

AFTER INL WORDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Nancy Carlson, 208-523-9128, nancymcarlson@q.com

Well, what can I say about 2020 and IREA??? We have been unable to provide any of our social events or technical meetings due to COVID-19. Also, the IREA board has not met since February due to the age of board members and COVID-19 health concerns. Our 2020 IREA “activities” consisted of 2 newsletters – April and November – and emails on happenings of interest to INL retirees. When the board can meet again in 2021, we will look at issues like how to handle membership dues for 2021 and when to resume social events and technical meetings.

We have an information packed newsletter – facts about 2021 Social Security changes, summary of Department of Labor’s Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) that covers illnesses directly linked to work at DOE facilities, year-end issues related to 2020 tax filing, potential for Idaho Falls AARP Tax-Aide to provide assistance with 2020 tax preparation, 2021 INL Human Resources and Financial contacts for retirees, and our INL friends who passed away from April to October 2020.

Be sure to include the 2021 retiree INL Human Resources (HR) and Financial points of contact with your important papers in case you need their assistance. Please be mindful that INL is practicing social distancing, so many employees are working from home. Leave a detailed voicemail message that includes your name and phone number or better yet send an email with that information. HR and Finance will get back in touch with you and be most helpful in answering your questions. But please be patient with them considering these challenging times.

A quick reminder that all members of the IREA board are volunteers and we receive only your thanks and smiles as our pay. IREA receives NO financial support from INL.

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2021 HR CONTACTS FOR BEA AND FLUOR RETIREES

Contractor	POC	POC phone	POC email
BEA	HR – Jill Blanding	208-526-1042	jill.blanding@inl.gov
	HR – Eric Wittwer	208-526-0638	eric.wittwer@inl.gov
	Finance – Joseph Drasso	208-526-0717	retiree@inl.gov
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	Benefits Coverage/Questions		beabenefits@inl.gov
FLUOR	HR – Jenni Ackerman	208-533-3772	jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov
	Finance – Joseph Drasso	208-526-0717	retiree@inl.gov
	Retiree's Passing – Heather Dineen	208-533-3777	heather.dineen@icp.doe.gov

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. 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 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 to which you can send a finance question.

RETIREE PASSING

BEA or FLUOR INL contact for retiree's family: BEA has set up a dedicated phone number (208-526-0352) and FLUOR has set up a dedicated phone number (208-533-3777) 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-Finacance-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, 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 for BEA retirees and for FLUOR retirees send your email to jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov and clearly state 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!!

2021 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES*

*Tom McLaughlin, IREA Benefits chairman, condensed the text that follows from an article by John Waggoner, AARP October 28, 2020.

LARGER CHECKS

For the calendar year 2021 Social Security recipients will receive a 1.3 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The modest 1.3 percent COLA reflects the relatively low rate of inflation over the past year.

TAX CAP INCREASES

The payroll tax that funds Social Security is set at 12.4 percent. The employee pays 6.2 percent and employers pay the 6.2 percent. The maximum amount of earnings subject to the payroll tax in 2021 increases to \$142,800 from the 2020 figure of \$138,700. Earnings in excess of that amount are not subject to the tax.

EARNINGS TEST LIMITS INCREASE

Social Security was designed for retirees, so those who work and take retirement benefits before their full retirement age get temporarily reduced benefits. In 2021 beneficiaries under full retirement age have \$1 in benefits held back for every \$2 they earn over \$18,960 a year, or \$1,580 a month. Last year the income amount was \$18,240 a year (\$1,520 a month).

The year you reach full retirement age, the earnings test limit increases to \$50,520 per year from the 2020 limit of \$48,600 and Social Security holds back \$1 for every \$3 you earn. The month you reach full retirement age, Social Security stops holding money back from your earnings and there are no earning's limits. Social Security returns the money it has withheld by increasing your monthly payment when you reach full retirement age.

