

# I N M E M O R I A M

## Humphrey Simson '42

Humphrey Barrett Simson, a long-time resident of Mariner Sands in Stuart, FL, passed away peacefully after 93 years on Tuesday,



April 3, 2018 surrounded by his wife, Rosalie (Posie) Van Zandt Simson and family. The third son of George and Edith Simson, Humphrey was raised in Summit, NJ. Shortly after graduating from The Governor's Academy, Byfield, MA, he joined the Navy. During and after World War II, he served on the escort carrier USS Marcus Island, on Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Johnston Island before being discharged as an Ensign in 1946. He then returned to finish his studies and graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, MA in 1947. While there, he was a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. During his senior year, he met the love of his life on a blind date, Rosalie Van Zandt. This year, they would have celebrated their 70th year of marriage. After graduation, he eventually settled at Babcock and Wilcox, primarily out of the New York sales office, selling forged pipe and specialty steel. In time, he left to pursue several entrepreneurial opportunities in real estate, coffee, textiles, and other ventures. When Humphrey met Rosalie, they both enjoyed day sailing on Long Island Sound. However, it wasn't long before Humphrey was looking for more adventure in his sailing. He started with weekend races and ended up racing to Bermuda more than 20 times and sailing back north another 20 times. He captained his sailboats across the Atlantic from West to East three times arriving in Denmark, Ireland, and Spain. He

also did one crossing from East to West going from Spain back to Connecticut. He was an accomplished navigator with a sextant, prior to the advent of GPS or the widespread use of radar on recreational sailboats. He is a long time member of the New York Yacht Club and the Cruising Club of America and a past member of the Pequot and Royal Bermuda Yacht Clubs. In addition to sailing he loved flying. While he wanted to join the Army Air Corps in World War II, a miscommunication delayed his learning to fly until later in life. Over time he became a proficient pilot earning numerous licenses including multi engine, instrument, air transport and sea plane. Later in life he and Rosalie became avid golfers so they greatly enjoyed being resident members of Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart, FL for almost 30 years. Prior to residing full time in Florida, they lived in Weston, CT for over 40 years and then spent summers for a number of years in Portsmouth, RI. He was known for loving and being supportive of his family along with his good humor. Humphrey is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Rosalie Simson, his three daughters, Dr. Deborah Nicholson and her husband, James, of St. Louis Park, MN, Ann Watkins and her husband, John, of Fairfield, CT and Nancy Simson and her wife, Natalie, of Salt Lake City, UT. He is also survived by his son G. Barrett Simson and his wife, Rose, of Glastonbury, CT. In addition to his four children he is survived by seven grandchildren, Michael (Molly) Nicholson, Brian (Stephanie) Nicholson, John, Thomas (Jennifer) and David Watkins, Elizabeth and Heather Simson and two step grandchildren, Robert (Kerry) and Vanessa Brewster. He is also survived by three great grandchildren, Claire, Beckham, and Cameran and

four step great grandchildren, Ian, Jack, Laney and Ramona. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, William M. and George M. Simson, and his granddaughter, Megan Van Zandt Nicholson. He will be missed by his numerous nieces and nephews. The family would especially like to thank those who helped make his final months comfortable. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in loving memory of Humphrey can be made to the Mariner Sands Chapel Memorial Garden at 6500 Congressional Way, Stuart, FL 34997, the Treasure Coast Hospice Foundation at 1201 SE Indian Street, Stuart, FL 34997-5688, or The Governor's Academy at 1 Elm Street, Byfield, MA 01922.

## Courtland Josiah Cross '44

Courtland Josiah Cross, 92 of New London, NH died peacefully on June 23, 2018. He was born on May 26, 1926 in Worcester, MA, the son of Ralph



Upton Cross and Mary (Barnard) Cross. He was a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy and after serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II, he was Honorably Discharged in 1946 and later graduated from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire in 1950 with a BA in History. He leaves his wife of 66 years Marjorie (Bethell) Cross of New London; his son Richard (Rip) U. Cross and his wife Deborah of New London; and his daughter Wendy C. Stark and her husband Doug of Encinitas, CA. He leaves eight grandchildren: Jonathan Cross and his wife Sara, Lindsay Hanson and her husband Mike, Joseph Shaw V and his wife Kathryn, William Shaw, Trevor Cross and his wife Virginia, Tyler

Phillips, Evan Cross, Ryan Phillips; and seven great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Virginia (Ginger) Shaw in 1996. After college he returned to Worcester, Mass to work at E.J. Cross Company, a family-owned general construction firm founded in 1894 by his grandfather Edward. He served as the company president from 1965 until 1983. He was active in many Worcester organizations including the Worcester Rotary Club. He and his family discovered the Lake Sunapee Area in 1963 and purchased their first home on the lake at that time. After moving to New London in 1980, he became active in many local organizations. He was very active in the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, having served as its president from 1982-1988. He was the First Chairman, Founding Member and Honorary Director of the New Hampshire Lakes Association in 2006. He was active in the Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association from 2003-2014. He is a past Commodore of the Lake Sunapee Yacht Club. He had a lifelong passion for antique and classic cars. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Lake Sunapee Protective Assn. or the Lake Sunapee Region VNA.

