

Howard Munro
Hampton Bays, NY

Date of Death: 10/29/2000

Dr. Howard George Munro, 63, died Sunday, October 29th in White River Junction, Vermont where he was staying while attending a Dartmouth Class Reunion. He was born April 6, 1937 in Mineola, a son of Dr. Howard Ferris and Alberta Mae (Wenrick) Munro.

Dr. Munro graduated from high school in Freeport in 1955, from Dartmouth College Class of 1959, Dartmouth Medical School Class of 1960 and Harvard Medical School Class of 1962. He was married to Estelle Isherwood on June 3, 1962 at the Harvard Memorial Church days after his graduation.

He interned and served a year of residency at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City from 1962-1964. He then served in the U.S. Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina from 1964-66. Following his service in the Air Force, he served a year of residency and a year of fellowship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1968 he has been in private practice in Riverhead and attending physician at Central Suffolk Hospital.

Dr. Munro served as Chief of Medicine at Central Suffolk Hospital from 1992 to 1995, President of the Medical Staff of Central Suffolk Hospital from 1982 to 1984 and President of Suffolk County Medical Society from 1979 to 1980.

In addition to his wife, Estelle, he is survived by his son, Howard J. Munro; his daughters, Michelle M. Munro and Bonnie Gaffney and her husband John, all of Hampton Bays; his infant grandson, Tyler Gaffney, and a brother, Dr. Alan Munro of Holyoke, Massachusetts. Visiting hours will be on Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the J. Ronald Scott Funeral Home in Hampton Bays. At 3 p.m. on Friday, Rev. Katherine Lehman of the Unitarian Church of Stony Brook will conduct services at the

funeral home. At 8 p.m., Rev. William Gormley, a personal family friend, will conduct a service, also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer that donations be made in his name to Central Suffolk Hospital, Riverhead, New York 11901 or the Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755.

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Then class president Jim Wooster announced Howie's passing as follows:

This past weekend in Hanover the Class had a wonderful Mini Reunion, and much will be forthcoming soon from Doug, and others, relating what transpired.

My purpose in this message is to report that the reunion had a very tragic ending. Estelle and Howie Munro had been with us throughout the weekend sharing the parade, the game and the Class dinner at Dowd's. They returned to their motel Saturday evening after the dinner, and Howie passed away in his sleep sometime during the night. Howie had suffered heart problems over the past few years, but his death at this time was a shock to Estelle and all who knew him.

By the end of the day (Sunday), Estelle had been joined and supported by Howie's brother, and all three of their children. They all remained in the area overnight, and tentatively plan to return to Long Island sometime today. A service will probably be held later in the week in the Hampton Bays area. Estelle has been strong, but needs to be in our thoughts and prayers this week. I talked with her again this morning, and she wanted me to let Howie's classmates know of his loss.

Estelle's address is 3 Homewood Drive, Hampton Bays, NY 11946. I don't think that any but their best friends should call her at this time, but -- for those who want to do so later -- the telephone number in the Class Directory is in error. It should be (631) 728-2551.

All of us who knew Howie will miss his company in the years to come.

Jim