

Gordon Campbell Wentworth

Died: May 9, 1997

Gordie died in Hawaii on Friday, May 9, 1997. He was 58 years old.

He grew up in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts and went to Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, where he was in the glee club and dramatics, and played football, basketball, hockey and golf.

At Dartmouth, Gordie was an anthropology major, active in the outing club, and a member of Phi Kappa Psi (as it was then known; it has changed its name to Panarchy), where he became pledge master and treasurer.

After graduating, he served in the Navy from 1962 to 1969 as a jet pilot, legal officer and intelligence officer. He then began a career first with a brokerage firm, then in investment banking with various firms, and then in the area of real estate development. By 1986 he had become a project manager with C. Brewer Properties, and then was promoted to Vice-President of Hawaiiana Investment Company, Inc., a subsidiary of Brewer.

During these years he and our classmate Tom Conger, who lived for many years in Hawaii, crossed paths. As Tom relates it, "Gordie was one who made the transition from the northeast to Hawaii. He worked at First Hawaiian Bank while I was developing Canterbury Place in Waikiki, and we saw each other fairly regularly, as I was forever at the bank's doorstep seeking funding for the development loan. He and Dinnie lived on the windward side of Oahu where he spent his spare time in Kaneohe Yacht Club affairs."

Gordie was at one time committee chairman of the Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament and active in youth soccer. He raised tropical plants, and at the time of his death made his home as he had for years in the residential community of Kahaluu, near Honolulu, Hawaii.

In his 1986 reflection for the 25th Reunion Yearbook, Gordie wrote, "I value my Dartmouth education as an awakening academic and social experience which exposed me to life's choices and instilled in me the desire and determination to seek out and accept challenge. I view life as a continuing opportunity to take on a new challenge."

Gordie had one son, Bill.