### John Tucker Scott '44

John Tucker Scott, of Kimberton, PA, died peacefully in his home on August 21, 2017. He was 90 years old. Born and raised in Chestnut Hill, the son of Richard and Eleanor George Scott, he attended Penn Charter School, and later, The Governor's Academy, in Massachusetts. He was underage when he joined the Navy during WWII, and served in a Construction Battalion on Iwo Jima. Returning home after the

war he fulfilled his dream of attending Harvard University, earning a degree in economics. In 1950, he married Elizabeth Knight, of Chestnut Hill, and shortly after began working for W. B. Saunders medical publishers in Philadelphia, in international sales. After an early retirement in 1989, he and his son began their own company, John Scott Co., handling translation rights for medical books. John worked with medical publishers all over the world, and maintained close relationships with many of them over the years. John had a wonderful sense of humor, along with a consistently positive outlook on life. A warm and compassionate man, he enjoyed talking with people everywhere he went. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Molly Stonorov, and his son John T. Scott, Jr., his eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

### James M. Knott '47

James Milne Knott, inventor, entrepreneur, decorated veteran, philanthropist, and founder of Riverdale Mills Corporation passed away peacefully at home on August 16, 2018 at the age of 88. Jim's vision and creativity are evident in many aspects of his remarkable life and career.



Jim was born in 1929 in Brighton, MA to Elizabeth Dingwall and Frank M. Knott. Jim was the grandson of Annie Macmillan Knott, who was an early practitioner and the first woman Director of the Christian Science Church. With an auspicious beginning, Jim had a competitive spirit from the start. He shined as a high school wrestler at The

Governor's Academy in Byfield, MA, studied mechanical engineering at Northeastern University, and earned an economics degree from Harvard College class of 1954. He then served three years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army where he earned the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service. Upon discharge, Jim founded Coatings Engineering Corporation (CEC) which he sold to the Gilbert & Bennett Mfg. Company (G & B) of Georgetown, CT in 1962. He was president of CEC and a director of G & B until 1978.

In the summer of 1947, one of many summers Jim would spend in Gloucester, Jim met his wife and life partner Betty Davis at the Rockport Art Association's July 4th dance. They married in 1951 and moved to Wellesley where they raised four children. In Gloucester, Jim saw firsthand how much time lobster fishermen spent fixing their wooden traps. He was convinced there had to be a better way. So, he set out to build a more durable lobster trap to reduce the downtime for fishermen and improve their annual catch rate.

In 1979, Jim founded Riverdale Mills Corporation to manufacture Aquamesh®, the first-of-its-kind marine-grade coated wire mesh. Today 85 percent of all lobster traps in North America are made with Aquamesh. In 2006, Jim was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the University of Maine for his "commitment to the future of the lobster industry, innovative spirit, perseverance and positive leadership, willingness to share his knowledge and ideas and his outstanding support of UMaine's Lobster Institute."

Jim was always concerned for the welfare of the community and the industries his business served. A much-loved leader, Jim

was demanding, supportive and caring. His employees, many of whom have worked at Riverdale Mills for decades loved his quiet, unique approach and novel ideas. He was a brilliant visionary and had a unique perspective on manufacturing. He was described as “one of those rare individuals who had the will, the intelligence and the guts to make a difference in this world.” Jim served as President and CEO of Riverdale Mills from 1979-2014.

Jim and Betty moved to Whitinsville in the town of Northbridge soon after founding Riverdale Mills. With his wife and sons in the business, Riverdale Mills grew to employ over 200 people in the Blackstone Valley. Jim loved the Whitinsville community and was instrumental in building a competition pool at the Whitin Community Center. He was also a great supporter of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Northbridge Elders, and Worcester County Jail and Correction Department.

An avid preservationist, Jim restored the beautiful Riverdale Mill and its hydropower, and many other historically significant properties including the John Adams farmhouse, Whitinsville’s Oakhurst Mansion, 1890 mill housing and a circa 1700’s farm house in Sanbornton, NH. His respect for nature was reflected in his restoration of the 19-acre Riverdale Pond adjacent to the mill, now home to fish, swans, and bald eagles. He was a collector of antique cars and military vehicles, and proudly drove them in many of the local parades.

He contributed to the care and conservation of many community structures and monuments. His deep connection to Gloucester is expressed through his contributions to the Cape

Ann Animal Aid, the restoration of the schooner “Adventure” and the realization of the Fishermen’s Wives Memorial. Jim was also a long-time member of the Eastern Point Yacht Club and the Harvard Club of Boston.

James Knott is predeceased by his cherished wife Betty, who died in February after 67 years of marriage, and is survived by his children Janet L. Knott, Andrew M. Knott and his wife Jayne (Fifield) Knott, James M. Knott Jr. and his wife Gigi (Gao) Knott, Edward Jeffrey Knott and his wife Barbara (Glunn) Knott and grandchildren Jennie L. Knott and her partner Philipp Bolt, Andrew M. Knott Jr. and his wife Angela (Jenkins) Knott, Nancy D. Knott and her fiancé Matthew J. Crescio, and Elissa E. Knott.

