

The Honorable Simon Bernstein, 1933

The Honorable Simon Bernstein, 100, of Sarasota, Florida, died on May 27, 2013.

A Hartford native, Bernstein came to Trinity College from Hartford Public High School. After earning his B.A. at Trinity, he attended Harvard Law School. While practicing law, Bernstein served his hometown on the Board of Alderman. He later served on the Bloomfield, Connecticut, Board of Education for many years and spent 27 years as a judge. While a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1965, Bernstein advocated for the passage of an amendment to the Connecticut Constitution guaranteeing free elementary and secondary education for all children; he considered this his most important professional achievement.

Bernstein is survived by his daughters: Judith Kahn (Steven Rosen), Sara Bernstein (Joseph Shortall), and Risa Sodi (Stefano); his grandsons, David and Alexander Sodi; his stepchildren, Paul Hytken (Susan Binion), Alice Elam, and Betsy Kaplan (Paul); his siblings, Ruth Duboff (Len), Shaye Rosenfeld (Norm), and Irving Bernstein (Natalie); as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by wife Muriel Carten Bernstein in 1989 and wife Mary Ann Hytken Bernstein in 2012.

Bernstein was the last surviving member of Trinity's Class of 1933.



To watch a video oral history interview with Bernstein that was conducted by Katie Campbell '11 and Associate Professor of Educational Studies Jack Dougherty, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/reporter.

Louis A. Little, 1937

Louise A. Little, 97, of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and Deer Isle, Maine, died September 26, 2012.

While at Trinity, Little was a member of Delta Psi fraternity. He went on to serve as a major in the U.S. Army, assigned to Eisenhower headquarters in intelligence and counterintelligence. He was present with General Eisenhower during the signing of the instrument of unconditional surrender of Germany on May 7, 1945.

Little was a purchasing agent at Simonds Cutting Tool Division of the Wallace-Murray Corporation. He was past president and a lifetime member of the Naukeag Lake Club, in addition to being a founding member of the Oakmont Overlook Music Parents Organization. His civic involvement included participation in the Ashburnham School Committee, the Ashburnham Boy Scouts, and the Ashburnham Bicentennial Committee.

He is survived by his children, Margaret, Louis, Jr., and John, their spouses, and three grandchildren: Alex Little, Jennifer Little, and Max Sisson.

Carlton G. Nelson, 1939

Carlton G. Nelson, 96, of Lake Worth, Florida, died on March 22, 2013.

Nelson graduated from Trinity with a B.S. in chemistry. He served his country in the U.S. Naval Reserves and worked for Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company and United Technologies. Upon his retirement, he founded Nelson Enterprises. He was a past president of the Railroad Enthusiasts of Hartford, Connecticut, and the Vintage Automobile Club of Palm Beaches as well as a 32nd Degree Mason.

Nelson turned his engineering career into a life-long hobby of restoring and operating antique steam cars. Though he always called Connecticut home,

Nelson moved to southern Florida, where he found the climate better suited his passion.

Robert Stephen Tomassi, 1943

Robert Stephen Tomassi, 91, of Shawnee, Kansas, died on January 10, 2012.

Tomassi received his B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He served in the Army during World War II and worked as a general manager at a regional office for The Hartford Group. He retired in 1980.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; eight children: Bob, Bill, John, Steve, Mary, Joan, Sue, and Jim; their spouses; 21 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Hawkins, 1945

Robert J. Hawkins, 88, of Lakeville, Connecticut, died on January 9, 2012.

A native of South Dakota, Hawkins arrived at Trinity College in 1941, where he excelled in English, French, and Italian. A Holland Scholar, he received honors in both English and romance languages upon his graduation in 1945. He also was a member of Delta Phi. He then began teaching at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Connecticut, where he stayed for more than 40 years and was awarded the Independence Foundation Chair. There he was known for his fairness, high expectations, and intense commitment to education. Among his many published works are *A Minimal Course in Literacy* and *Preface to Poetry*. He was an expert cook and a lover of classical music; his other hobbies included birding and studying wildflowers.

Hawkins is survived by his sister, Helen Lynch, as well as five nephews and one niece: Dean Cline, Ward Cline, Lynn Braman, Jeff Stingley, Jim Lynch, and Ed Lynch. He was predeceased by his parents, Francis and Lunetta Hawkins, and two sisters, Dorothy June and Betty.

Richard E. Cooke, 1946

Richard E. Cooke, 87, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on May 16, 2013.

A Hartford native, Cooke arrived on Trinity College's campus from Bulkeley High School in 1943 eager to study chemistry. He received his B.S. from Trinity and later earned his M.S. from the University of Connecticut. He was proud to serve his country in the U.S. Army and later served the State of Connecticut for 34 years as a supervising biochemist until his retirement in 1992. He enjoyed spending his summers at his Westbrook, Connecticut, vacation home.

