

# AFTER INL WORDS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE -

### **Past President's message:**

It has been a pleasure to serve as your IREA president for many years. The last 2.5 years have been challenging for all of us with COVID and not being able to gather with our family and friends. IREA restarted with an excellently attended luncheon at Garcia's. It was great to see so many friends again. With the restart my time as president comes to an end. I plan to be an IREA member and come to events as an attendee. The organization is in good hands!

Nancy Carlson

### **IREA Acting Chairman Message (Tom Clements):**

Hello Fellow Retirees! I hope this message finds you doing well. By way of brief introduction, my name is Tom Clements and I have stepped into the role of acting Chairman with the goal of trying to restart IREA activities. I spent almost 39 years at the site, starting with EG&G Idaho in 1978 and ending my career with Fluor Idaho, LLC in 2017. My career was largely spent on management and disposition of stored, buried, and remote-handled defense-generated transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico.

The past several years have been a challenge for all of us, including the IREA. Until the recent social event in October, IREA had minimal activity over the past several years due to the covid pandemic. I am encouraged there is continued interest in IREA by the attendance at the recent social event (45 attendees) and the response to the recent dues collection effort was positive. We have about 200 active members.

A near-term focus is on rebuilding membership on the IREA Board due to loss of Board members either passing away or for ill health reasons. We have five new participating board members: Teri Ehresman, Carla Dwight, Sandra Birk, Craig Tyler, and Jerry Johnson and we look forward to their contributions. We are planning to reach out to additional active IREA members to join the Board to help with future activities. As far as future activities, the Board is initiating planning for a spring social event and a technical program. Additionally, the Board is assimilating questions regarding the INL pension and investment plans. Once gathered, a decision will be made on requesting a formal meeting with the INL Pension Plan Committee to address the questions. It has been about 9 years since the IREA Board last met with pension plan representatives. We are also planning to meet with the INL Community Outreach Program to discuss collaboration opportunities that might involve

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IREA members. We look forward to seeing you at one of the future events! Best wishes for the Holiday Season!

## **MEMBERSHIP** - Carla Dwight, 208-520-1527, [Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com](mailto:Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com)

Nancy Carlson is leaving the membership position in capable hands. After all the COVID challenges to keep membership records current and assisting members with numerous questions on INL “stuff,” she is glad to pass the torch.

Since January 1· 2022 we have had 82 members renew their memberships and 13 new members join IREA. Our new members are: Donna Cole, Kurt Derr, Terry Hendricks, Patrick Holmes, Jerry Johnson, Kenneth Krivanek, M. Theodore Lewis Jr, M. Shawn Rosenberger, Tom Tawoda, Craig Tyler, Scott Ullsperger, Charles J. Urbanski, and Betty Warner. Our current membership (paid at least thru 2022) is 206.

Be sure to check the IREA website, [inlretirees.org](http://inlretirees.org), under the Those No Longer With Us tab, as many members passed during the 2 years of COVID.

If you owe 2023 dues, Carla Dwight will send you a reminder postcard or email during the first quarter of 2023.

<b>2023 IREA Board Members</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>PHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Tom Clements	Acting President	208-520-1708	<a href="mailto:thomas.clements1955@gmail.com">thomas.clements1955@gmail.com</a>
Vacant	Vice-President		
Mimi Jones	Secretary, Newsletter, & Publicity	803-979-0643	<a href="mailto:mimijones65@gmail.com">mimijones65@gmail.com</a>
Tom Clements	Treasurer	208-520-1708	<a href="mailto:thomas.clements1955@gmail.com">thomas.clements1955@gmail.com</a>
Nancy Carlson	Website	208-523-9128	<a href="mailto:nancymcarlson@q.com">nancymcarlson@q.com</a>
Teri Ehresman	Social	208-521-5171	<a href="mailto:Islandpark723@gmail.com">Islandpark723@gmail.com</a>
Beverly Bean	Historian	208-357-1845	<a href="mailto:mbofidaho@yahoo.com">mbofidaho@yahoo.com</a>
Chuck Briggs	Program	208-521-9375	<a href="mailto:carbriggs@cableone.net">carbriggs@cableone.net</a>
John Johnson	Investments	208-523-7406	<a href="mailto:Jejohnsonjr1944@gmail.com">Jejohnsonjr1944@gmail.com</a>
John Flinn	Golf	208-523-7330	<a href="mailto:flinnj@srv.net">flinnj@srv.net</a>
Tom McLaughlin	Benefits	208-523-1481	<a href="mailto:tommac2230@aol.com">tommac2230@aol.com</a>
Carla Dwight	Membership	208-520-1527	<a href="mailto:Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com">Carla.c.dwight@gmail.com</a>

## **New Board Members**

We are excited to have several new board members: Teri Ehresman, Carla Dwight, Sandra Birk, and Craig Tyler. We appreciate their willingness to help with IREA activities. The following information was provided so we can get to know them.

### **Craig Tyler**

Craig retired in 2021 from the INL and have been focusing on helping and having fun with family members of all ages. Future plans will also include travel and hunting trips. His career at INL included work to support DOE Nuclear Energy, Environmental Management, and National Security Programs. Prior to that he worked on Naval Nuclear Programs at Bettis Laboratory and TRW.

### **Teri Ehresman**



Teri worked in the Communications office for EG&G, Lockheed-Martin, Bechtel and Battelle. She spent many years assigned to the Nuclear Science and Technology directorate where she helped communicate nuclear-related research at INL. She also was the volunteer lead of the INL Employees Association. It was fun getting to know many INL employees and their families. She retired in January 2015 she and her husband live full-time in Island Park, where she is active in the community. They just formed a new 501c3 organization to look for ways to make Island Park an even better place to live. In her spare time she is chair of the Idaho Cleanup Project Citizens Advisory Board. We meet 3-4 times a year to ask questions and hear updates

on cleanup progress at the Site. During part of the cold winter months, they live in St. George, Utah to get away from the snow and cold weather. But, in the winter, they make frequent trips back to Idaho to spend time with our three adult children and their families.

