

# CHAPTER ETERNAL

Obituaries listed here were **reported** between Aug. 14 - Dec. 31, 2020. Year of initiation is shown after name. Flags denote veterans. Please email Chapter Eternal announcements to [membership@phikappapsi.com](mailto:membership@phikappapsi.com).

## Alabama Alpha - Alabama

### Shannon E. Price '88

Shannon Eugene Price was born in Augusta, GA and early in life moved with his parents to Macon, MS where he grew up and graduated high school in 1986. In 1990, Shannon graduated from the University of Alabama and became an operations officer with Hibernia National Bank in New Orleans. It was there that he made the decision to pursue a law degree at Louisiana State University, graduating in 1997. In 1999 he moved to Birmingham and opened a law practice, specializing in credit union banking. In 2015 he became a partner in Kudulis, Reisinger,



Price Law Firm, and was a member of both the Alabama and Louisiana Bar. Shannon had many lifelong friends of several generations not only in the Birmingham area, but from many areas of the country, including the brothers in the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Shannon was a 'Bama fan through and through and attended as many events at the University of Alabama as possible. He was a fun-loving, caring man who mentored many young people and leaves a legacy of love, faith and charity. Shannon loved New Orleans, especially New Orleans style food and Jazz. He often attended Jazz Fest and Saints games with family and special friends.

Shannon was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert (Nettie) Price and Susie Wilhite, of Monroe, LA; Don and Audrey Osborn, Monroe, LA. He is survived by his loving wife and companion of 18 years, Paula Cochran Price and her children, Jason Siroff, Birmingham, AL, Toni (Joshua) Patton, their son, Jaxon, Sykesville, MD; and Matthew Tarricone, Los Angeles, CA. Jordan Hebert, who was like a son in Shannon's life, recently came to live with them and attend school. Shannon is also survived by his parents, Amos and Nina Price, Palatka, FL. In addition to many friends and associates, Shannon's furry friends, Katie, Buster, and Pokey provided support and comfort during his illness. Shannon was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church, Hoover, AL.

Memorial gifts may be made to Café Reconcile, - "Building Hope, Changing Lives" - 1631 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70113-1469 or The Greater Birmingham Humane Society - "To promote the humane treatment of people and animals" - 300 Snow Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pelham-al/shannon-price-9868317>

## Arizona Alpha - Arizona

### John R. Lauricella '61

Mr. John Robert Lauricella, born Dec. 18, 1939, in San Francisco, CA, where he graduated from Lowell High School before earning his BA and JD at the University of Arizona, was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity and served as a Signal Corps Officer in the Armed Services before returning to San Francisco, where he practiced law. Upon retirement, he moved to Centre, AL, where he passed peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 17, 2020, of natural causes. He is



survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and stepson, Dr. John Ford, of Toulouse, France; and by his sister, Giovanna La Volpe. He is also survived by his nieces Giuliana and Alessandra La Volpe, nephew Guido (Yumei), and grandnephews Andrea and Dario of Rome, Italy; grandnephew, Max Mazzacurati of Tampa, FL; and cousin Leslie (Kenneth) Lauricella Wachtel. Mr. Lauricella was preceded in death by his parents, John J. Lauricella and Bertha Traina; and his late brother-in-law, Albert La Volpe, and cousin John J. Traina. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to: Stone Mountain City Cemetery Trust, 327 Shade Tree Circle, Jasper, GA 30143.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=john-lauricella&pid=196665620&fhid=3823>

## California Beta - Stanford

### Merrill T. Miller '47

Merrill T. Miller Jr. passed away December 20, 2018. His death was reported December 18, 2020 and no obituary was found.

## California Gamma - UC Berkeley

### Clarke H. Lewis '52

Clarke H. Lewis Jr. passed away November 3, 2020. His death was reported December 11, 2020 and no obituary was found.

### Burch Fitzpatrick '57

Burch Henry Fitzpatrick, Jr., age 82, died on Nov. 3, 2020 at his lifelong home in Piedmont, CA, of congestive heart failure.



He is survived by his wife, Patsy (to whom he was married for 53 years), his son, John Fitzpatrick, his daughter, Carey Fitzpatrick Galles, grandsons Brogan and Sullivan Fitzpatrick, and Reid and Rielly Galles. He is also survived by 10 nieces and nephews, including his esteemed niece, Seinín who, along with his children, assisted enormously in the waning

days of his illness.

He was a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and the Boalt School of Law where he was chosen for membership on the Law Review. He served in the U.S. Military as a Second Lieutenant.

His law career began as a deputy attorney general for the State of California. From there he spent some twenty years with the real estate law firm of Miller, Starr and Regalia where he served as managing partner. During that time he distinguished himself by successfully defending property owners over rent control in the City of Davis and then again for the city of San Jose in a case that was eventually tried by the U.S. Supreme Court. He finished his career with the San Francisco law firm of Graham and James.

As a co-founder of the Piedmonters for Peace, he helped with organizing marches and appearing before venues like the City Council to protest the Iraq war. But his most important contribution was to his immediate and extended family where he was a stable source of support and unconditional love. His

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oversight was an important factor in the life of his kin and will be sorely missed.

He was known for his integrity, humor and his affectionate nature, which remained with him until his death.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations might be made to the children's hospice, the George Mark Home, 2121 George Mark Lane, San Leandro, CA.94578 or [www.georgemark.org](http://www.georgemark.org).

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=burch-fitzpatrick&pid=197173886>

## California Epsilon - UCLA

### Ralph Eugene Crump '47

Ralph Eugene Crump, age 63, of Gainesville passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012, at McLeod Regional Medical Center following an extended illness.

Private memorial services are scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4, 2012. Those who wish to attend may contact the family for more information.

Mr. Crump was born June 14, 1949, in Macon, Ga., to the late Ralph Crump and Evelyn Lucille Moulton Crump. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and was retired from Assurant Insurance Co. as a Data Base Manager. Ralph loved fishing and got great pleasure from being a "father" to many children. He was a scoutmaster and loved dressing up as Santa for Christmas, giving gifts to needy children and feeding many children Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Crump is survived by his wife, Mariellen Crump of Gainesville, daughter, Dawn Harris of Mineral Bluff, Ga., son, J.J. Crump and Victoria Wray of Buford, son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Margaret Crump of Gainesville, grandsons, Taylor Harris, Jack Crump, Oliver Wray and Daniel Wray, granddaughters, Morgan Crump, Ainsley Harris, Payton Wray and Delana Crump, beloved aunt, Johnnie Hulsey, sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Van Williams of Macon and a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/ralph-eugene-crump-obituary?pid=158905926>

### Dean N. Lowrey '47

Dean Noel Lowrey passed away January 9, 2017. His death was reported December 4, 2020 and no obituary was found.

### Erik Michael Smith



Erik Michael Smith passed away at his family home on June 20, 2018. Erik was born on October 28, 1962 to Anne and Richard Smith. He is survived by his mother Anne, his sister Lisa, his wife Margaret and his three daughters, Lauren, Lily and Ella. Erik grew up in Laguna Beach CA., a place he called "paradise." Erik graduated from UCLA in 1983.

Erik met his soulmate, Margaret Wells Smith, in 1981. They have been together ever since. They married in 1996 and raised their three daughters in the San Francisco Bay Area. Erik built his life around his family, which was his whole world. He lives on in the hearts of his wife and three daughters.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like a donation made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, under the gift fund title of Erik Michael Smith.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=erik-smith&pid=189379826>

## Colorado Alpha - Colorado

### Robert P. Bergendoff '55

Robert P. Bergendoff, age 85, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, October 12, 2020 in Fort Dodge, Iowa.



Robert Perry Bergendoff was born May 3, 1935 in Omaha, Nebraska the son of Rueben and Dorothy (Lindgren) Bergendoff. Bob was an Eagle Scout in 1951. He graduated from Southwest High School in Kansas City, Missouri in 1953. It was during that time, Bob met his future wife, Gwen. Following high school graduation, he continued his education at the

University of Colorado where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

In 1957, he went to work for HNTB in Kansas City and opened the Chicago office in 1967. On April 13, 1957, Bob was united in marriage to Gwen Erickson in Kansas City, Missouri. Together, they were blessed with three daughters: Lisa, Lori, and Linda Jo. Bob and Gwen enjoyed 53 years of marriage together. One highlight was the wonderful week they spent celebrating their 50th anniversary with their children and families at Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Bob served as President of the Chicago Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and as State President of ISPE. He was Chairman of Illinois Architect-Engineers Council in 1988 – 1989. Bob also served as a trustee of the Village of Inverness for 10 years. He retired from engineering in 1992 from Flour Daniel in Chicago

In 1994, Bob and Gwen moved to Storm Lake, Iowa. Bob continued to be active within the community and served as the President of the Chamber of Commerce in 1998. He was the Methodist Manor secretary of the board of directors in 2003; on the board of trustees from 2000-2008; and chairman of the board in 2004. Bob was a member of Storm Lake PRIDE; secretary for the South—West Shoreline Sanitary District and named "Hero" by the US 20 Corridor Association in 2016 in support of the completion of the Highway 20 modernization project. Bob was also a member of the Eagle's Nest.

In his spare time, Bob enjoyed living on the lake, boating, birdwatching, and playing golf. He treasured spending time with his children and grandchildren. Bob loved doing jigsaw puzzles and especially loved going out to eat with his Friday night dinner group. Family was important to Bob and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Lisa (Loren) Anderson of Marathon, Iowa; Lori Haberman of St. Peters, Missouri; Linda Jo (Guy) Grissom of New Orleans, Louisiana; grandchildren: Brian (Stacie) Anderson; Brittany (Brad) Ganef; Michelle Anderson; Hannah Haberman; Erin (fiancé, Lane Hacker) Haberman; great grandchildren: Audrey, Morris, and Mawer Anderson; Nora and Ethan Ganef; sister, Marge (Dave) Vesprille of Brevard, North Carolina; brother-in-law, Duncan (Jeanne) Erickson of Salem, South Carolina; nieces; nephews; extended family and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Gwen; two brothers: Richard and Raymond; son-in-law, Ronnie Weber; and three great grandchildren: Amie, Dillion and Emerson Ganef.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to the Paula J. Baber Hospice House: 2630 9th Ave S, Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

<https://www.fratzkejensen.com/obituaries/Robert-Bergendoff/#!/Obituary>

## Illinois Alpha - Northwestern

### John Whitehead '42



John Burpee Whitehead, age 97, died peacefully on September 15, 2020 at home in Rockford, Illinois. He was born on September 10, 1923 in Rockford, the son of Loren Leach Whitehead and Harriet Burpee Whitehead. He attended Walker Elementary and Roosevelt Junior High Schools and was a graduate of West High School, where he was president and salutatorian of the class

of 1941, the school's first graduating class. He was a graduate of Northwestern University in 1947 after having served three years in the U. S. Navy during World War II as a Lt. (jg) on the PGM-32, destroying mines in the Okinawa area. John's ship was among the earliest to enter Tokyo Bay upon the surrender of Japan, sweeping the bay of mines before the entry of the larger ships, including the U.S.S. Missouri on which the surrender ceremony took place.

At Northwestern John met his future wife, Beverley Jean Williams of Scarsdale, New York, and they were married for 68 years from 1946 until Beverley's death in 2015. They returned to Rockford in 1947 where he joined his father in the family real estate firm, Whitehead, Inc., which had been founded by his grandfather, Joel B. Whitehead, in 1891. In 1998 he sold the 107-year old firm, then one of the largest in the Rockford area, and retired.

John served as President of the Rockford Board of Realtors in 1961, was elected Commissioner of the Rockford Park District from 1970-1983, served as a board member and Chair of Rockford Memorial Hospital from 1967-1993, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Rockford College (now Rockford University), including a term as Chair, from 1963-1993. In 1983 the College awarded him an honorary L.H.D. degree for his lengthy service. He was a member of Second Congregational Church, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and the Downtown Rockford Rotary Club, of which he was a Paul Harris Fellow and President in 1971. Former memberships included Rockford Country Club, the University

Club of Rockford, and the Midday Club.

John is survived by three children (James S. Whitehead (Marilyn Mead) of Burr Ridge, IL; Marcia W. Cole of Marietta, GA; and Patricia (Kenneth) Huizenga of Chilton, WI), five grandchildren (Jennifer (William) Frank of Downers Grove, IL; John A. Whitehead (Colleen) of Indian Head Park, IL; Brooke (Todd) Kerstetter of Marietta, GA; Jack Huizenga of College Station, PA; and Laura Huizenga of London, England), and five great-grandchildren (Anniston Righter, Madeleine and Maxwell Frank, and Lauren and Brandon Whitehead). He also is survived by sisters Ruth Nicholas (Daniel) and Jean Reese, both of Rockford, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. John was predeceased by his wife, his parents, son-in-law Raymond Cole, grandson Graham Cole, daughter-in-law Pamela Miller Whitehead, and brother-in-law R. Page Reese.

John was vitally interested in the health and growth of the Rockford Community and could be counted on as a participant and contributor to many of its organizations and developments. His interests also included family genealogy, historical and biographical reading, gardening, computing, the Chicago Cubs and Northwestern Wildcats, and extensive travel with good friends and family, enhanced by 22 years of happy retirement. The family wishes to express its thanks and gratitude to John's many caregivers from Visiting Angels of Rockford and the Mercyhealth at Home hospice team for their outstanding professional care and support during John's last year.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in John's name to Rockford University, 5050 E. State St., Rockford 61108, and to Northwestern University, 1201 Davis St., Evanston, IL 60208.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rrstar/obituary.aspx?n=john-whitehead&pid=196818784>

### Richard Rogers '69



Rick was born August 31, 1950 in Lockport, IL. He passed away unexpectedly at his home September 14, 2019.

Rick was a proud alumnus of Northwestern University. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nanci Rogers; children, Kerry Rogers, and Brett (Alison) Rogers; and brother John Rogers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Lorraine Rogers, and brother Robert.

<https://www.davenportfamily.com/obituary/RichardRick-Rogers>

### Peter S. Sakas '71

Dr. Peter S. Sakas DVM, age 67, passed away March 30, 2020. Beloved Husband of Karen M. Loving Father of Dr. Courtney E. Sakas MD and Christopher Sakas. Loving Son of the late Steven and Georgia Sakas. Dearest Brother of Connie (Dennis) Markoutsas, Bill (Jacqueline) Sakas, and Jim (Sarah) Sakas. Loving Uncle and Great Uncle of Many. Dr. Peter was the Proud owner of the Niles Animal Hospital and Bird Medical Center.

<https://www.skajafuneralhomes.com/obituary/dr-peter-sakas-dvm>

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## Illinois Delta - Illinois

### William F. Hensold '47

Dr. William Frederick Hensold (Bill) 92, went to be with the Lord at 3:48pm Tuesday, October 6, 2020.



Bill was born August 11, 1928 in Joliet, Illinois to Harold and Frances (Dye) Hensold. The family moved to the Danville area, where Bill graduated from Danville High School in 1946. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed an M.D. from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1953. Bill interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, California. He served as a United States Navy and United States Marine Corps surgeon in the Korean War from 1954-1955 and as a staff physician at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton, California during 1955-1956.

All who knew Bill well, knew him to be a man of loving dedication to family, church and community. His door was open to all who came, and he was also known to make "house calls" or just neighborly visits, checking up on people who needed encouragement.

Bill and his family express the desire for any memorials to be made to King's Kids Village Orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. Bill's desire is that these gifts be used for the education of the children there. Tax deductible donations may be made to Encouragers Unlimited Ministries and earmarked as "Hensold Memorial for King's Kids Village" and sent to P.O. Box 1436, Danville, Illinois, 61834. Memorials may also be sent through the website: [www.encouragelife.org/donate](http://www.encouragelife.org/donate) and earmarked as "Hensold Memorial for Kings' Kids Village."

