

CLYDE "Sandy " BRIDGES, 58, formerly of Little Rock, died on December 26, 1997 at his home in Duluth, Minnesota.

Sandy was born in Little Rock on June 25, 1939 to Carolyn and Sanders Bridges. In April 1997 he retired from a 30 year career with the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He was an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Member of the Order of the Arrow and served as the Chief of the Quapaw OA Lodge. During college summers he guided canoe trips and in 1970 became Director of the Sommers Canoe Base near Ely, Minnesota. His accomplishments included founding Scouting's cold weather camping program, authoring the Okpik Winter Camping Manual, contributing several chapters to Scouting's Fieldbook, and creating satellite canoe bases in Ontario and Manitoba. Sandy designed and refined many outdoor products commonly available today. Both manufacturers and the military sought his expertise and knowledge.

He graduated from Little Rock Central High School in 1957 and attended Arkansas A&M College majoring in Forestry. He served in the Arkansas National Guard and continued as a volunteer survival instructor for the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard. In 1985 he received the Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service.

His mother, Carolyn Bridges, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Cherle; children, Michael, Katie, Sandra, Susana and Daniela; grandchildren, Catalina and Miguel of Duluth; his father, E. Sanders Bridges and sister, Beverly Douglas of Little Rock; sister Rebecca Anne Bailey (Tom); and great aunt, Lenola Julian of Maumelle; numerous nieces and nephews; his "extended childhood family" Jimmy and Becky Strawn of Little Rock, Jim Strawn III of Little Rock and Anne Sorrels, Hot Springs; AFS family and countless brother Scouts throughout the world.

A "Scout's Own" memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 1998 at the Oasis Renewal Center. Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers to the Charles L. Summers Alumni Association, the American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.