

# AFTER INL WORDS

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** – Nancy Carlson, 208-523-9128, [nancymcarlson@q.com](mailto:nancymcarlson@q.com)



Seasons Greeting & Happy Holidays to all! We had a busy summer and fall of well-attended IREA functions. Our summer social held at the Snow Eagle Brewing & Grill in Idaho Falls was delightful with good food and time to visit with friends. Visit <https://inlretirees.org/social-activities/summer-social/> for a summary and photos as well as the column in this newsletter. The IREA Golf Tournament

was as success; details are included in this newsletter. At our Fall General Meeting held on October 16, 2019 Morgan Nield, Director of Eastern Idaho's Area Agency on Aging (AAA) shared an overview of services available to assist seniors to safely remain independent in their homes and participate in their communities. Visit <https://inlretirees.org/social-activities/technical-meetings/> for a summary of Morgan's presentation, links to helpful brochures, and photos. You can also read an newsletter article on these services in our July 2019 newsletter – go to <https://inlretirees.org/newsletters/> and select the link to the July 2019 newsletter.

As 2019 reaches an end remember those tax related activities you need to consider. Investment Committee Chairman, John Johnson, provides a good summary in his Investment column. Beverly Bean, our Historian, has captured those co-workers who passed from July through October 2019. If you know of a co-worker who passed and is not listed, please contact Beverly. Her contact information is included in her No Longer with Us column. Beverly also provided an informative "scam" article we all need to read.

Be sure to print and save the INL 2020 Retirees Points of Contact for Human Resources (HR) and Finance issues in the Benefits column. Put this column with your important papers so you or a family member can locate this information throughout 2020. I had an occasion to use the benefits retiree email message box, [beabenefits@inl.gov](mailto:beabenefits@inl.gov). Posed my written question and had a complete answer via email the next business day. Consider using this communication method when you have a question – it beats leaving a voicemail and hoping you are home when the HR or Finance specialist calls. I don't like phone tag so the email approach is super!!

IREA dues are now \$15/year. This dues change was approved at the August 2019 Membership Meeting held in conjunction with the Summer Social. As expenses have increased the old dues rate of \$10/year (unchanged since 1990 when organization started) was not enough to cover IREA expenses. The membership form in this newsletter reflects the new yearly dues rates.

We would appreciate hearing from you about ways we can improve IREA. Contact any of the board members and share your ideas or volunteer to assist with a committee. All the board members are volunteers, and we would enjoy you joining us on a committee or the board.

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**2020 HR CONTACTS FOR BEA AND FLUOR RETIREES**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>POC phone</b>	<b>POC email</b>
<b>BEA</b>	HR – L’Britney Moore	208-526-3422	<a href="mailto:lbritney.moore@inl.gov">lbritney.moore@inl.gov</a>
	HR – Eric Wittwer	208-526-0638	<a href="mailto:eric.wittwer@inl.gov">eric.wittwer@inl.gov</a>
	Finance – Joseph Drasso	208-526-0717	<a href="mailto:retiree@inl.gov">retiree@inl.gov</a>
	Retiree’s Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	
<b>FLUOR</b>	HR – Jenni Ackerman	208-533-3772	<a href="mailto:jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov">jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov</a>
	Finance – Joseph Drasso	208-526-0717	<a href="mailto:retiree@inl.gov">retiree@inl.gov</a>
	Retiree’s Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	

## **BENEFITS**

**BEA retirees with a Benefits question but you are not sure whom to contact:** INL has set up a benefits-dedicated phone number you can use to reach a human or leave a voice message: 208-526-5500. A benefits-dedicated email box has been set up to which you can send a message, [beabenefits@inl.gov](mailto:beabenefits@inl.gov). The e-message is read and directed by a human to the appropriate HR POC who can answer your inquiry.

**FLUOR retirees with Benefits questions:** Contact Jenni Ackerman at 208-533-3772 or send her an email at [jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov](mailto:jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov) if you have a FLUOR Benefits question.

