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OBITUARIES

Jean Wellington Terry ’32, July 31, 2015, in Williamsburg Va., at 104. She obtained her degree in education and during her teaching career helped plan and implement desegregation of the Miami and Dade County schools. Predeceased by her husband of 64 years, William M. Terry ’33, she is survived by her son, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Hope Harlow Moody ’39, July 16, 2015, in Falmouth, Maine, at 98. She worked as a registered nurse in obstetrics in Framingham, Mass., and in Augusta and Bangor, Maine. After retirement she provided care to several elderly family members. She was an avid knitter and had a good sense of humor and a positive spirit. She is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Murray Fallon ’47, Aug. 13, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 89. She attended Colby before transferring to nursing school but began her career in broadcasting. She was a pioneering female radio and television broadcaster in Maine and chaired the Maine Commission for Women in the 1970s. A registered nurse, she also earned a degree in community health in 1985 and was executive director of the Maine Nurses Association. Predeceased by her husband, Richard, she is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Samuel Shipley “Ship” Atwater ’48, June 10, 2015, in Simsbury, Conn., at 93. A first lieutenant in WWII, he earned two Bronze Stars. Retiring after 34 years as a sales executive with IBM, he enjoyed travel, golf, and sailing. Predeceased by his brother James Atwater ’44, he is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marion “Midge” Sturtevant Atwater ’48, two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Katherine L. Brine ’48, Sept. 4, 2015, in Cleveland, Ohio, at 89. She graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Nursing in 1973 and worked as an advanced clinical nurse at the University Hospital of Cleveland.

Ruth Rogers Doering ’48, June 15, 2015, in West Hartford, Conn., at 88. She earned an M.S. in mathematics from Radcliffe and taught at Spencer Business College while raising her family, followed by a 20-year career as a tax preparer for H&R Block, retiring in 2009. An avid reader and Jeopardy! fan, she was dedicated to helping others. Predeceased by her husband, Harvey, she is survived by two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Robert F. Byrom ’49, Sept. 12, 2015, in Leominster, Mass., at 92. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he worked for 36 years as a research biologist. He was a skilled carpenter and woodworker. Predeceased by his wife, Beth, he is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

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Jean Bonnell Day ’49, Aug. 4, 2015, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 87. She was involved with her community and her Colby classmates, did theater painting and tin toleware painting, and loved history. Predeceased by her husband of 60 years, Charles, and her daughter Linda Day ’74, she’s survived by two daughters and two grandchildren.

Barbara Backman Millar ’49, Sept. 5, 2015, in Montpelier, Vt., at 88. She worked at the National Life Insurance Co. in Montpelier, retiring as a computer systems analyst. She loved to ski and hike and spent much of her retirement sailing on Lake Champlain. Predeceased by two husbands, she is survived by four children, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Russell S. Phillips ’49, June 9, 2015, in Walpole, Mass., at 95. A four-year veteran of WWII, he trained in dental technology at Walter Reed Hospital and became a senior dental lab technician. Following the war he earned his degree and was a pharmaceutical representative. He enjoyed reading and traveling with his wife, visiting 30 countries and 26 states. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Helen Moore Phillips ’48.

George N. Bowers ’50, Aug. 16, 2015, in Hartford, Conn., at 90. He attended Yale’s School of Medicine and was an M.D. board certified in internal medicine. He was director
of clinical chemistry at Hartford Hospital for 42 years, published more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, taught at the UConn School of Medicine, and was president of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry. He made his own wine and helped build or renovate more than 60 houses with Habitat for Humanity. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Myra, a daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Claire Draper Butler ’50, July 19, 2015, in Jacksonville, Fla., at 86. A career businesswoman, she was vice president at Voyager Insurance Company. She and her husband, Robert Butler, who predeceased her, were avid fishermen and founding members of the Captain’s Club.

Frank H. Jones Jr. ’50, Sept. 7, 2015 in Nashua, N.H., at 92. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, and later worked for 32 years in marketing for Shell Oil Company. Predeceased by his father, Frank H. Jones 1914, he was married and had three children.

