
Because Hamilton
Remembers

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IN 1893, EDWARD NORTH, CLASS OF 1841 — Hamilton’s beloved and distinguished professor of Greek language and literature — told a gathering of alumni, “In necrology we get our horoscope of the future.”

By that time, he was a quarter-century into his self-appointed role as composer of memorial biographies that paid tribute to deceased members of the Association of Hamilton Alumni. It is said that his pen never slept. North’s sketches of the “lives and services” of Hamilton’s stelligerents — a word he originated, meaning “star-bearers” — betrayed an intimacy of association between teacher and student that has defined the Hamilton experience since the College’s founding.

Hamilton’s personality is many-hued, a bold composite of the students who have given life to the College for more than 200 years. In presenting these memorial biographies, we recount the lives of yesterday so that we may open a window onto the wondrous possibilities of Hamilton tomorrow.

Professor North’s tradition, lovingly begun in the 19th century, is alive today in the annual publication of *Because Hamilton Remembers*. Here we hold up the lives of our alumni to stir memories, engender admiration, and, ultimately, bind the Hamilton community together in its enduring common purpose.

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Thomas Anthony Evans '43, a former pilot, insurance company executive, and volunteer teacher of Clinton, N.Y., was born on Dec. 31, 1919, in Plainfield, N.J., a son of the former Violet Truell and Noel Evans, a banker. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy.

Evans attended Hamilton for several years but left during World War II to train as a pilot and teach instrument flying for two years. On the Hill he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, the Honor Court, and the College Choir. He eventually received a B.A. in English from Utica College in 1969 and earned 20 credits toward a graduate degree in social work at Syracuse University.

After working for three years as a pilot for American Airlines, Evans moved to Clinton and joined Utica Mutual Insurance Co. as an underwriter. He retired after 35 years in the insurance business as a vice president.

After retirement Evans began a second career volunteering in day care centers in Clinton and Key Largo, Fla., and as a teaching assistant in the Clinton Elementary School.

Evans, who served his alma mater as a class agent and Career Center volunteer, noted in class reunion yearbooks that living on College Hill Road so near Hamilton allowed him to “[watch] the reunions come and go, [see] some of the guys I used to know.” As to the personal influence of the College on his life, he remarked: “I have no philosophical words of wisdom as to the value of my Hamilton College education, but I’m glad I had it. Don’t remember much, but it makes me feel good.”

Evans married his first wife, the former Margaret Brandt, in 1943. She had

long connections to the College as the granddaughter of Hermann C.G. Brandt, Class of 1872, professor of modern languages, and great-granddaughter of Marcus Catlin, Class of 1827, professor of mathematics and astronomy. Following Margaret’s death, Evans married the former Patricia Renfro in 1992. They lived in Florida, Clinton, and Southport, Maine, where Evans had summered since childhood.

He enjoyed sailing, renovating a boat that took the couple along the Atlantic coast, and driving throughout the U.S. and Canada in a camper they renovated, according to a published obituary. He was a jazz pianist and a skilled watercolorist known for his individually painted Christmas cards every year.

Evans died on Oct. 23, 2019, at the age of 99. He is survived by his wife; four sons, including Thomas Evans, Jr. ’78; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. His daughter-in-law is Anne Priestly K’78.

Lawrence Boyd

Lindemer '43, an attorney active in Republican politics, was born on Aug. 21, 1921, in Syracuse, N.Y., to the former Altamae Reimers and George Lindemer. He grew up in Upstate New York and relished time at the family camp on Skaneateles Lake where he would meet his future bride, Rebecca Mead Gale. Lindemer prepared for college at the Taft School.

After two years on College Hill, where he had focused his studies in history and

English and joined Psi Upsilon fraternity, Larry and Becky married and moved to her family’s farm near Stockbridge, Mich. They would call that their home for the next 50 years with Lindemer completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan.

Lindemer served for two years in the U.S. Army Air Force before earning his J.D. in 1948, also from the University of Michigan. He spent the next few years as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ingham County, Mich., a member of the Michigan House of Representatives, and as a staff member of the Hoover Commission in Washington, D.C., before settling in for two decades at the law firm which would eventually become Foster, Lindemer, Swift & Collins.

Lindemer remained active in the Republican party political scene, serving as Michigan state chairman (1957-61) and a Republican candidate for attorney general (1966). He also served on the University of Michigan Board of Regents from 1969 to 1975. The following year he became a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Lindemer then worked as a senior vice president and general counsel for Consumers Power Co. and later at the law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith.

Despite spending only a few years at Hamilton, Lindemer noted in a reunion yearbook, “The requirements of my first two years at Hamilton — physical education, public speaking, English, a science, and foreign language — gave a form to the education process which I needed. The direction imposed at that time in my formative years has been a great help to me.”

Following his wife’s death in 1991, Lindemer married the former Jean Backus and spent the next chapter of his life in Florida where the couple enjoyed making



orange juice from fruit grown in a grove on their property. After Jean's death he moved back to Michigan.

Lindemer, who served Hamilton as a class agent and reunion gift committee member, died on May 21, 2020, at the age of 98. He is survived by two sons, three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

After a long life that included a successful career as a urologist and service in the U.S. Navy, **Henry Ernest Wolfe, Jr. '44** died on Oct. 21, 2019. Wolfe, of Champaign, Ill., was 97.



As noted in a published obituary, he possessed a quick wit and was always ready with a pun or a joke, remarks that came to be known as "Wolferisms." A staunch Chicago Cubs fan, he was delighted to see his team win the World Series in his lifetime.

Wolfe was born on Aug. 17, 1922, in Binghamton, N.Y., the son of Henry Wolfe, Sr., a banker, and the former Bess Jones, a homemaker. He graduated from Binghamton Central High School before moving on to college where he took premed coursework and was involved with the Squires. In an alumni reunion yearbook, he cited as his special Hamilton memories, "The days of the 'weather men, 1942, 1943, the long hike from Clinton."

Wolfe attended Albany Medical College, graduating in 1947. From that year until 1956, he was an active-duty physician in the U.S. Navy. He did his internship in 1947-48 at St. Albans Naval Hospital in Queens, N.Y., then spent the next two years in his urology residency at St. Albans and New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. In 1950, the Korean War interrupted his training, and he was deployed on the ship *USS Thomas Jefferson*. Wolfe, who took part in the Inchon landing, departed the Navy with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

The same year he left the service, Wolfe went to work as a urologist and urology surgeon at the Carle Clinic and Hospital in Urbana, Ill., where he would spend the remainder of his career and become chief of urology. He also served as chief of staff for the Carle Hospital Foundation. Wolfe is remembered as a passionate and dedicated doctor. Among his professional affiliations, he was a member of the American Medical Association, the American Urological

Association, the Illinois State Medical Society, and he was a diplomat of the American College of Surgeons.

Active in the community, Wolfe served as a member and president of the Urbana Chamber of Commerce and the Urbana Lions Club. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Urbana. After he retired in 1991, he loved to play bridge and golf during winters in Florida.

Survivors include four children, four grandchildren, three stepchildren, and step-grandchildren. His wife, the former Marion Bigelow, died in 2007; he was married two times previously.

Roswell "Ros" George Daniels '46

a doctor of occupational medicine of East Peoria, Ill., and formerly of Morton, Ill., was born on Sept. 15, 1924, in Watertown, N.Y., a son of the former Amelia Schwing and George Daniels. He graduated from Watertown High School.



Daniels attended Hamilton for almost two years, pursuing an accelerated program, before joining the Army Special Training Program to study medicine. On the Hill he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity and received the Benjamin Walworth and the Fayerweather prize scholarships.

Daniels once described his Hamilton years as "[a]n excellent basic education and a gateway to medicine." Indeed, he went on to earn his M.D. from the Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine in 1947. He interned at Bellevue Hospital in New York and completed his residency at Internal Medicine at Brooklyn Hospital from 1947 to 1950. In 1960, he received a doctor of public health degree in occupational medicine from the University of Pittsburgh.

Daniels would spend two decades in the U.S. Army, first participating in the Korean Inchon landing and then serving as a group surgeon in Korea from 1950 to 1951. He also served posts in Maryland, Utah, Okinawa, Washington, D.C., and Heidelberg, Germany. He completed his military career as a commanding officer of the U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency and was honorably discharged as a captain in 1971.

As a civilian, Daniels served as medical director of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. in Washington, D.C., from 1971 to 1978, and then worked

as the East Peoria plant medical director for the Caterpillar Tractor Co. until his retirement in 1990.

Daniels was a fellow of the American Board of Medical Specialties in Preventive Medicine and Public Health, in addition to Occupational Medicine. He was also a member of the American Public Health Association, among other professional organizations.

During his retirement Daniels worked on the medical staff of OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria and attended pediatric, internal medicine, and neurology grand rounds. He also served for nine years as a board member of the OSF St. Francis Medical Center College of Nursing until 2015.

Daniels, who served Hamilton as a class agent and reunion gift committee member, died on Nov. 10, 2019. He was 95. Surviving are his wife, the former Jean Aldag, and a son, daughter, stepson, and stepdaughter. His first wife, the former Beverly Radley, died in 1996.

Robert Gray Howard '46

a securities executive who served his alma mater as a trustee, was born in Johnson City, N.Y., the son of Frank and Nan Howard. Raised in Binghamton, N.Y., he came to Hamilton only to have his education suspended when he enlisted in the Navy V-5 program in 1943 and was called to active duty and preflight training in June of that year.



After receiving his "wings of gold" in March 1945 and, after carrier qualification, Howard was awaiting assignment when World War II came to an end. He was discharged in November and returned to College Hill in January 1946 to resume his undergraduate studies.

Howard majored in German and political science. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he participated in drama productions, on the swim team, and with WHC radio. He also earned the McKinney Public Speaking Prize.

In 1948, with his Hamilton degree in hand and his new wife, the former Janet Staley, by his side, he returned to Binghamton and his family's retail hardware business, A.L. Davis Son, Inc. After five years, the Howards moved to Rye, N.Y., where he went to work for the brokerage firm Reynolds and Co. During his 30 years with the firm, he contributed to its

expansion and success until his retirement in 1984 as executive vice president of what had become Dean Witter Reynolds.

Throughout the years, Howard remained active in the life of the College. He served as a class agent and reunion committee member, and in 1972 established an endowed scholarship awarded each year to students with financial need. Three years later he joined the Board of Trustees. As regional chairman of the Campaign for the '90s, he attended 60 of 66 events held throughout the country. In 1994, he chaired the Crazy Mixed-Up Years Project that brought together Hamilton men of the Greatest Generation who, like him, had had their educations interrupted by service to their country.

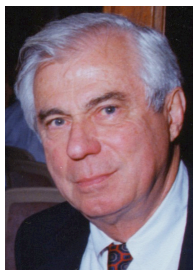
In 1996, on the occasion of his 50th reunion, Howard was presented with an honorary degree for his lifetime service to the College, and in 1998 he gave the address at Class & Charter Day appropriately titled "Straddling the War at Hamilton." The diner in the Beinecke Student Activities Village is named in his honor.

Once when asked what Hamilton has meant to him, he responded, "A fine tradition and, lately, a chance to give back something in return for what the College has given me."

Howard also gave back to his local community. He was a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church and on community boards, including the local Republican Committee, the zoning board of appeals, the United Fund, and a hospital. He enjoyed travel, skiing, golf, and following his grandchildren's athletic events.

Howard died on March 12, 2020, at his home in Delray Beach, Fla., at the age of 95. In addition to his wife of 72 years, he is survived by two daughters, two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. His brother, Norman Howard, was a member of the Class of 1936.

Graydon Shaw Staring '46, an attorney of Oakland, Calif., was born on April 9, 1923, in Deansboro, N.Y., a son of the former Eleanor Shaw and William Staring. He graduated from Waterville (N.Y.) High School.



Like so many alumni of his era, Staring's education was interrupted by the Second World War. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and remained in the Reserves, retiring as a commander. His

service gave rise to a lifelong love of ships and things maritime.

Staring, who completed his degree requirements in 1947, majored in mathematics, tramped with the Charlatans, and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He remained on College Hill for a year after graduation to work as a public speaking instructor.

Determined to relocate to warmer climes, Staring obtained a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1951. It was there where he met his future wife, the former Joyce Allum-Poon, a student from Trinidad. They were married in 1949, less than a year after the California Supreme Court struck down the state's anti-miscegenation law, which would have prohibited their union, the obituary noted.

Staring worked for the Justice Department for eight years and then joined the San Francisco law firm of Lillick, McHose & Charles (now Nixon Peabody LLP), where he mentored young lawyers and developed an international reputation in maritime law and marine insurance. He served as president of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, was a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and argued appeals, including before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Active in his community, Staring completed a term as president and later director of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, served on the city's lawyers committee for urban affairs, and represented the mayor on the San Francisco-Shanghai friendship committee.

Long passionate about writing, Staring served as editor of *American Maritime Cases*, authored a treatise on reinsurance, and published many articles, including some while he was in his 90s. His love of words and books began at a young age; in retirement he took up bookbinding and collecting books, most for donation to libraries.

Staring once remarked on the College's influence on his life for his 50th reunion yearbook, "Schools may brainwash students in favor of their own ways of life and learning. If so, I have been happily and permanently brainwashed to revere the demands and gifts of the liberal arts, the civility of our student life, and the intimacy of students and faculty, all of which still prevail on the Hill."

Staring, who long served his alma mater by hosting events and taking leadership roles in fundraising campaigns by serving as class gift chair and reunion gift chair, died on July 25, 2019. He was 96 and is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, and eight grandchildren.

Richard James Carmer '48, a vice president of the Harden Furniture Co., in McConnellsville, N.Y., was born on June 27, 1923, in Larchmont, N.Y., to the former Alma Sayles and Kenneth



Carmer, a plumbing fixtures representative. He graduated from Mamaroneck (N.Y.) High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving with the 10th Mountain Division from 1942 to 1944.

Following his service, Carmer made his way to Hamilton where he was a member of Student Council, Was Los, the baseball team, and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. A standout on skates, he also played for the Continentals hockey team and professionally with the Clinton Comets.

Carmer noted in his 50th reunion yearbook that because of his experiences on the Hill he "urged and successfully sent all my children to liberal arts colleges, Hamilton and similar schools."

Following his graduation, he accepted a sales position with Harden Furniture, owned by the family of his fellow Hamilton classmate David Harden. Carmer remained with the company for 43 years until his retirement as vice president of sales.

During his Army service he became a skier and also enjoyed golf and tennis. Carmer was an avid reader and a teacher of history. He remained in the McConnellsville community after his retirement and was involved with the nonprofit Cluster 13 Ministries and the McConnellsville Community Church, among other activities. He also served Hamilton as class gift chair and reunion chair, and volunteered for the Career Center.

Carmer died on Aug. 5, 2019. He was 96 years old and is survived by his wife of 68 years, the former Jane Kies; four children, including Richard Carmer, Jr. '73; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Curtis Gross, Sr. '48, an attorney and oil business executive of Portsmouth, R.I., was born on Oct. 22, 1926, in Nyack, N.Y., a son of the former Jean Michaud and Charles Gross. He attended Nyack High School.



On the Hill, Gross served as assistant manager of the baseball team, on the staff of WHC radio, and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He was awarded the Hawley Prize in Latin.

For Gross, the College's name alone paved the way for success in life. "It's amazing what a sheepskin can do for you when it bears the words *Collegii Hamiltonensis*," he remarked in his 50th reunion yearbook. He noted that his degree led to graduation from a prestigious law school and a career with a world-renowned oil company.

Gross earned a J.D. in 1950 from Cornell School of Law and practiced law privately for two years. In 1952, he began a 30-year career with Texaco, Inc., retiring as an officer of the corporation, heading the shareholder relations division, and serving in the executive department. Not one to remain idle, he then served as a docent at the Newport Car Museum in Rhode Island.

Gross died on Aug. 1, 2019. He was 92 years old and is survived by his wife of 32 years, the former Elizabeth "Lolly" Felter, three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. An earlier marriage to the former Roberta Stewart in 1953 had ended in divorce.

Donald Herbert Gent '49, a psychiatrist and surgeon of Hanover, Pa., was born on Dec. 8, 1926, in Endicott, N.Y., the second son of the former Cora Trippe and Thomas Gent, an electrician. He graduated from Endicott Union High School in 1944.



Gent entered Hamilton that year, but his studies were interrupted by World War II. He returned to campus in the fall of 1946 and graduated with the Class of 1949, although he is also listed with the Class of '50. Gent noted years later that he felt "betwixt and between." On the Hill, he majored in biology and physics.

Gent credited his experience on College Hill with bolstering his future success. "I used to think all schools were roughly equal, but Hamilton is tougher, more comprehensive than other schools, and gave me an advantage," he wrote for his 50th reunion yearbook.

After earning an M.D. from Columbia University in 1952 and pursuing an internship and residency in internal medicine at Robert Packer Hospital and

Guthrie Clinic in Sayre, Pa., Gent was licensed as a physician and surgeon, practicing for 10 years. Following a specialized residency in psychiatry, and eventual board certification, he practiced as a psychiatrist in Illinois, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Gent was on the staff at Hanover Hospital for many years, and after his retirement in 1993, he continued as a staff member with the Adams-Hanover Counseling Center. During his long career he received numerous awards and lifetime achievements, according to a published obituary.

A lover of music, fishing, and studying Scripture, Gent was a member or on the board of numerous community and international organizations. He and his wife, Myrtle, also relished traveling to the island of Bonaire, Israel, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, and England.

Gent died on Oct., 7, 2019. He was 92 and is survived by two sons, two daughters, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife and their eldest daughter.

Charles Roscoe Lewis II '49, an environmental geologist, was born on July 1, 1926, in Ilion, N.Y., a son of Floyd Lewis, a contractor, and the former Minnie Gamsby. He prepared for Hamilton at Mohawk Central School.



Active on campus in the College Choir, the Charlatans, and WHC radio, he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. The 1949 *Hamiltonian* yearbook noted, "Chuck's sincerity, all-around ability, and Gay Nineties renditions will make his name long remembered."

After graduating with a major in geology and Phi Beta Kappa honors, Lewis went on to do graduate work at Harvard and the University of Colorado in geology. He eventually joined Dames and Moore, an environmental specialist, and became a partner in that firm based in Washington. In his retirement, he moved to New Woodstock, N.Y.

Lewis' long list of volunteer activities for Hamilton included service as class president and class agent. He was also proud that his father-in-law, Samuel Adams, was a graduate of the College, Class of 1916.

Lewis died on Oct. 26, 2019, at the age of 93. Predeceased by his wife, the

former Marilyn Adams to whom he was married in 1949, he is survived by three sons and a daughter.

