

FRANK A. SMALL

March 5, 1939 – August 8, 2021



Frank Small, forever known to his friends as Butch Small, arrived on the Hanover plain in September, 1957 from his home on Long Island, N.Y. He was over 6' feet tall, thin, lanky, weighed under 180 and had a strong build. So naturally he was an ideal candidate for a #2 seat on the Dartmouth Lightweight Crew, which is where he landed and rowed in the first boat for 4 years. As a result of that he joined Alpha Chi Rho where most of the rowers lived and he majored in Government.

Butch found the funny side to life and made the funny side of life for others more than any other individual I've known. His humorous approach didn't prevent him from earning a GPA sufficient to secure him a spot at Stanford Law School which consistently has been among the top 5 law schools in the country. He graduated from there along with his two Dartmouth and Alpha Chi Rho rowing buddies in 1964.

Upon graduation, he married a Mount Holyoke graduate, Pat Gifford and they remained in Palo Alto as Butch practiced law for a local firm; he was admitted as partner there shortly thereafter. His specialty was mergers and acquisitions which has been a busy practice in that part of the county ever since.

After that point he divorced and met his present wife Kay, and they continued to live in Portola Valley, situated just west of Stanford. He was last seen on the Hanover plain about 7 years ago when he joined many Dartmouth rowers for the dedication of the "Class of '61" rowing shell which he sponsored along with other classmates.

Butch died on August 8 and the world and his friends lost a magnet for smiles forever.

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