8/23/23*
- Terry Roe=Donation to U of MN Foundation UMRA Research fund #4867 *8/23/23*
- Gayle Yates= Donation to U of MN Foundation UMRA Research fund #4867 *8/23/23*