

Richard C. Pugh

Richard C. Pugh, one of the most admired members of the class of '51, died on December 5, 2015 at his home in Thousand Oaks, California. He was a Rhodes Scholar and had a distinguished career as a law professor, author, and legal practitioner, specializing in corporate and international tax law.

At Dartmouth, Dick was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and served as senior class president and valedictorian. He was a member of Casque and Gauntlet, Kappa Sigma, Palaeopitus, the Undergraduate Council and Green Key. He rowed on the 150-pound crew.

Following his Rhodes experience he served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy for three years, then earned a law degree from Columbia University. He taught international and tax law at Columbia and later at the University of San Diego Law School where he was named a University Professor. For more than 20 years he was a partner in the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York. He also served for two years as Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the tax division of the U.S Department of Justice.

He is survived by his wife, Nan, three children (including two Dartmouth graduates: Richard, Jr. '79 and Catherine Pugh Cassone '87) and seven grandchildren (including Molly Morse '14).

Dick's family describes his most satisfying legacy as the many students he taught and mentored over the years who appreciated his extensive knowledge and also his warmth and sense of humor.