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OBITUARIES

Ann Duoba Lawrence ’34, Feb. 13, 2015, in Brockton, Mass., at 103. She was born and raised in the Lithuanian Village in Brockton and resided all over the country while her husband was a psychologist with the Veterans Administration. Predeceased by her husband of 56 years, James, and her sister Marcella “Marcia” Duoba ’37, she is survived by a cousin and three godsons.

Madeline E. Nelson ’35, Feb. 20, 2015, in Middletown, Conn., at 101. A resident of Middletown for more than 60 years, she worked at Hamilton Standard, a division of UTC, for 33 years, retiring as a purchasing and budget supervisor in 1977. She is survived by a niece, a nephew, and several close friends.

Ruth Wheeler Wood ’35, Feb. 24, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 100. She earned a B.S. at Columbia University’s School of Library Service and held library positions at Iowa State, Dartmouth, and the Maine State Library. After more than 40 years in Augusta, Maine, she returned to Waterville, where she was active in the First Congregational Church and Oakland Area Historical Society. Predeceased by her brother, Alfred H. Wheeler ’37, she is survived by a son, a daughter, six grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Mary Utecht Smith ’37, May 26, 2015, in Norwich, Vt., at 99. She was a longtime teacher in Richmond, Maine, and a member of the Dresden Richmond United Methodist Church, where she volunteered. She and her husband were honored with Richmond’s Sandy Hoyt Outstanding Citizen Award. An avid walker, she enjoyed spending time at Reid State Park, and she was known for her cooking, especially her homemade doughnuts. Predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Oscar, she had one daughter, two sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ottellie Greely Ward ’38, Oct. 8, 2009, in Littleton, Mass., at 94. She was involved in community activities and enjoyed dining out and playing bridge. Predeceased by husband John Ward ’35 and two daughters, she is survived by a daughter, a son, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Mitchell Hugonnet ’40, April 28, 2010, in Kensington, Md., at 91. She was predeceased by her husband, Ernest, and sister Eleanor Mitchell Mezzullo ’42. She had two sons.

Norma E. Leppanen ’40, Sept. 27, 2004, in Bethesda, Md., at 86. She earned an M.A.L.S. at Wesleyan and an M.L.S. at Simmons College. She was a high school teacher and a librarian.

Mindella Silverman Schultz ’40, Aug. 30, 2013, in Brookline, Mass., at 94. She earned a master’s in history at Carnegie Institute of Technology and had a career as a curriculum specialist and research associate. Predeceased by her husband, Mortimer, and sister Edythe Silverman Field ’36, she is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Arthur T. Thompson ’40, May 9, 2015, in Danvers, Mass., at 96. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and earned a bachelor’s in engineering from Penn State and graduate degrees from Harvard and the University of Chicago. He received three honorary doctorates, including one from Colby, where he served as a trustee. His career included stints as associate dean of engineering at Penn State; professor of engineering, dean of engineering, and associate vice president at BU; and provost at Wentworth Institute of Technology. He received the Education Award of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and the Outstanding Civilian Medal of the U.S. Army. Predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Virginia, he is survived by two daughters, a granddaughter, and a great-grandson.

Ronald H. Wallace ’41, April 16, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 97. He served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve during WWII. Devoting his career to providing health care for veterans, he held management positions in VA hospitals throughout the Northeast and retired in 1981. He was a lifelong Waterville resident, enjoyed gardening, baking bread, and knitting, and she had a flair for fashion. Predeceased by her husband, Wesley, she is survived by two sons including Terry Fjeldheim ’77, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Marilyn L. Bryant ’45, Aug. 29, 2014, in Laconia, N.H., at 90. For 26 years she was administrative assistant to the dean and then director of fiscal affairs at Boston University School of Nursing, and in 1984 she received BU’s Distinguished Service Award. A 32-year resident of Boston, she was active in the Old South Church and became one of its first female deacons. After retiring in 1985 she moved to Lakeport, N.H. She loved cats, reading, knitting, gardening, classical music, and opera. She is survived by a sister, four nieces, two nephews, six grandnieces, and six great-nephews.

