



***2016 MEDICAL WALL  
OF FAME  
HONOREES***





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## **WALL OF FAME**

**5:30pm**

### ***Welcome***

Donna Wehe  
San Luis Valley Health Director of PR and Marketing

**5:40pm**

### ***Induction of Honorees***

#### ***Dr. Sidney Anderson***

Ted Morrison, Presenter

#### ***Peggy Barr, MT(ASCP)***

Janet Whitmer, Presenter

#### ***Dr. Robert Bradshaw***

Jim Robbins, Presenter

#### ***Dr. Littleton Bunch***

Kelly Gurule, Presenter

#### ***Mabel Cotton, R.N.***

Julie Geiser, Presenter

#### ***Dr. Charles Davlin***

Robert Kelly, Presenter

#### ***Dr. James Hurley***

Grant Hurley, Presenter

#### ***Norma Stamps***

Rhonda Thomas, Presenter

#### ***Dr. Elliot Stong***

Ted Morrison, Presenter

#### ***Arvilla Weldon, R.N.***

Lois Booth, Presenter



## **DR. SIDNEY ANDERSON**

Dr. Sidney Anderson was born August 16, 1900 in Commanche, Texas. He graduated from West High School in Denver, CO. in 1921. Shortly thereafter, he became an orderly in the Denver hospital and ambulance service.

January 1923 he married Mayonne Chambers in Castle Rock, CO. In time he had two children, Sharon who passed away at birth and Jerome "Jerry" who had several children giving Doc many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

After graduating Northwestern Medical School in Chicago, Illinois in 1927, he came to Alamosa in 1928 where he practiced medicine for 61 years. In 1945 Dr. Bradshaw joined him as a partner and they both spent many hours tending to their patients.

Dr. Anderson was well known for his house call (sometimes taking Jerry with him) and delivered over 5,300 babies – some at the homes of his patients. He was the doctor for the D&RGW railroad, local National Guard and was appointed to the Colorado State Medical Board.

He was active in community affairs such as Masonic Lodge, Alkaly Shrine, Elks, American Legion, Rotary, Board of Trustees for State Colleges, Chamber of Commerce and was named Citizen of the year.

Dr. Anderson was a humble and quiet man, who enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, dancing and gathering with family and friends. The family noted that he had a habit when having his picture taken he would take both front and back views and then paste them together.

After he retired in 1988 he spent many days at his sons business - La Jara Trading Post. Dr. Anderson passed away on June 3, 1995 at the age of 94.

## PEGGY BARR, MT (ASCP)



Margaret “Peggy” Barr was born in Antonito, Colorado and was the youngest of six children. She grew up in Monte Vista, Colorado from the age of 3 and graduated from Monte Vista High School. She went on to graduate from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, and was certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologist. Peggy worked in the laboratory at Denver Children’s hospital for 10 years and then obtained the position of Laboratory Supervisor at the Monte Vista Community Hospital where she worked for 30 years.

Peggy married Jere Barr in 1949 and they lived in Denver until 1955 when she returned to Monte Vista. She and Jere had two wonderful children, James and Barbara.

Peggy was very involved in many organizations. She was very active in P.E.O. (define PEO) She was a 50 year member and Worthy Matron of the Monte Vista Order of the Eastern Star, the Founder and President of the Monte Vista Historical Society, a member of the Colorado State Historical Society, the Mother Advisor for Monte Vista Rainbow for Girls and an active member of the Monte Vista Medical Auxiliary.

Peggy was named Monte Vista Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 1978. She also served as the Ski Hi Stamped Parade co-chairman, the coordinator for the Bonfils Blood Drives. She also enjoyed the Monte Vista 9 Health Fair which she was Laboratory Supervisor for 31 years. She was a very active member in the United Methodist Church. She helped write the history book for the church’s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009.

Peggy always found time for her community, family and friends.



## DR. ROBERT BRADSHAW



Dr. Bradshaw practiced medicine in Alamosa, Colorado for 32 years; in addition, he served as President and Secretary of the San Luis Valley Medical Society.

Robert was born on October 11, 1916, in West Alton, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine from the University of Nebraska Medical School in Omaha. Dr. Bradshaw married Madeline (Maddy) Jane McDonald June 13, 1942.

During World War II, Captain Bradshaw then served in the US Army Medical Corp in Europe from 1943 to 1945. When he returned from the war, he and Maddy moved to Alamosa, Colorado, and he set up a medical practice with Dr. Sydney Anderson providing family practice medicine until 1961, when he attended Cleveland Clinic where he completed a residency in anesthesia.

