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It was great to receive updates from many of you. Holly Mawn is in her second year teaching at the Park School in Brookline, Mass., and lives with Taylor Horan ’12 and Samantha Merriweather ’12. “It’s amazing how frequently I see fellow Mules,” Holly says. Also true for Callie Wade, who met Kathy Muhlhausen McIntyre ’72 and Laura Hudecek ’05 at Ben Hannon’s family holiday party in the Salt Lake City area.

Ellicott Dandy works on environmental justice policy in Washington State. She’s visited Claudia Camerino, Alec Peters, and Carly Rushford in Portland, Ore. In LA, Daria Jones is an assistant editor at Buddha magazine. She is “seriously loving the sun.”

Julia Moore lives with Dan Hussey in Boston. She started the physician assistant program at Tufts. Dan begins the Tufts Maine Track M.D. Program this summer. Joe Tagliente launched Spots, “a real-time restaurant and nightlife guide that tells you what is happening at a place before you arrive.” Katie Muto ’11 is one of three cofounders. Patrick Fitzgerald spent a portion of last year “helping to launch an indoor cycling startup in Charleston, S.C.” He describes it as similar to SoulCycle.

Becca Levenson lives in Manhattan and is publicity and marketing assistant and project manager of social media for the U.S. at Phaidon, a food and art book publisher. Tom Letourneau will move from the Mississippi Delta to NYC after his Teach for America commitment ends this spring. “I will teach lower elementary school in Harlem, work on my M.S.Ed. from Johns Hopkins, and hopefully take advantage of the closer proximity to watch my Mules have another exceptional cross-country season.”

Karen Kall is in his second year teaching sixth grade math through TFA in Philadelphia. “Excited to pursue different options that will keep me in the classroom and impacting students next year and beyond!”

Jayson Ito-Adler completed a 10-month FEMA Corps national service program. “I spent six months in Denton, Texas, and two months in Conway, Ark., after a tornado hit that area.”

Gordon Fischer went to East Africa on a grant from the Cotter Fund to make a documentary about history and education in Tanzania. “It was an amazing, raw, and fulfilling experience that will forever stay with me.” He lives in the Bronx with two fellow Mules and started teaching in the city in February. Lauren Fisher spent the summer in Fiji leading tours for high school students and is now leading a 10-month gap-year trip in Israel.

Peter Markoe and Sophie Hamblett ’14 completed a 70-day Europe trip. “Now my compass is pointed west to help Elliot Mermel ’12 on his farming venture,” Peter says, adding that Jordan Ansell ’12 and Hadien Vasdebackouer ’12 are part of the endeavor.

Dhokela Zeya became accredited as a NOFA [Northeast Organic Farming Association] organic land care professional. “I’m undertaking a residency at a Zen center that I’ve been involved with for five years, and I’m working with women in addiction recovery through gardening on the same property.”

Abbott Matthews received a second Fulbright to return to Brazil. She met Professor Patrice Franco in both Rio do Janeiro and Brasilia last year.

Hildreth “Hilly” Wheeler Finn ’37, Jan. 23, 2015, in North Cheilmsford, Mass., at 100. A 40-year resident of Hilton Head Island, S.C., she loved being a homemaker, knitting, sewing, and volunteering. She was an avid golfer and churchgoer. Predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Howard, and two children, she is survived by a son, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Gordon Wolman ’41, Nov. 18, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 95. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps during WWII and then entered his father’s business, becoming owner-operator of Lewis Wolman Co. and president of Wolman Steel until his retirement in 1984. A lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, he was also a 50-year member of the Kora Shriner and the Freemasons and was active with Beth Israel Congregation. Predeceased by his brother Harold Wolman ’38, he is survived by his wife of 68 years, Myrtle, one daughter, two sons, three grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Albert J. Rimosukas ’41, Jan. 30, 2015, at 95. A basketball aficionado, he played throughout his school years and semiprofessionally. He served with the armed forces in the Philippines and Japan, and he was director of adult education and recreation in Windsor, Conn., and athletic director for Windsor High School. He earned a master’s from the University of Hartford and in 1976 retired as administrative assistant to the Windsor superintendent of schools. He and his wife, Evelyn, spent their retirement in Florida, where he was active with his church choir, AARP, and the Knights of Columbus. His wife died the following week.

