

In Memory

Carolyn Pool

A memorial service for Carolyn Pool, Ph.D., retired professor of Museum Studies, was Monday, September 17, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Dr. Pool, 71, died Friday, September 7, 2012. During her 18 years of service to Central, she taught Museum Studies, Native American history, American history and archaeology courses. Also, she was the program coordinator for Museum Studies for the past 17 years.

She held an M.A. and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. Her research interests included Plains and Southwest Indian ethnohistory, public history interpretation, and cultural property issues. Pool served on the board of the Mountain Plains Museums Association and represented the 10-state region on the national board of the Committee on Museum Professional Training. Her work in developing museum training programs and professional services has been recognized by the Oklahoma Museums Association's Streich Award for Service to the Profession, the Governor's Arts Award, the Oklahoma Historical Society and the National Endowment for the Humanities Division of State Programs.



Bill Lillard, June 30, 1925- September 18, 2012

Retired Central President Bill Lillard, Ed.D., died September 18, 2012. He was 87. He served 45 years in education and education administration. President Lillard and his late wife Mary Helen served Central with grace and distinction for 17 years, leaving behind a legacy that will long be remembered

in the community and beyond.

A native of Wilburton in southeastern Oklahoma, Lillard earned a bachelor's degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. He went on to earn his master and doctorate degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Lillard worked in the Oklahoma City Public School system for 20 years in various positions, including teacher, counselor, assistant principal, director of secondary education and assistant superintendent. His time with OKCPS concluded with a nine-year stint as district superintendent before he became Central's president.

UCO President George Nigh named the Administration Building in honor of both Lillard and his wife, Mary Helen, who died last year.



Dr. Lillard served the University of Central Oklahoma for a record 17 years as President, from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1992, as the institution changed its name from Central State College to the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO). The Lillards established a garden on the UCO campus as a memorial to their beloved daughter Louise, who died in 1974 at the age of 18.

Mary A. Betz, May 24, 1924 - October 18, 2012

Mary A. Betz, 88, passed away peacefully at home early Thursday, October 18. Her nearly nine decades were marked by a loving family, frequent laughter, sweet memories and deep friendships.

She was born in Chicago, Illinois on May 24, 1924, the daughter of Carmen and Virginia Sarno, recent immigrants from southern Italy. She is survived by three sons: Don (Susanne), Bob (Cathy) and Tom (Cindy), as well as 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Over time Mary showed her entrepreneurial savvy, establishing businesses and tackling new projects. In the mid 1960s she led the way to build the Mari-Don Apartments, still an iconic residence in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood. Shortly after, she opened the Clamdigger Restaurant in Seattle's Pike Place Market, gaining local fame for her generous cioppino. This was followed by two natural food stores, both named MariDon Healthway, in the Pike Place Market and then the Wallingford neighborhood. Mary eagerly supported the move to and organization of natural foods retailing throughout Washington.

Mary will be missed for the spirit and energy she brought to all aspects of her life, as well as for her sublime interpretations of southern Italian food. Above all, she will be remembered for her enthusiastic friendship and deep love of family.

Marilyn Margie Jones

Funeral services for Marilyn Margie Jones, 79, of Guthrie, OK, were held Wednesday, October 24, at Smith Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Harmony Cemetery, Guthrie. Marilyn passed away Sunday, October 21. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Russell Jones, formerly of the UCO faculty in the College of Business; son, Bryan Jones, and wife, Janis, of Oklahoma City; daughter, Laurie Jones-Butler, and husband, Jerry, of Little Rock, AR. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oklahoma Medical Research, American Cancer Society, or the cancer charity of your choice.

