

## IN MEMORY

**1935 ISRAEL M. "BABE" GORDON**, 103, of New Haven, Connecticut, died on February 4, 2015.

Gordon earned a B.S. in economics. He became president of The George Gordon Fruit & Produce Company, New Haven's largest fruit and produce wholesaler of the time. He also was a director of Hamden National Bank and several of its successors. In the late 1960s, he was an owner of a farm team of the New York Jets.

Gordon is survived by his children, Beth Davis (Michael), Cynthia Strause (Philip), and John Gordon (Frances); eight grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and sibling Merle Weisman. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 70 years, Adele, and siblings Betty Rosenthal, Monroe Gordon, and Myron Gordon.

**1938 RAYMOND A. PERRY**, 99, of Farmington, Connecticut, died on May 23, 2016.

Perry earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he ran track and cross country and was on the staff of the *Ivy*. He also was a veteran of World War II.

Perry is survived by daughter Amanda Lee and granddaughter Jessica Lee.

**1941, M.A. 1950 RICHARD T. BLAISDELL**, 97, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on October 1, 2016.

Blaisdell earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Glee Club, the Trinity College Choir, the Radio Club, and the Political Science Club. He also participated in swimming. Blaisdell worked at Pratt & Whitney before joining the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his service, he earned an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity and an M.S. in math from the University of Maine. He went on to teach math at John Fitch and Windsor High Schools in Windsor, Connecticut, before moving to Conard High School in West Hartford, Connecticut, where he worked for 26 years.

Blaisdell is survived by his daughters, Carol Slauenwhite and Barbara Sterrett (Clifford); one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Betsy.

**1944 RICHARD E. HASKELL**, 93, of Saco, Maine, and Greensburg, Pennsylvania, died on October 13, 2015.

Haskell earned a B.S. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club, the Rifle Club, the International

Relations Club, and the Political Science Club. He also played soccer. Haskell served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He went on to earn the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter designation in 1953. Haskell worked in the field of insurance, first at Aetna Casualty Surety Co., then at National Union Insurance Co., and later at Old Republic Insurance Co., from which he retired as vice president of underwriting.

Haskell is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marilyn; daughters Ann Hilty (David), Susan McCreary (David), and Lucy Begin (Robert); seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, Albert Haskell.

**1948 PAUL G. KUEHN, M.D.**, 93, of Jacksonville, Florida, died on July 2, 2016.

Kuehn served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. Following World War II, he earned a B.S. from Trinity. He then earned a medical degree from the University of Rochester. Kuehn did his internship, medical residency, and surgical residency at Hartford Hospital and went on to practice medicine for more than four decades, specializing in breast cancer and head and neck cancer and becoming one of the nation's top experts in the field of surgical oncology. His innovative surgical techniques and treatments were documented in publications including *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *The American Journal of Surgery*. Kuehn served as president of the New England Cancer Society and the Connecticut Division of the American Cancer Society. He was the author of *Breast Care Options*, written in plain terms for patients seeking practical guidance, and *Night Flying Avenger* (reviewed by *The Trinity Reporter* in summer 1991), a mostly autobiographical account of his experiences during World War II that was written under the pen name Pete Grant.

Kuehn is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara; children Kathryn Noll (David), Suzanne Mason (Greg), Carolyn Kuehn (Peter Sinanian), and Stephen Kuehn (Chanda); 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister Ruth Phillips. He was predeceased by siblings Edward, Lydia, Eve, Martha, and Marie.

**1950 RICHMOND P. WARNER**, 90, of Wellesley, Massachusetts, died on December 14, 2015.

Prior to his time at the College, Warner enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was in training when World War II ended. He earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he

served as vice president of Sigma Nu. He began his professional career in sales at American Hoist and Derrick. His lifelong passion for woodworking led him to acquire Child Life Play Specialties, manufacturers of wooden swing sets, in 1964.

Warner is survived by his wife, Pat; children Anne Costello (Patrick) and Chuck Warner (Sally Cragin); and four grandchildren.

**1951 WILLIAM H. MUIR II**, 87, of Farmington, Connecticut, died on July 30, 2016.

Muir earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He then volunteered for the U.S. Army. Muir went on to become a salesman and then returned to Trinity and served as director of admissions from 1964 to 1981. He later worked with students at United World College in Montezuma, New Mexico.