Martha Rogers Beach ’42, Nov. 20, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 94. A Waterville native, she was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church and was on the board of many local organizations. She taught in Waterville for 10 years and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. A two-term Alumni Council member, she received a Colby Brick. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, George Beach ’41; grandfather Harvey Eaton, Class of 1887; parents A. Raymond Rogers, Class of 1977, and Harriet Eaton Rogers, Class of 1919; and brother A. Raymond Rogers Jr. ’49. She is survived by her daughter, Margo Beach ’65, and sister Estelle Rogers MacDonald ’39.

Betsey Libbey Williams ’42, Oct. 14, 2014, in Provo, Utah, at 95. She earned her M.L.S. at Simmons College. A longtime Massachusetts resident, she was a high school librarian in Lynnfield and Winchester, retiring in 1976. She and her husband traveled in Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as in all 50 U.S. states. Predeceased by her husband, Glenn, and brother David Libbey ’39, she is survived by two daughters, a son, 20 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren.
Kathleen “Kaye” Monaghan Corey ’43, Nov. 13, 2014, in Augusta, Maine, at 92. She earned her M.S.W. from Boston University and had a career as a social worker in the areas of child protection, child therapy, and adoption. A devoted Colby alum, she was a class agent for 71 years and received a Colby Brick and the Ernest C. Marriner Distinguished Service Award. Predeceased by her husband, 66 years, Charles, she is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

Lawrence S. Gurney ’43, Oct. 16, 2014, in Los Angeles, Calif., at 93. He completed his bachelor’s at the University of Southern California. He worked in tooling, drafting, and writing in the aerospace field and in library and security work for the Getty Museum. His main interests were cartooning and creative writing, especially poetry. Though he completed his last two years of college at USC, he remembered Colby fondly, once writing, “those first years in Maine have never left me.”

Jane Hudson Hinman ’43, Dec. 29, 2010, in Hollywood, Fla., at 89. She was a registered nurse and later owned a crafts business. She transcribed Braille and did writing in the aerospace field and in library and security work for the Getty Museum. His main interests were cartooning and creative writing, especially poetry. Though he completed his last two years of college at USC, he remembered Colby fondly, once writing, “those first years in Maine have never left me.”

Jane Hudson Hinman ’43, Dec. 29, 2010, in Hollywood, Fla., at 89. She was a registered nurse and later owned a crafts business. She transcribed Braille and did reading and recordings for the blind. She remembered Colby for the “ambiance of a smaller city than my own New York; the friendliness and intimacy of the small college community; the warmth of my roommate and close friends.” Predeceased by her husband, John, she is survived by a daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

Frank J. Miselis ’43, Oct. 1, 2014, in Stateline, Nev., at 92. He graduated from Boston University School of Medicine and served in the Navy Medical Service. He practiced medicine in Connecticut for 20 years. He became successful in finance, trading stocks and options on Wall Street and with the Chicago Board of Trade. He enjoyed skiing, flying single-engine aircraft, and landscaping his property on Lake Tahoe. Involved with Colby, he and his wife were generous philanthropists who endowed a faculty chair in chemistry in 1991. Predeceased by his brother Edmund Miselis ’48, he is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Theodora, and three sons.

Louise Callahan Johnson ’44, Oct. 9, 2014, in San Francisco, Calif., at 91. A longtime resident of Weymouth, Mass., she taught elementary school there for 23 years, volunteered at the Friends of South Shore Hospital, and was a member of the South Shore Country Club. She played golf until age 88 and also enjoyed crossword puzzles. Predeceased by her husband, Robert Johnson ’42, and a son, she is survived by three sons including David Johnson ’67, and six grandchildren.

G. Richard Mountfort ’44, July 14, 2014, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 92. After earning a degree from Barrington Bible College, he was a pastor for more than 60 years at churches in Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Maine. He enjoyed playing the trumpet and watching the ocean from his lifelong home on Cousins Island in Yarmouth, Maine. He was predeceased by three wives, a daughter, and a great-grandson. He is survived by his wife, Ester, four daughters, three sons, four stepsons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Doris Taylor Huber ’45, Nov. 28, 2014, in Rockland, Maine, at 90. She was a 63-year resident of Rockland. Passionate about books and serving others, she was a high school assistant librarian and later worked at Rockland’s Reading Corner bookstore until she was almost 80. After retiring, she volunteered for 10 years at the Rockland Public Library. She enjoyed traveling and was an ardent Red Sox fan. Predeceased by her husband, Paul Huber ’45, and mother Mary Carl Taylor ’22, she is survived by five daughters, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Joan Gay Kent ’45, Jan. 29, 2015, in Greenport, N.Y., at 90. A longtime resident of Sands Point and Port Washington, N.Y., she was a prodigious writer, particularly of Long Island history. She was president of the Port Washington Public Library for more than 10 years, was a founder of Cow Neck Peninsula Historical Society, and was active with the Manhasset/Port Washington League of Women Voters. She is survived by a son, a stepdaughter, three grandchildren, a step-granddaughter, two great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren, and sister Janet Gay Hawkins ’48.

