



In Memoriam

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IN MEMORIAM: RICHARD R. OLENDORFF, 1943–1994

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Richard R. (Butch) Olendorff died in hospital from complications associated with diabetes on 24 February 1994. He was 50 years of age.

Born on 15 August 1943 in Parsons, Kansas, Butch spent most of his boyhood in Anchorage, Alaska. He received a B.S. degree in Zoology from the University of Washington in 1967 and a Ph.D. degree from Colorado State University in 1971. Between 1971 and 1974 he was a Post-doctoral Fellow and Research Associate at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, after which he joined the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as its Endangered Species Liaison Officer in Washington, D.C. in 1974. From 1977 to 1989, he served as the bureau's Endangered Species Coordinator in the California State Office in Scaramento, where he served on California Condor, Bald Eagle, and Peregrine Falcon recovery teams. In 1989, he established the BLM's first cooperative research unit, the Raptor Research and Technical Assistance Center, in Boise, Idaho.

Butch was a member of AOU since 1971 and an Elective Member since 1976. He was a founding member of the American Falconers Asso-

ciation. A charter member of the Raptor Research Foundation, he served as editor from 1971 to 1976, secretary from 1975 to 1976, and president from 1977 to 1981. In 1991, he was given the Raptor Research Foundation's President's Award for his years of service to the organization. During his career, he published over 35 publications and scientific papers. He developed a computerized bibliography on raptor management with over 10,000 references. An annotated bibliography on books on hawks and owls, compiled by Butch with Dean Amadon, was published in late 1995 by the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology.

Butch was a warm friend and colleague to many ornithologists and conservationists, who will miss his kindness, sense of humor, and deep personal integrity. Throughout his professional life, he was respected for the courtesy he showed everyone and his wonderful ability to bring people together to work towards a common goal. Butch set the standards of personal and professional behavior that guided the raptor community through its early years. He will be missed by family and friends alike.