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Wheeler, W. Paul (North Cascades 1962)

The Rev. W. Paul Wheeler, 58, died March 26, 2001, in Libby, Montana following an extended illness. He was born at Winthrop, Wash. to the Rev. Walter and Genevieve Wheeler and attended grade school in Twisp and Grand Coulee, Wash. where he also attended high school.

Following high school, the U. S. Forest Service employed him as a smokejumper for the 1962 season. He received a BA from Northwest College in Kirkland, Washington, where he served as student body president, Missionary Society president, and was with the college public relations team. Paul served a missionary internship in Guyana.

While in college, he married Anita Green with whom he ministered for 36 years. He continued his education at the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Springfield, Mo. He had pastored churches in Pine Bluffs, Wyo., Stoneham, Colo., Superior and Cut Bank, Mont. Gunnison, Colo., and Libby, Mont. He also spent some years in ministry at American Samoa.

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