Dr. Bradshaw then returned to Alamosa and served in the San Luis Valley as their only anesthesiologist. Also, he was the athletic physician for Adams State College for 16 years, team physician for Alamosa High School, and worked at his private practice. After retiring in 1973, he and Maddy then moved to San Marcos, California where Dr. Bradshaw, a true pioneer in anesthesia practice, passed away on December 24, 1993.

## DR. LITTLETON BUNCH



Dr. Littleton Bunch was born January 24, 1922 in Statesville, North Carolina. He was married April 12, 1949 to Janice Bagley in Statesville after finishing medical school in 1947 at the University of Maryland. He then served an internship at Colorado General Hospital and Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital followed with a residency at both Yale University and Vermont University Hospital.

He began practicing medicine in Alamosa in 1952 and continued for the next 35 years. During that time, he also taught in the science division of Adams State College (ASC) for many years as a volunteer (he did get the privilege to attend activities at ASC for free). Later he received the Billy Adams Award from the college. He was the physician for the student health service, helped start the Evergreen Nursing Home, and was the medical director for the VA at Homelake for many years. In 1962, he retired from the National Guard as a colonel after 30 years of service.

Dr. Bunch delivered over 3,000 babies in this community and was on many boards, clubs, and organizations. He made house calls and participated in the local barter system for payment of his services, such as horses, cows, potatoes, land, tamales, eggs and ironing of his clothes.

This very busy man was still able to, with a great deal of help from his wife Janice, raise his four children: Glen, Fred, Beverly and Kathy. The family loved camping, fishing, gardening, raising chickens and laughing. Dr. Bunch was well known for these activities. He also was happy to be with his long time hunting friends for years.

He retired in 1987 and he passed away on August 19, 1992

Dr. Bunch was a kind and caring man that loved life and embraced all the good that it had to offer. He enjoyed his patients, and he was quite successful in the healing arts. He felt that laughter was the best medicine.



## MABEL M. COTTON, RN

Mabel Cotton has been a registered nurse for 58 years, 45 of those actively practicing in the San Luis Valley. She graduated from nursing school in 1947. Her pediatric rotation included studying under Sister Kenny, who is credited with initiating hydrotherapy for children affected by polio. She has experience working as a hospital nurse, private duty nurse, and most notable as a nurse with the geriatric population. She was in charge of clinical testing for Nurses' Aides for many years. She was a member of the United States Cadet Nurse Corp, which was a program to get more nurses prepared for war time.

Mabel and Jack, her husband of 69 years, live in Alamosa, CO. They have three children, Jackie Cotton, Kelby Cotton, and Todd Cotton.

Some of her hobbies include collecting antiques and decorating her home and yard. She is also well known for her sense of style in clothing and jewelry.

Mabel is a lifetime member and is still active with the Colorado Nurses' Association and has been a mentor for many members of that organization. She was on the Trinidad State Junior College Nursing Advisory Board. She is a Charter member of the Area Health Education Center Board and has volunteered with numerous other agencies. She has been active and held office in the First Presbyterian Church.

As a registered nurse in the San Luis Valley, Mabel Cotton has made a positive difference in the lives of her patients, as well as in the lives of her many colleagues.



## DR. CHARLES DAVLIN



Dr. Charles A. Davlin was born December 24, 1878, in Rush Lake Junction, Wisconsin. He graduated high school in Berlin, Wisconsin followed by attending the University of Wisconsin at Madison and the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons. He went on to receive further training at the University of Pennsylvania for the next 3 years completing his training in 1905.

Dr. Davlin moved to Pitkin County, Colorado in 1906 where he practiced for 2 years, then went to Chicago for further training at Michael Reese Hospital. In 1911, he came to Alamosa, Colorado and opened his own hospital at 4023 San Juan Avenue. He came with his wife Louise Winslow Davlin and daughter Elizabeth who was born in Pitkin County, Colorado. His two other children, Jane and Charles, were born in Alamosa.

The hospital he built remained open for 6 years. A new hospital was built at 517 Main Street where Dr. Davlin was administrator of the facility for another 10 years. His office remained at San Juan Avenue with Dr. John K. Rupert. In 1927, he stepped down as administrator at the hospital, which was then operated by the Lutheran Hospital Association.