Cooke is survived by his many dear cousins and close friends.

Richard F. Kirby, 1947

Richard F. Kirby, Esq., 88, of Cumberland, Rhode Island, and Delray Beach, Florida, died on May 3, 2013.

Before earning his B.S. from Trinity College in 1947, Kirby served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a member of the original Naval Underwater Demolition Team, today referred to as the Navy Seals. He went on to Boston College Law School and practiced law for more than 50 years. Additionally, Kirby held several positions in the Rhode Island Bar Association and served the town of Cumberland, Rhode Island, as probate judge for 14 years. In a life with many professional and civic achievements, his proudest accomplishments and greatest joys were his children and grandchildren, with whom he always loved to spend time.

Kirby is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Elizabeth Hogan Kirby; his children: Mary K. Szczoczarsz, Catherine K. Struhar, Jean F. Kirby, Richard E. Kirby, Esq., Edward T. Kirby, William F. Kirby, and Francis J. Kirby; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his brother, John E. Kirby, and sister, Aileen K. Dunn.

Alfeo Hugo Marzi, 1947

Alfeo Hugo Marzi, 85, of Montargis, France, died on March 5, 2013.

Marzi graduated from Trinity as valedictorian of his class with a B.A. in modern language. He received a master's degree from Wesleyan University and a doctorate from Fordham University. He then received a Fulbright Scholarship to France.

Marzi was a professor of modern languages at Fordham University. He was a painter, writer, and poet who completed nine published works of poetry. During the course of his career, he was awarded the Harvard Book Prize, a Parker Scholarship, the Unico Scholarship, and the Russell Fellowship. He also was a recipient of Trinity's distinguished alumnus award in 1973 at the College's 150th anniversary.

He is survived by his wife, Janine; five children: Jacques-Laurent (Lelah), Jean-Denis (Cathy), Joel-Benoit (Sally), Marie-Reine Coffin (Philippe), and Gilles-Antoine (Patricia); nine grandchildren; his sister, Nadia Chudzik; his brother, Richard (Carole); and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rabbi Leonard Alfred Helman, 1948

Rabbi Leonard Alfred Helman, 86, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, died on June 6, 2013.

Helman served in the U.S. Army before graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. from Trinity. He graduated with honors from Hebrew Union College and was ordained as a rabbi in 1955. He received his law degree from Duquesne University 1970. Helman led congregations throughout the country, finally returning to his beloved home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he served Congregation Beit Tikva as founding rabbi for life.

In addition to his distinguished career as a beloved and celebrated Reform rabbi, Helman was an accomplished attorney, educator, master chess player, and world-renowned bridge player. He served as an attorney, hearing officer, and administrative law judge for the New Mexico Public Service Commission and was the chairman for the Association of Public Utility. He was proud of his position as the New Mexico legislative chaplain from 1975 to 2010. He served on the board of the Santa Fe Rotary Club and Saint Elizabeth's Homeless Shelter and helped many other nonprofits as a volunteer and a donor.

Helman is survived by his sister, Lila Abramson; nephews, Alan, Steven, and Michael Abramson; niece, Robin Abramson; and grandnephews and grandnieces: Elijah, Isaiah, Elyse, and Olivia Abramson and Benjamin Abramson Wilson. He will also be missed dearly by the many families he served throughout his career. He was predeceased by his parents, Anna and Abraham Helman, and his brother-in-law, Herbert Abramson.

Richard Warren Weitzel, 1948

Richard Warren Weitzel, 91, of Chelsea, Michigan, died on December 21, 2012.

Weitzel graduated with a B.S. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

He served in the Army during World War II

and was discharged in 1945 as a master sergeant. He worked for Borden in Columbus, Ohio, as a chemical and fire safety engineer until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea.

Weitzel is survived by two daughters, Margaret Thiele and Nancy Mastie; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, Ruby Mabes Weitzel, and his sister, Lucile Weitzel.

John Remington Bland, 1949

Jack Remington Bland, 86, of Sarasota, Florida, died on April 6, 2013.

Bland received his B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity and the Pipes of Trinity.

He served in the U.S. Navy and was a Master Mason and member of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite. He spent 33 years with the home office underwriting department of the Travelers Insurance Company. He enjoyed golf, travel, performing in community shows, singing in a barbershop quartet, and serving as a lay reader in his church.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne McRae Bland; four children and their families: Ian (Becki Creighton), Bill (Kathy), Carolyn (Dunn Dillard), and Susan (Bill Holweger); 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Herb; by Barbara "Bobbie" Smith Bland, his wife of 44 years and mother of his children; by his daughter, Martha (Sherrill McCrery); and by his second wife, Ruth Norridge Bland.

