

James W McKenzie  
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quarterback, Conrad was AP honorable mention and All Ivy League and played in the 1948 College All-Star Blue Gray Classic where he was selected the game's MVP. After graduating he became head coach of football and baseball at North Attleboro High School, backfield coach at the University of Rhode Island, and head coach and part owner of the Providence Steamrollers, a pro football franchise. Earning a master's degree in clinical psychology at Boston State University, he later became a guidance counselor at King Phillips High School. He then worked as owner of Touch of Class Limousine. Connie will be missed by his wife, Betty, four children and 10 grandchildren.

## 1950

**Donald Winthrop Ayres** of Worcester, Massachusetts died on November 19, 2004, following a cerebral hemorrhage. Don was an English major and member of Kappa Sigma. Following service in the Army Air Corps, Don entered Dartmouth with his brother, Robert B. Ayres '50, who predeceased him in October 2004. Don spent 40 years in the insurance business that his father, Benjamin Waldo Ayres '20, founded. He was active in Worcester's cultural and civic life, including the YMCA of Greater Worcester and the First Baptist Church of Worcester. He leaves his wife, Betsy, daughters Sarah and Emily, son Benjamin Waldo Ayres II '76 and six grandchildren.

**Ralph W. Cramm** died on December 25, 2004 in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, where he had lived most of his life. He graduated from Cushing Academy and entered the Navy V-5 and V-12 programs at Dartmouth, Yale and Notre Dame. After graduation Ralph was recalled by the Navy, where he served in Europe and stateside at Naval Schools Command until 1957. He returned to Ashburnham, where he worked at a machine tool and dye company and eventually became president in 1968. Ralph leaves his wife, Charlotte, two stepdaughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## 1951

**James "Bud" McKenzie**, beset with dementia for several years, died suddenly of upper respiratory failure at home in Akron, Ohio, on February 11. Born and raised in Akron, he graduated from Vermont Academy. After a two-year enlistment in the U.S. Navy he matriculated with our class but left after one year to graduate from Kent State University. Returning to Akron, he spent his entire career working in the rubber industry, ultimately as a national accounts manager for Monsanto. Married in 1957 to Sue Rowley, they had three children. Bowling, golf and listening to Dixieland jazz were a few of his recreational interests. Community service included the Firestone High School Aquatic Association, and the First Congregational Church of Akron. Surviving Bud are Sue, sons James '82 and John, daughter Meg and six grandchildren. Dartmouth alumni in his family include his father, uncle, brother, four cousins and a nephew.

## 1952

**David Baum** died of leukemia at S S. Francisco General Hospital, Palo Alto, California: 26, 2004. He arrived at Dartmouth from Miami Beach High School after two years in the Navy. Phi Beta Kappa at Dartmouth, David obtained his medical degree at Cornell Medical School and then served at various other institutions—NYU, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, University of Washington—as he progressed in his specialty of pediatric cardiology. At the time he entered that field, an infant with a heart defect was virtually untreatable. By the time he retired, as chief of the division of pediatric cardiology at Stanford, almost every youthful patient could be treated, mostly with a successful outcome. David had a lot to do with that. After his 1995 retirement he did medical volunteer work, did some painting, and was an ardent gardener. David leaves his pediatrician wife, Jocelyn, and sons Daniel '83, Andrew, Kevin and Geoffrey.

**William B. Thornton** died on March 26 of complications from emphysema. He was stricken immediately after traveling from his home in Jupiter, Florida to a second home in Vernon, Connecticut. Red came to Dartmouth from Manchester, Connecticut. At college he was a member of DKE and Sphinx. He was a varsity football player. He attended the Tuck School but left during his second year to take over his family's business upon the death of his father. The business was sand, gravel and ready-mix concrete. Red operated this business for almost 40 years. As an avocation he raced stock cars and for a time owned an interest in a stock car racing track. A prominent figure in the Manchester area, Red served as a trustee or board member of local banks, hospitals and various professional organizations. He sold his business in 1992 and retired to Florida. He leaves behind his wife, Nancy, two sons and a daughter.

**William T. Vesprini** died of leukemia in Michigan on March 1. Bill entered Dartmouth from Everett, Massachusetts, and Vermont Academy. An outstanding football player, he became the starting center and a linebacker during his junior year. His teammates elected him captain for his senior season. Bill was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and Sphinx. He attended the Tuck School but did not return for his second year and did not graduate. Bill was employed by Inland Steel and then, for 17 years, by General Motors in Michigan. Following that he was self-employed as a manufacturing consultant. Bill is survived by his wife, Ghislaine, son Frederick and three brothers.

## 1954

**George Franklin Murdoch** died April 30, 2004, in Marion, Iowa, where he lived, of cardiac arrest. He entered Dartmouth from Marion High School. He majored in history and was a member of Chi Gamma Epsilon and Kappa Sigma. Upon graduation he spent two years in the Marine Corps. He joined the family funeral parlor business. He became general manager in 1960 and later pres-

He was appointed to the State Board of Examiners by the governor. He is survived by his wife Marlyce; children Kenneth, John and Leigh Ennocking; and five grandchildren.

**Kehnroth Schramm** died on September 24, 2004, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Ken entered Dartmouth from New Canaan High School in Connecticut. He majored in philosophy and participated in the Dartmouth Outing Club and the Dartmouth Christian Union. He graduated from the University of Vermont medical school and specialized in pediatrics and psychiatry. He was a registered conscientious objector to U.S. involvement in Vietnam and moved to Canada in 1967. In Calgary he completed a residency in psychiatry and established a practice in Vancouver. With a deep interest in the aboriginal people he involved himself with the U.B.C. First Nations House of Learning. He is survived by his longtime companion, Daisy Heisler, and sons Stephen, Peter and Andy.

## 1958

**James Barry Corbet** died December 18, 2004, in Golden, Colorado. Barry left the College before graduation to pursue his passions for mountaineering and skiing. He was a member of the 1963 American expedition that put six men on Mount Everest. Barry withdrew from the final assault to permit two older men to climb together and said, "You're both just about over the hump, and I'll be coming back again someday." He never returned: In 1968 a helicopter crash left him a paraplegic. His confinement to a wheelchair led him to author *Options: Spinal Cord Injury and the Future*. On the jacket of the book is written, "Barry Corbet, prior to a helicopter accident was a mountaineer, skier, filmmaker, hotelier, shopkeeper, father and severely able-bodied person. He is now a kayaker, filmmaker, author, muckraker, father and a paraplegic." A double-diamond chute at Jackson Hole bears the name Corbet's Couloir.

## 1960

**Martin F. Andic** died March 25 of pancreatic cancer in St. Catharines, Ontario, one year into retirement as a philosophy professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He came to Hanover from Salem, Oregon, but grew up in New York City and spent most of high school at Bronx Science. He won a Reynolds Fellowship for a year of post-graduate study at St. John's College, Oxford, and earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at Princeton in 1967. He taught at Reed College in Oregon and later for many years at UMass, Boston. He was a generalist in many fields of philosophy and literature, especially Tolstoy, Kierkegaard, Iris Murdoch and mystic Simone Weil, becoming a highly popular teacher. He is survived by his wife, Victoria; a sister, Barbara; two children from his previous marriage, Nicolas and Clarissa '94; and his former wife, Lorraine Hope.