Not only was he a prominent and busy physician but served well in the community. He served as a member of the Alamosa School Board, the Rotary Club, and the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. A prominent and devout member of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Dr. Davlin was instrumental in building the present church and parish house and devoted much of this time to this project. During this time, he served in all local medical societies and served on the Board of Councilors of the Colorado Medical Society in 1932 and again in 1945-1947.

He was elected the President of the Colorado Municipal League for two terms and was one of the few men to receive this honor.

The last two years of his life he served as The City Physician and was Mayor of the City of Alamosa.

He passed away on October 22, 1949 at the age of 71 and was laid to rest in the Alamosa Municipal Cemetery.



## DR. JAMES R. HURLEY

Dr. James Roy Hurley was born in 1889 to immigrant farmers in Glencoe, Ontario, Canada. As a young boy, he moved with his family to continue farming potatoes in upstate Michigan. At age 16, he received his father's pocket watch, as well as his father's blessing to leave the farm to pursue his education and ultimately a lifelong career in medicine. He obtained his degrees at the University of Michigan and at the University of Colorado, where in 1918 he was among the medical school graduating class of 8 physicians.

Upon graduation, he learned of the San Luis Valley's need of doctors. After returning briefly home to marry and retrieve his high school sweetheart, Hester McKim, he practiced for a few months in Monte Vista before moving to Antonito in 1918 where he treated patients for the next 15 years. In those early days, home visits might be made on horseback or by horse drawn buggy and payment for services often took the form of a load of wood, heating coal, a woven blanket, a chicken, or goose.

The depression struck, so Dr. Hurley moved his wife and 4 boys to Alamosa in 1933. He remained here and continued to work for the rest of his life. He never found it in himself to retire. In fact, he was working in his office at age 83 when his hip collapsed and he could no longer walk. He died of postoperative complications one month later, on his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday December 16, 1973.

He had cared for patients and their families in the San Luis Valley for 56 years.

In addition to his office and hospital practices in Alamosa, he served for many years as County Physician for Alamosa County. He was the only resident physician at The Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake for nearly 2 decades. He was the longtime railroad physician for the D&RGW.

He was a member of the local and national medical societies, the Masonic Lodge in Alamosa where he was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree mason, and a lifetime member of the Salvador Vigil American Legion Post in Antonito.

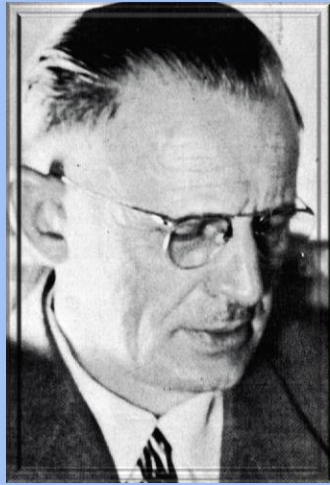
In 1967, along with 3 other Colorado physicians who had been practicing medicine for half a century, he was recognized by the Colorado Medical Society for 50 years of Service in Medicine. The Valley Courier at that time asked Dr. Hurley how many babies he had delivered. He replied, "I don't know how many patients I've treated or exactly how many babies I've delivered, I've never kept track." But he recalled that 4 of those babies had grown up to become doctors in the San Luis Valley themselves, two in La Jara and two in Alamosa.

## NORMA STAMPS



In 1960, Norma Stamps started her working career with the U.S. Government census department in the areas of the San Luis Valley. Her next job was at the Alamosa Community Hospital as a Nurse's Aide under the tutelage of Ann Edstrom. She and three other girls began the education of nurse's aide. This consisted of making beds, giving bed baths, enemas, taking temperatures, counting respirations, delivering food trays and general patient care. After doing that for a while, her health required that she could not continue working. After a period of time, she again applied for employment in the front office as a night clerk on the 11-7 shift. That required night admissions for patients and operating the switchboard. After she resigned from that position, she learned of an opening in the Medical Records Department as a clerk typist. She had learned typing in high school and thought this might be useful with her training.

Estelle Lexa was the head of the medical records department and took Norma under her wing. Estella had recently moved from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver where she was qualified with her N.S.P. qualification. She was hired to bring Alamosa Hospital up to the nationwide requirements for medical records documentations. During her training under Estella, she was trained to type patient records from the physician's dictation and keeping and securing those records. Over the next several years, Norma worked for numerous Medical Record Department directors. When one of the last department heads was making arraignments to leave she encouraged Norma to look at a correspondence course thru the American Medical Record Association (AMRC). This course would help qualify her to be an Accredited Medical Record Librarian. With that encouragement she embarked on an 18 month course of education in Medical Record Management. Thru home studying, working experience, and going to seminars, she finished the course and took the nationwide standardized test. On September 14, 1973, she received her degree as an Accredited Record Technician from the AMRC. With this accomplishment she earned the portion of Medical Records Department Head at Alamosa Community Hospital. She worked in that position until she retired in December 1982. For over 21 years she worked with many physicians, two administrators, and many hospital personnel.