MEDICARE PREMIUMS

People who are already collecting Social Security when they sign up for Medicare at age 65 have their Part B premiums automatically deducted from their Social Security monthly payment. Large jumps in Medicare premiums in the past have wiped out any COLA received in Social Security payments. The standard premium for Part B in 2020 was \$144.60 per month. The standard premium for 2021 has not been announced, but a recent change in the law will result in a decrease in the projected premium preserving part of the COLA. Higher Medicare spending due to COVID-19 was expected to lead to very high Medicare premiums in 2021. Had the law not changed most beneficiaries would have seen their COLA wiped out from the Part B premiums.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)

Those who receive SSI will also see a 1.3 percent rise in monthly benefits. SSI is funded by general tax revenue, not Social Security payroll taxes.

TEN SOCIAL SECURITY FACTS OR MYTHS

Number 1:

Social Security is going broke. As long as workers and employers pay Social Security payroll taxes the program will not go broke. Social Security does face challenges in the future. For decades it collected more money than it took in and enjoyed a surplus of funds. Because there are more beneficiaries than workers and the beneficiaries are living longer the surplus is expected to be depleted by 2035. Even then the program is expected to payout about 79% of the scheduled benefits, according to the latest estimates. Congress will need to take action to prevent this reduction as it did in 1983 when the program almost depleted its reserves.

Number 2:

Social Security full retirement age is 65. It is currently 66 years of age. Those born in 1954 reach that age this year. Over the next five years it increases two months every year until it reaches age 67 where it will remain unless changed by Congress. People can still claim a reduced benefit at age 62.

Number 3:

Social Security COLA is guaranteed. Social Security law mandates that benefits be adjusted annually to keep pace with inflation, but a COLA is not guaranteed. If there is little or no inflation the COLA for that year could be zero. It is an automatic benefit and does not require Congress to take action unless they wish to increase or decrease the COLA.

Number 4:

Members of Congress don't pay Social Security. Congress and the rest of the Federal work force came under the Social Security umbrella in 1984. Before that Senators and Representatives were covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Those in office before January 1984 were allowed to remain on in CSRS, but only in conjunction with Social Security (Two Senators and Five Representatives remain in this system). Those elected since that time are covered by Social Security plus a retirement plan that replaced CSRS.

Number 5:

The government raids the Social Security program to pay for General Fund items. The Social Security program is a separate self-funded program separate from other government programs. The government does borrow from Social Security as the tax revenue from the Program is invested in Treasury securities. Money from these securities is then used to fund other government programs. Treasury pays the money back with interest which Social Security then uses to pay benefits.

Number 6:

Undocumented immigrants are draining Social Security resources. Noncitizens who work in the US legally can qualify for Social Security benefits the same as native-born and naturalized citizens. Undocumented workers are not allowed to claim the benefits.

Number 7:

Social Security is a retirement savings account. The government does not place your contributions in a personal account for you to withdraw at a later date. Your benefit is based on how much money you earned over your working life and not how much money you paid into the system. Social Security does not replace your working income but on average pays about 40% of preretirement income. It is weighted so that lower income workers receive a higher percentage of preretirement income than higher paid workers.

Number 8:

You do not pay taxes on Social Security income. That was true until 1984 when Congress passed and President Reagan signed a bill that included provisions for taxing Social Security premiums. You will pay Federal taxes on 50% of your benefits if your income is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for an individual and between \$32,000 and \$44,000 for a married couple filing jointly. Above those income levels can cause you to pay taxes on 85% of your benefits. Below those limits none of the benefits are taxed by the Federal government.

If you have been below those income limits in the past but now are required to withdraw from an IRA at age 70 ½ or 72, the withdrawal may push your income beyond those limits resulting in an unexpected tax on your benefits. You should review this with a financial advisor or your tax preparer before you reach the mandatory withdrawal age.

Number 9:

Ex-spouse benefits come out of your Social Security benefits. Benefits paid to an ex-spouse (as with your present spouse) do not come out of your Social Security benefits. They are distinct payments and have no effect on what you receive as a benefit, even if both the ex-spouse and present spouse are collecting benefits.

Number 10:

You lose benefits if you keep working. Earnings made while collecting Social Security benefits can temporarily reduce the amount of those benefits prior to reaching full retirement age, but the benefits are not lost. See 2021 Social Security changes above.

Medical Benefits Available for Former Idaho National Lab Workers*

*This article appeared in a recent Post Register insert. It provides a concise explanation of the Department of Labor's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). Nuclear Care Partners (NCP) Benefits Specialist, Josh Ashby, wrote this article and graciously provided the text for inclusion in our newsletter. Please be advised there are other EEOICPA service providers in the Idaho Falls area who participate in addition to NCP.