## **FINANCE**

**BEA or FLUOR retirees with a Finance question but are not sure whom to contact:** INL has set up a dedicated retiree finance phone number you can use to reach a human or leave a voice message 208-526-0717. A retiree-dedicated finance email box is available at [retiree@inl.gov](mailto:retiree@inl.gov) to which you can send a finance question.

## **RETIREE PASSING**

**BEA or FLUOR INL contact for retiree's family:** INL has set up a dedicated phone number (208-526-0352) for your family to inform Finance and Benefits of your passing. Your family member will receive help answering their questions and guidance with any needed paperwork. Be sure to include this information in your important papers.

## **OTHER CHANGES YOU MIGHT NEED TO MAKE**

**Change to your USPS mailing address, phone number, financial institution, Federal Tax Withholding form:** INL has set up a website with the forms needed to make these changes. These forms are mandatory for legal purposes. You can find them at <https://inlcareers.inl.gov/retirees> .If you change your address or phone number, alert HR of those changes via written notification. Here is an additional resource to check if you need to make any of the changes mentioned <https://inlretirees.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Benefits-Finance-important-facts.pdf> .

## **IF YOU ELECTED LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE WHEN YOU RETIRED**

General questions about life insurance should be directed to your HR point of contact.

Remember, when you retired, the insurance policy was a benefit you had to elect to take and pay for monthly from your pension check.

**If you have no monthly life insurance premium deduction** from your INL monthly pension payment, you DO NOT have this insurance coverage. If you did elect this coverage, the life insurance carrier is Prudential Insurance. They can be reached at [1-800-562-9874](tel:1-800-562-9874), and INL's group number is 44274.

Be sure to contact the insurance carrier if you need to change beneficiaries on your policy. Also include life insurance contact information in your important papers so the person handling your estate has clear guidance on this policy.

## **When you need to contact Human Resources (HR) or Finance, we suggest that you:**

- First send an email to [beabenefits@inl.gov](mailto:beabenefits@inl.gov) that clearly states your question – be sure to include your full name, email address, and phone number in the email text.
- You will receive an email response from an HR specialist detailing the answer within one (1) full business day (this does not include weekend days).
- If you have not received an email response after a minimum of one (1) full business day, call the POC's phone number and leave a voicemail message. In that voicemail explain that you have sent an email detailing your question.

Sending an email worked perfectly for an IREA board member when they had a question. In one business day they received clearly written guidance in the body of the email and an attachment containing the needed data!!

## Summer Social Summary:

Friends greeting friends. Good food. Good conversations. The IREA Summer Social was held Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at Snow Eagle Brewing & Grill in Idaho Falls with 37 attendees.

The Snow Eagle provided an excellent meal choice for attendees to choose: Teriyaki Chicken w/salad/coleslaw/french fries or Pulled Pork/coleslaw/french fries/salad and delicious brownies for dessert. The Snow Eagle Brewing & Grill provides a comfortable sit-down atmosphere and served by them. No one had to wait in a line to eat. Special thanks to Ella Ellis, LeRoy Meyer and Nancy Carlson for assistance at registration. Visit <https://inlretirees.org/social-activities/summer-social/> for more photos.

Planning for the 2020 Spring Banquet have started. Details will be included in the spring newsletter.



## 2019 Annual INL Retirees' Golf Tournament Summary:



John E. Finn and Tom McLaughlin coordinated another successful golf event. The IREA golf tournament was held at the Sage Lakes golf course on August 12, 2019. Thirteen four-person teams participated. The tournament was divided into two flights based on each team's handicap. The tournament was a modified scramble with an 8:00 AM 'shotgun' start.

For flight 1, the first-place team of Alan Jones, Fred Hohorst, John Watkins, and Bob Graham won with a net score of 47. The second-place finishers were Jim and Judy Sahr and Russ and Kathy Buckland with a net score of 50. For third place in flight 1, there was a three-way tie with a net score of 52. The winner for third place was decided by a 'putt-off' on the courses practice green. The winner of the 'putt-off' was the team of Kathi and Richard Rice, Steve and Annie Davis.

