

David H. Allen  
Lebanon, NH

Date of Death: August 3, 2006

Message from Chris Cundey after Dave's passing:

Dear Classmates:

It is with extreme sadness that I must report to you the death of our friend and classmate, Dave Allen, on Thursday, August 3rd. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Polly and their entire family in this time of grief. Dave's illness was totally unexpected, progressed quickly and despite the efforts of a team of doctors, was unable to be reversed. We will remember Dave as a devoted husband to Polly and a loving father to their children and grandchildren. Dave was a gifted and caring person with an outgoing and engaging personality. He had a unique capability to paint wonderful pictures with his words and "turn of a phrase". Dave would light up a room with his presence.

Dave entered DHMC in the middle of June for a double knee replacement. The surgery went very well. He proceeded to a rehab center for extensive physical therapy and then returned home having made good progress towards his recovery. Shortly thereafter, he became quite ill and was readmitted to the hospital where he was diagnosed with pneumonia. The antibiotic treatment was not effective and soon Dave was in intensive care and needed constant oxygen to assist in breathing. Still, he did not respond and eventually he needed a respirator to breathe. Tests indicated that he had extensive clotting in his lungs.

Polly and the family gathered for consultation with the doctors and I would like to quote her words following that meeting:

*"It is with profound sadness that I am writing to tell you about the family's decision to let Dave go in peace. In spite of every conceivable diagnostic test, there is simply no explanation for the extensive clot in Dave's lungs; it is irreversible and untreatable. He has been 100% dependant on the ventilator and cannot survive without one. Continuing to do so is explicitly against his wishes so, after several meetings with his doctors, our family is going to honor his directives."*

Polly has indicated that she would like to set up a Dave Allen Memorial Fund at the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth with the proceeds to support the DPCS program. As many of you know, Dave has been Chair of the DPCS Alumni Board for the last two plus years and has shown a tremendous commitment to the Dartmouth students and this program that supports them in community service. We are exploring how to establish this fund and will give you the details in the near future.

In addition, Polly is planning a get-together this fall for friends and relatives so that we can all celebrate the many happy memories of Dave's life. That celebration will be held on Sunday, October 8th, beginning at 11:00am, at the home of Marc and Betsy Rowland (Polly's sister), 288 Route #5, Norwich, VT. The Rowland home is two miles north of the town of Norwich and is on the Connecticut River. This is the Sunday of the 1959 fall mini-reunion in Hanover.

In the meantime, if you would like to communicate to Polly with cards and letters, you may do so at: 32 Dorset Lane, Lebanon, NH 03766-2004.

Chris

When I sent out the email announcing the untimely death of Dave Allen, I indicated that his wife, Polly, wished to establish a memorial fund in Dave's honor to benefit the DPCS program at the Tucker Foundation. As many of you know, Dave had been passionately involved in this program for some time and had been the Alumni Board Chair for the last two years.

Dave had a vision to substantially enhance the endowment fund for DPCS to ensure financial support well into the future for this very worthwhile student intern program. He hoped to increase this endowment by \$1.0 million by the time of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June 2009. Dave and Polly had made a personal commitment to this effort with a pledge of \$50,000. They hoped that their commitment would inspire others to do likewise. The vehicle to assist in the completion of Dave's vision has now been established with the assistance of the Development Office at Dartmouth College.

I am pleased to announce the formation of the David H. Allen '59 T'60 Memorial Fund at the Tucker Foundation to benefit the endowment of Dartmouth Partners in Community Service (DPCS). Dave and Polly's pledge has ensured that the minimum amount for a named endowment fund will be achieved. All subsequent contributions in Dave's memory will be added to this fund.

If you are inspired to contribute, please make your check payable to:

*The David H. Allen '59 T'60 DPCS Memorial Fund*

Contributions should be sent to:

Dartmouth College, Gift Recording Office  
c/o David H. Allen '59 T'60 DPCS Memorial Fund  
6066 Development Office  
Hanover, NH 03755

All gifts by members of the Class of 1959 will also count in our class's total contributions to the Campaign for Dartmouth, which total will be announced at the time of our 50th Reunion. This is a "win/win" for all concerned: we will be honoring the vision of our beloved classmate; our class results benefit from these contributions; and the students sponsored by DPCS will provide their talents and energies in solving problems of the underserved around the country.

Please give this your careful consideration.

Chris