Robert F. Coughlin ’46, Oct. 28, 2014, in Waterville, Maine, at 89. He served with the U.S. Army in Germany during WWII. He joined the Air Force in 1951, serving in Korea and Japan during the Korean War and retiring as chief master sergeant in 1978. He then worked 15 years for the General Services Administration and the Marine Corps before retiring again and moving to Oakland, Maine. An avid runner and walker, he enjoyed traveling and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. Predeceased by his father, Maurice Coughlin ’21, he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Marjorie, a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Francis J. Heppner ’46, Sept. 28, 2014, in Orange Park, Fla., at 89. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge, earning the Purple Heart. He completed his bachelor’s at Harvard, earned a master’s at Georgetown, and had a 39-year career as an archivist at the National Archives. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Jeanne, two daughters, four grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, and brother George Heppner ’45.

Robert E. Anderson ’47, Feb. 1, 2015, in Rockland, Maine, at 95. He was a U.S. Army captain in the South Pacific during WWII, receiving two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He had a career with Central Maine Power, Sylvania Electric Canada, and Lighting Products Division of Canada. He returned to Maine as national sales manager for Knox Felts in Camden and was a member of several organizations including the Maine Genealogy Society and Winslow VFW. Predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Phyllis, and a son, he is survived by a son and three grandchildren.

Ronald E. Coe ’47, Dec. 27, 2014, in Hamden, Conn., at 92. He served as a combat medic in Europe during WWII, receiving a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. He later wrote Looking Back: Memoirs of a World War II Combat Medic to remind people that those at war are all human beings. He earned his medical degree at Tufts and for more than 50 years had a practice in Hamden, Conn., where he was known as an excellent diagnostician. Predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Eleanor, he is survived by a daughter, a grandson, and four step-grandchildren.

Shirley Lloyd Thorne ’47, Oct. 17, 2014, in Chestnut Hill, Mass., at 88. She earned a master’s from Columbia and a certificate of advanced studies at Harvard. She taught social studies before becoming a guidance counselor at the Edward Devotion School in Brookline, Mass., retiring in the early ’90s. After retirement she was involved with the Committee to End Elder Homelessness in Boston and the Boston Ballet’s program for third-grade children. Predeceased by her husband, Richard Thorne ’48, she is survived by three nieces.

Miriam Marsh Barteaux ’47, Oct. 13, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 89. An exuberant woman with many interests, she lived in Virginia, Germany, and Maine and had a number of jobs including elementary school teacher, audiovisual librarian, principal, and special needs aide. After moving back to Maine in 1979, she volunteered at Norlands Living History Center, the Barron Center, and Guiding Eyes for the Blind. She enjoyed traveling, crocheting, and gardening. She was predeceased by her mother, Alberta Shepard Marsh, Class of 1918, and is survived by three daughters, one son, two grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

loved golf and was a longtime member and former women's champion at Dedham (Mass.) Country Club. She enjoyed spending time at Lake Sunapee and was happiest when with her family. Predeceased by her husband of 55 years, John “Buzz,” she is survived by five sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren including Daniel Deacon ’03, and two great-grandchildren.

Phyllis Ruth Lombard Richardson ’48, Oct. 2, 2014, in St. Louis, Mo., at 87. A longtime resident of Caribou, Maine, she raised three natural children and more than 40 foster children with her husband. Later in life she had a 32-year career as a middle school teacher, receiving two awards for meritorious service at Caribou Middle School. She loved animals, classic Western films, and reading. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, David.

Tema Kaplan Cushner ’49, March 14, 2013, in Brookline, Mass., at 85. She was a counselor at the New Perspectives School in Brookline and volunteered with the Women’s American Organization for Rehabilitation through Training, the League School of Boston, and the Women’s Lunch Place. Predeceased by her husband, Leonard, and her mother, Betty “Bessie” Levine Kaplan ’24, she is survived by two sons including Stuart Cushner ’75 and four grandchildren including Max Cushner ’14.