For flight 2, the first-place winner was Garth Hurley, Ron Jones, Ty Tomchak, and Darrell Pfannenstiel with a net score of 50. The second-place team with a net score of 51 was Bill Perry, Bill Dirk, Ed Johnson, and Ed Baker. Third place finishers with a net score of 52 was Gary Odel, Dick Brunson, Jim Lucas, and Greg Law.

There seemed to be enough interest by the participants of the 2019 golf tournament to continue in 2020. The tournament is scheduled for the second Monday in August 2020.

## **INVESTMENTS** – John Johnson, 208-523-7406, [jejohnson@cableone.net](mailto:jejohnson@cableone.net)

**Year-End Financial Issues:** As we approach the end of 2019, a few items of concern to retirees should be reviewed. For those who have reached, or will soon reach the age of 70½, the issue of required minimum distributions (RMD) from tax-deferred retirement accounts [IRAs, 401(k)s, etc.] is of concern. Those who reached this milestone in past years should be well aware of the RMD. The custodians of these tax-deferred accounts inform their clients in January of what their RMD is for the coming year, and often pester their clients who haven't yet taken their RMD. Failure to take the RMD from tax-deferred retirement accounts when required can result in a penalty of 50% of the RMD shortfall.

Those who have not yet fulfilled the IRA RMD obligation for 2019 can still take advantage of the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allowance. QCDs are tax-free distributions that help satisfy the RMD and must be made directly from the account custodian to the qualifying charity. Qualified charities are generally churches and non-profits registered with the IRS as 501(c)(3)s. The IRA custodian will need the charitable organization's name and mailing address, and may also need their federal tax id number, to make the transfer. Money donated by the QCD mechanism cannot be used as a charitable deduction if the retiree is itemizing deductions on their tax return.

The standard deduction for 2019 tax returns will again be much larger, as in 2018. Thus, very few taxpayers will be able to itemize deductions. However, a few specific types of donations or money transfers can be of significant advantage to taxpayers on their state income tax returns. These latter items include deposits into Idaho Medical Savings Accounts and Idaho College Savings Accounts, donations to educational entities (schools, public TV & radio), and donations to youth and rehab organizations (e.g., Idaho Youth Ranch, the ARC, and the Development Workshop). Deposits into Id. Medical Savings Accounts are deductible on the state return up to \$10,000 for single filers and \$20,000 for joint filers. Deposits into Id. College Savings Accounts are deductible up to \$6000 for single filers and \$12,000 for joint filers. Donations to educational entities (must be in cash) and donations to youth and rehab organizations (may be cash or non-cash goods in sellable condition) can provide tax credits on the state return. Keeping receipts for these donations is important.

Several of us in IREA serve as volunteer income tax return preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program. In performing this service, we occasionally encounter situations with retirees where lack of knowledge or lack of attention to financial matters causes difficulty in preparing a tax return or an undesired outcome of the tax return. These problems can usually be avoided by proper advance planning and recordkeeping during the tax year. Good recordkeeping practices for investments are encouraged for all taxpayers. Keep records of all past stock, mutual fund, and real estate purchases, as well as dividend reinvestments.

# Watch out for this Scam

Beverly Bean, IREA Historian, shared this article: Better Business Bureau ran this article in the Post Register, local Idaho Falls newspaper, providing insight into how scammers can “mine” personal information provided by you willingly for a DNA testing. *Remember free is NOT always free, so don't fall for this scam.*

## **BBB column: Be on the watch for Medicare DNA scams**

By JEREMY JOHNSON Better Business Bureau

July 22, 2019

A few swabs inside the cheek can unfold mysteries of the pasts and a glimpse into the future. Those tiny bits of tissue, with an individual's DNA equation, can reveal ancestors, history, current relatives, even possible future health risks. But like Pandora's box, the key to that information, the cheek swab, may also lead to trouble. Because of that, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has issued a fraud alert on a new genetic testing scam.

Scammers are popping up across the country, offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing through telemarketing calls, booths at public events, health fairs and door-to-door visits. They claim this is at no cost to them and attempt to obtain their Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes.

