

Rotary Memorial Service

A Celebration of Life



2021

Dear Rotarians, Friends, and Family,

All those who have helped gather and coordinate the information for this program are truly honored and humbled to serve Rotary International District 5520 with this Memorial Service.

Please, let us never forget these fine individuals and their contributions to Rotary and the world.

Warmest Rotary Regards,

Steve Becker, Shane LeMon & Brianna LeMon



Linda Anderson (September 25, 1937 – October 4, 2020)
Rotary Club of Los Alamos

Linda was born in Maplewood, New Jersey. She attended Maplewood High School and graduated with a B.A. in languages from Penn State University, where she met her husband of 60 years, Charles Alfred Anderson.

Linda dedicated her life to education, teaching French and Spanish classes for 25 years at Los Alamos Middle and High Schools. An avid tennis player, Linda also coached for the high school girls' tennis team. After retiring in 2002, she continued by teaching French, Spanish and English to adults and children, and in 2009 she spent a week training English language teachers in China.

Linda was also passionate about international travel and learning about other countries. She, Charles, and their two young children lived in Wales for a year, and as a high school teacher, she led her students on many trips around Europe. In retirement, she and Charles visited their daughter and her husband in Australia, Germany, China and Italy, and their son and his family in Japan.

Linda joined Rotary in the fall of 1999 and was a Paul Harris Fellow. She served on many committees, with special interest in scholarships and youth projects, and she accompanied a team of Rotarians to serve on a water and sanitation project with Deborah Simon in the highlands of Uspantán, Guatemala.

Linda will long be remembered for her unfailing support of Rotary and its local and international projects, her outreach to youth, and for bringing a *joie de vivre* to Rotary meetings and community service.



Charles “Chuck” Atwell (September 21, 1928 – September 28, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Chuck Atwell was born in Matheson, Colorado, in 1928. He dropped out of high school to join the U.S. Navy in 1946. Shortly after enlisting, he was assigned to the USS Dixie, which participated in the first post-World War II testing of an atomic bomb. Chuck watched the detonation of the atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll on the deck of the USS Dixie, a story he would rarely share.

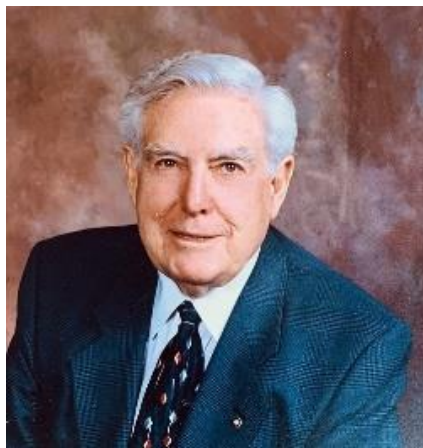
After leaving the Navy, Chuck went to work for Gamble’s in Colorado, and in 1954, he had an opportunity to relocate to Santa Fe, which he took. He managed the old Gamble’s and later Tempo stores, for more than 15 years before he moved into the real estate market around 1970.

Chuck was a born salesman. He loved “the art of the deal.” Longtime businessman and real estate agent Chuck always wanted to be the best at what he did, regardless of whether he was selling real estate, collecting art, or gliding across the dance floor.

Friends recall Chuck as having two sides to his personality. On the surface, he was tough, gruff and unapproachable, very opinionated and said what he felt. If you liked it, great, and if you didn’t, too bad. His other side was interesting, funny, and kind. He was a big teddy bear.

Chuck was involved in a number of organizations, the New Mexico Realtors Association, the Elks lodge and an informal senior citizens group that met regularly at The Bull Ring. He joined the Rotary Club of Santa Fe in 1960 and served as the President of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe in 1970 – 1971. He enjoyed golfing, collecting and hunting, his son said. He was married three times and survived all three of his spouses, reveling in dancing and his active the social life.

He was the sort of guy who felt he could beat death, but cancer eventually caught up with Chuck, not long after his 92nd birthday and just 4 days after he attended his last Rotary meeting. “He hung on until the last day,” said his son, Charles Atwell, Jr. “He was not ready to leave.



Patricia “Patty” Ross Ayre (December 11, 1936 – January 18, 2021)
Rotary Club of Moriarty

Patricia “Patty” Ross Ayre was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. She was a graduate of UNM and eventually became the owner of an H&R Block franchise. She began her own accounting business called Estancia Valley Bookkeeping. Patty loved to travel with her husband Bob, and together they had three children who eventually blessed them with five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Patty was a servant within the Estancia Valley and gave her time to many organizations. She served on the Board of a varied and long list of community entities, but was most devoted to Rotary. She was a Past President of the Moriarty Rotary Club and in 1998 she was Rotary Citizen of the Year. She also served as the Moriarty Rotary Club’s permanent treasurer for 20 years. While involved in Rotary, Patty’s greatest passion was her love for Community Service. She traveled to Wales, UK through Rotary and was instrumental in getting a Matching Grant with the Juarez Rotary Club writing for funds that went into woodworking tools for a shop for the Juarez community. Patty also helped to start the MRC Foundation which has more than \$100,000 at work for youth education programs.

Patty put the FUN in the fifth of the 4-Way Tests by bringing the King Royal Brothers Circus to the Moriarty community during her year as president. Additionally, she took the baby elephant to the Jellybean Junction Daycare and the Moriarty Elementary School. She was also involved in starting the 1992 1st Annual Salt Missions Trail Bike Tour sponsored by US West with more than 130 cyclists, another successful Rotary Community project for many years.



Edward “Ed” C. Beaumont (1922 – May 1, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Edward C. Beaumont was a native of Fresno, California. He graduated from Pomona College in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts in geology. His undergraduate studies were interrupted by WWII in which Ed served 2½ years in the US Army infantry.

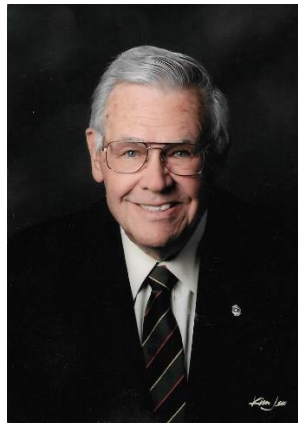
Ed came to New Mexico in 1946 to attend graduate school at the University of New Mexico, where he met his wife Caroline. He graduated in 1948 with a Master of Science in geology. Ed married Caroline after graduation, and soon went to work for the Fuels Branch of the US Geological Survey.

Ten years later, Ed left the employ of the federal government and established a consulting geological practice based in Albuquerque. Through more than 40 years of professional consulting, Ed’s practice concentrated on the geology and economics of coal deposits, especially those in the San Juan Basin of Northwest New Mexico.

Ed will always be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He shared with his family his fascination of the world and science through the study of rocks and geography.

Ed’s family and friends remember him to be quick-witted, with an interesting story that fit in with every conversation. He paid close attention when others spoke to him, a trait which made others relax and understand that Ed thought their views were important. He took great pride in his participation in professional and community affairs. Ed was a fellow in the Geological Society of America, a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, a past chairman of the New Mexico State Technical Advisory Council, and an Elder of the First Presbyterian Church. He was a past president of the New Mexico Geological Society, the NM Chapter of the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Board of Directors of Family and Children’s Services, and the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army in Albuquerque.

