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Stanley W. Kimball ’40, Jan. 10, 2017, in Shaker Heights, Ohio, at 99. In 1943 he earned a doctor of osteopathy degree from the Chicago School of Osteopathy and practiced medicine his entire career—as a self-employed physician, as chair of the radiology department at Richmond Heights General Hospital in Cleveland, and in medical imaging. He enjoyed traveling and visited all 50 states, many via his motorhome. His six children, 12 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren survive him.

Alvin Jolovitz ’42, Dec. 31, 2016, in Portland, Maine, at 95. He served in the Pacific with the U.S. Navy during World War II, and then settled in Forest Hills, N.Y., working for the New York City Housing Authority his entire career. Predeceased by his brother, Lester T. Jolovitz ’39, he is survived by extended family, including cousins Kenneth Jacobson ’50 and Estelle Jacobson Ostrove ’55.

Philip P. Jones ’42, May 30, 2016, in Mooriestown, N.J., at 94. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, primarily on the USS Barr in the Pacific, reaching the rank of lieutenant senior grade. He earned his bachelor’s from Hamilton College in 1942 then spent 35 years in business machines and systems sales for three different companies. Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Alice, with whom he raised two children, Philip and Patricia.

John L. Lowell ’42, Jan. 9, 2017, in Longmeadow, Mass., at 97. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II before establishing a career as a sales rep for Rand McNally. Predeceased by his father, Otis E. Lowell ’12, he is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sally, two sons, six granddaughters, and a great-grandson.

Jean Cannell MacRae ’42, Oct. 6, 2016, in Wrentham, Mass., at 96. She was a mother and homemaker who also knitted, swam, and loved to read. Predeceased by her husband, Weston MacRae ’42, and her brother Robert E. Cannell ’51, she is survived by three children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and extended family, including cousin Beniah C. Harding ’42, sister-in-law Joan Kelby Cannell ’52, and nieces Joyce Cannell ’81 and Jennifer Pelson Hopkins ’92.

Ruth Graves Montgomery ’43, Jan. 8, 2017, in Hyannis, Mass., at 95. She pursued a teaching career right out of college and taught physical education and math at junior high and high schools in Massachusetts. She was a 75-year member of her regional DAR chapter, was active with her church, and volunteered widely in her community. She enjoyed baking, knitting, and reading, and was a Red Sox fan. Survivors include her three daughters, including Patricia Montgomery ’71, four grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Louis J. Volpe Jr. ’43, Jan. 10, 2017, in Quincy, Mass., at 97. After three years in the Army Air Corps, he became an educator, working as a high school guidance counselor and history teacher in Braintree, Mass. He earned a master’s in education from Bridgewater State in 1970. A member of the Quincy High School Football Hall of Fame, he also coached high school football in Braintree. He belonged to the American Legion Post 294 in Quincy and was its oldest past commander. Survivors include his daughter, Susan Volpe Hely ’68, two sons, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

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Roberta E. Young ’47, Jan. 18, 2017, in Pittsfield, Mass., at 91. She spent her 38-year career at General Electric, working in design engineering at the power transformer division. Her free time was spent golfing, bowling, supporting her church, and participating in businesswomen’s groups. Predeceased by her parents, Andrew 1913 and Claramee Harvey Young 1919, and her sister, Mary Young ’46, she is survived by extended family.

Dorothy Worthley Cleaver ’48, Oct. 24, 2016, in Skowhegan, Maine, at 91. During World War II, she worked as a welder in the Portland, Maine, shipyards and continued to live a life of adventure and outdoor experiences. Along with her husband, she canoed far north Canadian rivers and was an avid fisherman in northern Maine. She also devoted herself to community projects in Delaware and in Maine and was admired for her humor, grit, and poetry. Survivors include five children, 13 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Conley Nelson ’48, Sept. 13, 2016, in Worcester, Mass., at 90. Mary taught German and English to high school students and was director of special services for the U.S. government in Germany for several years. She was also a mother and homemaker, a devoted Catholic, and a local volunteer. Four chil-
dren, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandson survive her.

