

Gary Lee Brooks, 1968

Gary Lee Brooks died of prostate cancer on October 9, 2013 at his home in Rockville, Maryland. Gary came to Dartmouth from Peoria, Illinois, and played both football and baseball his freshman year. His freshman dorm was Ripley, where he became good friends with Bob Bednarz, Pat Bremkamp, Bob Kegan, Randy McElrath and Chris Redden, all of whom become fellow brothers at Sigma Nu. As a freshman, Gary looked older than he was, and was appreciated for the ability to procure certain things that the rest of his friends could not. He is also remembered by many as a "genial giant" lineman on the Sigma Nu inter-fraternity football team for three years. Gary also served as House Manager at Sigma Nu.

After graduation, he went to Fordham Law School, graduating in 1972. Gary's early career included working at the U. S. Court of Claims, the General Services Administration and a Washington, DC law firm. In 1980, he joined the National Archives and Records Administration, rising to the position of General Counsel. While there, he played a leading role in lawsuits that resulted in the acquisition of many of President Richard Nixon's White House tapes, and other presidential materials for the National Archives. Gary retired in 2009.

A longtime resident of Rockville, Gary played on softball teams for many years, and participated in other sports.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Nancy Freeman Brooks, two daughters, Kristin Toohey of Germantown, Maryland, and Courtney Brooks of Weston, Connecticut, his mother Ruth Brooks of Addison, Illinois, two brothers and two grandsons.