Richard McGhee '49, a retired special education teacher, was born on March 5, 1925, in Queens, N.Y., a son of Anna Kueffner and William McGhee, a clerical worker, and brother of William Charles McGhee '42. After graduating from Jamaica High School, he followed in his brother's footsteps to Hamilton.

Dick McGhee remained on College Hill for a year, after which he was gently asked to leave. He joined the U.S. Army and served for three years during World War II. He earned a Bronze Star for valor in combat. After discharge, McGhee returned to Hamilton, ready this time, and completed his degree. On campus he was a member of the Squires Club and the swim team. Named to the honorary Doers & Thinkers, he focused his studies in history, political science, and art.

With no immediate career goals after graduation, McGhee tried several things, including banking, which he hated, and working for the American Automobile Association (AAA).

McGhee met his future wife, Mary Louise Baker, on a blind date on Feb. 12, 1955, set up by mutual friends Lois and David Simonson '47. Lois was a fellow teacher with Baker, and David was McGhee's roommate at Hamilton. Unbeknownst to the friends who introduced them, the couple continued dating and were married five months later.

An experience at a youth summer camp pointed McGhee to his eventual career, and in 1957, he attended CW Post College to earn his teaching credentials. For most of his career, he taught special needs students in middle and high school. McGhee recalled some great stories from that experience, including how he taught his students to play checkers on the tiles of the classroom floor using books as pieces when it was storming outside and recess was canceled. There was also the tale of how a very large, very angry high school boy was going after one of his peers. McGhee stepped in between the two boys to restore order when the angry student just picked him up and said, "Excuse me, Mr. McGhee" and put him to one side.

In 1969, the McGhees moved to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they both continued their teaching careers. Dick retired in 1991, becoming a househusband and kindergarten helper until Mary Lou retired in 2003. They liked to travel and, by happenstance, developed a special relation-

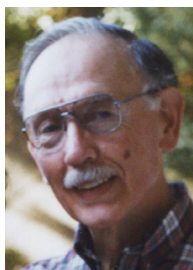
ship with a family that ran a small hotel in Appleby, England. For many years they spent every Christmas season at the hotel, where they were treated like family.

When reflecting on his years at Hamilton for his 50th reunion yearbook, McGhee noted, "The two most important things Hamilton gave me were the self-confidence to face new situations without panicking and to keep an open mind about persons, places, and things. Both gifts have stood me in good stead over the years."

McGhee died on May 25, 2019, at the age of 94. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a niece and nephew, and a grand-niece and grand-nephew. His niece contributed her memories for this obituary.

Douglas Morris Parrott '49, a

Presbyterian minister and professor emeritus of religious studies of Riverside, Calif., was born on July 16, 1927, in Utica, N.Y., a son of the former Helen Morris and William Parrott, a manufacturer. He was raised in Stamford, Conn., and graduated from Stamford High School.



Parrott focused his studies in English literature and philosophy at the College. He was a member of Squires, the Charlatans, College Choir, and the Student Christian Association, for which he served two years as president. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, he received the Babcock Philosophy Prize before earning a master's of divinity in 1952 and a master's of sacred theology in 1965 from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

Parrott served as a Presbyterian minister in Cold Spring, N.Y., and Ringwood, N.J., before pursuing an academic career. In 1965, he moved to California, where he earned a Ph.D. in 1970 from the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. From 1968 to 1971, he was part of an international team of scholars who translated fourth-century Gnostic writings found in a jar in 1945 near Nag Hammadi in Upper Egypt. The impact of Gnosticism on early Christianity became a research interest, according to a published obituary.

In 1971, Parrott joined the religious studies department at the University of California at Riverside, where he taught courses on the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, and the history of Christianity and Islam. He was committed to social justice and participated in the March on

Washington in 1963 where he joined the throngs to hear Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

Known to carry a worn copy of the Constitution in his back pocket wherever he went, Parrott loved opera, films, and the L.A. Dodgers. He was legendary for his buttermilk pancakes, dry wit, sharp mind, and compassionate spirit, the obituary noted. He credited his alma mater with opening up new worlds. "Hamilton was like experiencing the Enlightenment all over again. It's not that everything that had gone on before was darkness, but it all seemed constrained by past ways of looking at things, whether it was at school or home or church," he wrote for his 50th reunion yearbook.

Parrott died on Aug. 17, 2019. He was 92 and is survived by his wife of 31 years, the former Christine Petzar; a son; a daughter; a stepdaughter; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased in 1983 by his first wife, the former Anne Elder.

David Robert Bannatyne '50, an

insurance agent of Stratford, Conn., was born on Aug. 5, 1926, in New York City and adopted by the former Mary Freethy and Rodney Bannatyne. He entered Hamilton with the Class of '48, but his studies were interrupted when he left to serve as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Bannatyne returned to the College after his discharge and completed his degree requirements with the Class of '50. On the Hill he was active on the soccer and skiing teams and with the Outing Club. A member and captain of the Cheerleading Club, he was also a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity.

He was co-owner of the Town Hall Insurance Agency in Stratford and was a Mason who served as president of the Stratford YMCA. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, tennis, and bridge during retirement, according to an earlier class notes entry in the *Hamilton Alumni Review*.

Bannatyne died on Aug. 4, 2019, a day before his 93rd birthday. He is survived by two children and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Janet Young Richardson, and his second wife, the former Joan Palmer.

Crossan Hays Curry '50, an artist and art professor of Oxford, Ohio, was born on Sept. 16, 1924, in Pittsburgh, one of eight children of the former Carolyn

Hays and Grant Curry, an attorney. He prepared for college at Avon Old Farms School in Connecticut.

Curry served in the U.S. Army in World War II in Europe from 1943 to 1946. After arriving on College Hill, he majored in art and anthropology and participated in the College Choir, Glee Club, and the staff of the humor magazine *Royal Gaboon*. A lacrosse player, he was a member of Chi Psi fraternity.

Curry, who later served Hamilton as a class agent, reflected on his College Hill years as providing a discipline for his life and career. He noted in his 40th reunion yearbook, "Oddly, I have felt well-prepared for life and creativity even though the Art Department of the '40s must have been one of the school's least developed programs."

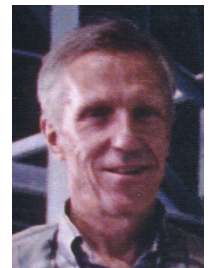
After graduation, he earned an M.F.A. at The Ohio State University in Columbus and taught art at Miami University in Oxford from 1960 until his retirement in 1995. In 1994, the university established an endowment in his name for an annual award to recognize a distinguished educator in the College of Creative Arts.

An activist, Curry was interested in historic preservation, animal rights, wildlife, and the environment. He maintained 20 acres with a menagerie of donkeys, goats, exotic fowl, and dogs.

Curry died on June 26, 2019, at the age of 94. In 1954, he married the former Lucy Sebad; he is survived by a son and a daughter, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Two cousins, Charles Estabrook, Jr. and Henry Estabrook, were members of the Class of '33 and '37, respectively.

Robert Bigelow DeMaine '50, whose

career trifecta included teacher, city planner, and landscape designer, was born on Oct. 20, 1929, and raised in New York City, a son of



Harry DeMaine, an artist, and the former Lucy MacDonald, a secretary to the American Field Service Ambulance Corps during the World Wars.

At Hamilton, he focused his studies on art and history while finding time to participate on the track and cross country teams, the Charlatans, the Outing Club, Intramural Council, and Squires Club.

After earning a degree at Harvard Graduate School of Education and two years in the U.S. Army (1951-53), he used the G.I. Bill for another year at Teacher's

College, Columbia University. He then taught art at West Orange (N.J.) High School for nine years.

In 1963, a different career called, and he landed at the University of North Carolina Graduate School of City and Regional Planning. With his new master's degree in hand, he became the first full-time planner for the town of Chapel Hill (1966-78). Later he became a regional planner at the Triangle J Council of Governments.

Although he had a talent for city planning, DeMaine felt as if his creativity was not being tapped to its full potential. In 1979, he entered a two-year program in landscape design at North Carolina State University. He was mostly self-employed in that field for several years beginning in 1981. In 1992, he eased into his final career, volunteering several days a week at Club Boulevard Humanities Magnet Elementary School in Durham, an activity he enjoyed for 28 years until late 2019.

DeMaine remained active throughout his life. In 1965, he discovered the Chapel Hill International Folk Dance Club, which he had been an active part of through its 55th anniversary in 2019. A runner since his Hamilton days, he took up with the Carolina Godiva Track Club in the late 1970s and the Tarheel Hash House Harriers, starting in their second run in 1981 and laying his last trail for them from Carol Woods Retirement Community in the winter of 2019.

A loyal alumnus who served Hamilton as a class agent, DeMaine died on Jan. 18, 2020, at his home in Raleigh, N.C., at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, the former Ann Wuehrmann, whom he had married in 1970.

Robert Millard Gow '50, a family-owned ice and milk company officer and ski lodge operator of Warren, N.Y., was born on Jan. 8, 1927, in Binghamton, N.Y., a son of the former Margaret Lacey and Millard Gow, Class of 1916. He grew up in Endicott, N.Y., and graduated early from Union Endicott High School in January 1945 to enlist in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Following his service, Gow attended Hamilton, following in the footsteps of his father, brother James Gow '46, and uncle Willard Gow, Class of 1916. He was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Gow went on to study guidance at Albany State College for Teachers and later dairy science at Cornell University. He worked as general manager and then president-treasurer for the family-owned Magic City Ice and Milk Co. in Endicott

from the early 1950s until the company was sold in 1968. He then served as a circulation director for the *Elmira Star-Gazette* and *Sunday Telegram*.

In 1969, Gow and his wife, the former Helen Hudda, purchased and operated a ski lodge, the Christmas Tree Inn in Warren, which was sold in 1993.

Gow played golf for 80 years and was known for his short game, according to a published obituary. He was an avid reader, believing there was always much to learn about the world. Most years, he visited the Gatineau Club, a hunting and fishing venue in Quebec purchased by his father in 1937, where he enjoyed those pursuits.

Gow died on Nov. 1, 2019. He was 92 years old and is survived by one daughter and two granddaughters. He was predeceased by his wife.

W. Arthur Blanchard, Jr. '51, an attorney and artist of Dallas, was born on Oct. 24, 1926, in Haskell, Okla., a son of the former Susan Fanning, a schoolteacher, and Arthur Blanchard, Sr., a postmaster. He graduated in 1944 from Cherryvale High School in Kansas and received a scholarship to the University of Kansas. After one semester, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific Theatre. After the war he reenlisted and was stationed in Germany until 1948.

Blanchard then entered Hamilton, where he graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors and as class salutatorian. A member of Phi Beta Chi fraternity, the Greek and German major received prizes in economics, Latin, and Greek upon graduation. A College memory was recalled tongue-in-cheek: "I resolved never to live in a place that cold again," he wrote for his 50th reunion yearbook.

Blanchard attended the University of Pennsylvania Law School for a year after Hamilton and later graduated from the University of Texas Law School with an LL.B. in 1955. He began his legal career at Senter and Rosser in Snyder, Texas, where he worked in civil and criminal cases. Blanchard later became the attorney for the City of Snyder, serving from 1961 to 1963.

Thereafter Blanchard relocated to the Lakewood area of Dallas to begin a career at Leachman, Gardere, Akin, Porter & DeHay, which later became Gardere, Wynne, Jaffe & DeHay. He specialized in banking law and went on to cofound his own firm, DeHay & Blanchard, in 1979, which changed to Payne & Blanchard in 1992. He served as a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Dallas Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the

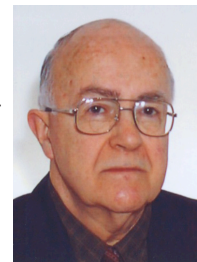
American Society of International Law, and the Texas Association of Bank Counsel.

Blanchard balanced his legal acumen with a flair for the arts. He pursued classes at El Centro College and Southern Methodist University. His works, which he created in many media — from oil paintings and charcoal-and-ink drawings, to sculptures and woodcuttings — were occasionally on exhibit and featured in the book *Art in Church*. He left behind numerous Christmas cards created for family and friends, as well as hundreds of paintings, according to a published obituary.

Blanchard died on Aug. 16, 2019, at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, the former Louise Delvin, three children, and four grandsons. He was predeceased by his oldest daughter in 1976.

Peter Torrey

Cameron '51, whose passion for music followed him throughout his life, was born on June 13, 1929, in Wilmington, Del., a son of the former Ethel Torrey and



Harvey Cameron, who worked at the newly opened experimental station at DuPont. Three years later, the family moved to Upstate New York when Dr. Cameron was recruited to chair the Physics Department at Hamilton.

The young Cameron spent his elementary and middle-school years in Clinton before enrolling at The Loomis School in Connecticut. He returned home, however, to accept admission to Hamilton, where he joined the Emerson Literary Society, focused his studies in history, and lent his acting talents to the Charlatans and his baritone voice to the College Choir.

Having taken piano lessons since he was a child, Cameron began learning the organ at Loomis and continued his studies at Hamilton. After some graduate work in archaeology and French, and trying out teaching, he found his true passion — building, maintaining, and tuning pipe organs. He spent the bulk of his career, from 1977 to 1994, with the Andover Organ Co. in Massachusetts, where he was maintenance coordinator.

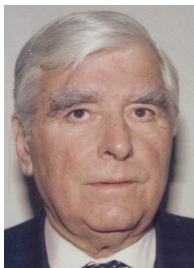
In 1981, Cameron traveled to Denmark, Germany, and Holland with a study group playing and hearing new and historical pipe organs. His dedication to research on the pipe organ earned him the Organ Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award in 2001.

Passionate about the arts, and particularly music, throughout his life, he routinely performed in Gilbert & Sullivan operas with the North Shore Light Opera Co. in Byfield, Mass., and sang in the choir at the Haverhill Universalist Unitarian Church. He also served on the board and was a member of the Merrimack Valley People for Peace Choir.

Cameron embraced his family roots. A member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, he visited Britain three times in his retirement with their tours, collecting original documents, letters, articles, and photographs that he assembled into volumes that will eventually be archived.

In 2015, Cameron moved to Northampton, Mass., to be closer to his sister. He died on April 27, 2020, at the age of 90 and is survived by his sister and several nieces and nephews.

Bernard François Combemale '51 was described in his senior year *Hamiltonian* yearbook this way — “One of France’s last diplomats, Bernie’s charm and friendliness are sure to win him friends wherever he goes.”



Born on Oct. 23, 1929, in Paris to Yves Robert and Jacqueline Porte Combemale, he attended private schools in France before making the decision to attend college in the States. His fondest Hamilton memories included “discovering America, learning English, and making the transition to a new world, new friends, and new values after the traumatic years of World War II in France,” he noted in his 50th reunion yearbook.

On College Hill, Combemale majored in economics, participated on the track team, and joined Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. From 1951 to 1953, he served the U.S. Army in the 43rd infantry division before launching his career in investment banking, both in New York and Paris. He focused in the insurance and hotel and leisure industries.

Combemale’s career stops included stints as a banking-international partner at Blyth & Co.; CEO of the international INA Corp.; CEO of the Société des Bains de Mer in Monte Carlo; chairman and CEO of Trust House Forte US; and various directorships and foundation boards, including The French-American Foundation, The Princess Grace Foundation-USA,

and The Claude Pompidou Foundation. He served for a time as chairman of the executive committee and director of the Western World Insurance Group.

Beyond his professional life, Combemale’s interests included his home and garden in France, organizing the Franco-American Music Festival in Normandy, and travel and reading. An alumni trustee from 1977 to 1981, he established the Bernard F. Combemale Scholarship awarded to international students enrolled at the College.

Combemale died on June 2, 2020, at the age of 90. Predeceased by his former wife, Pamela Woolworth Combemale, whom he had married in 1956, he is survived by four children, including Chris '80 and Nick Combemale '85, and many grandchildren.

Arthur Leland Content '51, a tax and real estate attorney in the Washington, D.C., area recently of Annapolis, Md., was born on July 30, 1930, in Brooklyn, N.Y., a son of the former Addie Alexander and Edward Content, a radio and acoustics engineer. Raised in Queens, N.Y., and Stamford, Conn., he prepared for college at Stamford High School.

After graduation from Hamilton, Content earned a J.D. on a full scholarship at the University of Chicago Law School in 1954. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in White Sands, N.M. After his discharge, he performed legal work in San Francisco before taking a job with the law firm of Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn in Washington, D.C., where he was eventually named senior partner.

Content formed his own firm, Content, Tatusko & Patterson, in 1978, specializing in real estate and tax law. He was responsible for many real estate developments in the DC area, including the Bethesda Air Rights buildings, The Chateau at New Hampshire Ave., Foxhall Crescents in Georgetown, and a number of early high-rise projects in Rosslyn, according to a published obituary.

Following his retirement in the mid-'90s, he moved to Annapolis. Content was a sailor, tennis player, and devotee of the Kennedy Center, and mentored many lawyers in tax and real estate law. He remained active as a pro bono financial adviser for disabled clients in Montgomery County and was also a generous philanthropist, the obituary noted.

Content died on July 9, 2019. He was 88 years old and is survived by five sons, including David Content '82; five granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

He had two marriages that ended in divorce, the first in 1960 to the former Mary McEwen, daughter of former Hamilton President Robert Ward McEwen, and the second in 1982 to the former Adrienne Dominguez.

Merritt Charles Farren '51, of Fort Worth-Dallas, a

longtime U.S. Navy engineer and fighter pilot and later an electrical engineer with two major aerospace and defense contractors, was born on Oct. 15, 1929, in East Orange, N.J., a son of the former Katherine Broadbent and Merritt Farren, an architect. He prepared for college at Montclair (N.J.) High School.

On the Hill, Farren, a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, lent his talents to the track and field and squash teams, band, Glee Club, Music Club, and Outing Club. During his last two Hamilton summers he completed courses at the Naval Reserves Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I., which allowed him to enter as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

After graduation with his degree in mathematics and physics in hand, Farren joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1951 to 1971 as an engineer, fighter pilot, and research and development worker, retiring as lieutenant commander. Along the way he earned a master’s in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School.

Following his service, Farren embarked on a 20-year career in the aerospace unit of Hughes Aircraft Co. in Los Angeles and Tucson, Ariz., working in the radar, computer, and missiles divisions. From there, he moved on to Lockheed Martin Corp. in Marietta, Ga., where he spent more than 10 years in the R&D unit working on fighter planes.

According to his daughter Leslie, he was active in the Episcopal Church and Habitat for Humanity. Farren also continued to enjoy musical activities in his retirement, following pursuits begun while at Hamilton. He credited the College with grounding his success in his professional life. “Hamilton provided me with a breadth of education that I sense many in aerospace and defense did not get. The math and science courses at Hamilton prepared me for engineering graduate studies fully as well as those coming from undergraduate engineering schools,” he wrote for his 40th reunion yearbook.



