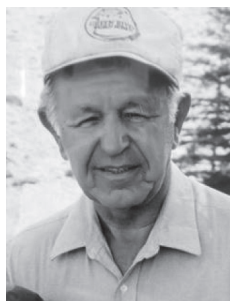


IN MEMORIAM

**JACK M. KRMPOTICH
(1927 - 2017)**

Jack M. Krmpotich, a longtime member of the Rock Springs chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society passed away on Sunday, August 13, 2017 at the Central Wyoming Hospice in Casper, Wyoming. A resident of Rock Springs for the past eighty three years and former resident of Oregon, Mr. Krmpotich died following a brief illness. He was born on February 25, 1927 in Baker City, Oregon, the son of Jack and Helen Korich. Jack attended schools in Reliance, Wyoming. He married Mary Jane Stanton in 1949 and they later divorced. On July 16, 1960, he married Patricia Ann Vehar in Rock Springs and she preceded him in death on November 25, 2008. Mr. Krmpotich was a United States Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was employed at FMC for thirty seven years and retired as a maintenance man and welder. Mr. Krmpotich was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting, and discovering archaeological sites throughout southwest Wyoming.

Jack's first major archaeological project was the Eden-Farson site, on the edge of the Killpecker dunes just east of Eden, Wyoming. Mr. Krmpotich took some of the earliest notes on the site and the original WAS excavations, drew some of the finds, and published the first report along with Robert Larson and Joe Bozovich (Larson, Bozovich, and Krmpotich, 1969, *The Wyoming Archaeologist* XII(4):13-16). Bringing the site to the attention of George Frison, then a new State Archaeologist, Jack helped excavate the site. Eden-Farson is one of the most significant Shoshonean sites in Wyoming, providing a clear link to Great Basin antelope procurement and offering a camp perspective on antelope subsistence strategies to complement the corral sites such as the Bridger Antelope Trap. Several master's thesis as well as dissertations have been produced on material recovered from the site by students from the University of Wyoming, University of New Mexico, and University of Wisconsin.

Jack's persistent field investigations brought dozens of sites in the eastern Killpecker dune fields, but also elsewhere in the area, to the attention of professional archaeologists. The Krmpotich Folsom site just a few kilometers east of Eden-Farson is a significant early Paleoindian site exhibiting the manufacture of many Folsom projectile points. Mr. Krmpotich loaned his collections freely to professionals and students working on this site and the site provided data for at least two master's thesis at the University of Wyoming and a dissertation at the University of Arizona. The significance of the Krmpotich Folsom site is still not well understood and the collection needs much further research, thanks to Jack this research can be undertaken by future students at UW.

Mr. Krmpotich was always helpful in assisting professional archaeologists investigating sites in southwest Wyoming and for a time he was a BLM steward for the Krmpotich Folsom site. Not only was Jack interested in Paleoindians, but in much of the later periods of prehistory as well as in rock art. Mr. Krmpotich took many archaeologists, professional and avocational to rock art sites, drive lines, fences with unclear construction dates or purpose. He often led field trips when for WAS annual meetings were in Rock Springs, but was willing to show you sites any time. He was a long time and continual member of the Rock Springs chapter of the WAS.

Jack will be missed!

The family of Jack M. Krmpotich respectfully suggests that donations in his memory be made to Central Wyoming Hospice, 304 South Fenway, Casper, WY 82601.

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