### **Carla C. Dwight**



Carla has agreed to take over as the IREA Membership Coordinator, for which Nancy Carlson has served for several years. Carla retired from INL in Jan. 2020. She spent most of her 35-year career since 1988 at the Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC, formerly Argonne-West), working as a nuclear engineer, project and program manager, quality manager, and deputy division director. She was part of several key programs for Idaho, including Integral Fast Reactor; WIPP (enabling 1<sup>st</sup> transuranic waste shipment from Idaho to the New Mexico disposal facility in 1999); bringing the Space Nuclear program to Idaho from Mound in Ohio in 2002, including assembly, testing, and ground support for the “space batteries” for several key NASA missions, including Pluto New Horizons, Mars Science Lab,

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and Mars2020; and Isotope Production using the Advanced Test Reactor to produce Co-60 (used to treat certain types of cancer, and to sterilize food and equipment) and Pu-238 (used as a heat source in space batteries). Since retiring, Carla has worked part-time as an advisor and engineer for a new company in Idaho Falls - Atomic Alchemy, that plans over the next few years to build some new reactors in Idaho to commercially produce radioisotopes for medical and industrial applications. Carla's favorite job though has been wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 1 (so far). She and her husband John Dwight, Jr. (also an INL retiree, since late 2013), have a small ranch/farm where they and their family and friends enjoy the natural beauty, fertile Idaho dirt, and their animals. They have started a small horse boarding and riding business just south of Idaho Falls in Bingham County—so much for downsizing and travel!

## **BENEFITS** - Tom McLaughlin, 208-523-1481, [tommac2230@aol.com](mailto:tommac2230@aol.com)

This section provides information to retirees regarding their benefits, points of contact within INL, contacts with companies supporting retiree services, and other information useful to retirees.

<b>2023 HR CONTACTS FOR BEA AND IEC RETIREES</b>			
<b>Contractor</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>POC phone</b>	<b>POC email</b>
<b>Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA)</b>	HR – Eric Wittwer	208-526-0638	<a href="mailto:eric.wittwer@inl.gov">eric.wittwer@inl.gov</a>
	Medical Benefit Questions Tamy Tolman		<a href="mailto:Tamera.Tolman@inl.gov">Tamera.Tolman@inl.gov</a>
	Pension – Northern Trust	(866) 252-5395 general inquiries	See Pension Plan details that follow
	Investment Plan – Vanguard	1-800-523-1188	Participant Services
	Retiree's Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	<a href="mailto:Callie.stone@inl.gov">Callie.stone@inl.gov</a>
<b>Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC)</b>	HR – Jenni Ackerman	208-533-3772	<a href="mailto:jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov">jenni.ackerman@icp.doe.gov</a>
	Retiree's Passing – Callie Stone	208-526-0352	<a href="mailto:Callie.stone@inl.gov">Callie.stone@inl.gov</a>
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### **CONTACTING BENEFITS – BATTELLE ENERGY ALLIANCE (BEA)**

**BEA retirees with a Benefits question, but you are not sure who 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 also 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. Retirees can also access a website at <https://inlcareers.inl.gov/retirees> for additional information. This website contains forms needed to make address and phone number changes and frequently asked questions and answers. 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>

**Attn: When you need to contact Human Resources (HR) 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 has worked for IREA board members 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!!

### **RETIREES WITH BENEFIT QUESTIONS – IDAHO ENVIROMENTAL COALITION (IEC)**

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 an IEC Benefits question.

### **INL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT (PENSION) PLAN**

This paragraph pertains to retirees who receive a monthly annuity from INL via Northern Trust Company. These are retirees who were in the INL pension plan before it was closed to new participants in 2005. Retiree pension information (direct deposit, tax withholding, etc.) is managed by Northern Trust. If you need to make changes or need to review past data you should do so on the Northern Trust web site or by calling them. See the information on Northern Trust below.

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### **INL INVESTMENT PLAN**

Changes you wish to make or questions on your investment account (401K) should be made through Vanguard Participant Services (1-800-523-1188).

### **RETIREE PASSING**

**BEA or IEC 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 in order that individuals handling your affairs have clear guidance.

### **LIFE INSURANCE**

#### **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.

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**Northern Trust Company**

<p>Northern Trust now handles INL finance for retirees who receive a monthly pension payment. Contact information for Northern Trust follows:</p> <p>The Northern Trust Company Benefit Payment Services 50 South LaSalle Street, W-38 Chicago, Illinois 60603 Phone: <a href="tel:312-557-9700">312-557-9700</a> <a href="http://Northerntrust.com/bppweb">Northerntrust.com/bppweb</a></p>	<p>Retirees with the pension plan can manage their personal information on file with Northern Trust such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mailing address</li><li>• Banking Information</li><li>• Federal Tax Withholding</li><li>• State Tax Withholding</li><li>• Access Paystubs</li><li>• Access Tax Forms</li></ul> <p>Toll free telephone numbers for Northern Trust are:</p> <p><b>(866) 252-5395</b> - General inquiries concerning payment information</p> <p><b>(888) 259-6835</b> - Assistance related to enrolling in the web or password resets</p>
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The system used by Northern Trust allows on-line or telephone access to individual's retirement account information, payment history and tax forms. On-line information is available upon enrolling in the Benefit Payment Participant Web Passport at the web page "northerntrust.com/bppweb". The web page allows one to update personal information, tax withholding (including State tax withholding that was not available in the past), and to request forms. If using the phone to contact Northern Trust the retiree will need to answer security questions before changes are made. If unable to answer all verification questions they will be referred to INL to make changes or obtain information.

Banking information changes cannot be made over the phone or on the web. These changes must be done in writing. By calling Northern Trust the retiree can request a form to be mailed, faxed or emailed to them. The form must be mailed back to Northern Trust. This form is also on the back of the monthly Advice statement if the retiree is having statements mailed to them. Representatives are available twenty-four hours a day to answer questions from plan participants at the numbers listed above.

**IREA Treasurer's Report** - Tom Clements, (208-520-1708) or [thomas.clements1955@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.clements1955@gmail.com)

**2021 Annual Treasurer's Report**

A summary of the financial status of IREA as of December 31, 2021 is provided below. The 2021 income for IREA came membership dues and interest from savings. Due to the continued health concerns from the covid pandemic, no social events were held in 2021.

