

IN MEMORIAM

▪ **James Antoine (OH '58)**, 63, died at his home in Pullman, Wash., in October 1998. He was a retired assistant director of the physical plant at Washington State University. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, two brothers, and a sister.

▪ **Walter Atwood (MBA '71)**, 69, died in Visalia in August. He worked as a controller for several agriculture-related businesses. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a sister.

▪ **George Beatie (FAC, MA ED '57)**, 74, died in Atascadero in February 1999. He was a professor of music emeritus at Cal Poly. He is survived by his wife.

▪ **John M. Beckman (EL '54)**, 72, died in Grants Pass, Ore., in August. He worked as a reliability engineer at Rockwell International. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

▪ **Melvin E. Berry**, who studied animal science in 1957, died in Alturas in June 1999 at the age of 64. He worked in the dairy husbandry industry and also did horseshoeing. His wife and two daughters survive him.

▪ **Verne Casaretto (AERO '39)**, 81, died in Camarillo in April 1999. He worked as an aeronautical engineer for Lockheed in Sunnyvale. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

▪ **Robert M. Crow (ME '51)**, 68, died in Stanford in October 1997. He was manager of Delta Pump Co. for 44 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and a brother.

▪ **Gregory Cruzat (ASCI '79)**, 47, died in Huntington Beach in November 1998. He was self-employed in the shoe business. He is survived by his parents and three brothers.

▪ **Subhash Datta (ACRE '66)**, 65, died at his home in Berkeley in July 1998. He worked as an engineering consultant in the Bay Area for 30 years. He is survived by his wife and five brothers.

▪ **Edward Jorgensen (FAC)**, 85, died in San Luis Obispo in November. He was inducted into the Cal Poly Hall of Fame in 1993 in recognition of his career as coach of the men's basketball team from 1947 to 1966 and the men's tennis coach from 1956 to 1976. He also taught in the Physical Education Department for 29 years when he retired in 1976. He is survived by his wife, three children, and a brother.

▪ **Gail Mandigo (BIO '71)**, 51, died in September at a Beverly Hills hospital. She worked as a medical technologist with a blood banking specialty for the Red Cross and Cedar Sinai Transfusion Service. She is survived by her mother.

▪ **Ian McPherson (MA ED '70)**, 53, died in Santa Barbara in February 1999. He taught at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and his parents.

▪ **John Mendenhall (FAC)**, 48, died of natural causes in June while vacationing in Amsterdam. A professor at Cal Poly since 1980, he taught design history and graphic design. While in the Art and Design Department he helped develop the graphic design program, one of the most highly demanded programs of its kind in the country. Mendenhall's interest in trademark design led to his writing 13 books on the subject. He also had interests in typography, symbology, package design, and corporate identity. His mother and brother survive him.

**Owen Servatius (SOCS '59, MA ED '65, FAC EMERITUS)**, 78, died in December. An alumnus and longtime Cal Poly supporter, he retired from the university after 36 years of service, beginning as an assistant to former President Julian McPhee. He taught business for more than 30 years, specializing in human resources management and industrial relations, and for 19 years was department head. He also served as acting dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences. A noted motivational speaker, Servatius also gave keynote presentations to professional associations, industrial, and corporate groups throughout the West. Servatius was a longtime supporter of the Cal Poly Alumni Association and served as the perennial secretary to the Association's board of directors, and this past fall he was honored with the first Cal Poly Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. Servatius is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, two sisters, numerous nieces and nephews, and 19 grandchildren.

It was Servatius' special wish that his life and contributions be honored through gifts to the Owen Servatius College of Business Scholarship Fund, begun in 1998. ☐



■ **James Mulrooney (BUS '75)**, died in Folsom in March 1999. He was director of operations for Crum & Crum Enterprises in Sacramento for the past 11 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, his mother, a brother, and a sister.

