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William Warren Tharion died on January 20. He came to Dartmouth in the Navy V-12 program. He had checked in for the 50th reunion book and was then living in Palm Beach, Florida, reporting a career as an accountant, having completed additional courses therein following his Dartmouth education major. In Palm Beach he had an active retirement on the golf course and at the bridge table. He is survived by children Karen, Deborah, Janet and Laurel.

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Josiah Morton Briggs Jr. died of lymphoma at home in Wakefield, Rhode Island, on June 6. Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Mort was raised in Williamsville, New York, graduating from its high school before entering Dartmouth. He majored in physics, sang in the Glee Club and was a member of Sigma Nu and ROTC. After three years in the Navy and two with Eastman Kodak, Mort entered academia with graduate studies at Columbia, earning his master's and Ph.D. by 1962. He taught history of science at Kansas State and University of Colorado before moving to University of Rhode Island for a 30-year career ending in 1999. He was the chair of the history department and also served as a member of the South Kingston town council. Recreation for Mort included golf, running and bookkeeping. He leaves his wife, Barbara "Babs," son Jody and daughter Nina.

Robert Perrin Hackstaff died July 4 of malignant melanoma at the Hospice of Centennial, Colorado. Born and raised in Denver, Bob graduated from its East High School, majored in history and was a member of Sigma Nu and the Glee Club. He attended Tuck School in his senior year and then went to work in the family real estate firm, Frederick Ross Co. He became president and CEO in 1970 and held that position for 18 years. During that period he met Mary, his second wife, and merged her two girls into his family, also two girls. In 1977 Bob, with four other CEOs, established a network of independent companies that became ONCOR International. Owned by 52 independent real estate companies, it became the world's largest full-service firm. He is survived by Mary; daughters Karen, Karla, Paula and Diane; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

William Elijah Hostler Jr. died on May 5 in Scottsdale, Arizona, of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York, attended the DeVaux School, majored in psychology and was a member of Sigma Chi. His three-year tour of duty in the Army included an infantry school commission, a platoon leadership in Korea and a Bronze Star. Bill obtained an M.B.A. from Babson in 1956 and launched his commercial banking career in Detroit. In 1979 he moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to join Citibank, ul-

timately becoming a vice president in the personal banking group. He retired in 1991. He was a Rotarian, a member of the Arizona Country Club and the PGA Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale. He is survived by son William, daughter Eleanor, three grandchildren and longtime companion Eleanor Kussman.

Robert Alan Maguire died July 8 from complications of cancer in Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. Bob was born in Canton, Massachusetts, and prepared for Dartmouth at Lyndon Institute. He majored in Romance languages and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Spanish and French clubs and the Handel Society. His post-graduate work in Russian studies at Columbia spanned 10 years and included two years in the Army. Armed with his Ph.D. he carved out a career at Columbia ultimately, becoming its Bakhmeteff Professor of Russian Studies and chairman of the department of Slavic languages. Besides teaching, he wrote about as well as translated the great works of Russian literature. His avocation was chamber music, his instrument the viola and his venues included Bennington, Vermont, and New York's Upper West Side. His father was in the class of 1924 and he is survived by brother Tom '58.

Thomas Macmillan Porter Sr. died March 18 at Deaconess Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, of Alzheimer's. He grew up in Columbus, Ohio, graduating from Columbus Academy. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta, the Interfraternity Treasurer's Council and a Tuck-Thayer graduate. After two years in the Army his first employer was Westinghouse, and in 1962 he joined the Kroger Co. in Cincinnati, working in its purchasing department. In 1968 he started his own company manufacturing and marketing commercial freezer units. His last 19 years before retirement, in 1992, were with G.A. Avril Co. in its lead products division in Norwood as a general manager. He met Janice Griffen of New York City on a blind date and they were married in 1955. She died in 1996. Tom was a member of the Cincinnati Tennis Club. Surviving Tom are sons Thomas Jr., Andrew and Gerald and three grandchildren.

William Woodworth Ricketts died of cancer June 21 at Carroll County Hospital Center, Maryland. He grew up in Lansing, Michigan, and prepared for Dartmouth at Lawrenceville School. He majored in history, played in the band and was active in DOC, boxing and trampoline. An Army medic in Korea, he obtained his master's degree from Western Maryland College, started his teaching career at Franklin High School in Reisterstown, Maryland, and retired in 1991 after 35 years of social studies classes, including U.S. history and archeology. He was a private pilot and flew his 1962 Mooney to air shows in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and elsewhere. He was a yodeler at the air show every year and enjoyed motorcycling, camping and playing the piano for the residents at Carroll Lutheran Village. Surviving Bill are his

wife, Shirley, daughter Miriam '83, two stepchildren and six grandchildren.

James Davenport Saurman died April 18 of lung cancer at home in Winter Park, Florida. He graduated from George School in Pennsylvania, played football at Dartmouth and left after two years to become a U.S. Army paratrooper during the Korean War. After his discharge he finished his undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, graduating in 1956. He met his future wife, Ann, at UF and they were married a year after his graduation. Both of them were children of citrus-growers and eventually settled in Winter Park, where he managed his father-in-law's orange groves. His agricultural skills extended to growing eye-catching flowers, and he was a member of the Central Florida Rose Society. Through the years he served on several civic commissions. Jim is survived by his wife, Ann, children James and Jane and one grandchild.

James Holbrook Wheatley died May 28 of leukemia at Hartford (Connecticut) Hospital. He was born in Evanston, Illinois, grew up in Abington, Massachusetts, and graduated from Thayer Academy. Jim majored in English, joined Pi Lambda Phi, sang in the Glee Club, wrote for *The Dartmouth* and served as its editorial chairman his senior year. After four years as an officer in the Navy he earned his Ph.D. in English from Harvard in 1960. He taught at the University of Illinois, Wesleyan University and Trinity College, from which he retired in 1997 as full professor. He completed two scholarly works: *Patterns in Thackeray's Fiction* and *The Logic and Rhetoric of Exposition*. His father, George Wheatley, was in the class of 1914. Other alumni relatives include two uncles and two cousins. He is survived by his former wife, Louise, daughters Alison and Katherine, son Christopher and four grandchildren.

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Walter Lee Clarkson died unexpectedly May 21 in Hamburg, New Jersey, where he resided. Walt came to Dartmouth from Westfield (New Jersey) High School, where he would return to teach and coach after college and military service. At Dartmouth he majored in English literature and graduated cum laude and was Phi Beta Kappa. He was captain of the cross-country team, president of Sigma Nu and a member of Casque & Gauntlet. Following Dartmouth he received an M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. After 31 years at Westfield High School teaching English and journalism and coaching cross country, track and field and swimming, he retired in 1994. He was adviser for *Hi's Eye*, the school's weekly newspaper that was rated an All-American school newspaper 25 times by the National Press Association. He was also proud of the track teams he coached, which had 110 team championships and 253 individual championships. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, and children Karen, Laura, Nancy and Lee.