1941 John T. Carpenter, 94, of Shelburne, Vermont, died on June 23, 2014.

Carpenter graduated with a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the Interfraternity Council and participated in football, tennis, soccer, and track.

Carpenter went on to teach school in Arizona before serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then became a highly respected banker in Vermont and finished his career in 1988 as senior vice president for marketing at the Chittenden Corporation. He was active in his church and in the community, including serving as president of the Burlington Rotary Club. He also was a loyal supporter of the College and tried to return to campus annually, especially for football games.

Carpenter is survived by children Christopher Carpenter (Claire), Debra Wood, Kim Stege (Kurt), John “Tag” Carpenter Jr. (Nancy), and Scott Carpenter (Lisa); 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Dorothy Carpenter. Carpenter was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Connie. His father, Fred Donald Carpenter, graduated from Trinity College in 1910.

1941 John L. Spangler, Jr., 94, of Roseville, California, died on February 11, 2013.

Spangler received his B.S. in English from Trinity College, where he was a member of Delta Phi. Spangler went into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Europe. He also received an industrial administration degree from Harvard University. Spangler worked for the Eaton Corporation for 32 years, retiring in 1978 as personnel manager.

Spangler is survived by children Martha Garrigues and John L. Spangler III. He was predeceased by his first wife, Martha Jane, and his second wife, Elsie.

1944 Lewis Stackpole DaNeY, 92, of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, died on August 29, 2014.

DaNeY originally attended Harvard University but suspended his studies to serve in World War II as a fighter pilot. He completed his bachelor’s degree in history at Trinity. On campus, DaNeY was a member of Delta Psi and Pi Gamma Mu and participated in squash and baseball. He began his career at the FBI and then moved into advertising and publishing, most recently with Yankee Publishing and New England Business Magazine. DaNeY also served on the Board of Directors for both the Massachusetts Audubon Society and Stop Handgun Violence. He was deeply engaged with Trinity, contributing to the College in many ways.

DaNeY is survived by his wife, Edith LaCroix DaNeY; daughters Bettina Abe (George) and Leila Marconi; stepchildren Edith Williams (Tom), Joe Knowles (Polly), Sheilah Mahan-Knowles, James Knowles, Laurie Hedlund (Johan), and Robert Knowles (Jennifer); two grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; sister Fay DaNeY; a niece and nephew; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his former spouse, Joan Chaplin Waters; stepson Charles Knowles; stepson-in-law Richard Marconi; and sister Carol Runner.

1944, M.S. 1960 Richard W. Iles, 91, of Sun City Center, Florida, died on May 8, 2014.

Iles began his undergraduate work in September 1940 but left the College in 1943 to join the U.S. Navy. While on campus, Iles was a member of Sigma Nu and the Glee Club. He completed his B.S. in chemistry in absentia. As part of his naval training, Iles also studied at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Columbia University. In 1960, he earned his M.S. in chemistry. He spent significant time in the U.S. Navy, officially retiring as a lieutenant in 1957.

Iles is survived by his cousins.


While at Trinity, Norris earned a B.A. in engineering and was a member of Psi Upsilon. He also served as a naval pilot in World War II.

Norris worked for Stanley Tools in New Britain, Connecticut, and later started his own precision tools company. He also was involved with several other small business endeavors.

Norris is survived by children Sara Brettell (Chip), Ned (Kami), Dave (Melanie), Sam (Cady), and Julia (Rob); five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his wife, Sarah Cheney, and a daughter, Lee.

1949 David C. Mahoney, Jr., 86, of Meriden, Connecticut, died on May 6, 2014.

Mahoney earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he participated in football and track and field. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from American University in 1951. He served as an aviator in the U.S. Navy and then began his career as a car salesman. He later moved into real estate and was eventually president of his own real estate leasing, appraisal, and management company.

Mahoney is survived by children Katherine McGrath (John), Deborah Mahoney, David C. Mahoney III (Peggy), Patricia Mahoney, Susan Poeter (Carl), Cynthia Mahoney Rock (John), and Virginia Mahoney McKinney. He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanne, and a daughter, Sharon MacEwen.

1950 Wendell Stephenson, 85, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on August 17, 2014.

At Trinity, Stephenson majored in history and was a member of Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society, the Political Science Club, and the Brownell Club. Stephenson then spent two years serving the U.S. Army in France. He had a distinguished career with 18 years in the insurance industry and 17 years as executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut. He ultimately retired from the real estate industry. Stephenson was a president and longtime member of the Trinity Club of Hartford.

