

Earl Payton Fullingim  
May 21, 1926 - January 13, 2014

Earl Payton Fullingim passed away on January 13, 2014. Earl was born on May 21, 1926, in Mill Valley, California to James Fullingim and Grace (Kennerson) Fullingim. He graduated from San Pedro High School in February of 1944 before joining the US Navy during World War II. He studied naval science at University of Southern California; aeronautical engineering at University of Minnesota Twin Cities; architecture at University of California Berkeley; languages at University of Alaska Anchorage; and pastoral studies at Alaska Bible College Extension.

He was licensed to practice architecture in Alaska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. He was a Member Emeritus of the American Institute of Architects. He lived in Minneapolis from 1949 to 1964 where he was an architect in private practice. Earl married June Mattson of Minneapolis in 1946 and they raised two children, Erik and Maia, during 41 years of marriage.

In 1964 Earl and his family moved to Anchorage where he was an architect for restoration work after the 1964 Alaska Earthquake. He served as Director of Architecture for the Anchorage School District, 1972-1975 and Regional Architect for the University of Alaska 1977-1981. He was a member of several Anchorage churches and he was an ordained Elder in a Bible church. He also served as a missionary architect for Christian schools, camps and churches in rural Alaska. While in Alaska he served on a number of local and state committees and the President's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disability and was a member of many civic groups and associations including Christian Businessmen's Committee, and International Code Council. He wrote, illustrated and published two books on accessibility to buildings and facilities for persons with disabilities, one of which is used on the website of the Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Washington Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center.

June died in 1987 and in 1989 he married Caryl Hart of Anchorage and Anderson Island, Wash. Earl and Caryl came to Port Angeles in 2004 where they served in Christian ministries. He was a member of Bethany Pentecostal Church in Port Angeles. He has served as an officer of the Newcomer's Club and the Clallam Art League and as a member of the Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Port Angeles Business Association. He was a member of the Port Angeles School District Long Range Facilities and Capital Bond Committee.

He is survived by his wife, Caryl, of Port Angeles; his son, Erik, and wife Sheila, of Port Angeles; his daughter, Maia Downs and husband, Trevor, of Monrovia, Calif.; his stepdaughter, Vicki Corley and husband, Rob, of Pineville, La.; his sister, Marge, of La Quinta, Calif.; his grandchildren, Rebecca, Colin, Thea, Justin, Nicholas, Ryan and Taylor; and by his great-grandson, Abel.

His body will be cremated and his ashes will be buried in his gravesite at Fort Richardson (Alaska) National Cemetery. Pastor Omer Vigoren will officiate a memorial service to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Bethany Pentecostal Church, 508 S. Francis St. Port Angeles. Earl's widow, Caryl Fullingim, can be contacted through Park View Villas.