

George Henry Ramming

Died: February 16, 2004

George died of esophageal cancer on Monday, February 16, 2004, in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where he had lived for many years. He was 65 years old.

An outstanding athlete in high school and college, George grew up in Union City, New Jersey. In high school there he was in the honor society and on the yearbook. In sports, he captained both the basketball and track teams.

At Dartmouth, George played basketball all four years, becoming captain his senior year. At the end of the basketball season each year, George simply morphed his skills into a different sport, and was a member of the track team all four years as well.

One memorable night in November our senior year George banged in 39 points against Boston University (BU), leading the Green to a 119-89 rout against Boston University. That was the highest scoring game ever, to that point, in Dartmouth history. George was later to be named a member of the All Ivy first team for the 1960-61 season.

Of course it helped that the game was also the first time the three-point innovation was put into play, just as an “experiment,” according to an account by Ernie Roberts in The New Hampshire Sunday News of November 11, 1960. Roberts attributed the innovation on that occasion to Dartmouth coach Doggie Julian. He reported that fans watching the game liked the innovation because it “put the emphasis back on field goals and not on the foul line.”

Roberts also dutifully reports that in losing, BU found the innovation “confusing and demoralizing.”

George was a member of Sigma Nu and of Sphinx, of which he was Treasurer. He was also in Green Key. He was a Tuck major.

After Dartmouth George spent 17 years in systems processing, and executive search and placement. In 1978 he formed his own executive search firm. As he later wrote, “I decided ‘to do my own thing.’ Last year I formed my own recruiting firm and called it, oddly enough, George Ramming and Associates. We are based in Cherry Hill, N.J., and handle assignments for a wide variety of clients in many industries.” George and his wife Nancy operated the firm until his death.

George was inducted into the Union Hill High School Hall of Fame shortly before he died. In the May after his death he was admitted into the Wearing of the Green (Dartmouth’s Athletic Hall of Fame).

He and his wife Nancy, who were married in 1961, had two children, George and Cheryl.