

IN MEMORIAM

Note: Because of space constraints, we publish limited biographical and survivors' information.

■ **Melvin Bakeman (CE '33)**, 84, died in Salinas in February. He was the planning director for San Luis Obispo County, and assistant planning director in Monterey County until he retired in 1978. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

■ **Donald Carranza (EE '47)**, 78, who established a scholarship for the electrical engineering program at Cal Poly, died in December 1998. He was part of a partnership that founded the Commercial Radio and Electronics Co., which pioneered two-way radio in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and son.

■ **A. Norman Cruikshanks (FAC)**, 90, died in Lake Isabella in October 1998. He taught at Cal Poly from 1947 to 1971 and was head of the Social Sciences Department for 11 years. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

■ **Martha Bunce Desch (ED '62)** died in Thousand Oaks in September 1998. She owned a typography business called The Alphabet Factory. She is survived by her husband, **Mike Desch (IT '62)**, and two sons.

■ **Thomas Elsnab (OH '75)**, 40, died in Pleasanton in January 1998. He worked as a landscape designer. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

■ **David Fruedenberg**, 47, who studied political science in 1975, died at his La Habra home in February. He worked in the banking industry in Arroyo

Lew Litzie (ARCH '50), 73, died in Fresno in March. A member of the first class of graduating architects at Cal Poly, he was a respected San Joaquin Valley architect whose leadership in the Cal Poly Alumni Association was instrumental in establishing a protocol for CSU alumni members to serve as CSU trustees.

He entered private practice in Fresno in 1957, and for 42 years designed commercial buildings such as the 22-story Del Webb TowneHouse in downtown Fresno (now called Fresno County Plaza), medical and shopping centers, schools, churches, and residences. He served on the city's planning commission from 1965 to 1967 and was involved with the Chamber of Commerce.

Litzie was a life member in the Cal Poly Alumni Association, elected to the board in 1955, and president from 1969 to 1973. He was one of the original founders of the CSU Alumni Council, which has gone on to develop statewide programs like the annual CSU Legislative Day in Sacramento, the Year of the Alumni, and the Year of Celebrating Teachers. "Without Lew Litzie," said former CSU board member and chairman **R. James "Jim" Considine (BUS '68)**, "there wouldn't be an alumni council, a full-time alumni director at Cal Poly, or an alumni center concept."

Donations may be made to the Cal Poly Foundation, c/o Lew Litzie Memorial Fund, Alumni Relations, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

■ **Rodney Eschenburg (AERO '55)**, 69, died at his home in San Diego in March 1998. He worked for General Dynamics, as well as National Racing Products, and was a well-known motorcycle and car race announcer for more than 35 years. He was also working with Planet Electric, developing an electric commuter car. He is survived by his two daughters.

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■ **Kempton Huehn (FAC)**, 63, died in San Luis Obispo in November 1998. He was a math professor at Cal Poly from 1972 until he retired in July 1998. He is survived by his wife, a son, and a daughter.

■ **Rebecca Gail Mattson Kritscher (ART '96)**, 26, died at her family's home in Concord in March 1998. She is survived by her husband and son.

■ **James B. Morris III (AG '45)**, 71, died in September 1997. He was a meat inspector for the Department of Food and Agriculture. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Steven G. Riddell (JOUR '69, MBA '77), 52, died in Reno, Nev., in May. In 1975 he became director of alumni affairs at Cal Poly and also served as alumni magazine editor. In 1983 he became the director of development for the University of Reno's foundation. During his time at Cal Poly, he earned his doctoral degree in administration at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

In 1990 Riddell became the associate director of advancement for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He was a champion of Reno's downtown redevelopment campaign and former president of the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce, and arranged the first Reno visit of

■ **William Phaklides (ACRE '56)**, 72, died in Atascadero in March. He was a respected Cal Poly engineering professor for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son.

■ **Ernest E. Rettey (GRC '52)**, 71, died in July 1998. He taught at St. Cloud Technical College for 21 years. He is survived by his wife and seven children.

former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Riddell is survived by his wife, two sons, his parents, a brother, and a sister.

Memorials have been established with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, University of Nevada, Reno 89557; the Reno High School Baseball Program, 395 Booth St., Reno 89509; and the American Cancer Society, 712 Mill St., Reno 89502.

Note: On behalf of the Cal Poly Alumni Association, Don Morris (PE '53, MS PE '59) initiated a Steve Riddell Memorial Scholarship. For details, call the Alumni Relations Office at 805/756-2586.

■ **Susan Niblett (ED '79)**, 50, died in Palm Springs in December 1998. She was an elementary school teacher in Santa Maria. She is survived by her husband, son, and daughter.

■ **John Nicolaidis (FAC)**, 76, died in April. He was a former NASA official and taught aeronautics at Cal Poly. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and grandson.

■ **Valerie Kay Reynolds (AERO '99)**, 29, died in Lodi in January. She worked at her family's flower shop. She is survived by her mother and brother.

■ **Robert K. Sater (ENGR '92)**, 63, died in Paso Robles in November 1998. He was a Cal Poly engineering lecturer. He is survived by his wife and four sons.

■ **Ellen Terry Stookey (FAC)** died in April. She played an integral part in developing Cal Poly's home economics program, teaching in the Home Economics Department from 1961 until her retirement in 1978, by which time she had become a professor emerita.

■ **Joe Tsuboi (CRSI '53)**, 74, died in Lindsay in June 1998. He was a citrus farmer and a member of the Navel Orange Administration. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

■ **Elmer Kingsley Valentine (ASCI '52, AGRI '55)**, 78, died in March. He was a high school teacher in King City and Salinas. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and a daughter.

■ **William Verdugo (ASCI '47)**, 79, died in Clovis in December 1998. He worked at Fresno State as an agriculture program developer and teacher for 17 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter, and granddaughter.

■ **Bert J Zwaagstra (DSCI '67)**, 53, died in northern New Mexico in April 1998. He worked as a dairyman. He is survived by his wife and six children. **CP**