

William Chauncey Shepherd
8/9/1942 - 8/18/1982

We are sorry to belatedly report the death of William Chauncey Shepherd on August 18, 1982. It is important that a brief history of his academic career be given so that all his classmates will know how much William contributed in his abbreviated lifetime and how much Dartmouth can be proud of him as one of its graduates.

At the time of his death, William was a professor of religious studies at the University of Montana and a visiting scholar at the Center for the Study of New Religious Movements, Berkeley, CA. His academic career took him from Yale in 1967, where he was a graduate fellow and instructor, to Smith College where he became an assistant professor, then to the University of Montana as a full professor. Throughout his career he wrote numerous articles and reviews and published several books. He was the recipient of several academic awards and served as an editorial consultant to several religious journals. In sum, he was a man of distinction in his field of study and was a highly respected scholar.

He leaves his wife, Molly Shepherd, who is an attorney with the firm of Worden, Thane, and Haines in Missoula MT. His classmates extend their condolences to her. We should all perform in our respective careers as productively and humanely as William.