

Legendary climber Beckey dies at age 94



Fred Beckey

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Legendary mountain climber Fred Beckey, who wrote dozens of books and is credited with notching more first ascents than any other American mountaineer, has died. He was 94.

Megan Bond, a close friend who managed his affairs, told the *Associated Press* that Beckey died of natural causes in her Seattle home Monday.

“He was an extraordinary mountaineer. He also had a personality and humor that almost dwarfed the mountains around him,” Bond said. “He was a brilliant writer. He was a scholar. He lived based on what was important to him, and he was not going to sell out.”

Beckey gave a talk in South Lake Tahoe in 2009.

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