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Dan Innes releasing a radio-collared desert bighorn ram on Tiburon Island that he captured with Marcus Nurse on the island. Adam Trevor is the pilot pictured in the

helicopter. Mark Williams was on the mainland. Photo by Marcus Nurse, taken the morning of the crash, December 19, 1998.

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The 2ND North American Wild Sheep Conference is dedicated to the memories of Dan Innes, Adam Trevor, and Mark Williams, who died in a helicopter crash while capturing desert bighorn sheep on Tiburon Island, Mexico on December 19, 1998. Considered among the most difficult capture sites in the world, the Helicopter Wildlife Management crew had successfully captured 34 sheep the previous day. Over the previous three years, Dan Innes and his crew had taken about 150 sheep off the island for re-establishing bighorn sheep in other parts of Mexico. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined. The North American bighorn sheep community commemorates their sacrifice and mourns their loss.

DANIEL JAMES HENRY INNES 1970-1998

As the eldest son of James Innes, owner of Helicopter Wildlife Management, Dan grew up in the animal capture business in New Zealand. Dan became an outstanding netgunner and animal handler, known throughout North America for his spirit and skill in capturing elk, deer, wolf, caribou, bison and his favorite—bighorn sheep. Through his efforts, over 600 bighorn were radio-collared for research, tested for disease, and restored to historic habitat.

ADAM GEORGE TREVOR 1972-1998

Adam was a talented pilot who had honed his skills capturing and recovering red deer in New Zealand. Taught by his father, also a helicopter pilot, Adam had accumulated over 5,000 hours of flying time, an incredible number of hours considering his age. Having just come from New Zealand, Adam was highly regarded by his comrades and countrymen.

MARK CHARLES WILLIAMS 1973-1998

Mark had also just come from New Zealand where he had completed studies in turf management, related to golf course and horse racing track design. Mark was bright, talented, and had a promising career ahead of him in his studied field. But like his brother Tim Williams, a veteran netgunner and animal handler, Mark wanted the experience of capture work, and he quickly became a natural with the animals.