The Knott family wishes to express their gratitude for the many remarkable caregivers who assisted with Jim’s care.

### William Richter ’48

William I. Richter, age 87, a resident of Manitowoc, entered eternal life on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Shady Lane Nursing Care Center in Manitowoc.

Bill was born on May 25, 1930. He was the son of the late Oscar and Ruth Irvine Richter. Bill served his country with the United States Army overseas in Korea. He owned and operated Richter Vinegar which was a 4th generation business spanning 113 years. There were four vinegar plants, two in Michigan, one in Minnesota and one located in Manitowoc. Bill also owned and operated RV Tank and Van Lines and Nutrients Incorporated also located in Manitowoc. He was an avid antique car collector and enthusiast. On December 18, 1988 he married Barbara Buechner at First Reformed United Church of Christ in Manitowoc. Bill was

a member of First Presbyterian Church, longtime member of the Manitowoc Yacht Club, and was active with many state and national vinegar associations.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; two sons: Douglas Richter, Cato and friend, Lori of Manitowoc; Brian Richter and his significant other Meleah, Sheboygan Falls; four step daughters: Donna (Jeff) Smith, Anchorage, AK; Denise (Jim) Spatt, Manitowoc; Debra Smith, Lena; Doreen (Tony) Gabriel, Manitowoc; one sister: Adelaide Richter, New York; one grandson: Caleb Richter; three step grandchildren, two step great grandsons, nieces, nephews, along with other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, the mother of his children, Betty, along with brothers and sisters.

### Stephen J. Maddock ’50

Stephen J. Maddock of Lyme, NH, passed away on March 27, 2018 at age 85, formerly of Wayland, Husband and partner of 61 years of Margot Maddock. He is also survived by Stephen



J. Maddock III and his wife Susan Maddock of South Berwick, Maine; two daughters, Elizabeth Maddock Dillon and her husband John Dillon of Boston and Katherine Ann Maddock of Wilton, N.H.; a sister, Judith Hudson of Pelham, Mass.; and five grandchildren. Steve was a hiker of mountains and a skier of trails on four continents, a singer of madrigals and concertos, and a dedicated volunteer officer in Lyme, NH where he served as Selectman (1988-1994) as well as a member of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Budget Committee, Transfer Station Committee, and Home Health Agency. Steve also

served as the town Ballot Clerk, the town Planning and Zoning Administrator, and a longtime Fire Warden.

### David Esty '50

Dave Esty died of sepsis following cardiac surgery on January 19, 2018. A “townie” with a long New England family history, he delighted in recalling an ancestor who was a Salem witch. The family connection to Amherst College began with a great-grandfather, class of 1860, and many Estys followed.



Dave prepped at Governor Dummer Academy and joined Psi U. He proudly served as “gofer” for Robert Frost, majored in history and was commissioned in the USAF after graduation as an AFROTC product and served for three years. He was later a reservist, reaching the rank of captain.

His service to the College was abundant: he was a member of the executive committee of the Alumni Council, an alumni admission adviser, an associate class agent, an honorary commencement marshal, and class president from 2004 to 2009. He received the College’s Distinguished Service Award.

When Andy Galef '54 developed the Commitment to Teaching Fellowship in 1994, Dave became its voice through 2017. That presentation is on [the class webpage](#).

Over the years Dave had extensive experience as an advertising executive and with various nonprofits. He held membership in the New York Athletic Association, among many others.

In 1971 he authored Someone Close to You Is on Drugs. Several other

publications on drugs followed. He was an adviser on drug abuse to the Departments of Defense and Justice and NYC Addiction Services. He was a critical incident stress counselor and was recognized for his leadership course.

Dave was an avid skier, a longtime member of the National Ski Patrol, president of Tuckerman Ravine Association, an EMT, and a member of the American Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

Dave is survived by his wife, Elizabeth “Betsy”; sons David Jr. and John; daughters Virginia and Lisa; stepson Gordon; stepdaughter Jennifer; and eight grandchildren.

### Paul Samborski '50

Paul Samborski crossed to heaven on March 16, 2018. Born Boston, MA November 23, 1931 and grew up in Lexington, MA.



Attended prep school at Governor Dummer Academy A.K.A. The Governor’s Academy in Byfield, MA 1950. Served in U.S. Navy 1951 - 1954. Attended Harvard College Class of 1954. Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. Class of 1968. Long time Alexandria, VA resident. Parents Adolph and Helen Donovan Samborski, both predeceased. Best husband in the whole wide world and God’s greatest and most precious gift to Mary Kathryn (née Smith) Samborski. Together 42 years. Survived by loving sister and brother-in-law Ellen and Nicolaos Difantis, brother and sister-in-law Stephen and Lisa Samborski all of York, Maine. Predeceased by son Kristoph from previous marriage, sister and brother-in-law Mary Jane (née Samborski) Conley

and Robert Conley. Paul shared his many special talents including painting in oils like Rembrandt. Prolific and varied paintings. Played musical instruments including antique pump organ, piano, flute, Russian balalaika and known for his love of singing. Paul and Mary Kathryn enjoyed their love of animals and birds by visiting with and feeding them and doing all they could to care for them in Alexandria, VA for over 20 years. Paul and Mary Kathryn would commune with the animals and birds and care for them at the same time. Paul went out of his way to ensure animals’ and birds’ wellbeing. A private military burial will take place at Quantico National Cemetery.