John G. Fifefield ’42, June 14, 2014, in Southern Pines, N.C., at 94. He served 29 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as captain in 1991. He was commander of the U.S.S. Yorktown in 1968 when it retrieved the Apollo 8 capsule after it circled the moon. Predeceased by his grandmother Effie Dascombe Adams, Class of 1891, he is survived by his wife, Frances, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Diane Ferris Fjeldheim ’43, May 25, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 95. A lifelong Waterville resident, she earned a master’s in education at the University of Maine and was an English teacher at Winslow Junior High School for 30 years. She enjoyed gardening, baking bread, and knitting, and she had a flair for fashion. Predeceased by her husband, Wesley, she is survived by two sons including Terry Fjeldheim ’77, three daughters, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Effie Dascombe Adams, Class of 1919, Feb. 24, 2015, in Southport, Maine, at 94. She was the daughter of Leonard and Katherine Adams, Class of 1899. She was an accomplished seamstress, and she and her husband, John, had eight children, including Sara Burbine ’09, and a great-granddaughter.

Morton H. Wallace ’44, May 28, 2015, in Bangor, Maine, at 95. Predeceased by his grandmother Effie Dascombe Adams, Class of 1891, he is survived by his wife, Frances, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Burleigh, sister Mary Brewer Norton ’45, and brother-in-law and longtime companion Charles Norton, she is survived by her sister Hazel Brewer Warren ’45, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.
administration at NYU. A 38-year employee of American Electric Power, she rose to assistant vice president of security owner relations and was the company’s first woman officer. She was president of the Supervisors and Administrators Association of the Business and Professional Women’s Clubs in the ’60s. She is survived by a sister and many nieces and nephews.

Anne Lawrence Bondy ’46, May 19, 2015, in Gainesville, Fla., at 90. A longtime resident of Mamaroneck, N.Y., she was a dedicated volunteer for her church, local schools, and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester County, where she was a 20-year board member, including a stint as president. A Colby enthusiast, she served on the Board of Trustees from 1981 to 1987. Predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Eugene, she is survived by two daughters including Priscilla Bondy Dube ’77, a son, and seven grandchildren.

Margaret “Peg” Moody Blakely ’47, Nov. 24, 2014, in Walpole, Mass., at 88. A longtime Walpole resident, she enjoyed volunteering, cooking, gardening, quilting, and knitting. Predeceased by her husband, Chester “Chet,” she is survived by a son.

Virginia Jacob Bradford ’47, Aug. 31, 2013, in Sandy Spring, Md., at 87. Her husband of 65 years, George Bradford ’48, died Jan. 12, 2015. She is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and her sister, Dorothy Jacob Brownell ’50.

George P. Bradford ’48, Jan. 12, 2015, in Sandy Spring, Md., at 91. Predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Virginia Jacob Bradford ’47, he is survived by a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and sister-in-law Dorothy Jacob Brownell ’50.

Donna Elliott Harriman ’48, April 8, 2015, in Fairhaven, Mass., at 88. She was an office manager for the State Department of Employment Security in Massachusetts for more than 20 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of St. Andrew Episcopal Church, where she served as treasurer of the women’s group for several years. A knitter and crafter, she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Predeceased by a son, Peter B. Harriman ’73, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Lynwood P. Harriman ’49, a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

Donald G. Leach ’49, March 25, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 91. He served in the Army Air Corps in Europe during WWII. He met his wife, Joan Gridley Leach ’52, at Colby when they acted in Arsenic and Old Lace. They settled in Waterville, where he worked for Keyes Fibre for 35 years. After retirement, they moved to Bailey Island and operated a bed and breakfast. They enjoyed traveling in the United States and Europe. Predeceased by his wife of 41 years, he is survived by three daughters including Beryl Leach ’81, a son, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Robert N. Donahue ’50, April 2, 2015, in Blacksburg, Va., at 92. He served as a corpsman in WWII. A creative man who loved painting and gardening, he earned an M.F.A. from Adelphi College and taught art on Long Island for more than 30 years. He enjoyed duck hunting, fly-fishing, crabbing, claming, and golf. He loved Maine and spent many summers on its lakes and coast. Predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Oral, a daughter, and a son, he is survived by two sons, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Allen Gardner Pease ’50, May 31, 2015, in Hollis, Maine, at 89. During WWII he served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific, including on Iwo Jima. A longtime professor at several Maine colleges, he also spent a combined 14 years as chief of staff to Maine Governor Kenneth Curtis and as director of the Maine State Planning Office. An accomplished gardener, he also enjoyed sports, playing half-court basketball into his late 80s. For more than 20 years he was a member of Hollis and York County Democratic committees and served as Hollis town ballot clerk. Predeceased by his wife, Violet, he is survived by two daughters, a son, and two grandchildren.