Robert I. Latham ’49, Dec. 12, 2014, in Danvers, Mass., at 90. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and had a career selling real estate and insurance in the North Shore, Mass., area. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Patricia Lydon Latham ’49, two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

Hilda Farnum Nicoll ’49, Dec. 6, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 87. She spent most of her first 13 years in Japan, where her father was a missionary. A volunteer, activist, and advocate for a more peaceful world, she taught in nursery schools and church schools, served as a volunteer hospital clerk, and was a board member and volunteer for the Japan-America Society of Maine and the Maine-Aomori Sister-State program. She was known for her culinary skills, inventiveness, and joie de vivre. Predeceased by her parents, Martin ’23 and Melva Mann Farnum ’23, she is survived by her husband of 65 years, Donald Nicoll ’49, two daughters, two sons, and seven grandchildren.

Harold J. Thompson ’49, Jan. 28, 2015, in Attleboro, Mass., at 89. He served in the Army Air Forces during WWII. After earning his M.D. at Tufts, he practiced urology at Sturdy Memorial Hospital. He enjoyed dancing, nature walks, playing the violin, and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, four daughters, two sons, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Irvin E. Hamlin ’50, Jan. 9, 2015, in Howland, Maine, at 91. He was an Army Air Corps medic in the South Pacific during WWII. He earned his M.D. from Tufts and established a practice in East Millinocket, Maine, serving the region for nearly 50 years. An avid fisherman and hunter, he also enjoyed harness racing, and in his more active years he belonged to numerous organizations including the Masons and the Maine Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association. Predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Ann, and a son, he is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Jay B. Hinson ’50, Oct. 10, 2014, in Ellsworth, Maine, at 91. Prior to Colby he served in the Aleutian Islands during WWII. He had a career in journalism and in 1958 purchased the Calais Advertiser, where he was publisher-editor for more than 25 years. He started commercial printing business the Calais Press. A resident of Maine’s Washington County for more than 60 years, he enjoyed photography, nature, and boating. He is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, two stepchildren, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sybil Green Reichek ’50, Dec. 22, 2014, in Boynton Beach, Fla., at 85. A longtime New Jersey resident, she taught high school English and Latin. She married and had two daughters and a son.

Bernard D. Alderman ’51, Dec. 25, 2014, in Madison, Wis., at 86. A 28-year resident of Framingham, Mass., he dedicated his life to serving others. He served as a Baptist pastor, a supervisor at Mystic Valley Elder Services, and director of the Center Club of Boston, where he worked for 19 years. In his retirement he volunteered with the elderly and as a teacher of English as a second language. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Jean, a son, and two grandchildren.

Robert I. Latham ’49, Dec. 12, 2014, in Danvers, Mass., at 90. He served in the Aleutian Islands during WWII. He had a career in journalism and in 1958 purchased the Calais Advertiser, where he was publisher-editor for more than 25 years. He started commercial printing business the Calais Press. A resident of Maine’s Washington County for more than 60 years, he enjoyed photography, nature, and boating. He is survived by his wife, Karen, four children, two stepchildren, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Kershaw E. “Kirk” Powell ’51, Dec. 23, 2014, in Nashua, N.H., at 85. He earned his D.M.D. at Tufts, served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, and practiced dentistry for 44 years in his native Waterville. A passionate Colby supporter and athletics fan, he served for six years on the Board of Trustees and received a Colby Brick and C Club Man of the Year honors. He was a physical fitness enthusiast and avid reader. Predeceased by his wife, Kathleen, two daughters, a son, three stepsons including James Zadrozy ’95 and Jonathan Zadrozy ’00, two stepdaughters, and 19 grandchildren including Catherine Powell ’15.

Edward D. Whitney ’51, Dec. 29, 2014, in Yarmouth Port, Mass., at 85. He had a 34-year career as a manager with the William Carter Company in Needham, Mass., where he lived for many years before retiring to Cape Cod. Passionate about music and dancing, he played the drums and piano. He also enjoyed tennis, golf, and following the Red Sox and Patriots. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary Fran Warner Whitney ’53, three daughters, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

John T. Carey ’52, Dec. 14, 2014, in Wayland, Mass., at 84. He was a manager with H.A. Johnson Co. in Brighton, Mass. An avid Boston sports fan, he played semipro baseball in Nova Scotia and enjoyed traveling and spending time with family and friends. He is survived by two nieces, two nephews, and eight grandnieces and nephews.