Muir is survived by his children, Christina Muir and William H. Muir III (Connie); his first wife, Ann Graf; his second and third wife, with whom he shared nearly 45 years, Elenor Reid; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brother, William K. Muir, Jr.

**1951 DONALD R. REYNOLDS**, 87, of Taghkanic, New York, died on May 27, 2016.

Reynolds earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the business manager of the Jesters. He also served in the U.S. Army for two years, reaching the rank of master sergeant. Reynolds spent most of his career in the travel field. In 1989, he was appointed executive director of the American Soviet Tourism Society (recast as the American Tourism Society after the Soviet Union was dissolved), which facilitated travel to Russia and the newly independent republics of the USSR and later to the Middle East. In 1992, he founded Reynolds Associates, which created travel industry advisory boards for numerous companies; he retired in 2010.

Reynolds is survived by his brother, Raymond (Polly); two nephews and their families; and friend Leonard Mazza.

**1951 ALEXANDER E. SIMPSON**, 88, of Newport Beach, California, died on June 9, 2016.

Simpson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was president of Delta Kappa Epsilon and a member of the Interfraternity Council and the Atheneum Society. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Simpson worked for

more than 30 years as a sales representative for Eaton Paper Corporation before retiring in 1989. He was a dedicated alumnus who was a member of the Long Walk Societies and his class's Reunion Committee.

Simpson is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nancy; children Alexander E. Simpson, Jr., Katherine Fortmiller, and Sarah Moloney; and six grandchildren.

**1952 JOHN D. NIKOLAIS**, 86, of Gilford, New Hampshire, died on September 17, 2016.

Nikolais earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club and the Camera Club. He served for two years in the U.S. Army before taking graduate courses at the University of Connecticut and the Teachers College of Connecticut in New Britain. Nikolais went on to teach industrial arts at Suffield and East Granby High Schools.

Nikolais is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jackie; children John Nikolais, Bruce Nikolais (Kelly Jarvis), and Cynthia Sulham (James Gagne); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**1953, M.A. 1964 ERNEST P. LEWIS, JR.**, 85, of Vernon, Connecticut, died on May 7, 2016.

Lewis earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, and returned to his alma mater to earn an M.A. in educational studies. He taught honors biology and chemistry in Windsor and Wethersfield and finally at Manchester High School, where he served as department head and was named Teacher of the Year. Lewis also was a professor at Manchester Community College.

Lewis is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kathleen "Kay"; children Kathleen Plante, Jane Stanton (Paul), Lori Klar (John), Joanne Cerreto (Barry), and Christopher Lewis (Karen); 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

**1953 EUGENE M. SCHLOSS, JR.**, 84, of Rydal, Pennsylvania, died on April 23, 2016.

Schloss was a premed major at Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club and worked at WRTC and on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn a J.D. from Temple University School of Law. Schloss rose to be a partner in two Philadelphia law firms and then a general counsel of several companies. He later returned to private practice. Schloss held many leadership posts in the Philadelphia Bar Association and served as vice president of the Board of Directors of the Comprehensive Learning Center, a private school for children with autism.

Schloss is survived by his wife, Sherna;