Bertha Graves Bagby Nollman '48, Jan. 3, 2017, in Saco, Maine, at 90. She worked for the telephone company in Connecticut and in Utah, but was primarily an active volunteer in her community and church. She traveled in the U.S. and Europe, skied, hiked, and golfed. Survivors include her brother, two step children, and extended family.

Shirley Fellows Bernier '49, Nov. 22, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. An active volunteer, she chaired political campaigns, founded the Waterville Soup Kitchen, and was instrumental in the push to include girls in the Waterville Boys Club. A founding member of the Mandala Art School, she organized fundraisers for Monmouth Theater and helped area schools and hospitals. Survivors include her husband of 67 years, Albert Bernier ’50, seven children, including Michelle Bernier Hatch ’75 and husband Roger Hatch ’75, David Bernier ’79, and Meg Bernier Boyd ’81, 17 grandchildren, including Rachel Hatch ’05 and Katie Bernier ’20, five great-grandchildren, and a sister.

Janet Pride Davis '49, Dec. 14, 2016, in Gloucester, Mass., at 88. A housewife and a mother, she worked as a library aid in the Wellesley public schools. She was the secretary/ correspondent for Colby Magazine for her class in the 1970s. Survivors include four children and six grandchildren.

Roy F. Leaf '49, Aug. 11, 2016, in Massachusetts at 94. He left Colby in 1942 to serve in the U.S. Army, returning later to finish his degree. He earned graduate degrees from Boston University and San Jose State and became a teacher, counselor, and, eventually, principal. Along with his wife, Annabelle, they adopted and raised three children. His brother Carlton D. Leaf '52 survives him, as do many grandchildren.

Martha Loughman Shepard ’49, July 3, 2016, in Topsham, Maine, at 88. She raised three boys and was a homemaker, then later in life became an artist, expressing herself with sculpture and paint. Her sons and nine grandchildren survive her.

Janet Royal Varone ’49, Dec. 11, 2016, Bridgport, Conn., at 88. A mother and homemaker, she used her musical talents playing the piano and leading sing-alongs at a nursing home and singing in local singing groups. Her husband of 63 years, Anthony, three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild survive her. She was predeceased by her sister, Betty Royal Spiegel ’42.

Robert J. Armitage Jr. ’50, Jan. 25, 2017, in Binghamton, N.Y., at 88. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1951, he was discharged in 1954 as first lieutenant. He worked various occupations, including technical writer, systems analyst, and data processing manager. A founding member of the Colby Eight, he sang bass throughout his adult life in church, community choirs, and glee clubs. Three children, eight grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren survive him.

Paul W. Flanagan ’50, Oct. 22, 2016, in Burlingame, Calif., at 90. His education at Colby was interrupted by service in the Army during World War II. He worked for 40 years at the A.W. Chesterton Company and traveled around the world on business. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Jean Flanagan, four children, 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Richard D. Pullen ’50, Sept. 17, 2016, in Simsbury, Conn., at 90. Before entering Colby, he served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He earned his M.D. in 1954 from Yale Medical School and completed his residency in Wilmington, Del. Later, he was a founding doctor of the Windsor (Conn.) Medical Center, where he practiced internal medicine for 34 years. Predeceased by his brother, Robert Pullen ’41, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Barbara Barrow Pullen ’55, two daughters, including Cynthia Pullen Riordan ’77, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Charles W. Robinson ’50, April 8, 2016, at 88. A library leader for 33 years, he earned an M.L.S. from Simmons College in 1951 followed by service with the U.S. Army in Korea. His library career began in at the Free Library of Philadelphia, and in 1963 he became director of the Baltimore County Library, which he led until retirement in 1996. He served as president of the Public Library Association and was active with the Urban Libraries Council. He won numerous awards, including the 1977 Maryland Library Association’s Outstanding Member Award. Predeceased by his father, Hugh L. Robinson 1918, he is survived by his wife, Martha, and two children.