**Revenue: Dues of \$902.00 + Interest of \$2.89 = \$904.89**

**Expenses:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Communications	Website maintenance and domain name service fees; Newsletter (Nov 2021)	\$379.19
Technical Meetings	Hall rental; pizza; soda	\$0.00
Social Events	Spring Banquet and Summer Social (net expense)	\$0.00
Admin. Expenses	PO Box rental	\$188.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$567.19</b>

Balances for the checking account and savings account, as of 12/31/2021 were \$4,606.02 and \$4,621.82, respectively, bringing total IREA assets to a value of \$9,277.84.

The Covid pandemic had an impact on expenditures and likely impacted revenue and membership. Revenue decreased (approximately \$656.73) over 2020. However, expenses were also lower (\$323.18) than 2020. Communication costs continued to decrease due to 2019 IREA Board decisions to eliminate mailing hardcopy newsletters and post the newsletter on the IREA website. Administrative expenses were consistent with prior years. The changes previously made by the IREA Board have brought expenditures more in line with revenue.

For 2022, the current IREA account balance is \$10,207.72 as of October 31, 2022. Reactivation of IREA has resulted in increased revenue, coming from dues. The social event at Garcia's in September was partially subsidized by IREA (\$7.50 per active member and guest). It was great seeing members again and we look forward to more events in 2023!



**INVESTMENTS** - John Johnson, 523-7406, [jejohnsonjr1944@gmail.com](mailto:jejohnsonjr1944@gmail.com)

**Year-End Financial Issues**

As we approach the end of 2022, a few items of concern to retirees should be reviewed. For retirees with tax-deferred retirement accounts (IRAs, etc.) required minimum distributions (RMDs) are again required for 2022. The custodians of these accounts have likely already notified their customers of the need to take their RMDs. As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, the age at which retirees must begin taking RMDs has been raised to 72.

Many retirees should consider 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. There is an annual limit of \$100K on QCDs. 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 2022.

The standard deduction for tax returns in 2022 will again be larger than in earlier years. Thus, very few taxpayers will be able to itemize deductions. A previous IRS allowance may or may not continue for a deduction of up to \$300 (\$600 for couples filing jointly) in charitable contributions from the adjusted gross income for those claiming the standard deduction. IRS guidance on this issue should be coming soon. 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 Program accounts ([www.idsaves.org](http://www.idsaves.org)), as well as 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.

Several of us in IREA serve as volunteer income tax return preparers in the AARP Tax-Aide Program. The location for preparing tax returns next spring (beginning February) will again be in the new Boy Scouts building on south Yellowstone Avenue. Advance appointments will again be required by calling 208-528-8887. 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 simple tax return form for seniors, Form 1040-SR, can be used for this purpose.

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## **DOE, Contractor Plan for Substantial Cleanup Progress in the Near- and Long-Term**

A new contractor and contracting strategy have been in place since January at the Idaho Cleanup Project, promising to bring a visible transformation across the 890-square-mile Idaho National Laboratory (INL) Site.

The Department of Energy (DOE) awarded the 10-year-contract to Jacob's Engineering team Idaho Environmental Coalition (IEC) last year to replace Fluor Idaho, LLC. With the new contractor comes a contracting strategy that separates the cleanup scope into large task orders, which clearly identify the scope, schedule, and cost of each task. DOE and IEC continue to develop and sign individual task orders.

"The task order contracting structure is unique in Idaho," said IEC President Ty Blackford. "It gives us as a contractor clear direction and the assurance that we have appropriate resources to get the work completed."

Visible progress can already be seen at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex. Recently, crews demolished the Accelerated Retrieval Project IV facility, one of seven steel-framed, fabric-sided buildings at the Subsurface Disposal Area (SDA) landfill. Earlier this year, IEC crews completed targeted buried waste exhumation within a 5.69-acre footprint of the SDA. Demolition of the Accelerated Retrieval Project (ARP) structures is necessary before construction can commence on a 150-acre earthen cover over the landfill. Since the project will require as much as 250,000 dump-truck loads of surrounding soils and rocks, it will be the largest construction project in INL history.

The next structure to be demolished will be ARP V, which sits atop Pit 9. It will be demolished in early 2023, followed by five other ARP enclosures over the next two years. Then, construction of the cap will begin and will continue until the end of 2028.

At the nearby Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) the closure and deactivation of the Transuranic Storage Area Retrieval Enclosure will continue with the removal of asphalt for RCRA Closure. WIPP shipments will continue for the next several years. Since 2000, AMWTP has retrieved, characterized, treated, repackaged, certified, and shipped 65,000 cubic meters of transuranic-managed waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and other offsite repositories. Demolition, dependent upon WIPP shipments, will continue until approximately 2030.

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At the Naval Reactors Facility (NRF), IEC will remove buildings, support structures, and four reactor vessels that supported the S1W, A1W, and S5G reactor prototypes. All contaminated equipment and the vessels themselves are planned to be disposed of onsite at the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility (ICDF) as long as the material meets the facility's waste acceptance criteria. These actions will free up to 4.6 acres at NRF for other purposes.

Recently, DOE, EPA, and the state of Idaho agreed to expand the ICDF to accommodate demolition debris from NRF and other sitewide cleanup activities. The new landfill cell will increase the overall waste disposal capacity of the facility to 1.38 million cubic yards and extend its mission by 25 years.

Lastly, the Integrated Waste Treatment Unit is preparing to begin radiological operations to treat 900,000 gallons of liquid sodium-bearing waste from a nearby tank farm. In November, DOE released a supplement analysis to build a new product storage building to increase the storage capacity for treated waste.

Following completion of the waste treatment campaign, the empty tanks will be cleaned and grouted. The tank farm will then be closed and capped.

The cleanup program has had a very successful 33-year run. The next decade will provide the most substantial, visible results in the history of the program to date.



## 'No Longer with Us' for October 2021 - October 2022

Beverly Bean, 208-357-1845, [mbofidaho@yahoo.com](mailto:mbofidaho@yahoo.com)

The following lists our INL friends who passed away in October 2021 through October 2022. 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

Martha Elizabeth Morris Terrell (85) passed away 7/21/21.

