

Obituary Charles H. Hood

Charles H. Hood, a long-time leader and supporter of Dartmouth's Hood Museum of Art and a key participant in the Museum's current major expansion, died at his home in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts on February 8, 2016.

Dartmouth was at the heart of Charlie's extraordinarily widespread cultural, educational and philanthropic interests. In addition to his active involvement with the Hood Museum from its inception, he was a member of the Alumni Council and Chairman of the Alumni Fund. He received Dartmouth's Alumni Award and his class' Spirit of '51 Award.

Through the Charles H. Hood Foundation he was a major supporter of education (trustee of Lesley University), the arts (Boston Ballet and Boston Symphony Orchestra), and organizations serving the needs of children and advancing human health. Charlie served on the boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital Medical Center and the Boston Museum of Science. He was a director of the State Street Bank and Trust Company for 25 years.

Charlie was a business executive for many years with H. P. Hood and Sons, New England's largest dairy products company. He held leadership positions in information systems, as Treasurer, and as a member of the company's board of directors.

At Dartmouth, Charlie was an English major and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He earned an MBA from the Harvard Business School and served as an officer in the U.S. Navy before joining the Hood Company.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Judy. His late father, Harvey P. Hood, was a member of Dartmouth's class of 1918 and chaired the College's Board of Trustees.