Robert H. Brotherlin ’51, March 3, 2015, in Sarasota, Fla., at 86. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and received National Defense, Korean, and United Nations service medals. He had a 30-year career as a manufacturer’s representative in Litchfield, Ill., before moving to Sarasota in 1986. A member of the Colby Willows Society and a Nature Conservancy sponsor, he enjoyed golf and hiking. He is survived by a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Richard F. Cyr ’51, March 27, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. He served in the U.S. Navy and for 34 years worked at Keyes Fibre in Waterville, retiring as manager of engineering administration in 1989. Civic-minded, he served as president of the local chamber of commerce, campaign chair of the United Way of Mid-Maine, a member of the Waterville Zoning Board, and a volunteer literacy teacher and income tax counselor. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helene, a son, four daughters, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Benjamin Pearson ’51, Feb. 9, 2015, in Falmouth, Maine, at 88. He served on a Navy destroyer during WWII and was president of the Byfield (Mass.) Snuff Co. A lieutenant with the Byfield Fire Department for more than 40 years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, skiing, and golfing. He and his wife spent 12 years of their retirement in Brays Island, S.C., before moving to Falmouth, Maine, to be near family. Predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Jean, he is survived by a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen Palen Roth ’51, March 18, 2015, in West Hartford, Conn., at 85. A 50-year Connecticut resident, she was a philanthropist and volunteer, including reading to the blind, tutoring, leading Cub Scouts, and driving cancer patients to appointments. She was a UConn women’s basketball fan and an avid swimmer, tennis player, and bowler. Predeceased by her husband of 55 years, Robert M. Roth ’51, she is survived by two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Peter C. Valli ’51, March 1, 2015, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 88. He served in the Navy during WWII and earned his J.D. at BU. He was a special agent with the FBI prior to his career with Borg-Warner, where he held leadership positions including president of Borg-Warner Industrial Products and CEO of BWIP International. He was an active volunteer and was inducted into the World Trade Center Association Hall of Fame. In retirement he enjoyed navigating voyages through the Panama Canal. Predeceased by a daughter, he is survived by his wife, Chris, two daughters, a son, and seven granddaughters.

Harry R. Wiley ’51, April 20, 2015, in Scarborough, Maine, at 85. He served in the Korean War and worked in management for New England Telephone Company. He was an active church member and held offices in several civic organizations including the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. A vigorous defender of the Second Amendment, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, and traveling. Predeceased by his first wife, Trudy, he is survived by his second wife, Mary-Lou, a daughter, a son, two stepdaughters, and several grandchildren.

John F. McCoy ’52, May 2, 2015, in New South Wales, Australia, at 84. He earned an M.B.A. at the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, and joined GE in 1954, retiring in 1989. He spent his retirement traveling the world. Predeceased by his first wife, Barbara Vaughan McCoy ’52, he is survived by his second wife, Dorothea, children including Diane McCoy Bither ’77, and grandchildren.

Moir A. Rennie ’52, April 6, 2015, in Venice, Fla., at 87. He served in the U.S. Navy and had a career as a research biologist at Sterling Winthrop Institute. A gifted

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singer, he sang in the Colby Eight, several choirs, and barbershop quartets including the Lemon Bay Chord Company. He volunteered at Englewood Community Hospital and Lemon Bay Park. An avid hiker and member of the ADK 46ers, he also enjoyed cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, camping, and gardening. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jessie, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Barbara Wentworth Wilson ’52, April 3, 2015, in Peterborough, N.H., at 85. She received a Fulbright scholarship to the University of Manchester in England, where she was trained in deaf education. She returned to the United States and taught at Clarke School for the Deaf in Northampton, Mass. After marrying in 1961, she moved to Peterborough and later Sharon, N.H., where she was an active school volunteer. Elegant, meticulous, and resilient, she was an avid reader, gardener, and knitter and a stickler for grammar. Predeceased by her husband, John, she is survived by a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, and a step-granddaughter.