Frank Judson Branierd, Jr., 1950

Frank Judson Branierd, Jr., 85, of Denver, Colorado, died on August 2, 2012.

Branierd graduated with a B.A. from Trinity College, where he was a member of Delta Psi, and then Harvard Law School. He went on to become a leader in Denver, Colorado's business, legal, and philanthropic communities. He worked in various capacities as an officer for Colorado National Bank and its holding company, eventually serving as general counsel to both. He served as general counsel at First Interstate Bank (now Wells Fargo Bank) until his retirement from banking in 1991. Among his civic pursuits was his service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Bar Association, treasurer of the Teachers Award Foundation, and president of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for Colorado. Perhaps the most cherished of his affiliations was his lifelong connection to Camp O-AT-KA in Sebago, Maine. He is remembered for being a true scholar, an advocate for economic justice, a connoisseur of baseball, and a loving and proud husband, father, and grandfather.

Branierd is survived by his children, Stephen (Betsy), Sally (Jack Snow), and Susan (Joyce Dinelle); his four grandchildren, Jackson, Emma, and Lucy Brainerd, and Neil Snow; and his sisters, Dorothy and Eleanor. He was predeceased by his wife, Helen, and his siblings, Mary, James, and Susan.

James Martin Stewart, 1950

James Martin Stewart, 87, of Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania, died on April 19, 2013.

Stewart graduated from Trinity with a B.A. in economics. He was a member of St. Anthony Hall and the Trinity Pipes. He went on to receive

his M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Stewart served as a second lieutenant and navigator in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was employed at Smith Kline & French in several capacities before serving on the board of directors at SmithKline Beckman Corporation.

He was an active conservationist, founding the Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association and creating the Green Ribbon Trail along Wissahickon Creek. He also served on the boards of the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Zoo, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Chesnut Hill Hospital, Nantucket Conservation Foundation, Nantucket Trustees of Reservations, and the Hill at Whitmarsh. He was also a founder and driving force for the Wissahickon Birdathon, an annual event for birdwatchers. He was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Whitmarsh, and he was a longtime singing member of the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joly Walton Stewart; six children: Lea A. Stewart, James M. Stewart, Jr., Catherine L. Stewart, Mahlon K. Stewart, Elizabeth S. Hunter, and James H. Hunter; six grandchildren; and his sister, Patricia Stewart Walsh.

William J. Howard, 1952

William J. Howard, 82, of Brentwood, California, died on December 30, 2012.

Howard graduated from Trinity with a B.S. and served in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps. He spent 30 years in an insurance career that brought him from Hartford to Dallas, Boston, and San Francisco, and opened a small business upon his retirement. He and his wife spent 40 years in their Walnut Creek, California, home before a 2012 move to Brentwood.

Howard is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Helena; their children: Jim (Bonnie), Kate (Susan), Greg (Clair), and Chris; and three grandchildren: Jason, Ryan, and Lauren.

Gregory Anthony Knapp, 1952

Gregory Anthony Knapp, 81, of Farmers Branch, Texas, died December 19, 2012.

Knapp graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in geology. He was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He later received a master's degree in geophysics from St. Louis University in 1954.

Knapp served in the U.S. Air Force as a captain for five years and worked on highly classified assignments during the Cold War. He worked at Bear Creek Mining Company and Kennecott Copper Corporation and later was a consultant at Cigna Corporation.

He was a member of St. Matthias Anglican Church, the Old Geezers Tennis Group, and Brookhaven Country Club.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; three children: Cindy (Bill Upton), Jennifer (Jason Hutson), and Greg Jr.; and six grandchildren: Sara, Jacquelyn, Marlowe, Ryan, Kyle, and Layne.

John Nesteruk, 1952

John Nesteruk, 82, of Sebago, Maine, died on December 1, 2012.

Nesteruk graduated with a B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of the swim team. He held the Connecticut state record for the butterfly stroke while in college.

He was a business executive at Pratt & Whitney

in Connecticut. As an active member of his community, he was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and was a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. He also was a member of the Fort Myers Beach Shrine Club in Florida, served as president of the Lake Region Shrine Club in Maine, and was a member of the Shriners Oriental Band. He was also a member of the Sebago Lions and volunteered at the soup kitchen in Portland.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joanne Nesteruk; three children, Jeffrey (Hedi Nesteruk), Janet (Scott Packer), and Jim (Cindy Cromer); and five grandchildren: Caroline Nesteruk, Vincent Packer, Melanie Nesteruk, Ryan Nesteruk, and Mitch Nesteruk.

James Demarest Secor, Jr., 1954

James Demarest Secor, Jr., 80, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, died on February 28, 2013.

