

William Paul Nelson

Died: November 11, 1990

Paul died at his home on Sunday, November 11, 1990, after a sudden illness. He was 51 years old.

A Coral Gables, Florida, native where he went to high school, he was in the honor society and on the student council, serving as class vice president. His sport was golf.

At Dartmouth he majored in geography and became a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was active in dormitory government and the undergraduate council. He played golf his first three years, and became captain of the team, says one of his roommates, John Gerrish, in a May 2010 e-mail. He was in the outing club and R.O.T.C. during all four years.

An obituary in the Alumni Magazine reports that Paul served as a lieutenant in the Vietnam conflict. It also says that Paul was marketing representative for Coastal Oil New England, Inc., and served as commissioner of energy for the state of New Hampshire under Governor Meldrim Thomson at one time in the 1970's.

In 1986, the 25th Reunion Yearbook listed his home address in New Boston, New Hampshire.

A handwritten unsigned and undated note found in college archives, addressed to "Dear Alumni Fund Conservator," says "Paul considered his attendance at Dartmouth one of the best periods of his too short life," and says he was survived by his wife Anita and daughter Alice.