

a leading fundraiser for the Danvers YMCA. He was a member of the Massachusetts Audubon Society and served four years as moderator of Danvers. He leaves his wife, Louise (Phippen) and sister Dorothy Higgins. He was predeceased by brother Roger Ives.

George A. Lyon, M.D., died in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on July 27, 2003. He entered college in the Navy V-12 program from Hanover High School. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa. After two years at Dartmouth Medical School, he received an M.D. from Harvard in 1950. In college he was a member of AKK. He served in the Naval Reserve and practiced briefly in Alaska. In Pennsylvania, he had practiced as a neurological surgeon since 1957 and was a member of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons and the Philadelphia Neurological Society. He is survived by his wife and five children.

Ralph Sharp Roth of Bradenton, Florida, died November 22, 2003. He was born in Nyack, New York, and came to college in the Navy V-12 program. As an undergraduate he majored in economics and joined Beta Theta Pi. He continued with a combined Tuck/Thayer degree in business and engineering in 1949. He served in the Navy from 1950-52 and was discharged as a lieutenant. His entire professional career was spent in the newspaper business. He retired in 1989 as vice president of Knight-Ridder Inc. In retirement he enjoyed travel, hunting, fishing and golf. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Richard D. Sears died in Guntersville, Alabama, on October 25, 2003. Dick joined the class from Yarmouth (Massachusetts) High School. He left college to serve in the Pacific in the Marine Corps and was discharged as a sergeant. He returned to college where he joined Tri-Kap. After graduation he went into property and casualty insurance in Tennessee and more recently in Alabama. His hobbies in retirement were fishing and golf. He is survived by his wife and five children.

John A. Taylor, M.D., died in Bronxville, New York, on January 10, 2001. He joined the class from Horace Mann School in New York City as one of our small group of civilian freshmen. He graduated from college as a premed student and received an M.D. from Columbia in 1953. His medical practice was at the Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York. He is survived by his wife and five children.

1949

Roy Francis Benson died on October 4, 2003, of Parkinson's disease in Erie, Pennsylvania. He came to Dartmouth from North Easton, Massachusetts, after serving in the Army Air Corps as a sergeant from 1943-45. He was an economics major and member of Zeta Psi. Prior to service he had graduated from Bentley School of Finance and Accounting in Boston. After graduation he went to work with General Electric as an account-

ant and was a member of the American Association of Accountants. He was very active in church and community activities in Erie. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Betty, daughters Linda Benson and Sandra Buto, son Barry and five grandchildren.

1950

John D. Beatty died on July 14, 2003, of cancer in Portola Valley, California. He came to Dartmouth from West High School in Minneapolis. Jack majored in government and was a member of Alpha Delt and Dragon. After graduation he worked with Toro in Minneapolis and then joined a company in California that installed laundromats for Westinghouse. After living in Oklahoma City and Dallas he moved to California, where he became a manufacturer's rep selling toys and related products. In 1964 Jack established his own rep agency that covered 11 western states and continued in toy merchandising until his retirement in 1992. In retirement Jack was an avid golfer and he and his wife traveled extensively. He leaves his wife, Marilee, four daughters and eight grandchildren. A cousin, Robert Nissen '41, Tu'42, also survives him.

James G. Nye Jr. died on July 26, 2003, in New London, Connecticut, after a long illness. Jim came to Dartmouth from Duluth, Minnesota, from the South Kent School and serving in the Army Air Corps. He majored in history, was a member of Psi U and Dragon Society and was active in football, hockey and lacrosse. Jim obtained his law degree from Cornell. After practicing with several companies, he started his own law firm in 1975 in Westborough, Massachusetts. In Westborough he was chairman of the finance committee, town moderator and president of the Rotary Club. He and his wife, Deborah, had four children: Julia '84, Gordon '76, Tu'81, Ruth and Stephen, all of whom survive him.

1951

Paul Vernon Harvey died July 14, 2003, of liver cancer at home in Wayside, New Jersey. Born in Long Branch, New Jersey, Paul prepared for Dartmouth at Asbury Park High School, majored in economics, joined Chi Phi and was in the NROTC. After two years in the Navy he attended Cornell, earning a B.A. in hotel management. He became the manager and, with his wife, owner of the Buckingham Hotel in Avon. Most of his career was spent on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange working for different firms, the last being Bear Stearns before retiring in 1993. Paul and Jeanne Vitalius were married in 1951 and raised five daughters. He played a lot of golf at New Jersey's Deal Golf & Country Club and also in Florida during the winter. Paul is survived by Jeanne; daughters Kathleen, Linda, Phyllis, Sandra and Patricia; their husbands; and 13 grandchildren.

Gerard Taylor Shaw died at home in Hingham, Massachusetts, of cancer on September 18, 2003.

Going in the Navy in 1944 soon after graduation from Tabor Academy, he served two years before matriculation with the class of 1951. His father was in the class of 1915. Gerry joined Delta Kappa Epsilon and majored in sociology. After short stints in journalism and the gypsum business, Gerry opted for teaching English and coaching track and football in Hull High School for 30 years, retiring in 1989. His community service included coaching boys baseball teams in Hingham, where he lived for 40 years. After retiring he enjoyed reading history and became a Civil War buff. He collected and displayed flags at his home and the family's cottage in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughters Elizabeth, Priscilla and Sarah; son Andrew; and 10 grandchildren.

Albert Henry Sweet died on October 12, 2003, at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center in Florida of Alzheimer's disease. Born in 1922, he was one of our oldest classmates. After graduating from Arlington (Massachusetts) High School, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and flew bombers as a navigator. After World War II he entered Dartmouth with the class of '51 and graduated from Thayer in 1952 before returning to a military career that included the Korean War and Vietnam as a member of bomber crews. His many decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with 16 Oak Leaf Clusters. He retired in 1969 and joined Raytheon as a systems engineer, retiring in 1986 to Seminole, Florida. Al's survivors include his wife, Wilda, son Thomas, daughters Marjorie and Juanita, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

1952

David H. Edson died on November 16, 2003, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He lived in Randolph, Vermont. Dave arrived at Dartmouth from high school in Arlington, Massachusetts, via two years in the U.S. Army. He graduated as a psychology major. Shortly after earning a master's degree at Colgate University Dave returned to Dartmouth, where he was employed for his entire vocational life, mostly in financial positions. He became comptroller of the College and subsequently the director of the Dartmouth Educational Loan Corp., retiring in 1989 after 35 years of service. Dave and his wife, Betty, lived in several Vermont towns close to Dartmouth but he always regarded Brookfield, Vermont, as his "home" because nine generations of his family had been buried there. His interment now makes the 10th generation. Always very busy in the life of his community, Dave served in many public offices. He also occupied a number of church positions as well as worked with numerous charitable activities. He is survived by his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

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Alvin H. Pianca died May 4, 2003, at his home in Hanover. During his undergraduate years he was a Rufus Choate Scholar, a member of Sigma