Arnold M. “Jesse” James Jr. ’52, Dec. 18, 2014, in Lamoine, Maine, at 84. He did graduate work at MIT, served in the U.S. Air Force, including in Korea, and had a career as a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Boston, retiring in 1985. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage, reading Stephen King and Robert Parker ’53 books, and
watching historical documentaries. Predeceased by his wife, Rosemarie, he is survived by four daughters, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Joan Rooney Barns ’53, Jan. 24, 2015, in Scarborough, Maine, at 83. A 30-year resident of Cape Elizabeth, Maine, she was active in the Junior League of Portland and sang soprano in the Portland Symphonic Choir. She earned her master’s from the University of Maine and was one of the first teachers in the Portland area to introduce programs for children with learning disabilities. She enjoyed traveling, reading, writing, and tennis. Predeceased by her husband of 40 years, Charles Barnes II ’54, whom she married at Lorimer Chapel, she is survived by two sons including Peter Barnes ’82, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Francis A. “Frank” Piacentini ’53, Dec. 10, 2014, in Lawrenceville, Ga., at 84. He served in the army and had a 35-year career as a sales manager for C.F. Hathaway, where his focus on men’s fashion inspired his dapper attire. He lived in the Atlanta area and enjoyed golfing and tennis. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jeannine, two sons, three daughters, 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Raymond J. Billington ’54, Jan. 26, 2015, in Somerset, Mass., at 87. He served in the Navy during WWII, was a longtime claims supervisor with Liberty Mutual, and served Somerset, Mass., for 20 years on the school committee and as a selectman. A sports enthusiast, he received the Milt Kelley Award for 40 years of service to football officiating and was founder of the Southeastern Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association. Predeceased by son Gregory Billington ’78, he is survived by wife Priscilla Eaton Billington ’53, daughter Dianne Billington Stronach ’75, a son, and four grandchildren including Kaitlyn Billington ’11 and Jonathan Stronach ’15.

Elma Parker Canfield ’54, Oct. 17, 2014, in Middletown, Conn., at 82. She worked for Aetna and spent her retirement years in Englewood, Fla., and Old Lyme, Conn. She was an avid bridge player and a loving grandmother. Predeceased by a son, she is survived by her husband of 59 years, Kenneth, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.


Richard E. Nickerson ’54, Sept. 15, 2014, in Medfield, Mass., at 82. He earned his D.M.D. from Tufts and practiced dentistry in Medfield, Mass., for 50 years, retiring in 2011. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alexandra Johnson Nickerson ’57; seven children including Kimberly Nickerson Potember ’79, Kathryn Nickerson Russell ’84, Matthew Nickerson ’85, and Kristen Nickerson Harmon ’90; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Peter Nickerson ’57.

Niels C. Raiha ’54, Dec. 18, 2013, in Malmo, Sweden, at 82. He was a prominent pediatric researcher in Sweden. He is survived by his son, Jan E. Raiha ’79.

Janet Killheffer Dalonzo ’55, July 15, 2014, in Cherry Hill, N.J., at 81. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by two daughters, a son, and a granddaughter.

John W. “Jack” Deering ’55, Jan. 11, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 85. He joined the Maine National Guard while at Colby and served in Tripoli, North Africa, during the Korean War. A master at networking and connecting people, he had an investment career, forming Barker Deering Associates in Portland. He was an advocate of Maine’s lakes and mountains, and he remained a loyal Colby supporter throughout his life. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Ann Burnham Deering ’55, son Richard B. Deering ’86, two daughters including Janet Deering Bruen ’79, and four granddaughters.

Phillip M. Kilmister ’55, Jan. 29, 2015, in St. Augustine, Fla., at 81. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned his law degree at the University of Maine. Aside from a brief period of private practice, he worked in the Maine attorney general’s office until his retirement in 1992. An admirer of Thoreau and a Cleveland Indians fan, he enjoyed golf, fishing, and visiting the Maine coast. Predeceased by his brother, Paul Kilmister ’51, he is survived by his wife, Madeline, three stepchildren, and four step-grandchildren.

Carolyn Bishop LaChance ’55, Oct. 30, 2014, in Portland, Maine, at 81. A proud resident of Old Orchard Beach, Maine, she was civic-minded and enjoyed working at the polls during elections. She converted to Catholicism as an adult and taught religious education. She also loved to travel. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Arthur, four sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

Robert L. Schultz ’55, Dec. 10, 2007, in Pelham, N.Y., at 76. He was in the Air Force, stationed in Panama City, Fla., prior to moving to Pelham, N.Y., where he worked for a market research firm in Manhattan. He eventually opened his own firm. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Xandra McCurdy Schultz ’55, whom he married in Lorimer Chapel three days before commencement. He is also survived by two daughters, a son, and five grandchildren.