Barbara Hartsgrove Davis ’53, Oct. 26, 2014, in Fayette, Mo., at 84. She traveled the world with her husband when he worked with United Press International. After settling in Fayette, she was active in civic affairs, serving on the Fayette City Council, Fayette Heritage Association, Central Missouri Area Agency on Aging, and P.A.W.S. She was instrumental in incorporating the Fayette Senior Center and served on its board for 30 years. She enjoyed cooking, reading, and playing games. Predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Humphrey, and her son, she is survived by a nephew and two nieces.

Lorraine “Larry” Walker Powley ’54, Feb. 21, 2015, in Cape Coral, Fla., at 82. She earned her master’s in elementary education at Tufts and taught in several states. Known for her kind and loving nature, she enjoyed music and singing. She is survived by her husband of nearly 59 years, Mark E. Powley III ’54, a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Eleanor Turner Swanson ’54, March 18, 2015, in West Bath, Maine, at 82. She was the first woman on the Brunswick (Maine) Marine Resource Committee, initiated and for many years ran an elementary-school recycling program, and served on the Brunswick Town Council. She designed a stained glass window at her church in memory of her daughter. She enjoyed bridge and tending her heather garden, and she and her husband went on five Elderhostel bike tours in Europe in their 60s. Predeceased by a daughter, she is survived by her husband, Ronald Swanson ’55, two daughters including Holly Swanson ’86, two sons including Ralph Swanson ’80, brother Warren Turner ’56, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Octavia Smith Cobb ’55, Feb. 14, 2015, in Sagle, Idaho, at 82. She earned a master’s in nursing at Yale, where she met her husband, Fields. They lived in California for 30 years and had three children.

Jaghab “Jack” Easa Jr. ’55, Jan. 27, 2014, in Westbury, N.Y., at 81. He had a career as an attorney. Predeceased by a daughter, he is survived by his wife, Jane, five daughters, and 12 grandchildren.

Janie Bull Shaver ’55, Feb. 2, 2015, in Branford, Conn., at 81. Passionate about learning, she earned a master’s in biology at Lankenau School of Medical Technology and degrees in art, art education, and education foundations at Southern Connecticut State University. She was working on a bachelor’s in history. A medical technician, she had a second career teaching adult education, which she considered her true calling. She is survived by three daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Dean A. Berry ’56, April 20, 2015, in Gig Harbor, Wash., at 82. After earning his M.B.A. from Fairleigh-Dickinson University, he served five years in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Occidental Chemical Co. for 32 years, retiring in 1995.

He enjoyed anything mechanical, tinkering in his workshop, and following Seattle sports teams and the New York Rangers. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary, brother Richard Berry ’58, three sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Carolyn Beck Ramsay ’56, Feb. 5, 2015, in Brooklyn, N.Y., at 80. She married in 1962, settled in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and had a son.

Gerald L. “Jerry” Silverstein ’56, March 15, 2015, in Needham, Mass., at 80. He was a sales executive and president of Shawmut Packaging. A 46-year Needham resident, he enjoyed skiing, water skiing, sailing, cross-country cycling, and hiking. In retirement he volunteered. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Gertrude, three sons including David Silverstein ’80, sister Carol Silverstein Baker ’48, and six grandchildren.

Margaret “Peg” Barnes Dyer ’60, Feb. 9, 2015, in Brentwood, Tenn., at 76. She worked as a caseworker and a tax preparer, retiring from H&R Block. She was predeceased by her grandfather Charles P. Barnes, Class of 1892, grandmother Annie Richardson Barnes, Class of 1894, father John A. Barnes ’24, brother Charles Barnes ’54, and sister Barbara Barnes Brown ’56. She is survived by her husband, Calvin, and four children.