Edwin J. Laverty ’51, Oct. 14, 2016, in Gorham, Maine, at 89. He served in the Navy out of high school and worked briefly before coming to Colby. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 35 years, first in New York and later in Maine. He was active in community organizations and his church, and he enjoyed skiing and hunting. Three children and four grandchildren survive him.

Louis A. Woisard Jr. ’51, Jan. 27, 2017, in Woodstock, Conn., at 90. Before attending Colby, he served in the U.S. Navy. He earned a law degree in 1954 from the University of Connecticut and began practicing law with his father the same year. He later was chief attorney at Delta Rubber Company, becoming executive vice president and general counsel. A tireless civic leader, his volunteer efforts were rewarded with the 1987 Civic Achievement Award from the Killingly/Brooklyn (Conn.) Chamber of Commerce. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Valerie, four children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandson.


Rodney H. Howes ’52, Sept. 1, 2016, in San Antonio, Texas, at 87. He joined the Air Force as an aviation cadet and earned his wings in 1953. He spent 24 years in the Air Force, flew 10 different aircraft, and earned numerous awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and eight Air Medals. He earned an M.B.A. in 1973 and was a civilian auditor for the state of California. After retirement, Rod worked for McDonald Douglas Aircraft Corp. for eight years as a technical rep for the Air Force. He loved to travel, built two small airplanes, and introduced young children to flying. His three children, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a brother survive him.
Herbert J. Jabar '52, Sept. 23, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 91. Before college, he served in the Navy on the Bunker Hill in the South Pacific during World War II. His prowess at sports led him to a career in coaching and teaching in Maine and New Hampshire. His wife, June, five children, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and seven siblings, including John '52, Norman '52, Paul '52, Anthony '54, and Joseph '68, survive him.

Henry J. Bud McGrath '53, Nov. 28, 2016, in Braintree, Mass., at 90. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he was recruited by the CIA to work abroad as an undercover operative. In 1966 he began working for New England Telephone Company and retired in 1998. An active volunteer, he gave time to civic, church, and athletic organizations in his community. Seven children, 17 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren survive him.

JoAnne Conkling Hoffman '54, Oct. 25, 2016, in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., at 85. While raising her two children, she and her husband ran the Twin Gables Guest House in Woodstock, N.Y., until they retired to a family farm in Stone Ridge, N.Y. She was a faithful member of her church and sang in its choir. Her husband of 59 years, Albert, her daughter, and a sister survive her.

Alfred M. Joseph '54, Feb. 19, 2017, in Waterville, Maine, at 83. He spent two years with the U.S. Army then returned to his hometown of Waterville to work at C.F. Hathaway Shirt Company, where he worked for 38 years, retiring as vice president of quality control and contracts. He was active with his church, attended Colby sporting events and Reunion Weekends, and belonged to the Waterville Country Club for 62 years, serving two terms as president. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Ruth Crocker Joseph, four children, including Alfred M. Joseph Jr. ’76, five grandchildren, and his brother Paul M. Joseph ’53.

Dorothy Sellars Sheerin '54, Jan. 29, 2017, in Lancaster, Mass., at 84. A homemaker and mother, she was also an English teacher and school librarian for many years. She found pleasure in gardening, baking, and singing. Her children, Peter Sheerin '78 and Kathleen Callahan, her brother-in-law, Oliver Sheerin '58, and three grandchildren survive her.

Derek B. Tatlock '54, Dec. 25, 2016, in Williamsburg, Va., at 85. A master's in geology from the University of Michigan came the year after Colby, followed by two years in the U.S. Army. He worked as a petroleum geologist throughout his career, first for companies in Bismarck, N.D., and Pittsburgh, Pa., then as a consultant for his own firm. He volunteered with civic and nonprofit organizations, belonged to the National Ski Patrol, and enjoyed sailing and bicycling. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Betty, three daughters, four grandchildren, and a brother, Ian Tatlock '59.