Stephenson is survived by his brother, E.N. Stephenson, two nephews, two grandnieces, and one great-nephew.


At Trinity, Berg received his B.S. in physics and his M.S. in mathematics. He was a member of Sigma Pi Sigma and was a co-founder and treasurer of the Brownell Club. Berg went on to work for United Technologies Corporation as a computer systems specialist, retiring in 1991. He also taught a class, “Numerical Analysis and Computer Methods,” in the evening division of Trinity’s graduate program.

Berg is survived by his wife of 60 years, Therese; children LeeAnn (Eugene) and Joy Craig (Scott); and nine grandchildren.


Crowley completed an interdisciplinary B.A. at Trinity College and went on to earn a master’s in education from Central Connecticut State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War who later enjoyed a long career in public schools, first as a teacher in Connecticut and then as an administrator in New England and in the Midwest. His father, James H. Crowley, graduated from Trinity 1945, and his brother, James H. Crowley, earned a master’s degree from the College in 1976.

Crowley is survived by children Kevin Crowley (Sharon), Kathleen Cavitt (Tom), Tom Crowley, and Jennifer Monteux (Robert); one brother; four sisters; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Gloria, and a son, Brian.

1954 John H. Adams, 82, of Ludlow, Vermont, died on May 12, 2014.

Adams received his B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. After graduating, Adams received an advanced degree from the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business. He also served two years of active duty and six years of reserve duty in the U.S. Army. Adams worked as executive manager with Tenneco, where he managed Walker Manufacturing in Racine, Wisconsin, and then in Memphis, Tennessee, before being obtaining a position with Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in Virginia. He later moved to Ludlow, Vermont, where he owned and ran his own NAPA automotive supply store.

Adams is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Judith Adams; daughters Mary-Louise Adams and Christina Adams (David Struthers); and granddaughter Madis Adams O’Brien.

1955 David Heald Clay, 81, of Hamden, Connecticut, died on April 28, 2014.

Clay graduated from Trinity with a B.A. in English. He went on to serve in the U.S. military from 1955–1957. Clay also earned an A.S. from Albany Business College in 1975 and an M.S. in library science from Southern Connecticut State College, where he was a member of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society. His cousin, Richard R. Stewart, was a member of Trinity’s Class of 1953 and received his master’s degree at the College in 1968.

Clay is survived by nieces Elizabeth Clay Chow and Patricia Clay. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward Thayer Clay.
1955 WILLIAM ROBERT GLADWIN, 80, of Tarpon Springs, Florida, died on July 23, 2014. Gladwin graduated with a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and participated in swimming. Gladwin served in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator for three years. He was self-employed in insurance sales at Gladwin, Inc., later working for a shipbuilding firm. Gladwin also was a loyal supporter of his alma mater. His father, Douglas J. Gladwin, was a member of the Trinity Class of 1934.

Gladwin is survived by his wife of 59 years, Helen; daughters Lee Watson, Jane Weisner, and Lydia Gladwin; two granddaughters; four great-granddaughters; and friend Cathy Shaibly.

1955 EARL H. ISENSEE, JR., 81, of Edina, Minnesota, died on August 1, 2014.

Iseensee received a B.A. in psychology from Trinity and went on to receive an L.L.B. from the University of Minnesota in 1959. While on campus, Iseensee was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Inter-dormitory Council, and the Interfraternity Council and served as secretary of the Young Republicans. He also worked on the staff of The Trinity Tripod and participated in varsity football and track. Iseensee was a self-employed lawyer for many years.

Iseensee is survived by children Elizabeth Anne Iseensee Ben-Orillo and Christopher Earl Iseensee and three granddaughters.

1955 HOWARD L. YOOD, 79, of East Amherst, New York, died on April 12, 2014.

Yood graduated with a B.A. in philosophy and history from Trinity, where he was a member of The Trinity Tripod staff and the Brownell Club. He also participated in football and baseball. Yood went on to earn a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He was a founding partner of the Buffalo, New York, law firm Silverberg, Yood, Sellers and McGory and specialized in family law. He also was a dedicated supporter of the College.

Yood is survived by his second wife, Candace; children Michael, Kenneth, and Helen; and two grandsons. He was predeceased by his first wife, Roberta Sarfaty.