### David M. Hicks '54

On July 9, David Milton Hicks died unexpectedly in Colorado, the beautiful state where he spent summers with family and friends for the last 25 years. His fondness for his home on Lake Creek was only rivaled by his love of his home on the banks of the St. Johns River.



David was born March 17, 1936 in Nashua, NH. He spent his boyhood in Worcester, MA with his four brothers and his parents, Eleanor McCue and Everett Milton Hicks. He was educated at Governor Dummer Academy (now The Governor’s Academy), Amherst College and Harvard Business School — all in his native Massachusetts.

No description of his life would be complete without recognition of his extraordinary athletic record. He was a nationally-ranked high school tennis player; made the quarter-finals at the

Kalamazoo Nationals as a singles player; and won the 1951 National Father & Son Clay Court Championships with his father Everett. He graduated from Amherst with 12 varsity letters in tennis, squash, and soccer and was particularly proud to serve as captain of all three teams. He was the inaugural recipient of the The Governor's Academy athletic award for outstanding alumni. At The Governor's Academy, he threw two no-hitters for the baseball team while playing #1 on the tennis team. He continued to play competitive tennis in the state of Florida, winning countless tournaments.

Classical music was essential to his life. Numerous friends were given what he fondly called The Hicks Collection — one hundred of his favorite symphonies. He took great pleasure in sharing what he considered to be the most beautiful music played by the top symphonies with the premier conductors. His sense of aesthetics extended to his collection of American impressionist art and English furniture.

In 1959, David married Ann Curry. Together, they raised three children: Deborah Hicks Quazzo (Stephen), Ann (Poppy) Hicks Clements (Robert), and David Milton Hicks Jr. (Margaret).

David began his business career in Jacksonville in 1960 at Stockton, Whatley, and Davin becoming a partner in an affiliate, C&S Services. This was the beginning of a life dedicated to the love of his adopted city and its business and civic development.

In 1969, C&S Services was incorporated as Computer Power Incorporated ("CPI") creating what would become a mortgage servicing giant ultimately processing over \$1.3 trillion mortgages annually and accounting for 43% of all US mortgages

when it was sold to Alltel Corp in 1992. He also chaired successful startups including Alliance Mortgage Co. (which became Everbank), Enterprise Bank and SpaceMaker Self Storage.

In the Jacksonville community, he chaired the United Way Campaign, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, the Jacksonville Community Council, and was President of The River Club. He served as Chairman of the Jacksonville Housing Authority and Habijax (Habitat for Humanity Jacksonville) also serving on the national Habitat for Humanity board.

He served on the boards of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, the Jacksonville Community Foundation, WJCT Educational Television, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the University of North Florida Foundation, and the Jacksonville Symphony.

At the University of North Florida, with his wife Ann, he established the Hicks Scholars program providing scholarships for students living in Jacksonville public housing and Habijax. They also established the Gray Scholarships for outstanding students in the liberal arts. Most recently, he and Ann established the sixth college at UNF, the Hicks Honors College. In later years, David particularly enjoyed time spent regularly with The No Purpose Lunch Group.

David cherished his family as they cherished him. His innate sense of generosity, his dry wit, his love of competition in sports and commerce, and his pride in community are his legacy left to his three children and ten grandchildren. David is survived by his wife Ann, his three children and their spouses, his three brothers, Peter Clayton Hicks, Robert Frederick Hicks and James

Everett Hicks, and his ten grandchildren, Caroline Tyler Quazzo, Ann Clements Miller, Benjamin Curry Quazzo, Ruth Curry Clements, Robert Mossler Clements Jr., Christopher Hicks Quazzo, Phoebe MacDonald Clements, Helen Ruth Hicks, Charles Milton Hicks, and Eliza Tyler Hicks. He is predeceased by his brother, Donald Jeffrey Hicks.

### Dr. Daniel Lyons Leary, Jr. '55

Dr. Daniel Lyons Leary Jr., a Newburyport physician for 45 years, died in his sleep Friday, July 6, 2018, after a long illness. He would have turned 80 on July 17. Dr. Leary



was the second of four boys born to the late Dr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Leary. His father was also a very popular longtime Newburyport doctor. He was a talented student at every level, skipping a grade at St. Louis De Gonzaga grammar school. He then attended Governor Dummer Academy (now The Governor's Academy), where he was an honor roll student and star athlete in football, lacrosse, and wrestling. He was co-captain of the wrestling team. He graduated when he was 16 years old.

