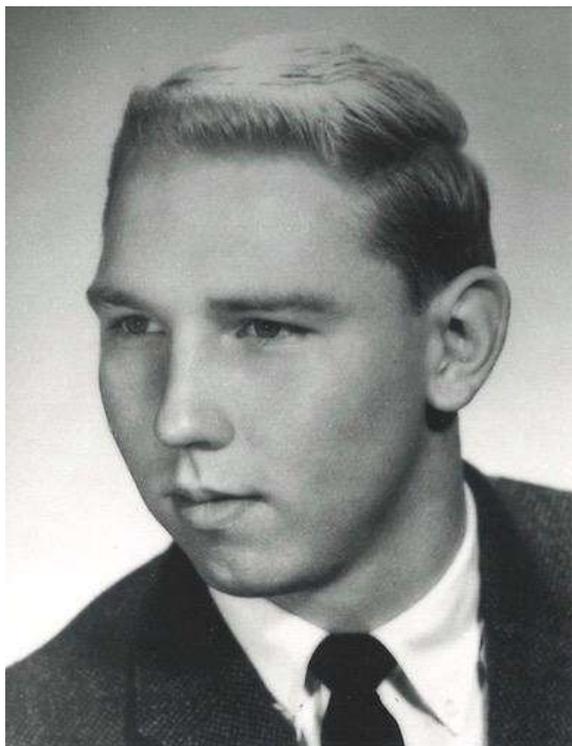


## Robert Lee Anderson

February 19, 1940 – November 2, 2020



Robert Lee Anderson, 80, died in Vallejo, California, on November 2, 2020. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri, on February 19, 1940, and grew up in Redlands California, the middle son of Carl Anderson & Varene Anderson, with his two brothers Phil and Steve. Bob attended Redlands High School, where he starred in football, basketball, and track. He was the recipient of a Bank of America college scholarship and went on to Dartmouth College where he majored in history, played freshman football and basketball and later joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, where he became the legendary “Otter” of National Lampoon’s “Animal House” fame.

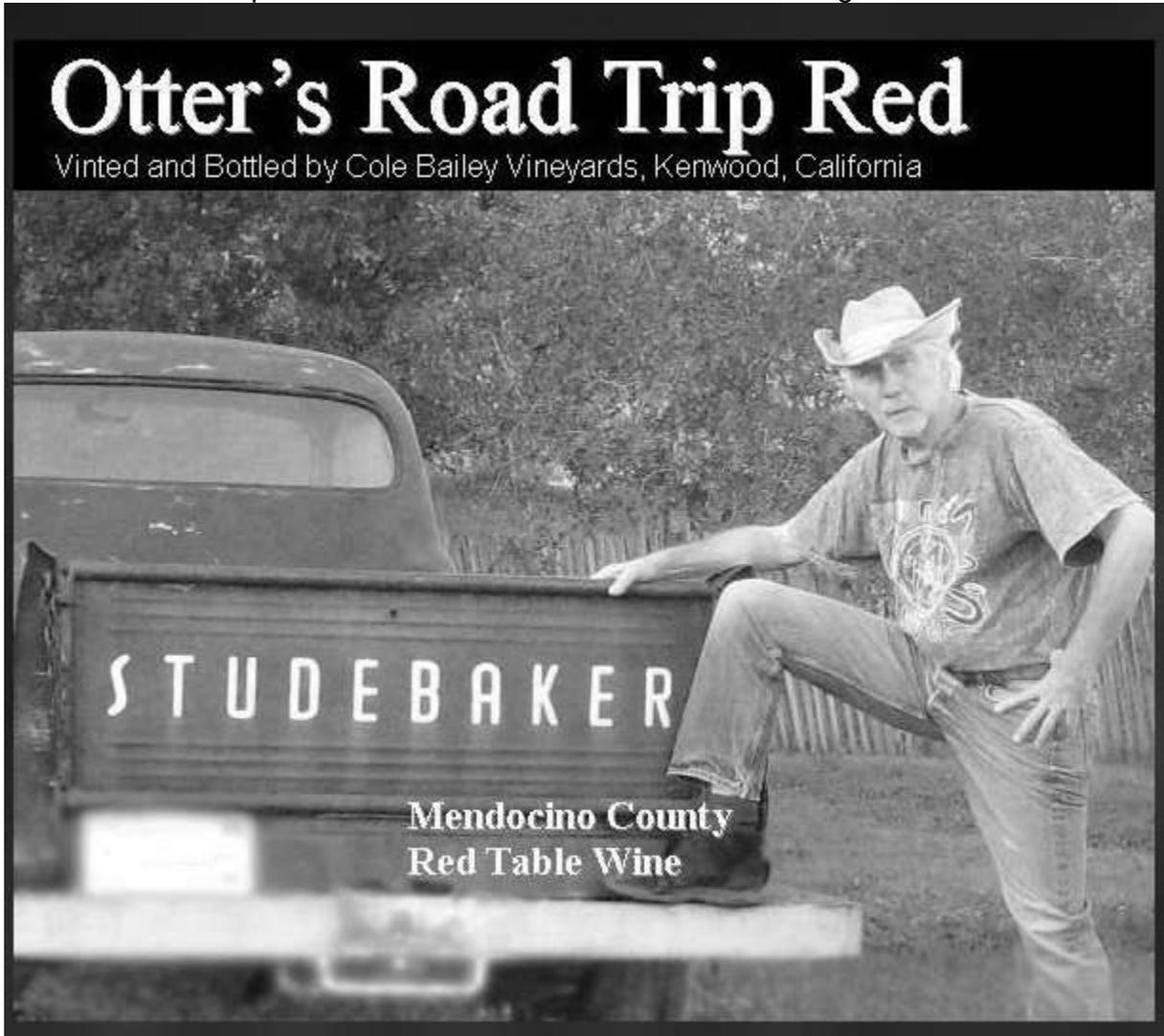
Upon graduation from Dartmouth, he was commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps and was assigned to active duty at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While in the Corps, he married Endicott grad Gay Tabibian of West Hempstead, New York, and they produced daughter Shareen and son Michael.