Shirley Transue Cram ’57, Dec. 27, 2014, in Simsbury, Conn., at 79. She had a career as a math tutor for the Avon (Conn.) school system. She loved music, bridge, crafts, and traveling. Predeceased by her husband, Earle, she is survived by a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Anthony W. Pew ’56, April 20, 2014, in Boca Raton, Fla., at 79. A longtime resident of Michigan, he completed his bachelor’s at Hillsdale College. He is survived by his wife, Matilda.

David C. Sortor ’56, Jan. 13, 2015, in Sherborn, Mass., at 79. He served in the U.S. Navy, had a career as an oral maxillofacial surgeon, and founded the award-winning Sherborn Inn. A prolific Colby volunteer, he served as class president, was an internship sponsor and C Club member, and received a Colby Brick. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary Crouchamel Sortor ’56, son John D. Sorter ’81, and two daughters.

Kenneth W. Swanson ’56, Jan. 27, 2014, in West Hartford, Conn., at 79. He earned his degree at Trinity College and served in the Air Force as a first lieutenant navigator. He cofounded Swanson Tool Manufacturing and was an active leader in many church, business, and community organizations. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann Louise, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Marietta Eva Roberts French ’57, Oct. 7, 2014, in Englewood, N.J., at 79. A longtime resident of South Portland, Maine, she was active in the community, including with the Portland Players. She loved reading, crossword puzzles, kazoos, and living room concerts with friends and family. An accomplished painter, she had exhibitions in New Jersey and Maine. At Colby, her sweetheart, Peter French ’55, proposed to her on the Miller Library steps; though they broke off their engagement, they later reconnected, marrying in 2002. She is survived by Peter, five daughters, two
sons, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Marjorie Lynn Holland ’57, Sept. 25, 2014, in Worcester, Mass., at 79. After completing her bachelor’s at Columbia, she moved to the Boston area and was a longtime resident of Lincoln, Mass. She worked as an administrative assistant for several Boston law firms and was a dedicated volunteer for Doctors Without Borders and her church. She enjoyed camping on the Maine coast, traveling, and singing. Predeceased by two sons and brother David Lynn Jr. ’52, she is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Marilyn C. Clark ’58, Jan. 6, 2015, in Damariscotta, Maine, at 79. A 45-year resident of Gray, Maine, she worked at the Gray News and was a founding member of Windham Assembly of God and Windham Christian Academy, where she was a teacher. She and her husband spent 40 years restoring their 200-year-old home. She enjoyed art, quilt making, baking, and organic gardening. Despite deteriorating health due to OPCA, she inspired others with her laughter and grace. Predeceased by her husband, Donald, she is survived by her sister, Adora Clark Hill ’65, two sons, a daughter, 13 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Harry J. Whitaker ’58, Sept. 14, 2014, in Massachusetts, at 79. A longtime resident of Newton, Mass., he had a 35-year career with Filene’s Basement, retiring in 1994. Following five years in Las Vegas, he and his wife returned to Massachusetts in 1999. He is survived by his wife, Joan Shaw Whitaker ’58, daughter Mary Beth Whitaker McIntyre ’82, and two grandchildren.

Donald S. Freeman ’59, Dec. 18, 2014, in Scarborough, Maine, at 84. He earned an M.B.A. at Cornell and served in the U.S. Army. He had a career in advertising and merchandising, serving as a buyer at Sterns Department Store in Waterville. He found joy in music, literature, and his family. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Harriet, two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Roland C. “Roly” Price ’59, Nov. 11, 2014, in Langdon, N.H., at 83. He served four years in the Navy and worked as a math teacher in Maine before becoming a commercial pilot for TWA and Executive Airlines in Boston. He also owned and operated Prime Realty in Langdon, N.H., and enjoyed gardening, sugaring, and photography. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Barbara, four daughters, nine grandchildren, and sister Johanne Price Rockefeller ’60.

Albert T. Raedle ’59, Nov. 19, 2014, in New York, N.Y., at 77. He earned his bachelor’s at Columbia. He was a teacher, selectman, author, and artist who hitchhiked across the country in his youth, amassing experiences that would later inspire his writing, drawing, and painting. A 50-year resident of Vienna, Maine, he encouraged everyone he met to pursue their dreams. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, one daughter, and three sons.

Paul E. Reichert ’59, Dec. 12, 2014, in Westmoreland, N.H., at 78. He was a claims manager with Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance for 20 years and later worked as an auctioneer. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Healey Reichert ’62, and four sons.