Dr. Leary then went to Harvard University where he again excelled in his studies and in sports. He continued wrestling at Harvard, where he also won the college's heavyweight boxing championship. After graduating from Harvard, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was commissioned a second lieutenant, serving at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Camp Pendleton in California, before shipping out to Vietnam in 1966 as an officer in the elite 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion. During his

13-month tour of combat duty, he led more than 30 patrols deep behind enemy lines. He was an aggressive patrol leader but always concerned with the welfare of his men. He was in frequent firefights in the jungle and rice paddies, but never lost a man.

He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry among his other decorations. He was honorably discharged as a Captain of Marines, a title he remained proud of for the rest of his life. "When he meets St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, he will introduce himself as Marine Captain Dan Leary," said his brother, Kevin, a San Francisco newspaperman. "It was his proudest title." "He was also a wonderful big brother, always available and supportive of me as a kid and a faithful best friend to me as an adult. I'll miss him terribly." Kevin said. Returning to civilian life, he pursued his lifelong ambition to become a doctor and attended medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City where he graduated with honors in 1972. He completed his residency at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, N.Y. After completing his training he returned to his hometown where his father was still practicing family medicine in his home office on High Street. Dr. Leary Jr., specialized in cardiology and internal medicine, and joined Dr. Joseph Tuthill in practice. They were soon joined by Dr. Paul Mendelson, the trio forming Newburyport Medical Associates, which continues on Highland Avenue under Dr. McCartney. Throughout his practice, Dr. Leary was very proud that he could care for patients that his father and, in one case, his grandmother (midwife to the Irish community) had delivered. He took very good care of his patients and was much loved by them, especially the

WWII veterans. Having an encyclopedic knowledge of the history of this war (and his father having fought at Anzio), he understood the "greatest generation" and loved hearing their stories. Dr. Leary was elected to serve a term as president of the medical staff at Anna Jaques Hospital in the 1980s, and was a member the active medical staff until his retirement. Dr. Leary was an adventurer. As a young student he worked on the Appalachian Mountain Club trail crew. In his youth he had worked on the oil rigs off Louisiana and cattle ranches in Venezuela. He was foreman on an archeological expedition in search of early man in Idaho. Always a vigorous outdoorsman, he climbed many of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks. His patients may not be aware that while on vacation, their doctor skydived and bungee jumped out of a hot air balloon. These adventures and many others served as the inspiration for many of the papers he wrote as a member of the historic Tuesday Night Club.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Wadleigh Leary; daughters Catherine and Elizabeth; his brother Kevin; nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He is predeceased by his brothers George (in infancy) and Christopher Leary, long-serving president of the Newburyport City Council.

### **G. James Allen '55**

Jim passed away in Reno, NV on April 30, 2018 at the age of 80.

### **Jeffery Wood Walker '56**

Jeffery Wood Walker of Sandwich, MA passed away on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Cape Heritage Rehabilitation and Health Center in



Sandwich. He was the husband of the late Donna Lee (Cahoon) Walker. He was born in Boston, MA in 1936, a son of the late Thomas and Mildred (Wood) Walker. He grew up in Stoughton, MA and attended the Fessenden School and Governor Dummer Academy. He was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard and spent most of his enlistment stationed at USCG Station Cape Cod Canal. He was employed in the fencing industry for many years, initially with the Reliable Fence Company in Hyannis and then as owner of the Walker and Son Fence Company in Sandwich. Jeff was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

Jeffery is survived by his sons, John of Sandwich, MA and Robert of South Yarmouth, MA, sister Gretchen of Virginia Beach, VA, brother Malcolm of Marstons Mills, MA, five grandchildren; Brandon of Hyannis, MA, Jeffrey of Falmouth, MA, Kimberly of South Boston, MA, Ashley of Marlboro, MA, Robert of Rocky Hill, CT, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements are private. Donations may be made in his memory to the VNA of Cape Cod.

### **Raymond Ferris '59**

### **Roys Ellis '61**

Roys A. Ellis, III, (AKA Terry) GDA '61 died on January 30, 2018, from complications of diabetes on Maui, Hawaii, where he had lived for most of his life. He was a graduate of The Governor's Academy in Byfield, MA, serving as captain of football, basketball and baseball in his senior year. He was actively scouted by the Boston Red Sox's for his outstanding ability as a pitcher. He attended Harvard College in Cambridge, MA.

He was employed as a Captain by Flying Tiger Airlines and flew into Vietnam many times in that capacity. He was a manager on Maui for C&H Sugar and later managed ordinance clean up on Niihau. Terry was a very bright multi-talented man whose greatest pleasures were playing golf, sailing, reading, drinking beer, and enjoying a joint. He enjoyed an unconventional lifestyle.

He was predeceased by his parents, Roys A. Ellis, Jr. and Marjorie Brown Ellis and his younger brother, Jeffrey Belknap Ellis (GDA '63). He is survived by his older sister, Susan Ellis Van Etten Lawson of Wenham, MA and his youngest brother, James Brown Ellis of Apple Valley, CA, a nephew, Derek Van Etten, Jr (GDA '79), of Londonderry, NH and a niece, Ashley Van Etten (GDA '81) of Narragansett, RI, and two grand-nephews, Duncan Owen Van Etten and Rhys Adams Van Etten of Londonderry, NH.