After active duty, Bob enrolled in UCLA Law School where in his initial year, first in the class, he attained the highest GPA in the history of the school. He won the UCLA Moot Court competition, was elected editor-in-chief of the Law Review, Order of Coif, and graduated second in his class. He joined the prestigious New York City law firm Cravath, Swaine & Moore, where he spent seven productive years until 1973 when he was recruited by McLeod & Erickson, a small firm in Los Altos, California, which represented Saudi entrepreneur Adnan Khashoggi. Over the next several years Bob traveled extensively throughout the Middle East, South America, Asia, and Europe, often on Khashoggi’s private planes and yachts, doing deals for Triad Corp, culminating in Washington, DC, when Khashoggi agreed to appear before the House Committee on Corrupt Practices Abroad and the Securities Exchange Commission. Having divorced Gay in 1974, he married Nancie Dreher, a fashion designer, in 1974. They resided in Woodside, California and then San Francisco until they divorced four years later.

Bob curtailed representing Triad and established a local San Francisco legal practice. In 1978, he met and eventually married Melissa Dilworth Gold, who had three children from a previous marriage to writer Herbert Gold; Nina, Ari, and Ethan. Together, Bob and Melissa raised their five children in San Francisco. As a couple, they developed a love of cycling and were frequently participating in races across the state. Shortly after they divorced in 1991, Melissa was killed in a helicopter crash along with music promoter Bill Graham. In 1993, while

affiliated with Berg, Ziegler, Anderson & Parker, he married Ranny Riley, a psychologist and business consultant, but later divorced in 1998.

Outside of law, Bob had a passion for grape growing and winemaking; he acquired a vineyard in Lake County, California in 1977, a cooperative association in the Konocti Winery, which he shared with partner and Dartmouth classmate Tom Conger.



He subsequently added more vineyards in Napa and Sonoma counties, producing the eponymous Otter's Road Trip Red and Sugarloaf Crossing Chardonnay. He also had an interest in cattle ranching, and together with his parents and younger brother Steve, bought over 170 acres in Lassen County, California in the late 1970s and raised Hereford cattle on the Circle A ranch for nearly a decade.

He met and married Amherst alum and attorney Jennifer Malloy, and they had a son Cole in 1998. He continued to practice law, eventually with Lanahan & Reilly of Santa Rosa, California, as well as produce high-end wines with Jennifer, featuring "Sesquipedalian" selections under the Cole Bailey Vineyards label. At the time of his death, Bob and Jennifer were divorced and Cole had graduated from Amherst College, and while he had retired from practicing law, he consulted start-up businesses.

He is survived by former wives Gay Anderson, Nancie Dreher Perlowitz, and Jennifer Malloy, daughter Shareen Anderson, sons Michael Anderson and Cole Anderson, step-children Nina Gold, Ari Gold, and Ethan Gold, his two grandchildren Liam Anderson and Zoe Anderson Gomes and step-grandchild Ella Wade, son-in-law Nuno Gomes, daughter-in-law Thanh Anderson, and step son-in-law Chris Wade, nephews Eric Anderson and Chris Anderson, and nieces Amy Anderson Pedersen, Karen Anderson-Abraham, Jennifer Anderson, and Stephanie Anderson, and his faithful companion Dude. Memorial services for a personality known 'round the girdled earth are on hold, pending resolution of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic.