

Edmond Ting Chung Lau

Died: About 2009

Ed Lau is believed to have passed away in about 2009. The information, otherwise unconfirmed, was conveyed by e-mail from our classmate Hank Gerfen to Harris McKee on December 2, 2011, at a time when Harris and others, preparing for the 50th Reunion, sought to track Ed down.

Due diligence at that time, and since then up to February 15, 2014, has failed to unearth any more information than is reported here. The Alumni Records Office, usually relentless in tracking down Dartmouth graduates, and the Gold Standard in establishing their current status, said in an e-mail dated February 12, 2014 that Ed is “lost in our system.”

What we do know is that Ed grew up in Hong Kong. The Greenbook says he went to “Milford Prep,” which cannot be found now, but is believed to have been the Milford school located in Milford, Connecticut, and that was then a “feeder” school for Yale University. In 2004 that school moved to New Berlin, New York and is now known as Milford Academy. Ed’s attendance at “Milford Prep” cannot be confirmed, however.

At the high school (referred to as “Milford Prep” in the Greenbook), Ed was class vice-president, vice-president of the debate team, in the school choir, and a member of the track, soccer, and rifle teams.

At Dartmouth, Ed majored in sociology. He graduated from the Tuck School of Business in 1962. He was a member of Kappa Kappa Kappa fraternity. In his freshman year he was also active in the Dartmouth Christian Union (DCU), the Dartmouth Outing Club, the Cosmopolitan Club, and in winter sports. Thereafter, he reported only being active in the DCU his junior year.

Jim Nova from our class, who knew him at Tuck School, sent in this remembrance of Ed.

“I went to Tuck with Ed and got to know him during our two years at Tuck (1960-1962),” Jim writes. “I remember Ed for a few things that made him stand out. He was one of the few Chinese students at the time, if not the only one. He was the only student with a Daimler SP250 sports car. He called his parents in Hong Kong every Sunday. In those days, those calls were expensive. He was always bumming cigarettes from those of us who smoked, but only if you had a brand he liked. But most of all I remember Ed for being extraordinarily generous with his time and with his friendship, as well as always seeming to be upbeat.”

Ed presumably returned to Hong Kong shortly after finishing Tuck School. Our reunion publications record addresses and employers during the ensuing years. At the time of our 25th in 1986 he was living on Guilford Road in Hong Kong, at our 35th in 1996 he resided there on Island View, and was then working for Rightlux Ltd. Five years later in 2001, he

was working for Wise Eagle Holdings, Ltd., and gave a Hong Kong address on Hennessy Road.

Assuming he was our contemporary in years, Ed was 60 years old in 1999, and was reported then to be a non-executive director of the Hong Kong Ferry Holdings Co. Ltd., for which he had worked for over 32 years. A profile of him, as a director, appears on the Ferry Company's website, and says he was appointed as a Hong Kong Affairs Advisor to the State in 1993. He was also, the site reports, a Director of the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation.

The Ferry Company's website profile is quite possibly 14 years old. No more recent information is reasonably accessible. The Class of 1961 officers would welcome any news anyone has about Ed.