

In Memoriam

Washburn Law mourns the passing of the following alumni whose deaths were reported to the school from July 1, 2021 - Nov. 15, 2022.

Alva H. Bandy, '49, Richardson, Texas, on March 17, 2022, at age 98

Lawrence O. Bengtson, '50, Salemsborg, Kansas, on Sept. 17, 2022, at the age of 99

The Hon. Norman K. "Keith" Sanborn, '50, Bluff City, Kansas, on Aug. 1, 2022, at the age of 100

Junior F. Elder, '51, Topeka, Kansas, on Sept. 26, 2022, at the age of 102

Tom H. Foulds, '51, Edmonds, Washington, on Nov. 14, 2021, at age 97

The Hon. Adrian J. Allen, '54, Topeka, Kansas, on April 16, 2022, at age 93

H. Dean Cotton, '54, McPherson, Kansas, on Sept. 18, 2022, at the age of 93

Paul D. Berkley, '56, Salina, Kansas, on March 6, 2022, at the age of 91

William R. "Russ" Davis Jr., '57, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Oct. 17, 2021, at age 92

Richard V. "Dick" Foote, '58, Wichita, Kansas, on March 22, 2022, at age 92

Ronald J. Wilkinson, '58, Wichita, Kansas, on Nov. 24, 2021, at age 87

The Hon. Melvin M. Grader, '59, Newton, Kansas, on Sept. 7, 2022, at the age of 93

David L. McComb, '59, Atlanta, Georgia, on Dec. 23, 2021, at the age of 90

The Hon. Dean J. Smith, '59, Overland Park, Kansas, on Nov. 3, 2021, at the age of 89

Robert H. "Bob" Reeder, '60, Topeka, Kansas, on Feb. 21, 2022, at the age of 91

Robert D. Hamel, '61, Windcrest, Texas, on Dec. 26, 2021, at the age of 84

David V. Buckley, '62, Topeka, Kansas, on Dec. 8, 2021, at age 85

Harry "Pete" Connelly, Jr., '62, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 28, 2022, at the age of 88

Firman G. Gladow, '63, Lyons, Kansas, on Jan. 1, 2022, at the age of 83

Roger M. Sherwood, '64, Wichita, Kansas, on July 20, 2021, at the age of 84

James D. Farris, '65, Kansas City, Kansas, on Jan. 23, 2022, at the age of 82

Ronald G. Hinkle, '66, Overland Park, Kansas, on Jan. 17, 2022, at the age of 80

The Hon. Thomas F. Richardson, '68, Garden City, Kansas, on Oct. 9, 2021, at the age of 80

Ronald W. Hill, '70, Topeka, Kansas, on April 13, 2022, at the age of 77

The Hon. Daniel L. Brewster, '72, Joplin, Missouri, on May 26, 2022, at the age of 75

R. Daniel Lykins, '72, Topeka, Kansas, on Nov. 25, 2021, at the age of 75

Jack D. Sage, '73, Dorr, Michigan, on April 8, 2022, at the age of 77

Frank E. White Jr., '73, Hesston, Kansas, on Nov. 2, 2021, at the age of 78

Arthur H. "Art" Griggs, '74, Topeka, Kansas, on July 10, 2022, at the age of 75

Timothy J. Suttle, '74, Plano, Texas, on Aug. 1, 2022, at the age of 73

James K. Packard, '75, Loveland, Colorado, on Dec. 30, 2021, at the age of 73

Harry W. Longbottom, '77, Yuma, Arizona, on March 31, 2022, at the age of 70

William T. "Bill" Coppersmith, '78, Olathe, Kansas, on May 11, 2020, at the age of 68

The Hon. Philip T. Kyle, '78, Ness City, Kansas, on May 3, 2021, at the age of 80

The Hon. Daniel W. Olsen, '78, Raymore, Missouri, on Nov. 9, 2021, at the age of 69

Mark B. Hutton, '79, Wichita, Kansas, on Dec. 29, 2021, at the age of 67

Douglas B. Salsbury, '79, Chesterfield, Missouri, on Feb. 19, 2022, at the age of 69

