

1948

Robert Curtis Tracy

succumbed to cancer at home in East Aurora, N.Y., on September 25, 1990 after a year-long fight. His wife Winifred, four children, and six grandchildren survive him. Bob joined the navy's WW II V-12 program right out of Buffalo's Bennett High School in 1943 and spent 16 months at Cornell and Dartmouth before 21 months of active service. Returning to Dartmouth as an honorably discharged lieutenant in the fall of 1946, he earned a combined business/engineering degree at Tuck and Thayer in 1949. While at Dartmouth he was active in the DOC, Cabin & Trail, Ledyard Canoe Club. He dearly loved the outdoors in New England.

Bob earned his living mainly in the construction industry, working several years with H. F. Darling firms. He also bought a cast-iron foundry in Buffalo which he operated from 1971 until 1986 in the face of myriad difficulties, including its near destruction by fire late in his life. He served many community causes, including the Explorer Scouts.

Bob always had time for Dartmouth. He served his class of 1948 in many capacities and also did enrollment and interview work for the College.

1949

Donald Einar Mose

died July 1 in Chicago following liver-transplant complications. A native of Oak Park, Ill., he majored in English literature at Dartmouth and received his M.C.S. from Tuck in 1950.

Along with classmates Bill Jones and Dick O'Riley, he authored *For Men Lonely* in 1947, a gently humored dating guide to northeastern women's colleges (Ripley Publishers, named for their dorm at the time). The little book became something of a hit, with two full press runs selling out, and the three unassuming juniors finding themselves written up in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The New York Times*, *Saturday Review*, etc.

After Tuck Don joined the family business, S.N. Nielsen Company, prominent Chicago builders. He eventually became chief financial officer and retired in 1985.

Books and art, however, remained his lifelong passions, inspired in part by his Dartmouth contact with Ray Nash, Paul Sample, and Robert Frost. He was a serious collector of private press books and modern art.

Don is survived by Patricia, his wife of 17 years, and his children Peter and Lisa from a previous marriage.

Ralph William Sleeper

died July 25 at home in Sanbornton, N.H. Originally from Concord, N.H., he enrolled at Dartmouth following WW II service as a first lieutenant bombardier in the 8th Air Force. He was awarded five air medals and two battle stars. Ralph's B-17 bomber was shot down over France, but he parachuted to safety, thus becoming a member of the Caterpillar Club—a group

that included airmen who had been forced to bail out of their stricken planes while aloft.

While at Dartmouth he was an avid skier and hiker, a member of the concert band and Germania, served on the student vestry to St. Thomas Church, and joined the Dartmouth Ski Patrol. He graduated as a Rufus Choate scholar.

After receiving his master's and doctorate from Columbia University he taught philosophy at Queens College in New York from 1951 to 1982 before retiring to Sanbornton. Ralph gained professional prominence with his publication of *The Necessity of Pragmatism: John Dewey's Conception of Philosophy* (Yale University Press). After retiring he was active in town affairs and assisted at the Canterbury Shaker Village.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Louise, three daughters, and three grandsons.

Robert Harlow Treat

died in Gloucester, Mass., on May 3 after a lengthy illness. Bob graduated received an M.E. from Thayer in 1950. He joined Stone and Webster Corp. in Boston and remained with them until his retirement in 1991.

While Bob lived most of his life in West Port, Mass., he did spend "extra-curricular" time with his wife, Norma, and his Bristol Sailboat in Gloucester, Mass.

Bob's Dartmouth relatives included his uncle John H. Hase '31, cousin Sanford M. Treat '19, and Sanford M. Treat Jr. '46. He is survived by Norma, their three daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren.

1950

Murray D. Sayer

died of cancer on June 14 at his home in Sanford, N.C. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three children. Murray attended Newtown High School in Elmhurst, N.Y., and served in the army as an infantryman. He was wounded in action in Belgium in 1944. At Dartmouth he majored in English and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He received his law degree from Columbia and worked for many years as a lawyer for General Foods in White Plains, N.Y., before retiring to North Carolina.

1951

Wesley L. Nutten III

died August 8 at his home outside Los Angeles. Wes came to Dartmouth from there. After graduation he spent four years in Naval Intelligence in Korea and the Mediterranean. He returned to law school at UCLA and later joined the law firm Shepherd, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, where he spent his whole career and became a partner. Wes specialized in real property, and probate and trust law. He worked on the probate rights of Native Americans and on the property rights of immigrant laborers. He was president, trustee, or board member of countless professional, civic, alumni, and charitable

organizations. He also was an active sportsman and animal lover.

Wes was a devoted alumnus, serving on the Alumni Council and Capital Fund Major Gift Committee, and contributing greatly to class activities and the Alumni Fund.

Wes is survived by Helen, his wife of 40 years, two daughters, and a son.

1955

James Wilson Alexander

died of cancer on July 10. He was a professor of history at the University of Georgia in Athens. A specialist in medieval history, he had taught at the university for 26 years and was the founder of the interdisciplinary Medieval Studies Program in the mid-seventies. After graduating from Dartmouth as a government major, Jim received a master's in Russian history from the University of Wisconsin, and both master's and doctoral degrees in medieval history from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to his appointment at Georgia, he taught at Gettysburg College, Hood College, and the University of Saskatchewan. He conducted extensive research in his field, and at the time of his death he was working on a book about Edward III and the problems of chivalry. Previously he had published *Ranulf of Chester*, a biography of a great English magnate, friend and confidant of Richard the Lionheart. He was a member of the Medieval Academy of America, the Medieval Colloquium, the North American Conference of British Historians, and the American Historical Association. Jim is survived by his wife, Betsy.

1956

William George Beagle Jr.

died August 9 in Berkeley, Calif. Bill was born and raised in Danville, Pa. While at Dartmouth he was a member of Beta Theta Pi, SOC, Green Key, and Casque & Gauntlet. He was the nation's fifth leading passer in 1955.

Bill was married after graduation in 1956 and completed his M.B.A. at Tuck before a two-year stint with the air force. In 1958 he joined General Mills and rose through the ranks there and at other major firms until he joined Xerox as a marketing specialist and manager in the early eighties. A resident of Orinda since 1971, he was remarried in 1988 to the former Melinda Marshall.

He is survived by Melinda, three sons, one daughter, three stepdaughters, and his parents, William G. and Mildred A. Beagle. Contributions to celebrate Bill Beagle's life may be made to the Tuck School or to the University of California, Berkeley.

—Richard Zock '56

1962

John Cushman

died on June 27 in Minneapolis, Minn., of complications from pneumonia. John was born in Moscow, Idaho, and came to Dartmouth from Shattuck School in Minnesota.