Richard J. Holbrook ’60, April 20, 2015, in Fruita, Colo., at 76. He had a successful career as an aerospace engineer in Los Angeles, retiring to Colorado in 1993. He was known for his strength in adversity and his wit. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marco, two daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Dennis G. Towe ’60, Feb. 26, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 76. He earned his bachelor’s at Farmington State Teachers College and was an educator in Augusta for 35 years, retiring in 1998. A prolific volunteer, he was former president of the Augusta Teachers Association, Augusta East Little League, and Capitol Area Recreation Association, and former chair of the Maine State Basketball Association. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joan, two sons, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Robert A. Nigro ’61, April 22, 2015, in South Portland, Maine, at 76. He worked in public accounting, was a bursar at St. Francis College, and retired from Union Telephone in 2004. An excellent athlete, he played in adult hockey and golf leagues and was a cofounder of and a coach for South Portland Youth Hockey. He enjoyed family vacations at the Samoset Resort, golfing, fishing, hunting, and attending his grandchildren’s sporting events. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sandy, three sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

John E. Hilton ’62, May 9, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 74. He earned a master’s from the University of Maine and studied at the Protestant Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich. He enjoyed a 25-year career in education as a teacher and administrator and later had a second career as an agent for Northwestern Mutual. A devout Christian, he was compassionate and dedicated in both his personal and professional life. Predeceased by his mother, Abbie Boynton Hilton ’32, he is survived by his wife of nearly 48 years, Karen, three daughters, and eight grandchildren.

David C. Larsen ’63, March 2, 2015, in Abington, Pa., at 74. He received a Fulbright to teach English literature in Greece and was executive director of the Fulbright Foundation in Greece, director of the Center for International Education at the University of Tennessee, vice president at Arcadia University, and executive director of Arcadia’s Center for Education Abroad. He received myriad accolades including the Education Abroad Leadership Award. An avid runner, he was known for his generosity and wit. Predeceased by his mother, Rebecca Chester Wyman ’33, he is survived by his wife, Wani, two sons, a daughter, and two grandchildren.
Robert B. Mangion ’64, April 2, 2015, in Kittery Point, Maine, at 72. He had a career in banking, working for 20 years at Bank of Boston. He retired to Kittery Point in 1998 and enjoyed traveling, volunteering, and writing poetry inspired by his travels and love of Maine. A devoted Red Sox fan, he was selfless and had an extraordinary sense of humor. Predeceased by his first wife, Gabrielle, and a son, he is survived by his wife, Johanna, five children including stepson Philip Chase ’92, and 11 grandchildren.

Valarie Robinson Astwood ’67, April 13, 2015, in Columbia, S.C., at 69. She used her creative talents to pursue careers in radio, photography, and a gift-basket business. She enjoyed gardening, collecting, harvesting pecans, rescuing cats, and listening to NPR. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Philip M. Astwood ’67, a daughter, a son, and two granddaughters.

Richard B. Church ’65, April 12, 2012, in Ocala, Fla., at 68. He earned a degree in pharmaceuticals at Rutgers and served two tours of duty in the Navy. After retiring from his career as a pharmacist in Florida, he moved to Ocala and was active with the VFW and the Eagles. He is survived by his companion, Deborah Upham, and a son.

Conrad R. Krack ’65, Dec. 10, 2014, in Maryville, Tenn., at 70. He was active in his church choir and volunteered with the Blount County Sheriff’s Office senior outreach program. He is survived by a daughter.

Sheila Webster Mooney ’65, March 10, 2015, in Lincoln, R.I., at 71. She earned her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Rhode Island, pursuing a career in marketing and public relations. She retired from Boston law firm Choate, Hall & Stewart in 1989. In retirement she rekindled her interest in painting, photography, and writing, and she published a book about her journey with multiple chronic illnesses. She enjoyed gardening and was an advocate of the developmentally disabled. She is survived by her husband, David, a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Noyan Arsan ’66, Jan. 20, 2015, in Marietta, Ga., at 72. He earned a master’s at Robert College and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. He was a professor of management science at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey. Later, he became a professor of accounting and finance at West Georgia College School of Business. He is survived by his wife, Janice Holt Arsan ’66.

Carl H. Laws ’68, Feb. 2, 2010, in Placencia, Belize, at 64. He earned his bachelor’s at Rhode Island School of Design. A longtime Maine resident, he had many careers including working on the Saco River Corridor Commission, distributing tennis court surfacing, and operating a printing franchise. He helped found the Ossipee Valley Agricultural Society and for 26 years served as an AA sponsor and mentor. He loved music, history, sailing, reading, and politics. He is survived by his beloved three former spouses, four stepchildren, and four grandchildren.