<https://obituaries.commercial-news.com/obituary/dr-william-hensold-1080424332>

## Indiana Alpha - DePauw

### Tom D. Cook '39

Thomas Dakin Cook, M.D., age 100, a resident of Westminster Towers in Orlando died December 5, 2020. He was the son of Dr. George M. and Naomi Randel Cook and was born in Chicago,



Illinois on March 15, 1920, although the Cook residency was in Hammond, Indiana. In 1942 he graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He received his M.D. degree at the University of Louisville in 1945. He met Catherine Peet at DPU, and they were married in 1944 in Indianapolis, 76 years ago. He served

in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. After residencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Dr. Cook came to Orlando to start his practice in 1953. He was chief of the Ob-Gyn department at Orlando Health or ORMC, as it was known then, and also was chief at Florida Hospital at one time.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando, American College of Ob-Gyn, Florida Medical Society, a president of the Orange County Ob-Gyn Society and a member of the Country Club of Orlando. Throughout his years of

practice and retirement, he enjoyed playing golf and the piano, woodworking, traveling and reading.

Dr. Cook was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother, Dr. James Cook, who died in 2009. He is survived by his wife, Catie, son George R. Cook (Ginny), daughter Jan C. Beemer (Britt), four grandchildren, Dan Cook, Julie Nobles (Trent), Chloe and Claire Beemer, two great-grandsons, Dakin and Maddox Nobles, and sister-in-law, Mickey Cook.

There will be no service at this time. You may wish to donate to The First Presbyterian Church (106 E. Church St, Orlando 32801), The House of Hope (PO Box 560484, Orlando 32856) or the Westminster Retirement Communities Foundation (80 W. Lucerne Circle, Orlando 32801).

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/orlandosentinel/name/thomas-cook-obituary?pid=197278121>

## John C. Mull '49

John C. Mull, 83, passed away peacefully the night of March 4, 2014 at the White Oaks Retirement Residence, Lawton, Michigan. John was born on April 13, 1930, the first of three children, to John C. Mull, Sr. and Marjorie (Lehman) Mull in



South Bend, Indiana. A good student and athlete, he achieved valedictorian of his senior class at South Bend Central High School in 1948 and lettered in tennis, basketball and baseball. He received a Bachelor of Arts from DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, in 1952. In September that year he married Joan "Dodie" Kaniewski of South Bend, a marital union that lasted until her death in June 2013.

Surviving children are Dave Mull (Kathy Terpstra) of Paw Paw, Michigan, and Mindy Mull of Oakland, California. Their youngest child, Steve Mull, preceded them in death in April of 2013. Also surviving are brother, Richard (Dick) Mull (Dolly Bankowski) of Three Rivers, Michigan and Phoenix, Arizona, and sister, Alice Anthony (Alex Iantuono) of Danville, California. Granddaughters, Eve Bostick and Zoe Bostick of California also survive as do step-grandchildren, Elizabeth Randall, Jake Randall and Jesse Boven of Michigan. John received a law degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1962 and worked for Associates Financial Services in South Bend. In 1967, he took a job at the Continental Bank of Chicago where he became a senior vice president before retiring in 1992. He attended Notre Dame Catholic Church in Michigan City and sang in the choir. Music was a big part of his life as he played the piano and loved belting out Frank Sinatra tunes, waking up singing almost every day at his retirement home. He was also an avid golfer, longtime member of Long Beach Country Club and a fan of Notre Dame football. In retirement, he enjoyed maintaining his and Dodie's houses and gardens in Duneland Beach and Sun City, Arizona. He also enjoyed fishing and sailing on Lake Michigan and had an abiding love of nature and a childlike curiosity-he could not resist skipping a stone, throwing a snowball, finding a four-leaf clover or marveling at the stars. John is remembered by his many friends and family as a kind, soft-spoken, compassionate man, quick to help anyone in need, especially his family. To leave condolences online, visit the Ott/Haverstock website at

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www.otthaverstock.com. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org/donate).

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/southbendtribune/obituary.aspx?n=john-c-mull&pid=170245804>

## William Breck '49

William Breck, 91, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2020. Born September 28, 1929, in Shelbyville, Indiana, to the late J.W.O. and Martha (Hession) Breck, Bill was a 1947 graduate of Shelbyville High School. He was a five-sport athlete and member of the 1947 Shelbyville Golden Bears state championship basketball team. He graduated in 1951 from DePauw University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. While at DePauw, he met the love of his life, Katie Clark. They were married on October 27, 1951, at Tabernacle Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis.



After graduating from DePauw, Bill pursued a life-long career in education. Over the years, he held teaching and coaching positions at Selma High School and Greenfield High School before serving as Principal at Lewisville High School, Triton Central High School, and at Franklin Community High School from 1967-81. He also was an Assistant Superintendent in the Plainfield school system and at Hamilton Southeastern where he retired. His passion was high school athletics, and he was active in the IHSAA where he served many years on the Athletic Council and two terms on the Board of Control.

Bill attended Center Grove Church and will be remembered as a devoted husband, proud father, and doting grandfather and great-grandfather. He never missed a chance to cheer on his grandchildren in all their activities and sports. Bill loved working in the yard and took pride in his perfectly manicured lawn. An avid basketball fan, he would attend the high school state basketball tournament every year and faithfully followed his Butler Bulldogs and IU Hoosiers.

Survivors include his sons John (Sarah) Breck, Greenwood, and Michael Breck, Austin, TX; and grandchildren Jennifer (Nicholas) Kovach of Carmel, Abigail (Michael) Brown of Cincinnati, and Andrew Breck of Indianapolis. He is also survived by six great-grandchildren, Mila and Olivia Kovach and Catherine, Joshua, Emily, and Annalise Brown. A sister, Anne Dunn of Evansville, also survives. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Catherine (Clark) Breck.

Memorial contributions may be made to the IHSAA Foundation and the Johnson County Humane Society.

[http://www.dailyjournal.net/2020/11/11/william\\_\\_breck-2/](http://www.dailyjournal.net/2020/11/11/william__breck-2/)

## Freddie G. Augspurger '55



Freddie Gene Augspurger, 84, passed away on July 11, 2020, at home with his family. He was the son of Clara (Nord) and Earl Augspurger and was born in Fort Wayne on March 11, 1936. Fred is survived by his loving family, wife Joyce and children Angie (Tom) Geren and their children

Tommy and Nick, Brian (Stephanie) Augspurger and their children Charlie and Graham, and Kyle (Lindsey) Augspurger and their children Morgan and Devin. Fred is also survived by his brother, Jerry (MaryJune) Augspurger and was preceded in death by his sister Kay Augspurger Vaughn. He was a 1954 graduate of South Side High School and attended DePauw University where he earned his B.S. degree in Economics and was a member Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After college, Fred served honorably in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. His professional career began with banking in Indianapolis and afterwards Fort Wayne. Then, Fred became a Realtor and enjoyed his 40 year career in the local real estate business. During those years, he served on numerous local and state real estate boards and was a longtime member of a local business group, Omni. In 1987, he was President of the Fort Wayne Board of Realtors and was named the Fort Wayne Realtor of the Year in 1988. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Throughout his life, Fred enjoyed Indiana University basketball and watching sports with family and friends. During childhood, Fred and family spent summers at Clear Lake, Indiana, at their cottage which began his lifelong love of the lake. He instilled that passion and fun to many family members and friends. While there, he would often say, "It doesn't get any better than this". For the last time on July 4th, he was able to enjoy special moments at the lake. Fred was a loving father, a man of goodness and integrity, and will be remembered by many. Preferred memorials are to the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, 111 Gecowets Drive-Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737 <https://clearlakeconservancy.org/donate> or the Clear Lake Association, PO Box 38, Fremont, IN 46737.

<https://www.covingtonmemorial.com/obituary/freddie-augspurger>

## Richard W. Houston '64



Richard Warren Houston, MD went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the age of 76 on Friday, December 11, 2020. Dick was born in Richmond, IN on November 27, 1944,



and was the youngest of two sons born to the late Herschel and Mildred Houston (Allison/Williams) and her late husband Robert (Bob) Williams. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Donna Jean Houston (Hinchman), and three children; Terri Christine (David) Gillay, Jeffrey Lowell (Jessie) Houston, and Timothy Richard (Meghan) Houston; dear brother Phillip (Joan) Houston, and grandchildren Nicholas, Jacob, and

Amanda Gillay; Kaylee, Tyler, Alex, Benjamin, and Lilly Houston.

Dick graduated in 1963 from Richmond High School where he was active in track, basketball, and football. He enjoyed lifelong friendships with many of his teammates and classmates - recently participating in weekly Zoom calls. After high school, Dick attended DePauw University, graduating in three years. While there, he starred on the basketball team with his famous jump hook shot (he tried relentlessly to pass this skill along, and it became a family joke because no one could ever master it like he did) and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. In 1971, he graduated from Indiana University Medical School then served as an Internist and Flight Surgeon in the United States Air Force. In 1978, he completed his medical education

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as a Gastroenterologist and practiced for more than 40 years in a variety of states, including Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, North Dakota, and Ohio. He was renowned for his compassionate bedside manner, care, and the true concern he provided all of his patients. Dick retired in 2020 from the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Indianapolis.

On June 19, 1971, Dick married the love of his life, Donna Jean Hinchman from Rushville, IN. They raised three children who miss him dearly and cherish their many adventures together. His selfless support and dedication to family as well as unrelenting work ethic were inspiring and prompted his children and grandchildren to strive to do their best in all situations.

Dick was a devoted husband, amazing Dad, fun-loving Grandpa, and loyal friend. He truly valued these roles and always made sure to be home for family dinners and attend his children and grandchildren's countless sporting events and concerts. Dick enjoyed spending time with Donna as well as his family and buddies, golfing (known for his consistent middle-of-the-fairway drives), exercising, cheering on the Green Bay Packers, watching and learning the history behind movies, reading books, debating politics (often yelling at the TV pundits), sipping an occasional Rusty Nail cocktail, and participating in Richmond High School Alumni events.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren, and brother, Dick will be dearly missed by his nieces Lori (Scott) Brame, Amy (Chris) Oler, Julie Houston, Julie (Bill) Moster-Pappas, Jenni-Lynn Moster-Gilbert, Taylor Gilbert, Jessica Pursley; and brothers and sisters-in-law Linda (Jack) Clarkson, Lou Ann (Mike) Pursley, and Elda (Scott) Gray.

Dick's family is comforted in knowing that he is in Heaven with Jesus and that we will one day see him again.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pal-item/obituary.aspx?n=richard-houston&pid=197306684&fhid=14567>

## Indiana Beta - Indiana

### Ralph W. Pack '60

Ralph W. Pack passed away in his Marion, IN home on October 6, 2020. He was born in Marion on September 7, 1939, to the late Ralph W. and Sarah (French) Pack, Sr.



A 1957 graduate of Marion High School, Ralph continued his education at Indiana University graduating in 1962 with a degree in business management. Ralph played and excelled in baseball lettering for three years while playing for IU and was a proud member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. After a lengthy courtship with Barbara Williamson the couple married on August 18, 1963, in First United Methodist

Church, Marion. Ralph was a devoted and adoring husband to Barbara for 57 years. The pair were a perfect match with Ralph's wit and ornery charm and Barb's unwavering grace and elegance. Four beautiful daughters later made Ralph's Six Pack complete.

Ralph was a United States Air Force veteran and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain in 1967. Upon returning

home he worked in the corrugated industry and later the insurance industry with Feighner Anderson and retired in 2001 from Insurance Management. Along the way Ralph's engaging personality procured lifelong friendships and no stranger ever came away from his meeting in any other way than a friend.

To say Ralph was an IU sports enthusiast is an understatement. He also held dear the Marion Giants and the Chicago Cubs. Baseball was his favorite sport and he volunteered his time coaching with the PAL Club and the Marion High School baseball team as well as the 31 Club women's softball team. Fishing? No, Ralph caught and often explained to his daughters and grandchildren, "I didn't teach you how to fish. I taught you how to catch." In addition, Ralph served the community in a variety of ways including the Lions Club, Junior Achievement and Marion Park Board. He was a former member, elder and trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church and later returned to First United Methodist Church. He enjoyed cooking and participated with Barbara in Gourmet Club. He often met with the Saturday Morning Breakfast Club buddies but don't try to make it on Saturday because they meet on Tuesdays and sometimes Fridays! Sometime between 4pm and 5pm on any given week day, Ralph could be found at the Marion Aero Club with his fellow comrades swapping stories and laughs. As witnessed by many, there was never a better dance partner or finer example of being a husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Barbara W. Pack, Marion; daughters, Elizabeth A. (Brian) Knoderer, Fishers; Katherine L. (Linc) Mitchell, Muncie; Marian S. (Mark) Cunningham, Crown Point; Sarah J. (Brad) Grupe, Sedalia, Missouri; brother, Charles H. (Dianne) Pack, Florida; sister, Sarah (Maxwell) Urata, Honolulu, Hawaii; seven grandchildren, Blake, Brett and Lauren Grupe, Nicholas and Reese Knoderer, Melanie (Nathaniel) Coleman and Lyndsey Cunningham; 2 great-grandchildren, Gage and Colt Coleman. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Frances G. Pack.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Marion Giant Alumni Association, PO Box 448, Marion, IN 46952; First United Methodist Church; or City of Marion Board of Parks and Recreation, 301 S. Branson, Marion, IN 46952

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### John Anderson Droste '74

John Anderson Droste, of Nashville, Indiana passed away after a prolonged illness on September 24, 2020, at the I.U. Health; Bloomington Hospice House. John was born February 15, 1955, in



Urbana, Illinois to John Brown Droste and Mary Anderson Droste. During his teenage years, John was active with the Boy Scouts of America and the Wapahani shooting team. While in scouting, John became the youngest ever to attain the highest rank, Eagle Scout. John was a member of the Bloomington High School class of 1973.

During his attendance at Indiana University, he was a member of the I.U. Rifle and Pistol team where he became a proficient shooter. He went on to enjoy shooting throughout his life and was a member of the NRA. While at IU,

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he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and the IU Police Department. He then went on to work in Wabash, Indiana with the Wabash Police Department and later volunteered with the Wabash County Sheriff's Department. He was the owner and operator of Black Diamond Logistics. John also enjoyed cooking, fishing, and trading on the stock market. John is survived by his loving wife, Doris (Wynne) Droste, of Nashville, Indiana whom he married on November 16, 1991; his mother, Mary Anderson Droste, of Bloomington; daughter, Elizabeth (Anna) Droste-Glowinski, of Indianapolis; sons, Randi (Jenny) Harris, of Carmel and Wesley (Brittany) Harris, of Nashville; brother, Stephen Droste, of Bloomington; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Lila, Josephine, and Charlotte Droste-Glowinski, Isla Harris, Alexander Harris, and Ellie Dawn Dupuis. John was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Elmer and Beatrice Droste; maternal grandparents, Henry and Ruth Anderson; his father, John Brown Droste, and daughter, Jennifer Marie Droste. The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be given to the Boy Scouts of America.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/bloomington-in/john-droste-9377654>

## **Robert J. Whisler '60**

Robert Jay "Bob" Whisler, age 82, formerly of Kettering, OH passed away in the comfort of his home August 15, 2020.



After high school, Robert enrolled at Indiana University where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Bob was a successful Sales Rep during his professional career, having founded Luscomb Engineering and working to help large corporations bring their designs to reality with his electronic components.

