

OBITUARY WILLIAM C. HALPIN

William C. Halpin died at his home in Wilton Manor, Florida on January 26, 2016 after a prolonged battle with cancer.

Bill's 2015 marriage to Calvin Temensky was a source of great joy to him. He marveled and rejoiced at the advances made in acceptance of the then-unthinkable idea of gay marriage since his graduation 65 years ago.

Bill had two fulfilling careers. He spent 26 years in New York City with Oxford University Press, retiring in 1981 as executive vice president. Relocating to Florida he founded the Real Estate Company of Key West, a luxury residential real estate firm affiliated with Sotheby's. He later moved to Fort Lauderdale, continuing his involvement with the real estate industry.

He was an active contributor to the communities in which he lived. Bill was a director and president of the Key West Art and Historical Society where he initiated and oversaw the renovation of the Key West Custom House as the new location of the Museum of Art and History. He also served on the board of the Hospice - Visiting Nurse Association of the Florida Keys. Summers in Essex, New York were among the highlights of Bill's life.

At Dartmouth Bill was an English major and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and the Dartmouth Players. Following graduation he served for four years in the U. S. Air Force as a First Lieutenant and radar observer on B-29 sorties over North Korea from a base in Okinawa.