Mary Belden Williams '54, Nov. 25, 2016, in North Hatfield, Mass., at 83. She earned a master's in deaf education from Smith College in 1959 and taught until 1996. Simultaneously, she raised four children and, along with her husband, worked and lived on her family farm, which she was the first woman to inherit after 10 generations. She served on the local school committee, was active with her church, and played bridge, the organ, and handbells. A brother and sister, Martha Belden Kleineman '70, survive her, as do four children, 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Victor J. Ladetto '55, Nov. 14, 2016, in New Bedford, Mass., at 83. He was a sergeant stationed in Germany during World War II then returned to the U.S., earning a master's in education in 1961. He taught elementary school for 10 years, and for the next 29 years was principal of the Cushman School in Dartmouth, Mass. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Ann Marie, two children, four grandchildren, and a brother.

Richard A. Magill '55, 2014. He left Colby to serve in the Army in the early 1950s, returned to graduate, then earned his law degree from the University of Chicago in 1958. He worked as a lawyer, including time at Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. A son, Robert H. Magill, survives him.

William P. Rosen '55, Dec. 28, 2016, in Branford, Conn., at 83. After serving in the U.S. Army, he began working in his family's film distribution business, eventually becoming its president and expanding it over a 40-year period. Nicknamed “Big Bull,” he had a passion for fishing, played tennis, and waterskied. Surviving him is his wife of 58 years, Polly Seelye Rosen '58, three sons, including Richard '83, six grandchildren, and three sisters.

Judith Shipman Wilson '55, Dec. 10, 2016, in Arizona at 83. While raising her children and taking care of her home, she contributed to the Phoenix community by volunteering with various organizations such as the symphony, art museum, and Maricopa County Hospital. Her daughter and two grandchildren survive her.

Justin A. Cross '56, Dec. 1, 2016, in Punta Gorda, Fla., at 82. He earned an M.D. from McGill University, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology, then served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He practiced medicine in Portsmouth, N.H., before retiring to Florida. He was an avid skier and sailor. His wife, Maria, three children, including Kay Cross '84, and three grandchildren survive him.

Frederick M. Moorhouse Jr. '56, Feb. 1, 2017, in Bangor, Maine, at 82. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, first as ensign on the U.S.S. Roy O. Hale and then as full commander. Later, he worked for Winchester Fire Arms and eventually moved to Maine. His sister, Shirley, survives him, as do dear friends Forrest '56 and Ann Jefferson Barnes '57.

Laurence S. Douglas '59, April 9, 2016, in Denver, Colo., at 82. Following a career with the U.S. Postal Service, he spent his retirement years volunteering at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Anne Fuller Douglas '59, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Laurence F. Larchez '60, Feb. 10, 2017, in Norwell, Mass., at 78. He earned his law degree from Boston University in 1967 then entered the Navy, serving aboard the USS Wasp and USS Lake Champlain. He practiced law in Quincy, Mass., and taught awhile at the American Institute of Banking. He supported con-
servation efforts, loved nature, and served on the board of a watershed association. He loved history, too, as well as the sea. His wife, Judith, and a brother survive him.

Jean Roberts Leach '60, Sept. 16, 2016, in Portland, Maine, at 77. Jean left Colby after two years to marry and have children. She earned her bachelor’s from the University of Connecticut in 1962 and went on to a 20-year career as a social studies teacher in Saco, Maine. She was a generous volunteer, a supporter of the arts, a singer, and a prolific correspondent. Three children, six grandchildren, and four siblings survive her.

Peter A. Gilbert ‘61, Feb. 2, 2017, in Pawcatuck, Conn., at 78. He earned an M.B.A. from Boston University in 1962, moved to California, and built a career as an investment manager, working for Wells Fargo and TIAA-CREF. His interests included bee keeping, making wine, whitewater rafting, cooking, and reading. A son, Peter, and a grandchild survive him.

Vaughn J. Howland ‘61, Dec. 8, 2016, in Rockville, Md., at 78. The first 20 years of his working career were spent as a management consultant in the private sector. He then earned an M.S.W. from the University of Maryland and worked the next 20 years as an L.C.S.W. and independent Intervention Specialists. He was founder and director of the Association of Independent Intervention Specialists. He is survived by his partner, Verlyn Peter, and a grandchild.

Jeanne Anderson Pollock ‘63, Oct. 14, 2016, in Gray, Maine, at 75. She earned an M.S.W. from Simmons College and worked as a psychiatric social worker with an interest in helping victims of child abuse. She was also chief financial officer of Farms Veterinary Clinic. She loved books, music, gardening, and dancing. Predeceased by her parents, Wendell ‘38 and Dorothy ‘38 Trainer Anderson, and her brother David C. Anderson ‘65, survivors include her husband of 52 years, William B. Pollock ‘64, children William Q. Pollock and Anne Pollock Waldron, four grandchildren, and two sisters, including Jan Anderson Cogbill ‘76.

Diane Nelson Teubner ‘63, Dec. 26, 2016, in Hamilton, Ohio, at 75. She worked more than 35 years as a medical technologist, but gave of herself to her community as a girl scout troop leader, president of the Hamilton City PTA, and member of Ohio's PTA board. She loved to read and garden, supported NPR, and cared for numerous cats throughout her life. Survivors include two daughters, two grandchildren, a sister, and extended family, including niece Stacey Sorenson-Ristimaa ‘83.

Kendall Burford ‘64, Jan. 14, 2017, in Scarborough, Maine, at 77. After one year at Colby, he enlisted with the U.S. Army, returning to Colby in 1961 to complete his degree. In 1967 he earned a law degree from Boston College Law School and practiced as a trial attorney for 33 years. After moving to Maine, he served on the Holden Finance Committee and the Kennebunkport Planning Board. Walks on the beach and caring for bulldogs brought him pleasure. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Linda Doe Burford ‘64, two children, and six grandchildren.

Anita Hegmann McCray ‘64, May 10, 2016, in Old Saybrook, Conn., at 73. She was an engineer who worked as a systems programmer and analyst for companies such as Sylvania Electronics. Together with her husband, William McCray, she raised two sons.

Donald C. Oberg ‘65, Nov. 29, 2016, in Annandale, Va., at 74. He enlisted with the Navy and served in Vietnam as a navigator on C130s. Throughout his life, he worked for various marine- and seafood-based companies in Portland, Maine, and was a devoted father. His wife, Grace Marie, two daughters, two grandsons and two sisters survive him.

Ralph J. Bunche Jr. ‘65, Oct. 5, 2016, at 73. He earned an M.A. in international relations from Tuft’s Fletcher School of Diplomacy in 1971 then began working at Citibank. Drafted and sent to Vietnam, he led a rifle patrol as a lieutenant before joining JP Morgan's Africa team as an investment banker. He served as executive director of Morgan Stanley-London, as a vice president of JP Morgan in London and New York, and worked for ABN AMRO Bank in London. He served as a Colby overseer 1980-85. Predeceased by his father, The Honorable Ralph J. Bunche L.L.D. ’52, he is survived by three children and seven grandchildren.

Katharine Parker Gordon ‘65, Nov. 3, 2016, in Oakmont, Pa., at 73. A lifelong social-justice activist, she started a League of Women Voters chapter in Illinois, founded a NOW chapter in Allentown, Pa., and established a Unitarian Universalist church in Delaware, Ohio. She worked as a staffer in Senator John Glenn’s Columbus, Ohio, office and retired as director of the board of elections in Delaware County, Ohio. Survivors include her three children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

William A. Oates Jr. ’66, Feb. 14, 2017, in Dedham, Mass., at 74. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard 1966-70 then earned his M.B.A. from Harvard. After four years in banking, he became an investment advisor and was founding partner of Northeast Investment Management in Boston, where he managed Northeast Investors Growth Fund for more than 30 years. He served as a Colby trustee 2005-13 and was serving a new four-year term at the time of his death. He was awarded a Colby Brick in 2015. He was former trustee and board chair of Grotto School and former trustee and treasurer of Roxbury Latin School, which award him an honorary degree in 1985. He was a gardener, skier, golfer, and mountaineer who scaled many of the world’s tallest peaks, including the Matterhorn. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Elizabeth “Muffy” Oates, three daughters, six grandchildren, and two brothers.