Geraldine A. “Gerry” Randall ’68, Jan. 25, 2015, in Farmville, Va., at 68. She earned a master’s from the University of Virginia and taught English at several colleges and universities. She served in the library at Hampden-Sydney College from 1987 until her retirement in 2013. She loved working with students, faculty, and staff, and she had a penchant for cats. She is survived by her brother, James.

Mary A. Fischer ’69, Feb. 9, 2015, in Falmouth, Mass., at 66. She earned her bachelor’s at Windham College and worked in Boston as an astrologer before returning to her native Martha’s Vineyard, where she held several jobs including baker, cook, and home health aide. A foodie and Red Sox fan, she read the Boston Globe daily, loved cats, and found peace from her struggles with bipolar at a nursing home in Falmouth, Mass. She is survived by two sisters and a brother and their families.

Judith Blumenfeld Puck ’71, May 20, 2015, in Shelburne, Vt., at 65. After leaving Colby to marry her high school sweetheart, she earned her degree at UVM. A longtime Shelburne resident, she coordinated and played in the town’s volleyball league for more than 20 years and both worked for and volunteered at the Shelburne Community School. She loved animals, nature, spending time outdoors, and playing the piano, and she was known for her joie de vivre. She is survived by her husband, Hans, a daughter, and a son.

Peter B. Harriman ’73, May 15, 2010, in Plant City, Fla., at 58. He is survived by his father, Lynwood P. Harriman ’49. His mother, Donna Elliott Harriman ’48, passed away April 8, 2015.

Francis X. Callanan ’76, March 7, 2015, in Camden, Maine, at 60. An educator in Massachusetts and Maine, he taught Spanish, French, math, science, and computer science. He was director of information technology in Camden schools and founded a software-design company, Data Pro North East, in 2003. An avid skier, sailor, kayaker, traveler, and gardener, he served on the board of the Merryspring Foundation in Camden. He is survived by his wife, Susan Morrissey ’71, two sons, a stepdaughter, a stepson, and two grandchildren.

Elianne Muller Cowing ’78, Jan. 29, 2011, in New York, N.Y., at 55. She had a career as an economist, banker, and realtor, becoming a vice president at Chase Bank in New York. She is survived by her husband, Charles Cowing ’77, and a son.

Scott C. Blair ’85, June 22, 2013, in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, at 49. He earned an M.B.A. at Cornell and became a CPA in 1990. He had a career in public accounting and finance, working for companies including Fidelity, Deloitte & Touche, and GCIM, a V.I. subsidiary of Golub Capital. For the next six years, he handled the shelf registration process for companies including Fidelity, Deloitte & Touche, and GCIM, a V.I. subsidiary of Golub Capital. An educator in Massachusetts and Maine, he taught Spanish, French, math, science, and computer science. He was director of information technology in Camden schools and founded a software-design company, Data Pro North East, in 2003. An avid skier, sailor, kayaker, traveler, and gardener, he served on the board of the Merryspring Foundation in Camden. He is survived by his wife, Susan Morrissey ’71, two sons, a stepdaughter, a stepson, and two grandchildren.

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Jeffrey B. Williams ’02, April 22, 2015, in Alexandria, Va., at 35. He earned a master’s from Duke and worked for the Department of Justice. Generous, genuine, and curious, he was devoted to his family and friends. He passed away following a brief and courageous battle with a rare cancer. He is survived by his wife, Stacie Galiger Williams ’01, and three young daughters.

Peter R. Cronkite ’15, April 26, 2015, in Waterville, Maine, at 22. He grew up in New York City, graduating from St. Bernard’s School and Horace Mann School. At Colby he was a writing tutor, sports editor of the Echo, and co-captain of the rugby team. A classics major, he spent a summer studying in Greece and another on an archaeological dig in Italy. He received posthumously the John B. Foster Memorial Prize in Classical Civilization and distinction in the classical civilization major. In summer 2014 he worked for his beloved New York Mets, and during the 2012 Olympics he worked for Sports Illustrated. He is survived by his parents and brother.

Jeffrey A. Coombs, 41, associate director of security, May 29, 2015, in Waterville. A visible presence on campus and one who worked closely with students and was a support to many in the Colby community, Coombs had joined Colby’s Department of Security in 2000. Initially a dispatcher, he became a security officer and was promoted to assistant director and, in 2013, to associate director. He also was a reserve officer in the Oakland Police Department.