Secor received his B.A. in English from Trinity. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force for three years as a historical officer. He worked for Linde Company, a division of Union Carbide, and then worked with Dow Chemical in Connecticut for 32 years. He retired in 1994.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Helen; three children: Karen Moisant (William), Diane Benson (Scott), and James D. Secor III; and three grandchildren: Todd and Hanna Benson and Krystal Moisant. He was predeceased by his son, Michael Peter Secor, and his brother, Jack Secor.

Peter Rogerson Haeberle, 1955

Peter Rogerson Haeberle, 79, of Venice, Florida, and formerly of New York, died December 28, 2012.

Haeberle received his B.A. in English and economics at Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi. He also served in the U.S. Army. His work history includes time with Haeberle Paint & Builders Supply and Peter R. Haeberle/Pollution Solutions, a landscaping service and nursery.

He is survived by his son, Eric, his brother, George, and two grandchildren.

James Bruce Arrington, 1957

James Bruce Arrington, 77, of Millbury, Massachusetts, died on April 6, 2013.

Arrington graduated with a B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity.

He served as a U.S. Marine Corps pilot and retired from the Reserves as a major after 17 years of service.

He worked as vice president of group insurance at Commercial Union Life before he retired. He also worked for Paul Revere Insurance Company and the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission. He was a member of the Millbury Finance Committee for 15 years. He enjoyed skiing, boating on Ramshorn Pond, reading, and playing golf.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Audrey; four children: Laura (John Brink), Mary (Joseph Wolf), Sharon (Keith Maynard), and William Blunt (Mary); and 10 grandchildren: Justin, Ryan, and Aaron Brink; Paige and Kelsey Wolf; Madison, Meredith, and Blake Maynard; and William and Christina Blunt. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Dorinda (Black) Arrington, and a sister, Mary Jane Roche.

Frank Samuel Ganak, 1959

Frank Samuel Ganak, 75, of Dedham, Massachusetts, died on January 25, 2013.

Ganak received his B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

He worked as an attorney, primarily in civil litigation, in his own practice. He enjoyed touring the far corners of the world with his wife and entertaining friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Maria; three children, David Ganak, Ariana Ganak, and Michael Herrera (Michele); and two grandchildren, Ava and Evan.

Peter Merritt Schoff, 1959

Peter Merritt Schoff, 75, of London, England, died on March 13, 2013.

He received his B.A. in history from Trinity and was a member of St. Anthony Hall, Glee Club, the varsity squash team, and the lacrosse team.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a seaman first class before launching his career at *The New York Times* and then *Forbes Magazine*, where in 1982 he moved to London to set up the first Forbes overseas office. He retired as a vice president/international advertising director after 30 years with Forbes.

He is survived by his wife, Sam; his former wife, Abigail A. Schoff; his daughter, Hilary Douwes (William); his son, Peter M. Schoff, Jr. (Katherine); four grandsons: Alexander and Andrew Douwes, and Peter III and Henry Schoff; and his brother, Jim Schoff (Joanna).

Richard Barry Gadd, 1961

Richard Barry Gadd, 74, of Vienna, Virginia, died on April 19, 2013.

Following his graduation with a B.S. from Trinity College, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Gadd entered Air Force pilot training and served in Vietnam. Before his retirement from the Air Force as a colonel in 1982, Gadd was a flight instructor at the U.S. Air Force Academy. He also earned master's degrees from Troy University and Northern Colorado University. Gadd later had a very successful business career and supported several charities, including the Society of the Irish Brigade, the Hibernian Society, and the U.S. Navy Memorial.

Gadd is survived by his brother and sister, daughter and two sons, five grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Robert F. Gadd, Jr. and Barry I. Gadd.

Christopher "Kit" David Illick, 1961

Christopher "Kit" David Illick, 74, of Vero Beach, Florida, died on May 28, 2013.

Following his graduation with a B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of St. Anthony Hall and played tennis and squash, Illick earned his law degree at the University of Virginia. He then worked as an investment banker in New York City. He was a lover of music, enjoyed traveling, and was a gifted athlete with a passion for tennis, squash, and golf. He will be remembered for his warmth, generosity, and superb sense of humor.

Illick is survived by his wife, Selden Dunbar Illick; his children, Hilary Selden Illick and Christopher Dunbar Illick; his grandchildren: Zoe, Esme, Nico, and Tea Valette, and Thor, Cyrus, Kit, and Dwyer Illick; brothers: Joseph, Flexer, and Tom; his first cousin, Marty Walzer; his son-in-law, Pierre

Valette; and his daughter-in-law, Alison Ambach Illick.