Unfortunately, this is happening right here in our community. BBB has received reports of this happening here in eastern Idaho, both at doorsteps and at senior health fairs. One report said a company showed up to a health fair, started signing people up and swabbing their cheeks.

They asked for Medicare and supplemental insurance information, as well as personal contact information. After entering information into a smartphone, they asked for several signatures but without a real opportunity for the customer to read what they were signing. Then the technician performed a mouth swab of about 10 times on each side and placed the specimen in a test tube in a plastic bag with a reference number.

There are legitimate companies that perform DNA testing. While this may have been one of those, there are some questions you should ask. If they are a privately-owned business, you'll want to know what they will do with your information and how they will use it. This doesn't just apply to this situation either, it can apply to any business you are working with. According to Jesse Leimgruber, cofounder of Bloom, “In the U.S. alone, more than 10,000 companies are pooling and selling your personal data.” As such, the importance of protecting, limiting and safekeeping this resource can be neglected. The part most data collectors are interested in is how they can use that data to maximize their profits – not to spend money and resources on keeping it safe.

What should people do and beware of with this information?

Be suspicious of anyone who requests your Medicare number. If anyone other than your physician's office requests your Medicare information, do not provide it. If your personal information is compromised, it may be used in other fraud schemes.

Remember again these are private companies, and it's imperative to know how they are handling your personal information and protecting it.

Use caution when agreeing to genetic testing. A physician that you know and trust should approve any requests for genetic testing.

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## 'No Longer with Us' for July 2019 – October 2019: Beverly Bean, 208-357-1845, [mbofidaho@yahoo.com](mailto:mbofidaho@yahoo.com)

The following lists our INL friends who passed away in July 2019 through October 2019. IREA historian, Beverly Bean, compiles this information from the Post Register (Idaho Falls), INL sources, and by calls from friends and family. If there are names you know we have missed, please contact Bev.

### **Previous Deaths**

Layne B. Holden (62) passed away 2/8/15. She worked at INL from 6/18/80-7/7/96.

Cecil Dale Coleman (84) passed away 9/26/18. He worked at INL from 5/9/66-1/30/95.

Neil A. DePue (92) passed away 2/2/19. He worked at INL from 4/16/62-8/30/87 at the Chemical Processing Plant as a laboratory technician and later as a property management specialist.

Thomas J. Taylor (42) passed away 3/11/19. He worked at INL as a Health Physics Technician from 6/1/15-11/30/16.

Martha M. Inouye (95) passed away 3/20/19. She worked at INL from 9/15/75-1/23/92.

Peter DePue (83) passed away 4/4/19. He worked at INL from 12/4/63-1/30/95.

Warren S. Nechodom (88) passed 4/28/19. He served as a member of the principal staff of Exxon Nuclear Idaho Company (ENICO) as Manager of Quality Assurance, Safety, and Security. He worked at INL from 9/8/80-3/31/84.

Tracey L. Taylor (64) passed away 6/10/19. She worked at INL from 5/18/81-4/21/16. She worked for EG&G HR in 1988 and Procurement in 1994.

Millard A. Lee (87) passed away 6/18/19. He worked at INL from 9/19/83-7/30/89. In 1978 the family moved to Pocatello, Idaho, where Millard accepted a research position at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. With the desire to teach again, Millard accepted a teaching position at Dickinson State University in Dickinson, North Dakota from 1981-1983, until funding was more stable at the INEL and he returned to continue research there. He retired from research work in 1989.

Burdett W. Warner, Jr (88) passed away 6/27/19. He worked at INL from 2/28/77-12/9/82.

### **July 2019**

Jostin D. Talcott (75) passed away 7/8/19. He worked at INL-CWI as a Health Physics Technician retiring in 2008.

Ronald Thurman (81) passed away 7/10/19. He worked at INL from 4/8/59-1/30/95.

Douglas J. Taylor (84) passed away 7/13/19. He worked at INL from 6/3/75-1/30/95.