How to determine if you qualify

Former Idaho National Lab and other former DOE workers may qualify for up to \$400,000 in financial compensation and no-cost medical benefits through the Department of Labor's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

Enacted in 2000, the EEOICPA compensates former Department of Energy employees, contractors, and subcontractors who have been diagnosed with cancer or a chronic illness as a result of their workplace exposure to toxic chemicals and radiation.

There are more than 600,000 former atomic workers from over 300 atomic sites across the United States that may qualify for benefits through the EEOICPA.

Qualifying jobs include:	Qualifying illnesses include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engineers• Operators• Technicians• Mechanics• Scientists• Subcontractors• Uranium Miners• Ore Transporters• Painters• Clerks• And Many More	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COPD• Chronic Beryllium Disease• Silicosis• Asbestosis• Pneumoconiosis• Esophageal Cancer• Lung Cancer• Skin Cancer• Breast Cancer• Colon Cancer• And Many More

A full list of qualifying jobs & illnesses can be found at NuclearCarePartners.com.

The qualification process to determine if you are eligible for benefits through the EEOICPA can be complicated, so we created a series of questions that will help you determine if you qualify.

1. Do you have a verifiable illness?

Because the EEOICPA is an Occupational Illness Compensation Program, you must have a verified diagnosis. This simply means that not only has your doctor diagnosed you with cancer or a chronic illness, but you also have the biopsy report or test results confirming the illness.

2. Could your illness have been caused by something you were exposed to at a DOE site or uranium mine or mill?

To file your illness, it must have a root cause from radiation, chemicals, heavy metals, fumes, etc. The DOL follows the Centers for Disease Control guidelines on causation so you might start by checking out their website, by talking to your doctor, or by calling your local Benefits Specialist with Nuclear Care Partners.

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3. Did your work put you in contact with radiation or other hazardous materials/chemicals that could be the root cause of your illness?

The DOL will need to verify that your work did, in fact, put you in contact with the radiation, chemicals, heavy metals, fumes, etc. that caused your illness. Nuclear Care Partners can help you determine if your illness is linked to your workplace exposure.

If you can answer yes to all 3 questions, then you are ready to file for benefits. There are two ways to file, the first is to self-file. There is a Department of Labor Resource Center located in Idaho Falls to help if you choose this method. Your second option to file is through an Authorized Representative who will help you through the process. If you have questions about if you qualify or if you want to be connected to a reputable Authorized Representative, your local Benefits Specialist is available to answer any questions you may have.

We can help you!

For nearly a decade, Nuclear Care Partners has proudly provided the highest level of specialized in-home care and benefits guidance to former atomic workers. Your local Benefits Specialist, Josh Ashby, serve as your personal EEOICPA expert and can help:

- Determine your Benefit Eligibility
- Connect you to Resources
- And Establish your Next Steps

About Nuclear Care Partners: Nuclear Care Partners was founded in 2011 by two compassionate nurses with a passion for helping former atomic workers get the benefits and care they deserve. Our founding belief holds that these brave men and women—who enhanced our nation’s security—deserve kind and compassionate care. As a commitment to quality care, Nuclear Care Partners was the first licensed medical provider enrolled in the Department of Labor program to receive accreditation from Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC).* If you’re unsure about your answers or have questions about filing, our team of Benefits Specialists can help walk you through the filing process and connect you to resources. If you already have your Department of Labor White Card, we can help you maximize your benefits to get the most out of your card.

*For a full list of accredited states please visit NuclearCarePartners.com.

Phone: 1(208) 497-3570 Website: NuclearCarePartners.com

Visit IREA's website (inlretirees.org), look under the Membership Goodies heading, and select Medical for additional information about the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) and service providers. Also, you will find information about the Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP) that provides free medical screening – a comprehensive physical including blood work, hearing screening, and chest X-ray – every three years for INL former workers as well as former employees at fourteen DOE sites across the country. The goal of WHPP is to provide medical screening to detect work-related illnesses at an early stage when medical intervention may be helpful. In addition, it helps workers determine if a current health condition is the result of a work-related exposure. For assistance to participate in WHPP, call [208-522-4748](tel:208-522-4748).