### Mark O'Brien '64

Mark Edward O'Brien passed away at Anna Jacques Hospital on March 9, 2018. Mark was born on January 5, 1947, in Newburyport, to the late Mary E.



O'Brien and William J. O'Brien, Jr. He graduated from Governor Dummer Academy and received degrees from the College of the Holy Cross and Suffolk Law School. Growing up, he worked at his family's furniture store, O'Brien Furniture, and enjoyed spending time at Hampton Beach. A lifelong resident of Newburyport, he was a proud member of the Newburyport Rotary Club and a former City Solicitor. He worked as an attorney for many years, as well as in real estate. Mark was a devoted Holy Cross

Crusaders fan. He loved keeping up with the teams and attending sporting events on campus. Known for his great sense of humor and generous spirit, Mark cherished his time with family and friends and will be dearly missed. He is survived by his three children, Conor, Trevor, and Kerry; his brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Susan O'Brien; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorial contributions may be made in Mark's name to the National Kidney Foundation Finance Department, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016, or online at [www.kidney.org/donate](http://www.kidney.org/donate).

### Chester Parasco '65

Chester Parasco, Jr., age 70, passed away in his Jamaica Plain home on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Born in Boston, Massachusetts on August 5, 1947, he was the son



of the late Chester and Loretta M. (Lynch) Parasco. He graduated from Governor Dummer Academy with the Class of 1965 and continued his education Middlebury College, earning his Bachelor's Degree in 1969. Chester later enrolled in the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he earned his Master's Degree in Divinity in 1973.

After graduation, Chester took a position with McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA, working as a Mental Health Residential Counselor. While working at McLean, Chester resumed his education, studying at Cambridge in the United Kingdom and later earning his Sacred Theology License from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA in 1995. He also attended the Boston College School of Divinity, graduating in 2006. Chester retired from McLean

in 2014, after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the patients in several departments.

After his retirement, Chester took several pilgrimages to Europe and the Holy Land. Most recently, he became very involved as a volunteer with the Saint Francis House, through the Ignatian Volunteer Corp, a Jesuit service organization who seek to serve the needs of those who most need help during these critical times.

Devoted son of the late Chester and Loretta M. (Lynch) Parasco. He is survived by a large close and loving family of cousins and aunts, as well as countless friends from several areas of his life who will all miss his kindness, great laugh, and overall wonderful uniqueness.

### Dudley Glover '65

Dudley Stanley Glover, age 71, of Newbury, died Thursday morning, May 17, 2018, at Portsmouth Regional Hospital,



from complications of diabetes and heart condition. His family and friends were by his side. Born in Worcester, on May 16, 1947, he was the son of the late Melvin Glover and the late Ruth (Dudley) Glover. Dudley grew up in the Riverside neighborhood of Haverhill. After graduating from Governor Dummer Academy in Newbury, he received his undergraduate degree at Hiram College in Hiram, OH. He then went on to receive his Master's in Biology from Boston University.

Dudley was president of the Boston Jaycees in the early 80's, and also played rugby with the Beacon Hill Rugby team in the 70's. He initiated, researched and published the Boston Globe's

“Educational and Career Planning Guide” for many years.

Dudley was co-owner of Communication Graphics in Brookline and Ocean Press in Newburyport, publishing that city’s restaurant map for many years. For more than 20 years, he worked at H&R Block in Amesbury, preparing hundreds of tax returns for the many, many clients he enjoyed serving over the years. Dudley was an active member of several Masonic affiliations, including St Marks Lodge, A.F. & A.M., where he served as assistant treasurer, as well as St. John’s Lodge A.F. & A.M., where he was treasurer. He was also a member of the Commandery and was High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter.

He is survived by his longtime companion and business partner, Jerrine “Jerie” Larsen of Newbury; stepdaughter, Laura Merrick Lugo (Genaro), Winthrop; stepson, Clay Larsen (Naomi Brave), Malden; brother, Melvin Glover, II (Tamara), Rapid City, SD; nephews, Melvin Glover, III (Annette), Matthew Glover (Nicole), and niece, Christina Walker (Andrew), Summit, NJ; goddaughter, Angelica “Cho” Sincavage and her mother, Elaine Sincavage, Quincy, along with many cousins, extended family, and dear friends. They will always treasure their special memories of Dudley, packed full of fun, laughter, inspiration, and adventure stories.

