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Stanley Wayne Boucher, 1927–2013

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Stanley Boucher passed away on September 30, 2013. He was born and raised in Colorado Springs, and he graduated from honors from Colorado College, where he majored in English and history. Drafted into the Army during the Korean conflict, he worked as a social work technician in an experimental psychiatric unit serving all of the Eighth Army north of Seoul. Following military discharge, he earned a Master of Social Work degree from the School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, 1957.

His career as a psychiatric social worker covered years with the Mental Health Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health, later time with the Colorado Department of Institutions, and finally as the Director of Mental Health Continuing Education for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, a 13-state organization based in Boulder.

He maintained a lifelong interest in mountains, especially those in Colorado. He was a life member of both the Colorado Mountain Club and the American Alpine Club, joining the latter in 1952. He frequently led hiking, climbing, and cross-country ski trips for the Boulder Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. He is remembered for giving the annual safety lecture for the mountaineering school, and serving a term as president of the Boulder Group. He wrote an unpublished mountaineering book in his 20s, when not many had taken to the mountains or knew what they were doing. He composed poems throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Virginia, his son, Eric, and his younger brother, Gary. He was predeceased by his daughter, Julie, and her husband, Clive Baillie, who died in a mountaineering accident in 1996, and by his brother Wesley Boucher. A celebration of his life was held in Boulder on December 14, 2013.

Contributions to the Stanley Boucher Memorial Fund, American Alpine Club, 710 10th Golden, CO, 80401, will support the digitization and online accessibility of Stanley's unpublished manuscript, *The World at Our Feet*.

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