Year-End Financial Issues: As we approach the end of 2020, a year filled with many unusual events, a few items of concern to retirees should be reviewed. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the CARES Act of March 27th temporarily suspended the required minimum distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts [IRAs, 401(k)s] for 2020, in addition to providing the Economic Impact Payments (aka stimulus payments) to those who had filed tax returns for 2018 and/or 2019. However, it must be assumed that RMDs will again be required for 2021. My current understanding is that the Economic Impact Payments provided under the CARES Act will have no impact on tax returns for 2020. As also mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the SECURE Act of December 2019 brought a few changes affecting retirees. The age at which retirees must begin taking RMDs has been raised to 72, beginning in 2021 due to the RMD suspension for 2020.

Regardless of the suspension of RMDs from retirement accounts this year, many retirees may have continued the practice of making direct distributions from IRAs to qualified charities using the IRS allowance for qualified charitable distributions (QCDs). These QCD donations will continue to be tax-free distributions. However, the donors will continue to receive 1099-R forms from the IRA custodians showing these distributions to be potentially taxable. As in past years, the QCD donors must declare these IRA distributions to be non-taxable QCDs on their tax returns for 2020.

As in the past two years, the standard deduction for tax returns in 2020 will be larger than in earlier years. Thus, very few taxpayers will be able to itemize deductions. However, one feature of the CARES Act in 2020 is an allowance for a deduction of up to \$300 in charitable contributions from the adjusted gross income for those claiming the standard deduction. Also, as in past years a few specific types of donations or money transfers can be of significant advantage to taxpayers on their state income tax returns. These 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). Donations to educational entities (must be in cash) and donations to youth & rehab organizations (cash or non-cash goods in sellable condition) can provide tax credits on the state return. Keeping receipts for these donations is important.

Update on AARP Tax-Aide Program: Several of us in IREA serve as volunteer income tax return preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program. Although this year's Tax-Aide Program was suspended in mid-March due to concern for possible spread of the Covid-19 virus among gatherings of people, planning has been started for next year's Tax-Aide Program. Training of the volunteer return preparers will likely occur virtually on-line. A location for preparing tax returns has been identified in the new Boy Scouts building on south Yellowstone Avenue that should allow for adequate social distancing of volunteers and clients. It's very important that all seniors file at least a federal tax return every year even if they don't have taxable income, to prevent identity theft. A new, simpler tax return form for seniors, Form 1040-SR, can be used for this purpose.

'No Longer with Us' for April 2020 – October 2020: Beverly Bean, 208-357-1845, mbofidaho@yahoo.com

The following lists our INL friends who passed away in April 2020 through October 2020. 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:

Raymond Fujii (80) passed away 2/8/20. He worked at ANL-West as a metallurgical technician in EBR-II fuel analysis, and later he worked several years as a security guard for DOE-ID and PTI (Protection Technology ID).

James (Jim) A. Carter (84) passed away 3/10/20. His career at the AEC-DOE site in Idaho Falls in 1958. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Co at the 3 reactors ETR, MTR and ATR. Prior to his retirement in 1995, he was working in the robotics program.

April 2020

Miles E. Lawrence (78) passed away 4/9/20. He worked at INL, spending many years as a manager and engineer with two patents. He was an inventor, mechanic, fisherman, hunter, traveler, outdoorsman, gold miner, and he also rebuilt most of his home.

Evelyn LaRene Smith (91) passed away 4/17/20. She worked at INL as a computer librarian for EG&G.

Veda Sears (97) passed away 4/18/20. She worked at Argonne National Lab in 1985 in the graphic arts/media development department.

Joe Dell Heilesen (76) passed away 4/20/20. He worked at Argonne National Lab as a Nuclear Materials Accountant with 33 years of service, retiring in 1999.

Ronald C. Rope (65) passed away 4/17/20. He worked at INL beginning in the mid 1980's, for 24 years, as an Environmental Scientist.

Richard J. Hernandez (86) passed away 4/20/20. He worked at NRF beginning in 1985 and retiring in 1996, after a long career as an ironworker.