Melvin 'Marx' L. Hintze (80) passed away 7/15/19. He worked at INL from 10/18/77-5/31/88. Marx was well known for his contributions in the space age. He led teams and engineered critical components for the very first spacecraft that landed on Mars, Viking 1 & 2. He also engineered critical components of the Voyager 1 & 2 spacecraft in 1977 which to this day are still operating and have left the solar system. Traveling at speeds faster than 38,000 M\_H through interstellar space, they contain a gold record of the sounds and pictures of the people of earth. He was often seen wearing a NASA hat that said, "Failure is not an option".

Steven J. Fernandez (66) passed away 7/15/19. He worked at INL from 7/5/77-2/20/03. He was employed as a leading researcher and project manager at several national labs.

Roger L. Allen (59) passed away 7/15/19. He worked at INL from 5/22/84-5/24/12 as an electrician.

Stephen W. Farkas (98) passed away 7/16/19. In 1955 he took a job with Westinghouse Electric Corp where he taught radiological safety to US Navy submarine personnel, including crews from the USS Nautilus. In Sept 1967 he left Westinghouse to join the Dept of Energy-Idaho Operations Safety Division where he was responsible for coordination of the Radiological Assistance Plan for the five-state DOE Region 6. He remained with the DOE for 22 years, retiring December 1989.

Helen O. Nugent (78) passed away 7/19/19. She worked at INL from 2/23/83-6/30/94.

James W. Owens (84) passed away 7/25/19. He was a senior scientist from INL, from 9/15/86-5/27/98.

Pamela Barr (73) passed away 7/27/19. She worked at INL from 6/16/86, retiring from FLUOR in January 2011.

Hal LaMar Monson (87) passed away 7/29/19. He worked at INL from 11/15/56-1/30/95 as a Project Engineer/Manager for most if not all of this time at the Chemical Processing Plant.

John F. Platz (83) passed away 7/29/19. He worked at INL from 1/23/84-4/19/93.

Debra L. Phelps Pfeifer (63) passed away 7/31/19. She worked at INL from 2/9/87-7/19/89.

### **August 2019**

Raymond D. Baird (94) passed away 8/11/19. He worked at INL from 10/29/56-9/29/86.

Roger A. Richardson (75) passed away 8/13/19. He worked at INL from 5/30/79-6/24/01, as an Electrical Engineer working on and tested the first electric car. He worked for Martin-Marietta Denver, where he worked on the Viking 1 & 2, the very first space craft that landed on Mars. He worked on the Voyager 1 & 2 which went to Jupiter, has left the solar system, and is still working to this day.

Max Boyd Covington (87) passed away 8/17/19. He was primarily working for contractors at the site and the last 20 years he worked for the government on a special project for the Army.

Michael 'Mike' D. Peters (76) passed away 8/17/19. He worked at INL from 6/6/67-2/25/98. He started working at Bettis Atomic Power Lab in 1967 and then transferred to NRF in Idaho and qualified as an operator of the A1W prototype power plant. Subsequently, he transferred to the INL and worked on multiple assignments, including the L.O.F.T. Project and the Three Mile Island cleanup in Harrisburg, PA, retiring in 1998.

Dr. Richard 'Jake' T. Jacobsen (77) passed away 8/20/19. Jake was seconded to INL (BBWI) from the University of Idaho serving as INL's Chief Scientist. He worked here from 10/1/1999 to 1/31/2005. During his more than fifty-year career, Jake served in several administrative roles and conducted international collaborative research at the U of I, Idaho State University, and the Idaho National Laboratory.

Garth C. McGary (95) passed away 8/23/19. He worked at the Atomic Energy Commission from 1950-1956 as a fireman.

Bruce L. Hunt (60) passed away 8/25/19. He worked at INL as a warehouseman from 11/8/77-9/28/16.

Dennis R. Mechling (76) passed away 8/25/19. He worked at INL as a Metal Machinist.



Jack H. Taylor (80) passed away 8/26/19. He worked at INL from 4/15/75-6/24/01.

Brent R. Helm (71) passed away 8/29/19. He worked at INL beginning 1/16/84, practicing as a professional mechanical engineer for many years. He loved his work and loved working with and mentoring other professionals and felt great professional satisfaction and pride working at Idaho National Laboratory, retiring from CWI 3/22/08.

