

## In Memoriam

**Ronald Paddack** (May 28, 1938-March 14, 2016) served as founder and director of the International Office at UCO from 1976 until his retirement in 2006. Ron was inducted into the UCO Luminary Society in 2015. Since his retirement Paddack continued to travel, always telling the UCO story. At the time of his death, he had visited a total of 183 countries from the cosmopolitan to the undeveloped and remote, but he always loved returning to his beloved Oklahoma home. Ron is survived by his wife of 47 years, Hwa Yun, son James Arlie and his wife, daughter Marjorie and her husband, and 3 grandchildren.

**Bobbie Lopez** (July 8, 1939-March 13, 2016) worked in Admissions and Records, Human Resources, and Payroll at the University of Central Oklahoma for 19 years. Bobbie was a lifelong learner, voracious reader and music lover. Her later interests included personal computing, surfing the web, bird watching and viewing OETA. Bobbie is survived by her two sons, Kevin and Adam, and their wives, 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews.

**John Elder** (July 31, 1948-March 4, 2016) served UCO from 1993-2016, retiring as an adjunct professor for the Department of History. He became interested in Native American history and began working with Red Earth Museum/Festival in 1996. He was director of Red Earth Museum and later served as executive director of Red Earth in 2001. John was an accomplished musician and composer as well as a gifted writer and poet. He is survived by his father; wife, Tammy; son, Stephen; daughter, Jessica; and 3 grandchildren.

**Kenneth Elsner** (Jan. 3, 1934-April 3, 2016) was born in Slick, OK. After earning a doctorate in education, Ken moved his family to Edmond and he went to work for the OK State Department of Education. In 1971 he became an assistant superintendent for Edmond Public Schools and in 1975 he became director of student teaching at UCO. Ken served as dean of the College of Education from 1987 until his retirement in 1998. After retirement, he was active in the Edmond Senior Men's Golf Association and enjoyed the fellowship of his church family. He is survived by a brother, John Elsner and wife Nancy; son, Russell Elsner; daughter, Robin Thomas; and 2 granddaughters, Lindsey and Dana Thomas.

**James Brewster** (March 2, 1927-May 12, 2016) served in the Navy in World War II. After working as a teacher, he became an FBI agent, serving in many leadership roles. James came to the Management Department at UCO in 1982. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and daughters, Terri and Jamie. His family also includes sons-in-law Sandy Wiseman and James Tyra; grandchildren and spouses, Sarah and Brandon Collins and Steve and Beth Wiseman; and great-grandchildren, Mazie, Annabelle, Kaleb, Henry and Rhys.

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