

Robert H Simpson  
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*Fortune* and *Life* magazines. He leaves his wife, Mamey, and three children.

**Per-Jan Ranhoff** died on May 2, 2003, of cancer. He and his wife, Anne, lived on a small farm in Pomfret Center, Connecticut. He came to Dartmouth from Ullern High School in Oslo, Norway. Per-Jan majored in education and was a member of SAE, the German Club, DOC and the ski team. After Dartmouth Per-Jan taught in Boston and at the Tilton School in New Hampshire before going on in 1954 to the Pomfret School where he taught mathematics and computer programming and coached varsity soccer before becoming assistant headmaster. He was associated with the school for 37 years. He was very involved with Boy Scout activities and other civic organizations. For many years Per-Jan was a class agent. He leaves his wife, Anne, and six children. He was predeceased by his daughter, Ruth.

**Calvin C. Solem** died on February 28, 2002, in Omaha, Nebraska. We have no information about him other than he was a Phi Gam and since graduation had lived in Lutherville, Maryland; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Omaha.

### 1951

**Robert Houston Simpson** died March 12, 2003, of the lingering effects of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. A psychology major and Phi Psi during his four years at Dartmouth, "Sam" spent all the rest of his years in Jackson, Wyoming. Running a family real estate business with his sister right out of Dartmouth, he met and married Laura May Merritt in 1954. Daughters Michele and Midge were born soon after. Outdoor adventures would describe his interests: fishing, snow machining, motorcycling, downhill and cross-country skiing and camping with his family. His interests included the community, serving on the school board for several terms. Heart problems came early for Sam, having an aorta bypass in 1974 and a revisit in 1994. Golf being a passion, he played the game right to the end with oxygen alongside. Besides Laura, survivors include daughters Michele and Midge and two granddaughters.

### 1952

**John A. Geary** died on October 1, 2001. John came to Dartmouth from Troy, New York, via three years as a merchant marine officer. He was a psychology major and a member of Kappa Sigma. Little is known about his post-Dartmouth career except that he was married and later divorced. He had

and classmate David Schwartz. Ned lege from Lansdowne, Pennsylvania education major and a member of Kappa Sigma. After graduation Ned served in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps. In charge he joined the CIA and served in Europe, the Middle East and Far East. He was bilingual in German and Mandarin Chinese. Ned married, claiming that his peripatetic didn't allow it. Ned was an enthusiast of his College class and greatly enjoyed reunion. He is survived by a brother

### 1953

**George VanBrunt Cochran** died on January 15, 1999, in Ossining, New York, after an extended illness. After graduation Van attended Dartmouth College, followed by Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons where he received his M.D. in 1956 and Med.Sc. interrupted by a tour as a flight surgeon from 1957 through 1959. Following military service he held research fellowships at Columbia University and established an orthopedic research laboratory at Luke's Hospital in 1970. In 1972 he joined the Biomechanics Research Unit at the University of Maryland, where he became a full-time professor. He became the director of the Orthopedic Engineering & Research Center in 1975. In the period 1975 through the mid-1990s he held several faculty positions at Columbia and Dartmouth. Van was a member of the Delta Psi and graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He is survived by his wife, Caroline, one daughter and

**Barrick W. Groom** died of an aneurysm on May 5, 2003, at the Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, Virginia. Barry left Dartmouth at the end of his senior year and then served in the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps in Washington during the Korean War. After careers as a representative of the New York Stock Exchange and an investment advisor to H.O. Pet & Co. in New York City and an Arizona cattle rancher, Barry moved to Washington to accept President Carter's appointment to a position in the Counter-Intelligence Corps. Shortly thereafter he volunteered at the Smithsonian, where he organized their 1977 symposium on "Communities: Families in America." Barry established the Barrick W. Groom Endowment to promote diplomacy through international and interdisciplinary studies. Barry is survived by his wife, two sons and two granddaughters.

**Ward R. Hamm Jr.** died on July 19, 2003, at his home in Jacksonville, Florida. After graduation from Tuck School followed