## DR. ELLIOTT STONG

Dr. Elliott Sheldon Stong graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Medicine on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915. After completing his residency he joined the Army in Iowa City, Iowa in June 1917. He was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison and from there he was sent to the Field Evacuation Hospital # 11 located near Nancy, France. After the war he mustered out at Camp Dodge, Iowa and he was sent to Fort Hood, Texas where he practiced medicine for a short time.

Prior to setting up his practice, Elliott worked 1 year at the Mayo Clinic supervising residents while he was in Rochester, Minnesota, his wife's home town. Soon afterward, he opened a practice in Elkader Iowa with Dr. McGrath. He moved to Grand Junction, Colorado in 1926 where he was a general practitioner. Elliott and his family relocated to Alamosa, Colorado where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1963.

During Elliott's years in Alamosa, he practiced medicine at the Alamosa Hospital. Elliott's passion was sports medicine he helped develop the program to provide medical care to the athletes (the students) at Adams State College. He served as the sports doctor/athletic director in the 1940's to early 1950's during this time. During the war Elliott was the doctor for the selective service. Elliott provided medical care to the surrounding underserved areas. Rural medical practice was important to his basic philosophy about medicine. After his son David graduated from the school of medicine in Boulder, Colorado they opened a practice together located on Ross Avenue. Elliott eventually sold his building to Dr. Anderson upon his retirement.

Elliott loved to do carpentry work and was very active in his community. He was a member of the American Legion, AMA, Elks, VFW and Rotary.

Elliott retired to Florence, Oregon. He stayed there enjoying his country home located in the lush woods of the Cascade Mountains for 7 years. Eventually, Elliott moved to Medford, Oregon to be closer to his eldest son John "Jack" and also his new home was easier to manage. Eventually, Elliott died of bone cancer on December 23, 1974.



## ARVILLA WELDON, R.N.



A beautiful soul entered this world in 1927 in Chicago, Illinois as the fifth child of six: four boys and two girls. She was reared in their family home in Deselm, Illinois sixty miles south of Chicago where she attended a small one-room school until attending high school seven miles away in Manteno, Illinois. She graduated in 1945.

After high school Arvilla went on to her church college, Graceland College, graduating in 1947. She then attended Normal State University in Bloomington, Illinois from 1947-1948. She worked in Independence, Missouri at various jobs during 1948-1949 and entered nurses training at the Independence Sanitarium & Hospital from 1949-1952: eventually, going on to the University of Missouri for a Bachelor of Science in nursing from 1952-1953.

In the early 1950's, degree programs for nurses had just become available. She retook her Nursing Exams and studied History of Nursing, Leadership, and Hospital Management while nursing in the Crippled Children's Department of the Alfred Noyes Hospital and at the Cancer Hospital in Columbus, Missouri.

After school Arvilla moved to Kansas City where she nursed at St. Joseph's Hospital as Head Nurse of Pediatrics and taught at the College of St. Theresa's which was affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital. She followed this with nursing at Lutheran Hospital and Memorial Hospital in Kansas City and later teaching at her Alma Mater, The Independence Sanitarium & Hospital.

In 1955 a good looking, bright young man, Lynn Weldon, spoke at a Reorganized LDS Church Conference she attended in Denver. She felt strongly that this newly returned Korean War Army Veteran was going to be important in her life. They were married in 1957. In the fall of that year, they came to Alamosa where Lynn taught at ASU for 40 years.

During the following years Arvilla raised 4 children while nursing at SLV Community Hospital, the Monte Vista Hospital, the San Luis Clinic, and Evergreen Nursing Home.

When her youngest son was 5 years old she was employed as the first Head Start teacher in Alamosa. This was such a positive experience for her that she obtained her Masters in Elementary Education in 1970.

Arvilla is a brilliant woman continually on a quest to learn more about the life we live on this wonderful planet. Her family and friends are central to her life as well as gratitude for having been given a longer time than most to mature her life and grow her soul.

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