He was an avid skier well into his 70's, a world class sailor, highly regarded soccer referee, community volunteer, as well as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was also in the process of obtaining his pilot's license having built his plane from scratch.

Robert was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Whisler, and parents, Ralph and Evelyn Whisler. He is survived by his college sweetheart and wife of 19 years, Patricia Whisler; son, Keith and his wife Michelle; brother, Jack Whisler; grandson, Mason; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Ran Gray from Synergy Home Care and Ohio's Hospice of Dayton for the outstanding care and support they gave during his final days. Memorial Contributions may be made to Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering, OH 45429.

<https://www.routsong.com/obituaries/Robert-Jay-Bob-Whisler?obId=17951375>

## **Indiana Delta - Purdue**

### **Joseph Keyak '66**

Joseph Keyak Jr., 73, of Walkerton, Indiana, passed away Tuesday, August 11, 2020.



Joseph was born February 15, 1947 in Gary, Indiana to the late Joseph Sr. and Mary (Lamitz) Keyak.

Joseph was the co-owner of Triangle Steel in Gary, Indiana with his brother, Michael. He was a 1969 graduate of Purdue University and a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He was an avid Chicago and Purdue sports fan, loved animals, puzzles, poker, and collecting sports memorabilia. Most of all he loved his three daughters and grandchildren.

Joseph is survived by his children, Meredith (David) Chlupacek of Walkerton, Indiana, Christina Lee of South Bend, Indiana, and Joey (Eric) Braden of Valparaiso, Indiana; grandchildren, Edie Chlupacek, Vincent Chlupacek, Carson Braden; step-grandchildren, Chase, Trevor and Gavin Braden; sisters, Judith Keyak of South Pasadena, Florida, and Barbara Livingston of Clearwater, Florida; Sister-in-law, Kathryn Keyak; nieces, Lori Davis, Lisa Livingston; and nephew, Michael Keyak Jr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Michael Keyak Sr.

<https://www.esslingfuneralhome.com/obituary/Joseph-KeyakJr>

## **Indiana Epsilon - Valparaiso**

### **William D. Rutherford '56**

William (Bill) Dane Rutherford, 84, of Spring, Texas, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Bill was born on July 25, 1935, in Graham, Texas, to Dane Jackson Rutherford and Ethel



Lucille Cox Rutherford.

Bill graduated from Concordia High School in Austin, Texas, and then attended Valparaiso University in Indiana, Concordia University in Nebraska, and The University of Texas in Austin, receiving two Bachelor's degrees and a Master's degree. Bill's love of learning and connecting with people led him to a 40 year career of teaching in Christian schools within the Lutheran parochial system around the world, and his love of travel led him to accept positions in Elgin, Illinois, Austin, Texas; Los Angeles, California; Hong Kong and Houston, Texas.

Bill was preceded in death by Nancy, his Wife of 48 years, and his parents Dane and Ethel. Bill is survived by his Daughters; Dana Rutherford Meeks of Houston, Texas, and Sharon Rutherford Russell and husband Iain of Spring, Texas; Grand-Daughters: Heidi and Jenni; and Great-Grandsons: Damion, Dylan and David.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/houston-tx/william-rutherford-9189669>

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## Indiana Gamma - Wabash

### Paul Deverter '50

Paul Logan DeVerter II, 87, of Houston, passed away on August 19, 2020, in Findlay, OH. Born on October 25, 1932, in Houston, Paul was the eldest son of Paul Logan and Ruth Ashmore Hendricks DeVerter. He was raised in Baytown, TX, with regular summer visits to his mother's family farm in Eel River Township, Hendricks County, IN. He attended Wabash College in Crawfordsville, IN, and graduated from the University of Texas School of Engineering, Austin, with a BSME.

After spending two years in the United States Army as a radar and computer technician during the Korean War era, one of those years serving in England, he graduated from the University of Texas Law School, Austin, with an LLB. Concurrently while in law school, Paul worked as a research engineer in the Defense Research Laboratories. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity and Alpha Phi Omega legal fraternity. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Arabia Shrine Temple.

On August 31, 1957, Paul married Betty Jane Cox in Abilene, TX. In 1959, he started with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski where he was an Intellectual Property and Patent attorney specializing primarily in unfair competition and trademark law. He was a member of several Bars including the State of Texas, United States Supreme Court, United States Court of Appeals Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. He was also registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and Canadian Trademarks Office.

Paul served as an officer in a number of legal organizations including Secretary of the Houston Patent Law Association, Chair of the State Bar of Texas Patent, Trademark and Copyright Section and President of the South Texas Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi. After more than 40 years, he retired from practicing law.

Having a lifelong love of railroads, Paul had been described as the dean of Houston traction historians. Whether it was an interurban, a trolley, narrow-gauge, passenger or model train, he was an enthusiast, photographer and collector. In the preface to his 2000 book entitled "Houston North Shore," Paul wrote: "My interest in railroads probably derives from the fact that I grew up in the Humble Oil & Refining Co.'s company housing in Baytown. Our house was only one block from the Humble track which connected the refinery with the docks. The Houston North Shore was more distant, being four blocks away."

Over the years, Paul spent countless time and talent working on the restoration of historic railroad passenger cars, including his own Pullman car, renamed the "San Jacinto." He also built his own model live steam locomotive, "Juliet," in his home workshop, and took her to several live steam meets. He was a founding member in 1961 of the Gulf Coast Railroad Club and was instrumental in the club's 1967 transformation into the ongoing educational nonprofit Gulf Coast Chapter - National Railway Historical Society, Inc., also serving as the organization's first elected president. Paul also was the driving force behind the chapter's first historic railroad car acquisition. Paul was a former president of the American Association of Private Railroad Car Owners, serving as that organization's

Chief Mechanical Officer (where he was a vocal and effective voice with railroads and Amtrak on behalf of car owners) for more than thirty years, and was named a Director Emeritus. He was an officer and founding member of the Southwestern Live Steamers, writing that organization's founding Articles of Incorporation. He was on the board of directors of the Galveston Railroad Museum and a member of the Electric Railroaders' Association. Recognizing a special need, Paul was also an entrepreneur. He founded DeVerter Locomotive Works making castings for air brakes.

Paul enjoyed travel, a good Manhattan, watching John Wayne Westerns and sampling new and different food (particularly spicy ethnic fare). In his retirement years, he enjoyed playing with train simulators and collaborating in online train simulator forums, designing virtual reproductions of historic cars and locomotives. In true form as an engineer, he liked to take things apart to see how they worked, and then attempt to put them back together again, sometimes to the detriment of the object. His most recent hobbies had been bird watching and growing hot peppers.

In addition to his wife Betty, he is survived by daughters Elizabeth Scott DeVerter Young (husband Brian) of Findlay, OH, and Catherine Ann DeVerter of Raleigh, NC; grandchildren Kimberly Nicole Young and Logan Anthony Young of Findlay, OH; and brother John Scott DeVerter (wife Ruth) of Roanoke, VA. In addition to his parents, Paul was preceded in death by his son Paul Logan DeVerter III and granddaughter Rebecca Paige Young. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Paul Logan DeVerter, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund for Chemistry, Wabash College, PO Box 352 Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352 ([wabash.edu/giving/](http://wabash.edu/giving/)) or the Gulf Coast Chapter - National Railway Historical Society, PO Box 457, Houston, TX 77036 ([gulfcoastnrhs.org](http://gulfcoastnrhs.org)), or to your favorite charity.

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## Indiana Zeta - Butler

### Martin T. Just '14



Martin Tulley Just, age 25 of Naperville passed away suddenly December 1, 2019. He was born September 26, 1994. He is survived by his parents, Steven Herbert Just and Anne Katherine (nee Steckbeck) Just, his brothers, Brexton Alexander Just and Riley Steven (Callie Schoeneman) Just, and his grandmother, Barbara Mansfield. He is preceded in death by his grandfather, Don Mansfield and grandparents, Herbert and Helen Just.

<https://www.beidelmankunschfh.com/obituaries/Martin-Tulley-Just?obid=9341947>



### Wayne A. Sturtevant '71

Wayne was born in Sparkill, New York on March 31st, 1951 to Pearl and Stanley Sturtevant. After graduating from Valley Central High School in Montgomery, New York in 1969, Wayne attended Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana and

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was member of Phi Kappa Psi. He graduated from Butler with a B.A. degree in History/Political Science in 1973.

In 1975, Wayne married Betty Jean Jones. After graduating with honors from Indiana University School of Law in 1977, Wayne opened a private practice in Zionsville, Indiana, but soon thereafter joined the Boone County Prosecutor's Office. Wayne eventually became Chief Deputy Prosecutor for Hamilton County. In 1997, Wayne won the election as Hamilton County Judge for Superior Court No. 5 and was re-elected until his retirement in 2018. As a judge, Wayne was committed to justice and was instrumental in Stakeholders of Hamilton County's Criminal Justice system adopting evidence-based decision making. He was also the driving force in implementing the Pretrial Release Program which successfully allowed for low risk offenders to be released without bail.

Wayne's passion for coaching, mentorship, and his three daughters led him to co-found the girls division of the Fishers Youth Soccer League. He coached his daughters in both soccer and basketball through their careers. He continued coaching girls basketball throughout his life which kept him connected to the community and allowed him to touch the hearts and lives of countless people where he never missed an opportunity to give encouragement.

Wayne was an explorer. He loved discovering new parts of his community on daily walks, hiking adventures through National and State parks including the Appalachian Trail, biking with his family and friends, white water kayaking, and many memorable canoe trips. He also enjoyed connecting the past with the present, never missing the opportunity to visit museums, battlefields or historical markers.

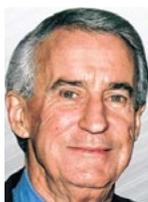
He will be missed by many, but especially his family; wife Betty Jean Sturtevant; daughters Allison Sturtevant and husband Ammon Fillmore with granddaughters, Adeline and Ainsley; Darby Sturtevant Hunter and husband Sam Hunter with granddaughters Coralyn and Mirielle; daughter Lauren Sturtevant and fiancé Justeen Koehler, as well as his brother George Sturtevant and wife CJ Sturtevant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations go to supporting the local community either through the Mudsock Youth Athletics <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/myathletics> (please add a note stating the gift is in memory of Wayne) or Simon Cancer Society at [www.cancer.iu.edu/giving](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/giving) (Please specify "Lung Cancer Research Fund").

<https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/wayne-sturtevant-9825385>

## Iowa Alpha - Iowa

### James Maurice Sealy '54



James "Jim" Maurice Sealy, 85, of Cedar Rapids, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2020, at UnityPoint-St. Luke's Hospital following a sudden illness. Per Jim's wishes, a private family service will be held with a Celebration of Life to take place at a later date.

Jim was born April 14, 1935, the son of James

Lincoln and Dorothy (Robinson) Sealy. He graduated from Franklin

High School in Cedar Rapids. He received a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering from the University of Iowa, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity; a legacy he shared with his sons and grandsons. On Nov. 25, 1959, he was united in marriage to the love of his life, Patricia "Pat" (Kamerling) Sealy.

Jim was a longtime IBM-er, taking on different roles across the country before returning to his beloved Cedar Rapids. He met many great people throughout his career and made lasting friendships that he cherished. Jim sat on several boards over the years and took a personal interest in St Luke's Hospital. He was involved with the St. Luke's Foundation and was a member of the Iowa Health Systems board. Four Oaks was another organization dear to his heart, as was Orchestra Iowa.

Jim was an avid Iowa Hawkeyes and Green Bay Packers fan with a love for golfing. He had many great times at the Cedar Rapids Country Club where he was able to check a hole-in-one off his bucket list. Jim enjoyed a good party, fine wine, a little dancing and the sounds of Dixieland jazz or Frank Sinatra. He especially enjoyed when his granddogs joined the party, so he could sneak them a piece of cheese.

The type of man who made things happen instead of making a wish, he always was focused on the bright side even when things didn't turn out quite right. He'd be quick to say, "galloping by on a white horse on a dark night, nobody will ever know the difference." Or if things really went haywire, you could expect to hear him say "rats."

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Bob; and his son, Robert.

Left to cherish Jim's memories are his wife of nearly 61 years, Pat; children, Mike (Deb), David (Sherry) and Ann Sealy, all of Cedar Rapids; sister, Sharon Cadwell of Mesa, Ariz.; brother, John (Jane) Sealy of Burlington, Vt.; grandchildren, Michael (Maria) Sealy of Cedar Rapids, Lauren (Michael) Doty of Chicago, Nathan Sealy of Iowa City, Sheridan Sealy of San Diego, Calif., and Kiersten Sealy of Cedar Rapids; and two future great-grandchildren set to arrive in April 2021 (his birth month).

Jim's family would like to thank the caregivers at St. Luke's for their compassion and kindness.

In lieu of flowers, the family has respectfully requested that any memorial contributions can be directed to St. Luke's Foundation, Four Oaks, Orchestra Iowa or the charity of your choice.

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### Don R. Schmidt '43



Don R. Schmidt passed away, peacefully, on November 21, 2020.

Don was born in Elkader, Iowa, to Agnes Eleanor (Johnson) Schmidt and George Harold Schmidt Sr. on June 26, 1925. In his early years the family business was a hometown pharmacy, where George Sr. was the proprietor and pharmacist and Agnes worked the books. Many of Don's

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longest, strongest and dearest friendships were formed from his years growing up in Elkader and working with his father.

Don graduated from Elkader High School in 1943 and enlisted in the Army during World War II. He was trained to be a navigator in the Army Air Corps, attending colleges and schools in Cincinnati and elsewhere during that process. Perhaps only by coincidence he was in a barracks near Alamogordo, New Mexico, the morning of the Trinity test site for the First Atomic Bomb detonation. If he held any atomic secrets, he took them to his grave. Following his honorable discharge, he attended the University of Iowa, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and met many lifelong friends. While at Iowa he met the love of his life, Emily, and brought her to their farm near Elkader, Iowa, where they spent nearly 30 years raising and milking dairy cattle. Don & Emily learned that young calves were firmly imprinted by his everyday barn clothing (blue work shirt and khaki pants) that he nearly always wore working in barnyards in their last 15 years on the farm. That parent/child calf imprint lasted well into the cows' later years, where they would often follow his outfit around the barns and fields, making it easy for him to attend to their needs. He was their caretaker and they all believed in him.

Don knew many hardships in his life, including the death of his oldest son, Don Phillip, in a farm accident as well as the deaths of his baby son, Christian Joseph, and youngest baby daughter, Mary Caroline, the latter two due to Rh blood issues. Don also knew many joys in his life, including the births of his three grandsons, Matthew, Benjamin, and Mark, and the joining of his sweet step granddaughter, Dayna, and step grandson, Timothy, to his son's family. Don was especially proud of the accomplishments of his grandchildren and was always looking forward to hearing more.

Don & Emily were able to retire early and moved south to avoid that dreaded four letter word "snow". First retiring to Cherokee Village, Arkansas, and later moving to Whispering Pines, North Carolina. Both locations were golfing retirement communities and Don & Emily enjoyed playing recreational golf and bridge games with their friends. Don also enjoyed gardening in his back yards and was justifiably proud of his many lawn plantings and flowers.

Don & Emily became world travelers during their many years of retirement. They toured many cities and countries of Europe and Africa. One of the highlights was a hot air balloon ride over the African savanna, drifting low and slow over wild elephants and rhinos. Their trophies were gloriously large photographs which hung in their homes to the great delight of their grandsons when they visited.

