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Obituary for **KENNETH DONALD BRYSON**

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Kenneth Donald Bryson, 76, of Bozeman, died Aug. 31, 2000, at Bear Creek Respite Center in Bozeman. The son of Donald and Mary (Williams) Bryson, he was born April 3, 1924, in Woodbine, Ill.

Ken married Mary Elizabeth Moore on April 25, 1944. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a pilot in the China-Burma-India Theatre from 1943 to 1946. Ken received his BS from Northern Illinois State Teachers' College and his MA and Ph.D. in speech from Northwestern University.

Ken came to Montana State University in 1950 and taught in the Department of Speech Communication. He was department head from 1970 to 1979, and 1985 to 1987, retiring in 1987 as professor emeritus.

He directed the Peace Corps training for Ecuador at MSU (1966-1968) and served as deputy and acting country director for PC/Guyana from 1968 to 1970. He worked as grievance arbitrator and fact finder from 1978 to 1989 and was president of the Montana Arbitrators Association. Publications include "A Handbook in Public Speaking," and co-authorship of "Effective Communication," 1961. He was also consulting editor for Southern Illinois University Press and Houghton Mifflin Co.

Ken was active in the local Democratic Party; he was a delegate to the State Democratic Central Committee and a precinct committeeman. He was a member of the Citizen's Committee for Bozeman's Linear Parkway and served on the Park Board. He also served as cross-cultural consultant to several Indian groups, holding workshops at Rocky Boy School and St. Labre. He was a consultant to the Montana Indian Association, MSU, and other groups.

Ken is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Patricia (George) Henry of DeKalb, Ill.; Thomas (Mary) Bryson of Vancouver, Wash.; Julia Bryson of Portland, Ore.; sister, Evelyn Aurand of Purcellville, Va.; grandchildren, Jennifer Henry, Patrick Brysons and Michael Bryson; and two nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Mary of Stockton, Ill.

Cremation has taken place at Dahl Funeral Chapel. Memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Montana Affiliate, Inc., Box 2411, Great Falls, 59403, or to the Gallatin County Land Trust, 105 W. Main St., Bozeman, 59715.