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Harry Paul Mann (83) passed away 10/1/21. He began his storied career as a U.S. Naval Officer when he was commissioned as an Ensign in 1959. He was accepted into the Navy's Nuclear Power Program by Admiral Hyman Rickover in 1961, he dedicated the next eight years preparing for his career as an Engineering Duty Officer (EDO). After receiving a Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering from Penn State University in 1969, he was given his first EDO staff assignment as a Ship Superintendent at Charleston Naval Shipyard. Steady promotions and increased responsibilities followed, with assignments in Virginia Beach, VA, Idaho Falls, ID, Bremerton, WA, Washington, D.C. and Portsmouth, VA. His roles during this time included Repair Officer, Instructor, Detailer, and Production Officer. In 1985, at the rank of Captain (O-6), he reached the pinnacle of his career when he was awarded the prestigious position of Commanding Officer, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, in Vallejo, CA. After retiring from his 30-year Navy career in 1989, Harry worked in key leadership roles for the Defense Contractor EG&G, including General Manager of Rocky Flats in Colorado. He retired from EG&G in 1995.

Mistee Dawn Jacobson (38) passed away 10/3/21. She was an active employee who worked as a Senior Instructional Designer within the Department of Homeland Security.

Marvin J. Nielson (91) passed away 10/6/21.

Mary Louise Grover Prine (79) passed away 10/6/21.

Burton Hanson Koske (76) passed away 10/7/21. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Engineer.

Roger Kay Thompson (65) passed away 10/8/21. He worked at INL (FLUOR) & DOE as a website designer with 36 years of service.

James T. Armstrong (84) passed away 10/8/21.

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George Craig Bailey (73) passed away 10/8/21. He worked at INL, Argon & INTEC in drafting & design.

Charles Edward Hughes (78) passed away 10/10/21. He worked at INL as a project manager, with 27 years of service.

John R. Snyder (78) passed away 10/10/21. He worked at INL with a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Minnesota in 1972. John pursued corn hybrid research. Later in life his interests grew to include the development and application of a wide range of other technologies, and he applied his talents in technology transfer at the Purdue University Research Foundation and then at the Idaho National Laboratory, where he was awarded a patent.

Kathleen Anne Otter (67) passed away 10/11/21. She was an active employee at FLUOR.

Allen James Oswald (84) passed away 10/11/21. He worked at INL for 26 years with various contractors as a Project Engineer, Staff Engineer, Senior Scientist, and Advisory Engineer.

John Lloyd Griffith II (92) passed away 10/12/21. He worked for Westinghouse and the Atomic Energy Commission. He oversaw numerous alternate clean energy programs, including hydroelectric power, geothermal energy, and biomass energy.

Elva Laura Scott DeRoche (96) passed away 10/16/21. She worked at INL around 1967 and was the first to become a female manager in the Plant Services.

John David Weyand (82) passed away 10/16/21.

Sharol G. Park Whitaker (77) passed away 10/17/21. She worked at INL as a librarian for 23 years.

Kenneth Sumpter (82) passed away 10/19/21.

Tracey Joe Daun (59) passed away 10/19/21. He worked at INL (FLUOR) for 21 years.

Marilyn Marriott (Spiers) Brower (87) passed away 10/23/21. She worked for the U.S. Department of Energy and worked her way up from secretary to Department Manager.

Les D. Birch (63) passed away 10/24/21. He worked at INL as a fuel handler and nuclear quality inspector.

Robert 'Bob' D. Bowman (96) passed away 10/26/21.

Brent Alan Detering (65) passed away 10/28/21. He worked at INL as a chemist, his research led to 16 patents.

Dennis Norman Bingham (75) passed away 10/27/21. He worked at INL in Bio Engineering, he was an inventor and held numerous patents, and was the recipient of several Research and Development Awards.

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Eric Horman (57) passed away 10/28/21. He was a current employee at INL, working at MFC org H640 in Radiation Protection.

James 'Jim' Lee Gregory (73) passed away 10/26/21. He worked at INL (FLUOR). He served as a Naval Reactors Technical Assistant at the Naval Reactors Facility in Idaho. He retired as a Lieutenant Commander in 1988. After retiring from the Navy, Jim held several responsible positions at INL. He served as the Safety Oversight Review Committee Chairman and the Radiological Controls Manager at the Advanced Test Reactor. At the Idaho Cleanup Project, he chaired the Performance Evaluation Board and the Independent Safety Review Committee. Because of his extensive experience at nuclear facilities, Jim performed and lead numerous independent reviews at Department of Energy Nuclear facilities. Jim also taught many courses on leadership, communication, and teamwork throughout the United States.

Rodney Lynn Shaw (61) passed away 10/31/21. He worked at INL as a mechanical engineer, beginning his career in 1988 at INL, and worked for 33 years.

## **November 2021**

James M. Bower (77) passed away 11/2/21.

Reinita Gayle Cordingley (80) passed away 11/6/21.

James 'Jim' Froman Boland (94) passed away 11/10/21. He secured a job at Westinghouse after graduation from college. He worked on the nuclear reactor prototype for the first nuclear submarine Nautilus. He later joined Argonne National Lab where he worked on other groundbreaking projects including EBRI, EBR-II and TREAT. He retired from Argonne after 25 years.

Dell Ray Hansen (81) passed away 11/11/21. He worked at INL as a bus driver for 17 years.

David William Smith (89) passed away 11/12/21. He worked at INL for 38 years as a quality craftsman.

Robert Michael Simonds (65) passed away 11/15/21. He was an active employee at INL, working in Org F440. He began at INL in 1986 as a Project Control Specialist.

Amy Louisa Pratt Christensen (86) passed away 11/20/21. She worked at INL as a nurse at the dispensaries.

Gerald A. Dineen (82) passed away 11/22/21.

John 'Ray' Karvinen (90) passed away 11/23/21.

Walter Arthur Ryder (93) passed away 11/25/21.

John L. Waddell, Jr. (77) passed away 11/28/21.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

### **December 2021**

Branden James Smith (40) passed away 12/4/21 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was an active employee at INL, he worked at ATR.

Helen Elaine Grimaud (60) passed away 12/4/21. She worked at INL in safety.

Cheryl Ann 'Cheri' Casper (71) passed away 12/9/21. She worked at Argonne National Lab as a cook and a custodian for 16 years.

John Robert Hyland (64) passed away 12/11/21. He worked at INL-FLUOR.

Jeffrey Darrel Beasley (64) passed away 12/11/21. He worked at INL-FLUOR as an electrician and retired in 2017.