1958 PAUL S. ELDREDGE, 78, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, died on July 12, 2014. Eldredge received his B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity and the Inter-dormitory Council. Eldredge taught high school science and math at Newington High School and then held positions in programming and data processing at Hartford area corporations, including United Aircraft Corporation, The Institute of Living, Pratt and Whitney, and Aetna.

Eldredge is survived by his wife, Maureen Eldredge; children Clyde Eldredge (Teresa), Theresa Cleary (Michael), and Michael Eldredge (Deborah); seven grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brother Robert Eldredge; and sister Candace Keller. He was predeceased by a son, Paul Stillman Eldredge, Jr.

1964 JOHN H. “JACK” CHATFIELD, 72, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on September 18, 2014. For more on Chatfield, please see page 79.

1964 ROBERT W. HEVNER, 72, of Wilton, Connecticut, died on July 2, 2014.

Hevner received a B.A. in religion at Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi fraternity and participated in swimming and cheerleading. Hevner went on to a long career in banking and finance, ultimately retiring from Deutsche Bank as a managing director. He also was involved in a local animal rescue and rehabilitation home and with SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. He was a faithful supporter of the College.

Hevner is survived by his brother, John D. Hevner ’67 (Lisa); niece Jennifer Stebbins (Morgan); nephew Donald Hevner ’98; and the mother of his niece and nephew, Anne Hevner.

1965 PETER J. KNAPP, 71, of West Simsbury, Connecticut, died on September 14, 2014. For more on Knapp, please see page 79.


Novakowski graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.A. in classics and was a member of the Brownell Club. He also was named to the Dean’s List during his sophomore, junior, and senior years, in addition to winning first prize of the James Goodwin Greek Prizes. He went on to earn a master’s degree in classics from Princeton University. Novakowski spent many years living in Norway and then returned to live with family in the Hartford, Connecticut, area.

Novakowski is survived by his sisters, Mary Ann Novakowski and Joan Gress (Glenn).


Sample earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he participated in freshman soccer, the Freshman Executive Council, Cerberus, and Theta Xi fraternity. He also served as editor-in-chief of The Trinity Tripod and on the staff of the Ivy. After leaving Trinity, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Sample was a renowned freelance photographer and later co-founded Falcon Press, a publishing house for artists and authors in the western United States. During the course of his career, he published more than 40 calendars and several books featuring his photographs, including Montana on My Mind.

Sample is survived by his wife, Barbara; children James (Joanne), Kate (Mike), John (Claire), and Ryan (Dana); 10 grandchildren; brothers David and Patrick; and his father, Joseph Sample.

1973 DEBRA K. HERBST, 63, of West Harwich, Massachusetts, died on March 18, 2014.

Herbst graduated from Trinity with a B.A. in religion. She spent several years in marketing and banking before earning her M.A. in astronomy from Wesleyan University, specializing in the determination of stellar distances. She married William Herbst, a professor at Wesleyan, in 1990. Her father, Arthur S. Koret, also attended Trinity.

1982 JAMES M. THOMSON, 52, of Mamaroneck, New York, died on April 9, 2012.

Thomson graduated with a B.A. in history from Trinity. In addition to a successful career in New York City, he was devoted to volunteer work in the community, including serving as president of The University Club of Larchmont and as a literacy volunteer.

Thomson is survived by children Diana Grace, David Chase, and Catherine Annie Thomson; brother Robert Chase Thomson and his wife, Darlene, and their children, Caroline Ann and Zachary Chase; aunt and uncle Mary Ellen and Roy Jacobsen and their children, Toby, Jeffery, and Kiki; aunt Susan Chase; and friend and mother of his children, Jamie Mongiello Mooney.


Maffiolini graduated from with a B.S. in sociology and computer coordinate with sociology from Trinity, where he was involved in the Outing Club, A.S.I.A., intramural volleyball, the Trinity Engineering and Computer Society, and Trinity Christian Fellowship. In addition, his semester at Trinity’s Barbieri Center in Rome was especially important to his undergraduate experience. Maffiolini spent his career as a computer program-mer and consultant for the Hartford Insurance Group and the Computer Sciences Corporation.

Maffiolini is survived by his wife, Debra; children Marissa, Steven, Alicia, and Teresa; his parents, Paul and Anne; brother Richard; aunt Lucille Seccareccia; and several cousins, nieces, nephews, and in-laws.