Ed was introduced to the Rotary Club of Albuquerque in 1968 by his thesis advisor and long-time friend, Dr. Vincent C. Kelley. Ed served as President of the Club in 1986-87, and it was in Rotary that he established many of his strongest friendships. Ed will be remembered as the historian for the Rotary Club of Albuquerque.



William “Bill” Buchholz (October 26, 1926 – June 8, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Bill was born in South Dakota on October 26, 1926. He graduated from East High School in Denver in 1944 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy shortly thereafter. He served in World War II on the USS Ludlow in the Pacific and was among the first to land on Hiroshima after the dropping of the first atomic bomb. After discharge in 1946, he returned to Denver, graduating from the University of Denver in 1949. Bill met his wife, Ellie in 1946, and was married later that year.

Bill started his career working for JC Penney, and after several transfers in Colorado, was ultimately transferred to Santa Fe in 1958, where he enjoyed a long successful career as manager. Bill began a second successful career with Capital/Sunwest Bank soon after retiring from JC Penney. He served as Vice President of Marketing until his retirement in 1996.

Bill was always dedicated to the community, having served as past President of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Santa Fe Rotary Club, and De Vargas Mall Merchants Association. He also served as a board member of the Santa Fe Planning Commission, the Santa Fe Children’s Museum, Santa Fe Country Club, New Mexico Retail Association, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, and the New Mexico School for the Deaf Foundation.

Bill was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and served on their Board of Elders.

Bill was an avid athlete, was a three-sport letterman in high school, and played college football at the University of Colorado and University of Denver. He was a wrestling referee for high schools in Colorado and New Mexico and was chosen to referee the annual New Mexico State Championships many times. Bill was also an avid squash player, and spent many hours in his later years on the golf course.

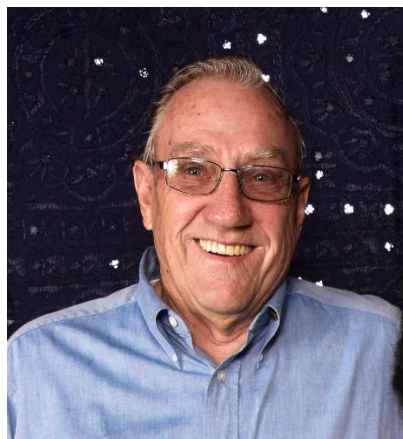
Bill was also a member of the Santa Fe County Sheriff Posse and active in the Rodeo de Santa Fe. He captained the Sherriff’s Posse Cowboy Polo Team and enjoyed competing in team roping events.

A resident of Santa Fe since 1958, Bill passed away peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2020.



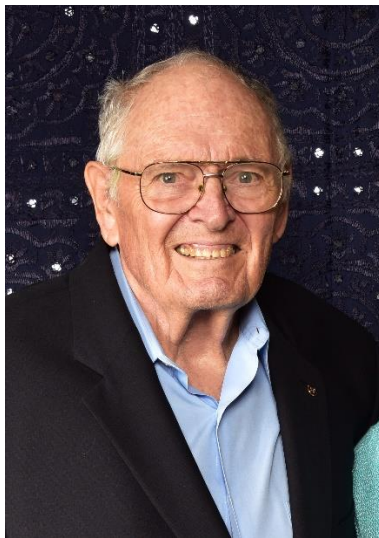
George Bussing (Unknown – July 9, 2020)
Rotary Club of Alamogordo

George joined the Rotary Club of Alamogordo in 1993, and was a Paul Harris Fellow.



Thomas “Tom” Fossean (June 25, 1927 – 2020)
Rotary Club of Alamogordo

Tom Fossean joined Rotary in 1984, and was Paul Harris +1. Tom was also a retired Lt. Colonel from the U.S.A.F.



Lund Galbraith (September 28, 1944 – 2020)
Rio Grande Rotary Club

Lund Galbraith was born in Pasadena California and grew up in Glendora. He graduated from Glendora High School in 1962 and earned his BS degree from Cal Poly-Pomona in 1966.

Lund started on a career in banking which spanned 43 years. He was an honors graduate from the Pacific Coast School of Banking in 1982. Most recently he was with Citizens Bank of Las Cruces for 20 years where he served as Senior Vice President of Business Banking. He was active in Community affairs and served proudly. His accomplishments include the Rio Grande Rotary Club past president and board member, Picacho Hills Country Club men's golf association 2-term president and board member, Enchantment Land Certified Development Corporation banker of the year and board member and Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico board member.

Lund loved sports, in particular golf, and was so proud of his 4 holes in one. He also loved the Dodgers and got to see them win the World Series.



Lewis Frazer “Lew” Geer (Unknown – February 13, 2021)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Lew was a man who wore many hats: cheesy hats, party hats, and garish sombreros, to name but a few. He also loved flying kites (with or without an accompaniment of children). He loved goofy movies, and pie. Although many people knew him as a source of laughter and fun, many others knew him as a source of stability, sanity, sobriety, and a calm reassurance. He was also a person who would listen without judgment when times were challenging. Lew worked hard throughout his life to become the person so many loved and admired.

Lew first joined the Rotary Club of Santa Fe Centro in 1997 and served as Club President in 2002-2003. He later joined the Rotary Club of Santa Fe in 2015 when his daughter, Liz Serendip, was getting STARS going in Santa Fe. Lew was a faithful attendee at the STARS meeting.

Lew passed away February 13, 2021. He left behind a legacy of joy, acceptance, kindness, and love to so many who knew him. He loved his family dearly and above all, his devoted partner, Nancy Dahl. Lew displayed loving-kindness to everyone he met.

Lew was the personification of kindness and good humor, and will be missed dearly.



Glenna Goodacre (August 28, 1939 – April 13, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Glenna was born August 28, 1939 in Lubbock, Texas and knew from an early age that she wanted to be an artist. She was encouraged by her parents who were creative builders and developers in Lubbock. After high school, Glenna moved on to study art at Colorado College. She received hundreds of honors and awards, including an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from her alma mater, Colorado College in 1994, and an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Texas Tech University in 1996. She was a Santa Fe resident since 1983.

Glenna was not a Rotarian, but supported Rotary International in many ways that very few people realized. She sculpted the Polio Plus statue of a Rotarian administering the polio vaccine to a child that is installed in front of the Rotary International Headquarters in Evanston, IL.

She attended the Rotary Club of Santa Fe with her good friend and past Rotary International Director Grant Wilkins when he spoke to the Club about the history of Rotary's Polio Eradication Efforts and the role Glenna played in those accomplishments.

Glena had an international reputation, and is most well-known for the Vietnam Women's Memorial installed in Washington, DC on the National Mall in 1993, and for the Sacagawea U.S. Dollar first minted in 2000.

In October 2016, Glenna announced her complete retirement from sculpting and public appearances because of failing health. She died peacefully at her home in Santa Fe after a series of illnesses.



Dona Isabel Gutierrez de Bosh (Unknown, 89 years)
Guatemala Rotary (Rotary Club of Santa Fe)e

Dona Isabel was the first woman to join Rotary in Guatemala. She was a strong supporter of District 5520 and the Santa Fe Club's projects in Guatemala over the last twenty years.