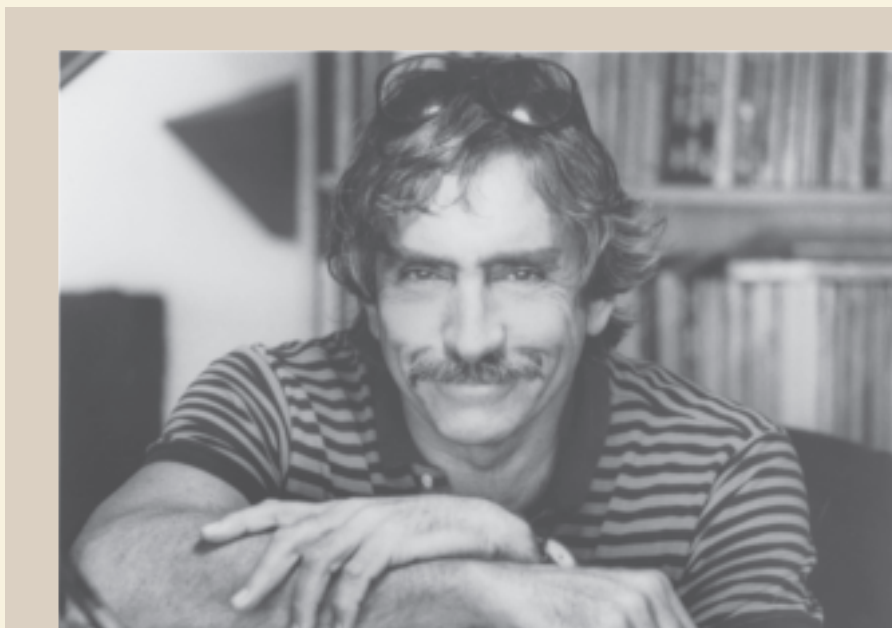


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### **EDWARD F. ALBEE '50, H'74, AWARD-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT**

Edward F. Albee '50, H'74, said by *The New York Times* to be "considered the foremost American playwright of his generation," died on September 16, 2016, at age 88.

Albee attended Trinity after graduating from Choate School (now Choate Rosemary Hall). He came to Trinity but left during his sophomore year. He was once quoted as saying, "I discovered that the required courses were not the ones I required. ... That ended my formal education, and I suppose it didn't matter much. I'd figured out how to educate myself, and keep on doing it. To be fair to Trinity, I would have been unhappy at any college or university."

Albee started writing plays in 1957, at the age of 29. It did not take long for his talents to be recognized, and by 1963, he was on the cover of *Newsweek* magazine. His first play, *The Zoo Story*, was produced in Berlin in 1959 and marked the start of his noteworthy playwrighting career. His accomplishments

included winning three Pulitzer Prizes; multiple Drama Desk Awards and Tony Awards, including one for lifetime achievement; and a National Medal of Arts, the highest honor given to artists and arts patrons by the U.S. government. His other award-winning plays included *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*; *A Delicate Balance*; *Seascape*; *Three Tall Women*; *The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?*; and *Tiny Alice*.

In 1974, Trinity awarded Albee an honorary doctor of letters degree. He returned to the College multiple times during the 1980s and 1990s, holding lectures and offering master classes for students in the Theater and Dance Department. For instance, in 1997, Albee met with Trinity student playwrights enrolled in a playwrighting class and reviewed their work; the student plays were then performed in a New Play Festival at the College in 1998.

Albee, of Montauk, New York, was predeceased by his partner of 35 years, Jonathan Thomas.

children Karen Diaz '79 (Frank) and David Schloss (Shaye); three grandchildren; and sister Judith Herman (King Harvey).

**1954 WILLIAM T. MURRAY III**, 84, of Galesville, Maryland, died on July 16, 2016.

Murray earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha

Delta Phi. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years before embarking on a career with First National Bank of Maryland. He earned numerous promotions, eventually being named executive vice president of operations, and then joined the Financial Management and Trust Groups until his retirement in 1994. Murray was a member

of the American Bankers Association, the Government Relations Council, and the Maryland Bankers Association, for which he also served as president.

Murray is survived by his wife of 23 years, Virginia Clagett; daughters Linda Murray and Sally Murray; stepchildren John Clagett and Brooke Clagett; and six grandchildren.

**1955 JOHN H. CALLEN, JR.**, 83, of Vero Beach, Florida, and Dorset, Vermont, died on June 9, 2016.

Callen transferred to Trinity from Princeton as a sophomore. While earning a B.A. in history, he was a member of Delta Psi, the Interfraternity Council, and Medusa, and he played varsity baseball and soccer. He then served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a first lieutenant. Callen was an executive with Burlington Industries and Ward Howell International, where he retired as president in 1996.

Callen is survived by his wife, Lyn; children Paige, John, Lindsey, and James; seven grandchildren; and four brothers.

**1955 RICHARD S. KOPP, SR.**, 83, of Frederick, Maryland, died on August 15, 2016.

Kopp earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he served as president of Alpha Theta and participated in fencing and ROTC. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Kopp worked for more than 25 years at IBM, where he was involved with the NASA Gemini and Apollo space programs. Following his retirement, he and his family owned and operated Create-a-DataBase.

Kopp is survived by his wife, Hazel; children Richard S. Kopp, Jr. and Deidre Kopp; and three grandchildren.