Shirley Alice Kidd (86) passed away 12/15/21. She worked at INL as a Trainer.

LeMoyne 'Lindy' Dale Lindberg (84) passed away 12/22/21. He worked at INL as an engineer.

Jon Monasmith (81) passed away 12/23/21. He worked at INL as a mechanical engineer.

Edward William Parsons Jr. (84) passed away 12/25/21. He worked at INL as a mechanical engineer, he was involved in several radiological waste handling and fire protection pilot projects.

Robert Kay Adams (83) passed away 12/26/21. He worked at INL-AEC and Aero Jet General in computer security.

Gary Hammer (89) passed away 12/29/21. He worked at INL as a Technical Writer and Editor, retiring in 1995.

Brent Henry Messervy (72) passed away 12/31/21. He worked at INL as a production planner.

### **January 2022**

Joseph Henry Keller (87) passed away 1/2/22. He worked at INL at the chemical plant as a chemist. He retired a second time in 2019.

Carlton Roberts (81) passed away 1/3/22.

Marvin Joseph Walker (97) passed away 1/3/22. He worked at Atomic Energy Commission beginning in 1949 and retired as a captain after 30 years of service in federal law enforcement.

Boyd Jay Clark (83) passed away 1/5/22. He worked for INL right out of high school as a mailman. He retired in 1993 after 35 years of service.



## ***AFTER INL WORDS***

Robert Melvin Brugger (92) passed away 1/2/22. His career as a nuclear physicist began with a summer job in 1951 as an electronics technician at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico, and a "Summer Scientist" at E.I. DuPont deNemours in the summer of 1953 in Waynesboro, Virginia. After receiving his PhD in 1955, he and Barbara moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he worked for the US Atomic Energy Commission at the National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS) until 1974. He began as a Research Physicist, moving up through the years to become Manager of the Nuclear Technology Division for Aerojet Nuclear. From 1962-1963 he moved to England for an assignment with the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Research Establishment on behalf of the US Atomic Energy Commission and Phillips Petroleum Company. In 1974, Bob accepted a position as the Director of the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR) in Columbia, Missouri, and in August of that year he moved to Columbia to start the next phase of his career. During this time, Bob also served as a Professor of Nuclear Engineering at the University of Missouri until 1991, working primarily with graduate students. From 1981-1982 he took a Sabbatical to work at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. He took an appointment at the Medical Department of Brookhaven National Laboratory on Long Island, New York, in 1990, and in August of 1991, he retired from the University of Missouri, becoming Professor Emeritus of the Nuclear Engineering Dept. He worked as Senior Scientist at Brookhaven from 1991-1993, where he was coordinator of the Boron Neutron Capture Therapy Program (BNTC), an emerging treatment for cancerous tumors. From 1993-1999, Bob worked as a private consultant, and as a part-time employee for the McClellan Nuclear Radiation Center Reactor in Sacramento, California. Throughout his life, he continued to be fascinated by various forms of energy and followed the development and possibilities of Neutron Capture Therapy with great interest.

Albert Lee Campbell (84) passed away 1/6/22.

Ella Russell (91) passed away 1/7/22.

Louis Mares (88) passed away 1/8/22.

Nicholas Nicolayeff (74) passed away 1/9/22. He worked for the Department of Energy as an auditor since 1982.

Ken E. Vander Linden (64) passed away 1/11/22. He worked at INL as a fireman for 27 years.

David Timothy Neal (74) passed away 1/11/22. He worked at INL (CWI) as a heavy equipment operator.

Dr. Billy Ray Dickey (90) passed away 1/12/22. He worked at INL-ICPP as Manager of Process Development in the 1960's, 70's and early 80's, and later as Manager of Production Operations until 1987. He received his PhD in Chemical Engineering at A&M in 1964. In 1987 transferred to the Hanford Nuclear site. In 1990, he accepted a transfer to the Savannah River facility in Aiken, South Carolina.

## ***AFTER INL WORDS***

Robert LeRoy Collins (95) passed away 1/13/21. He worked at INL as a Journeyman Electrician.

Donald Vernon Fluke (92) passed away 1/13/22. He worked at AEC in the personnel security for 30 years, retiring in 1983.

James Grants Arendts (81) passed away 1/17/22. He worked at INL as an Engineer. He was an adjunct professor at the University of Idaho and worked for a year and a half as a USNRC delegate engineer at the University of Stuttgart in Germany. In recent years he became an inventor and was issued 5 patents.

Larry Paul Beahm (77) passed away 1/17/22. He worked at INL as a Locksmith after 35 years of service.

Danny August Englund (92) passed away 1/20/22. He worked at INL as an Instrument Technician.

Allan Scott Lockhart (82) passed away 1/20/22.

Michael G. Otis (67) passed away 1/20/22. He worked at INL-FLUOR, as a utility operator for 28 years, retiring in 2019.

Meliton 'Mel' Moroni Garcia (86) passed away 1/21/22. He worked at INL as an Industrial Hygienist.

Michael '2 Tall Mike' Hogan (67) passed away 1/23/22.

Joseph D. McKinney (76) passed away 1/24/22.

James 'Jim' Merrill Larson (84) passed away 1/27/22. He worked at Argonne National Laboratory for 27 years. His most notable professional achievements included nuclear instrument development at Argonne's Zero Power Physics Reactor (ZPPR) from the facility's start up until his retirement from the lab in 1995. In addition to his engineering career, Jim was an affiliate professor at the night campus for the University of Idaho at the Idaho Falls Center for Higher Education from 1969 until 1999. After retirement, Jim worked as a consultant instrument developer and donated his time to the Nuclear Engineering Department at Idaho State University nearly to the time of his death.

Isaiah Jedediah Gross (42) passed away 1/27/22. He was an active employee at INL, worked in Org F410 at ATR.

William Brewer (79) passed away 1/28/22. He worked at INL as a reactor operator, where he worked until his retirement.

Florine 'Mickey' Marie Moran Gourley (87) passed away 1/29/22. She worked at AEC as a secretary in the early 1950's.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Vernon S. Barnes (88) passed away 1/31/22. He worked at INL at the Chemical Processing Plant heavily involved in the shift labs and fuel storage water treatment for over 30 years.

John M. Quick (77) passed away 1/31/22.