Dona Isabel was often described as the Melinda Gates of Guatemala because of the many children and education related charities she established. One of these was Fundaninas, a home for abandoned girls, that was a must visit on many Rotary trips to Guatemala.

She was excited by the work Rotary was doing in Uspantan. As a young girl she would visit her grandparents on their farm in the Zona Reyna. It was her family that established Pollo Campera, which is now a world-wide franchise.

She provided Rotary teams with the vehicle used to travel to Uspantan and often hosted team dinners in her home. She visited District 5520 several years ago, attending Club meetings in Espanola, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, and Albuquerque.

The Rotary Foundation honored her on the 90th anniversary of Rotary in Central America, and she was also featured on the front of the Rotarian magazine. In 2012, she was awarded the Order of the Quetzal, the highest award in Guatemala, by the President of Guatemala, for the impact she had on so many young people. This past year, Forbes magazine of Central America named her as one of the 100 most powerful women in Central America and the Dominican Republic. She will be dearly missed by many.



John Hakanson (December 11, 1942 – May 17, 2020)
Rotary Club of Alamogordo

John Hakanson was born December 11, 1942 in Ellensburg, Washington and moved to a farm in the Yakima Valley, where he graduated from Toppenish High School in 1961, and then attended Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon. During his junior year, John attended the University of New Mexico. It was there that John met his wife, Kristin Kirk. They were married in December of 1965. John went back to Washington and graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg in 1966, then moved back to New Mexico.

One day, while playing golf with his father-in-law in Deming, New Mexico, John met the Superintendent of Deming Schools and was hired to teach English at the high school. At Deming High School, he sponsored plays, helped start the baseball team, and refereed basketball. John was elected "Teacher of the Year" and eventually earned his master's degree from Western New Mexico University.

After teaching for three years, John quit and went to work for Select Western Lands. He became interested in politics and served as Vice-Chairman of the Luna County Republican Party. Later, he was elected Probate Judge. While serving as Probate Judge, John became interested in the law, and in 1984, at the age of forty-two, he went back to school at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. He earned his juris doctorate degree in 1987 and was inducted into the Order of the Barristers. John was licensed to practice law in New Mexico and Kansas and did so until his retirement in 2016.

John loved to hunt and fish. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Alamogordo Foundation, the Alamogordo Rotary Club (with a thirty-year perfect attendance), the Elks, and the Eagles. He attended Grace United Methodist Church and served as an usher and on various boards.

He lost his long fight to Parkinson's on May 17, 2020



Janice Ellen Jeter (July 17, 1948 – May 2, 2020)
Rotary Club of White Sands

Janice Ellen Jeter peacefully went to be with the Lord in Libertyville, Illinois. Janice was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

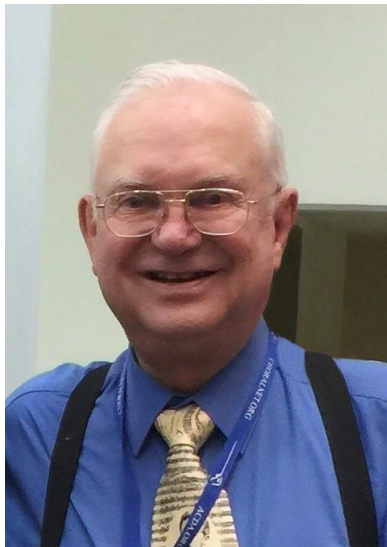
She was a graduate of Alamogordo Senior High School. She married Ronald Jeter in 1969. They were co-owners of The Ink Well, Inc., retiring in 2009. Community was very important to Janice and she participated in many committees, boards, organizations, and clubs. She wanted her community to be its best and was happy to pitch in and help whenever needed. Janice was an Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce member for many years. She was an Ambassador with the Chamber and was the first second-generation President of the Board of Directors in 2000-2001. Janice also was also a recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award for the Chamber in 2007. She was a member of the White Sands Rotary Club for 26 years and held many offices including president in 1996-1997. Janice was awarded the Professional Person of the Year by the Rotary Club twice during her membership. Janice was a member of the Preceptor Alpha Pi Sorority. She was awarded Sweetheart/Girl of the Year in 2018 and truly loved all her sisters. Friends and family alike will miss her "can do" attitude, her warm, affectionate manner, and most of all her amazing hugs.



Joe Stanley Keith (November 25, 1941 – April 29, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Joe Stanley Keith, age 78, was born in Ashgrove, MO and moved to New Mexico as a child. He attended UNM and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Music education. Joe and his wife owned The Music Mart on Carlisle Boulevard from 1969-2018. Under his guidance, the business grew to be one of the top in the industry. Joe served on the American Choral Directors Association National Board, Chair of the Handbell Industry Council, AGEHR board, HIC board, ABA Industry Council, and along with his wife, was a founding member of the Retail Print Music Dealers Association where they were awarded the RPMDA's top honor, the Dorothy Award. His passion for music brought much joy to many people throughout New Mexico.

Through the years, Joe was recognized many times for his dedication and service to the industry. Joe was an active member of The Rotary Club of Albuquerque often leading our club in its weekly song and introduction of visiting Rotarians and guests during lunch. Joe was also a member of St. John's United Methodist Church. Joe directed many choral and handbell groups over the last 54 years. Joe enjoyed traveling with friends to numerous states and countries, and experiencing the music and cultures around the world. He spent his retirement arranging many pieces for his publishing company, Mentor Music, and for his Men's Chorus and St. John's.



Anita Aufill Kelly (November 13, 1947 – October 4, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Anita Aufill Kelly (Williams) was born in Norman OK, and was a lifelong resident of Albuquerque. After graduating from the University of New Mexico and obtaining her CPA, Anita was a proud and hardworking finance professional, working as controller for Rust Tractor and then serving for more than a decade in leadership positions at the NM Taxation and Revenue Department. She then became leader of the state and local tax practice at Arthur Anderson. She was subsequently a partner/practice leader for the highly successful state and local tax practice at Meyner's & Company and continued her tax career to its successor Clifton Larson in Albuquerque, before retiring from her tax/accounting career. Then, with too much energy for retirement, Anita joined daughter Karen to found Stallard Kelly Homes, their current real estate firm.

Anita enjoyed her varied philanthropic work including United Way, New Mexico Special Olympics, Rotary and Lap Dog Rescue; among many others. Her like-minded and charitable friends and her lap dogs and fosters provided many years of companionship and love.



Stuart H. “Mike” Maule (July 8, 1931 – March 28, 2021)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe del Sur

Stuart H. (Mike) Maule was born July 8, 1931 in Los Angeles, California. He attended UC Berkeley and received his B.A. in Anthropology. While at Berkeley, Mike met and married the love of his life, Maggie.