Joseph Vincent Nardiello, 1962

Joseph Vincent Nardiello, 73, of Orchard Park, New York, died on June 15, 2013.

After earning his B.A. at Trinity, where he was president of the Jesters, Nardiello received a master's degree from Middlebury College and a Ph.D. in romance languages from Johns Hopkins University. He spent 30 years at the State University of New York College at Buffalo, where he served many years as chair of the Foreign Language Department and taught courses in Italian language and literature. He was an enthusiastic gardener, working on the bonsai collection at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and as a docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Graycliff Estate. Nardiello loved to travel, visiting Europe, Asia, Latin America, and other locations. He was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, where he served many terms on the vestry and as warden.

Nardiello is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Byerly Nardiello, and his sister, Carmeline Filippone.

William "Bill" Minot VI, 1964

William "Bill" Minot VI, 70, of Wareham, Massachusetts, died on April 5, 2013.

He received his B.A. in government and history from Trinity, where he also was a member of the Trinity Pipes. He went on to receive an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

He had a partnership on the New York Stock Exchange, a performance at Carnegie Hall, and later a career as a studio executive at 20th Century Fox and MGM. He served as an adjunct professor at the Boston University School of Communication and was a 20-year voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. He was a founding member of the Wareham YMCA and a member of the Brook Club in New York. He authored the novel *60 Miles from Saltwater* and was soon to publish his second novel, *Silver Spoons*. He was an avid enthusiast of the sea and racket sports.

He is survived by his partner, Jane Allen Tougas, and his daughter, Elizabeth Draper Minot.

Roderick W. Wood, 1967

Roderick W. Wood, 67, of Pennsburg, Pennsylvania, died on September 19, 2012.

Wood graduated with a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he also was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and the fencing team. He was the founder and owner of *The Hearststone Town & Country Newspaper*; a teacher, graduate, and trustee of The Perkiomen School; and a former dairy farmer and investment adviser. He was the president and a longtime member of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Republican Club, an Upper Hanover township supervisor, and a member of the Palm Schwenkfelder Church, Valley Choral Society, and Saucon Valley Country Club.

Wood is survived by his wife, Lusandre; son, Ian; twin brother, Harry (Linda); niece, Sara; brother-in-law, Edwin Naylor (Judith); and nephews, Michael and Grant Naylor. He was predeceased by his first wife, Wendy.

Alan Thomas Sullivan, 1970

Alan Thomas Sullivan, 64, of Aventura, Florida, died on July 9, 2010.

Sullivan received his B.A. in English from Trinity. He was a poet, polemicist, raconteur, translator, and

teacher of poetry. He wrote many books, and much of his writing can be found at www.seablogger.com, the blog he maintained that drew an eclectic group of readers interested in his disquisitions on weather, volcanology, foreign and domestic policy, poetry, and matters of the spirit. In his final year, he undertook the translation of the poems of King David and completed this work with the assistance of Sere Zohar in Israel.

He was survived by his partner, Timothy Murphy, and his mother, Betty Sullivan.

Alan James Gurchin, 1976

Alan James Gurchin, 59, of Hartford, died May 5, 2013.

Gurchin earned his B.S. in biology at Trinity. He served in the U.S. Navy and was most recently employed by Burns Security. He enjoyed playing his acoustic guitar and scuba diving.

Gurchin is survived by five brothers: Robert, John (Jeanne), Richard, Randal, and Gregory; and several nieces and nephews.

Edward Benedict Ermini, 1982

Edward Benedict Ermini, M.D., 53, of Lumberton, North Carolina, died on June 21, 2013.

Ermini graduated with a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of the football and lacrosse teams and of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went to medical school at the University of South Alabama, graduating with honors, and completed his residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He became a board-certified otolaryngologist and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He was involved in many organizations, including the North Carolina Medical Society and the North Carolina Health Communications Alliance. He was the past chief of surgery at Southeastern Regional Medical Center of Lumberton, where he operated for 13 years. He also was a member of Lumberton Rotary and Knights of Columbus.

In addition to many articles and books on ear, nose, and throat medicine, he published a novel, *The Guardians of the Catacombs*, in February 2013. He loved medicine, music, building, golf, playing guitar, practicing medicine, and spending time with friends. He will be remembered for always thinking of others above and beyond himself.

Ermini is survived by his wife, Cheryl Carlson Ermini; his daughter, Emily Tribby (Bahar); his grandchildren, Leila and Kamran Tribby; his son, Anthony B. Ermini; his parents, Ben and Kathleen Ermini; his brother and sister-in-law, David Ermini and Nancy, and their two children, Wyndam and John; and his sister, Lisa Ermini.

Cynthia Joy Lufkin, 1984

Cynthia Joy Lufkin, 51, of Washington Depot, Connecticut, died on July 3, 2013.