## **September 2019**

Stanley L. Palmer (68) passed away 9/8/19. He worked at INL as an architect from 3/2/81-10/1/06, then moved to CWI, retiring in 2016. He was the first licensed architect hired at INL and later became the chief architect. One of his favorite projects was a building, for which he won an award, which included an 8' wall to retain solar heat and save on energy costs.

David L. Brown (79) passed away 9/9/19. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer from 6/5/02-6/6/05, and then moved on to Argonne-W.

Delmar Anderson (87) passed away 9/10/19. He drove bus for the Atomic Energy Division of the Phillips Petroleum Company.

Michael W. Petersen (64) passed away 9/11/19. He worked at NRF for the past 30 years as a water pit tech, and for the last several years, he was a Quality Inspector.

Gary O. Lee (79) passed away 9/12/19. He worked at INL from 6/16/86-8/15/90.

Jay L. Hawkes (86) passed away 9/14/19. He worked at INL, as well as Basic American Foods and Union Pacific Railroad.

Tilford E. McAfee (95) passed away 9/15/19. He worked at INL from 12/1/56-7/30/90 working for the Atomic Energy Commission. He was on the survey crew for many years and ended his working career at the Site as a Reactor Operator at PBF.

Charles 'Chuck' J. Cavanaugh (99) passed away 9/16/19. Chuck worked more than 35 years as an Electrical Engineer for various contractors at the National Reactor Testing Station and INL from 7/9/56-4/29/82.

Teri (Therese) Marie Dawson (73) passed away 9/22/19. She worked at INL from 4/6/67-1/29/81. She took a job at the NRTS working closely with design engineers. It was there that she discovered her own interest in art and a particular passion for drafting and lettering which led her to become a Graphic Artist herself. Teri used her impeccable attention to detail in everything she did. There was not a single thing she could not figure out, devise, or fashion a plan for-especially if she had a ruler or a protractor on hand.

Laurent "Larry" Chigbrow (64) passed away 9/22/19. He worked as a Chemical Engineer at the Chemical Processing Plant from 8/15/77-9/5/02.

Clyde R. Blessinger (95) passed away 9/22/19. He worked at INL from 3/27/67-2/1/81.

Donald D. Denier (77) passed away 9/23/19. He worked at the INL for EG&G from 9/28/81 to 5/4/00, initially as a tech writer and later with EG&G's Waste Management Division developing decontamination & decommissioning (D&D) plans for INL facilities.

Roland E. Felt (83) passed away 9/25/19. He worked at the Hanford Site near Richland, Washington, where he helped develop chemical processing capacity in the nuclear field and became a leading expert on plutonium fires and process safety. He later returned to Idaho Falls where he worked at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory from 2/2/87-1/30/95, and for the Department of Energy, where he ended his distinguished scientific career.

Dean L Roberts Jr. (72) passed away 9/28/19. Dean worked as an Engineer for the INL from 11/24/97-10/1/06, then moved to CWI and retired in 2012.

Gary W. Johnsen (74) passed away 9/29/19. In 1966 he took a position with the Grumman Aerospace corporation working on the Apollo Program Lunar Module project. In 1968, he relocated to Houston's Manned Spacecraft Center (now Johnson Space Center), where Gary worked on a series of final tests of the Lunar Module leading to the subsequent moon landings. In 1970, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Richard Nixon as a member of the Apollo 13 Mission Operations Team. In early 1971, he accepted a position with Martin Marietta Corp in Denver, Colorado, where he worked on the thermal performance analyses for the Skylab and Space Shuttle programs. In August 1974 Gary accepted a position with Aerojet Nuclear Co. at the National Reactor Testing Station, now the Idaho National Laboratory. It was here that he would embark on a long career in the nuclear reactor safety analysis. Throughout the 1970s, Gary was engaged in computer simulation and analysis of light water reactor accident behavior in support of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy, utilizing the RELAP4 computer code. During the 1980s he managed the planning and analysis of experiments in the Semiscale reactor simulation facility. In the early 1990s, he joined the team working on the development of the RELAP5 computer code, a hallmark product of the INL now utilized around the world as the premier reactor safety analysis program. He managed the RELAP5 program until his retirement on 3/20/2007. Gary served as the IREA Energy Education chairman for several years prior to his passing.