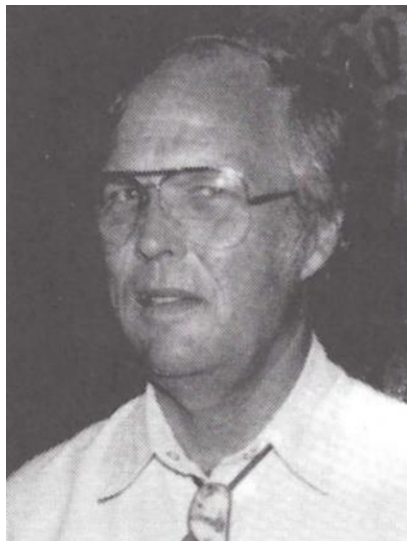
Mike served 3 years in the U.S. Army, then began his professional career in 1956 with the National Park Service. During his service with National Parks, Mike had a variety of assignments including Mesa Verde National Park, Saguaro National Monument in Arizona, and three different assignments in the Washington DC area as an archaeologist. He also served at FDR’s home in Hyde Park, and twice in Santa Fe as Regional Superintendent.

Mike and Maggie loved Native American art and built an incredible collection while making lifelong friendships. They both loved to travel and were always planning their next big adventure.

Shortly after Mike began working with the National Park Service, his boss invited him to lunch which turned out to be his first Rotary meeting. Mike was a member of the Hyde Park, NY and Richmond, VA clubs before joining the Rotary Club of Santa Fe in 1988. Mike served District 5520 as an Assistant Governor and Lt. Governor for the northern area.

Mike would always insist the Rotary Club of Santa Fe had a grill reserved for him so he could flip pancakes during the annual Pancakes on the Plaza. He ended his Rotary career as a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Fe del Sur.

Mike passed away on March 28, 2021.



Don Miller (Unknown, 89 years)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Don Miller joined the Rotary Club of Santa Fe in 2012. He was co-founder and a mainstay of the New Mexico Center for Therapeutic Riding.

Don's wife Marilyn shared an obituary that Don has been writing over the past decade. It was Don's attempt to grasp the meaning of his 89 years. In it, he wrote:

"So how do the days of your life become measured, the value of what you've done?"

The true measure will not be what I've built nor what I've had, but what I gave!

I asked myself many times what I have learned, but in the end what matters is what one has taught. What becomes important are one's acts of integrity, courage, compassion, love, charity, encouragement, and sacrifice that may have enriched others.

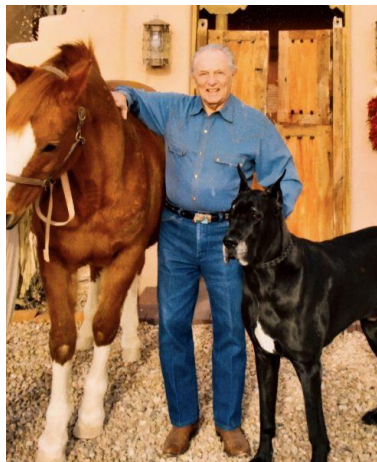
Getting involved in the charitable work of helping others is very, very fulfilling. NMCTR is just that for me. I do enjoy it and I have gained another dimension and purpose in life.

I try to give someone a laugh or a smile every day. Pay them a compliment, or a positive thought of the future. Lift them up, rather than down. Share a smile rather than a frown.

I keep asking myself if I'll ever shoot my age in golf.

I'm astonished at the success and growth of NMCTR. I never imagined the program could help so many young people in need of help. It proves that horses can hear."

Don's leadership and insights were valued assets to the Rotary Club of Santa Fe, and he will be dearly missed.



Thomas “Tom” Noah Mobley Jr. (November 29, 1937 – November 2, 2020)
Rotary Club of Las Cruces

Tom was a long-time pillar of the Las Cruces, NM community, passed from complications arising from the COVID-19 virus. He was born on a farm in Artesia and was raised by his father and his grandparents who drove his work ethic and integrity at an early age. At Artesia High School Tom was very active in the Future Farmers of America (FFA) which led him to NMSU where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. While at NMSU, Tom met and eventually married Anne Hille, the love of his life for 59 wonderful years. They were blessed with three children.

Tom worked a variety of jobs eventually leading to banking where his ability to develop relationships he was a natural. Tom joined the First National Bank of Dona Ana County (FNB) in 1970 as an Agricultural Loan Officer, later he became the Sr. Vice president and head of the Trust Department. After a few mergers, Tom ultimately retired from Wells Fargo in 2002.

Tom was very active in the Las Cruces community, NMSU and the NM agricultural industry. He served as a Rotarian, President of NM Farm and Livestock Bureau, member of the NM Cattle Growers Association, President of the NMSU Alumni Association, member of the NMSU Foundation Board of Directors & Presidents Associates, member of the NMSU Aggie Scholarship Association, Secretary of the NM Farm and Ranch Museum Board of Directors, member of the NM Farm & Ranch Museum Foundation, member of the Mesilla Valley Hospice Board of Directors, member of the Memorial Medical Center Professional Advisory Committee, President of the Southern NM State Fair, and President of the Dona Ana County United Way. Most notably, Tom was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus of the NMSU College of Agriculture in 1994 and named Citizen of the Year by the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce in 1987.

Tom’s passion was ranching he always said that mending fence and riding a horse were good for the soul. He enjoyed sharing the ranch with others and spending time with his family.



James “Jim” Moore (November 11, 1928 – April 30, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Jim was born November 11, 1928 in Laurel, Nebraska. His family moved to Laramie, Wyoming when he was nine. He served in the 151st Tank Battalion of the Wyoming National Guard during the Korean Conflict and graduated from the University of Wyoming in 1953.

In 1953 he moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico to join the family business, Moore’s Clothing store, with his brother Tom. He joined the Santa Fe Rotary Club in 1953 and never missed a meeting. He also served as President of the Club from 1969-1970.

In 2010, Jim moved to Houston where he joined the West University Rotary Club with his daughter, Alice Moore. There, Jim continued his perfect attendance, achieving over 60 years of perfect attendance in Rotary.

Jim Moore will be remembered as the consummate nice guy; genuine, good-humored, and kind-hearted, traits he maintained to the end of his life.

Jim passed away on April 30, 2020 at the age of 91, in Houston, Texas.



John “Jay” Michele Allan Neff (April 12, 1963 – March 1, 2021)
Rotary Club of Clovis

“Jay was born in Clovis and spent most of his life there. He graduated from Clovis High School (1981) and from NMSU (1985) with a B.B.A. in Finance. He started working at Sunwest Bank in Clovis as a teller in 1986. He married Deana Keslar in 1986, and they had one son. Jay worked his way up to the position of vice president of the bank. Following his career at the bank, he furthered his career as a property manager with Arno Massey at Western Mortgage (now Western Management).

In 1999, the opportunity arose and he purchased Landmark Title, Inc. His son Michele joined him in the business in 2015. They purchased Graham Abstract in Portales in January 2021.

Jay was very active in the Clovis community. He was past president of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and the New Mexico Land Title Association. He volunteered and served on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross Zia Chapter from 1994 to 2001. He was a founding member of Ag 50 and Chairman of the Chamber's BNSF Committee and a lifelong member of the Committee of 50. Jay was a big supporter of the Clovis agricultural community and rodeo events. He was an active member of the Clovis Rotary Club and First United Methodist Church. Jay loved hunting and yardwork, but most of all, he loved his family, his friends, his animals and his life. He was a true friend to all and always gave more than he took.