Farren died on April 6, 2019. He was 89 years old and is survived by his wife, the former Joan "JoAnn" Barnard, whom he married in 1956; two daughters; one son; and several grandchildren.

Married life began on College Hill for **Greene Fenley III '51**, a New York City advertising executive. Born on Oct. 23, 1929, in Cincinnati, the son of Greene Fenley, Jr., and the former Margaret Anderson, he prepared for Hamilton at the Ashville School.



Fenley studied psychology and economics and pledged Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. Named editor of the *Hamiltonian* yearbook, he earned membership into Pi Delta Epsilon, the journalism honorary society. He and the former Bette-Burr Meader wed the summer before his senior year, and the couple enjoyed the first year of married life in North Village, a community set up on campus for returning veterans.

After graduation the couple relocated to the Detroit area where Fenley started his career in the advertising business. In 1956, they moved to Old Greenwich, Conn., from where he began commuting to New York City's Madison Avenue for a job at Dancer-Fitzgerald-Sample, then one of the top 10 advertising agencies in the country. He would rise to the position of senior vice president and creative director.

Exciting as it may have been, the fast-paced life grew tiresome for Fenley, and he opted for early retirement in 1974. The family headed south to Naples, Fla., before that area became too crowded, and in 1986 relocated to Fearrington Village near Chapel Hill, N.C.

Active in his communities near and far, Fenley served as a trustee of The Leukemia Society of America, a member of the Chatham County (N.C.) Literary Council, and as a teacher of at-risk youth at the Pittsboro, N.C., middle school. In his long retirement, he enjoyed cooking, jazz, travel, and peace and quiet.

Ever devoted to his alma mater, Fenley served as a class correspondent for the *Hamilton Alumni Review*, as president of the Southern Florida Alumni Association, and as a class agent.

Fenley died on March 11, 2020, at the age of 90. He is survived by his wife, two children, and a foster grandson.

Donald Owen Pollock '51, a

physician of Cooperstown, N.Y., was born on March 12, 1930, in East Orange, N.J., a son of the former Helen Glasson and James Pollock, Jr., a salesman. He graduated from Morristown (N.J.) High School as class valedictorian.



At Hamilton, Pollock majored in biology and graduated magna cum laude and with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He was a member of the basketball, cross country, and tennis teams, Chapel Board, Campus Fund, Doers & Thinkers, the cheerleader squad, and Psi Upsilon fraternity. Pollock won the Benjamin Walworth Arnold Prize Scholarship and the Dale Senior Scholarship while on the Hill.

After earning his M.D. in 1955 from Harvard Medical School, Pollock made his first stop in Cooperstown to serve his internship and residency at Bassett Hospital. He then served for eight years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and completed 22 years of service with the Reserve's 414th Civil Affairs Unit in Utica, N.Y., reaching the rank of colonel.

In 1967, Pollock returned to Bassett Hospital where he served as chief of the general services department, associate director for emergency services, medical director of The Meadows nursing home, head of Bassett's Division of Community Medicine, and the hospital's expert in dermatology. He mentored the first independent nurse practitioner in New York State and also helped establish Bassett's satellite clinics before his retirement in 1999.

Pollock gave of his time to numerous advisory committees and boards, including service as class gift chair and as an alumni trustee of the College from 1978 to 1982. He also established a major charitable trust. To Pollock, it was a question of giving back. "Hamilton affirmed the good values instilled by my parents. The faculty and students helped create an awareness of where I might fit in and pointed me to a life in a noble profession," he wrote for his 50th reunion yearbook.

He enjoyed travel and Elderhostel and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1969, serving as an elder and on many committees.

Pollock died on Sept. 29, 2019, surrounded by family and listening to the final Red Sox game of the season. He was 89 and is survived by four children, nine

grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, the former Elinor Hopkins, and their eldest son, the Rev. Stewart Pollock '76. Also surviving are a brother, Stewart Pollock '54; niece Wendy Pollock-Gilson '80; nephew Jeffrey Pollock '84; and grandniece Laura Gilson '12.

Louis Donald Boyajy '52, a

pharmacologist and research scientist of Morris Plains, N.J., was born on April 14, 1930, in Suffern, N.Y., a son of the former Fannie Eshak and Louis Boyajy. He prepared for Hamilton at Suffern High School, where he excelled in track and cross country.



A member of Emerson Literary Society, Boyajy participated in the Biology Club, Camera Club, Block "H" Club, and track and field team. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 in the Army Environmental Health Laboratory, followed by a stint as a research technician with Cibe Pharmaceuticals until 1958.

Boyajy entered the College of Health Sciences at the University of Tennessee and completed a Ph.D. in pharmacology in 1964. He earned a reputation as a stellar research scientist at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp., where he served from 1964 until his retirement in 1996. The author of numerous scientific papers related to pharmacology, his work involved preclinical drug development and clinical studies for the treatment of many health issues, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer.

For his 50th reunion yearbook, Boyajy credited his years on the Hill with "an enhancement of oral and written communication skills, which scientists need to present and defend their research against intense scrutiny, and present and defend multimillion-dollar research proposals to skeptical administrators."

According to a published obituary, Boyajy was an avid skier, tennis player, and an accomplished pianist who hosted classical music recitals in his home.

Boyajy died on Aug. 11, 2019. He was 89 years old and is survived by a sister and two nieces.

Edmund Machold Davis '52, a lawyer, corporate investor, and university trustee of Ellisburg and Syracuse, N.Y., was born on May 19, 1929, in Watertown, N.Y. He was a son of the former Doris Machold and Philip Davis, a public utilities employee. Davis prepared for college at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts.

On the Hill, Davis participated in the Biology Club, Camera Club, and Economics Club. A member of Emerson Literary Society, he was a member of the Interfraternity Council, the staff of the *Hamiltonian*, and Pi Delta Epsilon, the journalism honorary society. He majored in biology and English literature.

Following graduation, Davis entered the University of Virginia Law School but was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1953. He was honorably discharged in 1955 after serving in Germany and completed his law studies, earning an LL.B. from Cornell Law School in 1957.

Davis embarked on his legal career and eventually became a partner at the Hiscock, Cowie, Bruce and Mawhinney law firm (now Barclay Damon) in Syracuse, retiring in 1995. He noted in his 40th Hamilton reunion yearbook: "The good education made law school and professional work much easier than it would otherwise have been."

Having served as treasurer of the Everson Museum in Syracuse, Davis also was a director of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and HSBC (formerly Marine Midland), a trustee of Clarkson College, and an advisor to ELS at Hamilton. His long list of community contributions included president of the Syracuse Boys Club, trustee of the Ellisburg Cemetery Association, and a member of the Century Club and the Ellisburg United Methodist Church. In 1950, he became a mason in the Rising Light Lodge in Belleville, N.Y., and in 2003 was recognized for his service by the Boy Scouts of America.

Davis died on Dec. 25, 2019. He was 90. Survivors include his wife, the former Grace Sheldon, whom he had married in the Hamilton College Chapel; three daughters; one son; and four grandchildren.

A surgeon who loved the outdoors, **Thomas Richard "Tim" Mainzer '53** spent much of his retirement in the Adirondacks, hiking, kayaking, and keeping active while carving



out time for more cerebral pursuits — like personal computing.

Mainzer, of Huntingdon, Pa., and formerly of Jay, N.Y., died on March 25, 2020, at age 88. Even as an undergraduate at Hamilton, he was intent on becoming a physician. A career in medicine was a family tradition; his father, Francis Mainzer, was a surgeon, and his mother, the former Dorothy Kirkwood, was a nurse and homemaker.

Mainzer was born on Nov. 27, 1931, in Clearfield, Pa., moving to Huntingdon as a child and attending public schools there until tenth grade when he enrolled at The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa. After graduating, he continued his education at Hamilton, where he majored in chemistry and biology. Outside of the classroom, he joined Chi Psi fraternity, was a varsity swimmer, and was named to the honor society Was Los.

The commentary that accompanied his photo in his Hamilton senior yearbook reads in part, "Coming from God's Country, Tim has aspirations to a medical career. Although as yet he hasn't purchased his little black bag, the future sawbones has, with the help of Dr. McKinney and Dr. Yourtee, learned nearly all there is to know about chemicals."

Mainzer attended Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, graduating in 1957. By then he was married, having wed Barbara Bauer in 1955. The couple would have four children.

He did his internship and residency in general surgery at Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio, finishing up in 1963 and then serving as a medical officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves. Stationed at a hospital in Bremerton, Wa., Mainzer was assigned for three months to the 3rd Medical Battalion of the 3rd Marine Division in Da Nang, South Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from active duty in July 1965 with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Much of Mainzer's career was spent back in Huntingdon, where he was a private-practice surgeon from 1965 to 1991. His professional activities included serving as president of staff, chief of staff, and member of the board of directors at J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital. When he retired, he and his wife moved to Jay, near Lake Placid.

Over the years Mainzer was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and was certified by the American Board of Surgery. He was an active member of St. John's Episcopal

Church, serving as a lay reader and singing in the choir.

Mainzer's wife died in 2004. Survivors include his children, six grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and a brother.

Hugo "Tug" Menzel Pfaltz, Jr. '53, a tax, trust, and estate attorney of Summit, N.J., was

born on Sept. 23, 1931, in Newark, N.J., a son of the former Mary Elizabeth Horr and Hugo Menzel Pfaltz, Sr., a chemist. He grew up in Short Hills, N.J., and graduated from Millburn High School.



At Hamilton, Pfaltz majored in geology and history. A leader on campus, he was named freshman class president and received the McKinney Public Speaking Prize. Active on the cross country, track, and ski teams, he joined the Student Council, Publications Board (for which he served as chair), the *Spectator* and *Hamiltonian* staffs, Block "H" Club, and Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

During his senior year on the Hill, Pfaltz was one of 12 members of his class selected for the feature "Pure Liberal Arts" that appeared in *Life* magazine's April 27, 1953, edition. The publication labeled him an "individualist," spotlighting his interest to study in South Africa during the entrenched days of apartheid.

Pfaltz's plans changed, however, after he entered the U.S. Navy, serving in active duty from 1953 to 1957 during the Korean conflict. Having reached the rank of lieutenant upon his discharge, he remained in the active Reserves until 1962.

Pfaltz graduated from Harvard Law School in 1960 with an LL.B. and earned his LL.M. in federal taxation from New York University four years later. He joined the practice of McCarter and English, moved on to Bourne Noll & Kenyon, and opened his Summit law firm, Pfaltz and Woller, in 1974.

A fellow of the American Bar Association and a member of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Pfaltz served as editor of the *New Jersey Law Journal* and was an adjunct professor at Seton Hall Law School. Active in New Jersey politics, he was elected to the State Assembly for two terms, serving from 1968 to 1972, and was a delegate to the New Jersey Constitutional Convention in 1966.

Throughout his life, Pfaltz was known to be an independent thinker and visionary, not constrained by the ordinary or the expected, according to a published obituary. Likewise, he was known for his kindness, generosity, and loyalty. He noted in his 50th reunion yearbook, "My Hamilton education taught me to look at the fundamentals of a situation, to be an independent-thinking person not enticed by current fads."

Pfaltz, who remained actively involved with his alma mater throughout his lifetime, served on the Alumni Council and as class gift chair. He died on Aug. 31, 2019. He was 87 and is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Marilyn Muir; a daughter; a son; three grandsons; and a great-granddaughter. A son predeceased him.

Ronald Manns

Seaman '53, owner of an appraisal firm in Tampa, Fla., was born on June 7, 1931, in West Orange, N.J., a son of Clinton and Olive Manns Seaman.



An English major and member of Delta

Upsilon fraternity, Seaman pursued a diverse assortment of interests and leadership roles on College Hill. He was tapped for Pentagon and Was Los, and served on Student Council (for which he was named as secretary his junior year), the Campus Fund, Chapel board, and Block "H" Club (for which he served as vice president his senior year). The president of his junior class, he was a three-sport athlete, competing on the football, JV basketball, and baseball teams.

Seaman took his well-rounded experience with him to Harvard Business School, where he completed his M.B.A. in 1955 before serving as a supply corps officer in the U.S. Navy until 1958. After that he worked in marketing positions at Kordite Corp., Champion Products, and at two Caterpillar dealerships before founding the business appraisal firm Southland Business Group.

An active member and former president of the American Society of Appraisers, Seaman loved to play bridge and was active in bible study fellowship as a member of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. Throughout retirement, he pursued many passions, including dancing, gardening, traveling, and volunteering. In fact, he and his second wife, Lee, met at an

event where they bonded over their love of gliding across the dance floor.

Following his 60th reunion, he joined the Alumni Council, serving as class president. A published obituary noted, "As an avid reader and lifelong learner, he could often be found perusing *The Wall Street Journal* and local paper or enjoying a good book."

Seaman thought back on his Hamilton experience in his 40th reunion yearbook by writing, "So many of the 'required' courses exposed me to things that I would never have experienced, for example, reading plays in public speaking, having to learn (or at least pass) two 'carry-over' sports, and Paul Parker's weird and wonderful art classes. Another thing that I appreciated about Hamilton was the diversity of the student body. I learned as much from other students as I learned in classes."

Seaman died on March 10, 2020, at the age of 88. In addition to his wife, he is survived by eight children and step-children as well as several grandchildren. His first wife, the former Mary Helen Yelton, and one daughter predeceased him.

Donald Albert Webster '53

a long-time economic advisor to Presidents Nixon and Ford, died in Los Angeles on Nov. 6, 2019. He was 88.



Webster came to Hamilton from Rochester, N.Y., and served as editor of *The Spectator*. Selected for the Pentagon honor society, he was also active in the Debate Club and was a member of the Social Committee and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. In 1953, he received the Clark Prize for Oration and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

During summers of his college and graduate school years, Webster was a reporter for his hometown paper, the *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle*.

Upon receiving his master's degree from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1955, he served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Frederick Payne (R-Maine). He later served in the U.S. Navy as an air intelligence officer from 1956 to 1959 and upon separation was a congressional liaison officer at the General Services Administration.

After serving as minority staff director of the Joint Economic Committee of Congress from 1962 to 1968, Webster

joined Richard Nixon's presidential campaign as domestic policy advisor on its Key Issues Committee. Following the election, Nixon named him a member of his task force on budget and fiscal policy, where he remained until being appointed to manage the Treasury Department's transition to the new administration. Following the inauguration, he became principal assistant to Treasury Secretary David Kennedy and chief of staff of the Office of the Secretary.

While still with the Treasury Department, Webster was drafted by the White House to coordinate the administration's effort to enact the president's Family Assistance Plan. He returned to the Treasury as deputy assistant secretary for International Trade and Finance and was subsequently tapped as assistant director of Nixon's Council on International Economic Policy. After a stint with a New York investment firm, he again returned to the Treasury to accept an appointment as executive assistant to Deputy Treasury Secretary and "Energy Czar" William Simon.

Webster found himself back at the White House in 1974 as deputy director of public liaison, with specific responsibility for liaison with the business community. He remained there through the first year of the Ford administration before taking a new job as vice president for government relations of AMF Inc. He later served briefly as vice president for operations and budget of the American Enterprise Institute, and from 1984 to 1985 as vice president for external relations for the U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corp.

After earning a master's degree in psychological services from Marymount University in 1991, Webster performed volunteer bereavement counseling at the Washington Home and Hospice, and for several years he counseled the terminally ill and their families at Walter Reed Medical Center.

In retirement, Webster began writing fiction and saw the publication of a novel, *Blood Son*, a novella, *The Beckoning*, and a memoir, *What Am I Doing Here?* He had several professional readings in Los Angeles of his short plays, *Love and Other Unnatural Acts* and *Dance the Night Away*, which starred his wife, Diana Douglas, and English actor Roy Dotrice, in addition to a full-length play, *Checkmate*. His play *The Easy Chair* was performed in Bethesda, Md., by the Cedar Lane Theater in 2002, and *Spin* was part of the 2007 season of Theatre Forty in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Webster, who served as class notes editor for the *Hamilton Alumni Review*,

was married to the former Helen Long from 1959 until her death in 1981. In 2000, he moved to Los Angeles and in 2002 married Douglas. She died in 2015. He is survived by a number of cousins and a multitude of friends.

Frank Pasquale Iuorno, Sr. '54,

an orthodontist of Richmond, Va., and formerly of Utica and New Hartford, N.Y., was born on Oct. 15, 1932, in Utica, a son of the former Mary Pavese and Pasquale Iuorno. He graduated from Proctor High School in Utica.



Iuorno majored in chemistry and was active on the Hill as a member of the band, Biology Club, Chapel Board, Charlattans, College Choir, German Club, Glee Club, Newman Club, and Squires. The 1954 *Hamiltonian* yearbook noted, "His front-windowed room in the Squires House has provided him with a most strategic position in the annual snowball barrages."

After earning his D.D.S. from the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine in 1958 and completing his residency in orthodontics in 1960, Iuorno served the greater Utica community in private practice as a well-respected orthodontist for nearly 40 years, retiring in 1997.

He was a member of the New Hartford School Board and his continued search for knowledge led him to study German, Italian, Chinese, and Russian, most often in the Language Lab at the College during his retirement. He was an accomplished pianist and loved to sail, hunt, fish, and garden.

Reflecting on his years at Hamilton for his 50th reunion yearbook, Iuorno noted, "Once I matriculated into graduate school, it was very evident that the quest for learning and the ability to study and learn — both of which were instilled in my Hamilton education — clearly made me well-equipped to handle the competitive world."

Iuorno, who for many years served his alma mater as class gift chair, died on Nov. 15, 2019. He was 87 years old. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, the former Roseann Moreno; two sons, Frank Iuorno, Jr. '90 and Joseph Iuorno '95; a daughter, Mary Iuorno Boyle '92; two grandsons; and four granddaughters. Other Hamilton relatives include brother-in-law Frank Castellano '42, nephews Cosmo Castellano '74 and the late David Castellano '79, and great-nephew Robert Castellano '11.

Ronald Philip Kessler '54, a teacher and sales representative of Myrtle Beach, S.C., formerly of Virginia Beach, Va., and Raleigh, N.C., was born on May 9, 1932, in Utica, N.Y., a son of the former Lillian Ostrosky and Moe Kessler, a jeweler. He graduated from Utica Free Academy.

At Hamilton, Kessler participated on the football and swimming and diving teams, and was a member of the Spanish Club, Economics Club, and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He focused his studies in psychology and Spanish.

Following service in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1954 to 1956, Kessler earned a master's degree in education from SUNY Albany. He taught briefly at Guilderland High School, near Albany, N.Y., before embarking on a long career in sales with Top Threads and Carolina Activewear, among others. He enjoyed working with customers in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, and for the past 21 years called Myrtle Beach home.

A published obituary noted that Kessler's passions included cheering for the North Carolina Tar Heels and the Atlanta Braves, as well as whichever team was playing against Duke.

