

Camp Echo Alumni News December, 2013



Charles Rodney McKibbin, Family Camper 1963–1968 and 1982–1984 passed away April 9, 2013. Chuck or Charlie McKibbin, as he was known, was born October 8, 1924 in Madison, WI and peacefully passed away April 9, 2013 at Providence Hospital, Everett WA. Charles was raised in Riceville, IA and served in the Navy during WWII from 1942 – 1945 in the Pacific Theatre of War. He graduated Depauw University, Greencastle IN, 1950. He married Susan Sadler in 1955. They lived in Evanston, IL for 25 years and Charles coached youth hockey for 15 years. They moved to toe Pacific Northwest in 1990. Charles loved the mountains, the water, golf, hunting, and fishing but mostly he loved his family. He is survived by his wife Sue; children: Andrew (Marilynn), Julia Klein (John), Laura, Robert, and Daniel (Aimee); seven grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, and Taylor Klein, William and Camden McKibbin, Brandon and Mason Anderson; his brother Ed

(Lynne); and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by son Christopher Alan. A celebration of his life was held on April 13, 2013. Memorial gifts may be sent to McGaw YMCA Camp Echo in memory of Charles R. McKibbin, 1000 Grove St, Evanston, IL 60201.



Winifred "Freddie" Potter July 22, 1920 – July 4, 2013 Matriarch of the Potter Lodge Family

Winifred "Freddie" Potter passed away on July 4th 2013. Freddie Anne Whiteside was born to Ed and Hazel Whiteside on July 22, 1929 in Michigan City, IN where she spent the first 10 years of her life. She and her family moved to Rocky River, Ohio (a suburb of Cleveland) Where she had wonderful memories and made life-long friendships. She was raised in a musical family – her mother was a church organist and her father was a choir director with a beautiful baritone voice. Her love of music continued throughout her life. During WWII she worked as a passenger agent for United Airlines— years which provided her with wonderful stories and adventures. She married Norton "Pete" Potter in February of 1951 and together

they built a happy life together in Evanston, IL. These years were full with raising three children, being active in school and community organizations, singing and performing with the Folk Chorale vocal group and serving as scout leader. In 1968 Pete and Freddie moved their family to California, purchasing an avocado ranch in Fallbrook, CA. Freddie continued her community service as a member of the Fallbrook Planning Commission, 4-H community leader, volunteer "pink lady" at Fallbrook Hospital and as an officer in the San Diego chapter of ASTA (American Association of Travel Agents). She has been a member of PEO since 1975. In 1978 Freddie and Pete opened two travel agencies – Fallbrook Travel in Fallbrook and the Travel Agent in Temecula, CA. Thus began their traveling years. Together they experienced many adventures including a cruise down the Amazon, a trip on a mail boat to the fjords of Norway, Senior Exchange to Japan, plus trips to the British Isles, Europe, Africa, China, and Australia/New Zealand. In 1999 Freddie was preceded in

death by her beloved husband, and moved to Spokane, WA in 2001. She made many wonderful friends at Fairwood Retirement Community, Chapter CQ of PEO and Knox Presbyterian Church. She loved the symphony concerts and soirees, and wouldn't dream of missing any of the Spokane community events. Including Bloomsday, Neighbor Day/4th of July and Pig Out in the Park. If it was happening in or near Spokane, Freddie would be there even if it meant using a wheelchair in recent years. Always the adventurer, she celebrated her 90th birthday by parasailing in Cour d'Alene, even making the evening news that night. Freddie was preceded in death by her parents Edward Edgley and Alida Hazel Dix Woodside and brother, Richard Woodside. She is survived by her children: Marcy (John) Jasek, Judy Potter, and Ed (Debbie) Potter; grandchildren: Dan Jasek, Michelle Jasek, Chris (Nicole) Potter, Crystal (Rob) Petrykowski; great –grandchildren: Molly Potter, Lilla Petrykowski and Milo Petrykowski; cousin: Robert Moysey; as well as nieces, nephews and very many precious friends. A Memorial Service was held at Knox Presbyterian Church on July 20, 2013. Memorial gifts may be directed to Knox Presbyterian Church or Hospice of Spokane.



Anna Sullivan (camper 90's staff 00's) and Andrew Blake (staff 00's) have announced their engagement and set a wedding date for June 14, 2014.



Vivian Bianchi Sherman (Camper in the 90's and Staff in the 2000's) and husband Kevin Sherman welcomed triplets on April 3, 2013, three daughters, Elodie, Eve, and Emeline Sherman. The Sherman family lives in Denver, Co.



Jamie Deutch Noll (Camper in the 90's and Staff in the 2000's) and her husband, Jacob Noll welcomed their first child, Henry Deutch Knoll on April 24, 2013. The Noll family lives in Seattle, Washington.



Ingrid Davidson DeCherrie (Staff 90's and 00's) and Scott DeCherrie (work weekend crew) welcomed their first child, Aliyah Faith DeCherrie on May 13, 2013.



Ange Schaefer Cluxton (Camper and Staff member 90's) and her husband Nathan Cluxton welcomed their second daughter, Heidi Lynn Cluxton on June 28, 2013. Big sister Betty is looking forward to attending Echo with Heidi in the coming years.



Lindsay Thompson Shea (Staff member in the 2000's, year round Program Manager 2007 – 2009) and Jordan Shea (Camper 90's staff in the 2000's) welcomed their first child, Archer "Archie" Edward Shea on September 23, 2013. The Shea's live in Cary, IL. Look how much Archie has grown in 2 months.



Bill (Staff '60' -70's Camp Echo Director '80 – '81, CEO McGaw YMCA 2003-2013) and Beth Geiger (staff 70's) became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Nash Wesley Hunter on October 29, 2013. Nash's parents are **Laura Geiger Hunter, (Family Camper 80's-90's)** and Chad Hunter. The Hunters live in Charlotte, NC, Bill and Beth Geiger live in Evanston.

Two Current Camp Echo Family Camp Families are facing health crisis which have arisen this fall.



Evan O'Brien, who is a family camper and the 10 year old son of Peter (Echo camper, Family Camper and staff Alumni) and Joanna (Family Camper) O'Brien, has just been diagnosed with stage 4 non-hodgkins Leukemia/Lymphoma. Evan is

an amazing and strong young guy and we know he will fight this and come through okay. But the economic challenges resulting from this diagnosis will be enormous. A fund has been established www.evanobrienfund.org and thoughts, prayers and financial support will be hugely important for the O'Brien family in the time to come.



Julian Sims is 10 years old and also a family camper at Echo with his parents Rich and Romy and younger brother, Miles. Julian has just been diagnosed with a type of Leukemia which necessitates a bone marrow transplant. Send a message to Julian through his Caring Bridge website:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/juliansims/guestbook>

Read more about his story at Be The Match.com:

http://www.bethematchfoundation.org/site/TR/Events/DD_BTM_TR_2012?fr_id=1960&px=2780707&pg=personal

We send our love and prayers to both of these brave boys and their incredible families.