## **February 2022**

Juanita V. Warden (77) passed away 2/2/22. She worked at INL for over 20 years.

Carl Yrene (92) passed away 2/3/22. He worked in the field of Engineering.

Hal Gene Kraus (71) passed away 2/4/22.

Sharlene Eaton (93) passed away 2/5/22. She worked at INL as a legal secretary and retired as an administrator.

Douglas Elliot Airmet (69) passed away 2/6/22. He worked at INL-CWI/FLUOR as a technical writer and worked his way up to Cause Analysis Investigator and writer. He retired after 29 years of service.

James Donald Johnson (88) passed away 2/9/22.

Gayland R. White (83) passed away 2/10/22.

Thomas J. Anderson (62) passed away 2/10/22. He was an active employee at INL, worked in org D320.

Ray Lynn Murdock (78) passed away 2/11/22. He worked at INL as a maintenance electrician, retiring in 1998.

R. Kent Perrenoud (81) passed away 2/13/22. He worked at Argonne National Laboratory as an accountant.

Arlene Andersen Adams (85) passed away 2/14/22. She worked at INL in Technical Publications from 1981-1999.

Clinton Eddie Sims (76) passed away 2/15/22. He worked at INL as a bus driver for 42 years.

Jackie Stoumbaugh (69) passed away 2/16/22.

Bryce LaMar Rich (90) passed away 2/20/22. He worked at INL as a Health Physicist in Radiation Safety.

Ronald C. Harker (87) passed away 2/21/22. He worked at INL as a Health Physicist.

Jay W. Christiansen (90) passed away 2/21/22. He worked at INL for 39 years.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Dewitt Alex Paesl (99) passed away 2/28/22. He worked at INL-FLUOR.

Edward Eugene Holcomb III (73) passed away 2/28/22.

George Thomas Hames (85) passed away 2/28/22. He worked at INL as a Security Police Officer, keeping safe members of the Nuclear Engineering Program, including high ranking Naval Personnel and anyone who entered the site. This was his dream job and he took great pride in his duties, performing security checks of vehicles and busses, patrolling the INL monitoring for traffic violations, and deterring potential security threats. George was respected by fellow officers, took great pride in his work environment, and often planted flowers at his security check point and went out of his way to make sure desert animals did not perish due to lack of food and water. He'd often tell Jan and his kids funny stories of all the different animal interactions on the Arco desert and would tell friends one of his important duties on the INL was "keeping peace amongst the animals." George was a dedicated professional, often taking overtime shifts, covering for his crew, and working additional night shifts after spending holidays with his family. George loved working in the quiet solitude and seeing all the different wildlife that visited him during his shifts. One of the things he loved about his profession was the physical demands and the various certifications required to be an INL security guard including Weapons Training, Physical Fitness Testing, SWAT Certification, and Doppler Radar Operation. Approaching retirement, George would tell stories of being able to compete with the younger guards. He retired after 18 years of honorable service at the INL in June 2001.

## **March 2022**

Melvin John Ellwein (78) passed away 3/3/22. He worked at INL as an Ironworker.

Boyd Oley Anderson (88) passed away 3/4/22. He worked at INL for 27 years.

Paul E. Rule (58) passed away 3/5/22. Paul worked in Los Alamos, New Mexico as a security officer transferring to the INL as a Security Police Officer. Later he became an INL firefighter from January 1994 to April 2019. He then worked for Red Inc. as an Escort at NRF.

Pamela Michelle Packer Bleyl (49) passed away 3/6/22. She worked at INL as an administrative assistant and an EMT/firefighter.

Eugene Hochhalter (73) passed away 3/8/22. He worked at INL for IEC (FLUOR).

Raymond Wilkie Noble (75) passed away 3/10/22. He worked at INL for over 30 years.

James Martin Peavler (81) passed away 3/8/22. He taught at Northern Illinois University and held positions at Argonne National Laboratory, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and Phillips Laboratory, among others. He was also active in various volunteer organizations, including the National Ski Patrol.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Fredric 'Fritz' Kroetsching Wrigley (95) passed away 3/11/22. He worked at Philips Petroleum in 1950, then transferred to Idaho Falls in 1954. In 1959 he began his employment with Aerojet General, at the facilities in Sacramento, CA, Huntsville, AL and Lancaster, CA. In 1975 he returned to Idaho Falls to work for Allied Chemical/Westinghouse Idaho Nuclear, retiring in 1987.

Gary Scott (86) passed away 3/14/22. He worked at INL as a bus driver starting in 1978 and retired in 1995.

Roger Darrel 'Pete' Sargent (80) passed away 3/16/22. He worked at INL as an industrial and air conditioning mechanic.

Rosemary Buden (90) passed away 3/19/22.

Artell Joseph Lovell (88) passed away 3/28/22. He was a Metallurgical Researcher working at the Idaho Test Station, Hanford, and Oak Ridge.

Wayne Elvin Sawyer III (51) passed away 3/30/22. He worked at INL as a mechanic at the Advanced Test Reactor, Org G431.

Melvin Jensen (89) passed away 3/30/22. He worked at INL for 28 years working at various nuclear reactor safety programs.

Leon Watlington (85) passed away 3/31/22. He worked at INL as SR Draftsman. He was a supervisor and manager of Design and Drafting and retired in 1999.

## **April 2022**

Terry Lee Taylor (76) passed away 4/2/22.

Luther Dale Watson (81) passed away 4/3/22. He worked at INL researching and calibrating brain radiation treatments. He wrote and published many articles concerning nuclear development.

Lila Fern Johnson (78) passed away 4/7/22. She worked at INL as a secretary.

Stanley Dale Blattner (57) passed away 4/9/22. He was an active employee at INL, working at CFA Org J352 as a Heavy Equipment Operator.

Ronald Smith (85) passed away 4/10/22. He worked at INL as a security guard.

Howard Wayne Case (76) passed away 4/11/22. He worked at IEC doing Program Controls.

George Everett Gruen (83) passed away 4/13/22. He worked at INL-Phillips Petroleum for 34 years, as a Nuclear Engineer. Everett was very active in the INL Retired Employees Association – serving in many officer capacities. He was original IREA web site master.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Lawrence Leon Hagen (80) passed away 4/17/22. He worked at INL as a firefighter and a training officer.