Kessler died on Jan. 3, 2020. He was 87 years old and is survived by his wife of 62 years, the former Ann Dickman, four children, six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

William Merservy Winship III '54,

a successful printing executive who found greatest satisfaction in his role as "G-Pa" to his grandchildren, died on Feb. 2, 2020, at age 88. In his 40th Hamilton reunion yearbook, he noted: "Learning to think, to solve problems, is the great value of a Hamilton education."

Born on May 11, 1931, in White Plains, N.Y., the son of William and Evelyn Meckes Winship, he graduated from Scarsdale High School before heading to Hamilton where he focused his studies in economics and psychology. A standout athlete, he played varsity football, JV ice hockey, and lacrosse, and subsequently he received a draft letter from the Green Bay Packers. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, Block "H" Club, Spanish Club, Economics Club, and Nous Onze.

Winship went on to earn his M.B.A. at Penn's Wharton School in 1956. He and his



wife, the former Nancy Appgar, moved to Darien, Conn., in 1962 where he remained until his death. He was an executive in the printing industry for many decades, working primarily in New York City.

A published obituary noted, "Everyone who knew Bill would say his greatest joy was spending time with his 11 amazing grandchildren who lovingly called him G-Pa. He traveled near and far to attend any sporting event, performance, graduation, or promotion in which his grandchildren were involved."

Winship also loved the outdoors — skiing, hiking, tennis, and the occasional misguided canoe trip with his family. Always adventurous, he spent years on the slopes as a member of the National Ski Patrol at Magic Mountain, Vt., and was active in the YMCA Adventure Guides program. In service to his community, he served on many boards including as president of the Tokeneke Association and the Darien Men's Association.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Winship is survived by two daughters, a son, and 11 grandchildren.

David Bruce Dickens '55,

a professor of German emeritus at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va., was born on May 16, 1933, in Buffalo, N.Y., a son of the former Fern Bowers and James Dickens. He graduated from New York's Amherst Central High School.

Having pledged Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Dickens studied for one year at Hamilton before transferring to Ohio University. After spending his junior year in France, he moved back home to complete his B.A. in German and French at SUNY Buffalo. He then continued his studies in German by completing a master's degree at George Washington University in 1958 and a Ph.D. at Princeton University in 1984.

Prior to joining the Washington & Lee faculty in 1960, he taught at SUNY Buffalo, George Washington University, and Hollins University. He also spent two years working for the National Security Agency as a cryptanalyst.

Dickens taught conversational German, German literature of the 17th and 18th centuries, German cultural history, and literature of the fantastic, including vampires. He was a prolific scholar, publishing numerous articles and transla-



tions of German short stories, poems, and articles. He served as acting department chair twice and was a member of the Graduate Fellowship Committee. During the 1970s, Dickens created one of W&L's first total-immersion language programs, working closely with contacts in Germany, especially at the University of Bayreuth.

In his retirement, Dickens enjoyed carpentry, reading, philately, cooking, traveling, and crafting block-cut Christmas cards, according to a published obituary.

Dickens died on Jan. 9, 2019. He was 85 and is survived by his wife, Monika, two daughters, and two grandchildren. An earlier marriage had ended in divorce.

Philip Maxwell

Hahn '55, a financial analyst of Stamford, Conn., was born on March 24, 1932, in Philadelphia, a son of the former Irene Caulkins and Maxwell Hahn, a foundation executive. He



prepared for college at the Mount Hermon School in Northfield, Mass.

On College Hill, Hahn was co-captain of the swim team and a member of the soccer team, College Choir, and the Campus Fund. An English literature major, he was also a member of Gryphon. For his 50th reunion yearbook, he summarized his undergraduate years this way: "The college scene at Hamilton has changed a lot, but I like to think a well-rounded person is still the goal. We certainly had our share of characters as professors with distinct outlooks on life. I like to believe this environment helped give us the ability to separate the wheat from the chaff as we go through life."

After graduation Hahn earned his M.B.A. from New York University in the evenings while serving U.S. Trust Co. as a financial analyst and portfolio manager. He worked his way through the ranks at U.S. Trust to vice president before retiring in 1987. He then worked for Brown Brothers Harriman, a private financial services firm.

Hahn was a member of the New York Society of Security Analysts. He served as a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich and sang with The Melody Men at the Greenwich Retired Men's Association. He was a devoted member of the Old Greenwich Lions Club, for which he served stints as treasurer and president.

He took great pride in his home and enjoyed gardening and playing golf, according to a published obituary.

Hahn, a generous supporter of his alma mater throughout his life, died on May 23, 2019. He was 87 and is survived by a daughter, a son, and a grandson. Hahn was predeceased by his wife, the former Jean Rogers, sister of Ralph Rogers '53.

James Shallcross Magee '55, a political science professor and college administrator of Maple Grove, Minn., formerly of Grinnell, Iowa, and Ypsilanti, Mich., was born on Jan. 23, 1933, in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He was a son of the former Esther Shallcross and Leigh Magee, a fire insurance agent.

Magee prepared for college at Radnor High School in Wayne, Pa., where he was raised, and spent the summer after graduation volunteering at a Quaker work camp in Donesi, Italy. He was active at the College as a member of Delta Sigma Rho (the public speaking honorary society, for which he served as president his senior year), Debate Club, Spanish Club, and Chi Psi fraternity. He received the Student Christian Association and Fayerweather prize scholarships and was awarded the McKinney Prize in debate. He majored in philosophy and public policy and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Magee relished his years on College Hill, noting in his 50th reunion yearbook, "I learned many lessons for life through campus politics, the debate team, public speaking, and the example of many, many professors."

After graduation, Magee attended the London School of Economics on a Fulbright scholarship and earned his master's degree in 1961 followed by a Ph.D. in 1963 in political science from Princeton University. He also attended the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, concentrating in African studies.

In addition to serving for two years in the U.S. Army as a chaplain's assistant in Chicago, Magee spent 10 years teaching political science at Grinnell College, where he also served as department chair. In 1968, he won an Associated Colleges of the Midwest Non-Western Studies Fellowship to pursue studies on Africa at Haile Selassie University (now Addis Ababa University) in Ethiopia.

Magee moved on to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti in 1972 to create a political science department and, from 1975 to 1977, served as vice president of academic affairs. In 1992, he received EMU's Distinguished Faculty Teaching

Award; the nomination letter declared, "Students are stimulated and challenged by his classes in an open and supportive atmosphere. His commitment to the learning process is legendary."

In 2004, Magee settled in Maple Grove. An avid photographer known for his sense of humor, he enjoyed stamp collecting, cheering for the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota orchestra, impressionist art, and theatre.

Magee died on Dec. 17, 2019, at age 86. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Magee; his former wife, Judy Magee; two daughters; one son; and four grandchildren.

James Place Thompson '55 was born on March 21, 1934, in Pulaski, N.Y., a son of Alton Thompson, a physician, and the former Emma Place, a nurse. It's no surprise that he opted for a career in medicine to continue the family tradition.

Having pledged Psi Upsilon fraternity while at Hamilton, Thompson participated on the JV baseball team, swimming team, and biology club. His A.B. degree in hand, he headed to the Bowman Grey School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, where he completed his degree in 1959.

Thompson then accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy for flight surgeon training. The six months he spent in Pensacola, Fla., were highlighted by a solo flight in the T-34 Mentor, indoctrinations in carrier landings, jet combat maneuvers, and instrument flying. "My tour of duty in the Western Pacific and the South China Sea was followed by two recovery missions in the Mercury astronaut program off Midway Island," he later recalled in a Hamilton reunion yearbook.

After four years in service to his country, Thompson completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Kresge Eye Institute in 1969. During that time, he and his wife, the former Juliana Elden, welcomed their first child. The Thompsons then relocated to the eastern shore of Maryland, where his second child would be born and he would build his own surgical center.

Outside of career and family, Thompson's passion was sailboat racing. He started by helping on the crew of others' boats and eventually campaigned his own, a Swan 47 *Arial*. Among his achievements were 17 biannual Newport-Bermuda races, a transatlantic race to Spain, 15 Southern Ocean Racing Circuits, a Transpac Race to Hawaii, and many Annapolis-Newport and Chesapeake Bay races. His racing years culminated in 2002 when he won class in the Newport-Bermuda race.

Thompson died on April 25, 2020, at the age of 86. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren. Twice married, his first marriage had ended in divorce.

Roger Gordon Townsend '55, a sales businessman of Port Crane, N.Y., was born on Sept. 26, 1933, in Buffalo, N.Y., a son of the former Dorothy Corse, a librarian, and Samuel Townsend, a sales manager. He was a graduate of Skaneateles (N.Y.) High School.



At Hamilton, Townsend was a member of the football, baseball, and hockey teams, as well as the Block "H," International Relations, Camera, and Sailing clubs. A psychology major, he was also a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Townsend once wrote that the "Honor System and public speaking [were] the greatest preparation for the 'cold, cruel world out there.' My Hamilton education was the best possible preparation for dealing with whatever life threw my way."

After graduation, Townsend worked for several years in sales and in 1968 established and became president of Fluid Power Sales, Inc., of Syracuse, N.Y. When not hard at work, he enjoyed sailing, golfing, and refurbishing antique wooden boats, according to a published obituary.

Active in his community, Townsend served on the board of directors of the Skaneateles Country Club and as president of the Finger Lakes chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. He remained an avid fan of all sports, continuing the athletics interest nurtured during his College years. In his retirement, he sailed a 53' Bluewater cruiser through the Great Lakes and down the East Coast into the southern Bahamas. Another trip found him touring in a motorhome to almost all of the national parks in the lower 48 states.

Townsend took great pride in his heritage as a direct descendant of the Townsend family of Rayman Hall, in Oyster Bay, N.Y., who were best known as the Culper Spy Ring that allowed George Washington to stop the British from taking West Point during the Revolutionary War. In addition, the Townsend Iron Works forged a great chain for the colonial militia to cross the Hudson, thereby preventing this great potential loss during the war, the obituary noted.

Townsend died on May 10, 2019, at the age of 85. He is survived by his second wife of 36 years, the former DeAnne Spears, a son, two daughters, three stepchildren, 16 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Other Hamilton connections include a brother, the late Samuel Townsend '60, and a nephew, David Townsend '97.

Jerome William Cramp '56, a teacher, guidance counselor, and school administrator of Salisbury, Conn., was born on April 8, 1935, in Syracuse, N.Y., a son of the former Thelma Haylor and Clifford Cramp, a bank president. He graduated from Oneida (N.Y.) High School.

At the College, Cramp participated in the Charlatans, the International Relations Club, and served as manager of the baseball team. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he focused his studies in psychology and anthropology.

Cramp credited Hamilton with teaching him life skills. For his 40th reunion yearbook, he noted that his years on the Hill instilled in him "[a] real contribution to verbal skills, analytical, and synthesis skills. [I] learned to be a functional social being."

After graduation, Cramp served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 before spending three unrewarding years in the life insurance business. His true calling — in education — came after he earned a master's degree in education in 1961 from Syracuse University.

Cramp spent two years teaching social studies, followed by eight as a guidance counselor before completing a certificate in school administration from Queens College in 1972. That followed a 24-year career as a school principal in New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut before his retirement in 1996 as principal of Avon Middle School in Connecticut.

Cramp also served on the board of education of Sharon, Conn., and as its regional representative. He enjoyed international travel and was a competitive bridge player, achieving a high rank with the American Contract Bridge League, according to a published obituary.

Cramp died on Nov. 26, 2019, at the age of 84. Survivors include his wife, the former Barbara Thibodo, and two daughters.

Norman Ewald Kappler '56, an advertising executive most recently of Vero Beach, Fla., was born on Sept. 11, 1934, in New York City, a son of the former Helen Reman and Norman Kappler, an executive with the Chase Bag Co. He was raised in Ardsley-on-Hudson, N.Y., and prepared for college at the Hackley School.



On the Hill, Kappler was a member of the soccer and squash teams, College Choir, Spanish Club, and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He majored in English literature.

Reflecting on his years at Hamilton, he noted 50 years later the College's impact on his life when he wrote it was "probably more than I realize, but it sure formed my historical reading patterns and a fascination with the use of language."

Kappler served three years with the U.S. Navy starting in the fall of 1956. He then embarked on a 27-year career with Young and Rubicam in New York, at that time the world's largest advertising agency. In the mid 1970s, he relocated to Japan to open an Y&R office there, and then moved on to Hong Kong, spending five years in the Far East. Later he lived in London managing that office and initiating several Pan-European projects for Y&R clients.

Having returned stateside in the mid 1980s, Kappler worked with domestic clients until his retirement. After several consulting jobs in New York City, he moved to Sharon, Conn., where he served on the board of a local theatre and the Sharon Country Club. Thereafter he moved to Vero Beach.

Greg Bathon '56, Kappler's freshman-year roommate and a class correspondent for the *Hamilton* magazine, shared at a memorial service for his friend: "Norman called me once to say that he was sure the boys of 1956 would be interested to read about the curious influence that the number three had exerted upon his life." Kappler once offered this evidence in a class note: three years in the Navy after OCS, three wives, three children, three divorces, three companies worked for, and three operations for cancer.

Kappler died on Sept. 27, 2018. He was 84 years old. He was the father of two sons and a daughter, and at the time of his death was cared for by longtime companion Linda Clark.

John Anthony Longeretta '56, an attorney of New Hartford, N.Y., was born in Utica, N.Y., on June 5, 1934, a son of the former Margaret Fernicola and Anthony Longeretta. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

At the College, Longeretta was a member of the football team, the Block "H" Club, Debate Club, the French and Italian clubs, and Delta Phi fraternity. He was proud of his athletic accomplishments in football, which culminated with a tryout invitation from the Baltimore Colts, according to a published obituary. He opted instead to pursue the study of law and earned an LL.B. at Syracuse University College of Law in 1959.

Longeretta, a veteran of the U.S. Army who later joined the National Guard, began his law practice in Utica, founding or joining a number of law firms that bore his name; his sons Paul and David later worked with him in what became known as the Longeretta Law Firm. During his career, he was one of the first judicially experienced associate city judges and a member of the State of New York Oneida County Magistrates Association and the Oneida County Bar Association. He onetime served as the chairman of the Town of New Hartford Republican Committee.

Longeretta was a champion of honesty, education, parenthood, and the rewards they render in life, the obituary noted. He also enjoyed his family, golf, racquetball, fishing, traveling, fine dining, and a good cigar.

Longeretta died on April 15, 2019, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Mirella Paoletti, four children, and seven grandchildren. A cousin was Anthony Fernicola '42.

Duncan Shafer MacAffer '56, who taught law to town and village justices across New York State, died on March 1, 2020, at age 85.

MacAffer, of Menands, N.Y., practiced law from 1959 to 2007, at times successfully arguing cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He served as a Menands village justice for more than 40 years and as counsel for the New York State Senate Finance Committee for nearly 30 years.

His father, too, was an attorney with a distinguished career. MacAffer was born on Feb. 28, 1935, in Albany, N.Y., the son of the late State Supreme Court Justice Kenneth MacAffer and the former Edna Schafer, a school teacher.

Sticking close to home for college, MacAffer majored in philosophy, was

involved with *The Spectator*, and joined Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity. "Hamilton taught me about my heritage and how to speak and write correctly. It was an invaluable education conducted in the pleasantest of circumstances by people of great warmth, intelligence, and ability," he wrote in 1989.

After College, MacAffer headed back to his hometown to attend Albany Law School, graduating cum laude in 1959. He also served in the New York Army National Guard from 1956 to 1965, discharged as a first lieutenant.

During the course of his career, according to a published obituary, he worked for the state Office of Court Administration as a curriculum director and served on several committees, but was most proud of teaching law to town and village justices. He was a president in the Albany-Schenectady County Magistrate Association and of the New York State Magistrates Association. In 1991, he was named Magistrate of the Year.

His community and corporate service over the decades was extensive, including serving as a trustee and board chairman for Cohoes Savings Bank. MacAffer was an elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church, a life member of the Menands Fire Company No. 1, and a founding member, past president, and paramedic for the Riverside Volunteer Ambulance Squad. He was a member and secretary of the board of Albany Memorial Hospital, a trustee and president of Menands Manor, a moderator-trustee of the Presbytery of Albany, and a president of the Menands Rotary Club.

Among MacAffer's survivors are his second wife, the former Karen Murphy; four children from his first marriage, including John MacAffer '85; his brother, Kenneth MacAffer, Jr. '52; and grandchildren.

Richard Wayne

Mahood '56 was an educator, writer, and family man who lived his life according to these words: be kind, be curious, and be productive.

Mahood had a distinguished, 25-year career as a professor of education at the State University of New York at Geneseo. He wrote six books and numerous scholarly articles, and every Sunday for 35 years, he sent out a family letter. Mahood maintained that tradition until a week before his death at home in Geneseo, N.Y., on Nov. 7, 2019, at age 85.



Born on July 16, 1934, in Marysville, Mo., he was the son of Victor and Ruth England Mahood. He graduated from York Community High School in Elmhurst, Ill. At Hamilton, Mahood majored in history, played lacrosse (for which he served as co-captain), football, and basketball. He joined Psi Upsilon fraternity and was selected for the Doers and Thinkers honor society. His younger brother, the late Gary Mahood, would follow him to the Hill as a member of the Class of 1962.

When asked to share his fondest Hamilton memories for his 50th reunion yearbook, Mahood had quite a few, starting with, "Professor Mattingly trying to instill the idea of listening rather than imitating a stenographer."

As for Hamilton's impact on his life and values, he wrote, "Without a doubt, the Honor System, which reinforced values my parents tried to instill, stands out. Also, Hamilton offers a healthy intellectual environment. Whether I have taken advantage of it is open to question."

After graduating from Hamilton, Mahood served in the U.S. Army (1957-58) and in the Illinois National Guard until 1963. He continued his education by earning a master's degree in social studies education from the University of Illinois in 1962 and a doctorate in social sciences from Syracuse University in 1969.

During his career at SUNY Geneseo, which began in 1969, Mahood's honors included the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Distinguished Service Award from SUNY, and the Distinguished Educator Award from the New York State Council for the Social Studies, according to a published obituary. He also served as chairman of the university's education department. Mahood retired in 1994, but he continued his scholarship, with a particular interest in the Civil War.

He held executive roles with the New York State Council for the Social Studies and was an active volunteer in his community, including serving as president of the Geneseo Central School Board.

A loyal Hamiltonian until the time of his death, Mahood served as co-class president and was a member of the Alumni Council. A class agent for the Hamilton Annual Fund, he spoke at an Alumni College when he returned to College Hill for reunions.

In 2006, Mahood noted, he celebrated two 50th anniversaries — his graduation from Hamilton and his marriage to Barbara "Bobbi" Clark Mahood. The couple had two sons, one of whom is Bruce Mahood '82.