O’Brien graduated with a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi. He also studied in Germany during his junior year. After graduating he went to work on Wall Street, but, realizing the financial sector was not for him, he founded his own contracting business called Eclectic Builders. In 1997, O’Brien earned an M.S. in real estate development from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He went on to serve as the Pound Ridge town historian and vice chairman of the Pound Ridge Landmarks Committee. He also became a volunteer fireman shortly before turning 50.

O’Brien is survived by his wife, Lissie; children Pearse, Evan, Will, and Elizabeth; his parents; brothers Christopher and Dennis; and three nephews and a niece.

1981 MARY R. SCOTT, 82, of Steubenville, Ohio, died on March 26, 2014.

Scott earned a B.A. in American studies in 1981 after having raised eight children and four foster children. Her pursuit of higher education later in life continued after Trinity as she went on to earn her J.D. from the University of Connecticut in 1984.

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Scott practiced general law, was a board member of the Connecticut Children’s Defense Fund, and was president of J.M.S. Enterprises, Inc.

Scott is survived by her husband, John Scott; seven children; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.


Gioia graduated from Trinity with a B.A. in urban studies and a minor in formal organizations after transferring from Hartford College for Women. At Trinity, she was involved in student government and served as an IDP adviser. Gioia was a member of the Appraisal Institute and in 1993 started her own real estate appraising firm, Rachel Gioia Associates.

Gioia is survived by her husband, Robert Alquist; mother Nancy Nemser Glassman; cousin Barbara Weiss; aunt and uncle Joy and Sidney Glassman; aunt Alice Greenberg; cousins Sea and Peter Glassman; and friend Barbara Yaeger. She was predeceased by her sisters Amy and David Glassman and her father, Leon Glassman.

1996 RAYMOND F. HALE GODFREY, 50, of West Hartford, died on May 26, 2014.

Godfrey graduated from Trinity with a B.A. in history and a minor in medieval and Renaissance studies. He also attended the summer program at Trinity’s Rome Campus and participated in an archeological dig in Israel. Prior to enrolling at Trinity, Godfrey served in the U.S. Navy and graduated as salutatorian from Middlesex Community College. Following his graduation from the College, Godfrey worked for a staffing agency and later cared for three uncles and his mother and stepfather.

MASTER’S

Bycoski graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1953 with a B.S. in electrical engineering. He then came to Trinity to earn his M.S. in physics and later returned to the University of Connecticut for his Ph.D. Bycoski was CEO of C.T. Bycoski Company of Hartford. He also was a supporter of the Wadsworth Atheneum and the Goodspeed Opera House.

Bycoski is survived by his sisters, Carolyn Mucha and Bernice Kraus, and numerous other relatives. He was predeceased by siblings Ann Kensiski, Helene Bycoski, Walter Bycoski, John Bycoski, and Joseph Bycoski.


Book earned a B.A. from Hunter College in 1964 before coming to Trinity and earning an M.S. in mathematics. Book worked in information technology for United Technologies Research Labs and later Travelers Insurance.

Book is survived by his wife of 49 years, Carolyn Marie Adamec Book; children Wendy Book (Michael Piansky), Valerie Donahue (Andrew), and Gregory Book (Lisa Rizzoli-Book); seven grandchildren; sister Miranda Book (Linda Dingler); and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.


Yoo received a B.A. from Kyung Hee University in South Korea before earning an M.A. in economics at Trinity. He also attended Davidson College. Yoo came to the United States as a Fulbright Scholar. He had a 40-year career in business, including serving in executive positions at Aetna Financial Division, Cadre Securities, and Liberty International. After retiring, Yoo became an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut School of Business.

Yoo is survived by his wife, Mitsuko Yoo; sons Scott and Brad; and sister Jeong Yoo.


Robinson completed an M.A. in English after earning an undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut and spending time in Korea and Japan while serving in the U.S. Army in the early 1950s. Robinson spent his career in journalism, working as a writer and editor for companies such as the Hartford Times and Gannett Newspapers, where in 1964 he contributed to a series that won the Pulitzer Prize in the community service category. He later became a medical writer and retired in 1992 as the assistant director of public information at the University of Connecticut Health Center. In addition to these positions, Robinson also taught journalism at the University of Hartford and Central Connecticut State University.