William P. Niehoff ’50, Sept. 8, 2015 in Winslow, Maine, at 90. After serving in the Army Corps of Engineers in World War II, he earned a law degree from Boston University and practiced law in central Maine for 38 years. Active in his community, he skied, golfed, and summered on Snow Pond. Predeceased by his sister Hilda Niehoff True ’43, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara, a son, a daughter, and six grandchildren.

Ormonde L. Brown ’51, June 25, 2015, in Reading, Mass., at 87. After completing Officers Candidate School, he served in Naval Communications in Japan during the Korean War. He was a salesman and sales representative for many years. He was Colby’s C Club Man of the Year in 1993. Predeceased by his wife, Dolores, he is survived by a daughter, Marcia Brown Arndt ’76, a son, five grandchildren including Carson L. Brown ’13, and a great-grandson.

Richard T. Chamberlin ’52, Aug. 26, 2015, in Augusta, Maine, at 84. He graduated from Tufts School of Medicine and was a Navy physician before returning to Waterville to practice internal medicine at Thayer Hospital. He was medical director of the Bingham Associates Fund, held academic positions at Tufts, and was president and chief medical officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine. He was an avid skier and Red Sox fan. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, five sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren, two great-granddaughters, and first wife Jean.

Greta Anthoensen Chesley ’52, July 10, 2015, in Levant, Maine, at 85. She and her husband served from 1980 to 1997 as missionaries in Alaska with Outreach to Russia. Their ministry to support Russian churches continued until 2010 with Credo Ministries, which they founded. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Bill, a daughter, three sons, 12 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her father, Frederick Anthoensen, a renowned craftsman printer who received an honorary master’s degree from Colby in 1951.

George B. Laffey Jr. ’52, June 27, 2015, in Chatham, Mass., at 84. He and his wife owned and operated Camp Avalon, a sailing camp with many recreation activities in Chathamport, Mass., for 20 years before retiring to Vero Beach, Fla., where he organized the Laffey tennis group at the Moorings. Predeceased by his wife, Elizabeth Winkler Laffey ’53, and son Glenn, he is survived by a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Anton Martin Bruehl ’53, Sept. 13, 2015, in Huntington, N.Y., at 85. He was senior vice president of Danzer-Fitzgerald-Sample advertising, and was involved with “Game of the Week with Dizzy Dean” and “Rocky & Bullwinkle.” He later established a software company and worked for the Town of Huntington. He was a jazz enthusiast and active in local politics.

Robert A. Dow ’53, Aug. 20, 2015, in Old Orchard Beach, Maine, at 84. A pastor in Nova Scotia after high school, he transferred to Colby after being assigned to the China (Maine) Baptist Church. He earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate of ministries. He was a pastor, consultant, youth director, university faculty member, counselor, and director of counseling across the Northeast and briefly in Denver. He published two books and many essays and professional papers. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Eleanor, four children, and six grandchildren.

Claire Macy Dubis ’53, Aug. 1, 2015, in Chatham, Mass., at 83. She worked in a Harvard research lab before marrying and helping her father at B.F. Macy’s in Boston before starting at least four new businesses. She taught middle school math and was active in her community, Chatham, Mass. She loved golf, bridge, and family traditions. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Robert, a daughter, a son, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Richard H. Wetmore ’53, April 20, 2015, in Schenectady, N.Y., at 83. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Metropolitan Life insurance Co. in East Greenbush, N.Y., for many years and was a member of the Kinderhook Zoning Board of Appeals. He is survived by his wife, Diana, two sons, and two granddaughters.

Betty Latter Longbottom ’54, July 24, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 83. She worked for the Convention and Visitors Bureau at the Chamber of Commerce and for many years was director of planned giving for the Salvation Army. She performed at New England theaters in many plays, including Nunsense and Sweeney Todd. She is survived by her partner of 40 years, David Gonlet, her former husband, Robert Longbottom ’54, three children, and a granddaughter.