Don is survived by his son, John Thomas Schmidt, and his wife, Becky Lynn Schmidt, of Verona, Wisconsin. Don is also survived by his grandchildren, Matthew (wife Kari Ann Stevens) Schmidt, Benjamin (friend Danielle Alexander) Schmidt, and Mark (friend Mariah Williams) Schmidt, all of Portland, Oregon. Don is further survived by his grandchildren-by-marriage, Dayna (husband Kyle) McManners, Verona, Wisconsin and Timothy (wife AnnMarie) McEnroe, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and his brother-in-law Thomas A. Phillips of Virginia as well as many, many very loved nephews, nieces and their families.

The family would like to thank the staff at Willow Pointe and Don's doctors at the UW clinics. In lieu of flowers, donations to your local food bank would be appreciated.

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## Kansas Alpha - Kansas

### Gregory D. Shaw '89

Greg Shaw, 51, of Pittsburg, died at home surrounded by his family on Dec. 12, 2020, after a year-long fight against Glioblastoma — an aggressive, malignant form of brain cancer.



He was born on Feb. 17, 1969, to Janet and Dean Shaw in Springfield, Missouri. He attended Gardner-Edgerton High School in Gardner, Kansas, and began his lifelong love of theater. Competitive by nature, he also was active in sports during high school and his early adult years as an athlete and a coach, and was an avid Kansas Jayhawk fan.

He married Angela Casey Shaw on Oct. 11, 1997, in Hutchinson, Kansas; they met in Lawrence at KU while performing in Rock Chalk Revue in 1989. He was the director, Angie was cast as the leading female. The ultimate theater relationship, it was the beginning of a life-long love.

Anyone who knew Shaw knows that he "grew up in the restaurant business." His parents owned and ran Blazers Restaurant, home of the infamous Blazer Burger, in Gardner. While Angie was in residency in Chicago, he was general manager of Govnor's Pub. They moved back to Gardner while Angie finished her residency at KU Med and Greg took over running the family business. Though he attended the University of Kansas and was a lifelong Jayhawk supporter, he earned a bachelor's degree in Management and Human Relations from MidAmerica Nazarene University in 1999 and a master's degree in education/communications/theater from Pittsburg State University in 2006.

Shaw and his family are true Jayhawk Basketball fans, and he traveled across the U.S. to watch his beloved Jayhawks. He also was an avid KC Royals and Chiefs fan.

In 2007, he was hired as the theater director/teacher at Pittsburg High School and during his 13-year career there would produce an astounding 65 shows with his students and colleagues, Susan Laushman, Cooper Neil, Chuck Boyles and Denise Williams, including 25 shows in which he directed his daughter, McKenna. This team also founded the Musical and Repertory Theatre classes at PHS.

PHS Theatre earned invitations to perform on the main stage at the Kansas State Thespian Festival and the International Thespian Festival a combined five times ("Crimes of the Heart," "Band Geeks," "Urinetown," "Dog Sees God," "Pippin") and Shaw was part of the directing team for the Kansas State Thespian production of "Bring It On" that performed at state and Internationals. Since 2016, PHS Theatre earned more than 40 Jester Awards from Music Theatre Wichita, including Best Direction of Show for "Shrek," "Seussical," and "Little Mermaid."

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Shaw created a social issue plays program at PHS with themes that youth face every day, including teen suicide, school violence, eating disorders, and more, helping PHS to earn both state and national recognition as the Kansas NEA Human and Civil Rights Award and as a Promising Practices by the Character Education Partnership. He also was named educator of the year on several occasions.

He collaborated with Mt. Carmel Foundation to create the “Breakfast With Santa” program as a free gift to local families each December, featuring freshmen and sophomore cast and crew as a way to help them gain experience.

Shaw also founded the Just Off Broadway summer theatre workshop program at Memorial Auditorium, in which he directed a cast and crew of middle school-aged youth from schools throughout the area in the junior version of musicals such as “High School Musical,” “All Shook Up,” “Legally Blonde,” and “Lion King.”

Many graduates of his program have gone on to higher education in the performing arts and careers in related fields, of which he was very proud.

He served on the Kansas Thespians Board of Directors, and each January since 2015 took one of the largest groups of student thespians from across the state to the state festival.

He also directed numerous shows in the Kansas City area, including Shawnee Mission Theatre in the Park and Faust Theatre, and for Pittsburg Community Theatre at Memorial Auditorium. While at TTIP, he helped to found the TTIP Troupe, a group of high school-aged performers and technical staff which helped to launch the careers of numerous Kansas City based performers. He went on to direct more than 15 productions and was nominated for and won several Demi Awards.

In 2017, he was named a finalist for the Tony Awards Excellence in Theatre Education Award and was nominated again in 2020 prior to the shutdown of Broadway and postponement of the Tony Awards.

In December 2019, just a few weeks after he produced “Pippin” in Pittsburg, he underwent brain surgery and was diagnosed with Glioblastoma. In January 2020, he still made the trip to the Thespian Festival in Wichita to direct “Pippin” on the main stage to an audience of 2,000.

He continued to teach and direct as long as he was able, including co-directing the all-school musical “Freaky Friday” in February 2020 with Jason Huffman while undergoing radiation and chemotherapy.

In June 2020, he earned the International Thespian Society’s “Spirit of Thespis Award” and this fall was named a 2021 inductee to the Kansas Thespians Hall of Fame — an honor given to individuals who strive for excellence in theatre education, who go above and beyond expectations in developing a theatre program of excellence, and who have impacted Kansas Thespians in significant ways.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Angela Shaw, and two daughters, McKenna and Marley, of Pittsburg; his parents, Janet and Dean of Peoria, Arizona; his brother, Christopher (Kendra) of Ponte Vedra, Florida; his sister, Jana Shaw Fevurly (John) of Scottsdale,

Arizona; 11 nieces and nephews; and hundreds of former students.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Shaw chose cremation with a private family ceremony. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later, safer date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations for the USD 250 Foundation (a scholarship in his honor will be established) or for Shawnee Mission Theatre in the Park. These may be sent to or left at Bath-Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S Broadway St., Pittsburg, KS, 66762.

Applause, applause, applause, applause. Blackout.

## Robert Knightly '50

Robert Montgomery Knightly, Lt. Col. (Ret), age 89, of Omaha, died at his home on Oct. 22, 2020. Bob was a proud Air Force Veteran serving from 1953 to 1975, most years as a reconnaissance pilot. He flew RC-135 combat missions in the Vietnam theater. His final assignment was chief of Reconnaissance Operations of the 55th SRW, Omaha.



Bob had a second career in real estate and spent many hours volunteering with his church. He was quick to laugh and quicker to lend a hand. A man of deep principles and deeper faith, he loved God, his country, and his family.

Bob is survived by: his wife of 67 years, Reva; daughters, Nancy Vogel (Harlan) and Debra Weiss (Bernie); son, Robert Knightly (Elizabeth); grandchildren: Robert Vogel, Dr. Kristen Vogel (David Coleman), John Weiss, Joe Weiss, Jeff Weiss, and Allison Knightly; great-grandson, Michael Coleman; brother, John Knightly (Shirley); brother-in-law, Leland Franz; many nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Born on June 28, 1931, in Hutchinson, Kansas, he was preceded in death by parents, John and Marjorie Knightly, and brother, J. William Knightly. Bob graduated from Kansas University with a bachelor’s degree in business and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/robert-knightly-obituary?pid=196992671>

## Kentucky Beta - Kentucky

### George Putnam Allard '88

George Putnam Allard II died Monday, 23 November 2020, surrounded by his family at home in St Petersburg, Florida. He was 53 years old.



George was born and raised on his family farm in Lewisport, Kentucky. One of the original Singletary Scholars at University of Kentucky, George went on to earn a master’s degree from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, graduating with honors.

Combining his farm roots with business acumen and a sense of adventure, George travelled across the globe, living and working for over 10 years in Europe. His last role was with agribusiness company Bunge as Chief Financial

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Officer for Europe and Asia.

George was an avid fly fisherman and hiker. He was a keen fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the University of Kentucky basketball and football teams.

The youngest of his siblings, George grew up with strong familial bonds. He was a devoted, loving husband and father who delighted in spending time with his family. He left us with many happy memories to cherish.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Putnam Allard, Sr. Survivors include his wife, Leigh Ann; twin daughters, Julia Burke Allard and Sophie Boudon Allard; his mother, Betty Emmick Allard of Lewisport, KY; siblings, David Allard of Lewisport, KY, Sue Allard Koett of Owensboro, KY, Jo Krippenstapel and her husband, Paul, of Bellevue, KY, Steve Allard and his wife, Pam, of Lewisport, KY, Dan Allard and his wife, Amy, of Lewisport, KY, Martha of Brentwood, TN; and sister-in-law Lynn De Arkos and husband Pablo, of Celina, TX; nieces and nephews.

<https://www.brettfuneralhome.net/obituaries/George-Putnam-Allard-II?obid=19098645>

## Michigan Alpha - Michigan

### John B. Hadley '41

John B. Hadley, "Jack," died peacefully in his sleep in the early morning of November 22, 2017, one week before his 95th birthday.



Jack was born in Toledo, Ohio on November 29, 1922, to Robert Welch Hadley, Sr., and Florence Marie Bothwell Hadley. Jack attended the Ottawa Hills school system and DeVilbiss High School. He then graduated from the University of Michigan after an accelerated program (due to World War II) in 3 years, including summers, as a Mechanical Engineer. While at

Michigan he belonged to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Following his graduation from U of M, Jack served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant (JG) Ammunitions Officer on the USS Fomalhaut in the Pacific theater.

September 28, 2011, was truly a day to remember and cherish, as Jack and 80+ other veterans were flown to Washington, D.C. on an Honor Flight to visit the National World War II Memorial. Each veteran is escorted by a volunteer guardian, and Jack's son, John, was honored to serve as his father's wheelchair pusher. While at Kingston Assisted Living in Sylvania, OH with Ruth in July of 2017, Jack was interviewed by Andrew Fisher and videographer George Pugh for the Veterans History Project, when he was given the chance to make a video documentary of his military service as a lasting memorial for his family. Sincere thanks to these men who have carefully documented and archived the stories of hundreds of local veterans in a project that is nationwide, in an effort to preserve for future generations the memories and experiences of the greatest generation.

The family suggests any memorial contributions be made to Ashland Church Permanent Trust Fund (2350 Starr Ave., Oregon, OH), the Toledo Zoo Silverback Society, the Toledo Museum of Art, or another charity of the donor's choice. The family is

also especially grateful to the entire amazing staff of Kingston Assisted Living for their loving care and comfort. We also very much appreciate the support of Reeb Funeral Home.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=john-b-hadley&pid=187414100&fhid=6347>

## Minnesota Beta - Minnesota

### Robert G. Hagemeister '53

Robert G. Hagemeister passed away September 27, 2020. His death was reported December 22, 2020 and no obituary was found.

### Jack F. Lehmann '62

John "Jack" F. Lehmann, 74, of Rockford, Iowa, died Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at his home following a 15-month journey with brain cancer. His trust in Jesus carried him through to the end, surrounded by the love and support of his family.



Memorial Services will be held 10:30 am, Friday, July 22, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church, 805 East Main, Rockford. Officiating will be the Rev. Dan Gerrietts. Visitation will be Thursday, July 21, from 4:00 until 7:00 pm at the church. Private inurnment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery, Albert Lea, MN. Those planning an expression

of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Zion Lutheran Church or the Fossil Prairie Center (both in Rockford), or to the family for a continuing education scholarship in Jack's name for RRM. Please use [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) for online condolences and messages to the family.

Jack was born in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Kenneth and Irene Lehmann. He attended Albert Lea High School. He then graduated from the University of Minnesota with a teaching degree. His first teaching position in 1965 was in Miami, Florida with Dade County Schools. In 1966, he accepted a teaching and coaching position with Forest City Schools until he joined the Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Community Schools in 1970 and retired in 2000. As he continued his education at Drake University and Mankato State, he received his Master's in Education and Endorsement in Counseling. He was intensely proud of his students' achievements and high school basketball and golf teams' many successes.

Jack was united in marriage to Barbara Hegland at First Lutheran Church in Albert Lea on August 7, 1965. They were blessed with three children. Jack's love and priority was always for Barb and his family followed by the community of friends, church family, students, and co-workers he touched during his life. In 2002, Jack and Barb began spending winters in Arizona and summers at their cabin near Park Rapids, MN. Jack enjoyed time with family and friends and especially liked playing golf, pickle ball, tennis, fishing, and pheasant hunting. He was a devoted fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Those who he unequivocally loved include his wife Barb of 50 years, three children and five grandchildren, Peter and his wife Colleen, Los Altos, CA, Julie and her husband Kevin Hicks, and their children Michael, Benjamin "Luke", and Brady of Coeur

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d'Alene, ID, Mark and his wife Kathie along with their two children Ellie and Anna, Mason City; his sister Judy (Jim) Nelson, Mesa, AZ, his sister-in-law Carol Hegland, Sun Lakes, AZ, and several nieces and nephews and cousins.

<https://www.fullertonfh.com/obituaries/John-Jack-Lehmann-#!/Obituary>

## Edmond E. Sylvestre '43

Edmond Eugene "Gene" Sylvestre, Jr. deeply loved by spouse, children, grandchildren, and many friends, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2019, after a rich 94 years of life. Gene was born in Chicago on 9/11/ 1924, graduated from Washburn high school in Minneapolis and then enlisted in the Army. Trained in mines and demolition as part of the 65th Infantry Division, he saw action in the European Theater during WWII. After the war he attended the University of Minnesota, graduating with a degree in journalism. Gene met the love of his life, Dorothy



Stubblefield, on a blind date while at the U. They were married in 1950. Gene worked as an account executive in advertising with Minneapolis Moline, Olmstead and Foley, and BBDO during the 1950s and 60s while raising 4 children with Dorothy. Meanwhile, he served as moderator for local public television programs such as Town Hall meetings and Great Books discussions. In 1970 he started his own educational consulting firm, Gene Sylvestre Associates, with his wife, focusing on human relations issues and community organizing. The American Cancer Society, the American Lutheran Church, and the Human Rights Commission of Golden Valley were among his many clients. In retirement he continued to work with the mental health group at St. Joan of Arc church. A loving and devoted family man, Gene enjoyed spending time with his wife and children. They shared many summer weekends together on a houseboat on the St. Croix River and later at their cabin near Stone Lake, WI. In later years Gene and his brother, Chuck, enjoyed researching the family tree together. Gene valued friendships highly. His warmth and curiosity had a deep and lasting effect on friends and family. He was an avid bird-watcher. He also enjoyed attending classical and jazz music concerts and loved the monthly Jazz and Pie Night gatherings with family. He is preceded in death by his parents Dorothy and Edmond Sylvestre, Sr., and brother Charles. He leaves behind his loving wife of 69 years, Dorothy, 4 children and their spouses, Hilary (John Toren), Paul (Maggie Michaelson), David (Debbie Behr), and Jeff (Mary Bohman); grandchildren Liza, Dan (Jessi), Sarah Frances (Mark), Steve (Missy), Emily, and Nora; great-grandchildren Vincent, Freddie, Ellis, and Esther Plum. A memorial service will be held at First Universalist Church (3400 Dupont Ave. S., Mpls), at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 9th. Memorials in Gene's name are preferred to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Minnesota or the ACLU.

<https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000310316/>

## Missouri Alpha - Missouri

### Timothy Dean O'Leary '49

Honorable Timothy Dean O'Leary - Beloved Husband. Proud Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Legend. Hero. Friend. Tim was born on July 24, 1928, in Kansas City, Missouri.



He passed away peacefully on October 6, 2020, at the age of 92 with his beloved family by his side.