He is survived by two brothers, Guy (Rita) and Peter (Dianne), and many nieces and nephews. Robinson was predeceased by his wife, Joyce Tate Robinson.


Storrs earned a B.S. in business at the University of Hartford and his master’s in economics at Trinity. He retired from the Panasonic Company, where he was the sales manager for the Southern Group of the Technics Musical Instrument Division. Storrs was dessendant of the Connecticut family of the same last name who is prominent in the state’s history for philanthropic work.

Storrs is survived by cousins Edwin Pelis, Louise Slysy, and Susan Kugler. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Peter Hamilton Storrs.

NONGRADUATES

Boland attended Trinity College for two years before transferring to the College of the Holy Cross, where he earned an undergraduate degree in 1953. He went on to Northwestern Dental School, graduated in 1957, and served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps from 1957 to 1959. He then practiced general dentistry in Cheshire, Connecticut, for 45 years.

Boland is survived by his wife of 45 years, Margaret Kendrick Boland; children David Boland, Thomas (Amy), Elizabeth (Gregory White), Katherine, and Susan (Vencislav Kourdov); seven grandchildren; and brother William Patrick Boland, Jr.

1954 LEONARD J. BECK, JR., 81, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died on October 26, 2012.

Beck attended Trinity before serving in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Puerto Rico. He later retired from a commercial real estate brokerage firm in Manhattan.

Beck is survived by his wife of 46 years, Ingrid; children Carolyn, Deborah, Leonard III, and Gregory; and four grandchildren.


While at Trinity, Cooper participated in intramural wrestling. He transferred to Columbia University, where he earned his B.A. in history in 1954. He worked for The New York Times until 1972, when he moved his family to New Hampshire to run an inn. Cooper sold the inn in 1976 and later became a skylight installation estimator.

Cooper is survived by his first wife, Barbara Ann Burnett Cooper; their children, Charles, Wade, Gordon, Susan (Peter Moore), and Matthew (Grace); his wife, Barbara Hoss Stone; her children, Christopher (Nancy), Gretchen (Kenny Dahlberg), and Peter (Heidi); and many grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

1965 HARVEY R. “ROGER” ROYCE, 70, of Venice, California, died on September 14, 2013.

Royce attended Trinity before moving on to study at the University of Minnesota and California State University, Northridge, graduating with degrees in business and history. He had a successful career in the clothing industry and then moved on to focus on the need for early detection of breast cancer missed by mammography. He co-founded and was president and chief operating officer of SonoCine, a medical technology company.

Royce is survived by children Elizabeth and Joshua; sister Carol Royce-Wilder (Kevin Kelly); former wife Linda Sharpe; and his mother, Marci Royce.

FORMER FACULTY
ROBERT MONROE PALTER, 90, died on October 1, 2014.

Palter received his undergraduate degree from Columbia College before being drafted into the U.S. Army and selected to work on the Manhattan Project at Columbia. After the war, Palter returned to school and completed a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, where he taught for several years prior to his appointment as a professor at the University of Texas at Austin. In 1983, Palter came to Trinity, where he retired in 1991 with the title of Charles A. Dana College Professor of the History of Science, Emeritus.

Palter is survived by his brother, David Jay; children Alex Cielo, Geoffrey Meyer Palter, Jenny Thorn Palter, Nicholas Trask Palter, and Peter Hamilton Storrs; and many nieces and nephews.

To read a Hartford Courant story on Palter, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/reporter.

DEATH NOTICES
1932 DAVID J. TUCKER
1968 RICHARD W. CODY
JOHN H. “JACK” CHATFIELD ’64, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS

Jack Chatfield ’64 passed away on September 18, 2014. He had retired from Trinity nearly three years earlier, by which time he was struggling against both Parkinson’s disease and cancer.

Chatfield was held in the highest regard and affection by his faculty colleagues. On the occasion of Chatfield’s retirement in May 2011, Associate Professor of History Michael Lestz wrote: “This will bring to a close a truly remarkable career. Jack is a legend at Trinity College. During a teaching career that began in 1976, Jack won every teaching award that the College offers and came to be recognized as one of the History Department’s most scrupulous and successful directors of scores of theses and thousands of shorter papers. He is beloved by students present and past.”