Keith Baker ( ) passed away 4/19/22.

Warren Paul Lindsay (91) passed away 4/22/22.

Bette Pauline Sutton (89) passed away 4/23/22. She worked at INL as a secretary.

Robert J. Norris (83) passed away 4/29/22. He worked at INL in Nuclear Engineering.

Steven Alfred Conan (72) passed away 4/29/22. He worked at INL as a heavy equipment operator for 44 + years.

## **May 2022**

Vieto Torres (70) passed away 5/2/22. He worked at INL-IEC from 1984 until retiring in 2016.

Charles Garde Bowman (88) passed away 5/5/22. He worked at INL and retired from TAN.

Floyd Emerson Croy Jr (85) passed away 5/5/22.

Richard 'Dick' Eugene Schuman (70) passed away 5/6/22.

Juan Carlos Lucero (92) passed away 5/10/22. He worked at INL-EG&G, Inc. as an electrical engineer.

Eric E. Thomas (53) passed away 5/12/22.

Dorothy Marie Jensen (97) passed away 5/16/22. She worked at INL-EG&G, Inc.

Rena Ann Blackburn (84) passed away 5/16/22. She worked at INL as an office coordinator. She retired in 1995.

Judy Leona Webster (80) passed away 5/18/22. She worked at INL as an office specialist, beginning in 1981.

Kevin LeVoy Anderson (68) passed away 5/22/22. He worked at INL as a Facilities Manager and Firearms Instructor.

John 'Jack' Carl Lagerquist (81) passed away 5/23/22. He worked at INL-CWI.

Rosalynnda Tissidimit Osborne (71) passed away 5/24/22.

Johnny 'John' Allen Jones (64) passed away 5/26/22. He worked at INL as a maintenance foreman.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Kenneth Bare (92) passed away 5/26/22. He worked at INL-AEC as a crane operator starting in 1961.

Larry Blang (80) passed away 5/27/22. He worked at INL as a welder for 26 years.

James LeRoy Smiley (88) passed away 5/27/22. He worked at INL as a computer systems analyst.

Gary William Smith (71) passed away 5/30/22. He worked at INL for 18 years.

## **June 2022**

Larry Harl Vincent (83) passed away 6/5/22. He worked at INL for 30 years as a construction foreman.

Darrell DeLoy Herndon (73) passed away 6/6/22. He worked at INL-CWI.

Dennis Clifford Neddo (78) passed away 6/7/22. He worked at INL as a bus driver.

Larry Wilk Simmons (88) passed away 6/9/22.

Ronald Hunter Raymond (78) passed away 6/11/22. He worked at INL for EG&G, Lockheed Martin in 1973.

Richard Allen Rankin (67) passed away 6/12/22. Richard enjoyed a historic career as a Technology Transfer Professional with more than 35 years of experience in the development, management, and commercialization of innovative technology. He served in several roles in technology transfer and commercialization, including most recently the Director of the Innovation and Partnerships Office at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and previously at Idaho National Laboratory as the head of the INL Technology Transfer Office, as well as managing the Licensing, Business Development, Intellectual Property and International activities of the Laboratory, and as a Principal Investigator and Manager in the R&D organizations. A recipient of the INL Lifetime Achievement Award for Inventorship, he was inducted into the INL Inventors Hall of Fame in 2003. Amongst others, he has received an R&D 100 Award, a George Westinghouse Innovation Award for the Westinghouse Corporations' top inventors, and a George Westinghouse Signature Award for engineering excellence.

Donald Suckling (94) passed away 6/13/22.

LaRaine Hunter Simmons (88) passed away 6/18/22.

Cecelia 'Sally' Rosemond Keller Baldwin (79) passed away 6/18/22. She worked at INL-MTR.

## ***AFTER INL WORDS***

Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Hatcher (74) passed away 6/18/22. He began his corporate career at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in Idaho Falls, ID as the Manager of Advanced Methods Research & Development where his team's efforts resulted in industry leading research in the early development of Artificial Intelligence and Decision Analysis in the 1980's. He then served 15 plus years at Lucent Technologies/AT&T Bell Laboratories where he was Director of Switch Software Development & Laboratory Operations. He retired from Lucent in the year 2000 and moved to Florida as Chief Operating Officer of Technology Control Services and then to Intel in New Jersey as General Manager. Upon his second retirement, he moved back to South Florida where he resided until his death.

Elene Clara Orr Monroe (73) passed away 6/19/22.

Harold William Davis (92) passed away 6/20/22.

Ronald Wood Leanna (75) passed away 6/22/22. He worked at IEC.

Luke David Clark (22) passed away 6/23/22. He worked at INL as a Radiological Control Technician in Operations beginning in 2020.

Roland Ooley (89) passed away 6/23/22.

Louard Crumbaugh Jr (83) passed away 6/24/22. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Engineer in research and development.

Lewis K. Hansen (77) passed away 6/25/22. He worked at INL as a computer programmer at IEC.

George Reimann (90) passed away 6/26/22. He worked at INL for over 20 years retiring in 1994.

Louis C. Just (90) passed away 6/27/22.

Max Dolenc (79) passed away 6/27/22.

William Bradford Baker (91) passed away 6/29/22. He worked at INL, beginning in 1972 with Phillips Petroleum Co at the NRTS. He worked on the SPERT (Special Power Experimental Reactor Test) and PBF (Power Burst Facility) research programs. He also worked in the Experiments Engineering division at the ATR until he retired in September 2000.

Donald Richard Adams (92) passed away 6/30/22. He briefly worked at the EG&G government site.



## **AFTER INL WORDS**

### **July 2022**

Kevin Lee Bagley (64) passed away 7/2/22. He worked at INL for 30 years.

Carolyn Jean (Schuetz) Mclsaac (73) passed away 7/2/22. She worked at the Atomic Energy Commission.

Robert Scott Jr. (86) passed away 7/3/22. He worked at INL, he was involved with SPIRT-ONE and early computer data analysis gathering.

Margi Brown Riggs (75) passed away 7/4/22. She worked at INL as a Manager for the Training Directorate until her retirement in 2008.

Frank Phelps (89) passed away 7/5/22.

Adair Clark Clapp (68) passed away 7/7/22. She worked at INL beginning in 1979 working in security at the site. She transferred to transportation dispatch in town and later ran the office at the site landfill.

