

the Oxford Paper Co. in the New York area for 25 years, and then lived in Richmond, Va., and South Carolina as Oxford Paper became part of Boise-Cascade. He was a sales executive and consultant to Boise-Cascade until his retirement in 1991. Rick's first wife died in 1971, and he is survived by his second wife, Jane, four children, and four grandchildren.

#### Edward Nathaniel Seidman

died August 22, 1996, in Scottsdale, Ariz., at the age of 74. He came to Dartmouth from Cedarhurst, N.Y., and Woodmere Academy. He spent his life in the textile business, with asides in real estate and insurance, and two years as a teacher at Cornwall Academy in Rhode Island. He was a member of Kiwanis Club and served that organization for 34 years as a president, charter member, and lieutenant governor, in New England, Florida, and Arizona. He was pre-deceased by two wives, and retired to Arizona, where he is survived by six children and five grandchildren.

#### John Kinsey Snobble

a legendary educator and outdoorsman in Carbondale, Colo., died of cancer September 11, 1996. At Dartmouth Jack was a member of Palaeopitus, Green Key, DKE fraternity, and Sphinx, and he was active in the DOC and the Ledyard Canoe Club, and was captain of the ski team. He received a M.S. from Northwestern University and pursued doctoral studies at McGill University and at the University of Grenoble in France. Jack was a professor of geography, geology, and outdoor education at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs, Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, and Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs. He was a pioneer member of the Colorado Rocky Mountain Ski Instructors Association and the Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Association. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and four daughters and their families.

#### Whitcomb Wells

a retired fuel company owner and operator in Hampton Falls, N.H., died of cancer August 9, 1996. He was 73. Whit came to Hanover from Melrose, Mass., and at Dartmouth he was executive manager of the DCAC, a member of Theta Delta Chi, Casque & Gauntlet, Palaeopitus, and Green Key. He majored in psychology. He served as an Army Air Corps pilot during WW II, flying B-17s and B-29s, and after the war he worked for Gulf Oil Corp. in sales and marketing. He owned and operated Monadnock Fuel Co., Inc. in Keene, N.H., from 1955 to 1976, when he moved to Hampton Falls. Whit was active in local politics and a score of community organizations and enterprises, especially Rotary. He is survived by his wife, Veryl, four children, and six grandchildren.

## 1945

#### John Cline Mann

of Honolulu, Hawaii, died of cancer on September 16, 1996. He was born in Honolulu and attended Punahou School, graduating in 1941. Upon entering Dartmouth, he became a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and was on the swimming team. He joined the V-12 program and attended the Thayer School of Engineering, graduating in 1945. He served in the navy as an ensign from January 1945 to June 1946. Cline joined his father's firm, James B. Mann, engineer and surveyor, in 1946, and in 1959 became owner upon the death of his father. He was an expert on Hawaiian land boundaries and history. He became a member of the Outrigger Canoe Club in 1946 and served as president 1964-65. A past president of the Dartmouth Club of Hawaii, he also interviewed candidates for Dartmouth. He is survived by his sister, Patricia M. Nottingham, four nephews, and three nieces.

Wiley William McMinr of Baton Rouge, La., died of colon ca. 1996. He was born in Orange, N.H., attended the Cartaret Academy before mouth in 1941, where he was a member Delta. He majored in economics. At years in various occupations, he joined the Louisiana Department of Commerce and Industry, where he was an economic development specialist in 1966, and where he remained until his retirement in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Mary K.; children Wiley III, Thomas J., Elizabeth, Stephen, Kenneth, and Maureen; and 16 grandchildren.