■ **James Nash, M.D. (STAFF)**, 74, died in San Luis Obispo in July. He was the former San Luis Obispo health officer and director of health services at Cal Poly, retiring in 1991. His wife, four daughters, three sons, and two sisters survive him.

■ **John Nicolaidis (FAC)**, 76, died at his home in San Luis Obispo in April 1999. He was a professor and head of the Aeronautical Engineering Department at Cal Poly, where he retired. His wife and daughter survive him.

■ **Marilyn Rea (MATH '72)**, 48, died at her home in Sunnyvale in July. She was a Santa Clara Unified School District trustee, professional storyteller, teacher, and author. Her husband, two daughters, parents, and a brother survive her.

■ **Lawrence Roberson (STAFF)**, 77, died in Santa Maria in May 1999. He retired in 1983 as chief engineer in Cal Poly's Engineering Services Department, where he worked for 20 years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

■ **Thomas H. Sawyer (DSCI '49)**, 77, died in Modesto in August. He worked as ranch lead foreman at Shell Biological Research Center in Modesto for 25 years. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

■ **John G. Schaub (CRSC '49)**, 76, of San Luis Obispo, died in July while vacationing at Tioga Pass Resort in the High Sierra near Yosemite. Since 1965 he was Cuesta College's first dean of students, a post he held for 20 years before retirement. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

■ **Glenn T. Sherman (EL '84)**, 36, died in Aloha, Ore., in April 1999. At the time of his death he was project manager at Instromedix in Portland. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, and a sister.

■ **Douglas Smith (FAC)**, 52, Cal Poly English professor, died in San Luis Obispo in December. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Johns Hopkins in 1969, a master's from Fairfield University in 1975, and a doctorate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1979. From 1971 to 1973 he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Afghanistan. Smith joined the Cal Poly English faculty in 1977, teaching a variety of courses including Writing Interactive Documents, Web Authoring, and Multimedia Projects. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center in San Luis Obispo or a favorite charity.

■ **J. Murray Smith (FAC)**, 80, died in San Luis Obispo in July. He was a professor of theatre and speech at Cal Poly for 21 years. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

■ **Frederick Strasburg (MA ED '72)**, 55, died at his home in Palmdale in March 1999. He was an educator for 28 years and principal in the Palmdale Elementary School District. He is survived by his wife, **Pat (Thomas) Strasburg (BIO '70)**, a son, and a daughter.

■ **Laurence Talbott (FAC, MS ENGR '79)**, 78, died in San Luis Obispo in September. He was a retired industrial technology professor at Cal Poly and had spent 14 years with North American Aviation. He is survived by his wife, a son, and two daughters.

■ **Frank P. Thrasher (FAC)**, 82, died in Hamilton, Mont., in June 1999. He was a crop science professor at Cal Poly from 1963 until he retired in 1980. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

■ **Glenn Ward (ACRE '59)**, 70, died in Yakima, Wash., in March 1999. He had worked for Boeing and Richard Stern and Associates prior to being a consultant at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

■ **Thomas Wicks**, 54, who studied animal science in 1966, died at his rural Esparto home in April 1999. He worked as manager of the antibody/immunochemical custom services division of Antibodies Inc. in Davis. He is survived by his wife and three children. His daughter, Aaron-Marie Wicks, is studying agricultural business management at Cal Poly and served as 1998 Homecoming queen.

■ **Marilyn York (SOCS '74, MA ED '81, STAFF)**, 47, associate director of international education and programs, died in San Luis Obispo in December. She began her career at Cal Poly in 1975. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Marilyn York Endowment Fund for International Students at Cal Poly, c/o Mike McCall, director planned giving and endowments, Heron Hall Room 113. A college scholarship fund has also been established at Mid-State Bank on behalf of her daughters.

■ **Herman Zandstra (DSCI '70)**, 52, died in Stellendam, Netherlands, in August. He worked as an agriculture-dairy specialist for the Netherlands Department of Agriculture for 23 years. He is survived by his wife and three children. 