Barbara Bell Hocking Chaffin (93) passed away 7/8/22. She worked at INL as a janitor and worked her way up to a RadCon Technican.

Julius Berreth (92) passed away 7/9/22.

Dale Hendrickson (90) passed away 7/9/22.

Douglas Lee Smith (63) passed away 7/9/22. He worked at INL as a pipe fitter.

William D. Orr (73) passed away 7/15/22. He worked at INL-CWI.

Marilyn Wilde (83) passed away 7/19/22.

Annie Vivian (Davis) Rydalch (86) passed away 7/19/22. She worked at INL from 1979 until her retirement in 2010. Her work focused on helping to build a sustainable energy plan for Idaho and the nation, but she was particularly interested in nuclear energy and economic development. Her work with the Fort Peck Indian Reservation led her to be inducted as an honorary member of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribe in Montana.

Matthew Thomas Brandley (72) passed away 7/23/22. He worked at INL for 25 years.

Sharon Lee Sweet Mecham (66) passed away 7/23/22. She worked at INL and Argonne National Laboratory for 32 years and retired in 2011.

Leman Dale Veile (85) passed away 7/24/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer, retiring in 2001.

Lyle 'Mak' J. McKinlay (76) passed away 7/24/22. He worked at INL-CWI as a radiation control technician.

## ***AFTER INL WORDS***

Anthony Cardone (92) passed away 7/31/22. He worked at INL as a Geological Engineer.

Doyle DeVon Hammon (87) passed away 7/24/22. He worked at INL as an electrician from 1982 to 1995.

Shannon Kay Garnier Eddins (50) passed away 7/29/22. She was an active employee at INL, she worked in the D org.

## **August 2022**

Gerald (Jerry) Klotzkin (81) passed away 8/3/22. He worked at Argonne National Laboratory.

John Eugene Birchler (81) passed away 8/4/22.

Donald Daniel Taylor (90) passed away 8/9/22. He worked at INL from 1959 to 1995.

Terry Wade (66) passed away 8/12/22.

Gordon Alvin Rigby (93) passed away 8/13/22. He worked at INL as a Hot Cell Technician for 35 years.

Virginia Ann Sievers Asper (75) passed away 8/16/22. She worked at INL as a secretary.

Ted Dean Christensen (67) passed away 8/18/22. He worked at INL for 10 years.

Rulon Jay Young (73) passed away 8/19/22. He worked and retired from Westinghouse.

Benny Slade Beck (66) passed away 8/21/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Journeyman.

Charles Wolfe (73) passed away 8/22/22. He worked at INL as an Experimental Reactor Operator. He joined the United States Navy and served on nuclear submarines for 10 years, then finished his Navy career in the Management Training Group at the Idaho National Nuclear Engineering Lab.

Robert J. Birch (66) passed away 8/24/22.

John Richard Nielsen (82) passed away 8/24/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer, working on improving safety systems for Nuclear Reactors, publishing a regulatory guide for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in March of 1986. For this work he received the 1986 Best Product Award from the Registered Professional Engineering Association of Idaho.

William Dan Blake (88) passed away 8/26/22. He worked at INL as an Electrician for 20 years.

Theron A. Gardner (72) passed away 8/28/22.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

Michael C. Hall (71) passed away 8/28/22. He worked at INL-CWI/Fluor.

Brian Douglas Simmons (38) passed away 8/29/22. He worked at INL as a security guard.

Sarah Wanda Baker Butt (88) passed away 8/30/22. She worked at INL as an Administrative Assistant.

## **September 2022**

Doreen Yukimi (Nakamura) Azevedo (67) passed away 9/2/22.

Robert Jesse Edwards (72) passed away 9/3/22. He worked at INL as a lineman and retired as a power dispatcher after nearly 30 years.

William Howard Newkirk (38) passed away 9/5/22. He was an active employee at INL, he worked in the H org at MFC.

Ralph M. David (89) passed away 9/7/22. He worked at INL as a mailman and progressed into a Quality Assurance Inspector. In 1961, Ralph trained the military to disassemble the nuclear reactor after the meltdown. Years later, his family watched Ralph in the training videos highlighted on the History channel.

Travis A. Hall (53) passed away 9/11/22. He worked at INL as an electrician at MFC for about 20 years.

Robert 'Bob' James Rader Sr. (75) passed away 9/14/22. He retired from INL in 2003.

Dale Jay Killpack (80) passed away 9/22/22.

Birney Phillips (84) passed away 9/23/22. He worked at INL as a Nuclear Engineer for 17 years.

David C. Jenkins (86) passed away 9/25/22. He worked at INL as a chemical engineer.

Alan Brent Pearson (80) passed away 9/25/22. He worked at INL-CWI as a Radiological Control Technician for many years, then taught radiation safety until he retired in 2006.

Merville E. Greenidge (81) passed away 9/28/22.

Steven Keith Anspach (69) passed away 9/30/22. He worked at INL as an Electrical Engineer. He had a 43 year long career doing engineering work for different laboratories in both Colorado and Idaho.

## **AFTER INL WORDS**

### **October 2022**

Duane Burton Smith (53) passed away 10/3/22. He worked at INL-NRF as a chemical engineer.

Delmar V. Miley (85) passed away 10/4/22. He worked at INL and retired in 1995.

Frank Jaggar (76) passed away 10/9/22.

Darrell Brig Wray (85) passed away 10/11/22. He worked at INL as a Health Physics Technician.

Kristoffer N. Kelly (45) passed away 10/15/22. He was an active employee at INL, worked at MFC org U310.

Donald Fay Nilsson (87) passed away 10/16/22. He worked at Westinghouse at NRF for 36 years.

Virginia Marie Grasmick (81) passed away 10/19/22.

Shirley Ann Christensen (76) passed away 10/23/22.

Robert 'Bob' Eugene Siedelmann (98) passed away 10/23/22. He worked as a Mechanical Engineer for Navy Nuclear Program.

LaRae Steffler-Blosch (77) passed away 10/27/22. She worked at INL as an administrative assistant and record keeper for 15 years.

Kelly Maril Welch (56) passed away 10/29/22. He was an active employee at INL as a Network Engineer and worked in org Y430.

**AFTER INL WORDS**

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