Dr. James J. “Doc” “Jim” O’Connell (February 26, 1944 – October 26th, 2020)
Rotary Club of Deming

Known to most as Jim or 'Doc', he was an eternal optimist and dreamer. Jim was born in Chicago, Illinois. He met and married the love of his life, Ellen (Pickles) in 1967. He enlisted in the Army in 1966 and was stationed in Albuquerque where he and Ellen fell in love with the mountains and the Southwest. Following honorable discharge from the Army, he returned to Chicago to complete Dental school at Loyola University and moved to Deming in 1974 to begin his dental practice at Deming Dental Services. He would proudly serve the community in this capacity for 32 years, not only as a dentist but also as a board of director's member and chair for Delta Dental of New Mexico and as a mentor for Pre-Dental students attending New Mexico State University. During this time, he felt privileged to treat many generations and took great pride and joy in his work. He retired in 2006 but continued to stay busy within the community. Recently, he assisted the staff at Deming Orthodontics and frequently remarked how great it was to see the children or grandchildren of former patients.

Jim's desire to serve his community included long-term involvement in multiple service organizations including the Lions Club and Rotary International. A long-time member of the Lions club, he served as the district governor in 1985-1986, and was instrumental in starting the eye screening program for elementary school children in Luna County. He worked diligently with Rotary to start the Celebration of Life in Deming and was very involved in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) program, serving as a camp counselor and doctor for the last several years. Jim was also a part of the Community Health Care Foundation, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the New Mexico Dental Association as a Southwest District Trustee.

Jim loved to travel and was fortunate to take many wonderful trips with Ellen including scuba diving excursions, cruises and road trips through Ireland. He loved the water, boating, fishing and scuba diving and shared his love of these with all of his family. Weekends at Elephant Butte were a summer tradition. Jim was also an avid gardener with a passion for unusual plants. As part of this hobby, he grew a vast variety of orchids, lilies and plumeria. There were always at least three orchid plants blooming in their home on any day of the year. Stray or injured animals had a way of finding their way to Jim as well, and during his life, he cared for many including chickens, ducks, turtles, an injured turkey vulture and an abandoned quail to name a few of the more unusual creatures he found in his care.

More than anything, he loved his family. His love, support, wisdom and humor were legendary and steadfast and our memories of him will be carried in our hearts always.



Alfredo Ontiveros (1949 – February 12, 2021)
Rotary Club of Silver City

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Alfredo Ontiveros, Jr., grew up in Ajo, Arizona full of spirit and an extraordinary personality. He married his high school sweetheart, Donna, and promptly began a life of adventure that crossed the globe and several states. Alfred enlisted in the Air Force and proudly served 24 years, becoming an officer 7 years into his service. He supported the mission by serving in Air Force hospitals in the United States and at US bases in Spain and Germany. He helped lead the 23rd Tactical Hospital in deployment from England Air Force Base in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After retirement from the Air Force and receiving his Bachelor's and Master's in Healthcare Administration, he successfully ran hospitals and new hospital projects in Cd. Juarez, Mexico; Silver City and Alamogordo, NM, Mission, Harlingen, and Eagle Pass TX, Owasso, OK, El Paso, TX, Tempe, AZ, and Casper, WY. He loved his job and tried to serve every location with integrity. His energy and personality were larger than life, and he brought enthusiasm and passion to his work and to his life. He was a life-long Rotarian and was dedicated to the service of others.

Alfred and Donna shared a life filled with love for more than 43 years. Together they traveled the world and raised three children. The couple showed others the meaning of true love and unconditionally supported their children and grandchildren.

Alfred was a blessed and lucky man. After the death of his beloved Donna, he was able to share a new love and life with his wife of 5 years, Barbara. Alfred cherished each day with Barbara and loved sharing adventures with her around the world. We should all be so lucky to experience the love that Alfred did.

True to form, Alfredo always wished for his end of life to be a celebration. He wanted Ozzy Osbourne's Crazy Train played at his memorial as a reminder to live life to the fullest every day. To quote one of his favorite songs, "It's not too late to learn how to love, and forget how to hate."



Henry Pick (September 16, 1930 – July 25, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Everyone who knew Henry Pick loved him for his wit, kindness, loyalty, and generosity. He played tennis and golf, fished in the Pecos, and dispensed directions and advice to all until the very end. His family, White Swan Laundry, Rotary International (especially RYLA), New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI), and starting the Valdez Industrial Park were the pride and joys of his life.

Henry was born in Santa Fe in 1930. While attending college at NMMI, Henry met his forever partner, Peggy Sue Whitehead. They were married in 1952. Henry was a lifelong resident of Santa Fe. He often reminisced about how he rode his horse into the La Fonda Hotel when he was young. He attended public schools in Santa Fe through the 10th grade. He finished high school and attended junior college at NMMI, where he played football and basketball. He obtained his B.S. in Business from the NMMI senior college in 1952. Henry was one of the few cadets to graduate from the high school, junior college and senior college. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After two years of active duty he returned to Santa Fe to work in the family laundry business while serving in the National Guard for three years with a final rank of Captain. Henry was proud of his military service and assured his family he would have been a general if he had made the military a career.

Henry and Sam purchased White Swan Laundry and Dry Cleaners in 1965 and grew the business into a uniform and linen supply rental company serving hotels and restaurants in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and other locations in northern New Mexico, as well as St. Vincent's Hospital and many other local businesses. The Pick brothers provided opportunities to those less fortunate through mechanisms like the prison work release program. Every employee was like family; when Henry sold the business to a national firm in 1988, he helped all 51 of his employees find other jobs. The business sponsored a little league baseball team for over 40 years. The White Swan building remains a local Santa Fe landmark on Cerrillos Road to this day.

Henry believed Rotary International was the finest civic organization in the world. He joined Rotary in 1972 and remained active in Rotary for the rest of his life. Everything he thought, said, or did was governed by the Rotary Four Way Test. Henry was president of the Santa Fe Rotary, District Governor of New Mexico and West Texas, and co-founded Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). Henry represented nine different Rotary Presidents at International Conventions and was a highly regarded and humorous speaker. He was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. Henry was inducted into the NMMI Hall of Fame in 1998 in recognition of his life of service. Santa Fe recognized Henry's lifetime of contribution to the community with the Living Treasure Award in 2015.



James “Jim” Barnum Robinson Jr. (September 26, 1931 – December 1, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Colonel James Barnum Robinson, Jr was born in Savannah, Georgia. Jim graduated from Atlanta’s North Fulton County High School in 1949. A graduate of Presbyterian College in South Carolina, he commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army, beginning his service in 1953 as an Infantry Officer and Ranger in the 82nd Airborne Division “All American”, completing the remainder of his career in the Military Police Corps. He honorably served our country for 30 years before retiring from the US Army Reserves in 1983.

Jim’s civilian career was in sales. A stalwart, award-winning sales representative and account executive for Mosler, Inc. and later Diebold, Inc., he dedicated his life to meeting the security needs of banks across New Mexico and West Texas. Jim was New Mexico’s very first Certified Protection Professional (CPP) and proudly displayed it on his car’s license plate (CPP*ONE) for 40 years until his passing. As a life member of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA), the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS), a dedicated Rotarian and Mason, Jim was a respected contributor and leader in the business community who believed in giving back to that community at every opportunity. Having been stricken with Guillain-Barre Syndrome in 1986, Jim not only overcame the crippling paralysis and effects of that horrible disease, he became an advisory council member and New Mexico Liaison to the Guillain-Barre International Foundation.