Tim grew up in Kansas City, Missouri, attended Rollins Grade School, Westport Junior High School and Westport High School, graduating in 1945 at the age of 16. His family didn't have any money or a car, so he went to work at 11 years of age selling journal post papers on the corner of 39th and Main. At age 12, he worked for Crown Drug Store delivering products on a bicycle for 10 cents an hour. At age 13, he worked for Winstead's on the Plaza as the first frosty malt maker. At age 14, he set pins at the bowling alley on 40th and Main. At age 15, he went to Wellington, Kansas and worked on the Santa Fe Railroad on freight cars. At age 16, he went to Roswell, New Mexico and worked climbing telephone poles, both jobs working 12 hours a day, 6 days a week.

Tim went on to serve as a Sergeant in the United States Army Air Corps from January 28, 1946 – December 23, 1948, as World War II was coming to an end, stationed in Korea.

He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) in 1952. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He would say the best part of college was meeting our Mom, Darlene McBride O'Leary. Dad was a house boy at the Chi Omega house where they met. He would always say it was the best job he ever had. Tim and Darlene enjoyed an incredible life together – a true love story. They married on June 11, 1955, at Visitation Catholic Church, had six children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandson. They loved to dance, winning several dance contests. It was common to see them dancing to Frank Sinatra in the living room. We smile at the thought of Mom and Dad jitterbugging in Heaven once again!

Tim graduated from UMKC Law School in 1956. He began his law career in the Kansas City Attorney's Office and then private practice. He was appointed in 1969 as a Judge in the Sixteenth Circuit Court in Jackson County, serving for 20 years before joining the Law Firm of Shughart Thomson and Kilroy, now Polsinelli.

Besides being known as the best dressed lawyer in Kansas City, Tim received many awards throughout his career, including: the Charles Evans Whittaker Award for Judicial Achievements, Spurgeon Smithson Award for Extraordinary Service and Dedication to the Legal Profession, and ultimately the Lifetime Achievement Award from the KCMBA, the highest honor the organization bestows. Upon hearing of his death, his law firm shared, "Tim was an extraordinary lawyer, judge and legal leader. Most of all, he was universally loved and respected as a man of good humor with impeccable integrity. He was a role model for many of us. Tim was a devoted husband to his wife, Darlene, for 58 years, before her death in 2013. Tim loved life, his family, his friends, his colleagues, and his profession. We should all be grateful and proud that he was part of our firm."

Tim advised his friends at Polsinelli on July 24, 2018, that he was

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retiring from the active practice of law at the young age of 90. He shared that the past 30 years had been a wonderful experience for him, much attributable to the friendships he had made and working with so many good lawyers. He loved the field of law!

Tim is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Darlene and son, Ted. He leaves his son Dr. Timothy O'Leary and his wife Kathleen and their children Timothy McBride and Madelyn Grace; son Terry and his wife Lynn and their children Ryan and his wife Maddy and their son Mason Timothy; Brendon and his wife Jackie, Thomas and his fiancé Whitney Walker, Mary and her fiancé Kevin Jacobs, and Amy; son Tom and his wife Jennifer and their children Lindsey, Tommy and Addie; daughter Lorrie and her husband Jon Ritchie and their children John Michael and Megan McBride; and his beloved daughter Megan Mavourneen.

Dad died the way he lived, at peace with God, his family and his friends. He would leave us all with one of his favorite quotes: "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." – Mark Twain. Dad would then add his own advice: Drink plenty of water. Sleep at least 8 hours. Walk 2 miles a day – with a smile on your face. Don't envy anyone – you already have more than you need. Make peace with problems of the past. If you don't care about other people and just live within yourself, you will lose the best of life. However good or bad the situation, it will change. Smile and laugh more – much more. Keep a balanced life – work hard, be a person of integrity, keep your word, develop and maintain a good sense of humor, be a person of good will, truth, honor and integrity, and God will smile on you. Find the best in others. Give of yourself. Leave the world a little better. Don't go to bed mad. If you make a mistake or something bad happens, stop it, get over it and move on. Do not hold grudges. If you don't forgive others, the person you hurt the most is you. Walk humbly with God. Call your parents often. Be nice to old people, especially your Grandfather Tim! And above all, The Best Is Yet To Come!

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansascity/obituary.aspx?n=timothy-dean-o-leary-tim&pid=196927651>

## Nebraska Alpha - Nebraska

### Harris W. Barber '43

Dr. Harris W. Barber, age 95, passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at his home in Santa Fe, NM. He was born on September 3, 1924, in Kearney, NE. He did his schooling from



North Platte and Hastings, Nebraska, and earned Eagle Scout. His West Point appointment was cancelled due to hay fever. He then enlisted in the Reserve Corp in March 1943. In the 20th Armored Division, he applied to OCS, becoming a 2nd Lieutenant. In August 1945, he was on a troop ship en route to replacement depot to fill in as the Japanese killed many Americans. The

bomb was dropped, ending the war, and he was discharged from the Army in 1946 as he returned home. He went to the University of Nebraska, pledging Phi Kappa Psi. After college graduation, he married the love of his life, Harriett. He continued his medical training at the University of Nebraska, University of Washington, and the University of Chicago. His private practice began at Lovelace Clinic in Albuquerque, NM, where he was

associated with the original seven astronauts. In 1951, he started his Obstetrics and Gynecology practice in Santa Fe at St. Vincent Hospital with Sisters. He maintained a specialized clinic for those who needed assistance. He retired in 1984 to pursue his love of sailing. He was an active member of many civic and community organizations. He was uniquely devoted to his family and practice. He is survived by Harriet, his beloved wife, and his two daughters Julie Hughes and Becky Erny, and five grandchildren.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/santafenewmexican/obituary.aspx?n=harris-w-barber&pid=196676856&fhid=7148>

### James Newman Pollard '54

James Pollard, 84, passed away on November 5th. He was born on December 12, 1935 to MH and Gladys Pollard in Lincoln. He graduated from Lincoln High School and went on to study



Business Administration at the University of Nebraska. While at college, he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He also served in the Army National Guard. He spent his career as a life insurance underwriter with companies in Lincoln, Des Moines, Austin and Seattle.

In 1958 he met and married Sally (Sharrar) and raised two daughters, Pam (Bob) Moodie of Lincoln and Cindy (Nick) Biltoft of Riverton, WY. He was a lifelong Husker fan and an avid collector of advertising tins. He also enjoyed his weekly breakfast and lunch groups with friends. He was a member of First Plymouth Church, past president of the Downtown Lions Club, past President of Bryan Health Centers Volunteer Program, past Board President of the Child Guidance Center, and served on the Young Life Board. He will be remembered as a gentle man who had a deep love of his family and faith in God.

He is survived by his wife and daughters, 5 grandchildren, Nicole Biltoft, Becky (Tyler) Wiese, Jordan Biltoft, Bess (Ted) Hewitt, Sam Moodie and 3 Great Grandchildren.

The family thanks the staff of the Seagren House at Tabitha for the care that Jim received.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/journalstar/name/james-pollard-obituary?pid=197070334>

### James D. Massey '51

James DeWayne Massey, Sr. passed away Wednesday, August 12th at Scottsbluff at the age of 92. Jim was born in Broken Bow, Nebraska on August 10, 1928, the son of John Moore and Iva



Pearl (Richardson) Massey. He attended school at Grand Island graduating with the class of 1946. He played basketball and was the drum major of the Grand Island High School marching band. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and spent time in the Mediterranean Sea. He received WWII victory and occupation medals. He attended Hastings College and the University of

Nebraska where he was affiliated with Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He married Dorothy (Elliott) at the First United Methodist

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Church in Scottsbluff on July 12, 1953. He began working in the insurance business in 1953 and became President/Owner of the J. G. Elliott Insurance Company until he sold the business to his son John in 1994. He was also a real-estate broker and a certified appraiser. He was a bank director for Scottsbluff National Bank and Trust Company from 1976-1996 when he joined the board of Platte Valley Companies.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Elks, the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the VFW. He was either president or chairman of the board of directors of the following organizations: Rotary, West Nebraska General Hospital Board of Directors, West Nebraska General Hospital Foundation Board of Directors, Community Chest, United Way, Scottsbluff School Board, County Young Republicans, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Scottsbluff/Gering Payroll Development, and the YMCA.

He was a Nebraska Diplomat, and an Ak-Sar-Ben Ambassador. He served the University of Nebraska in several capacities including the Board of Directors of Nebraska Health Services, the University of Nebraska Alumni Association executive committee, the University of Nebraska Medical Center Board of Counselors, the University of Nebraska Foundation board, and the University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council. He enjoyed traveling, golf, collecting western art, fishing, hunting, and watching the activities of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy in March 2020. Jim and Dorothy have three children all of Scottsbluff; Jim Jr (Barbie), John (Megan), and Sandy and four grandsons, Trevor (Leah), Jack, Ryan (Katlyn), and Jake; and great-grandchildren Liam, Elliott, Blake and Tennesyn. Other survivors include his brother Roger (Carolyn) of Lincoln, his brother-in-law Ted Westervelt of Scottsbluff, and Dallas (Paul) Snyder as well as many loved nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother R. L. (Jean), her sisters-in-law Betty (Al) Metcalf, Katy (Roy) Yaley, and Jean Westervelt.

A family burial will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2020 with a memorial service to be held on Wednesday, September 16th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's memory to the First United Methodist Church music fund or the Regional West Medical Center Foundation.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/journalstar/name/james-massey-obituary?pid=196656266>

## Richard A. Jolliffe '55

Richard "Dick" Jolliffe, 84, of Scottsbluff, passed away Saturday, November 4, 2017 at The Residency Care Center in Scottsbluff.



Dick was born January 21st, 1933 in Brush, Colorado to Francis and Frankie Marsh Jolliffe. At a young age, the family moved to Fort Morgan, Colorado, where Dick grew up and was a strong student and a star football, basketball and track athlete. He attended junior college at Wentworth Military Academy, Missouri where he continued his academic and athletic excellence,

and was later recognized by his induction into Wentworth's Sports Hall of Fame. After graduating with an associate's degree,

Dick attended the University of Nebraska, Lincoln where he met and married Lou Stephenson, his beloved wife of 60 years.

Upon graduation from UNL, Dick joined the United States Army and attended the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterrey, CA; learning Czechoslovakian and then serving in Germany as linguist. He was honorably separated after four years of service. Dick then attended mortuary school in San Francisco, CA and was employed upon graduation with a mortuary science degree by Adams Mortuary in Greeley, CO. In 1962, he and his family moved to Scottsbluff where he joined the Benson-Jolliffe Funeral Home and Ambulance Service which later became Jolliffe Funeral Home. Dick was a community servant and leader throughout his life as a member of numerous church and charitable organizations and chamber, professional, fraternal, civic and appointive government activities including past president of Kiwanis, past president of Scottsbluff/Gering Rotary Club, past District Governor Rotary, and Cosmopolitan Man of the year.

Dick was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was an avid sportsman throughout his life enjoying golf, hunting, fishing, tennis, handball, racquetball, and snow skiing.

He is survived by his wife Lou, sons Jeff, Jim (Liz) and Pat (Jan), seven grand-children and eight great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents Francis and Frankie, and brothers Pat and Bill.

<https://memorials.bridgmanfuneralhome.com/Jolliffe-Richard/3286199/obituary.php>

## New Jersey Alpha - Rider

### John Patrick Gallo '65

John Patrick Gallo, 77, of North Venice, Florida, and Lavallette, New Jersey passed away from this life peacefully on Sunday, December 13, 2020. He was born on February 26, 1943 in



Plainfield, New Jersey, the very loving son of John and Margaret (Ianniello) Gallo.

John was proud to have grown up in his hometown of Plainfield and he played football for Plainfield High School. He was voted "Best Dressed" in his high school class and carried that sense of style with him throughout his life. John went on to attend Valley Forge Military Academy

and then Rider University where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Sigma Pi fraternities, making many lasting friendships that continued throughout his life. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John enjoyed a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry where he proudly held executive positions in several companies. He was a natural businessman and moved on to hold management roles in several other companies even after retiring from the pharmaceutical industry. John was most proud to have had a fulfilling career that allowed him to travel the world experiencing different cultures and meeting many people. These incredible life experiences led to countless stories that he loved to share with his family and friends at the dinner table or sitting around the fire pit.

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John was not only the patriarch and rock of his family, but he literally was their World and their Hero. He was a wonderful husband to his loving wife of 55 years, Karen (Mathuse), who was the love his life. John was an extremely devoted and proud father to his three daughters, who loved him beyond measure, “the Gallo Girls”, Dr. Kristin Gallo Russo (Steven) of Mendham, Kara DeFuria (Joseph) of Caldwell, and Kimber Gallo Stanton, Esq. (Michael) of Summit. Despite his immense love for his wife, daughters and sons in law, the real loves of his life were his 7 adoring grandchildren, ranging in age from 24 to 3, who affectionately called him Pop Pop. John was the BEST grandfather and role model to John DeFuria, Alexa DeFuria, Jerry Russo, Matthew DeFuria, Kaci Russo, Tyler Stanton and Chase Stanton and he really took the time to develop a special relationship and bond with each of them. John never missed an opportunity to tell his family how much he loved them “to the Moon” and how proud he was of them. He is also survived by his loving sister and brother in law, Robert and Patricia Beck of Lavallette, his dear Uncle Peter Gallo of Florida, many cousins, and several nieces and nephews.

John had an infectious personality and managed to make friends everywhere he went. He enjoyed socializing and spent most nights out dining with friends and family. John was always the life of the party, and never missed a chance to get up out of his chair to sing and dance. Most importantly, John was a true gentleman who brought out the best in everyone around him and found a way to connect with everyone he met. To his family and friends, John Gallo was truly “larger than life” and he led a life that inspired and brought joy to the countless lives that he touched.

John lived every day of his life to the fullest and most importantly, he truly enjoyed his life. He was extremely generous and always made an effort to help people and make them feel special. He had a strong affinity for his cars (that were always clean) and boating. He loved Florida and the Jersey Shore, especially his evenings by the firepit with good music and beautiful sunsets. John loved all holiday celebrations with his family, especially Christmas, where he was the center of many family traditions. He enjoyed watching football and was an avid Philadelphia Eagles fan. John was very proud of his Italian heritage and loved Italian cuisine, especially pasta on Sundays. He was loved and admired by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him, especially his family.

At the request of the family all services will be private. The family intends to have a public celebration of John’s life, when it is safe to do so, which will be announced at a later date.

To honor John’s love of Christmas and his legacy of charitable giving, in lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made “In Memory of John P. Gallo” to any of the following organizations or any organization that is close to your heart:

Make a Wish New Jersey ([www.wish.org/nj](http://www.wish.org/nj)) St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) Community Foodbank of New Jersey ([www.cfbnj.org](http://www.cfbnj.org))

<https://www.ryanfuneralhome.com/obituary/John-Gallo>

## New York Alpha - Cornell

### Arthur Tasker ‘58

Arthur M. Tasker died at Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, in Greenport, N.Y., on Nov. 8, 2020. He was born in the same hospital on Oct. 29, 1939, a few minutes before his twin, John Tasker (died 2016), to Madeline Iacovino, homemaker and a founder of the Greenport Shakespeare Club (died 1977), and Henry Tasker, attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney and Justice, New York State Supreme Court (died 1987).



Arthur attended the Greenport Schools, graduating as valedictorian in 1957.

At Cornell University (’61), he earned a Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering degree on a full scholarship from Grumman. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and often said he enjoyed “a complete undergraduate experience” — that did not include the dean’s list.