Before her graduation with a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity in 1984, Lufkin was awarded a fellowship in immunology from the University of Connecticut Medical School. She was a prominent philanthropist and civic leader in New York and Connecticut who dedicated much energy to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, driven largely by a need to show recently diagnosed women that they can get through it and that life does go on. Her understanding of biochemistry helped in developing, with Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, the nutrition and fitness aspects of integrated medicine for cancer patients, and the Cynthia Lufkin Center for Nutrition and Fitness at the Evelyn

Lauder Breast Cancer Center serves as a focus for this endeavor today. She served as co-chair of the Board of Directors of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and was instrumental in support of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation-Peter Jay Sharp Foundation-funded project at Memorial Sloan-Kettering on the development of a DNA vaccine for melanoma.

To honor her husband's lifelong work, in conjunction with National Audubon Society, she created the annual \$100,000 Dan W. Lufkin Prize for Environmental Leadership to recognize "feet on the ground" service to the environment. She also served on the boards of Rumsey Hall School and the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy. She served as vice chair of the Museum of the City of New York Director's Council and of Safe Horizon, a victim assistance, advocacy, and violence-prevention organization. She also served on Trinity's Advisory Council. In 2008, she was named the American Cancer Society Mother of the Year. She was as an extraordinarily caring and loving wife and mother.

Lufkin is survived by her husband, Dan; her three children: Schuyler Hazard, Aster Lee Lufkin, and Daniel Patrick Lufkin; her mother, Joyce Ford; and her brother, Don Henry.

Laura Joyce Creasey, 1992

Laura Joyce Creasey, 41, of Boston, Massachusetts, died on July 7, 2012.

Creasey graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.A. in political science. She started a tea company with Trinity classmate Rachel Ballard '92 and served as a docent at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. She had a great love of traveling, art, learning, and wine.

She is survived by her husband, Jonathan Lipsitz, and her parents, Dan and Carolyn Creasey.

MASTER'S DEGREE

J. Helen Carmody Hurley, M.A. 1937

J. Helen Carmody Hurley died June 4, 2008.

Hurley taught mathematics at Hartford Public High School for many years.

She is survived by her nieces, Joan Ritsick (Robert) and Marylynn Dundon (Timothy); her grandnieces, Amanda Kate Ritsick and Marcy Ellen Picano (John); and her grandnephew, Dr. Darren Robert Ritsick (Maggie). She was predeceased by her husband, John H. Hurley, and her brothers, Father Alfred Carmody and Thomas Joseph Carmody (Ann Walsh Carmody).

Burton A. Levy, M.A. 1959

Burton A. Levy, 86, of West Hartford, died May 18, 2013.

Levy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He received his B.A. from the University of Connecticut. He worked as an analytical engineer with United Technologies. He was an avid tennis and bridge player and became a Bronze Life Master in bridge. He also was a member of the Emanuel Synagogue in West Hartford.

He is survived by his wife, Faith (Shapiro) Levy; his daughters, Lisa Levy (David Patin) and Jill Grand (Philip); two grandchildren, Erin and Linda Grand; and his sister-in-law, Nancy Berman. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Lenny Berman.

David L. Werner 1953, M.S. 1960

David L. Werner, 88, of Portland, Connecticut, died on May 6, 2013.

Werner served in the U.S. Navy and as a captain in the Air Force Reserves. After earning B.S. and M.S. degrees from Trinity College, he taught math and chemistry at Portland High School for four years. He was proud that the Portland students dedicated the 1957 yearbook to him. He then worked for many years as a chemist at the Connecticut State Highway Lab in Rocky Hill, retiring in 1985. He was a lover of music and was known to coax a tune from bottles, spoons, and glasses, in addition to his trombone and other instruments.

Werner is survived by his former wife, Gladys Werner; his children: Paul Werner (Christine), Carl Werner, and Ruth Hubert (James); his sister, Beatrice Jensen; granddaughters Emily Hahn (Eric) and Jennifer Hubert; and step-grandson Donald Jones (Jill) and his children, Connor and Ethan. He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, John Werner; his sister, Louise Hintz; his infant son, Robert Werner; and his daughter-in-law, Harriet Jones Werner.

John McIntyre Werly, M.A. 1966

John McIntyre Werly, 73, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, died on March 25, 2013.

Werly, who was a member of Theta Xi, received his bachelor's degree in history from Trinity in 1961 and then went on to earn his master's in history.

He served as a professor of American history at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for 30 years until he retired in 2002. In his retirement, he enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening, and spending time with his grandsons.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Bonnie (Windolf) Werly; three children, Aric Werly, Robyn L. Borges (Neal), and Scott Werly (Kelly); two grandsons, Andrew and Lucas Werly; and his sister, Ruth Brennan. He was predeceased by his brother, Charmian Johnson.

