

# Alaska Historical Society

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## Charles Michael “Mike” Brown

(1949-2024)



Mike worked with the Alaska Historical Commission, BLM, and Department of Justice. He was known and respected for his considerable expertise in navigable waters.

## J. Penelope Goforth

(-2024)



Penelope worked as a crabber, photojournalist, and editor. She authored *Sailing the Mail in Alaska*, lectured on maritime history, and served on the Alaska Historical Society board for nearly 30 years.

## Karen Crane

(1948-2024)



Karen led Fairbanks and Juneau libraries for over 17 years. She established the Mendenhall Valley Public Library, and was active in numerous government and service organizations.

## Gregory Golodoff

(1939-2023)



Born on Attu Island, Gregory was the last surviving Alaska WWII prisoner of war in Japan, taken at age 3. After the war, he resettled in Atka, became tribal president and fished commercially.

## Howard Lee Farley Sr.

(1932-2024)



Howard was co-founder of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race and managed the finish line in Nome for over two decades. He was passionate about subsistence living and arctic traditions.

## Marian Johnson

(1931-2024)



Marian was Kodiak Historical Society's museum director for over 25 years. She saved the Russian American Magazine after the 1964 earthquake and expanded the museum's collections.

## Vic Fischer

(1924-2023)



In his youth, Vic fled Nazi and Stalinist regimes. He later earned a master's at MIT, was Anchorage's first planning director, and served as delegate to Alaska's Constitutional Convention.

## Evelyn Mielke

(1930-2024)



"Evie" moved to Alaska in 1935 as part of the Matanuska Valley Colony. She volunteered at the Colony House Museum and supported the Palmer Historical Society.

## Nellie Ward Moore

(1955-2024)



Journalist Nellie “Iriqaq” Moore founded Native Voice Communications, bringing Alaska Native perspectives to broader audiences. She united Alaskans through radio.

## Joseph Vincent Strunka

(1937-2023)



Joe was an educator, miner, and genealogist in Alaska. He published family histories, co-founded polka bands, and composed *The Fairbanks Waltz*.

## Archpriest Michael Oleksa

(1947-2023)



Father Oleksa served rural Alaska communities. He authored works on Alaska Native culture, was dean of St. Herman’s Seminary, and was an international Orthodox representative.

## Howard Weaver

(1951-2024)



Howard was a journalist for the *Anchorage Daily News* and earned multiple Pulitzer Prizes for exposing Trans-Alaska Pipeline corruption and documenting rural Alaska’s struggles.

## (Robert) Keith Revelle, Jr.

(1942-2023)



Keith served as a librarian in Anchorage for 13 years and oversaw construction of the Z.J. Loussac Library. He was known for his love of literature, music, and travel.

## Alden M. Rollins

(1946–2024)



Alden was a librarian at UAA’s Consortium Library for 35 years. A published author with a passion for Roman history and genealogy, he contributed to the Cook Inlet Historical Society.

## Orin Seybert

(1936-2024)



Orin founded PenAir in 1955 with a Taylorcraft airplane. Logging over 30,000 flight hours, he was inducted into the Alaska Aviation Hall of Fame and authored *You Breathe, I Fly*.