

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.

George Alfred McLaughlin died April 6 from the effects of multiple myeloma at Massachusetts General Hospital. His home was in Cambridge. George entered Dartmouth from the Belmont Hill School. He majored in government and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. Following Dartmouth he received a law degree from Boston University. He joined the McLaughlin Brothers, a family law firm founded by his father. While he tried hundreds of jury cases involving a variety of civil and criminal matters, he was best known for cases dealing with eminent domain, where he was particularly successful. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and children Ellen Saturley '77, George '81 and Daniel.

John Francis Melanson died December 23, 2004, in Littleton, New Hampshire. John was the oldest member of the class of 1954, having entered Dartmouth at the age of 32. He was an Army veteran of World War II and entered Dartmouth from the Merchant Marines. While at Dartmouth he majored in philosophy and studied graphic arts. During his summers he attended New York University in order to earn additional credits. This allowed him to graduate in three years. He was Phi Beta Kappa. John was a farmer. He is survived by his sister, Beatrice Detehevery.

1955

Warren Phillip Girard died March 19. In his obituary in the *Los Angeles Times* he was described as "a long-time editor at the *Times* and one of a dwindling breed of colorful and boisterous newspaper personalities." Warren began his newspaper career at the *Manchester Union Leader* while attending Dartmouth. He left Dartmouth and served in the Army from 1953 to 1957, qualifying as a paratrooper and later working for the *Stars and Stripes* newspaper in Tokyo. He stayed on as a civilian until 1963, when he returned to the states and began working for the *Times*. To many of his co-workers he was named "Fij," allegedly having driven a golf ball up the slopes of Mt. Fuji while taking a long day's hike to the summit. Over the years he primarily edited international news, especially Europe and Russia, until his retirement in 1992. He is survived by two cousins in Manchester.

Henry William Hudson III died on March 31. Bill was born in Boston and graduated from Newton High School. His father, Dr. Henry W. Hudson Jr., was a member of the Dartmouth class of 1923. At college Bill was a member of Theta Delt and majored in English. He served in the Navy until 1958 and upon discharge worked for Sears Inc. until he became general manager of a shopping center in Pennsylvania. Nearing retirement, Bill became a real estate agent. He continued serving Dartmouth, first as a class agent and then on our executive committee from 1989 until his death. Bill and his wife, Joan, attended the Chicago,