Edwin Wallace Tucker, M.A. 1967

Edwin Wallace Tucker, 86, of Storrs, Connecticut, died on May 16, 2013.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of New York University and Harvard Law School, Tucker also received graduate degrees from New York Law School and Trinity. Following service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and a law practice in Brooklyn, New York, he began a 40-year teaching career at the University of Connecticut School of Business. He retired in 2003 as a distinguished alumni professor and professor emeritus of business law. During his years at UConn, he wrote more than 100 legal articles and authored or co-authored six legal textbooks. However, his passion was teaching, and he also supported many local social service organizations.

Tucker received several university and national teaching awards and was named to the UConn School of Business Hall of Fame.

Tucker is survived by his daughter, Pamela Tucker; his son, Sherwin (Elaine); and four grandchildren: Jillian, Alyson, Brandon, and Molly. He was predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Gladys Tucker.

Douglas S. Speicher, M.A. 1968

Douglas S. Speicher, 80, of Queensbury, Pennsylvania, died on October 20, 2012.

After graduating with a B.A. in Spanish from Pennsylvania State University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, he attended the University of Madrid on a scholarship provided by the Institute of Hispanic Culture. He then received his master's degree from Trinity.

He was employed by the U.S. government as a political attaché in Bogota, Columbia, and San Salvador, El Salvador. After returning to the United States, he taught Spanish at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. He subsequently taught Spanish at the Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, New York, where he was chairman of the Humanities Division for 13 years.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty Williams Merrill Speicher; his daughters, Nancy Hasso (Dennis), Kim Kaiser (Gerard), and Amy Jones (John); his grandchildren, Benjamin Kasier, Sarah Herzog (Charles), Dr. Christa Wittman, and Ashlyn and Rachael Jones; a great-grandson, Cooper Herzog; two sisters-in-law, Alice Merrill-Montgomery (David) and Nancy Nealon Speicher; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. George Franklin Speicher and Gladys Miller Speicher, and two siblings, George Speicher II (Huck) and Audrey Byrne.

NONGRADUATES

Kenneth George Cloud, Jr., 1950

Kenneth George Cloud, Jr., 88, of Farmington, Connecticut, formerly of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on March 26, 2013.

After attending Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts, he served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He then attended Trinity College before taking a position with the Irving-Cloud Publishing Company of Chicago. He later served in the company's New York Office. After his retirement, he worked at Pfau's Hardware for many years. He was a former longtime member of the Essex Yacht Club and a member of the West Hartford Old Guard. He served as a junior warden and as a member of the vestry with St. James' Episcopal Church in West Hartford.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth (Crosby) Cloud; three children: Kenneth George Cloud III (Adrienne), Abigail Cloud Babcock (Arthur), Betsy Cloud Pike (William); his son-in-law, Larry Marino; 11 grandchildren: Myles Bradford Patton, Thompson Reed Patton, Jonathan Parker Babcock, Lauren Scammell Pike, Rachel Babcock Olson, Andrew Avery Pike, Elizabeth Loring Pike, Ashley Catherine Babcock, Kenneth George Cloud, IV, Lydia Maraist Cloud, Sarah Frances Cloud; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Cloud Marino, his brother, Hugh S. Cloud, and his sister, Jane C. Kennedy.

William Giberson "Bill" Irons, Jr., 1951

William Giberson "Bill" Irons, Jr., 84, of Altoona, Florida, died on January 5, 2013.

At Trinity, Irons was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was stationed in Eaton's Neck, Long Island, for four years. He then went into his family construction business, Irons & Reynolds in New York City, and built many hospitals and commercial buildings for the next 15 years. He later moved to Ormond Beach, Florida, where he continued in the construction business for another 20 years. For 12 years, he was a hos-

pice volunteer. His other interests included tennis, woodworking, calligraphy, and scuba diving.

Bill is survived by his wife, Patsy Irons; four daughters: Katherine Irons Kite (Keith), Elizabeth Jan Gillespie (Chris), Patricia Irons Davis (Norman), and Lynn Irons Draper (Steve); a stepson, Kelly P. Kite; and six grandchildren: Kelly P. Kite, Jr., William Gillespie, Patricia Gillespie, Kyle Kite, Kollin Kite, and Hannah Katherine Draper. He was predeceased by his first wife, Betty MacDonald.

William E. "Bill" Saypalia, Jr., 1954

William E. "Bill" Saypalia, Jr., 80, of Broad Brook, Connecticut, died on April 18, 2013.