David M. Raup ’54, July 9, 2015, in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., at 82. A pioneering paleontologist, he opened new approaches to extinction patterns and biodiversity. He earned his Ph.D. in geology and paleontology from Harvard and taught at CalTech, Johns Hopkins, and University of Rochester. He was dean of science at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and later joined the University of Chicago faculty. Predeceased by his brother, Karl A. Raup ’51, he is survived by his wife, Judith, a son, a grandson, and a stepson.

Ward W. Tracy ’54, July 27, 2015, in Greenwich, Conn., at 82. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and practiced dentistry in New York City and in Stamford and Greenwich, Conn. He sang and performed with the Trouper’s Light Opera Company. He is survived by his companion, Meg Boshes, three sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, and former wives, Prudence Belcher Schuler ’53 and Margaret Vincent.

Elizabeth Ayash Buckley ’55, Oct. 10, 2015, in Vienna, Va., at 81. In 1980 she received the CIA medal for 25 years of honorable service including tours in Pakistan and Thailand, and she went on to senior positions at AT&T, Bell Labs, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, INTEL-SAT, UNISYS, and major law firms. She founded CIRA’s Gold Coast chapter in Florida and volunteered at many organizations. She is survived by a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

George E. Haskell ’55, Sept. 11, 2015, in Wolfeboro, N.H., at 81. He had a lifelong love of flying and spent six years as a jet pilot and flight instructor in the Air Force. He started Spectrum Training Corp. with his wife and was founder, president, and CEO of Leading Indicator Systems, a software company, at the time of his death. He was a Colby trustee emeritus and an overseer. Survivors include his wife, Karen Lawrence ’67, six daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Stephen M. Kaufman ’55, June 27, 2015, in Baton Rouge, La., at 82. He served in the Air Force from 1956 to 1976, including two tours of duty in Southeast Asia. He received numerous awards including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Airman Medal. For 23 years he was a realtor with C.J. Brown. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren.

Arlie R. Porath ’55, Sept. 4, 2015, in Myrtle Beach, S.C., at 82. As
Anthony W. Ruvo ’59, June 8, 2015, in North Caldwell, N.J., at 78. In a 40-year career with Union Camp Corp., he retired as vice president and general manager of the folding carton division. A 46-year resident of North Caldwell, he was a church lector, coached recreational baseball and basketball, and was on the board of the Bloomfield (N.J.) Educational Foundation. In 1990 he was inducted into the Bloomfield Athletic Hall of Fame. Predeceased by his grandson, he is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Jane, a daughter, two sons, and five grandchildren.

Jeanette Benn Anderson ’61, June 3, 2015, in Bangor, Maine, at 75. She returned to her native Houlton, Maine, and taught English before raising a family. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1981, she chaired the local MS Society chapter, mentored others with chronic illness, and sold nutritional supplements. She received Colby’s Distinguished Alumna Award in 2006. Predeceased by her father, Oscar Benn ’25, she is survived by her husband, Bob, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren. Four of her uncles and two aunts attended Colby.

Cynthia Richmond Hopper ’63, July 1, 2015, in Millisboro, Del., at 74. In Avon, Conn., she was a director of Avon Dollars for Scholars and a member of the garden club. She was active in Republican politics and served on the Avon Republican Town Committee. She was former director of the Avon Free Public Library and was on the board of the Connecticut Waterfowl Trust. Predeceased by her daughter, she is survived by her husband, Monte, a son, and three grandchildren.

Joan King Darcy ’58, June 7, 2015, in New Lebanon, N.Y., at 78. She was a lifelong educator whose teaching career spanned three decades and three schools in Vermont and Massachusetts. In retirement she was active in her community, including with the fire department and the senior ministry at Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in New Lebanon. She is survived by a brother and by nieces and nephews.