David A. Tamaccio ’59, Aug. 29, 2014, in Melbourne, Fla., at 80. A U.S. Army veteran, he worked for United Airlines as an airport operations manager for 38 years. He volunteered at his church and with organizations including Daily Bread and Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara, a daughter, a son, and five grandchildren.

Latchezar “Lucky” Christov ’60, Jan. 16, 2015, at 77. Born in Bulgaria, he and his family fled to the United States in 1949, and he became a U.S. citizen at age 19. He discovered a passion for investment banking and pursued a successful career with several banks in Los Angeles. In 1994 he was appointed honorary consul general for the Republic of Bulgaria, and he served on the board of American University in Bulgaria. He had a lively sense of humor and a gentle nature. He is survived by his wife, Lauranne, a son, a daughter, and two grandsons.

Janet Grout Williams ’60, Nov. 6, 2014, in Franconia, N.H., at 76. She earned her master’s at NYU and spent most of her career as a field biologist, teaching at Swarthmore College and traveling worldwide with her husband to conduct research on bats and birds. Her experiences with the Colby Outing Club inspired a lifelong love of the outdoors, and singing with the Colby concert choir led her to participate in numerous singing groups. She is survived by her husband, Timothy, brother G. MacDonald “Don” Grout ’54, two sons, and three grandchildren.

Richard A. Simkins ’62, Oct. 14, 2014, in Byfield, Mass., at 73. Energetic and creative, he purchased the Grog restaurant and bar in Newburyport, Mass., in 1971, and spent 43 years at its helm. He also created Newbury Perennials Gardens and Nursery, a destination for gardening enthusiasts. Predeceased by his wife, Patricia, he is survived by a daughter.

Molly Giddings Bunsted ’63, Jan. 16, 2015, in Saco, Maine, at 73. At Colby, she majored in sociology and was a member of Chi Omega. She is survived by her husband, Daniel Bunsted ’62.

Ralph E. Jensen ’63, Sept. 10, 2014, in Houston, Texas, at 74. He was president of Merchants Savings Bank in Manchester, N.H., and served as board chair of the city’s Elliot Hospital and Derryfield School. Described as “steady, well respected, respectful, quiet, unpretentious, and self-confident,” he was the 1986 Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, a daughter, a son, and a grandson.

James P. Johnson ’63, Dec. 12, 2014, in Agoura Hills, Calif., at 76. He served six years in the Marine Corps, including 13 months as a fighter pilot and artillery unit officer in Vietnam. After earning his law degree from Loyola Marymount, he practiced law in California for 40 years, specializing in aviation litigation. He is survived by his wife, Joy, a daughter, a stepdaughter, and four grandchildren.

Dale C. Jewell ’65, Dec. 3, 2014, in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., at 71. He had a career in the apparel industry, serving in leadership positions at C.F. Hathaway Company, including as president of Chaps by Ralph Lauren. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Ruby, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

Geoffrey T. Robbins ’65, Jan. 13, 2015, in Gorham, Maine, at 71. He earned his master’s at Yale Divinity School and served churches including the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rangeley, Maine, and St. Mark’s and St. Barnabas in Augusta, Maine. A volunteer for the Red Cross, he enjoyed working with his hands and cooking. He is survived by his wife, Marci, two sons, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

Martha Jeanne Hunt Laberge ’66, Oct. 12, 2014, in Chesapeake, Va., at 69. She was a dedicated homemaker, was active in her church, and volunteered helping the elderly. Predeceased by her husband, Robert, she is survived by two sons and four grandchildren.

Elizabeth A. Frey ’67, Sept. 23, 2014, in Seattle, Wash., at 69. She was a project manager for a software development company.

Nancy Campbell ’70, Dec. 23, 2014, in Scottsdale, Ariz., at 65. She had a career in editing and communications, most recently as a freelance editor for international medical doctors preparing their research papers for English-language publications worldwide. She enjoyed jewelry making, creative writing, painting, and animals, and she had a penchant for color and design. She is survived by her mother, brother, dog, and two cats.

James O. Brace ’74, Jan. 1, 2015, in Pittsburgh, Pa., at 63. He spent...
Francis B. Coughlan '80, Aug. 8, 2014, in Apalachicola, Fla., at 56. He attended the Culinary Institute of America, where he was awarded the Wine Medal. He opened and managed many restaurants in New York City, Atlanta, New Mexico, and most recently, Apalachicola, Fla. A nature and animal lover, he enjoyed hiking and taking his dogs to the beach. Predeceased by his wife, Sheila, he is survived by stepchildren, step-grandchildren, two nieces, and a nephew.