Among his survivors are his wife, his two sons, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, and a nephew, Grant Mahood '92.

Michael Philip Kaplan '57, a surgeon who advanced the field of kidney transplantation, was born on June 27, 1936, in Paterson, N.J. The son of Albert and Kate Lipowitz Kaplan, he attended Eastside High School before heading to Hamilton where he would major in chemistry and mathematics and graduate with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He joined the Squires Club on campus and participated in the Debate Club, Outing Club, French Club, Biology Club, and ski team.

After graduation, Kaplan headed to the University of Rochester Medical School to earn his M.D. It was here where he first developed an interest in transplantation. He then began his surgical residency at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee where he had the opportunity to work alongside a renowned kidney transplant surgeon who had been hired to start a transplant program.

In early 1963, upon learning that he would be drafted, Kaplan enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He would spend almost three years in France as a "D-Level" surgeon at a small hospital, leaving with the rank of captain. Although his time in the military necessitated a pause in his formal medical training, it allowed him to sharpen his skills as a surgeon and gave him the confidence to know he'd chosen the right career path.

Kaplan returned to Vanderbilt where his work earned him an NIH fellowship to study tissue typing and transplant immunology in England. Prior to departing, he acquired two important things — his private pilot's license and, more important, his wife, the former Judith Neal. The couple packed their bags and headed abroad. When the young doctor was not working in the lab, the newlyweds enjoyed traveling throughout Europe and taking in theatre and music.

Kaplan stayed on for a few years in the now fully developed transplant program at Vanderbilt after he completed his surgical residency in 1972. Three years later he took all he had learned to Rutgers Medical School in New Jersey to develop a renal transplant program there. He coordinated patient recruitment, encouraged living donors, developed a cadaver donor network, and made tissue typing and organ sharing agreements, not to mention what seemed like endless writing of protocols. The fledging program was a success;

however, it came to a sudden pause in 1977 — a victim of New Jersey budget cuts.

The following year the Kaplans moved once again, this time to Grosse Pointe, Mich., and the Wayne State University School of Medicine's Hutzel Hospital. In addition to codirecting the kidney transplant and general surgery service, Kaplan ran the medical student and teaching program. Although he moved to Harper Hospital in 1988, he would stay affiliated with the Wayne State University system until his retirement in 2003.

Kaplan developed a reputation as an expert in the field of transplantation and was often called upon to provide commentary to media outlets. His influence helped shepherd a bill through the Michigan state legislature prohibiting the sale of human organs.

In 2006, Kaplan purchased a home in Nevada overlooking Lake Tahoe. He continued to enjoy flying sail planes, skiing, and deep-water fishing. He died on Feb. 20, 2020, at the age of 83. Divorced from his wife, he is survived by two sons.

Richard Aaron Mead '57, a family-described writer, thinker, wanderer, arts enthusiast, and fundraiser, lately of Burlingame, Calif., was born on March 5, 1936, in New York



City, a son of the former Viola Hoffman, a teacher, and Edward Mead, an attorney. He graduated from Forest Hills High School in New York City.

At Hamilton, Mead majored in English literature and was a member of the Charlatans, College Choir, and Sigma Phi fraternity. After studying for a time at the New School in New York City, he earned a master's in government and international relations from New York University in 1967.

Mead's work was a mix of the arts and social justice. He worked as assistant director of the Empire State Foundation before his appointment as assistant executive officer of The New York Public Library. Mead went on to work in development roles at the American Shakespeare Theatre, Henry Street Settlement, Carnegie Hall, and Lena Park Community Development Association in Boston, according to his daughter Darya Mead. He also had a long connection to Boys Harbor, now called Boys and Girls Harbor, an educational organization for inner-city children.

Mead helped countless people with his proud advocacy for those with depression and bipolar disorder, a condition from which he suffered himself, as chronicled in his 2001 book, *Yes You Can!* He also remarked on how being bipolar impacted his years on the Hill. For his 50th reunion yearbook he wrote, "I have great respect for Hamilton and I'm proud of it; rich tradition, faculty, fine education, beautiful campus. I take integrity and intellectual commitment from it. I regret my underachievement at College, which I believe reflected on my bipolar disorder."

Mead lived variously in Greenwich Village, Boston, and San Francisco, and spent the last few months in Burlingame to be near family. He was a lifelong fan of New York sports teams — Yankees, Knicks, and Rangers — and traveled all over the world, boasting he had visited 46 countries. "He was a character, a good man, and the world was a better place while he was in it," Darya Mead added.

Mead died on Dec. 28, 2018. He was 82 years old. He is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren, and his former wife, Cynthia Nicholls Mead, with whom he remained friends.

George Alan Shaler '57, an English literature teacher of Easthampton, Mass., was born on April 4, 1935, in Freeport, N.Y., a son of the former Mary Gilaspy and George Shaler, an engineer. He graduated from Freeport High School.



While at Hamilton, Shaler shined on cross country courses, winning a New York state championship in his sophomore year. He also was a member of the track team, Doers & Thinkers, Was Los, the Charlatans, College Choir, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Shaler majored in English literature and music, and developed a life-long passion for playing the organ.

In his 40th reunion yearbook, Shaler remembered with fondness Professor of Economics Sidney Wertimer. "Sid was everywhere; he knew everyone; he was always ready to offer special support and encouragement," he wrote. "I got to know Sid early in our freshman year and attended a lecture he gave one evening in the chemistry auditorium, 'Those Who Can ... Should Teach.' I haven't been the same since."

After graduation Shaler went to the University of Wisconsin at Madison,

earning a master's degree in English in 1959. He then began teaching at the Williston Academy, later known as the Williston Northampton School, in Easthampton. He would serve on the faculty there for 40 years.

While at the school, Shaler taught many literature courses, including one he created titled *Dissident Voices*, which focused on the African American writers Richard Wright and James Baldwin. A passionate amateur chef, Shaler taught cooking classes and was also a coach for his school's athletic program, according to a published obituary. He coached football and track, and started a cross country team.

Shaler served as a trustee of the University of Massachusetts and as Easthampton town councilor, where one of his proudest achievements was assisting in the construction of the public safety complex. Active in local theatre, he continued to pursue his love of music as an organist who was in demand for religious services, holiday musical programs, and weddings.

A sabbatical during his career at Williston Academy enabled him to live abroad, where he spent some time teaching in secondary schools in the United Kingdom. That experience sparked a passion for foreign travel that continued in his retirement years when he visited every continent except Australia and Antarctica. What he enjoyed most, however, was spending time at his rustic cabin in the Adirondacks where he grew and hybridized daylilies.

Shaler died on April 4, 2019. He was 84 years old. Predeceased by his wife, the former Janet James, in 1973, he raised his children as a single father. Survivors include two sons, including George Shaler '84, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

James Duncan MacLennan '58, a wholesale furniture sales agent of Chicago whose extraordinary generosity to Hamilton has prompted a \$10 million matching fundraising campaign



to benefit student scholarships, was born on Feb. 13, 1937, in Norwood, Mass., a son of Duncan MacLennan and the former Elizabeth Deady. He prepared for college at Walpole (Mass.) High School.

On College Hill, MacLennan focused his studies in French and economics. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Following his Hamilton graduation,

he served in the Massachusetts National Guard and worked as a furniture buyer for Jordan Marsh Co. in Boston. During that time he also earned his M.B.A. in marketing in the evenings at Boston University.

In 1963, MacLennan headed west to Chicago, where he established a wholesale furniture sales business, working as a sales agent representing Midwest furniture manufacturers for more than 40 years before retiring in 2004.

A self-described Francophile, he enjoyed international travel, following the stock market, gardening, attending plays and movies, swimming, and biking.

Throughout his life MacLennan maintained a fondness for and a connection to his alma mater, having served on the major gifts committee for the Campaign for the '90s and as a class gift chair on behalf of Hamilton's Annual Fund. In 1998, he established The James D. MacLennan '58 Scholarship, awarded to any Hamilton student who has demonstrated financial need and who is in good standing at the College.

"[Hamilton] gave me a broad background to appreciate and enjoy art, music, and literature, as well as an ability to speak, write, and interact successfully with others in the business world," he once noted on an alumni survey.

Motivated by his desire to ensure the benefit of a Hamilton education to future generations, he provided for the College in his will. Those funds have resulted in the MacLennan Scholarship Match, an opportunity that allows donors who might not otherwise have the resources to create a scholarship, named in their family's honor, at half the amount normally required.

MacLennan died on Feb. 7, 2018, in Chicago at the age of 80. Never married, he has no immediate family survivors.

James Wheeler Fox '59, an investment banker

specializing in mergers and acquisitions of Plano, Texas, who volunteered in numerous capacities for his alma mater throughout the years, was born in Boston on Dec. 12, 1937, to Maxwell Charles and Olivia Thomas Fox. Raised in Scarsdale, N.Y., he prepared for college at Bronxville High School.



An English and mathematics major at Hamilton, Fox joined Psi Upsilon fraternity, the College Choir and Band, and the International Relations Club. His academic

achievements included earning the Oren Root Scholarship in Mathematics.

Upon graduation he embarked on two international assignments, the first between 1960 and 1962 as a translator for a manufacturer in Weinheim, Germany. Following that he moved to Lagos, Nigeria, where he spent four years working for another manufacturer's export division. His experiences abroad, according to a published obituary, "influenced his love of all things international, especially international foods and spices, travel, and encounters with people from West Africa."

Fox spent the late 1960s and early 1970s in New York City where he continued a pastime he also pursued on College Hill — his love of music. It was that passion that led him to his future wife, Linda Brown, whom he met while they rehearsed together for the New York Choral Society. They married in 1971.

The Foxes lived in New York City and Bedford, N.Y., before moving to Plano in 1976 when Jim pursued a career in oil and natural gas exploration and production. He served as executive vice president of Petrosil Resources, Inc. for a few years before transitioning to the mergers and acquisitions field for most of the remainder of his career. That included a position as principal at Fox, Twerdahl, Lehmann & Co.

Fox had an "infectious enthusiasm for wine appreciation and enjoyment," the obituary noted, "which was instrumental to the social bonds that he would form over his life, particularly in the later stage of it." He was also enthusiastic about Hamilton. Over the years he spent time as president of the North Texas Alumni Association, a reunion gift committee member, class gift chair and campaign volunteer, and as a volunteer for the Admission Office and Career Center.

When asked what Hamilton had meant to him, he wrote in a reunion yearbook, "While so many of our institutions and leaders have lost their lustre with the passage of time, Hamilton's liberal arts ideals seem as bright and relevant to me today as they did when Dean Tolles espoused them to us in September 1955."

Fox, who contributed to the Hamilton Annual Fund for more than 50 consecutive years, died on May 14, 2020, at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife, the former Linda Brown; two children, including Tim Fox '96; and a grandson.

Charles Everts Mangan, Jr. '59, a banker of Bethel, Conn., was born on Jan. 18, 1937, in Johnson City, N.Y., a son of the former Margery Dwyer and Charles

Mangan, Sr. '26, an attorney. He graduated from the Hotchkiss School in Connecticut.

During his high school years, Mangan earned varsity letters in football, soccer, basketball, hockey, and baseball, and served as team captain of the football, basketball, hockey, and baseball teams, according to a published obituary. He brought that athleticism along with him to Hamilton, serving as a player-coach for the football, hockey, and baseball teams, leading them to success during his years on the Hill. He was also a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

In addition to his father, his legacy at the College included his grandfather, Thomas Mangan, Class of 1898, and an uncle, William Mangan '28.

After graduation, Mangan entered the U.S. Navy and, after commissioning as an ensign in late 1959, served in the Far East. He then was attached to a U.S. Marine regiment at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as a naval gunfire officer. A published obituary noted that during the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962, his regiment boarded ship and went to and from the Caribbean transiting the Panama Canal while helping impose a naval quarantine against arms shipments to Cuba. Mangan remained with the Marine Corps before being discharged from the Navy as a lieutenant in 1965.

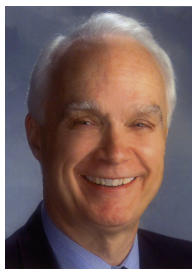
Mangan traded his military uniform for a business suit and joined the Bank of New York before moving on to become vice president of Westport Bank and Trust Co., retiring in 2000 as assistant vice president of the Union Savings Bank in Danbury, Conn. He served several community organizations, including the Masons and the Boys Club, the Danbury Westerners Baseball Club, and the New England Collegiate Baseball League. He was also a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and the Housatonic Valley Sports Authority.

Called a true "gentleman" known for his strong handshake and enormous bear hugs, Mangan enjoyed family vacations and youth sports.

Mangan died on July 20, 2019. He was 82 and is survived by his second wife, the former Judy Teed, four sons, and eight grandchildren.

Richard Harold Storm '59, a

Renaissance man of Sarasota, Fla., who embraced careers ranging from teacher to public relations specialist to music critic, was born on July 30, 1937, in Peekskill, N.Y., a son of the former Mildred Drymon and Harold Storm, a school superintendent. He prepared for Hamilton at Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



On College Hill, Storm was a member of the College Choir, the Charlatans, the staff of *The Spectator*, and WHCL radio. A member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity, he also served on the Art Center Board, as an editor of *The Continental*, and as president of the Literary Society.

Storm focused his studies in English literature and French and Francophone studies. "My Hamilton memories are primarily associated with the Choir and the always astounding John Baldwin. His challenges, both musical and intellectual, have shaped my life to this day," Storm wrote for his 50th reunion.

After graduation, Storm traveled abroad, spending 30 years in the Mediterranean region. He began his career teaching English at the American School in Beirut, Lebanon, and then worked for Fistere Associates, a public relations and tourism marketing firm in Lebanon and Jordan, as a producer for CBS and NBC. Finally, he was a marketing consultant for Bulgari, the luxury goods company. He also owned and published English-language magazines in Cairo and Rome.

Storm returned to the United States in 1989 and settled on the Gulf Coast of Florida. In addition to working as a freelance marketing consultant, translator, and public relations adviser, he served as the first executive director of the Seaside Institute before joining the Sarasota County Arts Council as director of marketing services. His last consulting position was handling public relations, marketing, and corporate underwriting for the Rivolta Group of Companies at their headquarters in Florida and Italy.

Storm also provided consulting services for historic preservation projects in Florida and for performing arts organizations. According to a published obituary, the high point of his career was serving as president and executive director of Key Chorale, the official chorus of the Florida West Coast Symphony. Cementing

his love of music fostered at Hamilton, he wrote hundreds of reviews for the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* and other publications in the U.S. and Canada. He also wrote a column on architecture and urban planning for *Sarasota* magazine.

Storm, who was described in the obituary as "someone who brought people together," died on Oct. 19, 2019. He was 82 years old and is survived by two nieces and two nephews.

John Rodney Landers '60, a

certified public accountant of Liverpool, N.Y., was born on Oct. 29, 1939, in Albany, N.Y., a son of the former Gertrude Kufahl, a business education



teacher, and John Landers, an accountant. He graduated from Liverpool High School.

At Hamilton, Landers majored in economics and psychology. He played on the lacrosse team and served as a basketball manager. Other interests included the College Band, Outing Club, Block "H" Club, and Spanish Club, for which he served as vice president. He was also a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity where, on a lighter note, he earned the sobriquet "Cork" after perfecting the martini. He consistently remarked in his 25th, 40th, and 50th reunion yearbooks how the College engendered in him "self-discipline, clarity of expression, an inquiring mind, and many lasting friendships."

After leaving College Hill, Landers attended the New York University Graduate School of Business Administration and the Syracuse University Graduate School. He worked in various marketing and accounting positions at Banker's Trust, Consolidated Edison, and Corning Glass Works. From 1962 to 1968, he also served in the U.S. Army National Guard.

In 1974, Landers became a CPA before taking over his father's practice in Liverpool. He was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, and the New York State Society of Public Accountants.

Active in community organizations, he served in leadership positions for the Liverpool First Presbyterian Church, Syracuse Rescue Mission, American Heart Association, Liverpool Rotary Club, Greater Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, and town of Salina board of assessment review. He also was a member of the

Liverpool American Legion and the Village of Liverpool board of appeals.

Landers enjoyed the stage, symphony, opera, and golf. He noted in a reunion yearbook that he always tried to solve the weekly *New York Times* crossword puzzle and remained a devoted fan of Syracuse football, basketball, and lacrosse.

Landers, who served Hamilton for a time as class gift chair, died on June 1, 2019. He was 79 years old. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Mary Dean, a daughter, and a grandson.

Lyman Stafford “Butch” Logan, Jr. '60, a successful entrepreneur of the San Francisco area, was born on Sept. 14, 1938, in New York City, a son of the former Jane Maxwell and Lyman Logan, a securities analyst. He graduated from Ridgewood (N.J.) High School, where he excelled on the championship tennis team.

Logan majored in mathematics and physics on the Hill and was a member of Delta Phi fraternity. He participated on the Intramural Council (serving as chairman his senior year), tennis team, Block “H” Club, International Relations Club, and *The Spectator* staff.

In 1962, the same year he began serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, Logan earned an M.B.A. from Stanford University. The West Coast, specifically the San Francisco Bay area, remained his lifelong home and career base. A self-made entrepreneur with a successful career in real estate, computing, finance, and consulting, he helped develop a real-time computerized tracking system for Southern Pacific Railroad’s train cars and computer systems for cities and housing authorities, according to a published obituary.

Logan was known for his tennis playing and singing skills. Despite suffering a stroke in his 40s that required him to switch from playing right-handed to hitting lefty, he was a member of the Bay Area Tennis Society, serving on its board and as treasurer. His bass singing voice was notable in performances with the Peninsulaires, an internationally renowned barbershop chorus in Silicon Valley.

Described as someone who rarely missed a party and danced up a storm, Logan was a fan of the San Francisco Giants, the '49ers, the Warriors, and the Sharks. The obituary recalled that Logan once wrote, “I enjoy each day and don’t sweat the trivies.”

Logan died on June 20, 2019. He was 80 years old and is survived by a sister and brother, three nieces, and a nephew.

Bernard Joseph Mikell, Jr. '60, an investment banker of Sacramento, Calif., died on Sept. 26, 2019, at the age of 81.

Throughout his life he maintained strong ties with his alma mater, serving as president of the Northern California Alumni Association (1970-72) and later as chair of his class’ 40th reunion planning committee.

Mikell was born on Sept. 1, 1938, in Astoria, N.Y., the son of Bernard Mikell, Sr. and Margaret Gerhardt. At Hamilton, the history and English major engaged in a broad spectrum of activities, including serving on the staffs of *The Spectator*, *Hamiltonian*, and WHCL radio, and participating in Newman Club and College Band. A member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, he was also athletic, lending his talents to the wrestling and squash teams, the latter of which he served as captain his senior year.