After graduation Arthur joined Texas Instruments in Attleboro, Mass., where he worked on a team building nuclear reactors for Adm. Hyman Rickover’s Navy. Thereafter he worked in industrial marketing at Allied Chemical in Morristown, N.J., and at the World Gold Council in New York City as international industrial marketing director, promoting gold usage in industry and dentistry. At the age of 49 he decided to go to law school: “It was the family business, but I got interested long after my father would have paid for it.” He graduated magna cum laude from The Benjamin Cardozo School of Law in 1992. He practiced with a corporate firm, subsequently in partnership with a Cardozo classmate and as a solo practitioner.

In retirement, Arthur and his wife of 40 years, Lucia (Staniels), owned and operated a joint exhibit for American children’s book publishers at the annual Bologna Children’s Book Fair in Italy. They traveled widely in Europe, as well as to Egypt and Jordan just before the Arab Spring, the Galapagos, Canada and throughout the United States.

Arthur was an avid fly fisher and was active in the Nature Conservancy and Peconic Land Trust, including the project committee. In recent years he enjoyed growing, eating and sharing oysters he raised in front of his Sandy Beach cottage in conjunction with Cornell’s SPAT program. He served on the Greenport Village Zoning Board of Appeals and was a reasonably frequent, perhaps not always gladly welcomed, speaker/contributor to discussions of Village Board issues. He was a member of Peconic Landing’s buildings and grounds committee, serving two terms as chair. A fifth-generation Greenporter, he was featured in Andrea Cotes’ “Port of Views” historical show in Mitchell Park in 2015.

Arthur was a nurturer, with boundless curiosity and a virtually bottomless “idiot’s ditty bag,” as he called it, and which had a capacious side pocket for risqué limericks. He could talk to virtually anybody about something and was a good storyteller. He spoke French and Italian and liked good food, good drink — especially Balvenie whiskey — and good design. His retentive memory could call up virtually every meal eaten in every trattoria in every hill town in Italy. His daughter lovingly referred to him as the Walking Encyclopedia.

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Arthur dealt handily with plumbing, electrical, construction and carpentry matters. He taught his daughter how to shingle a roof (with help with some friends) and that she could fix or make almost anything. He attributed his cooking skills ("Man cook meat," said with a Tarzan swagger) to watching a cranky chef while working a split shift at Porky's restaurant at age 14.

Social liberal, political centrist, fiscal conservative, spiritual seeker, Arthur believed in science; the power of technology for good and bad; the power of mankind for same; and the miracle of the universe.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his beloved daughter, Alex Marx, son-in-law Peter and his adored 16-year-old grandson, Theo, who live in Los Angeles, and many cherished friends and relatives.

Memorial donations may be made to Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital or Peconic Land Trust.

<https://suffolktimes.timesreview.com/2020/11/arthur-m-tasker/>

## Thomas C. Knight '81

Thomas Craig "Tom" Knight, age 58, of Hellertown (previously of Bethlehem Township) passed away quietly at home on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020 after a year-long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Mimi (Miriam Morgan), daughter Emily, son Paul and parents Lee and Winnie Knight. Tom was a 1980 graduate of Liberty High School in Bethlehem and subsequently attended Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., where he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1984. In 1992, he went on to earn a master's degree in management science at Stevens Institute of



Technology in Hoboken, N.J. While attending Cornell, Tom was a varsity swimmer and was part of the 1984 Ivy League championship team his senior year. He spent his entire career in the engineering field and for the past 10 years he was employed as a Senior Project Manager at Integrated Project Services, headquartered in Blue Bell, Pa. Tom will be remembered for his steadfast devotion to his wife and children, his parents and his friends. His lifelong friendships made through Cornell's swim team and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity kept him returning to his beloved alma mater's hometown of Ithaca for football games, golf outings and reunions. An avid runner in his post-college years, Tom loved competing in local racing events, often earning awards in his age group. He was known for his quick wit, his infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, services are not scheduled at this time. Online expressions of sympathy can be recorded at [HeintzelmanCares.com](http://HeintzelmanCares.com).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to a scholarship fund benefiting engineering student-athletes, which is being established at Cornell in Tom's honor. For information on donations to the scholarship fund, please email [TomKnightCornellFund@gmail.com](mailto:TomKnightCornellFund@gmail.com).

<https://sauconsource.com/2020/12/23/thomas-craig-tom-knight-58-of-hellertown-obituary-brought-to-you-by-heintzelman-funeral-home/>

## New York Eta - Buffalo

### Daniel A. Caccamise '52

We mourn the passing of Dr. Daniel A. Caccamise ("The Doover") who left this earth on November 10th, 2020, but we celebrate a life well-lived.



"The Doover" as he was known by his friends was a renaissance man and gifted the world with his kind eyes, beautiful smile and personality that lit up any room. "To know him is to love him" is a vast understatement as he quickly became an irreplaceable part of everyone's family.

Dan was born in Rochester, NY and graduated from Aquinas High School, and attended University of Buffalo where he received his BA and DDS degrees and was awarded a four-year NYS Regents Scholarship.

He served as a Captain in the US Army for three-years and was stationed in South Korea, Fort Knox and Washington DC.

In 1964, Dan started his dental practice in Brighton, NY where he enjoyed thirty-five years of private practice and after was offered a position in the NYS DOCS where he was the Director of the Dental Clinic at Groveland Correctional Facility for over a decade until his retirement.

In the late 1960s, Dan became a passionate golfer and was an honorary life-time member of Locust Hill Country Club for over 40 years. He founded "The Doovers" from his namesake and enjoyed rivalries with "The Dirty Dozen." This week the golf legacy group celebrated the 49th Annual Doover Golf Classic.

A scholar and gentleman, Dan lived life on his own terms and shared unconditional love with family and friends. He was a gentle soul that constantly strived to do more and always wanted to help others. Dan was one of the original founding members of the Al Sigl Charity Golf Tournament since 1969. In 1991, the tournament trophy was named in his honor and his late son, Devin's name added in 2009. He was named Honorary Chairman of the tournament in 1993 and again at the 50th tournament where he was recognized, celebrating his years of service.

A true romantic, his thirst for knowledge was equaled only by his love of Jeopardy, passion for art, travel, writing and especially poetry. He was an avid literary enthusiast and studied Shakespeare at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and attended the annual Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Ontario for over 30 years with his wife and close friends.

His memory shall live on in the many stories from his long, beautiful life!

Predeceased by beloved son Devin, sister Frances Nichols and brother Norman. Survived by wife Shelly, sister Eleanor, children Glenn (Ashley), Kim (Donna), Lesli (Scott), Tiffany (Mike) and Troy. Grandchildren Jacquie (Steve), Gabriel, Caleb, Nicholas, and Ashton.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Daniel's memory to: Al Sigl Center, 1000 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

<https://www.anthonychapels.com/obituaries/Dr-Daniel-A-Caccamise-DDS?obid=18948262>

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## Walter J. McParlin '52

Walter McParlin, 88, of Columbus, OH, passed away August 18, 2020. He was born in Lockport, NY, to the late Walter and Ida (Kagels) McParlin. In addition to his parents, Walter was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Jean McParlin. Walter graduated from Lockport High School (NY) and earned an Industrial Engineering B.S. degree from the University of Buffalo (NY). He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean War. While in high school, he met the love of his life, Jean Grantz, who he married in 1956. Walter and



Jean loved to travel and they visited 44 countries together. After his retirement from Ross Laboratories, Walter enjoyed spending time with his family, trading stocks, fly fishing, wood carving, playing cards and socializing with his many wonderful friends in Columbus and Huron, OH. He was also a long-time member of Ascension Lutheran Church and more recently Atonement Lutheran Church. Walter is greatly missed by his children, Lori Shanahan of Columbus, OH, Peter (Randi) McParlin of Dallas, TX, and Braden McParlin of Columbus, OH; grandchildren, Michael Shanahan and Miranda McParlin. Donations in Walter's memory may be made to the America Red Cross. <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>

<https://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/dispatch/walter-mcparlin-condolences/196753382>

## Ohio Beta - Wittenberg

### Jack R. Benak



Jack R. Benak, age 19, passed away on March 13, 2020. Beloved son of John and Denise (nee Jablonski); cherished brother of Ellen; dear grandson of Nancy (the late James) and Audrey Jablonski (the late Leo); nephew of six; cousin of 15; cherished friend of many. Funeral services will be private. Jack's life will be celebrated at a time and date to be determined. Condolence messages may be left at [www.ferfoliafuneralhomes.com](http://www.ferfoliafuneralhomes.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested in his name to the Jack Benak Memorial Fund online at <https://tinyurl.com/u4ud5mm>.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/jack-benak-obituary?pid=195757084>

### Charles A. Wallick '52

Rev. Dr. Charles Austin The Rev. Dr. Charles Austin Wallick, a 1951 graduate of Oakwood High School died in Orange City, Fla. on Dec. 19, 2017. He was born in Hackensack, New Jersey on Nov. 14, 1933. And moved to Oakwood in 1943 when his father was called as pastor of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior. He graduated from Wittenberg University in 1955 and its seminary in 1958. He was ordained by the Lutheran Church in 1959 and developed a new congregation in Stow, Ohio. He moved to Longwood, Florida in 1970 and developed St. Stephen Lutheran Church there. He retired in 1998. He was among five

in his class at Oakwood to become pastors and was active in alumni activities. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Caroline Serviss Wallick, daughter DeAnn Klinger, grandchildren Richard, Stephen, and Katherine, and sister Betty Wallick Sauer, a 1948 graduate of Oakwood. A son, Richard Andrew died in 2002.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/hamilton/obituary.aspx?n=charles-austin-wallick&pid=187937642>

## Ohio Delta - Ohio State

### Jon D. Boyes '59

Jon D. Boyes, 80, passed away quietly on August 21, 2020 following a long battle with Parkinson's and Lewy Body Dementia, compounded by the effects of COVID-19. Jon was born



in 1940 in Columbus, Ohio to Roy and Lucille. He attended Clintonville Elementary School where he first met beloved wife, Faye, when they were four years old. They reconnected ten years later in junior high and dated throughout high school. Jon and Faye were wed in 1961 and both graduated from The Ohio State University in 1963. Jon was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Jon began his 40-year career as an architect with Dan Carmichael and Associates in Columbus. After one too many blizzards, the family relocated to California in 1978 where they lived until 2015. His career in the Bay Area included WBE, Amos Krausz and Company, and Tandem Computers before retiring from Citigroup in 2003. When not at the office, Jon could be found golfing or working on many projects at home. He was a perfectionist and we all benefited from his high standards and the quality of work he produced. Jon's passion for golf began as soon as he could hold a golf club. His father taught him the game and the many life lessons it offered. He carried that passion for golf throughout his life and enjoyed his annual outings to Poppy Hills, Graeagle, and Northstar-at-Tahoe with his buddies, and our annual family vacation at Wawona in Yosemite. For the last four years, Jon was under the loving care provided by Poet's Walk Memory Care and his angels on earth from Generous Hospice. We are grateful to them for their attentive care and compassion. He is survived by his wife of 59 years and best friend, Faye, son Randy, daughter Elizabeth and her husband Scott, and grand-children Dorian, Samuel, Sienna and Emma.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/jon-boyes-obituary?pid=196702760>

### Scott Anthony Heeter '85

Scott Anthony Heeter, 54, passed away on September 25, 2020. He is survived by his loving wife, Pam, of 28 years; his mother, Mary C. Heeter; and his in-laws Bob and Becky Luehrman. He is preceded in death by his father, Ted O. Heeter.



In addition to cousins, aunts and uncles, he was loved by many friends. As they say, he never met a stranger. He lived most of his life in Grove City, OH and graduated in the class of 1984 from Grove City High School. He was a graduate of The Ohio State University and The Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science. He was a member

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of BPOE of Columbus/Grove City #37, The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M of Ohio #689, Shriners International, as well as a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus. He enjoyed life and loved sports, especially cheering on The Buckeyes and The Blue Jackets. For those that knew him, golf was his passion. In fact, a few weeks before his death he was on a four-day golf trip with 23 other guys. He had a great time and always had a golf story or two to share. Pam also took up golf and they enjoyed spending many hours on the course together. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Shriners' Hospital for Children, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or your favorite charity.

<https://www.spencemillerfuneralhome.com/obituary/scott-heeter>

## Chase Joseph Meola

Chase Joseph Meola, 23, on October 11, 2020 of Mahwah, NJ. Beloved son of Paul and Margaret. Loving brother of Michael and wife Brittany and Dylan and wife Alexa. Cherished uncle of Gracelynn Elyse. Adored grandson of Marie Meola, the late Joseph Meola, the late Carole Hollowell and the late Thomas Hollowell. Chase is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Chase could light up any room with his infectious personality. He loved his family and friends. He was loyal, selfless and sensitive. We will treasure the time we had with him. We will remember him for his bravery. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Van Emburgh-Sneider-Pernice Funeral Home, Ramsey, NJ. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Chase to either the Chase Meola Memorial Fund, <https://gf.me/u/y4iisq> or to a charity of your choice.



<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/northjersey/obituary.aspx?n=chase-joseph-meola&pid=196952087&fhid=17155>

## Fred L. Morrison '47

Fred Lew "Curly" Morrison died of complications from a broken hip on November 15, 2020.

Morrison played for the Ohio State Buckeyes from 1947 to 1949. He took over the fullback position as a senior in 1949 and led the Buckeyes in scoring, with nine touchdowns. In the 1950 Rose Bowl against the California Golden Bears, Morrison rushed for 119 yards and the Buckeyes won 17-14. Morrison was named the game's MVP and was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame in 1993.



Morrison was drafted by the Chicago Bears with the tenth pick in the 1950 NFL Draft. He was with the Bears for four years, leading the team in rushing two of those years. He was traded to the Cleveland Browns, where he spent three more years and played in three championship games. He led the Browns in rushing once (1955), making his only Pro Bowl appearance that year.

Following his NFL career, Morrison stayed active in football. He was the chief operating officer and general manager for the Los Angeles Express of the United States Football League (USFL)

and the general manager of the Southern California Sun of the World Football League (WFL). He was an advocate for retired NFL players and was active in several charities. He and his wife, Sophie, produced the NFL Legends golf tournament in Pebble Beach, California every November benefiting The Boys and Girls Clubs of California.

<https://www.buckeyextra.com/story/football/2020/11/16/former-fullback-led-buckeyes-football-nine-touchdowns-senior/6317202002/>

## Ohio Epsilon - Case Western Reserve

### David W. Melson '71

David W. Melson passed away in 2012. His death was reported November 4, 2020 and no obituary was found.



### Walter Illingworth '69

Walter Illingworth III, age 69, passed away October 21, 2020. Beloved husband of 46 years to Joanne (nee Nolan). Loving father of Tucker (Jodi) and Matthew (Sheila). Cherished grandfather of Jocelyn and Madelyn. Dearest son of the late Walter and Eeva (nee Stewart).

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/walter-illingworth-obituary?pid=197004001>

## Ohio Eta - Toledo

### Reynold F. Gerson '67

Reynold "Renny" F. Gerson, 73 of Burlington, Kentucky, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2020. He was born in Toledo, OH on December 30, 1946 to the late Harold and Alice Gerson. Renny grew up in Toledo and attended the University of Toledo, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. Later he and his wife, Linda, joined the University of Toledo Alumni Association.