May 2020

Hundley Merton Kline (99) passed away 5/1/20. He worked at INL as a mechanical engineer of about 45 years. He worked on the NASA Mercury Mission, designed parts of aircraft landing gears, breaks for cars, and ended his career at INL in 1992.

Zane C. Hall (94) passed away 5/6/20. He worked at NRF accepting a job in 1955 as the Director of Security where he remained until 1986 when he retired.

Harlin K. Summers (84) passed away 5/11/20. He worked at INL starting work at the National Reactor Testing Station in 1961 and progressed through several different contractors and name changes as maintenance planner and telephone design engineer until he found the "best job in the world" as a tour guide taking visitors to site locations and helping them understand the complexities of the varied operations. He retired in 1998, but returned part-time until 2004.

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John (Jan) Cusimano (88) passed away 5/19/20. He worked at INL as a physicist for 37 years.

Kerry A. Hersley (75) passed away 5/20/20. She worked at INL, beginning her career as a secretary for Aerojet-Nuclear. She worked her way up to an executive buyer for EG&G and Lockheed-Martin, then transitioned to a procurement agent for Bechtel, Battelle, CH2M Hill and Fluor.

Scott Doman (59) passed away 5/24/20. He worked at INL as a Radiation Tech, and eventually took the position as Radiation Safety Site Manager at a Department of Energy facility in Paducah, KY.

Joseph M. Gasidlo (84) passed away 5/30/20. He worked at Argonne National Laboratory for 35 years as an experimental physicist.

June 2020

Roger J. Mockli (67) passed away 6/2/20. He worked at INL as an Environmental Sampling Technician.

Patricia L. Miller (87) passed away 6/4/20. She worked as a secretary for the Naval Reactor Facility for a few short years before becoming a full-time homemaker.

Kermit Clark (98) passed away 6/8/20. He worked at INL at the test facility as a maintenance technician.

Douglas P. Baker (75) passed away 6/14/20. He worked for INL driving bus and retired in 2006.

Edna 'Eddie' B. Hales (90) passed away 6/17/20. She worked at Argonne National Laboratory for 17 years, retiring in 1993.

Charles J. Clark (82) passed away 6/18/20. He worked at INL until his retirement in 1996, studying in the vocational electronics program.

Evonna C. Hammon (84) passed away 6/18/20. She worked at INL as a punch card operator on one of the new computers.

William 'Bill' F. Steele (56) passed away 6/19/20. He worked at INL for 33 years. He began his career in 1986 at the Specific Manufacturing Capability (SMC) in process development and engineering. He later moved to the Project Management Office (PMO) and had 12 years in that arena. Recently he managed the new Research and Collaboration Building at MFC.

Virginia C. Moore (82) passed away 6/22/20. She worked for several years at EG&G in the Waste Management Div., Energy & Waste Mgmt Programs, Projects & Engineering Support, and in Engineering & Project Mgmt.

Gary McLaughlin (64) passed away 6/27/20. He worked at INL at EG&G in Engineering at WCB ('90-'91), at NHLF in '92-'93, and in Nuclear Research & Engineering at TRA ('94-'95).

July 2020

Stanley T. Fenn (76) passed away 7/3/20. He began his career at INL with Argonne as a janitor, then pursued his degree in machine design and ended up as a project manager. He retired in 2000 after a 35-year career.

Orangella A. Hagan (72) passed away 7/4/20.

Don Zufelt (88) passed away 7/8/20. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Reactor Operator until his retirement in 1996, he began his work there in 1960.

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Richard Rigg (75) passed away 7/17/20. He worked in nuclear engineering research at Bettis Atomic Power Lab in Pennsylvania, the NRF and in the late 1970's he started working for Argonne National Lab-West in Idaho Falls. He found his niche in designing, manufacturing and testing remotely operated equipment in harsh environments and creating new tools for performing remote operations.

Darrell D. Patterson (78) passed away 7/19/20. He worked at INL, Westinghouse/Aerojet Nuclear Corp/TAN, and Engineering Inc. (EI) as a Quality Control Engineer and manager until his retirement in 2002.

David A. Rucks (67) passed away 7/22/20. He worked at INL for 15 years.

Jay D. Green (92) passed away 7/25/20.

Robert G. Berg (58) passed away 7/25/20.