Having earned his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1969, Mikell devoted his career to the world of investment banking. Throughout the years, he served as vice president (municipal finance) at Goldman Sachs in San Francisco and held other leadership roles on the West Coast at the investment firm Sutro and Co., Dean Witter, and the California Housing Finance Agency.

In 2008, he joined the investment bank and institutional securities firm Piper Jaffray & Co. as a senior vice president.

Mikell was survived by his wife, the former Victoria Horton, and a daughter from a previous marriage to the former Maryellen Cattani. He was also at one time married to the former Susan Ferguson.

Joseph “Jay” Dana Allen III '61, a psychologist and college professor of Athens, Ga., was born on May 3, 1939, in Bryn Mawr, Pa., a son of the former Caroline Faison and Joseph Dana Allen, Jr. He prepared for college at the Haverford School where his father was a teacher.

At Hamilton, Allen was a member of the College Choir, WHCL radio, the tennis team, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He was well known on campus for his guitar playing, as noted several anecdotes in the 1961 *Hamiltonian*. Allen majored in psychology.

After graduation he earned a master’s degree in 1964 and a Ph.D. in 1967 at Southern Illinois University. He served



as a professor and eventual head of the Psychology Department at the University of Georgia for 30 years, and was a member of St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church in Athens.

After retirement, he relocated to Burlington, Vt., and continued to enjoy books, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, tennis, and wood lot management.

Reminiscing in his 25th reunion yearbook, Allen underscored the career values experienced on the Hill. “Since Hamilton, I have been in much larger institutions [universities], but nowhere have I encountered such academic freedoms, departmental camaraderie, and painstaking excellence in instruction.”

Allen died on Dec 2, 2019. He was 80 years old and is survived by one daughter, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Alexander Wilhelm Wenner '61, a man of intellect who spent his career as a cataloger in university libraries, died on March 12, 2020, in Boonsboro, Md., at the age of 80.

An economics major at Hamilton, Wenner went on to earn a master’s degree in library science in 1964 from the University of California at Berkeley and, in the early 1980s, a master’s degree in ancient history from Northern Illinois University.

Born on May 30, 1939, in Basel, Switzerland, Wenner was the son of research chemist Wilhelm Karl Wenner and the former Gisela Maria Schreiner. He graduated from Montclair (N.J.) High School, then was off to Hamilton.

Asked in an alumni survey to cite his College interests, instead of checking any of the provided boxes, Wenner wrote in his own responses — studying, reading, learning, contemplation, and observation. He was part of the Squires Club, later writing about its impact on his life and values. He also talked about Hamilton’s “superb faculty.”

Wenner wrote that Hamilton “instilled in me (along with my parents) a love of learning. Unfortunately, to be relevant, it should have taught me how to cut corners, exploit weaknesses, dance on the edge of legitimacy, loyalty, etc. But I have forgiven Hamilton its (and my) naivete.”

On the occasion of his 50th Hamilton reunion, he wrote that by then he’d lived in 11 states and most of Western Europe, worked as a cataloger in university libraries in 13 languages, and was teaching himself Russian. His library career took him to Northern Illinois University, Rand

Corporate, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Massachusetts.

Wenner served in the U.S. Army from September 1964 to June 1967, doing tours of duty in Baumholder and Kaiserslautern, Germany. He was honorably discharged with the rank of E-4.

A published obituary described him as an avid follower of the stock market who lived a simple life and gave away his wealth, establishing two nursing scholarships to honor his mother, who was a nurse. The two things Wenner prized most were his 1965 Ford Mustang and the weekend edition of *The Wall Street Journal*. He was a member of the Mensa Society.

Survivors include his younger brother and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Richard Coeymans Polgreen '62, a military careerist of Junction City, Kan., was born on Jan. 26, 1940, in Albany, N.Y., the oldest child of the former Frances Dorn and Waldron Polgreen '31, a real estate agent. Polgreen graduated from Schoharie (N.Y.) Central High School.

Polgreen attended Hamilton until 1960 before withdrawing due to health reasons. He returned from January 1961 to January 1962 and again withdrew for personal reasons. Polgreen was a member of Sigma Phi fraternity while on the Hill.

Like his father before him, he joined the military. The young Polgreen was just 4 years old when his father was killed in World War II and buried in France. Dick Polgreen had the opportunity to visit his father's gravesite when his National Guard unit spent time in Germany, a published obituary noted.

While in the service, Polgreen attended pharmacy school at Fort Sam Houston and was subsequently stationed at Fort Riley. He later joined the Kansas Army National Guard where he spent more than 30 years, the last decade in Topeka.

Polgreen was known for his sense of humor, the obituary said. One of his favorite activities was participating in the Clarke Sanders Baseball Adventure, and he experienced every major league baseball stadium during the group's road trips. (His favorite? PNC Park in Pittsburgh overlooking the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers.) He also played the organ and served in various capacities on the board of the Church of Our Saviour United Methodist in Junction City.

Polgreen died on June 15, 2019. He was 79 years old and is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Eunice Kornelsen, and two brothers.

Kenneth Krementz Hazen '63, an insurance and financial services agent of Farmington, Conn., and later Longmont, Colo., was born on March 23, 1941, in Newark, N.J., a son of the former Katherine Krementz and Lewis Hazen, an insurance agent. He spent his childhood in Bay Village, Ohio, and graduated from Pittsford High School in New York.

A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Hazen majored in history at the College and played on the hockey and lacrosse teams.

After graduation, Hazen spent many years in Farmington, where he worked in commercial real estate investment for Aetna Inc. and subsequently in an independent practice. He purchased a second home in Fraser, Colo., to be closer to family in 2011 and relocated to Colorado in 2015.

Hazen enjoyed nature and outdoor activities, including hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and camping, according to a published obituary. He was proud to have recently learned to snorkel, paddleboard, and rock climb. He was a member of numerous outdoor organizations, including SkiMeisters, the Boulder Tuesday Thursday Hikers, the Fraser Tuesday Hiking Group, and Searchers, and he was a member of the Boulder Newcomers Club. Hazen supported many environmental and humanitarian causes and was especially concerned about the welfare of refugees.

Hazen died on Nov. 24, 2018. He was 77 and is survived by a daughter and granddaughter. Other relatives include a niece, Katherine Fair Farrington '94.

Jonathan Zane Hildreth '64, a one-time journalist, restaurateur, and hospitality host of Atlanta, was born on May 14, 1943, in Charlottesville, Va., a son of the former Angelica Fraser-Farquarson and William Hildreth, president of the People's Bank of Charlottesville.

At the College, Hildreth was a member of the Charlatans, the Kinokunst Gesellschaft film society, and Emerson Literary Society. After graduation he pursued theatre studies at Indiana University at Bloomington.

Reflecting on his favorite Hamilton community member in a College correspondence, Hildreth noted that "[Professor] John Crossett changed my life and shaped my career ... he taught me how to edit my writing without mercy, and I've made my living with that skill."

Throughout his life, Hildreth pursued various careers, first moving to New York City to work as a reporter for a Mexican

wire service, among other journalism jobs. He subsequently operated a landscaping company in Rabun County, Ga., that included tree farming and logging.

After moving to Atlanta, Hildreth co-owned a restaurant called Eats 'n Sweets with his then-wife, the former Susan Kelly. It was the first natural foods restaurant in Atlanta, according to a published obituary. Hildreth later moved to Brevard, N.C., where he operated a bed and breakfast. At the time of his death he was retired.

Hildreth died on Dec. 22, 2019. He was 76 years old and is survived by his wife, Laura Borders, a son, a daughter, and two stepsons.

James Clark Hunt '64, the valedictorian of his Hamilton class, went on to success in two careers — education and law. Born on Aug. 10, 1942, a son of Harold and Ruth Clark Hunt, he grew up in Oneonta, N.Y.

On College Hill, Hunt joined Delta Phi fraternity and majored in history. He participated in Student Senate, WHCL radio, and the German Club, and earned the McKinney Public Speaking Prize. He spent his entire junior year studying in Germany.

After graduating from Hamilton with Phi Beta Kappa honors, Hunt went on to Harvard University where he earned his Ph.D. in modern European history. In addition to his dissertation, "The People's Party in Wurttemberg and Southern Germany, 1890-1914," which explored the political behaviors of peasants in southern Germany, he published many scholarly articles through the years.

Following another year in Germany, this time as a Fulbright Fellow, he joined the faculty of Emmanuel College in Boston. Next came teaching positions in Maine at St. Francis College (now the University of New England) and St. Joseph's College.

During his time in Germany teaching at the University of Bonn, Hunt found himself embroiled in a dispute between the president and the faculty. "I took a major lead in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to unionize the college," he recalled in his Hamilton 50th reunion yearbook. "So, I've also spent my time on the picket line."

In the early 1980s, Hunt embarked on a second career after friends persuaded him to go to law school. He graduated in 1985 from the University of Maine School of Law and served for a year as a clerk to Caroline Glassman, the first woman appointed to the Maine Supreme Court. Hunt called Portland, Maine, home, and for the remainder of his career he practiced

law, primarily in civil litigation, with the firm Robertson, Krieger, and McCallum.

According to a published obituary, "Jim was committed to helping others through his profession, his work as a founding member of Portland's first Amnesty International chapter, as a board member and chair of the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, and with the Maine Humanities Council."

Hunt, an animal lover and voracious reader, died on March 1, 2020, at the age of 78. He is survived by Emmy Hoffmann, his wife of 53 years, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Peter Stephen

Knobel '64, a rabbi of Evanston, Ill., was born on Jan. 13, 1943, in Newark, N.J., a son of the former Lotta Emmerglick, a teacher, and Lothar Knobel, a sales manager. He graduated from Hillside High School in New Jersey.



At the College, Knobel was active on the cross country team, for which he served as captain, and the track and field team. A member of Gryphon, he majored in philosophy and foreign language at Hamilton before earning his master's in Hebrew literature and rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1966, and a master's degree and Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale University in 1973.

Knobel was rabbi emeritus at Beth Emet The Free Synagogue in Evanston, where he had served since 1980, following 11 years at Temple Emanuel in Groton, Conn. He also led congregations in West Hollywood, Calif., Chicago, and Coral Gables, Fla. Internationally, Knobel served as a rabbi in Weybridge, England, and Auckland, New Zealand.

Known as a national and international scholar, Knobel authored *Gates of the Seasons: A Guide to the Jewish New Year*, among other books, articles, and essays. He lent his knowledge and leadership skills to such organizations as the Association of Reform Zionists of America, Union for Reform Judaism, American Jewish Committee, Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, and the Council for a Parliament of the World Religions, for which he served on the board.

Past president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis and the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis, Knobel chaired the Central Conference of American Rabbis ad hoc

Siddur editorial committee, which produced *Mishkan T'filah*, the Reform Movement's new prayer book. He also served as a member of the Illinois State Attorney's task force "Foregoing of Life-Sustaining Treatment," while emphasizing health, healing, death, and dying.

In a message to Hamilton classmates announcing Knobel's death, Class President Rick Pfau '64 referred to Knobel as arguably "puckish," and recalled that a friend also noted he was "welcoming, sweet, and sincere," while another described Knobel as "what you would think a rabbi would be: kind, compassionate, intelligent, insightful, as well as having a great sense of humor."

Knobel died on Aug. 20, 2019. He was 76 and is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Elaine Goodman, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Gary Robert Sutton '64, a French and Latin teacher of Buffalo, N.Y., was born on March 24, 1942, in Middletown, N.Y., a son of the former Helen Cook and Ora Sutton, a salesman. He graduated from Middletown High School.

On the Hill, Sutton was a member of the College Choir, the Root Art Center Board, Student Curriculum Committee, French Club, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He majored in French and Francophone studies.

Sutton earned a master's of arts degree in 1967 from SUNY Buffalo and at the time of his death was beginning his 50th anniversary as a teacher at Buffalo Seminary, an independent school for girls.

His loyalty to and love of the school was boundless, according to a published obituary. In addition to teaching Latin and French, Sutton was the class notes editor, a musician, and the school historian. The 2012 dedication of the Magavern-Sutton Courtyard at Buffalo Seminary celebrated his legacy.

Sutton was known for his love of animals, especially dogs, and was often seen strolling the Elmwood Village neighborhood with friends' dogs, the obituary noted. Dog visitors to his classroom always received a treat from his desk drawer.

Sutton, who generously supported Hamilton's Baldwin Memorial Fund in honor of his College Choir mentor and director John Baldwin, died on Sept. 23, 2019. Information on his immediate survivors was not available.

Neil Stephen

Bauer '65, an English teacher and educational consultant of New York City and Larchmont, N.Y., was born on July 2, 1943, in Cincinnati, a son of the former Dorothea Lynch and Neil Bauer. He graduated from Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati.



On the Hill, Bauer majored in English literature. He was a member of Chi Psi fraternity and contributed four years on *The Spectator* staff, where he served as associate editor during his senior year. He was also part of Pi Delta Epsilon, the journalism honorary society.

In 1966, Bauer earned an M.A. and in 1971 a Ph.D., both in English, from Columbia University. He taught English at the College of William and Mary, where he met Helen Pike. Soon after the couple married, they opted to spend a year in England, where Bauer did research for an annotated bibliography of 19th-century criticism of Wordsworth (published in 1978). Through the years he would also publish about a dozen articles on 19th-century British poetry and periodicals.

After returning stateside, Bauer returned to the classroom, teaching at Manhattanville College while also working as executive director of the British American Educational Foundation, an organization that sends American students and teachers to schools in the U.K. In addition, he served on the boards of the Harrow School Foundation and the International Management Educational Foundation.

Bauer noted for his 50th reunion yearbook that his Hamilton years served as a buffer before facing the world after graduation. The College allowed him "to withdraw for a while into the luxury of study and friendships and a great deal of frivolity, so that one came out with a firm sense of self. Since Hamilton, the 'real' world has always seemed a bit irrelevant."

Bauer died on April 9, 2019, at the age of 75, according to his wife. Additional survivors include two daughters.

Michael George Sheahan '65

a physician and medical director of South Euclid, Ohio, was born on April 18, 1943, in Cleveland, a son of the former Edith Cseak, a secretary, and Sylvester Sheahan, a civil engineer. He graduated from Mayfield (Ohio) High School.

At Hamilton, Sheahan was a member of the Chapel Board and Delta Upsilon fraternity, serving his senior year as chair and president, respectively. He majored in chemistry and after graduation earned his medical degree from Case Western Reserve Medical School in 1969.

Sheahan completed his post-graduate training in internal medicine and rheumatology at University Hospitals of Cleveland. He practiced medicine for 30 years at UH Suburban Health Center and served six years as medical director of the Qual-Choice Health Plan. He retired in 2006.

A leader in his profession, Sheahan was a founding and medical advisory board member of the Lupus Foundation of America, NEO chapter; vice president and Cleveland branch chairman of the Arthritis Foundation; and served in various roles for the Cleveland Rheumatism Association, American College of Rheumatology, and Cleveland Academy of Medicine. He was honored with professional and community service awards, including both the Arthritis Foundation's President's Award for Distinguished Service and the Lee C. Howley Volunteer Award, according to a published obituary.

Sheahan once remarked about his Hamilton experience, "Without the education and especially the financial support, much [of my accomplishments] might not have been possible." As to his years on College Hill: "Public speaking requirements served me well in my teaching efforts."

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, serving as a Boy Scouts master, traveling, running, and tennis.

Sheahan, who volunteered throughout the years on behalf of his alma mater, died on May 6, 2019. He was 76 years old. Sheahan is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Patricia Petrine, two children, and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son.

Frank Joseph Beatty Kaufman '66 died at the age of 75 on April 26, 2020, at his home in Holly Springs, N.C. However, prior to 2018, he spent his entire life (with the exception of his years at Hamilton and Harvard Law School) as a resident of New York City.

A New Yorker through and through, he spent many days at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, immersing himself in European art, according to a published obituary. He relished strolling through Central Park and cheering for his favorite teams, from the former Brooklyn Dodgers to the New York Rangers.

Born on July 16, 1944, Kaufman was the only child of the former Carmen "Betty" Beatty and Joseph Kaufman. He attended St. Bernard's School in Manhattan and spent much time in his childhood and young adulthood in France and Spain. With his mother he also enjoyed summers on Long Island sailing and playing tennis with friends and cousins.

At Hamilton, Kaufman majored in history and earned the Graves History Prize. He spent his junior year in France and graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors. After a year studying Russian history at Yale, he settled on a career in law and finance and graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1972.

After a brief stint at the law firm of Malcolm A. Hoffman, Kaufman joined McGraw-Hill Co. as a tax attorney in 1974 and remained until his retirement in 2007 as senior vice president and head of the tax department.

Kaufman enjoyed spending time in Maine with his extended family at his vacation home on Sebago Lake. In his retirement, he read French and Russian history and literature and was proud to volunteer at the AARP helping elderly New Yorkers prepare their taxes.

"Throughout his life, Frank was endearingly unconventional and free-spirited," the obituary noted. "All appreciated his unfailing generosity, intelligence, and humor. His discretion and care for others made him a source of counsel and support to family and friends."

Two years ago, Kaufman and his wife of 46 years, the former Diane Laurendeau, moved to North Carolina to be closer to their daughter and two granddaughters, all of whom survive him.

George Kimball "Kim" Sargent III '66, a business manager turned financial adviser of Chicago, was born on March 20, 1944, in New York City, a son of the former Betty Martin and George Sargent, Jr. He prepared for college at the Brooks School in North Andover, Mass.

On the Hill, Sargent majored in government and was a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He was very active in extracurricular life, participating in Student Senate, Pentagon, Was Los, and Doers & Thinkers. He served WHCL radio, Root-Jessup Public Affairs Council (for which he was president his senior year), the



Student Admissions Committee, and lent his athletic talents to the Squash Club and tennis team.

Sargent, who served for many years as class notes editor for the *Hamilton Alumni Review*, once remarked on the College's location and weather as influencing his life and career. "Perhaps it was the isolation — or maybe the tremendously cold and wintry weather — but Hamilton helped me gain a sense of self-confidence and resolve, both of which have been tremendously useful in taking advantage of life's opportunities, as well as overcoming the various trials and tribulations," he wrote for his 25th reunion yearbook.

After graduation, Sargent enlisted in the U.S. Navy and attended Officer Candidate School. While deployed in South Vietnam, he earned a Bronze Star Medal with combat distinguished service. After his active duty ended in 1972, he continued to serve as an officer in the Naval Reserve, retiring in 1996 with the rank of captain.

When not in uniform, Sargent spent 13 years in management/sales in the industrial coatings division at Benjamin Moore Paints in Newark, N.J., Santa Clara, Calif., Pittsburgh, and Chicago. He later worked for 23 years as a financial adviser with Prudential-Bache Securities (now Wells-Fargo Advisors) in Chicago.