Carl M. Floyd ’66, Jan. 10, 2017, in New London, Conn., at 74. He served in the U.S. Army before coming to Colby, then began working at the Naval Underwater Systems Center (NUSC) in 1967. He worked in submarine imaging systems for 49 years, including 14 years managing NUSC’s development of several periscopes. A respected leader in his field, he won several awards, including the Meritorious Civilian Service Medal in 1990 and the Superior Civilian Service Medal in 2002. He was also a woodworker, a guitar enthusiast, and an amateur luthier. He is survived by two daughters, his partner, three siblings, including Penney Floyd ’73, who subsequently passed away Jan. 21, and his former wife, Judith David ’66.
Judith Van Alstyne ’67, Nov. 17, 2016, in Hartford, Conn., at 72. She worked in the fields of insurance, consumer protection, and research. Her passion was in creative art forms such as knitting, baking, and jewelry making. Two brothers survive her.

H. Dean Peterson, M.S.T. ’69, Aug. 31, 2016, in Belgrade, Maine, at 80. He taught high school biology for 30 years in Northport, N.Y., and then for 10 years at the college level in Florida after he retired. He summered in Maine and was president of the Old South Church in Belgrade for 10 years. He was devoted to the church and loved to golf. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Phyllis Hardy Peterson ’58, their two children, and three grandchildren.

James H. Patch ’70, Nov. 12, 2016, in Boston, Mass., at 69. He worked his entire career for General Electric Aircraft Engines, retiring in 2009. Described as a boating enthusiast and skilled angler, he also retained his lifelong love of hockey—playing, coaching, and spectating. In 1997 he was inducted to the Sports Hall of Fame at Saugus High School, where he was a three-sport athlete. Survivors include his wife, Eileen Boerner Patch ’70, two sons, Gregory ’06 and Timothy ’08, and five siblings.

Robert M. Knight ’71, Dec. 14, 2016, in Freeport, Maine, at 67. He earned a master’s in English literature and a J.D., both from the University of Maine, and applied them teaching high school English in China and Brunswick, Maine, and practicing law in Maine. He started as a law clerk for Maine Supreme Court justices, was an associate for a Portland law firm, and worked the last 25 years for the state of Maine. A lover of books, he was a regular reviewer of nonfiction for Kirkus Reviews. He also loved art, music, and good food. Survivors include his partner, Elizabeth Bennett, a daughter, two granddaughters, and two siblings.

Carolyn Penney Floyd ’73, Jan. 21, 2017, in Waterville, Maine, at 65. She earned an R.N. degree while living in Iowa then became an operating room nurse upon returning to Waterville. Her medical focus was ophthalmology and she worked for Maine Eye Care until she retired in 2013. She was a proofreader, a gardener, a cook, and a volunteer, primarily with hospice. Predeceased just 10 days by her brother, Carl Floyd ’66, she is survived by her husband, Chuck Lakin, who built the pine coffin in which she was buried in a green cemetery, and two other brothers.

Charles J. Hogan ’73, Sept. 15, 2016, in London, England. He earned an M.B.A. from Northern University and worked in finance in the international arena, first at Experiment in International Living, a school in Brattleboro, Vt., then for McCormack and Dodge Corp. He settled in London and worked for Shearson Lehman. His wife, Juliet Klingsmill, survives him.

Sean P. Barry ’74, Jan. 19, 2017, in Novato, Calif., at 64. He earned a law degree from Golden Gate University and practiced law in the Bay Area. He was a casual vintner who also enjoyed cooking, entertaining, and travel. His wife, Barbara Thayer Barry ’74, and two siblings survive him.

Karen Fellows ’74, Feb. 4, 2017, in Northborough, Mass., at 64. She worked at Dana Farber Cancer Institute, volunteered at a senior center, and was committed to her church. Survivors include her step mother, three step sisters, and a step brother.