He would always family and friends, “Be kind... Everyone you meet is fighting a battle”, one of his favorite phrases. “Facing the end, I’m sad at leaving the party” was his favorite saying as he neared the end of a truly marvelous life.



Mary Patricia Robinson (November 20, 1932 – April 16, 2020)
Rotary Club of Santa Fe

Mary was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. She had a spiritual and robust life with many interests and accomplishments. Of the many places she lived, Mary grew up and spent most of her years in her beloved Santa Fe. She was an active member of the community both professionally and personally. Her professional career included working for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, the Hinkle Law Firm, and holding several positions in New Mexico State Government. She seized the opportunity to own and operate the very successful Plaza II Executive Center where over a span of twenty-seven years she helped her many tenants and befriended many as well.

Mary was active with Rotary International of Santa Fe, receiving several Paul Harris Awards. Her ongoing community service included the Board of the Santa Fe Opera Guild, co-chairing the July 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast, volunteering at the International Folk Art Market and serving on the New Mexico Arts Commission.

Mary's greatest passion was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Coming in a close second was her love for the Notre Dame Fighting Irish football team, cheering them on in her living room, in South Bend, Indiana and even in Dublin, Ireland.

Her family writes, “May our wild Irish rose be forever at peace in God's arms”.



Joseph “Joe” A. Rose (June 24, 1931 – October 16, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Sol/Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Joe was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico and graduated with a B.A. degree in Business Administration and Economics from Eastern New Mexico State University. Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 and completed Officer Candidate School as well as 18 months of tank training. He served in Korea in support of the 1st Marine Division.

Joe married Anne Howard (his Rotary Anne) in 1954 in Dallas, Texas. He was an entrepreneur and enjoyed working and serving in his community. Joe served in a leadership capacity in the Republican Party, Boy Scouts of America, local museum board and National Park Historical Association. He was also President of the Carlsbad N.M. Chamber of Commerce, Carlsbad Rotary Club and N.M. Sand and Gravel Association. He served on the Board of Carlsbad National Bank and was Development Officer for the Regional fund-raising campaigns for Lakeview Christian Home.

Joe enjoyed hunting, camping, hiking, public speaking and presentations on the history of the U.S. Joe was active in preserving antique truck history and was President of the ABQ Club. He was also proud to have participated in the 2018 Northern New Mexico Honor Flight to Washington D.C. and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Joe was instrumental in getting new Rotarians, especially young ones, involved in Interact and RYLA. He was a frequent visitor to the RYLA camps and recommended many outstanding campers to the programs over several years. Joe became close friends and mentor for a number of younger Rotarians, Rotary exchange students and an Ambassadorial Scholar (Steffen Zipfel) from Germany who stayed in touch with Joe and Anne after his departure from New Mexico.



James “Jim” Monroe Scott (July 1, 1925 – June 15, 2020)
Rotary Club of Las Cruces

James was born in El Paso, Texas. He attended school in El Paso, Texas and graduated from Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy in May 1949. He married Marta M. Hargett in 1950 in El Paso. He worked as a District Manager for Mountain Bell for 35 years. After retirement, he founded JMS Scott Real Estate Rentals in Las Cruces.

Jim served in the Navy and was a veteran of World War II. He was very civic minded and served in numerous organizations. He was involved in the Junior Chamber of Commerce in El Paso, Texas and Albuquerque, New Mexico. He was active in the Optimist Club in Albuquerque where he served as Club President. After moving to Las Cruces, he joined the Las Cruces Rotary Club and was awarded the Paul Harris Fellow. He was also active in the Yucca Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He received numerous honors and was given The Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service by the Scouts.



Chuck K. Stephenson (December 11, 1933 – September 5, 2020)
Rotary Club of Marfa

Charles Kenneth "Chuck" Stephenson was a devoted father and grandfather to his family, and an amazing gentleman to his friends who considered him a great guy, who was public spirited and service oriented.

Chuck was born in Lufkin, Texas. He spent his childhood growing up around Victoria, Texas and graduated high school in Bloomington, Texas. He later attended Rice University on a football scholarship, but eventually earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston. He became a police officer for the City of Bellaire, and a claims representative for Travelers and Allstate. He married, and later divorced, Carol Jean Yarbrough, with whom he had two children. He went to night school to obtain his law degree and was admitted into the State Bar of Texas in 1964. For the next 50+ years he practiced law as a trial attorney in Houston with his firms of Stephenson & Moore, Stephenson, Anderson & Assoc., and Stephenson & Lowry. He retired to Marfa, Texas in 2010 where he met his devoted partner, Verena Zbinden. He never gave up his love of practicing law, which prompted him to serve as Magistrate and Municipal Judge for Marfa from 2017 – 2019.

Chuck enjoyed tennis, sailing and hot air ballooning, but his biggest passion was his service to people. He donated a lot of his time and money to various organizations such as Boys and Girls Harbor in LaPorte, Texas. He served on the Board of Trustees for the University of Houston and was voted 'Volunteer of the Year' by the University of Houston. He was the most passionate and dedicated to the Rotary Club, where he served as President of the Marfa Rotary Club and National District Director. He was recently awarded the Rotarian Lifetime Service award and became a Paul Harris Fellow with black diamond status.

Chuck could put a smile on your face as he was always full of good stories and jokes to share with family or friends. He lived his life to the fullest and will be dearly missed.



Larry G. Stolarczyk (July 17, 1938 – August 20, 2020)

Rotary Club of Raton

Dr. Larry Stolarczyk was born in Greeley, Colorado and graduated from Kersey High School in 1956. He married Beverly Anne Frames in 1959. Larry received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado in 1960, a MS degree in Electrical Engineering from NMSU in 1965, and his Sc.D. in Electrical Engineering with Theoretical Physics and Mathematics from NMSU in 1970. In 1975 he graduated from the UNM Robert O. Anderson School of Business Executive Program in Industrial Administration. At NMSU, he was inducted into the Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society, Sociedad de Ingenieros and the Academy of Electrical and Computer Engineering. In 2007 he was named Outstanding Alumnus at the 100 year anniversary of NMSU. He received recognition for Outstanding Achievement as a CU Living Legend inducted in 2010 for setting 22 CU school and American track and field records. He received the CU Boulder College of Engineering and Applied Science's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011. Larry and Bev moved to Raton, NM to join the technology company A.R.F. in 1960. They called Raton home for 60 years, raising their three children and founding the Stolar family of companies. He co-founded Stolar, Inc. in 1983. For the next 4 decades, his radio geophysical imaging inventions, tools that were able to image thousands of feet below the earth's surface, contributed to safer coal mining applications and saved U.S. military lives. His tunnel detection and roadside bomb detection technologies were used on borders and in war zones to protect the U.S. military. The DOD stated that the electromagnetic gradiometer conceived and developed by Larry was the most important contribution to geophysics instrumentation in 100 years. Larry held more than 100 US and international patents, wrote more than 40 technical papers, and generated more than \$80 million in economic revenue for the northern New Mexico community of Raton. Stolar received six R&D 100 awards for design innovation, twelve New Mexico Technology Flying 40 Awards, and two NM Business Weekly Fast Tracker Awards. In addition, Larry received the Space Act Award from NASA for his method for locating a concealed object.