## 1946

#### John Dennison Knipple

a retired navy captain, died of cancer August 12, 1996, at his home in Alexandria, Va. While in the navy, he attended Union College in Schenectady and then graduated from Dartmouth with a B.A. in business administration. Capt. Knipple served his country for 34 years in the navy before retiring in 1975. After military retirement, he became a logistics consultant for SWL Inc. defense contractors. In 1990 he retired from SWL. A permanent resident of the Washington area since 1963, he was known for his participation in parent-teacher organizations at Weyanoke Elementary, Holmes Intermediate, and Thomas Jefferson High schools. He was also a member of civic and religious groups such as the Lincolnia Park Civic Association and Queen of Apostles Catholic Church in Alexandria. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; children Catherine, Deborah, Laura, John R., and Margaret; a sister; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

## 1947

#### Edmund J. Byrkit

of Boulder, Colo., died July 25, 1996, following a stroke. He had suffered a severe stroke in 1991, and struggled valiantly to regain his speech and walking abilities, was seldom discouraged, and enjoyed his life and close family. Ed graduated summa cum laude in 1946, and received his master's degree in 1947 in civil engineering, from Thayer School of Engineering. He was in the navy V-12 program, served actively, and retired from the reserves as a lieutenant. Ed and his family lived in Madison, Wisc., for 25 years, where he retired as director of development for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. He was active in civil engineering, and professional engineering societies, nationally and in Wisconsin. He was active in formulating educational curricula for civil engineering programs in various Wisconsin colleges and universities. Ed is survived by Sally, his wife of 48 years; son George; daughters Cynthia, Nancy Hohenstein, and Carol Maddux; and three grandchildren.

## 1948

#### Robert Venanzio Rubino

died of heart problems at his home in Endicott, N.Y., on June 3, 1992. Bob grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn Technical High in 1944 before enlisting in the navy and enrolling in the V-12/V-5 program at Dartmouth. Following further training and active service, Bob was discharged in 1946 and returned to Hanover. He was awarded an A.B. in 1949 and a Thayer M.E. in 1950. In immediately succeeding years Bob held engineering positions of increasing complexity with Republic Aviation, Alloys Research, and Sylvania Electric on Long Island before assuming an advisory research position with IBM in computer development in Endicott in 1982. He ended his career in

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## 1950

#### Wallace Durant Willitt

of Moorestown, N.J., died on September 12, 1996, following surgery for cancer. He entered Dartmouth from Asbury Park (N.J.) High School and after service in WW II as a pilot in the Army Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater. Wally majored in psychology, was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Bones Gate, and was active in the flying club and rowing. After a short stint with the CIA, he joined Union Carbide Corp. and spent more than 30 years in a career of sales management with the Linde Division. He and his wife, Joan (Kneeland), a graduate of Smith, lived first in Philadelphia and then in Pittsburgh, Penn., and Birmingham, Ala., before returning to the Philadelphia area. Wally is survived by Joan, daughter Pamela, son James, and three granddaughters.

## 1951

#### Schuyler Warren Tompson Jr.

died June 10, 1996 in Albuquerque, N.M. He had prostate cancer. Tom grew up in Verona, N.J., majored in math at Dartmouth, lettered in soccer, received his navy commission through NROTC, and served on the destroyer USS Turner during the Korean War. Back in civilian life, he was an actuary with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell in New York City. In 1983 he moved to Albuquerque and was chief actuary of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico until retirement in 1993. Tom married Gloria Ellis, his sweetheart in Dartmouth days. She and their sons Steven '76 and Mark survive.

## 1954

#### Laurence Tatum McCurdy

died on July 28, 1996, in Mobile, Ala. Larry came to Dartmouth from the Episcopal Academy. He lived in Wynnewood, Penn., at the time. At Dartmouth he was a member of Phi Delta, Green Key Society, Council on Student Organizations, Glee Club, and the Outing Club. Larry was commissioned in the air force at graduation and served many years before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He is survived by his wife, Antoinette, and sons Laurence, Keith, and John.

## 1972

#### Gary P. Jordan

passed away on October 25, 1996. Gary was the beloved husband of Mary J. Craig and the father of two children, Michael and Kate. Gary's services of prosecutor in Maryland was legendary. He began as a prosecutor in Baltimore County state's attorney's office and thereafter moved to chief of the criminal investigations in the office of the attorney general and eventually to the U.S. Attorney's Attorney for the District of Maryland, where he served as an assistant United States attorney and later as an interim United States attorney. For the balance of his service with the Justice Department, he served as a number two prosecutor in the United States attorney's office. A devoted family man and public servant, Gary was a gentle friend and adviser to a great number of lawyers and was an extraordinary colleague in the fight for justice in this country.