

## SRM Lost Resource Joseph Wagner August 21, 1946 to March 16, 2021

Traveling Joe has gone to have his passport stamped one last time and turn in his time sheet. He fervently loved the western rangelands and has been a devoted member of the Society for Range Management almost since infancy, since his father was a founding member of the Society working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Joe grew up in Arizona and Washington DC. He received his BS from University of Montana and kept on dishing it out ever after. He served in the Army as a topographic engineer in Germany from 1970 to 1972. Since then he has tried to map his way around the world attending international rangeland conferences and tours whenever possible. His career as a range conservationist and fire ecologist for the Bureau of Land Management began in Ely, NV in 1974, took him to Arizona and to NE California and South Central Oregon. The project he probably embraced the most was restoration of the Cedar Creek watershed on the Applegate Field Office of the Susanville District. This project allowed him to use all his planning, range, fire, monitoring and interpretive skills. Fire assignments sent him many other places and introduced him to still more people. He is remembered worldwide for sporting a handlebar mustache and twinkle in his eye. He tried hard to introduce young people and international acquaintances to the Society for Range Management. He sponsored high school youth and college students to attend Society functions and field trips. He served the Society on the International Affairs Committee and the Awards Committee. He was an officer and/or member in Nevada, California and Pacific Northwest Chapters.