Thurman Lamar Talley (July 26, 1937 – November 28, 2020)
Rotary Club of Los Alamos

Thurman Lamar Talley of Los Alamos, New Mexico was a devoted and inspiring husband, father, grandfather, brother, mentor and friend with a profound and authentic generosity of spirit.

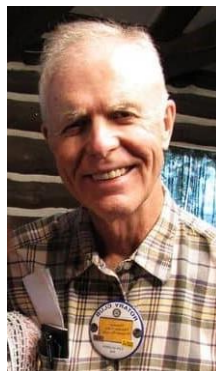
Thurman was born into a caring, working-class family in Portales, NM, where he was an accomplished athlete and student. He studied at Rice and Eastern New Mexico Universities, ultimately earning a doctorate in Nuclear Physics from Florida State. In 1966, he returned to his native New Mexico with a young family to begin what would become a three-decade-long career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. In that capacity, Thurman engaged in both basic and weapons-related research, and he would serve as a Group Leader and Deputy Associate Director for the laboratory before retiring in 1998.

In 1979 he married Gaye Talley, forging a loving partnership that lasted until her death in 2016. Thurman was widely known to be industrious, vigorous, and motivated in both professional and personal life. He had a passion for the outdoors, and he relished backpacking, fishing and alpine skiing. He was active in the United Church of Los Alamos. He also traveled widely to nearly every corner of the globe (including the intrepid, months-long sojourn through the roads and waterways of Western Canada and Alaska in the late 1970s).

Thurman joined Rotary in 1996 and served as Club President in 2011-2012. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow. He was active in several Board positions, including finance and, with his wife Gaye, often hosted international visitors traveling to New Mexico on Group Study and Friendship exchanges. He was a cheerful and ready volunteer.

An incurable boundary tester of DIY protocols, Thurman designed and hand-built a passive solar house on the rim of Pueblo Canyon over the course of seven years – all before solar was even “cool”. It is in this home that he would happily spend the remainder of his life.

While Thurman’s self-reliance was the stuff of legend, it pales in comparison to his kind and generous spirit. He was devoted to the welfare of not only his family, but also of anyone who came within his orbit. Thurman spent countless hours with children, grandchildren, and mentees, patiently and cheerfully conveying the finer points of auto repair, trout fishing, math/logic puzzles, riding T-bar lifts, high-energy plasma simulations, woodworking, and proper throwing technique for virtually any type of ball. He was an ever-present, emotional rock and safety net for many. It is that essence of him that will long be remembered – and imperfectly emulated – by all who mourn him.



Major General H. Tom Taylor (May 2, 1928 – September 23, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Major General H. Tom Taylor, Jr. took great responsibility and deeply cared for all his extended family. He was a well-known businessman, active member in the Albuquerque community, and dedicated military commander. He will be remembered for his contributions to the City of Albuquerque, the State of New Mexico, and the country, and as a true gentleman of integrity.

Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and raised in Roswell, New Mexico, Tom was the eldest of six children. He attended Pepperdine University, CA for one year, and transferred to the University of New Mexico earning a BA in accounting.

Major General Taylor served over 35 years in the New Mexico National Guard from 1948-1983. He began active duty in the U.S. Army (1951-1954) as a battery commander and staff officer in Germany. There he met and married his future wife, Inge. In 1954, they settled in Albuquerque. He continued in the NM National Guard in various command and staff positions and numerous tours of active duty. From 1978 -1983, he was commander of the 111th Air Defense Artillery Brigade composed of a brigade headquarters and four air defense artillery battalions. He was always proudly a soldier's general.

Taylor worked for Savage and Sganzi, Inc. as head of commercial property management (1954-1970) and president (1970-1975). From 1975-1994, as Executive Director of the Sandia Foundation, a philanthropic real estate investment foundation, he supported the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Dickinson College, PA, and UNM.

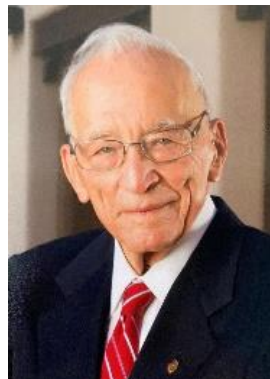
Major General Taylor worked tirelessly to enhance the community, most often in many leadership roles including as President, Treasurer, Board Member, or Trustee. Among Taylor's proudest achievements was securing funding and land for the National Museum for Nuclear Science & History, expanding and finding a permanent location for the New Heart health program, helping to preserve UNM's Hodgins Hall, and serving Central United Methodist Church for over thirty years. Other organizations he proudly led include the Albuquerque Armed Forces Advisory Association, Lions Club, UNM Alumni Association, UNM's Robert O. Anderson School of Management, and La Vida Llena Resident Council.

In 2007, Major General Taylor received the Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award. At that time, he was serving as Emeritus Member Board of Trustees, Presbyterian Health Foundation, Emeritus Chair of New Mexico Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (a Department of Defense organization), and Rotary Club of Albuquerque.

In addition, Major General Taylor was the recipient of the New Mexico Medal for Outstanding Service, the New Mexico Medal of Merit, Silver Beaver Award for Distinguished Service to Youth by the Boy Scouts of America, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Congressman Steve Schiff Kirtland Air Force Base Advocacy Award, among many other civilian awards.

Military awards include the United States Legion of Merit, the Secretary of Defense Distinguished Service Medal, U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Association of the U.S. Army American Spirit Award.

Tom generously gave his love, attention, and care to his wife and family. He always made special time for family activities, whether a game of tennis or weekend outings to explore New Mexico history. He was a kind-hearted friend and trusted colleague. He was respected by all, because he always treated each person with respect and dignity.



Louis Nathaniel “Tom” Thomas, Jr. (Unknown – November 3, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Louis Nathaniel "Tom" Thomas, Jr. was born in Huntington, West Virginia, but he got to Texas as fast as he could. Tom grew up in Abilene and attended Cooper High School before moving to Plainview, Texas. A lifelong Red Raider fan, he attended Texas Tech University where he joined his fraternity, Fiji. Texas Tech also connected him to the love of his life, Tina Weatherby, a love that would last until the day he died (and no doubt continues from above).

Tom built a successful career in medical device sales, innovating new ways to provide excellent service to his clients and customers. He was passionate about training others in his field and helping them build careers. His footprint in the industry impacted literally hundreds. The family appreciates the many calls, emails, and texts from his friends and colleagues, all of which emphasize his role as a mentor.

Tom was a best friend to his brother, Mike. He had three children and he was the best father anyone could ask for. The way he loved their mother was the greatest gift he could give them. "Poppa T" was a grandfather for the ages to his four grandchildren. When you grow up with a father or grandfather like him, you know without question that you are loved and supported in every possible way. He left nothing unsaid. He showed his family he loved them with every interaction. Dad was our hero.

Besides his family, Tom's greatest loves were golf, watching the Spurs and Red Raiders play, sunsets and moon rises, movie and sports trivia, and his puppies, Molly and Gracie. He was a devout Christian and carried the same Jerusalem Bible to church and bible study for over 40 years of spirit.