### Jack Halloran ’72

John “Jack” Halloran passed away unexpectedly on April 19, 2018 while hiking in California with his wife Tami. Jack was the third child and eldest son of John and Betty Halloran, one of



nine siblings. He grew up in Newbury, MA, and graduated from The Governor’s Academy in 1972, and Marquette University in 1976. After graduating, Jack was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and attended Naval Flight School In Corpus Christi, TX, earning his Naval Aviator Wings. Jack made the Navy a career, and was one of only a handful of pilots achieving dual ratings in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. He served several overseas deployments. After retiring from the U.S. Navy, Jack met and married his wife, Tami Paine, and together they raised two daughters, Elizabeth and Caley. Jack pursued a career in education following his Naval service, teaching history at the secondary level in California and Colorado. Jack is survived by his loving wife Tami; and daughters Elizabeth and Caley of Madison, GA; sisters, Bernadette Halloran of Nashua, NH, Betty Knox and husband Frank of Newburyport, MA; and Sheila Bouvier and husband Lou of Ipswich, MA; brothers, Mark and wife Wendy of Fort Myers, FL, Brian and wife Sheila of Seabrook, NH, Peter and wife Sue of Milford, NH, and James of Nashua, NH. He was predeceased by both parents, and sister Mary Ellen Halloran.

### George Brock ’73

George Benedict Dayton native and longtime resident, died on Monday, July 30, 2018, at Hospice of Dayton. His sister Cecilia Brock and brother-in-law Gary Schulman were at his side. Those who knew him agreed: “He was a good person.” Mr. Brock was 62. He achieved academic and athletic excellence at The Governor’s Academy boarding preparatory school in Byfield, Massachusetts, which culminated with his Valedictorian speech, In Praise of

Eccentricity. “To say his consciousness and comprehension were rare is an understatement,” said his Amherst College roommate. George Brock was born to Philip and Madonna Brock on August 12, 1955, at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Dayton. He attended Resurrection Catholic School. The second oldest of nine children, he was a helpful supporter of them all. Mr. Brock is survived by his brothers Steve Brock, James Brock, John Brock, Tom Brock, and Matt Brock; his sisters Cecilia Brock and Madonna Brock; and their spouses and their children. He kept his humor until the end, saying “I’m not dead yet!” mere days before his passing.

### Gretchen Huffsmith ’75

Gretchen Huffsmith was born on July 18, 1957, in Denver, CO, and left this earth on April 16, 2018, in Asheville, NC. Her parents were the late Judith Ann Michel (nee King), and Richard Reeves Huffsmith. She leaves her wife of 11 years, Cheryl DeCristofaro; a brother, Thomas Guinn Huffsmith GDA ’74; and a sister, Melissa Huffsmith-Roth GDA ’85; as well as sister-in-law Ann Huffsmith, aunt Ann Goodhart and much-loved extended Huffsmith and DeCristofaro family members.



Gretchen moved to the Boston area in the 1970s, where she attended The Governor’s Academy in Byfield, MA. She was a member of the class of 1975—the first graduating class to include women in the school’s 200+ year history. She excelled in athletics during her time there. Gretchen attended Emerson College in Boston and graduated with a degree in Theatre. She worked professionally off-

stage (back of the house) for a number of years before beginning a career in restaurant management.

Gretchen and Cheryl met in 2001 at Simmons College in Boston, where they were both working on their Masters Degrees in Business Administration. She received her MBA (with Cheryl) in 2002. They moved to Asheville in 2010, when they purchased and operated a bed and breakfast in Candler. During that time, Gretchen got her real estate license and decided that she loved selling real estate more than she loved being an innkeeper. They sold the business and Gretchen eventually found her “tribe” with the agents at Nest Realty in Asheville. She enjoyed selling real estate and made many friends along the way.

Gretchen has left a legacy of love and caring that enriched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to have known her. She is missed every day by all of her family, friends, and colleagues.

### John J.B. Rooney ’78

John J.B. Rooney, and ocean scientist and ecologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center in Honolulu, died January 16, 2016 after a scuba-diving accident off Portlock in Hawaii Kai four days before his 56th birthday. He was born in Salem, MA.

Rooney, an experienced an avid skydiver, scuba diver and surfer, was on a recreational technical dive with two other longtime diving friends at the time of the accident. In his work, Rooney led the 10-member Ecospatial



Information Team with NOAA’s Coral Reef Ecosystem Program and the Pacific Islands Benthic Habitat Mapping Center at the University of Hawaii. The effort is aimed at mapping and exploring the seafloor habitats and coral reefs around Hawaii, American Soma, Guam, the Norther Marianas and other U.S. Islands, atolls and seamounts across the Pacific.

Rooney had a particular passion for exploring deep coral reefs using advanced diving techniques, remotely operated vehicles and towed camera systems. Often at sea, Rooney participated in about 50 shipboard and other field missions around the Pacific. The research and habitat maps that Rooney and his team developed serve as the basis for management and conservation of coral reefs and fisheries around the Pacific islands. His work often received noteworthy recognition, including the NOAA Team Member of the Year award in 2009.

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Tulane University in 1982, Rooney joined the Navy, serving as an officer aboard the USS Strauss. Later he attended the University of Hawaii, where he received his Master of Science degree in oceanography in 1995 and his doctorate in coastal geology in 2002.

Rooney is survived by wife Cassandra, son Dylan, sisters Catherine Rooney and Ann Ewing, brother Michael Rooney, brother-in-law Sam Bowman and mother-in-law Lee Ann Bowman, widow of Pierre Bowman, a longtime reporter with both the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and The Honolulu Advertiser.