Ronald M. Savage (82) passed away 7/27/20. He was hired by A.E.C. fire department at the N.R.T.S. site. He made a career of fire service, working his way up through the ranks and in a few years became Chief of the department. He retired in July of 1988 after 33 years of government service.

Christian 'Chris' Dahl (66) passed away 7/30/20. He worked at INL from 1978-2017, working as a chemical engineer supporting fuel reprocessing at ICPP for several years. Later he was manager of a Systems Analysis group in the WINCO Applied Technology Dept., doing chemical process modeling.

August 2020

Jerry Kent Gray (86) passed away 8/7/20. He worked at INL from 1955-1992 working as an electrician.

Dean Berry Hagmann (85) passed away 8/7/20. He worked at INL, where he designed and developed remote handling technologies that are still being used today to handle radioactive fuels and assemble/disassemble experimental technologies. In 1982 he left Idaho Falls, and continued to work in design and project management in the nuclear industry in Oak Ridge TN, Indonesia, Del Mar CA, and Richland WA. He retired from the DOE Hanford Facility in 1999.

Beverly Grace Streeper (88) passed away 8/8/20. She worked at INL, EG&G's Waste Management division and then moved to Engineering and Project Management working there until she left in 1987.

Terry L. Betz (74) passed away 8/10/20. Terry worked at INL for 35 years, holding positions in operations, management and training during his career. Terry started his career in the mailroom and it ended with him being one of the Country's recognized experts in Nuclear Safety Training and the Systematic Approach to Training.

Jacob Cornell Johnston (87) passed away 8/10/20. He worked at DOE as a Senior Auditor.

John Van Eps (94) passed away 8/11/20. He worked for AEC for 35 years retiring in 1991.

Helen Hancock Jensen (88) passed away 8/12/20. She worked at INL, retiring in 1995.

Joseph Ray Fielding (85) passed away 8/16/20. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Physicist for many years and eventually as a Nuclear Safety Manger. He authored a publication following experimental tests to identify the trajectory, quantity and identity of each radioisotope released from water being interjected into a nuclear reactor; these tests confirmed many theoretical aspects of potential effects of small space reactors crashing to earth.

Robert L. Battleson (75) passed away 8/16/20. He worked for Argonne West.

Martha Finck (60) passed away 8/19/20.

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Wilma Gayle Ashment (79) passed away 8/21/20.

Robert Van Treek (94) passed away 8/25/20.

Gretchen E. Matthern (59) passed away 8/25/20. She worked at INL since 1988, as a Chemical Engineer.

Joseph Paul Bacca Jr. (88) passed away 8/28/20. He started at NRF and retired from ANL in 1995.

September 2020

Kelley S. Oliver (90) passed away 9/2/20. He worked for EG&G in Quality Control and Compliance and Capital Programs (C&CP).

Joseph Paul Sekot (85) passed away 9/3/20. He worked at INL as a Mechanical Engineer.

John Koenig (86) passed away 9/4/20. He started working at Phillips Petroleum Company, retiring from Argonne in 1992 with 25 years of service.

Mauna Walker Kerswell (71) passed away 9/4/20. She worked at CWI.

Eva Deanna Ruth McGary (76) passed away 9/6/20. She worked at INL as an accountant and retired in 2000.

Robert Burroughs (75) passed away 9/6/20. He worked at NRF for 40 years in Human Resources, retiring in 2003.

Dwayne Harold Bonjour (78) passed away 9/6/20. He worked for American Protective Service (AMER/PS) and Protection Technology Idaho (PTI).

Marvin J. Bennett (88) passed away 9/6/20. He worked at Argonne National Laboratory for 31 years.

Roger Wayne Snyder (89) passed away 9/16/20. He worked for EG&G for 3 years beginning 1976.

Michael Szpakiewicz (81) passed away 9/17/20.

Leighton Michael Willis (77) passed away 9/18/20. He worked for American Protective Service (AMER/PS) and Protection Technology Idaho (PTI).

David Lee Hendrix (73) passed away 9/24/20. He worked at INL and later transferred to Argonne where he worked as an experimental technician and laser welder.

Dennis Marvin Kiser (81) passed away 9/27/20. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Engineer.

Blaine O. Davis (54) passed away 9/27/20. He was an active employee at INL, working in org G220 at the ATR.