Saypalia was a member of Trinity's track and field team and was recognized for his accomplishments in the events of shot put and discus. After serving in the U.S. Army, he was employed as a scientist and chemist with Pratt & Whitney and held an early patent in solar heating and cooling. Saypalia was also an avid magician and a member of the Society of American Magicians for more than 65 years.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Barbara; two sons, William E. Saypalia III and Donald E. Saypalia (Laurie); his sister, Dorothy "Ditty" Fisher; two brothers-in-law, Robert Rand (Rose) and Thomas Rand (Diane); and several nieces and nephews.

Robert J. Delaney, 1969

Robert J. Delaney, 63, formerly of Brookline and Milton, Massachusetts, died on September 24, 2010.

Delaney is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter, Kelly C. Bousman; and granddaughter, Lien; and son, Colin Delaney. He is also survived by a sister, Ellen D. Spengler (Kenneth); and his brothers, David L. Delaney and John J. Delaney (Dee).

Thomas Frederick Wean, 1969

Thomas Frederick Wean, 63, of Key Largo, Florida, died on March 13, 2010.

He attended Trinity and went on to become a corporate pilot. He also spent 13 years living on a boat and was a member of the Elks Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Madonna; three daughters, Debra Bibb (Mark), Pamela Gagnon, and Kimberly Bennett (Tom); and three grandchildren, Jaden Bennett, and Brennan and Braydon Whyhlen.

Reeves Anderson Lukens, V-12

Reeves Anderson Lukens, 86, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on February 15, 2013.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II and continued to serve until his retirement from the Reserves as a captain in 1984.

He began his career with the Travelers Insurance Company before accepting a position with Pilot Life Insurance Company, where he worked for 35 years, retiring as second vice president, group field operations.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Margaret, and two children, Jan and Kathleen.

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Sylvester Elmo Geer, NG 1974

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Virginia Dunklee Duke '78, P'12, P'14

Virginia received her B.A. in history from Trinity and went on to earn her M.A. from Columbia University in 1985. She lives in Dedham, Massachusetts, with her husband, **Lester Duke P'12, P'14**. Virginia and Lester, who is a vice president/senior investment analyst at Atlantic Trust, have three children: **Perrin F. Duke '12** (B.A. in economics, public policy and law; crew), **Paige V. Duke '14** (political science; field hockey), and Chapin Duke (Paige's twin). Her brother-in-law, **Peter Wells Duke '77**, passed away in 1991. While at Trinity, Virginia played squash and tennis and participated in swimming. She remains active in the College through her service as a Long Walk Societies volunteer. She also has served as a member and program chair of several Reunion committees.



Charles R. Klotz '64, P'92

Charles graduated with a B.S. in biology and then earned his M.B.A. at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He served as chairman and chief executive officer of Gotaas Larsen Shipping Corporation from 1988 to 1997. His work history also includes time as president and chief executive officer of Gulf Resources and Chemical Corporation and in acquisition finance and equity investments at Bank of Boston. He also spent three years on active duty as a U.S. Coast Guard officer. Charles, who lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts, was previously married to **Deborah Goodwin Klotz P'92**, and together they have two children: **Christine Cullingford Klotz '92** (B.A., theater and dance) and Suzanne Klotz. His niece, **Jennifer Cole Jacobsen '89**, also graduated from Trinity. While at the College, Charles was a member of Cerebus and Theta Xi, and he played lacrosse. His later involvement with Trinity includes serving as a class agent for many years, volunteering with the Long Walk Societies, and working on Reunion committees.



Paul H. Mounds, Jr. '07

Paul, who received his B.A. in political science, currently serves as director of government relations for Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy. Paul oversees the development of the governor's legislative agenda and manages the coordination and mobilization of legislative support for legislative proposals and policies from the governor and state agencies. Prior to this role, Paul served as senior policy analyst for Malloy as the lead for policy and legislative coordination of the governor's energy, transportation, and economic development initiatives. Previously, he served as deputy state director to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), managing the senator's constituent and political outreach operations. In addition, he served in numerous roles during his tenure with U.S. Congressmen and former Chairman of the House Democratic Caucus John B. Larson (D-CT), including communications director for the congressman's legislative and Democratic Caucus offices as well as senior adviser to the congressman's 2010 re-election campaign. At Trinity, Paul took part in the College's Legislative Internship Program. He was a four-year letterman at cornerback on the Bantam football team and was a member of three consecutive undefeated New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) championship teams, ending his career with a 31-1 record. He was named to the All-NESCAC team in his senior year. He was a Linley R. and Helen P. Coykendall Scholar from 2003-2007 and the recipient of the Robert R. Bartlett Award in Athletics in 2007. Since graduation, the East Hartford, Connecticut, resident has served Trinity through the Bantam Alumni Mentoring Network and his Reunion committee.