

OBITUARIES

JOHN E. FULLERTON

Alaska resident John E. Fullerton, 80; died Sept. 16, 1999, of congestive heart failure at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. He lived in Alaska and Seattle.

A memorial celebration will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at his home in Seattle, 16935 Maplewild S.W. For more information, call 1-206-243-6163.

Mr. Fullerton was born Aug. 17, 1919, in Flat, a gold mining town in the Yukon watershed that was served by the original Iditarod trail.

He was educated in a one-room schoolhouse. His family moved to Seattle when he was 14. He graduated from Highline High School in Seattle in 1937 and from Washington State University in 1947 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Fullerton served in World War II and became a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

While in college, he worked summers in Alaska representing his family's interest in Awe Mining Co. After graduating, he returned to Alaska and in 1950 formed Flat Creek Placers Mining Co. with his brother Richard.

His family said: "Flat Creek Placers thrived for the past 49 years under John's guidance as one of Alaska's most successful family-owned gold mines. He took great pride in his independence as a businessman, working with the earth and living life on his own terms.

"His lifelong joys of flying his Cessna 170 and skiing reflected his love for the outdoors and independent spirit. He had a respect for higher education and instilled this love of learning in his children.

"An eternal optimist, he always knew that next year would be better than last. John was a man of great principle, a loving and patient father, and he will be missed."

Mr. Fullerton is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jane; two daughters, Linda and Joan; two sons, Tad and Eric; two daughters-in-law, Gail and Jeanne; three grandchildren, Tommy, Hannah and Zachary-John; and many friends.

Memorial donations may be sent to the American Heart Association, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane, Anchorage 99503.

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