Chatfield was a member of the Trinity College Class of 1964. He came to Trinity from a military school in the Shenandoah Valley and, as he told an interviewer, felt that Trinity was “something of an emerald isle. I was dazzled by what I found.” He made friendships among his classmates that have endured to this day, among them his close friends Frank Kirkpatrick, Ellsworth Morton Tracy Lecturer and Professor of Religion, and Ronald Spencer, associate academic dean and lecturer in history, emeritus. While at Trinity, his activities included playing varsity football and serving on the staff of The Trinity Tripod. After his sophomore year, he withdrew temporarily from Trinity to work as a field secretary for the Southwest Georgia Project of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. This experience created a lifelong commitment to tolerance for others, personal freedom, and social justice. After graduating from Trinity, where he won the Human Relations Award and the Alumni Prize in Prose Fiction, Chatfield entered the graduate program in history at Columbia University, and his days in Georgia served as a starting point for a master’s thesis exploring the history of the civil rights movement. He earned a Ph.D. from Columbia in 1988.

Chatfield’s teaching career at Trinity spanned a broad range, including courses on Colonial America and the intellectual foundations of the American republic, the contributions of Jefferson, Jacksonian America, the Cold War, race and slavery in America, America since Pearl Harbor, and the American experience in Vietnam. Speaking of Chatfield’s gifts in the classroom, one of his colleagues said, “As a teacher, Jack did it all: He brought to life subjects for students who entered his classroom and left them with a lifelong interest in the questions they explored together. His courses created the knowledge, the empirical building blocks, and the inspiration that helped students form a landscape against which they could measure the past and their futures after Trinity.”

Chatfield is survived by his wife of 45 years, Barbara; son Jonathan; daughter and son-in-law Julia and Nir Levy; grandchildren Zoe and Anya Chatfield and Mason Levy; sister Lora; brother-in-law Alan Schneider; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

For other remembrances, including a tribute written by one of Chatfield’s former students, Amy Tatko ’93, and a statement by U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal that is part of the Congressional Record, please visit commons.triscoll.edu/inmemory.

PETER JONATHAN KNAPP ’65, FORMER COLLEGE ARCHIVIST AND SPECIAL COLLECTION LIBRARIAN

Peter Knapp ’65 passed away on September 14, 2014, after an unexpectedly swift decline in health. Knapp was a longtime employee of the College and was the go-to person for anyone with a question about Trinity and its history. He was the College’s expert on past presidents, the construction of the Long Walk, the symbols and traditions of the College, faculty emeriti, and dates of academic changes and construction of new buildings—to name but a few. He was of enormous help to people throughout the Trinity community as they sought to understand their College’s historic past and the genesis of elements of our current campus life.

Knapp majored in history and served as a student assistant in the Watkinson Library during all four years as an undergraduate. While at Trinity, he was the recipient of the Ferguson Prize and the Jerome Webster Student Book Prize. He joined the library as head of reference in 1968, after earning master’s degrees in history from the University of Rochester and in library science from Columbia University. He began working with the College’s archives in 1972, and in 1974 was named head of reference and College archivist. In 1994, he moved from the Reference Department to the Watkinson Library in his role as College archivist. At that point he could focus full time on organizing the College archives, and he began working on the book Trinity College in the Twentieth Century, which was published in 2000 as the “second volume” of Glenn Weaver’s History of Trinity College, published in 1987. Knapp wrote this book with his wife, Anne, who earned a master’s degree from Trinity in 1976.

Knapp’s collaboration with Anne was an important part of his work and his life. In addition to their four-year collaboration on the book, they designed a Watkinson exhibition for the 140th anniversary of the end of the Civil War and shared a love of books and travel to historic places. They were married in the Trinity College Chapel in 1987.

Knapp was also an active alumnus of the College. He was the recipient in 1995 of the Class Secretary Award at his 30th Reunion and in 2005 received the Alumni Medal for Excellence.

Rick Ring, head curator of the Watkinson Library, said of Knapp: “The impression of a man like Peter Knapp, who has with dedication and diligence served Trinity College for more than four decades, will last well beyond his lifetime. The sacred trust for those of us who inherit the product of his labors is to recognize and honor it and to carry the work forward—perhaps finding new paths but never jeopardizing the character and reputation of the institution that he helped to create.”

Knapp is survived by his wife of 27 years, Anne; daughter Jacqueline ’10, brother Richard and his wife, Ann; mother-in-law Marguerite Horowitz; and several nieces and nephews.