

IN MEMORIAM

■ **Benjamin Barr (AERO '47)**, 75, died in Wichita, Kan., of cancer in May 1997 after a 30-year career with Boeing Aircraft Co., where he worked on Airforce One proposals. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son-in-law, two grandchildren, and a brother.

■ **Emmett Bloom (FAC)**, 84, died in San Luis Obispo in August 1997. He was a Cal Poly professor for 42 years, teaching in the Animal Science Department and serving as associate dean. He was a past president of the San Luis Obispo Lions Club and a member for 57 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two brothers, and two grandsons.

■ **Woodford E. Bowls (FAC)**, 87, died in San Luis Obispo in June 1997. He taught physics from 1937 to 1973 at Cal Poly, and was head of that department until his retirement. He was a member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, American Physical Society, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Gamma Alpha. Bowls is survived by a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren.

■ **Elizabeth Buxton (FAC)**, 55, died at her Los Osos home in August 1997. She taught as a lecturer in the English Department and was project director of the Young Writers' Workshop in 1981 and assistant director of the Central Coast Writing Project in 1980-84. She is survived by her husband, a son, and a sister.

■ **Thomas T. Cabe (ARCE '55)**, 75, died of a heart attack in Ridgecrest in November 1996.

He worked as an architect/specifications writer at the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake and was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and the Optimist International Club. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and grandson.

■ **Howard E. Cory (EE '49)**, 74, died in June 1997. He was the first Cal Poly graduate to be hired by General Electric, where he worked for 36 years, mainly in New York and Virginia. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and two sons.

■ **Gordon Courtright (OH '38)**, 89, died in Orinda in March 1997. Known for beginning the modern nursery, he ran a nursery business, was show designer, superintendent, and exhibitor in Oakland's Spring Garden Show for many years, and penned three landscaping books. He is survived by his wife, a son, two daughters, a sister, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

■ **Forrest C. Coyner (ME '23)**, 96, died from natural causes in June 1997. After graduation he worked for Standard Oil until 1937 and was owner of Kimball Tire Co. in San Luis Obispo from 1940 to 1970. Coyner was a member of various organizations, including the Masons, the Knights Templar, and the Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, **Margaret (Ditmas) Coyner**, who studied home economics at Cal Poly, and a sister.

■ **Joyce Curry-Daly (FAC)**, 52, died at her San Luis Obispo home in September 1997. A statistics

professor, Curry-Daly taught at Cal Poly for 30 years, first in the Mathematics Department and then Statistics. She also taught mathematics at Cuesta College since 1993 and was active in various community clubs.

■ **Gordon Anthony Curzon (FAC)**, 78, died of a heart attack in Redlands in April. He was a professor of English at Cal Poly from 1970 to 1988. He was co-founder of the California State Poetry Society and the founding editor of the *California State Poetry Quarterly*. He is survived by a daughter and three sons.

■ **Bernard Dusek (FAC)**, 70, died in San Luis Obispo in July 1997. He taught in Cal Poly's Department of Art and Design from 1965 to 1990. His paintings and drawings are in public and private collections nationwide, including the Willa Cather Pioneer Museum in Redcloud, Neb., where he was a life member. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, and a sister.

■ **James B. Griffin (FAC)**, 76, died in August 1997 in San Luis Obispo. After a military career in the Air Force, where he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal, Griffin taught economics at Chico State and Cal Poly until his retirement in 1982. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, a granddaughter, a brother, and two sisters.

■ **Frank Joseph Hendel (FAC)**, 87, died of pneumonia in Santa Barbara in April 1996. He taught aerospace science and engineering

at Cal Poly from 1967 to 1986. He was an expert on space travel, liquid rocket propulsion, and fossil fuels. After "retiring" he worked at General Dynamics in San Diego, translated articles at the Aerospace Museum, and ran a chess club for children. He is survived by three daughters and three granddaughters.

■ **George E. Hoffman (IE '46)**, 69, died in his Arroyo Grande home in July 1997. He was the founder of the Industrial Engineering Department at Cal Poly, where he was a professor from 1956 until his death. He was a collector and a member of both the Antique Radio Association and the Antique Train Association. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a sister, four grandchildren, and two nephews.

■ **John William Keller (SOCS '72)**, 47, died in San Francisco in February 1997. He was retired from Esprit DeCorp. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, and a brother.

■ **Alan Christopher Lee**, 41, who studied electronic engineering at Cal Poly in the 1970s, died from a pulmonary embolism in December 1996. He worked as a senior staff engineer for the radar and communications systems of Hughes Aircraft. At 14 he was Long Beach's youngest Eagle Scout. Lee is survived by his wife, his father, **Alan C. Lee (AE '50)**, his mother, and his sister, **Deborah Lee Burlingham (BUS '75)**.

■ **Elizabeth (Darch) Meyenberg (AGSC '76)**, 43, died of cancer in Monterey in June 1997. She taught high school agriculture at Carmel High School for 18 years. She is

survived by her husband and two daughters.

■ **Carl Moy (FAC)**, 64, died at his Los Osos home in August 1997. He taught in the Cal Poly Dairy Science Department from 1968 to 1984, when he started his own local electrical contracting business. His interests included flying, fishing, and his work in church music. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, two brothers, and a sister.

■ **Lawrence B. Renihan (EL '50)**, 80, died of a heart attack at home in Santa Barbara in January 1997. He worked for 28 years for Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto. He is survived by his wife.

■ **LeRoy Rose (ARCH '55)**, 68, died of prostate cancer in Bermuda Dunes in May 1996. He worked in all phases of construction, including land and building development, general contracting, and construction management. He was a member of the Air Force in the late '40s and early '50s. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, and six grandchildren.

■ **Joseph A. Schrick (EE '52)** died of cancer in June 1997 in Cupertino. His career was with Ford Aerospace. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and a grandson.

■ **Victor Shibata (ET '73)**, 53, of Santa Maria, died of natural causes in a local hospital in December 1996. He worked at International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. Federal Services Corp. as an analytical specialist, and in the Capability Analysis Department of Western Operations

at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Army and was a graduate of Hancock College before earning his B.S. from Cal Poly. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a brother, and a sister.

■ **Merle Edward Smoot**, who attended Cal Poly in 1955-58, died in August 1996 after a long battle with cancer.

■ **Lewis F. Tennant (ASCI '34)**, 83, died of lung cancer in Colusa in September 1996. A rancher who raised Angus cattle as well as various crops, he was a member of Cal Poly Alpha Zeta, the Farm Bureau, and Colusa High School FFA, and was a life member of the Cal Poly Alumni Association. He is survived by two daughters, including **Vicki Clark (PE '71)**, and four grandchildren.

■ **Hugh Lindsley Wallace (OH '39)**, died from a stroke in September 1997. A life member of the Cal Poly Alumni Association, he retired after 21 years with the Golden Gate Bridge District, and was a 29-year member of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the California Association of Nurseries. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two brothers, a sister, and five grandchildren.

■ **Milo E. Whitson (FAC)**, 86, died at his San Luis Obispo home in July 1997. Whitson served as a professor and head in the Cal Poly Mathematics Department for 26 years, and as acting dean for one year. He was selected teacher of the year during his tenure. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. 