Donald E. Gilbert Jr. ’64, Sept. 24, 2015, in Sacramento, Calif., at 72. He served in Vietnam with the U.S. Coast Guard, then built a career as a commercial banker with Chemical Bank in New York and Republic Bank in Houston before founding a private investment banking firm. He traveled the world with his wife, fish, and spent time outdoors. He is survived by his wife, Susan, four children, and four grandchildren.

Alfred C. Olivetti ’64, Sept. 30, 2015, in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., at 73. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a major. He was active in the College of Charleston Italian Association and taught computers at Septima P. Clark Corp. for 10 years. He is survived by his wife, Connie, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren, and two brothers.

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Donald W. Leith ’69, Aug. 8, 2015, in West Boylston, Mass., at 68. He ran L&J of New England Inc., a family business, and had been president of the New England chapter, National Association of Metal Finishing. He was involved in community groups in central Massachusetts including West Boylston Little League and Burncoat Babe Ruth, as well as charities including Camp Putnam and Worcester Boys Club. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons, brother, Duncan Leith ’73, and two sisters.

Mark Chalek ’71, Sept. 10, 2015, in Brookline, Mass., at 66. Mark passed away after a long struggle with depression. He received his master’s in education from Boston University and worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as chief of busi-
ness ventures and as a director. He is survived by his wife, Jenny Lavigne, two children, and two brothers.

Christine Mattern Way ’73, Sept. 17, 2015, in Stow, Mass., at 64. She graduated from Boston University Law School in 1981 and worked as a lawyer, educator, coach, town committee member, and volunteer. She worked at Palmer and Dodge law firm and taught ethics at Newbury College and legal writing at BU Law School. She loved tennis, sailing, and cross country skiing and was a cook, a debater, reader, and writer. Survivors include her parents, her husband, Jon Way, M.D., and three sons including David ’09.

Tina Lindegren Horne ’74, Oct. 12, 2015, in Norwalk, Conn., at 63. She received a Ph.D. in psychology at the University of New Hampshire and had a successful career in marketing, first at Wang Laboratories and for the last 12 years at IBM. She gardened, played tennis, and sailed Long Island Sound. Predeceased by her husband, Fred, she is survived by two daughters.

Edward S. Cronick ’75, June 1, 2015, in Lyndeborough, N.H., at 61. He raised a family in Anchorage, Alaska, where he was president of Sound Environmental Services, Inc., which specialized in waste remediation. More recently he was director of sustainability at Kimball Union Academy, his alma mater. He is survived by four children, a grandson, and lifelong friend Sarah Ellis.

Barbara Brennan Silano ’76, May 16, 2015, in Menlo Park, Calif., at 60. A graduate of Suffolk Law School in Boston, she worked as a criminal prosecutor in the Bronx and rose to become chief federal prosecutor of the Organized Crime Drug Task Force, U.S. Department of Justice, in San Francisco. She is survived by her husband, Robert, a daughter, and a son.

Robert F. McCaughey ’77, Sept. 20, 2015, in Kileen, Texas, at 60. He worked in sales for television stations in Denver and on the East Coast. A devoted Christian, he loved to golf and was a Patriots fan. Survivors include his wife, Mary, three sons, a stepdaughter, five grandchildren, and two siblings.

Martin “Marty” S. Reader ’78, Oct. 7, 2015, in Minnetonka, Minn., at 59. He received his M.B.A. from Cornell University and built a career in marketing, becoming executive vice president at FieldSolutions, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Susan, two daughters, including Alison Reader ’12, a son, and a sister.

Lee Roberts ’78, Aug. 4, 2015 in Jensen Beach, Fla., at 59. He sold antiques; designed, manufactured, and restored lamps living in a small adobe structure in New Mexico for a time; and worked as a sale representative and shipping consultant at Unishippers, a Melbourne, Florida-based company.

