

Bennett Grad Tarshish

Died: December 24, 1972

Bennett died at 32 on Sunday, December 24, 1972. In January after his death, his wife Sally wrote from London where they had been living for a year to inform the college of his passing.

“It is with great sadness that I must inform you that in the early hours on the morning of Christmas Eve, my husband Bennett died,” she wrote. “He had been dramatically ill for more than two and a half years, struggling every day to overcome his inevitable death, succeeding on many occasions, making us believe that perhaps he really could control his disease. He died of pericarditis, a complication arising from diabetic kidney failure. He had just turned 32 in October.”

Bennett grew up in Charleston, South Carolina, where he went to high school. He was on the honor roll there, and played tennis.

At Dartmouth, Bennett majored in government. Little is known about his life after graduating, however.

In her letter, Sally wrote, “Bennett had much admiration for his old college, especially in recent years.”

Bennett had a son Daniel, who was three years old when his father passed away.