Mark Vernal Marchant (64) passed away 9/27/20. He worked at INL from 8/31/81-4/7/04 for B&W in Operations at TAN.

Richard Craig Alvey (59) passed away 9/28/20. He worked at BNFL, now FLUOR, for 24 years as a network administrator in IT/IM.

Jay Dean Thomas (84) passed away 9/28/20. He worked for EG&G in Quality Control and ES&Q Requirements. He was active for many years as a member and officer in the American Society of Quality Control.

Kent Lindsay Geisler (84) passed away 9/29/20. He worked at INL, beginning at Westinghouse as an engineer technician, working for 37 years.

Jimmy Veeneman (84) passed away 9/29/20. He worked at the National Reactor Testing Station.

Michael 'Mikey' John Beck (71) passed away 9/29/20. He worked at, working at FLUOR until retirement 6/5/17.

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Lois Rothwell (82) passed away 10/3/20. She worked at INL as an administrative assistant from 1/7/80-1/30/95.

Grant C. Howard (93) passed away 10/4/20. He worked for Westinghouse Electric in Arco on the USS Nautilus Submarine prototype.

Scot Gaeth (62) passed away 10/5/20. He was an active employee at INL and worked in org H322 at MFC.

Clyde Hammond (92) passed away 10/8/20. He worked at INL working his way up to become the Manager of Transportation.

Benjamin R. Hunter (91) passed away 10/10/20. He worked at INL, ICPP, as a radiochemist. At the time of his retirement he was the longest running employee of the INL having worked 51.5 years.

Donna Sue Stoll Parrish (88) passed away 10/10/20. She worked at INL, EG&G as an Executive Secretary.

Stanley Verl Ottley (91) passed away 10/12/20. He worked at INL, he started at Westinghouse in 1959 and worked there for 30 years, retiring in 1989.

Laurence 'Larry' Scott Beller (90) passed away 10/14/20. He began in 1966 with Argonne National Lab and moved to EG&G leading a research team in the Nondestructive Evaluation group in the Materials Science Directorate retiring in 1996. Many in the community know Larry was an incredible and much-loved Boy Scout leader and an advocate for Girl Scouts with his beloved wife, Dot.

Elias Guerra (67) passed away 10/15/20. He worked at INL as an electrical engineer.

Wayne N. Clark (62) passed away 10/15/20. He worked at INL.

Larry Wheeler (67) passed away 10/17/20. He was an active employee of INL working in org J310 at CFA. He was hired as a laborer. He eventually went through training and became a journeymen electrician, then later on was hired as a power dispatcher, which was the current position he held. Larry was active in the INL union, and was in the union presidency.

Karen Bahr Stoddart (72) passed away 10/18/20.

Phillip Ray Jackson (89) passed away 10/21/20. He worked at INL as a process operator for 29 years.

James Gerald Kraupp (82) passed away 10/22/20. In 1975, James had an opportunity to start his career at the INL Nuclear Site in Arco, Idaho. He started with Westinghouse Electric at NRF, first as a Reproduction Operator in the print shop. In 1979, he became an Armed Guard working for the Security Services at NRF. In 1980, and for the next 19 years he worked in Operations Material Control, setting up many inventory programs. He retired in 1999.

Joseph W. Henscheid (92) passed away 10/24/20. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Physicist, with a 30-year career.

Raymond Hogan (90) passed away 10/25/20. He worked at INL in several positions during his 41-year career.

Reba Dell Newton-Elliott (91) passed away 10/25/20. She worked at INL as a dosimetry technician.

Bobby L. Richmond (91) passed away 10/26/20. He worked at INL (AEC) as a licensed journeyman electrician for 19 years.

Floyd M. Butler (85) passed away 10/27/20. He worked at INL as an engineering technician, retiring after 30 years of service.

Erin James Boye (58) passed away 10/31/20. He was an active employee of INL.

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New IREA members who joined since April 2020. They are Donna Cochrane, Clifford Stanley, Julia Tripp, Peter Utkin, Karen Nina Kinney, Colin Peterslie, Finis Southworth, and Debra Young.

Welcome!

If you know a retired INL person who is not a member of IREA pass on the IREA membership form to them.

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