Cathie Ann Marqusee ’80, Sept. 19, 2015, in Arlington, Mass., at 57. For more than 20 years she worked at the Peabody School in Cambridge as an occupational therapist. She was a photographer and painter and sang in the Great Boston Intergenerational Chorus. She is survived by her husband, James Pustejovsky, a daughter, a son, and her mother.

Eric L. Weeks ’80, July 3, 2015, in East Winthrop, Maine, at 59. He played football at Colby and was invited to the Patriots free agent camp. He worked in advertising for Maine newspapers and magazines and established a successful Internet business. He later worked in mental health support. He is survived by his mother, his former wife, Donna Rancourt Young, a daughter and a son named Colby.

Damon G. Douglas III ’82, June 6, 2015, in Amherst, Mass., at 55. A 22-year resident of Amherst, he taught in elementary schools and was an educational consultant for Collaborative Educational Services. He traveled in Europe, South America, and the American West and was active in mountaineering, skiing, trail running, and cycling. He maintained part of the New England National Scenic Trail. He is survived by his wife, Therese Ross, and three children.

Heidi Dickman Taylor ’83, Oct. 18, 2015, in Los Alamos, N.M., at 54. With her husband she owned and operated Don Taylor’s Photography since 1984. She hiked, skied, and camped in the Southwest and traveled to reunions on Cape Cod. Survivors include her husband, Don, and two children.

Roland D. Cheaney ’88, June 22, 2015, in Acton, Mass., at 49. An English major, he forged a career in educational publishing and helped young people apply what they learned. He was an avid reader, eager to pass along knowledge. He is survived by his wife, Karen, his mother, and two children.

Corey Kessler ’99, Aug. 9, 2015, in Scotts Valley, Calif., at 38. He worked as a paralegal for several years before continuing earning a J.D. at Seattle University School of Law and a LL.M. at Boston University School of Law. He joined KPMG accounting firm as manager and worked in mergers and acquisitions—tax in Boston and Santa Clara, Calif. He enjoyed fishing, shooting sports, and mountain biking. He is survived by his parents, his wife, Krista, and their two children.

Catherine Nix ’10, Aug. 22, 2015, in Jackson, Wyo. She was a camp counselor and backcountry trip leader in the Tetons and worked at C-Bar-V, a school for children with special needs. An accomplished marathoner, skier, hiker, trail biker, and outdoorsperson, she was killed in a fall from Tewinot Mountain in Grand Teton National Park. She planned to pursue a doctorate in psychology at Pace University this academic year. She is survived by her parents, a grandmother, and three siblings.

Rodney R. Ferland, Nov. 11, 2015, in Albion, Maine, at 60. He began working for Colby’s Physical Plant Department in 1978 and retired in September 2015. With a quiet dignity he maintained Colby’s lawns, roadways, and plantings. He proudly drove the Zamboni at the Alfond Rink, often wearing a necktie, making the best possible ice. Survivors include his brother, nieces, and nephews.

Patience-Anne Williams Lenk, July 24, 2015, in Belfast, Maine, at 87. She worked from 1976 to 1994 as an associate in Special Collections at Colby, and served as subscription manager for the Colby Library Quarterly for 16 years. She was active in community theater groups and women’s rights organizations. Predeceased by her husband, Mortimer Lenk ’41, she is survived by her sons, David ’75 and Robert ’79.

Brent Maroon, Nov. 11, 2015, in Boston, Mass., at 64. A new member of the Colby community, he was a music associate who had performed professionally and taught voice for 28 years. He and his wife, Gayle E. Maroon, who formerly worked in Colby’s Music Department, ran a music studio in Waterville for 20 years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three brothers, and his parents.

Jack Sandler, Nov. 19, 2015, in Connecticut at 35. The head men’s lacrosse coach at Colby since 2013, he reportedly collapsed on a treadmill in a hotel while on a recruiting trip. In his first season at Colby, the team won the CBB title. He began coaching at his alma mater, Bates College, then coached for eight years at Skidmore College. He was an NCAA Division III representative to the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association and served on an NCAA regional advisory committee. He is survived by his parents and a sister.