Jeremiah F. Minihan ’74, Sept. 24, 2015, in North Andover, Mass., at 63. He worked for Raytheon and, as a sports lover, coached the Scarlett Knights booster club teams in North Andover. In 1990 he was inducted to the North Andover High School Hall of Fame. His wife, Diane, three children, two grandchildren, and three siblings survive him.

Joseph B. Johnson ’75, Oct. 13, 2016, in Portsmouth, N.H., at 62. He was employed at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in various positions for 32 years, but his passion was basketball. He was varsity basketball coach at Norwood (Mass.) High School (NHS) and was named Bay State Coach of the Year in 1987. In 2015 he was inducted in the NHS hall of fame, and in 2016 the school dedicated its basketball court in his name. He was also a referee and youth sports coach in Portsmouth. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn, two children, and three brothers.

William C. Huling ’77, Jan. 6, 2017, in Colchester, Vt., at 64. He was drafted from Colby into the U.S. Army and served as an MP at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. After returning to Colby and graduating, he worked in retail and sales for a period. He developed an interest in manufacturing and worked for various companies, including Englander, Ethan Allen Furniture, and Copeland Furniture. Survivors include two children, three siblings, including Sandra Huling ’69, and one granddaughter.

Timothy B. Hussey ’78, June 13, 2016, in Boston, Mass., at 59. He earned an M.B.A. at Cornell then joined the family business, Hussey Seating Company, becoming its president in 1995. He served on Colby’s Board of Trustees from 2003 to 2009 and as an overseer from 1997 to 2003, he was co-chair of the Maine Economic Growth Council, on the board of the Maine Compact for Higher Education, and on his local school board. Hussey also was a member of the World President’s Organization. He loved skiing and sailing and was commodore of the Arundel Yacht Club. Predeceased by his father, Philip W. Hussey Jr. ’53, survivors include his mother, Martha De Wolf Hussey ’55, his wife, Marcia, their three children, including Philip ’14, and three siblings, including Anna Hussey ’80 and Richard Hussey ’89.

James A. Russell Jr. ’83, Nov. 3, 2016, in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, at 55. He worked at his family business, Sani Clean Distributors, for more than 30 years while serving leadership roles in Rotary and at his church. He was a runner, a hiker, and caretaker for his daughters following his wife’s death in 2012. Jim passed away unexpectedly at his home. Survivors include two daughters, his parents, and four siblings.

Elizabeth Stillings Brooks ’84, Nov. 8, 2016, in Holliston, Mass., at 54. A writer and editor, she worked as a development editor for Allyn and Bacon before becoming a freelancer. She coached students writing college essays and preparing for SATs and ACTs and volunteered at the Holiston Food Pantry. She died of cancer at her home. Predeceased by her grandfather, William Littlefield ’38, she is survived by her parents, her husband, Robert Brooks ’84, three children, three siblings, and extended family, including cousin Rebecca Lowd Legro ’65.

Erin S. Brenner ’97, Aug. 26, 2016, at 40. She worked in financial services, most recently at Schroder Investment Management as head of intermediary key accounts. She came to Colby from Vancouver, Canada, where a memorial service was held Oct. 22, 2016.

Elizabeth A. Sparkes ’02, Oct. 11, 2016, in Dorchester, Mass., at 36. After receiving her master’s in special education from Simmons College, she taught special education at the Landmark School and later taught mathematics in public schools. She was also a dog trainer and was active in Greyhound Options rescue organization. Predeceased by her father, William Sparkes ’69, she is survived by her mother, Pamela Wolf Sparkes ’71, a brother, and aunts and uncles, including Penelope Wolf Burns ’73 and Robert Sparkes ’74.

Cathie M. Lee, Jan. 22, 2017, in Augusta, Maine, at 58. A native of Waterville, she graduated from Thomas College and worked 20 years as office manager for an insurance company. She began working at Colby in Alumni Relations in 2005 and became well known to many alumni who attended reunion and Alumni College. Six of her 12 nieces graduated from Colby—Herbert ’52, John ’52, Norman ’52, Paul ’52, Anthony ’54, and Joseph ’68—as did several cousins. Her mother, three siblings, and beloved nieces and nephews survive her.