Renny enjoyed watching Michigan football and always loved a great rare steak with a martini. He loved the beach and moved down to Florida but his heart was always in Kentucky with his daughter and grandsons. Renny was a selfless, devoted husband, father and grandfather; and was very strong in his Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Linda Gerson; daughter, Carrie (Brent) Stover; grandsons, Ethan and Blake; and many other relatives and friends.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday, August 28, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Linnemann Funeral Home, Burlington, KY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 29 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Burlington. Interment will be held privately by the family at St. John's Cemetery, Ft. Mitchell. Due to COVID-19, face masks are requested for services and social distancing to be maintained. Memorial contributions can be made to Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation in memory of Renny.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/toledoblade/obituary.aspx?n=reynold-f-gerson-renny&pid=196711556&fhid=25120>

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## Ohio Theta - Ashland

### Blair T. Olson '70

Blair Thompson Olson was born on an April morning in 1951 in Washington, DC. He immediately made certain that his proud parents, Edwin B. and Helen T. Olson, understood that he was the best man for the job of being their son.



They were a small, close-knit family who, over the years, welcomed the addition of three cousins, Mary Olson and Jeanne Olson of Minnesota and Earle Olson of Pennsylvania. They formed a bond that lasted throughout the years. He convinced them, as well, that he was the best cousin they would ever have.

At Chagrin Falls High School in Ohio, Blair excelled in sports, especially basketball. Following graduation from high school in 1969, he went on to play basketball his Freshman year at Ashland College in Ohio before an injury cut his career short.

Blair pledged the Phi Psi brothers of Ohio Theta at Ashland College (Ashland, Ohio) and convinced his fraternity brothers that he was the best man for the job of being their brother. There he developed many life-long friendships. Blair ascertained that he was the moral compass and voice of reason among his otherwise wayward brothers. Allegedly.

Following graduation from Ashland College in 1973, Blair eventually moved to California where he was involved in the wine industry for most of his adult life. He gathered friends along the way and convinced them that he was the best wine salesman in California. And he was.

Blair met his wife, Julia, in 2019. Julia knew he was “the one” when he spontaneously belted out his best rendition of “You’ve Made Me So Very Happy”. Despite the fact that he couldn’t carry a tune in a bucket, Blair serenaded Julia as often as he could. They married in July 2020 and in October, Blair retired and moved to Tennessee with Julia to make their home near family and travel to catch up with family and old friends.

Before Blair passed away on November 29, 2020 following a brief illness, he celebrated with his beloved Lakers and Dodgers as they won their respective titles.

Blair was a loving son, cousin, fraternity brother, friend, and husband. He will be remembered by his gentle sensitivity and love toward everyone he met.

Celebrations of Blair’s life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Ashland University, Office of Institutional Advancement, 401 College Avenue, Ashland, OH 44805 in Blair’s memory.

<https://www.moorecortner.com/obituaries/Blair-Thompson-Olson?obid=19136169>

## Oklahoma Alpha - Oklahoma

### David A. Maytubby '48

David Maytubby was the son of Elizabeth and Samuel Maytubby. He was born in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on September 29, 1929 and died on September 21, 2020 at his home in Huntington Beach,

California. The Maytubby name has been prominent for years in Oklahoma due to their membership in the Chickasaw Nation. His family moved to Oklahoma City in 1937. He attended the Oklahoma City public school system. He played bass fiddle for several years in the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity. He joined the ROTC program at OU and was recruited to join the Air Force his junior year. He as trained to be a fighter pilot and flew F-86 aircraft in Korea. He left the Air Force after six years of service with the rank of captain. He married Carol Story of Kansas City in 1957, and they moved to Norman, Oklahoma so David could attend the university to complete his BBA in Business Degree and obtain a BBMC in Mechanical Engineering Degree. He was also elected to Pi Tau Sigma Honorary Engineering Society. The following 50 years of his career mostly were in the private aerospace industry. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carol, two sons – Steve and Greg – and a granddaughter, Cheryl (husband Chris), and a grandson, Samuel Maytubby. “Life, like a dome of many-colored glass, shatters the white radiance of Eternity.” – Percy Bysshe Shelley

## Pennsylvania Alpha - W & J

### Earl W. Friend Jr. '60

Earl Willard Friend Jr., 80, of Wilmington N.C., formerly of Mill Run, passed away unexpectedly Monday, October 19, 2020.

### Samuel S. Pangburn '64

Samuel S. Pangburn, Esq., 74, of Washington, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, August 20, 2020. He was born October 13, 1945, in Elrama, a son of the late George W. and Edith L. Bonnell Pangburn.



Mr. Pangburn was a 1963 graduate of Clairton High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington and Jefferson College. He later went on to graduate from Duquesne Law School in 1970.

Following law school, Mr. Pangburn served six years in the United States Army attaining the rank of captain. Upon his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Pangburn began his 49-year career as a criminal defense attorney in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

He was the cofounder of the Washington County Bar Association, a member of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers, a cofounder of the Sunlight Club Inc., a member of the Trial Lawyers of America as a DUI specialist and was a former member of the American Legion Edwin Scott Linton Post #175 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #927.

He was a member of the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church in Washington, where he served as a lector and was a member of the Church Committee.

Mr. Pangburn was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and had been a season ticket holder since 1970. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Betty, was an avid reader and enjoyed writing poetry.

Sam’s life was epitomized by his devotion to helping others and he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Surviving are his wife, Betty of Washington; a son, Philip (Jessica) Pangburn of Texas; three stepdaughters, Carol, Cheryl and Bobbie; a stepson, Eddie; two brothers, Bill (Carol) Pangburn of Virginia and George (Pam) Pangburn of Virginia; two grandchildren, Zoe and Ethan Pangburn; seven stepgrandchildren; four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Mr. Pangburn is also survived by his beloved cat, Moe.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions may do so to the Sunlight Club, Inc. in care of the funeral home or to the Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church, 605 Hewitt Avenue, Washington, PA 15301.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/observer-reporter/obituary.aspx?n=samuel-s-pangburn&pid=196679956&fhid=9883>

## Pennsylvania Epsilon - Gettysburg

### William P. Alexander '53

William Powell Alexander of Virginia Beach died on August 24, 2020.

He is survived by his wife Eunice Elwood Alexander; daughter Christine A. Johnson and son-in-law Philip B. Johnson of Bexley, Ohio; grandson Samuel B. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois. He was predeceased by his parents and only brother.



Mr. Alexander was born in Buffalo, New York and raised there and in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. He received his B.A. from Gettysburg College and studied economics at the graduate level at

Temple University. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force before commencing his business career with RCA Corporation in New York City. Following the sale of RCA to General Electric, he joined the Marine Midland Bank and A&P, before retiring to Virginia Beach.

His biography appears in Marquis Who's Who in America. He was a member and officer of the American Society of Corporate Secretaries and member of Phi Kappa Psi and the Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club. He was a recent past Director of Westminster-Canterbury on Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pilotonline/obituary.aspx?n=william-powell-alexander&pid=196706621>

## Pennsylvania Kappa - Swarthmore

### Charles Jenkins Booth '41

Charles "Chuck" Jenkins Booth died after a short illness at his daughter's home in Bowdoinham, Sept. 17, 2020. He was born Feb. 21, 1923, Steelton, Pa. and was 97 years old. Educated at Wilmington Friends School and Westtown School, he attended Swarthmore College, as a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. While still in college at the outbreak of WWII, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, earning his wings in 1943, following which he began instructing young cadets for the Air Corps until the war ended. Following the war, he worked as a lithographic specialist until 1952 when he joined the family business, Deemer Steel Casting Co., New Castle, Del., as vice president and production

manager where he worked for 21 years until the business was successfully sold in 1973. An avid weekend golfer, he was also active in the Civil Air Patrol and sport car road rallies where he won numerous cups and awards. He reinvented his life by moving to Maine in 1974, settling in Brunswick where he earned his broker's license and for the next 30 years sold real estate to those who, like himself, wanted a simpler life Down East. He was a decades-long member of Brunswick Friends Meeting and he took pleasure in volunteering at The Apprentice Shop Wooden Boat Works. In addition, he was for many years a docent at the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. He treasured Maine, its traditions, its coast, and its people. He is preceded in death by his older brother, Newlin Trainer Booth and his



younger sister, Marie Cope Booth (Fowler). He leaves three children, Charles Jenkins Booth Jr. of Oak Harbor, Wash., William Francis Booth of North Wales, Pa., and Nancy Alison Booth (Hunsberger) of Bowdoinham; plus seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to Brunswick Friends

Meeting, 16 Quarry Rd. Brunswick, ME 04011

<https://www.pressherald.com/2020/09/22/obituarycharles-chuck-jenkins-booth/>

## Walter "Chip" Dickey '58

Walter M. "Chip" Dickey passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord Sunday morning, October 18, 2020. Chip was born October 28, 1939 to parents Earl and Regina Dickey in Altoona, Pennsylvania. He was a proud graduate of Altoona High School, Swarthmore College and the University of Virginia Law School.

While he spent 50 years in Kansas City, his heart was always in Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania. As a boy his parents spent summers in Eagles Mere where Chip would hike, boat, pick berries and play golf. His sister's and his heights over their youth are still marked in pencil on a door in the family's summer cottage.

Chip was an Eagle Scout who joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity at Swarthmore. He was president of Phi Psi and graduated Cum Laude in 1961. After law school, Chip worked in the legal department of IBM in New York before taking a role at Hallmark Cards, which took him first to San Jose, California, and then brought him to Kansas City.

Chip retired from Hallmark in 1990 after a long career as the Manager of Consumer Affairs. His energy was too great to stay retired and he followed his father's footsteps into the insurance industry where he served as an agent for nearly a decade representing many of the nation's most well-known companies.

Chip was incredibly active in the Kansas City community serving on the Boards of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City (and named "Man of the Year" in 1983), the University of Kansas Friends of the Libraries, the Kansas City Lawyers' Association, the Swarthmore College Alumni Council, Mid-America Family Services, and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals in Business (SOCAP).

He also served for more than three decades as the Regional Representative for the University of Virginia Law School. He was a proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Chip

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was a member of the University Club, Kansas City Club, Leawood Country Club, Plaza Breakfast Club, Mercury Club and Rotary Club.

He was raised in the community of god as a youth at the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church in Altoona, and was a 50-year member of the Second Presbyterian Church in Kansas City. He was an active member in both, serving in a variety of leadership positions.

He is preceded to the lord by his parents, Earl and Regina Dickey, his daughter, Judith Dickey and first wife, Joyce Murphy Dickey. He is survived by a large and loving family – son and daughter-in-law David & Erika Dickey of Mission Hills and his three grandchildren, Alex, Emily and Johnathon; his wife of nearly two decades, Gay Dickey and three step-sons, Todd Asselin, Scott Asselin and Greg Asselin, as well as Greg's wife Shelly and step-grandchildren Lily and Jake Asselin, all of Prairie Village; his sister and brother-in-law, Susan & Professor Arnold Dahm of Cleveland and their children Amy & Holger Roehl and Kristi & Dr. Brian Herman and their families of Dallas, Texas and Oak Park, Illinois, respectively; and his brother-in-law, Judge Gary Gaetner of St. Louis, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers Chip encouraged friends and family to donate to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Kansas City, or the charity of their choice to benefit the community.

<https://www.legacy.com/guestbooks/kansascity/walter-m-dickey-chip-condolences/196987694?cid=full>

## Pennsylvania Theta - Lafayette

### Drew M. Vargo '66

Drew Marshall Vargo, 72, of Newport, KY entered into rest on Sunday, December 22, 2019.



Born on May 17, 1947 in Easton, PA, he was a loving son of Alex W. Vargo, Sr. and Lorraine E. Heller Vargo.

He and his wife, Judith Steinhauer Vargo, were married for 42 years. She passed away in August 2018. He was a graduate of Easton Area High School, Class of 1965, where he excelled in wrestling and track. The highlight of his high school career and in his first varsity match during his junior year on February 13, 1964 at Easton's 25th Street gymnasium and against a heavily favored Phillipsburg High School wrestling team coached by the legendary Thad Turner, he ended up defeating an outstanding wrestler, B Hajdu in the 147 weight class by pinning him with a rare defensive reverse cradle. He then graduated from Lafayette College in June 1969 with a B.S. degree in Biology, where he excelled in wrestling and also played football. Upon graduation from Lafayette College and their ROTC program and he was commissioned a second lieutenant and served in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam from 1969 to 1971 and attained the senior officer rank of lieutenant colonel. He was a member of the Elite Special Forces Airborne Unit and he went on to serve another 25 years in the active reserves until his honorable discharge in 1996. During this period, he earned his Master's Degree in Chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, OH and a Master's Degree in Education from Xavier

University in Cincinnati, OH, where he had taught as a chemistry and biochemistry instructor at the University of Cincinnati. He retired as a chemist from the Dept. of Environmental Protection for the State of Kentucky

He is survived by his youngest brother, Bobby Vargo of Easton. His brothers, Keith E. Vargo, passed away in September 2008, Alex W. Vargo, Jr. in January 2010, and his parents, Lorraine in February 2015 and Alex Sr. in June 2015.

Drew was buried at the Veterans Cemetery in Williamstown, KY with full military honors.

<https://obits.lehighvalleylive.com/obituaries/etpa/obituary.aspx?n=drew-m-vargo&pid=197303051&fhid=16482>

## Rhode Island Beta - Rhode Island

### Bruce M. Tavares '74

Bruce M. Tavares, 64, of Westerly, passed away November 7, 2020. He was the beloved husband of Anne Marie (Bergeron) Tavares for 39 years.



Born in Fall River, MA, he was a son of Joseph Tavares of Georgia and the late Dorothy (Francis) Tavares, formerly of Warren.

Mr. Tavares was a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

He was a computer programmer/analyst, most recently working for Bank of America. He remained very active with the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity serving as a Chapter Advisor. He was very active in the community as his children were growing up serving as a Little League Coach and was "The Voice of Chariho" from his time announcing the play by play for Chariho Football games.

Besides his wife and father he is survived by three children Benjamin Tavares and his wife Ashlie of Lincoln, Laura Linehan and her husband Rich of Millbury, MA, and Sam Tavares of North Providence; two grandchildren Camille Tavares and Brighton Linehan; a sister, Tricia Ball of Georgia; and a brother Brian Tavares of Georgia. He was predeceased by a brother William Tavares.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 am Wednesday, at Christ the King Church, 180 Old North Road, Kingston. Seating will be limited, and the Mass will be live-streamed, [www.ckri.org](http://www.ckri.org). Visiting hours are respectfully omitted and burial will be private.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/bruce-tavares-obituary?pid=197073356>

## Tennessee Delta - Vanderbilt

### Robert I. Bradford '44

His death was reported in 2020, but records show Robert passed away February 9, 2010. No obituary was found.

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## Frank L. Owsley '46

Historian Frank Lawrence (Larry) Owsley, Jr. died in January 2013 after a long illness. An illustrious member of the Auburn University faculty, Owsley taught in the History Department from 1960 to 1995.



Owsley had a distinguished background in the field of history. His father, Frank L. Owsley, Sr. was a notable historian of the Old South, teaching at both Vanderbilt University and the University of Alabama, and his mother Harriet Chappell Owsley was a historian as well as

an archivist at the Tennessee State Archives and Library in Nashville. One of two children in the family, Larry was born on July 13, 1928, in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Vanderbilt University and his doctoral degree at the University of Alabama. After a year of teaching at the Naval Academy, Owsley joined the faculty of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute (as then known), where he taught (except for the academic year 1967-1968 when he was a visiting professor of history at the University of Nebraska) for the remainder of his teaching career.

