

## OBITUARY NEAL CRAMPTON

Neal Crampton, an international businessman who lived or worked in the Far East for many years, died at his home in Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts on January 12, 2015.

Neal had worked for DuPont's textiles (man-made fibers) division in the U. S. for 20 years when the company sent him to Tokyo as director of marketing for all of Asia. "It changed our lives," he said later. "My family and I were bitten by the Asia bug. We visited all parts of the Far East during a fascinating period of great change following President Nixon's overtures to China." Neal returned to the U. S. to join a textile trading company and later started his own trading firm, focusing on China, Taiwan and Korea.

Neal was part of a Dartmouth family which included his father, Alfred Crampton '22; an uncle, Henry Learnard '24; a brother, H. Richardson "Dick" Crampton '49; a son, David '79; and grandson Bryan '17. He had 3 children, twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild.

At Dartmouth, Neal majored in history, played football, and was a member of Beta Theta PI fraternity and Sphinx senior society. Following graduation he joined the U. S. Army, serving as a First Lieutenant and platoon leader in Korea where he was awarded the Bronze Star.

Neal and his wife Peggy, who survives him, continued their international travels in retirement, expanding their reach to include much of Europe. They shared an interest in sports as active tennis and paddle tennis players, golfers, and skiers.