Del R. DeCoria (77) passed away 9/30/19. He worked at INL-SMC from 6/1/87-7/5/12.

## **October 2019**

Larry B. Houx (71) passed away 10/1/19. He worked at INL (Fluor) from 1/13/92-4/10/08

Michael B. Grover (53) passed away 10/6/19. He worked for INL as a postal worker from 6/19/89-8/29/01.

Joseph 'Gary' Duncan (84) passed away 10/9/19. He worked for INL from 9/4/73-5/1/91 as a Contract Administrator.

Lynn Andersen (89) passed away 10/12/19. He worked at Argonne National Lab-EBR1 for 10 years.

Jim Wetzel (94) passed away 10/15/19. He worked at INL from 7/23/56-1/30/90.

Diana R. Hiatt (70) passed away 10/15/19. She worked at INL as a graphic artist from 2/4/91-11/16/01.

June R. Cornia (98) passed away 10/16/19. She worked at INL from 8/31/64-3/24/91.

Gloria G. Olsen (80) passed away 10/18/19. She worked at INL as an administrative secretary from 1/4/78-1/30/95.

William 'Bill' M. Thornton (87) passed away 10/18/19. He worked at INL as a painter from 10/1/66-1/30/95.

Annette L. Siegel (83) passed away 10/19/19. She worked at INL from 7/8/74-6/27/91.

Charles R. Johnson (74) passed away 10/22/19. He worked at INL from 12/16/85-10/1/06, then moved to CWI, retiring in 2008. He worked at SMC on the armor plating for the M1A2 Abrams tank. He took great pride in knowing he was helping to build such a great machine that would help protect those who served this country.

Waldron C. 'Jerry' Townsend (86) passed away 10/23/19. After working briefly at the Hanford nuclear site and Westinghouse Pittsburgh, he came to INL in 1972 and worked in the EG&G Engineering Analysis group for 15 years. Then he transferred to the WINCO Safety Analysis group in 1987 where he worked until retirement in 1995. Jerry was active in IREA in its early years, organizing the IREA golf tournament and providing advice on investments.

Sandra A. Yrene (81) passed away 10/24/19. She worked at INL from 11/28/79-1/30/91.

John Packebush (70) passed away 10/27/19. He worked at INL as a pipefitter from 5/15/84-8/7/89, and from 4/1/02- retiring CWI in 2007.

Daniel T. Kelley (96) passed away 10/30/19. He worked at INL from 1/26/77-9/23/82. In April 1951 he moved to Glendale, OH, where he joined General Electric Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Project as a mechanical engineer. He transferred to Idaho Falls in Feb. 1958. He was laid off in 1965. In the late '60s he lived in Ohio to finish his time with GE, then moved back to Idaho Falls where he has lived ever since. He worked for Industrial Contractors, Inc. as Chief Engineer as a Cost Estimator. In the late '70's, he joined EG&G as a Cost Estimator. He worked for Freitas-Lancaster, Inc. in the same capacity before retiring in the mid 1980's.

Ellen Kay Doherty (78) passed away 10/31/19. She worked at INL from 6/6/88-8/6/02 in public relations and was a member of the Rad Team and Emergency Response Unit.

Don W. Marshall (83) passed away 10/31/19. He worked at INL from 12/16/58-1/30/95, working in the EG&G Health & Safety group at TAN, EG&G Personnel Assurance Tech. Support (PATS), EG&G Environmental Safety & Quality (ESQ), and EG&G Performance Oversight Assessment (POA).

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LeRoy Meyer 26 -- The 26 means that my membership is paid through the year 2026.

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**New IREA members:** There were 2 new members since the July 2019 newsletter. They are Craig Gates and Nancy Diaz. Welcome!

Currently we have 270 active members.

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