Jane E. Dibden '80, Jan. 5, 2015, in Perryton, Texas, at 56. She earned her master's at Oral Roberts University School of Theology and had a career as a United Methodist minister, most recently in Gate and Forgan, Okla. She is survived by four daughters and a son.

Edward S. Rowland Jr. '81, Oct. 18, 2014, in Osterville, Mass., at 55. He worked at American Express for 21 years, most recently in global business travel. Passionate about sailing, he was a member of the Cruising Club of America's Boston station, served on the Newport-Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, and participated in three transatlantic crossings. He also enjoyed music, skiing, reading, crossword puzzles, and spending time at his Vermont family farm. A devoted family man, he is survived by his wife, Peggy, a son, and a daughter.

Eric D. Lund '85, Dec. 31, 2014, in Gloucester, Va., at 51. He earned his master's at the University of Maine and doctorate at the University of Maryland. A research associate at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science for more than 10 years, he spent the past five years teaching chemistry and ecology at the Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. He possessed encyclopedic knowledge of fish, birds, and ecology, and he was a master fly-fisherman who enjoyed tying his own flies in decorative patterns. He is survived by his parents and a brother.

Joshua J. Slavitt '85, Nov. 3, 2014, in Norwalk, Conn., at 51. He was a senior policy analyst at John Dunham and Associates and president of Intelligent Management Inc. Predeceased by his father, Robert Slavitt '49, he is survived by his wife, Kelly, a son, and a daughter.

Jonathan B. Nash '89, Feb. 13, 2015, in Duxbury, Mass., at 49. After earning his M.B.A. at Babson, he worked as SVP of sales and marketing at ChildLife and was honored at the White House for his success in turning the company around. He cofounded Copley Fine Art Auctions and most recently served as director of business development for NewStreamH2O. Committed to environmental sustainability and stewardship, he served in leadership capacities for the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences and Sailors' Snug Harbor of Boston. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, and cross-country and alpine skiing. He is survived by two daughters, their mother, and beloved friend Sarah McBride.

Bayard W. “Chip” Kennett II '03, Jan. 17, 2015, in Alexandria, Va., at 34. He was a legislative staffer for N.H. senators Gregg and Sununu and a military affairs staffer and director of appropriations for Senator Collins of Maine. He was later senior manager for government affairs at Raytheon. An advocate for cancer research, he testified on Capitol Hill about the need for funding and worked with organizations such as LUNGevity Foundation and Friends of Cancer Research. A soccer dad and golfer, he inspired those around him by embracing life fully both before and after his cancer diagnosis. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, a son, a daughter, and parents Theresa and Bayard W. Kennett '66.

Maxwell F. Brown '06, September 2014, in Brooklyn, N.Y., at 31. A music major and woodsmen's team member at Colby, he was passionate, creative, and kind. He is survived by his parents.

Former senior teaching associate in biology Tim Christensen, Jan. 6, 2015, in Eagle, Idaho, at 64. He worked in Colby's Biology Department from 1985 to 2013, teaching labs in horticulture, environmental science, ecology, and biodiversity, and he was renowned as an organic farmer. A mentor to generations of students, he shared his knowledge in classrooms and labs as well as at his Green Earth Gardens farm. He is survived by his four children.

Former squash coach John R. Illig, Aug. 3, 2014, in Lincoln, Vt., at 50. He began his 23-year coaching career at Colby, where he coached squash from 1991 to 1996. He also coached at Bates and Middlebury. One of squash’s winningest coaches, he was a leader in establishing standards for gender equality in competitions. He enjoyed tennis, reading, writing, and hiking. He is survived by his wife, Lolly Otis, two stepchildren, and a step-granddaughter.

Richard J. McGee, Feb. 26, 2015, in Fairfield, Maine, at 84. He was head football coach from 1967 to 1978 and athletic director from 1974 to 1987, after which he was an assistant coach and professor of physical education until his retirement in 1998. His 1972 team’s 7-1 record remains tied (with the 2000 record) as the best in Colby football history. He was honored as 1992 Colby C Club Man of the Year and received the Carl E. Nelson Sports Achievement Award in 2007. He was a founder of the Fairfield P.A.L. football league and served as director of the league for 54 years. The Richard McGee Athletic Fields in Fairfield are named in his honor. Predeceased by his wife, Shirley, he is survived by four children including Michael McGee ’82.
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