**1955 GORDON R. MAITLAND, JR.**, 82, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, died on June 8, 2016.

Maitland earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Corinthian Yacht Club, and the Protestant Fellowship. He also ran varsity track and served as a junior adviser. Maitland was a captain in the U.S. Air Force for two years and then spent the next 35 years in commercial banking and securities trading, retiring in 1994 from First of Michigan Corp.

Maitland is survived by his wife, Betsy; children Kathy Waugaman (Doug), Ted (Holly), and Gordie (Kathleen); and eight grandchildren.

**1955 PAUL C. MOOCK, JR., M.D.**, 83, of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, died on August 3, 2016.

Moock earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and the

freshman baseball team. He also was on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. Moock graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and practiced at Chestnut Hill Hospital and the former Germantown Hospital.

**1957 HANS W. BECHERER**, 81, died on October 6, 2016, in Colorado.

Becherer earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and ran track. He also served as a junior adviser and took part in Air Force ROTC. Becherer went on to earn an M.B.A. from Harvard University. He started with Deere & Company in 1962 and was elected chairman and CEO in 1990. Becherer retired in 2000 after leading the company during a time of significant growth and financial success. He also served on the boards of Schering-Plough, JPMorgan Chase, and Honeywell International.

Becherer is survived by his wife, Michele; daughter Vanessa; three grandchildren; and sister Ruth.

**1957 DWIGHT L. OARR**, 80, of Sarasota, Florida, died on January 19, 2016.

Oarr graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in music from Trinity, where he was a Chapel organist for four years. He went on to earn a master's degree in music from Yale, where he received the Horatio Parker Scholarship for outstanding musicianship. Oarr served as music director of New Canaan Congregational Church, organist for Temple Beth El in Stamford, Connecticut, and professor of music at Wells College in Aurora, New York. He performed in concerts around the world and enjoyed working as an accompanist for choral groups. After retiring to Sarasota, Oarr returned to being an organist at two area churches.

Oarr is survived by his wife of 45 years, Katherine; brother Royce Oarr; and several nieces and nephews.

**1963 JAMES J. PETROVITS**, 74, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on August 14, 2016.

Petrovits earned a B.S. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi. He went on to become an attorney.

Petrovits is survived by his wife.

**1970 JOHN W. PYE**, 68, of Abington, Massachusetts, died on June 29, 2016.

Pye earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Mu Delta. He went on to earn an M.Div. from Saint John's Seminary. Pye, a dealer of rare books who specialized in Egyptology, served on the Board of Trustees of Trinity's Watkinson Library for many years.

Pye is survived by siblings James (Grace), Martha Mulholland, and Ann Pye, as well as several nieces and nephews.

**2009 CHRISTOPHER J. DIOZZI**, 31, of Belmont, Massachusetts, died on August 28, 2016.

Diozzi earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he served on the Honor Council and played ice hockey. He co-captained the team his senior year and was named to the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) All-Conference Second Team. As a senior, he was named a semifinalist for the Joe Concannon Award as the best American-born college hockey player in New England at the NCAA Division II/III level. For the past four years, Diozzi was an associate director of institutional sales at John Hancock Investments in Boston.

Diozzi is survived by his parents, Thomas and Stavroula Diozzi; brothers Matthew Diozzi and Andrew Diozzi; an aunt and an uncle; and two cousins.

## MASTER'S

**1972 ROSAMOND T. "RARIE" DYE**, 90, of Hawley, Massachusetts, died on April 11, 2016.

Dye earned a B.A. cum laude in comparative religion from Boston University in 1956. She worked as director of religious education at two churches before returning to academia to earn an M.A. in education from Trinity. Dye worked with MIGHT, a group that advocates for people with disabilities, and later became active with animal shelters, including playing a role in the development of the Dakin Pioneer Valley Humane Society; in 2011, she received the Richard and Nathalie Woodbury Award from Dakin for her support.

Dye is survived by her daughter, Jody Cothey (Ed); sister Pamela Wetzels; honorary grandson Tenzin Gyampo; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother Charles Taylor.

## NONGRADUATES

**1950, HON. 1974 EDWARD F. ALBEE**, 88, of Montauk, New York, died on September 16, 2016. For more on Albee, please see page 75.

## DEATH NOTICES

**RICHARD M. SPRAGUE M'34**  
**LOIS M. REMMER M'67**  
**JAROSLAV PELIKAN H'87**