

Remembering Friends

O. Richard Norton, former University employee, died on May 17, 2009 at Hospice House in Bend, Ore. after a long illness. A life-long educator and the author of popular books and articles about meteorites, astronomy and planetariums, Richard discovered his life's passion when he built his first telescope at 14. His love for the sky and all things astronomical led him from an after-school job at Cave Optical Company in Long Beach, Calif., to a career in public science education.

While studying astronomy and meteoritics at the University of California, Los Angeles, he was a lecturer at Griffith Observatory and Planetarium in Los Angeles. In 1957, he worked at the Nevada Test Site as a field researcher for the Atomic Energy Commission. There he witnessed the last 10 above-ground nuclear explosions and conducted research at the test site on the ecological effects of radiation. After graduation in 1960, he worked briefly as an optical engineer at Northrop Corporation and Tinsley Laboratories.

But he soon returned to his beloved planetariums. After two years at Morrison Planetarium in San Francisco, in 1963 he became director of the University of Nevada, Reno's Fleischmann Planetarium, where he also taught astronomy. There Richard designed the world's first 35mm fisheye motion picture system, called the Atmospherium, which was used to project realistic time-lapse motion pictures of developing weather systems onto the interior of a planetarium dome.

His first book, *The Planetarium and Atmospherium, An Indoor Universe*, was published in 1969. He was a planetarium design engineer and consultant for Minolta Camera Company in Osaka, Japan. Richard became the founding director of the University of Arizona's Flandrau Planetarium in 1973, where he continued teaching and co-designed a fisheye projection camera system which flew on the Space Shuttle Challenger in 1984, producing the first full sky motion pictures from space.

In 1978, he started Science Graphics, a company that manufactured sets of teaching slides in astronomy and other sciences for use in college level courses.

Richard loved teaching and sharing his enthusiasm for astronomy, the space program, photography, geology and telescope making. He gave public lectures and taught community education classes, even venturing into the Arizona State Penitentiary to teach in maximum security and protective custody. He led field trips to Cape Canaveral, where he had his fisheye cameras at most Apollo launches, and on solar eclipse trips around the world, from Mexico to Romania.

In 1986 he moved to Bend, Ore. where he taught astronomy at Central Oregon Community College for 7 years. In Bend he rediscovered his early passion for meteorites. His book *Rocks from Space* was published in 1994, followed by *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Meteorites* in 2002. His wife Dorothy Sigler Norton, who is a scientific illustrator, produced the illustrations and cover designs. The *Field Guide to Meteors and Meteorites*, published in 2008, was co-authored with Bend

geologist Lawrence Chitwood. Many of Richard's meteorites are on display at the Sunriver Nature Center in Sunriver, Ore.

Richard loved classical music and had studied piano since the age of 7. In Bend he started a series of concerts called the Four Seasons, which were held for more than 10 years at the Norton home on the equinoxes and solstices.

Richard is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his sister, Gloria, three children from previous marriages and a granddaughter.

Irvin R. Wanke '36 (civil engineering) died April 17, 2009 at the age of 94 at his home in Warwick Forest. Born in Sparks, in 1914, he graduated valedictorian from Sparks High School and went on to earn his master's in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada in 1936.

With the outbreak of World War II, Irv joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to the Engineer Section, U.S. Army Headquarters, China/Burma/India Theater of War, and New Delhi, India. It was there that he met Dorothy Vera Smith, fifth generation of the British Raj. At the conclusion of the War, he and Dorothy were married and returned to the United States. From there he served in Taegu, Korea, during the Korean War; Sendai, Japan; and Fort Meade, Md. In 1959, after 11 years of service he retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, accepted a civil service position at Fort Monroe, and relocated to Newport News. In 1969, he retired from civil service and devoted the next 40 years to golf, gardening, enjoying music and the arts, managing his investments and traveling the world with Dorothy.

Irv was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, Masonic Lodge, Retired Military Officers Association of America, James River Country Club, Christopher Newport University Lifelong Learning, and St. Stephens Episcopal Church.

Irv is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy; son Bob (Janice); daughter LaVerne (Rob); three granddaughters, Kim, Trisha and Karin; and six great-grandchildren.

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Rosemary F. (Sutherland) Peterson '61 (psychology), a resident of Alamo, died peacefully with her cat Doodlebug purring in her lap, and her companion Von "LaVonne" Joyce holding her hand, on Jan. 9 at the age of 68.

She was born April 12, 1940, in Berkeley, Calif. and graduated from Berkeley High School in 1957. Growing up, she spent her summers with her pioneer families in Virginia City and Reno. On Oct. 27, 1962, she married James Peterson and had two sons, Christopher and Erik. She lost her son Christopher tragically at the age of 33. She was a published author and educator and was awarded a Ph.D. in educational psychology from University of California, Berkeley in 1972. Her first teaching assignment was in one of the schools in Reno designed by her grandfather. She taught at St. Mary's College in Moraga, Calif. for more than 35 years where she led the Early Childhood and Montessori Education Depart-



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Lenoar "Len" Foster '74

ment and mentored scores of young teachers. She helped the school become accredited to teach special education, educational psychology and assisted in developing the master's degree program.