Carol Tucker Trelease (March 29, 1943 – December 9, 2020)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque

Carol Tucker Trelease was known for her happy disposition, kindness to others, her unwavering drive to fight for social justice and reproductive rights, and polite honesty. Carol had a smile for everyone she saw at Coronado Villas Independent Living where she relocated in 2019 after many years in Sandia Heights. She loved her daily walks, playing bean bag baseball, and being involved with the many activities her community offered. When she wasn't reading, she was visiting with the staff, promptly responding to email, or doing something to keep her curious mind active.

Born in Santa Cruz, California, Carol grew up in Northern California. The first in her family to go to college, she earned her Bachelors of Arts in Spanish from Mills College in 1965, graduating 7th in her class and Phi Beta Kappa. She was selected as a Fulbright Scholar and spent a year studying literature at the University of Cordoba in Argentina. She moved to Colorado where her first husband, Robin Tuchler, was in medical school, and she taught high school Spanish. In order for her husband to fulfill his military obligations, they moved to the Navajo reservation in Crownpoint, New Mexico where he served with the Public Health Service. They subsequently relocated to Albuquerque in 1974 with their 3 daughters.

Carol was passionate about fighting for equality and helping people help themselves. This brought her to focus on reproductive rights and social justice. She was the CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rio Grande for over 20 years, working to ensure women could plan their families and control their own destinies. She retired early as a promise to her second husband, Richard Trelease, and they traveled the globe as planned. When he passed away in 2005, Carol was given an incredible opportunity to continue supporting her passions and making a difference in the world as the Executive Director of the Nirvana Manana Institute. NMI was a foundation that made grants to support a sustainable population and for which the founder said Carol was the true heartbeat. She also traveled with Albuquerque International Association and other local groups, and continued her civic involvement as an active board member, volunteer, and tireless advocate for Planned Parenthood, the League of Women Voters, Popejoy Hall, the Senior Citizens' Law Office, St. John's Cathedral, the St. John's Thrift Shop, and many others. She was respected as an effective fundraiser and lobbyist at the legislature. Friends have called her "a legend" and remarked on her effective leadership style. She cared a lot about others, and gave so much to so many.



Gloria Vaughn (June 25, 1936 – December 12, 2020)
Rotary Club of White Sands

Gloria Vaughn was born to a father from Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico and mother from Corpus Christi, Texas. She attended school until the 8th grade and worked at a carwash to help support her family. When she was old enough, she attended Del Mar Jr. College and the Salvation Army College in Atlanta, Georgia. She served as a youth minister at the Salvation Army in Laredo, Houston & Dallas, where she met her husband Jim at a youth rally. She was lovingly nicknamed by her husband "Que Linda Bonita Sunshine Los Ojos de Cafeces".

As a military wife, Gloria was able to travel & live throughout Europe and the US before making a home in New Mexico. She and Jim had 2 children. Gloria and Jim both taught 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School at Grace United Methodist Church for 30 years. While living in Otero County, she served and helped in many organizations and received numerous awards during her life. Gloria served as New Mexico State Representative of District 51 from 1995-2010. She served on several committees within the State Legislature. She tirelessly worked as an advocate to improve the lives of the needy, women, children and veterans. She loved to oil paint, make crafts and travel.



(Marie) Flaurance “Fofu” Voltaire-Herrick (May 30, 1948 – January 18th, 2021)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque Sandia

A Life Well Lived

“One has achieved success who has lived life well, laughed often, and loved much;
Who has gained the respect of intelligent adults and the love of little children;
Who has filled a niche and accomplished a task;
Who left the world better than one found it.”

Fofu died suddenly from a heart attack on Martin Luther King Day. Her passing was a shock since she had no diagnosed heart condition. She had boundless energy and enthusiasm for everything she set her mind to. She was born in Mirserne, Haiti and raised in Petionville, Haiti and Cambridge Massachusetts. She graduated from Boston University and began her career in the hospitality industry in New York City. She moved to Albuquerque during 1983 and founded Fofu’s Caribbean Restaurant and Caribbean Temptations Spices and Lemonades.

Fofu personified “Service above Self”. Previously a member of the Del Norte Rotary Club, she was a 2010 charter member of the Rotary Club of Albuquerque Sandia, served as Club President and was a Paul Harris Fellow. She also served as a board member of the New Mexico Jazz Workshop and belonged to many service organizations including Albuquerque Links, NM Black Caucus, Heart Hospital Eucharistic Ministry and her own Hands of the Caribbean providing education and health services in Haiti.



Charles R. Williams (January 7, 1945 – February 10, 2021)
Rotary Club of Albuquerque Rio Grande

Charles R. Williams was born in Vancouver, Washington in 1945. Later in 1945, his family relocated back to New Mexico, where he resided for the rest of his life, proudly graduating from Valley High School.

Charles came from a very large loving family, including his six siblings, and countless aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Charles was the owner of Chardans Mechanical (CMI) in Albuquerque for nearly 50 years and was very successful in business, providing boiler services throughout New Mexico. He started a Boiler Safety Association to provide support for the boiler makers in Albuquerque, and remained active, providing training to local and regional contractors in the boiler business. He believed in community service, and supported organizations including the Elks Lodge, Kiwanis International, Lions Club International, Children's Grief Center, and most recently the Rio Grande Chapter of the Rotary Club.

Charles loved the outdoors, including camping, hunting, fishing, skiing, and boating and would never turn down a round of golf. He was an excellent country western dancer, which is how he met his wife Deborah at the Caravan in 2003. He lived life to the fullest and traveled all over the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Mexico, Europe, Thailand, numerous fishing trips to Alaska, poker excursions to Las Vegas, Nevada, and road trips throughout the United States. He rooted for the Cowboys (for better or worse) on Sundays and enjoyed playing poker during his free time, becoming a regular at the casinos in Albuquerque.

Charles' love for his family, friends, and community was apparent to all those who knew him. He was a terrific father, loving husband, proud grandfather and friend to so many. He will be greatly missed.



Robert “Bob” Wyatt (Unknown – December 9, 2020, Age 73)

Rotary Club of Truth or Consequences

In December, Robert “Bob” Wyatt, loving husband, father of two sons, grandfather of nine, and great-grandfather of two, succumbed to COVID-19.

Bob was a Rotarian for three years in Shepherdstown, West Virginia until moving to Caballo, New Mexico where he was inducted into *The Rotary Club of Truth or Consequences* (Club #1328) on August 4, 2020.

He was born in Bay Shore, New York and proudly served in the Seabees, building schools, hospitals, and churches in the Northern I-CORE of Vietnam.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he moved through a series of positions in various professions, always returning to his first love of spreading the Gospel. He was most proud of his work as a street pastor, ministering to the lost and damaged souls who lived on the streets, and did that full-time since 1992. This passion culminated in the formation of *Building Veterans*, a program for veterans with PTSD and addictions seeking recovery.

Bob had a passion for life. While some might think he got bored easily, those who knew him recognized that he sought out new challenges. He was a woodworker; he set high standards and did unique things. He didn’t believe in strangers, just friends he hadn’t met yet. There is not a person he could go by without striking up a good conversation. He was able to form special connections with everyone he met, whether it be through panning for gold, gardening, biking, science, photography, music, or whatever the person he was talking to happened to be into at that time. But again, his number one interest was always service to others. He will be dearly missed.



*May God bless all who have served and
continue to serve through Rotary.*