After his retirement, Sargent participated in community organizations on many levels, most recently on the board of directors for Chicago's Porchlight Music Theatre, which dedicated its 25th anniversary season in his honor and memory.

Sargent, who served Hamilton as class gift chair and class notes editor, died on June 6, 2019. He was 75 years old and is survived by a sister, two brothers, and nieces and nephews.

Andrew Keith Van Benschoten '66, whose jobs ranged from town supervisor to student mentor, of New Kingston, N.Y., was born on July 9, 1944, in Margaretville, N.Y., a son of the former Fay Liddle and Andrew Van Benschoten, a dairy farmer. He graduated from Margaretville Central School as valedictorian.

On the Hill, Van Benschoten majored in history and was a member of Gryphon, graduating with Phi Beta Kappa honors. One year later, he earned a master's degree in the history of science from Harvard University and worked for several years at the university as a proctor of freshmen while living in Harvard Yard and working toward a doctorate.

In 1971, Van Benschoten obtained a Fulbright Fellowship to Freie University in

Berlin, where he continued studying foreign languages, including German, Czech, Polish, and Russian. An entry in his 25th reunion yearbook presaged that passion for languages and foreign travel: "Ed Lee's Asian history course gave me the first intimation that I might be culture bound."

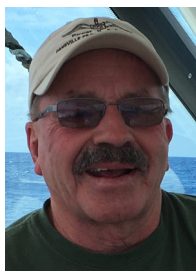
After his stint in Europe, Van Benschoten became involved back home in local politics as Middletown, N.Y., town supervisor and then as an aide to former U.S. Congressman Matthew McHugh, serving as his liaison to town and county officials for several years. Van Benschoten was also founder and executive director of Ours Delaco Association, a farm and community organization.

In 1992, Van Benschoten earned a J.D. with honors from Rutgers University. At one point, he spent several years working at the State University of New York College at Oneonta in several capacities, including mentoring foreign students.

Throughout his life, Van Benschoten maintained his love of working and studying abroad, and visiting friends in Europe, Hawaii, and Southeast Asia, a published obituary noted.

Van Benschoten died on Aug. 7, 2019, in Thailand. He was 75 and is survived by a sister and cousins.

After graduating from Hamilton, **Graham Bennett Frazer '68** served in the U.S. Air Force where he rose to the rank of captain. Although his military stint lasted only four years, his passion for flight would remain with him throughout his life.



Born on May 24, 1946, in Rochester, N.Y., a son of Willard and Esther Graham Frazer, he prepared for college at Caledonia High School. Frazer majored in economics and joined Chi Psi fraternity and the staff of WHCL radio. Upon graduation he was named winner of the James Soper Merrill Prize.

After his discharge from the Air Force, Frazer and his wife, Candy, made Dansville, N.Y., their home, and he began his career at the family business, Dansville Chrysler Dodge Jeep. He loved his time at "the dealership" and his extended family of customers and coworkers, a published obituary noted. During his tenure at Dansville Chrysler, Frazer served as president of the Dodge, Chrysler and Plymouth Advertising Association and was a member of the National Dealer Council.

According to a published obituary, "No job was too large for Bob, and if it involved travel time all the better! ... Whether flying a T-37 Tweet or T-38 Talon during his time in the Air Force or his Piper Saratoga out of his home field, KDSV, in Dansville, his love of the sky never wavered." Frazer also relished time at his lake house in Canada, building cedar strip canoes and model airplanes, and enjoying his family and friends.

Throughout the years, Frazer served his community as a member of the Dansville Presbyterian Church, the Dansville Pilots Association, Dansville Lions Club, the Daniel Goho Post #87 of The American Legion, and on the Village of Dansville and Town of Sparta Planning Board. Upon his retirement he volunteered at Noyes Memorial Hospital, where he served on numerous committees and as chairperson of the board from 2017 to 2019. In 2016, he was presented with the Presidential Volunteer Service award. His volunteer hours are recorded at over 8,000.

Frazer died on Jan. 30, 2020, at the age of 73. In addition to his wife, the former Candace Packard, whom he had married in 1968, he is survived by two sons and several grandchildren. A daughter predeceased him.

John Thomas Freedman '68, a dentist who practiced for three decades in Skaneateles, N.Y., was born on Feb. 20, 1946, in Iliion, N.Y., a son of the former Pauline Vainosky, a beautician, and Edward Freedman, a town supervisor. He graduated from Frankfort-Schuyler Central School.

At Hamilton, Freedman majored in biology. He was the starting quarterback on the football team and a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. An active participant in College leadership, he took on roles with student government, the Honor Court, as a dorm advisor, and on the Hamilton and Kirkland trustee committees.

In 1972, Freedman received a D.D.S. from the State University of New York at Buffalo before serving a stint in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant at Brunswick Naval Air Station in Maine. He relocated to Skaneateles in 1974, where he would practice dentistry for more than 30 years and serve as a volunteer coach for youth sports teams, sit on the Skaneateles Country Club board of directors, and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

In 2006, Freedman retired to Venice, Fla., where he and his wife, the former Mary Margaret Seymour, lived for 13 years before moving to Cary, N.C., in 2019. He enjoyed

golf, fly-fishing, and bicycling, and was known for his contagious smile and quick wit, according to a published obituary.

Learning became a life-long exercise for Freedman. He noted in his 25th reunion yearbook, "Continuing Education," as it is called in dentistry, has been important in my career advancement, and there is no question that love of learning was nurtured at Hamilton."

Freedman died on Sept. 24, 2019. He was 73 and is survived by his wife of 50 years, two sons, including John Freedman '95, and four grandchildren.

William Anthony Ganey '68, a banker and former Peace Corps and U.S. State Department worker of Tempe, Ariz., was born on Nov. 24, 1946, in Utica, N.Y., a son of the former Santa Cosoleto, a music teacher, and John Ganey, a sales manager. He graduated from Bethlehem Central Senior High School in Delmar, N.Y.

A member of Sigma Phi fraternity while at Hamilton, Ganey spent four years in India in the Peace Corps before earning a master's degree from Arizona State University. He then embarked on a career with the U.S. State Department in Nepal.

Ganey returned to the United States and began a career in banking, working for Bank of America for 20 years before retiring a year before his death. He loved the natural beauty of the desert and frequently spent weekends and vacations exploring the Southwest. Ganey was particularly fond of the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Ariz., a published obituary noted.

Ganey died on April 12, 2019. He was 72 and is survived by his second wife, Pamela, two children from a previous marriage, a stepson, and an unofficially adopted daughter and her two daughters.

Frank Wood "Bud" Gardner '72, an executive search consultant, died on Jan. 23, 2020, at his home in Winter Springs, Fla. He was noted for his ability to forge meaningful connections in both his personal and professional lives.

Gardner was born on March 25, 1950, in Boston, a son of Frank Gardner, a physician and professor of medicine, and the former Theodosia Wood. A graduate of the Haverford School, in Haverford, Pa., he majored in English at Hamilton, worked on *The Spectator*, and joined Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

In 1976, he earned an M.B.A. from Syracuse University. Later he served as an account representative with Bell of Pennsylvania and later as a consultant at

Cole, Warren and Long, both in the Philadelphia area.

The Spring 1991 edition of the *Hamilton Alumni Review* contained news that Gardner and his wife, Linda, purchased a travel agency in Port St. Lucie, Fla. He continued his self-described “headhunting” business and was a building contractor on the side. “Like a good travel agent,” the class notes editor wrote, “he reminds us that Port St. Lucie is one of the fastest-growing towns in the country as well as the spring training grounds for the New York Mets, and urges us Northerners to come on down out of the cold.”

Gardner remained in the Sunshine State and in 1998 reported that he was president and managing director of Franklin Associates, Inc., an executive search and consulting firm. While based in Florida, he had clients throughout the country, primarily in the hospitality and real estate industries.

Survivors include his wife and two brothers.

Debra Parker Conant K'73, an artist of West Hartford, Conn., was the daughter of the former Doris Fee and Roger Conant, a doctor.

She attended Kirkland College but withdrew in June 1972, according to College records, and decided to travel. According to a published obituary, Conant's run-down Volkswagen, and sense of good humor and adventure, took her first to Mexico and then through Honduras and Costa Rica, where the car eventually died.

Upon her return home, she began brewing beer to the delight of friends and worked in graphic design before leaving those pursuits to paint and raise a family. She eventually renovated a formerly neglected Queen Anne home in the historic Sigourney Square Park in Hartford.

Conant studied painting in Tuscany every summer for many years and continued her love of travel to Thailand, Tanzania, Zanzibar, and Tokyo, where she lived for a period, the obituary noted. She expanded her artistry to also pursue gardening and gourmet cooking.

Influenced by Paul Gauguin, Diego Rivera, Frieda Kahlo, Thomas Hart Benton, and the impressionists, she developed a unique style in watercolor, oil, and tempera painting. Despite the early diagnosis of a life-threatening illness, Conant led by example, instilling in her children loyalty and diligence, never allowing hardships to limit her kindness and empathy, the obituary said.

Conant died on Jan. 17, 2020. She is survived by a daughter, two sons, and her former husband, Mark Fucci.

James Matthew Noonan '73 of

Ballston Spa, N.Y., was born on March 6, 1951, in Schenectady, N.Y., to Richard and Arlene Golden Noonan. He grew up in New York's capital district, in Ballston Spa and Albany, and graduated from the Vincentian Institute.

On College Hill, Noonan joined Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. A biology major, he worked on *The Spectator* and participated in the Interfraternity Council. He maintained close ties to his alma mater over the years, supporting the College with Annual Fund gifts for the past 39 consecutive years.

Following his Hamilton graduation, Noonan headed to Albany Medical College, where he graduated in 1980. He spent the next six years serving in the U.S. Navy before his honorable discharge from active duty as a lieutenant commander. Next came private practice in internal medicine. He was a partner of Saratoga Medical Associates (later Community Care Physicians) until 2009.

Noonan was an avid gardener who completed the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Master Gardening course. He was active in his community, serving first on the board of Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties and later as a mentor through the Saratoga Mentoring Program. He was also a founding member of the Wilton Rotary Club, serving as its president (2011-12).

When asked to sum up Hamilton's impact on his life for his 25th reunion yearbook, Noonan wrote: “The importance of an open mind and an unbiased evaluation of problems and situations. Also the value of humor in making a point.”

Noonan died on Nov. 19, 2019, at the age of 68. In addition to his wife, Anne Marthy-Noonan, whom he had married in 1978, he is survived by two children, Tim Noonan '05 and Maggie Noonan '08.



Kathryn Lynn Bedke K'74 once noted of her College Hill experience:

“When entering Kirkland, I never thought about becoming a lawyer; yet that is what I am thanks to its support of women in a time of transition.”

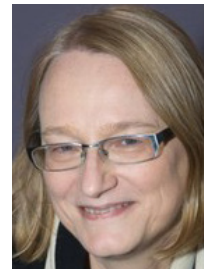
Born on Nov. 3, 1951, in Kearney, Neb., she was the daughter of Richard Bedke, a railroad conductor, and the former Helen Weitzel, a homemaker. At Kirkland, she focused her studies in literature and German, having spent her junior year in Vienna, and lent her vocal talents to the College Choir.

Thanks to a Rockefeller Scholarship, Bedke earned her master's degree in theological studies from Harvard Divinity School before shifting gears and heading to law school at Case Western Reserve where she earned her J.D. in 1979. She practiced law at White & Case, Davidson & Granum, and Wohl & Entwistle, and served as an enforcement attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Bedke also taught as an adjunct professor at New York Law School.

Committed to her alma mater, Bedke wrote in her 25th reunion yearbook, “Kirkland was the first place where I was challenged.” And she made a point of giving back. In addition to serving for a time as a board member of the Kirkland Alumnae Association, she participated as her class representative to Hamilton's Alumni Council until 1995 and was an admission volunteer.

She also spent her time outside of work collecting paintings and marbles, swimming, cross-country skiing, enjoying music and theatre, baking and cooking, and photography.

Bedke died at her home in New York City on March 31, 2020, at the age of 68. She is survived by two nephews and many friends from her profession, travel, and work with the Blue Hill Troupe and the Nebraska Society of New York.



Eleanor “Nell” McCormick Burlingham K'76, a child and adolescent psychiatrist of New York City, was born on Sept. 29, 1953, a daughter of the former Eleanor Fabyan, a political activist, and Robert Burlingham, a writer. She prepared for college at the Rockland Country Day School in Congers, N.Y.

At Kirkland, Burlingham focused her studies on literature but later her academic and career interests would turn to the sciences. In 1995, she earned an M.D. from Albert Einstein Medical College in New York City specializing in child and adolescent psychiatry.

Burlingham worked as a physician at the Bronx Children's Psychiatric Center and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine before joining the staff at North General Hospital in New York City in 2001. She was named chair of the department of psychiatry four years later. From 2008 until the year prior to her death, she worked in private practice.

Recognized as a consummate healer, she was much loved by patients and colleagues alike, according to a published obituary.

Burlingham died on Sept. 26, 2019, at the age of 65. She is survived by her husband, Charles Doubleday, a sister, and two brothers.

David George Schutt '76, a key member of the financial news publication *Barron's* editing team for more than a decade, died on Jan. 20, 2020, after a long illness.

"David left his mark on *Barron's* in countless ways, big and small," the company's website noted following his death. "Even after learning of his illness two years ago, he remained dedicated to his work, quietly going about his job of making every story, every caption, and every headline better. He attacked his assignments with patience and good humor, improving the work of everyone from young reporters to seasoned pros."

Born in Ridgewood, N.J., Schutt was the son of Louise Hennemuth and William Schutt. He graduated from Glen Rock High School before coming to Hamilton where he studied classical studies and Latin, earning awards in each, and served as captain of the tennis team.

After graduation he embarked on a career as a financial journalist and held senior editorial positions at *Institutional Investor* magazine and *American Banker*. He joined *Barron's* in 2006 and most recently served as managing editor, equities.

Schutt loved to travel. He was an avid skier, a passion he shared with his sons. He enjoyed reading, writing, and gardening. "David's intelligence, gentle manner, and dry sense of humor endeared him to all," a published obituary noted.

Schutt died at his home in Nyack, N.Y., on Jan. 20, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Hobson, and two sons.

Frances Tower Thacher K'76, a midwife, hospital administrator, and women's health activist of Bedford Hills, N.Y., was born on Feb. 28, 1954, in Cincinnati, the third child of Whitney Tower, a writer, and the former Francie Train, a homemaker. She prepared for college at the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, Va.

In 1971, Thacher traveled to the Congo to live with the Mbuti pygmies and developed an interest in women's health and childbirth practices, according to a published obituary. She subsequently graduated from Kirkland College with a degree in anthropology, entering as a junior in 1974, before earning a bachelor of science and a master's in nursing and midwifery from Columbia University in 1978 and 1981, respectively.

Thacher pursued a career as the director of midwifery at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, where she quadrupled the number of midwives at the hospital and pioneered a program providing services to uninsured and undocumented women. She also founded a rape victims' advocacy program and oversaw a teen pregnancy counseling clinic. She later became director of midwifery at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

Thacher struggled for decades with bipolar disorder and in 2000 retired from clinical practice after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and Behçet's disease. Despite her many illnesses, she remained committed to women's health issues. From 2006 to 2013, she taught prenatal classes at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility and served as a longtime board member for the American College of Nurse Midwives.

An admired cook, fisherwoman, prolific needleworker, and avid reader, Thacher raised Jack Russell terriers and Labradors. She most enjoyed moments spent in her cabin in the Adirondacks, the obituary said.

Thacher died on March 25, 2019. She was 65 and is survived by her mother, two children, and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas "Toby" Thacher II '69, in 2017. The couple enjoyed 43 years of marriage.

Joseph David Wachspress '76, a cardiologist of Voorhees, N.J., was born on Oct. 1, 1954, in New York City. In his senior year of high school, his family moved to Israel, where Wachspress studied at the Hebrew University.



After moving back to the United States, Wachspress attended Hamilton for two years. At the College, he majored in biology and took to the stage as an actor and musician. He was a member of the Emerson Literary Society before transferring to Johns Hopkins University for its five-year medical program. He earned his M.D. in 1979.

Wachspress completed his residency in internal medicine at Hopkins before returning to New York City for a fellowship in cardiology at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx from 1982 to 1985. Having completed his training, he joined the staff at Pennsylvania Hospital. He later moved to Vineland, N.J., to open his own practice specializing in cardiology. From the relationships he developed, patients knew Wachspress was committed to his chosen profession, according to a published obituary.

Wachspress died on July 17, 2019. He was 64 and is survived by his wife, the former Lyn Popick, whom he had married in 1990, a son, and two daughters.

Melinda Shepard Walsh K'77, a clinical social worker and counselor of Weekapaug, R.I., was born on May 20, 1955, in West Hartford, Conn., a daughter of the former Louise Shepard, a secretary, and Raycroft Walsh, Jr., an aircraft equipment purchasing manager and engineer. She graduated from Kingswood Oxford High School in West Hartford.

At Kirkland College, Walsh majored in history and sociology. She played field hockey and was a student adviser for two years.

Walsh moved on to receive a master's in education from Harvard University in 1983 and a master's in social work from Simmons College in 1988. She was fond of working with middle- and high-school children, according to a published obituary, and was employed by the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut as an in-school counselor at Pawcatuck Middle School. She also served with the Big Sister Association.

In 2015, Walsh was diagnosed with a soft tissue sarcoma and ultimately lost her right leg. Her strength and perseverance were an inspiration to all and did not hinder her independence, the obituary noted.

Walsh was involved with social justice issues, including women's rights, the environment, and furthering the progressive agenda. Her devotion was underscored in her comments for her 25th reunion yearbook. She wrote then that Kirkland instilled "a healthy skepticism/cynicism about the world ... an openness and appreciation of different outlooks, opinions, backgrounds, heritages ... a spirit feminism — I kept my last name, didn't I?"

Walsh was a devoted fan of the Boston Red Sox and as a spiritual person was president of the Weekapaug Chapel Society for seven years.

Walsh died on Aug. 13, 2019. She was 64 years old and is survived by her husband, Mark Bullinger, and a daughter.

David Patrick Castellano '79, a computer engineer of Clinton, N.Y., was born on March 1, 1957, in Utica, N.Y., a son of the former Mariangela Iuorno and chemist Frank Castellano '42. He graduated from Whitesboro High School.

At Hamilton, Castellano majored in government and history before earning a master's degree in computer engineering from SUNY Polytechnic Institute in nearby Marcy, N.Y. He also attended the University of Toledo College of Law in Ohio.

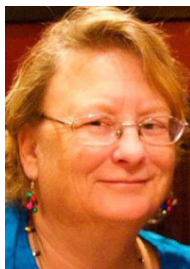
Castellano worked as a computer engineer at Sterling Software, Northrop-Grumman, and the Air Force Research Lab in Rome, N.Y. He loved traveling, especially cruises, and along with his wife explored the world, including trips to Europe, Central America, South America, the South Pacific Islands, and Australia, according to a published obituary.