### Carol Florendo

*Health Center Nurse*

Carol Ann (LePage) Florendo, 71, passed away on August 20, 2018, suddenly after a brief illness. She left this world on a high note, close to her friends and family, who will sorely miss her.



Born in Danvers on October 8, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Roger “Joe” and Kathryn (Burke) LePage. Carol attended Saint James grammar school in Salem and graduated from Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody in 1963. She went on to the Lynn Hospital School of Nursing, and became a registered nurse. Carol had been employed with Beverly Hospital, and the former J.B. Thomas Hospital, for many years, before becoming the school nurse for Landmark School, and then The Governors Academy.

In addition to her husband, Norbert, of 48 years, she is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, Colin and Annie Florendo of Marlborough, and Christian and Erika Diehl-Marcus of Los Angeles, CA; her grandchildren, Samantha and Joseph Florendo; her sister, Susan Kilduff and her husband Francis of Salisbury; sister Nancy Dembowski and her husband John of Danvers; and sister Kathy Baldini of Salem.

A lifelong resident of Danvers, Carol had a passion for the arts, books, music, and dancing with friends. She loved the ocean and traveled extensively across the country, and around the world; Paris was a particular favorite.

## Irene Freeman

*Former Switchboard  
Secretary and Assistant  
to Head of School*



Irene Pearl (Mutch)

Freeman, 87, of

Newburyport, passed away peacefully March 11, 2018, at High Pointe House in Haverhill, surrounded by her loving family. She was born at home on October 23, 1930, in Medford, MA, to her parents, the late John Edward and Elsie May (MacKay) Mutch. Irene graduated from Medford High School in 1948 and also attended additional business and administrative assistant courses at North Shore Community College. She worked at American Mutual Insurance Co., General Oil Co., and Chirug & Cairns, Inc. prior to settling into her career at Governor Dummer Academy (GDA) in Byfield, MA. Irene was immensely proud to work at GDA, where she supported the headmaster and received numerous accolades and recognitions throughout her 30-year career.

Irene was a resident of Newburyport for 49 years and enjoyed spending time at the beach, traveling, gardening and handiwork. She received the most joy spending time with her friends and family and especially loved her role as Nana! There was always a glimmer in her eyes and bountiful laughter when she shared precious moments with her grand and great-grandchildren.

Irene was the loving daughter of the late John Edward and Elsie May (MacKay) Mutch. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Alfreda and her husband Warren Taylor of North Reading, George Mutch, Duncan Mutch of Colrain, Jessie and her husband, Jackie Mutch, and Elsie and her husband Charles Brown of Kingfield, ME; and brother-in-law, Charlie Denning of North Reading. She is survived by her

sister, Mary Denning of Newburyport. Irene will be deeply missed by her children, Jack and his wife Janice of Amesbury, Gary and his wife Jodi of Salisbury, David and his wife Michelle of Newburyport, Cheryl and her husband Mike of Aurora, CO, Susan and her husband Bill of Haverhill, and Heidi of Bradford and her longtime friend, Bob Peters of Newburyport. She was also predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Freeman of Newburyport. She was the proud grandmother of Danielle Therrien, Jason Freeman, Justin Freeman, Joshua Freeman, Ryan Freeman, Shaun Freeman, Steven Freeman, Caitlin (Freeman) Clifford, Jennifer Leeman, Matthew Leeman, David Freeman, Taylor Kadel, Derek Freeman, Samantha Brickley, Nicole Freeman, David Brickley and Brendan Stiles. Additionally, she is survived by her great-grandchildren, Joshua and Brendan Paradis, Avery Therrien, Ava Freeman, Riley, Harper and Isla Freeman, Isabella, Jack and Madelynn Freeman, Sam Freeman and Evelyn Leeman.

## Melvin J. Huberdeau

*Buildings & Grounds Staff*

Melvin J. Huberdeau, age 86, longtime resident of Newburyport, passed suddenly at his home on Tuesday evening, August 7, 2018, after a period of declining health. He was the devoted husband of Lucille P. (Rivera) Huberdeau.

One of seven children of the late Delphis J. and Leona A. (Comeau) Huberdeau, he was born in Haverhill on July 5, 1932 and was a graduate of Haverhill High School.

Shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the military, proudly serving during the Korean War with the United States Air Force from March 26, 1952 until his honorable discharge on March 25, 1956, with the rank of Airman First Class.

Mr. Huberdeau had worked at Western Electric as a draftsman for many years. Taking an early retirement from Western Electric, he pursued a 20 year career at The Governor's Academy in Byfield, retiring at the age of 82.

In his younger years while living in Haverhill, Mr. Huberdeau was actively involved with the Jaycees of Haverhill. He was very musically inclined, from singing, to playing bass guitar. He had a longtime career playing with various bands for weddings and other occasions. However, his greatest times were spent with family and friends, and music was always at the forefront.

In addition to his beloved wife, Lucille, he is survived by his daughter, Jeanne Huberdeau of Kensington, N.H.; his son, Craig Huberdeau of Florida; along with many nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends. He was predeceased by his three brothers and his three sisters.