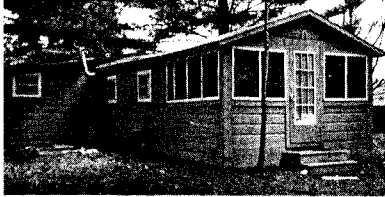


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Robert L. Tyler Jr. '51

the group which for many years constituted the core leadership group of the Class of '40. As class secretary from 1956-61, he developed the *Indian Drum*, the class newsletter in its present form, served also as class president, and was chairman of the 25th Reunion committee and co-chairman of the 30th. In recent years, he had also served on the class resource committee. He was a member of the National Committee of the Dartmouth Medical School Campaign of 1960 and also served on the executive committee of the Darien area Third Century Fund campaign in 1968-71. He had been secretary of the Dartmouth Club of Darien-Norwalk in 1967-68 and in recent years was an active member of the Dartmouth Club of Northwestern Connecticut.

A bibliophile, he gave to the College through the Friends of the Dartmouth Library several rare volumes, including four manuscript letters from his collection — two from Charles Dickens, one from John Greenleaf Whittier and one from Richard le Gallienne.

## 1945

LAIRD LUCAS died February 23 in Rochester, Minn. Born on August 31, 1922 the son of Ward and Frances (Prentiss) Lucas, Laird prepared for Dartmouth at Shattuck School. He left Hanover in 1942 for

service with the U.S. Army, serving until 1946 in the European theatre with the rank of first lieutenant. He was decorated with the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with two clusters.

At the time of his death, Laird was vice president and a member of the board of Laird Norton Co., Winona, Minnesota, and vice president of the United Building Center.

He is survived by his widow Elaine, seven children, his mother, two sisters, and a brother, to all of whom the Class extends its sincere sympathy.

## 1951

ROBERT L. TYLER JR., one of the Class' outstanding athletes, departed this life March 18 after an illness of seven months. Bob came to Dartmouth from Niles, Mich., to which he returned to carve out an outstanding career in both business and civic affairs.

Bob was graduated from Glenbard High School, where he was class president, a member of the student council and National Honor Society, captain of the football team, and also participated in basketball and track. At Dartmouth, he lettered in football and track, majored in history, and was a member of Psi Upsilon, Green Key, and Sphinx.

Bob was associated with the family business, Tyler Refrigeration, for 28 years. He started as a field sales representative and was administrative vice president when Tyler became a division of Clark Equipment Co. He was named assistant general manager of the division in 1968 and succeeded his father as general manager and division president in 1969. In 1972, he was elected a corporate vice president of Clark.

He had been president of the Commercial Refrigerator Manufacturers Association since 1967 and was active in the National Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers. He was a director of the First National Bank of Southwestern Michigan and the Niles, Mich., Holiday Inn.

Bob served on the state YMCA executive committee from 1965 to 1968, was chairman of the Greater Niles United Fund in 1958 and its president in 1959. The Greater Niles Jaycees named him "Man of the Year." He was a member of the local Elks and Masonic Lodges, Rotary Club, Shrine Club, and Chamber of Commerce.

Bob is survived by his widow, the former Jean M. Fork; three sons Todd '74, Michael, and Timothy, a daughter Tracey, and two brothers Thomas '54 and Taylor '59.

## 1953

We were very sad to learn that HENRY HEATH LEARNARD III died of cancer on April 12.

Son of Ted Learnard, Class of '24, Sandy prepared for Dartmouth at Deerfield Academy where he played football and captained the hockey team. At Dartmouth he continued his interest in sports, playing freshman hockey and varsity lacrosse. Additionally he was a member of Psi Upsilon, the Dragon Society, Green Key, and the Undergraduate Council.

After graduation from Dartmouth, he entered the Coast Guard. During an extended tour of duty, he served in the Pacific and then, after flight training, flew out of Floyd Bennett Field in New York. Knowing Sandy was to know how much he enjoyed flying. In recent years Sandy was back on the Cape where his family had a summer home. He intensely devoted himself to a number of causes and was ahead of his time in focusing on conservation, wild life, and human equality. He evidenced his concern and support for these issues in his own very private, yet open way.

Late last summer, Margaret Fells, an English girl, entered Sandy's life. Their engagement and marriage took place in late fall when the first, but unmistakable, evidence of cancer was discovered.