He had a passion for space and the Apollo space missions, enjoyed TV science fiction, and was a fan of *Star Trek*. An avid chess player, including postal and internet chess, Castellano also enjoyed Italian cuisine and spending time at his second home in Florida and with family.

Castellano died on Sept. 8, 2019. He was 62 and is survived by his wife, the former Diane Cavallaro, and two sons. In addition to his father, other Hamilton connections include his brother, Cosmo Castellano '74, and a nephew, Robert Castellano '11.

Alyssa "Lisa" Ross

Eppich '81, known among classmates for keeping them connected to the College and each other through social media, died on May 15, 2020, following complications from heart surgery. She was 61.



Born on Jan. 16, 1959, in Passaic, N.J., she was raised in Monmouth Beach, N.J., and enjoyed summers in Cooperstown, N.Y., throughout her childhood. She also spent her youth as a model, according to a published obituary, which noted: "She played the ghost of a girl in *Dark Shadows* in 1968, was in numerous TV commercials, including the Crest toothpaste ad in 1964, and hundreds of magazine ads for such companies as Lord & Taylor and Kodachrome."

At age 14, she was enrolled at St. Timothy's School in Stephenson, Md., and then proceeded to Kirkland College, which merged with Hamilton at the end of her first year. A history major, she spent a year pursuing Russian studies abroad in Vienna, Austria, and traveling to other countries.

Upon graduation, she moved to Boston where she worked for seven years in banking as well as for the French Library Alliance Française, where she taught herself the language. It was there where she met her future husband, Frederick Eppich. They were married in 1989.

Eppich spent the next 12 years at State Line Tack in New Hampshire before retiring in 2005 to Old Orchard Beach, Maine. That gave her time to volunteer at the lighthouse and explore her family ancestry. "She had many loving friends and family that she kept in touch with online and was known for saying good-night to everyone on Facebook each night in one of the four languages she spoke," the obituary said.

Eppich used social media not only to connect with friends, but also to connect her Hamilton and Kirkland contemporaries with each other and College Hill. Almost daily, she posted College news, discussion prompts, and shout-outs to classmates on the Hamilton College Class of 1981 Facebook page, which currently boasts 215 members. In 2013, she was presented with a College Key Award, which recognizes alumni, parents, or friends of Hamilton who have performed a service or activity that has directly benefited a specific volunteer program or the College.

Throughout Eppich's illness and in the days following her death, support and tributes poured in. Elly Phillips Cyr '81 kept the class updated on her friend's health status and later organized donations for gift baskets sent to the grieving family. Stew Stryker '81 picked up the tradition of posting good-night messages on Facebook. And Rob Jigarjian '81 shared this reflection: "This person, when I first became to be her classmate, stood out in my heart as superduper. Always caring about everyone. Always engaging in the community. Always just loving friends. There's no person I can honor and love from our Hamilton community more than this wonderful, loving Alyssa."

Eppich, who took great pride in calling herself the last of the Kirkland girls, is survived by her husband, daughter, stepson, and two step-grandchildren.

Steven D. Socrates III '82 was a dentist who shared a practice for many years with his late father. Socrates, of Dryden, Mich., died on March 12, 2020, at age 59.

Born on Aug. 29, 1960, in Pontiac, Mich., he was the son of Steven Socrates, who was born in Greece, and Katherine Socrates. He graduated from Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School before leaving his native Michigan to study at Hamilton, where he majored in psychology and biology.

In 1986, Socrates graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in Illinois, returning to Michigan to practice.

Socrates was predeceased by his wife Loretta. According to a published obituary, survivors include four children and a sister.

Lawrence Robert Kollath '85, a math teacher, nature enthusiast, and wilderness survival expert, most recently of Asheville, N.C., was born on Jan. 26, 1963, in Syracuse, N.Y., a son of Gloria and Bruce Kollath. He spent much of his childhood playing basketball, which he continued to pursue at Hamilton and throughout his teaching career.

A member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and a mathematics major at the College, Kollath took to the court for the Continentals, where he greatly admired legendary coach Tom Murphy, according to correspondence in his College file. A two-time All-American, he scored 1,297 points during his Hamilton career. In 2003, he was honored by the College, and his jersey was permanently hung in rafters of the Bundy Scott Field House.

After graduation, Kollath served in the U.S. Air Force as a survival instructor, teaching potentially downed pilots how to subsist in the wild. After five years, he transferred that skill to civilian life by moving to Seattle and starting a business teaching civilians how to survive in the woods.

Kollath earned two master's degrees, constantly took online courses, and pursued lectures from the Teaching Company in his thirst for knowledge, according to a published obituary. He first worked as a traditional school educator at the Winchendon (Mass.) School, where he taught high school math and biology for three years and also worked as a basketball coach. He next went to the Marvelwood School in Kent, Conn., as a teacher and coach, and also ran Wilderness Way, an after-school hiking and canoeing program.

After nine years, Kollath moved to Asheville, where he again taught math, coached basketball, and helped with the outdoor program at the Asheville School. He spent 13 years nurturing students and faculty there before leaving due to his final illness.

Kollath's most recent pursuits were electronic circuitry, chaos theory, wood-working, nature journaling, and birding, the obituary noted. He led by example, encouraging in others a zest for knowledge.

Kollath died on Jan. 27, 2020. He was 57 years old and is survived by his wife, the former Marbie Guyon.

Theodore Joseph Ferrara '87, an artist, musician, writer, and bagel company manager of Minneapolis, was the son of Anne Marie and Mike Ferrara. He graduated from Salamanca High School in New York.

At Hamilton, Ferrara majored in art and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. After graduation, he moved to Buffalo, N.Y., where he continued painting and founded the bands Herr Müller and Kingpin, according to a published obituary.

In 1992, he moved to Minneapolis, where he became involved in the music scene, most notably with the bands The Replacements and Hüsker Du, the obituary noted. Ferrara also played with Rabbit and Kingpin (v2.0). In the late '90s, he co-founded the Chip Groover Art Collective to showcase his own artwork and that of other emerging artists.

Ferrara was employed by Bruegger's Bagels for more than 20 years as a driver and then as operations manager. His latest endeavor centered on hardwood restoration and customized stains.

An avid guitarist, musicologist, DJ, skier, snowboarder, hockey player, hunter, pool shark, traveler, reader, pundit, and cook earned him the well-deserved moniker "Renaissance man" to his friends, according to the obituary, which also noted, "But, above all, Ted was the ballast for a community of people."

Ferrara died on Oct. 16, 2019. He was 54 and is survived by his parents, a sister, and two nephews.

David Joseph Yockel '87, a research analyst of Bethesda, Md., was born on March 17, 1965, a son of David and Libby Yockel. On College Hill, he majored in government and was a member of the football team and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

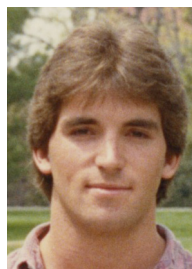
Yockel worked as a research analyst and supervisor for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Washington, D.C., for more than 30 years. Throughout his lifetime, he maintained a positive and grateful outlook and connected with everyone in a loving and meaningful way, according to a published obituary.

Yockel, who enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and completing home improvement projects, died on Aug. 29, 2019, at the age of 54. He is survived by his wife, the former Anne Hammele, and three daughters.

William H. Foresman '88 was a urologist who contributed to medicine and to his community for more than two decades in his hometown of Auburn, N.Y. He died Feb. 23, 2020, at age 53, at home in Owasco, near Auburn.

Leaders of the local medical community remembered Foresman for his advocacy for Auburn Community Hospital, his generosity with his time to the hospital and to his patients, his honesty, kindness, and the confidence he inspired in his patients.

Foresman, who was born on Nov. 9, 1966, was a son of Arthur Hastings Foresman and Joanne Philbrook. He graduated from Auburn High School and matriculated at Hamilton, where he



majored in biology and joined Delta Phi fraternity. His academic performance earned him election into Phi Beta Kappa.

From Hamilton, Foresman went on to Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, where he earned his medical degree. He completed a residency in urology at the University of Rochester Medical School Center at Strong Memorial Hospital before returning to Auburn where he began practicing medicine in 1998. In 2004, he established Lake Region Urology and in 2014 became part of Associated Medical Professionals of NY.

"He has left a major impact, both personally and professionally, on our practice, his patients and staff, the community and everyone who knew him," noted Associated Medical about Foresman on its website.

Foresman had an uncompromising work ethic that he attributed to his parents, a published obituary said. An outdoorsman, he loved hunting, boating, and fishing, and he had a strong religious commitment.

Foresman's leadership positions in the community included president of the Cayuga County Medical Society, chief of surgery and president of the medical staff at Auburn Memorial Hospital, and hospital board member.

Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Judy Sayer Foresman, two sons, his parents, and three siblings, including Pamela Foresman '85.

Geoffrey David Pinkerton '89, a policy and budget analyst of Frankfort, Ky., was born in Camden, N.J., a son of the former Barbara Davidson and Henry Pinkerton '61. He graduated from Christ School in Arden, N.C.

At Hamilton, Pinkerton majored in anthropology. In 1996, he earned an M.B.A. from the University of Louisville.

Pinkerton worked for 21 years in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Office of State Budget Director in Frankfort, handling the budgets of the Education, Arts and Humanities, Environmental and Public Protection, Energy, Labor and Justice and Public Safety departments before his retirement.

He was a board member of the Capital Day School in Frankfort and a den leader of Cub Scout Troop 269. Pinkerton served as an acolyte, vestry, and choir member



and cantor at the Church of the Ascension, where he also was active in the Men's Club.

Pinkerton enjoyed playing Frisbee, traveling, and was a lover of Renaissance choral music known for his bass voice, which he lent to the Louisville Bach Society. In his final illness, he kept going, working all the options, modeling to family and friends how to live life, even amid adversity, a published obituary noted.

In a 2010 article in the *Hamilton Alumni Review* on alumni couples, Pinkerton reminisced on marrying his classmate Heidi Hiemstra '91: "It was at times frustrating to get to this place, but that makes the journey worth it. I am blessed to have found someone who is such a perfect match for me. I reckon that we were not as compatible when we were neighbors in Keehn Coop; we probably needed those years of individual growth and change to get to this point."

Pinkerton died on Nov. 18, 2019. He was 53 and is survived by his wife of 16 years; one son; three sisters, including Janet Pinkerton '85; and six step-siblings.

Lisa Zegger Schaeffer '90, an investment banker and financial analyst of Alamo, Calif., was born in Schenectady, N.Y., on March 16, 1968, a daughter of Jean and John Zegger. She graduated from Linton High School in Schenectady.



At Hamilton, Schaeffer focused her studies in economics with a minor in art history, graduating cum laude with honors. She spent a semester studying in Strasbourg, France, where she also enjoyed travel throughout Europe.

After working in finance in New York City, Schaeffer earned an M.B.A. in 1996 from the Haas School of Business of the University of California at Berkeley. She worked in investment banking for Dean Witter in San Francisco, followed by nearly 20 years with Wells Fargo Real Estate Finance, where she eventually rose to senior vice president.

Schaeffer had diverse interests, with a love of the arts, according to a published obituary. She studied violin starting at age 8 and played with the Empire State Youth Orchestra, Schenectady Symphony, and the Hamilton College Orchestra, which included a tour performing in Romania and Bulgaria in 1987 while at the College. She also enjoyed playing tennis and running. Other activities included cooking,

reading, sewing, needlepoint, and quilting, the obituary said, and summer vacationing with her family in Nantucket and skiing in the winter.

Schaeffer died on Nov. 20, 2019, at the age of 51. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, John Schaeffer, three sons, and her mother. A cousin is Theresa Bingham Gallic '87.

Charles Brendan Moore '99, a family tire business employee of Newtonville, N.Y., was born on Sept. 28, 1973, a son of the former Carol Brennan and Charles Moore. He was a graduate of Shaker High School in Latham, N.Y.

Moore majored in art at Hamilton. In addition he received a certificate in computer design from Hudson Valley Community College.

Employed at the family business, Capitaland Tire in Latham, Moore was a fun-loving and playful uncle to his many nieces and nephews, according to a published obituary. He was also a talented artist and creative cook.

Moore died on March 19, 2019. He was 45 years old. Moore is survived by his parents; three brothers, including Conor Moore '06; and four sisters, including Kelly Moore '89, Courtenay Moore '94, and Bridget Moore '08.

Michael Lynn Everhart '02, a fundraiser of

Alexandria, Va., and Harrisburg, Pa., was born on Jan. 4, 1980, in Dallas and grew up in Camp Hill, Pa., a son of the former Lynn Gilligan and Wilson Everhart, Jr. '70. He graduated from St. Andrew's School in Middletown, Del.



At the College, Everhart majored in economics and was a member of the crew team and *The Spectator* staff. He later served his alma mater as a volunteer for Hamilton's Career Center, as a class agent, and as class co-president.

One of Everhart's favorite years was spent on Cape Cod working for AmeriCorps, according to a published obituary. He served as a fundraiser for small and large non-profit organizations, including Colby College, Episcopal High School, the United Way, Planned Parenthood, and the Conquer Cancer Foundation — some through his time as an associate with Venture Philanthropy Partners. He spent

most of his career in the Washington, D.C., area.

Everhart died on July 30, 2019, at the age of 39. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor some 20 months earlier and was able to say goodbye to many friends in the last weeks of his life, the obituary noted. He is survived by his parents, a brother, and a niece and nephew.

Jeremiah Francis Williams '05, an Oneida Limited silverware company employee, restaurateur, and teacher of Vernon, N.Y., was born on March 14, 1951, a son of the former Catherine Dunn and Cecil Williams.

At Hamilton, Williams majored in English literature and received his A.B. at the age of 54 following a varied professional career.

Williams was a Vietnam War veteran who often recounted stories of his experiences overseas, according to a published obituary. He worked variously as the head photographer of the Vernon Downs race track, chief of police of the Village of Vernon, an employee at the tableware and cutlery manufacturer Oneida Limited, and was co-owner of the Bag End restaurant. Most recently, he taught high school English for 15 years at Holy Cross Academy in Oneida, N.Y.

Williams also was a published writer and poet known for his love of music and clever wit. A dedicated parishioner, choir member, and lector of Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Verona, N.Y., he set an example of a hard work ethic for his family with his many roles in life, the obituary noted.

Williams died on Nov. 6, 2019. He was 68 and is survived by his wife of 43 years, the former Jill Agan; seven children; and 14 grandchildren.

Benjamin Carl Breisch '07, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was the son of Mary Ann and John Breisch. He prepared for college at the Hawken School in Gates Mills, Ohio.

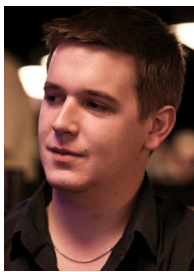
Breisch majored in psychology at Hamilton and was a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. He worked at one time for a park in Ohio, bridging gaps between urban and rural cultures, according to 2010 class notes in the *Hamilton Alumni Review*.

Breisch also played an active role in the outreach ministries of Forest Hill Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, according to a published obituary.

Breisch died on Dec. 15, 2019. He was 35 years old and is survived by his parents and a sister.

Richard Alexander Lyndaker '09, a

professional poker player of San Diego, was born on June 17, 1986, in Syracuse, N.Y., to Suzanne Wadhams and Keith Lyndaker. He graduated from



Lowville (N.Y.) Academy & Central School.

After attending Hamilton and Jefferson Community College, Lyndaker became a legendary online professional poker player, using the moniker “nutsinho.” At the time of his death, he was one of the “best high stakes players in the world of No Limit Texas Hold ’em Poker games, if not the best,” according to a publication of the online tournament organizer Pokerstars.

Lyndaker’s skills garnered substantial wealth, not to mention respect within the poker community, whether he was playing internet poker or challenging opponents live. According to Hendon Mob database, he earned \$1.87 million in career live tournament winnings alone, enough to put him in the top 1,000 on its all-time money list.

Lyndaker also loved reading, travel, fishing, playing soccer, fine dining, and appreciating the arts, music, and theatre, according to a published obituary.

Lyndaker died on July 30, 2019, from an accidental overdose of prescription medicine. He was 33 years old. Lyndaker is survived by his parents and a half-brother.

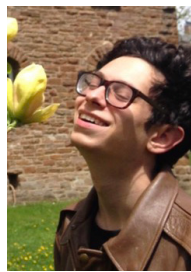
Aaron Charles Lenz '13, of Minneapolis, was the son of Connie and Scott Lenz. His mother is a librarian and professor at the University of Minnesota Law School. Lenz graduated from the Blake School Northrop Campus in Minneapolis before entering Hamilton.

At the College, Lenz majored in history and was a member of the College Republicans, Entrepreneur Club, Finance Club, Hamilton College Investment Group, and Hamilton Microfinance Club. He completed his degree requirements in 2014.

Lenz died on April 14, 2019. He was 27 years old and is survived by his parents.

Alex Joseph Witonsky '17, a

writer of Smithtown, N.Y., was born on May 21, 1995, the son of Marnie and Kenneth Witonsky, a therapist and a glazier, respectively.



A double major in Chinese and English, Witonsky was awarded an Emerson Grant in 2016 and completed the project “Rhythmanalysis & Film: Cinematic Depictions of Space, Time, and Everyday Life in Contemporary Chinese Cinema.” His senior thesis was titled “Marketing Environmentalism to the Masses: Gauging Chinese Perceptions of Environmental and Ecological Ruin through *The Mermaid*,” according to College records.

While on the Hill, Witonsky wrote for *The Spectator* and was a contributor to the *Duel Observer* and *The Daily Bull*.

In an email to Hamilton on April 6, 2019, informing the College about the death of her son, Witonsky’s mother reminisced about him. “Alex was an exemplary person; always kind and considerate, and his love of life and learning was always amazing to everyone in his life,” she wrote. Marnie Witonsky concluded that her son “saw the beauty in the simplest of things, and we will always remember him as a passionate writer and someone who was always wanting to learn more about this world we live in.”

Witonsky died on Jan. 23, 2019. He was 23 years old and is survived by his parents and a sister, Ava Witonsky '21.

Joshua Anthony Biltekoff '19 was described by a professor who knew him well as “one of my favorite students and truly one of the most fascinating young minds I have ever worked with.”

A mathematics major and music minor, Biltekoff was especially passionate about health and fitness and found a place in the Hamilton music scene. He was a member of the Buffers and Vibes, and joined Athletics, the Beekeeping Club, the Hamilton Space Society, and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Biltekoff, described by a friend as “a real ray of sunshine on campus, an irreplaceable leader in the music community, and a beloved friend to many, many students,” died on March 22, 2020. He is survived by his parents, a brother, and grandparents.

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