Bruce J. Woner, '79, Topeka, Kansas, on Jan. 27, 2022, at the age of 67

Frank S. "Steven" Coen, '80, Wichita, Kansas, on Feb. 25, 2022, at the age of 68

John I. O'Connor, '80, Farmington, Missouri, on Oct. 12, 2022, at the age of 67

Linda L. Larsen, '81, Flagstaff, Arizona, on Nov. 15, 2021, at the age of 65

Douglas P. Campbell, '84, Ulysses, Kansas, on July 28, 2021, at the age of 74

Mark E. Caplinger, '85, Topeka, Kansas, on June 12, 2022, at the age of 62

Scott K. Hanano, '90, Wailuku Maui, Hawaii, on Nov. 26, 2021, at the age of 57

Sandra K. "Sandy" Lindell Harms, '92, Atlantic, Iowa, on Nov. 8, 2021, at the age of 56

Christopher C. Bates, '05, Seattle, Washington, on Feb. 28, 2022, at the age of 47

Remembering William D. Bunten



William D. Bunten, '56, died on Sept. 2, 2022. He was 90. Bunten joined the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation board of trustees in 1990 and served as a director from 2006-09. He received the School of Law Distinguished Service Award in 2009. He and his wife,

Charlene Bunten, created and funded a School of Law scholarship and have supported several other areas at Washburn. He worked in the banking industry for 50 years throughout the U.S., retiring in 1996 from INTRUST Bank in Wichita. He chaired several non-profit boards including United Way of Topeka and the Topeka Chamber of Commerce.

Remembering Richard C. Hite



Richard C. Hite, '53, H'11, died on Dec. 16, 2021. He was 93. Hite served on the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation board of trustees from 1986-99 before becoming trustee emeritus. He created and funded an endowment

in his name for the Washburn University School of Law. He practiced law in Wichita, Kansas, with Kahrs, Nelson from 1959-2000. He was also a founding partner of the firm Hite, Fanning & Honeyman. He volunteered and served on the boards of several local and national legal and charitable organizations.

Remembering Charlene L. Smith



Washburn University School of Law's Emeritus Professor of Law Charlene Smith passed away on Feb. 24, 2022.

Smith taught at Washburn Law for over 20 years, from 1982-2003 and 2007-08. She received her undergraduate degree, as well as a master's degree in history, from the University of Denver.

She taught history at Lea College in Albert Lea, Minnesota, before moving to the Twin Cities region and obtaining her juris doctor degree from Hamline University School of Law. After graduation, the Minnesota attorney general hired Charlene to head the Human Rights Division. A particularly noteworthy case she successfully shepherded was a lawsuit against Reserve Mining, a sex discrimination claim brought on behalf of women seeking equal employment rights.

Being a teacher at heart, Charlene then attended Temple University Beasley School of Law, where she earned a masters of law as a Law Teaching Fellow.

Charlene's teaching assignment included Torts, Legal Methods, Legal Research and Writing, and a torts seminar. She also became the coordinator of Ahrens Tort Seminar for nine years, bringing many international torts scholars, professors, attorneys, judicial officers, and government

officials to Washburn. One example of Charlene's creativity and innovation as a law professor was using distance (remote) learning for the Ahrens Tort Seminar in 1999 and 2000, long before distance or remote learning was being used in academia.

In 1990, Charlene, along with Professor Bill Rich, planned and implemented another innovative course, the Law Colloquium. Not only did the subject matter of the course change each year, but the course was unique in that it was co-taught by many Washburn Law faculty members. Charlene also loved to travel and was instrumental, together with Professor Linda Elrod, in setting up the Summer Study Abroad Program at Brunel University in Uxbridge, England, and then, a few years later, moving the program to King's College in London.

Charlene was passionate about the legal rights of women and LGBTQ individuals. She served on the Kansas Bar Association task force on women and was the editor of the Kansas Women's Legal Rights Handbook.

Charlene retired as professor emeritus from Washburn in 2003. She then joined the law faculty at Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

In Memoriam by Nancy Maxwell, professor of law emeritus