

Abbot Bruce Schwebel

Died: October 2, 2002

Abbot died at age 62 at his home in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, on Wednesday, October 2, 2002, after a long battle with cancer.

Raised in Stamford, Connecticut, Abbot went to King School, where he was the business manager of both the school newspaper and the yearbook. He played football, basketball, and baseball.

At Dartmouth Abbot majored in economics. He became a member of Tau Epsilon Phi, and in successive years was pledge captain, pledge master, and in his senior year the president of the fraternity. He was active in student government, serving on both the undergraduate council and the inter-fraternity council, at one time chairing the Weekends Committee. He played baseball and was on the Jack-O-Lantern staff his freshman year. For one year each he was in the pre-law club and the Jewish Life Council.

During his entire four years at Dartmouth, and in addition to everything else he was doing, Abbot “somehow managed to serve on the Hanover Volunteer Fire Department,” our classmate Tom Conger notes. “He was a really fine guy,” Tom said.

After graduating Abbot went to Boston University Law School, then became a member of the Connecticut Bar Association in 1964 and maintained a practice in the town of Vernon for the next 35 years. His practice included representing several towns (Vernon, Coventry, East Windsor) as their attorney, and serving for 18 years as an assistant states attorney for Tolland County. He was also a special constable for the town of Vernon in the 1960s.

Around the year 2000 he moved from Connecticut to Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey, where his father’s family in the late 1800’s had established a department store that had finally closed after 80 years in the business. It was in that community where Abbot lost his long battle with cancer.

Among those by whom he was survived when he died were his wife then of 39 years, Marilyn, and by three children: Tamson, Robert, and Lauren.