At Auburn, Larry Owsley became a highly regarded authority in the period of American history of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. He was especially interested in naval history as well as that of Native Americans and the Jacksonian era. His works included *The C.S.S. Florida Her Building and Operations* (Pennsylvania, 1965) and *Struggle for the Gulf Borderlands: The Creek War and the Battle of New Orleans* (Florida, 1981). Collaborating with one of his doctoral students, Gene Smith (now at Texas Christian University), Owsley produced *Filibusters and Expansionists: Jeffersonian Manifest Destiny, 1800-1821* (Alabama, 1997). Additionally, he edited and annotated such works as *The Creek War of 1813 and 1815* (Alabama, 1995) and *The Life of Andrew Jackson* (Alabama, 1974).

During his years as a professor, Larry Owsley was very active in Auburn's graduate history program, supervising ten master's degree students. Additionally, he directed the dissertations of six doctoral students, all of whom have gone on to very distinguished careers, including Professor Gene Smith of Texas Christian University, Professor David Williams of Valdosta State University, Professor Edward Crowther of Adams State University, Dr. Bernard D. Cole (Capt., U.S.N., ret.) of the National Defense University, international diplomat Dr. Shyam K. Burtel, and Auburn Professor Emeritus Robin Fabel.

Among Dr. Owsley's survivors is his wife, the former Dorothy (Dot) Sellers, herself the daughter of eminent historian of the Old South, James Benson Sellers of the University of Alabama.

<https://cla.auburn.edu/history/news-details/?newsID=403A79E7-BF85-4182-AF7096A5EFE09D81>

## Joe B. Williams '46

His death was reported in 2020, but Joe B. Williams passed away in 2009. No obituary was found.

## William M. White '49



Bill White, 90, of Edgewater FL, passed away on July 20, 2017. Bill was born in Nashville TN. He is survived by his wife, Pam White; his sister, Jody Edwards, and her husband, Clint Edwards; his son, William Monroe White, III, and his wife, Joan White; his daughter, Gail Scott White, and her husband, Kirby Malone; his daughter, Carol Ann White; and his granddaughter, Lauren Scott White. During World War II, Bill was a U.S. Army combat medic in Leyte and Cebu in the Philippines. After the war ended, he served for a year in the Army of Occupation in Tokyo.



In 1946, Bill entered Vanderbilt University in his hometown on the GI Bill and earned both his BA and MA in English with honors in 1951. In 1953, he earned his PhD in American Literature from the University of Florida. Bill and his first wife, Ann, moved to Blacksburg VA, where they both taught at Virginia Tech. They had three children who followed Bill with careers in the arts. Billy, Gail and Carol have enjoyed a lifetime of teaching and performing in music, visual art and writing, respectively. His grandchild, Lauren Scott White, is a pure joy and currently is working on her Master's degree in Philadelphia. From 1953 to 1990, Bill was an English Professor at Virginia Tech, where he directed many Master's theses in American Literature and Creative Writing. He is the author of four books (one Book-of-the-Month Club selection) and more than a hundred short stories, articles and poems. Bill and Ann divorced in the late 1970s. Several years later, Bill and Pam met and married in Virginia, and later they moved to their new home in Edgewater FL on the Intracoastal Waterway, where they pursued their love of nature. The greatest joy in Bill's life was his coming together with his soulmate, Pam. His three kids and granddaughter continued to make him proud of them. Love without bounds. Bill gave many poetry readings since his retirement in June 1990. He started a local Duplicate Bridge Club, and he and Pam ran it for more than twenty-five years. They played bridge and square-danced all over the world, from Florida to Australia. Memorial donations may be sent to Halifax Health Hospice, 3800 Woodbriar Tr., Port Orange, 32129, for the Southeast Volusia Care Center.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-journalonline/obituary.aspx?n=william-white&pid=186148447>

## Sanders M. Marshall '51

His death was reported in 2020, but Sanders M. Marshall passed away April 30, 2009. No obituary was found.

## James E. Blackburn '53

James E. Blackburn passed away February 21, 2020. His death was reported August 14, 2020 and no obituary was found.

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## **Louis M. Muldrow '53**

Louis was born on September 9, 1934 and passed away on Thursday, January 6, 2011. Louis was a resident of Lexington, Kentucky.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/louis-muldrow-obituary?pid=179278009>

## **Billy J. Powell '54**

Billy J. Powell passed away August 1, 2020. His death was reported August 14, 2020 and no obituary was found.

## **Edward C. Stevens '55**

His death was reported in 2020, but Edward C. Stevens passed away February 19, 2015. No obituary was found.

## **James M. Boyd '57**



James Mitchell (Mitch) Boyd (79) died peacefully at home in Naples, FL on August 6, 2018. Predeceased by his parents, Mitchell (Skipper) and Melinda Boyd, his stepmother, Gladys Mann Boyd and his son, Par Gunter Boyd, Mitch is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Betty, and their combined family of four daughters, Michele Boyd, Margo Boyd and Lynne Hill (Sam) of Nashville, TN and Elaine Boyd of Murfreesboro, TN, 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandson.



Born in Nashville, TN on August 24, 1938, Mitchell graduated from David Lipscomb High School and Vanderbilt University, where he majored in psychology and fine arts. In the middle of his four-year matriculation at Vanderbilt, he spent three years in the US Army as a psychiatric corpsman serving at Walter Reed Army Hospital (Washington, DC) and Tripler Army Hospital (Honolulu, Hawaii). After completion of his enlistment, he returned to Vanderbilt from which he graduated cum laude in 1963.

After college he worked as a translator in Paris at the British Hospital for one year, followed by two years at the New York Department of Welfare. In 1966, he joined Shoney's as a trainee, leaving in 1968 to buy and manage a boat dock with his father. By 1971, Shoney's corporate headquarters moved to Nashville and Mitchell decided to rejoin the company as Franchise Director. There, he met and married Betty. The couple moved to Staunton, VA where they, along with Mitch's best friend, Jerry Brunotts, launched SHOCAP, a franchising concept which included several restaurant brands and hotels.

SHOCAP became very successful and in 1986 was sold to Shoney's Inc. After the sale, Mitchell became Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Shoney's and served in this capacity for three years until he realized that "the satisfaction of a job well done has no better reward than a lower golf handicap and an opportunity to travel widely and see the world." Betty enthusiastically agreed. For the last 23 years, Mitch and Betty have lived in Naples, FL and traveled widely. As Members of Naples' Quail Creek Country Club, they widened their circle of

friends and he continued to work on that golf handicap.

Mitchell made a difference in many lives. He will be greatly missed. Donations in Mitchell's memory may be made to Avow Hospice of Naples, FL through their website, [www.avowcares.org](http://www.avowcares.org) or by mail to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 in recognition of the support provided at the end of Mitchell's life or to the charity of your choice.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/NaplesNews/obituary.aspx?n=James-Mitchell-Boyd-Mitch&pid=189880595>

## **Tom F. Ewing '60**

Tom F. Ewing passed away April 15, 2010. His death was reported August 14, 2020 and no obituary was found.

## **Calvin R. Shaffer '70**

Dr. Calvin Ray Shaffer, age 65, died on September 25, 2017 in his longtime home of Birmingham, AL. Cal is survived by his daughter Katheryn Shaffer and his grandson Robert Bryan Ratliff III. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Aurabelle and Raymond Shaffer; and his wife Faye Hilley Shaffer. Calvin was born September 30, 1951 in Phoenix, AZ. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1973 with a degree in History. Cal married his wife Faye shortly after graduation, also in 1973. Cal went on to complete his Doctorate in Medicine in 1977, and finished his residency in Omaha, NB.

He and Faye moved to Birmingham in 1982 to start their careers and family. Cal was a dedicated physician and self-admitted workaholic. He was deeply motivated by his passion for work, and most of all the love he had for his patients. Cal sharpened his skills in the Emergency room at Lloyd Nolan Hospital and went on to build a respected practice at Trinity Medical. Only after his affliction with Parkinson's disease forced his hand, Cal retired 2010 having spent over 30 years in the medical field. Above all, Cal was a dedicated and loving, husband, father, and grandfather. To their joy, Faye and Cal adopted their daughter Kathryn in 1991. With his Parkinson's he never believed he would live to be grandfather, but with the birth of his Grandson Robert early in 2017, he got to see that wish fulfilled, nothing brought him as much joy. Cal was also a godly man and very active in his church, Independent Presbyterian. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the National Parkinson's Foundation.

<https://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?n=calvin-shaffer&pid=186871801>

## **John Gilbert Stallings Jr. '85**



It is with unbearable sorrow that we share the devastating loss of John Gilbert Stallings, Jr. John died at his Richmond home, surrounded by those he deeply loved, on Monday, Nov. 2, 2020. John's valiant fight with bile duct cancer began at diagnosis in November 2017. Throughout his long fight, he never complained, accepting with grace and courage his wonderful life, spending



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the last months with family and friends.

John was born on February 15, 1967, in Durham, NC, the oldest son of Gil and Lou Stallings, and grew up in Fairfield, Connecticut. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Celeste Barzizza Stallings; his son, William Macon Stallings and his daughter, Emily Page Stallings, his father J. Gilbert Stallings, and brother William Hilliard Stallings, and sister-in-law Kathy Foudy Stallings. He was predeceased by his mother, Lou Mathis Stallings.

Throughout his married life, John remained close friends with his in-laws, and is survived by brothers in-law John (Laura), Tom, and Paul (Elizabeth) Barzizza. He is predeceased by his sister in-law Lise Barzizza McCormack, his parents in-law, Frank and Mona. He also enjoyed his time with numerous cousins across North Carolina.

John met Celeste on a memorable blind date to Mud Island Amphitheatre in Memphis in 1990. After a fun and very loud performance by the Ramones and Blondie, they escaped for a quieter venue at a nearby blues club on Front Street. After that first date, the couple was rarely apart during their courtship and after their wedding in Memphis in 1991. After their move to Raleigh in 1996, they were blessed with the birth of their son Will, and three years later, their daughter Emily.

Above all, John will be remembered for his unwavering love and devotion to Celeste, Will and Emily. Also, his many friendships (including some going back to Junior High, High School and his college days) were especially important to him.

John graduated from Episcopal High School in 1984 where he ran cross country, indoor track, played lacrosse and served as Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1988, with an English major and Business Administration minor. He later earned his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis, with a concentration in Finance (1993). At Vanderbilt, John joined Phi Kappa Psi fraternity where he served as social chairman and established many lifetime friendships across the country.

John began his 30-year career in 1988, in the management associate program at National Commerce Financial (NCF) in Memphis, TN. Following success in the commercial banking divisions of NCF, John pitched his services as a de novo bank leader and was selected to lead the North Carolina expansion. In 1996, John and Celeste moved to Raleigh where they, along with Will and Emily, spent 14 wonderful years. Between 1996 and 2010, John served as Regional President of NBC Bank, Head of Retail Banking for NCF/CCB, and, after SunTrust acquired NCF, President and CEO of the Central Carolina Region of SunTrust.

While living and working in Raleigh and Durham over those years, John provided volunteer leadership to the United Way, where he served as Chair of the Durham and later Triangle-wide Regional campaigns (2008-09); to the Durham Chamber, where he co-chaired the Vision 3-D campaign (2009); and on the boards of the NC Bankers Association, the NC Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau of Eastern NC, the YMCA of the Triangle, the Museum of Life and Science and Playspace Children's Museum.

Alongside Celeste, John was a founding member and Sunday school teacher at Holy Trinity Church in Raleigh, where his

family made many lifelong friends. One of John's other favorite experiences of their days in Raleigh was co-founding a youth lacrosse league called Raleigh Rage and coaching the Mohawks boys team. Many of the young players he coached went on to enjoy and succeed on lacrosse teams in high school programs in North Carolina and Virginia.

In 2010, John, Celeste and the kids moved to Richmond as John was promoted to Division President and CEO of SunTrust, with responsibilities for Virginia and in 2017, after 27 years at SunTrust/NCF, John joined Richmond based Union Bank & Trust as Bank President, a bank John had helped in years prior with the launch of Union predecessor, First Market Bank, during his days as Head of Retail for NCF.

In addition to his leadership roles at the bank, John again made time to volunteer in organizations he loved including the Virginia Bankers Association (Board Chair, 2016-17), Greater Richmond YMCA (Annual Fund Chair, 2015-17), Venture Richmond (Executive Committee) and the boards of Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, Collegiate School, Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Science Museum of Virginia Foundation.

In 2018, John was honored with a Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities recognizing his commitment "to promote respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds." And, in 2020, John was honored with a Living Legend Award by Virginia Business Magazine. The family enjoys their membership at CCV, where John and the kids could be seen having fun in his old Boston Whaler on the James River.

Over his long banking career, John valued his many relationships with teammates, clients and communities. He thrived on working with his teams to help them achieve their goals. He will also be remembered for how he lived each day with energy, positivity, integrity and genuineness, a product of his strong faith.

John was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal in Goochland, where Rector David May provided comfort, wisdom and inspiration to John and Celeste throughout his cancer fight.

John and his family deeply appreciate the care and counsel of Dr. Grossman and Nurse Practitioner Chelsea Moore, Dr. Strife, Dr. Del Fabbro of Massey Cancer Center and Ashley Batten of Hospice of Virginia. The family wishes also to thank the entire team of Massey/VCU and Dr. Milind Javle of MD Anderson.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the YMCA or the Massey Cancer Center.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/commercialappeal/obituary.aspx?n=john-gilbert-stallings&pid=197037398>

## Texas Beta - Texas Tech

### Tom W. Larkin '61

Tom W. "Tommie" Larkin passed away December 4, 2020. No obituary was found.

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## Virginia Alpha - Virginia

### Ray W. Dimit '63

U.S. Marine Corps Captain Ray Walton Dimit Jr., passed away October 23, 1985. His death was reported December 3, 2020 and no obituary was found.

### James H. Gourd '51

James H. Gourd, 87, husband of Barbara Osborne Gourd, of Dataw Island, SC died Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Sprenger Healthcare of Port Royal.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/james-gourd-obituary?pid=189263830>

## Washington Alpha - Washington

### Peter H. Porosky '55

Peter H. Porosky passed away September 14, 2020. No obituary was found.

## Wisconsin Gamma - Beloit

### Courtney O. Ellis '81

Beloved father, brother and husband, Courtney O. Ellis passed away at Piedmont Hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. He passed peacefully, accompanied by his wife, Amina, and is succeeded by



his three children, Nathaniel, Colin, and Sabra Ellis, and his brothers and sisters-in-law: Casey and Donna Ellis, William and Betsy Ellis, and Anita and Reena Bhatia.

Courtney was born in Washington, D.C. on November 9th, 1961 to John and Amanda Ellis and grew up in Arlington, Virginia where he attended Yorktown High School. He was the

3rd of 4 brothers, Casey, William, and Fred. He graduated from Beloit College with a Bachelor of Arts. After college, he moved to Seattle and worked with his lifelong friend and mentor, Virgil Counter, at Counter Research Corporation, where he became company president.

Our father lived in many places throughout his life always making sure his children knew the beauty of the world, its people, and of life itself. From working in Seattle, to following our mother to New Mexico, Australia, and Kansas City, to settling down in the home he built near Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, he found the best in every place and lived life to the fullest.

He was an Eagle Scout, philanthropist, and active member of the Decatur First United Methodist Church. Prior to his illness, he was an active outdoorsman, skier, mountain biker, sailor, lacrosse player, and runner. He enjoyed travels around the world to such places as Thailand, Hong Kong, India, Australia, Peru, Mexico, United Kingdom, France, and Italy.

Please also consider a donation in Courtney's name to one of his favorite charities:

DeKalb School of the Arts

<https://pts4dsa.new.memberhub.store/store/items/125974>

Boy Scouts of America

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/092/appeal/696>

Decatur First UMC

<https://decaturfirst.org/give-online>

<https://beautifultribute.com/courtney-ellis/>