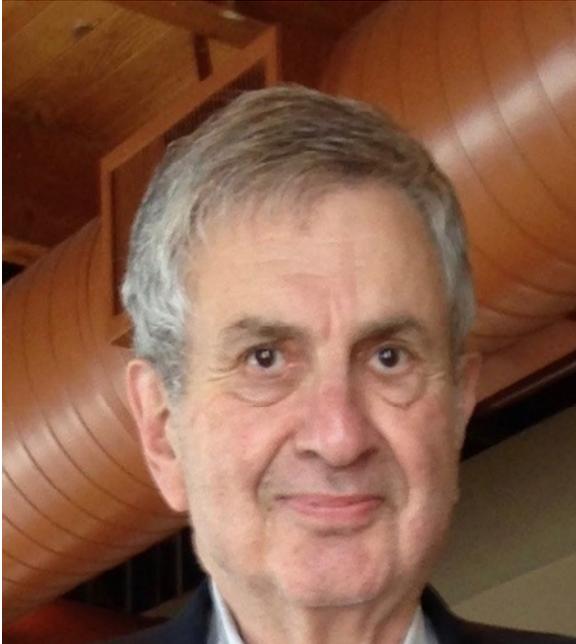


Alan Rauh Orschel

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Alan Rauh Orschel was born in Chicago February 18, 1939 to Peggy Rauh and Albert K. Orschel.

He attended The Latin School of Chicago graduating Cum Laude and served as Editor of the Yearbook. He went on to Dartmouth College graduating with honors with a major in government. Alan came back to Chicago for law school at the University of Chicago Law School.

He had a Clerkship with Judge Joseph Drucker on the Illinois

Appellate Court. He joined the firm of Crowley, Barrett and Karaba in Chicago retiring in 2007.

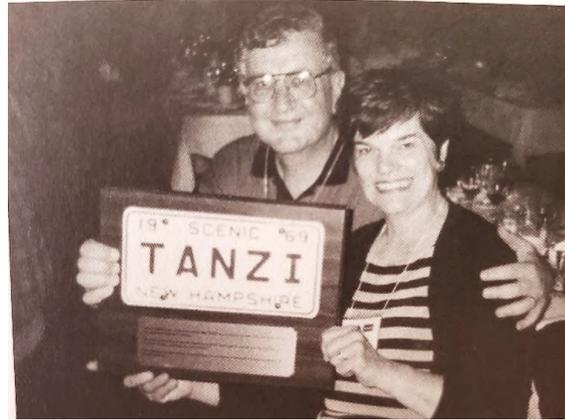
Alan was married to Nora Mitchell and they had two sons: Bradley (Sarah Hilleren and grandson Daniel) and Jeffrey (Lisa Rose and grandson Jackson). Alan's sister Lynn Orschel of Chicago remained an important and loved person in his life. On his retirement he arranged trips to the West via Amtrak with his brothers-in-law and a few good friends.

Alan was a loyal alumnus. He attended reunions and worked for his college and law school. He took pride in the accomplishments of his Dartmouth 1961 classmates who were noted in the paper for government positions, ambassadorships or a published book. He was a loyal fundraiser for his class. He took on the job of Editor for the 25th reunion yearbook. Alan thought outside the box in both his life and law career; in an attempt to get everybody's information for the yearbook, he sent out a blank page with the errant classmate's name saying: This is how your page will look if you don't send in your material! Packages began arriving in a rush covering the dining room table

in Wilmette. Alan served an elected class representative term at Dartmouth and also was a member of the Dartmouth Lawyers Association. He could find a lawyer in towns across the country. He loved his college.



Al, Nora, and their two sons



Alan Orschel and Nora

At the University of Chicago Alan found ways to give back; he served as class president and introduced the speakers at the Law School lunches that met in the Chicago loop for many years.

Alan was a member of the Economics Club of Chicago and a charter and 50-year member of the Midday Club (now defunct). He was a member and served as President of the Bureau on Jewish Employment Problems (BJEP). He was a board member at St Francis Xavier School in Wilmette where his sons attended, and ultimately the board President.

Alan loved Chicago. He knew all the buildings downtown and their history; he knew the streets of Chicago; he knew many people walking them. He was a true Chicagoan.

Services are pending and will be at a later date. Contributions in Alan's name may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation Greater Illinois Chapter, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800 Miami, FL 33131

Alan wrote in our 50th reunion book, "In responding to the request for my reflections, I have been unable to generate an appropriate essay; it seems as if I'm writing my obituary. I am not yet ready to do that!" And yet, while I was

waiting for a more complete obit from Nora, I am decided to extract from the essay that Alan did prepare and share it again. hbm

“My Dartmouth experience prepared me well for life and for law school. It broadened my horizons in a number of areas—my enjoyment of nature my curiosity about world affairs, and generally about how things work in the world.

Facing retirement a few years ago was a difficult time for me; I enjoyed the practice of law, and I wasn't ready to give it up. However, it was ready to give me up! I struggled with the issue of finding something to do rather than sit in a rocking chair or on a beach. A client of mine offered to engage me in merger and acquisition projects, and I took him on. The past three years, though, have not been good for mergers and acquisitions! I also want to give back to society for all the things that my college and law school education gave me, and I continue to search for a meaningful way to do so. “

Editor's note: Alan was a long time Class of 1961 Class Agent and contributed to the Dartmouth College Fund every year from graduation until Parkinson's disease beat him down.

“I have worked at keeping healthy over the years and continue to use a treadmill or jog, and I work with a personal trainer. It takes persistence and commitment to make my health a prime concern.

Nora and I have been married for over 36 years, and we have two great sons and now a daughter-in-law. Our older son, Brad, a lawyer, is in a litigation-oriented practice in Minneapolis; his wife, Sarah, also a lawyer, is a prosecutor. Our son, Jeff, works in public relations and crisis management. They are competent, accomplished young people who bring us great joy.

After I left the law firm, in 2006, Nora and I did some research on retirement venues and ultimately decided to retire in Chicago with winter visits to warmer climes.

I have enjoyed returning to Dartmouth almost annually to participate in the activities sponsored by the Dartmouth Lawyers Association, and look forward to representing the Class of '61 in a three-year commitment to the Association of Alumni.

The practice of law heightened my curiosity and also required a significant degree of skepticism. I learned from both of these traits that knowing how to

interact with people is critical. As my people skills were honed, I became the marketing guru for our firm and was successful in significantly increasing our practice.

One of the things that strikes me about our reunions is that they are too short and do not give us a chance to cultivate classmates with whom we just became acquainted at the end of our four years.

Finally, I have been impressed and appreciative of the effort and commitment our class leaders have provided over the last 50 years.”