She is survived by her companion, Von Joyce, her son Erik, one nephew and three grand-nephews. She had many "children," as all teachers do, including Merrick Browne Jr. and his wife, Rachel, and their two children.

Memorial contributions can be made to Northern Light School, 3710 Dorisa Ave., Oakland, CA 94605.

Lenoar "Len" Foster '74 (history), '87Ed.D. (educational administration/higher education) died on July 3, 2009 at the age of 57. Len was born on Dec. 18, 1951, in Selma, Ala., to Percy Morton and Elsie Foster. He grew up in Pensacola, Fla., where he graduated from high school in 1968. He attended college at Xavier University in New Orleans, La., where he received his bachelor's degree. Len became a member of an order in Reno, called the Brothers of the Holy Rosary. While there, he completed his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Nevada, Reno. He engaged in advanced studies at Stanford University, where he was a William Coe Fellow in American History.

His many accomplishments included editing *The Black College Review: Research, Policy and Practice*. He was active in the National Association of Secondary School Principals and chaired its National Task Force on Principal Preparation from 2004-2006. In 2007, he won the National Service Award from Division A (Administration, Organization and Leadership) of the American Educational Research Association. He was a former high school principal and curriculum coordinator.

Len was named interim dean of the College of Education at Washington State University and immediately provided tremendous leadership to the college during a difficult time. He joined the faculty of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Psychology in 2003. He served as associate dean for three years, overseeing administration, research and graduate studies. He was a nationally known researcher whose interests included school principals, school reform, social-cultural influences in schools, higher education and historically black colleges and universities. Len loved to read and he enjoyed the arts, music and dance.

Len is survived by his brother, Robert, and a nephew, Gregory, as well as a close family friend, Bob Cashell of Reno,



Pat Brady

and many friends and colleagues around the country. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Kimball Funeral Home of Pullman is caring for the family. The online guestbook is located at www.kimballfh.com.

Patrick "Pat" Brady, University of Nevada football hall of famer died July 14, 2009 at the age of 83. A native of Seattle, Wash., Brady came to Reno in 1949 and met and married the love of his life, Odile (Frost) Brady, while attending the University of Nevada. Pat dedicated his life to his Nevada home and family in Reno.

He began his distinguished athletic career at O'Dea High School in Seattle where he was recently inducted in the 75th Anniversary Hall of Fame. Following his graduation from Everett Junior College, Pat enlisted in the U.S. Army. While in the Army, Pat served as an M.P. at the Hanford Nuclear Research Center during the development of the nation's nuclear program and continued to play football for the U.S. Army Air Corps. Pat came to Reno as a walk-on at the University of Nevada. While playing against Loyola Marymount, he kicked the longest recorded punt in NCAA history of 99

yards. His record still stands today. His standout career as a quarterback and punter in 1949 and 1950 earned him a position in the University of Nevada Athletic Hall of Fame and in 1998 he was selected to the Nevada Wolf Pack Team of the Century. The Wolf Pack football program was dropped in 1951 and Brady went on to finish his college football career and graduate from Bradley University in Peoria, Ill. where he was also inducted into Bradley University Athletic Hall of Fame. After a brief stint with the Canadian Football League, Pat signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1952. As the NFL's premier punter for three seasons, he led the league in punting. Art Rooney, Sr., famed owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers, remained his lifelong friend and often said of him, "Brady was the best punter in the National Football League or anywhere else for that matter." In 1982, Pat was selected as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers 50th Season Dream Team and was honored in 2007 as a member of the Steelers' 75th Anniversary Legend's Team.

After his football career ended suddenly due to injury, Pat returned to Reno and launched a successful career as a distinguished business leader in Northern Nevada. He joined his family to operate the Reno Printing Company and in 1971 was appointed Nevada State Printer by Governor Mike O'Callaghan. Brady served on the 1973 committee for the National Governor's Conference and was appointed to

the Nevada State Boxing Commission. After leaving state service, Pat became a partner and proprietor in one of Reno's most well-known local establishments, the Bonanza Casino. Pat's personal humor and flare for entertainment helped launch the Bonanza Casino into the early notoriety it still enjoys today. His love for racing inspired him to become an inaugural member of the board of trustees of the Reno Air Races serving the event for more than 40 years. Pat was an active member of the Nevada Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, a member of the Nevada Civil Air Patrol and past president of The Sons of Erin. Over the years, Pat was a staunch supporter of the Wolf Pack athletic program. He was a member of both the National Football League Alumni Association and the University of Nevada, Reno Alumni Association.

Pat is survived by his wife of 58 years, Odile; his five children and their spouses including, Mary, Joanna (Eric), Pat Jr. (Julee), Elizabeth (Robert) and William (Laura); his sister, Helen; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pat loved the Nevada outdoors and supported every effort to preserve Nevada wildlife. He also had a deep appreciation for abandoned and abused pets and was known to bring home stray puppies. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Nevada Chapter of Ducks Unlimited or the Northern Nevada Humane Society.

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