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OBITUARIES

Judith Quint Schreider '39, Feb. 8, 2016, in Newton, Mass., at 98. An elementary school teacher in Newton, Mass., for 45 years, she was also a summer camp counselor at Rivers Day Camp through 2015. She enjoyed theater and ballet, swimming, and European travel. Predeceased by her husband, Stanley H. Schreider '39, she is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, a great-grandchild, and nieces and nephews, including Robert Grodberg '53.

Vernelle W. "Cappy" Dyer '40, Jan. 9, 2016, in Yarmouth, Maine, at 96. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and became a radio operator. He graduated from Officer's Training School and was sent to the University of Michigan's Military Intelligence Japanese Language School. As a civilian army investigator, he was assigned to the War Crimes Investigating Division in Japan. From 1949 to 1984 he worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company as a claims manager. Predeceased by his wife, Barbara Partridge Dyer '41, he is survived by three children, including Bruce Dyer '77, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and niece Martha Cornish Downing '54.

Priscilla Moldenke Drake '43, Nov. 30, 2015, in Chesterfield, Mo., at 94. She earned an M.S.W. from Boston University in 1948 and worked as a medical social worker until 1950, when she opted for full-time mothering. She was active with Sigma Kappa, her church, and genealogical societies. Predeceased by her mother, Clara Winslow Moldenke, Class of 1913, she is survived by five children and nine grandchildren.

Burton Shiro '44, March 5, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 92. He served in World War II and was severely wounded, but earned a Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and other awards. He graduated from Boston University Law School, established a law office in Waterville in 1950, was a judge advocate for the American Legion, and was a member of the Bar of the United States Supreme Court. He

helped establish the Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, was a lifetime member of his synagogue, and loved sports. In 2005 he received special recognition from Colby's C Club. Predeceased by brothers Oren Shiro '42 and Theodore Shiro '51, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Phyllis, three children, two grandchildren, and a sister.

Doris Blanchard Hutcheson '45, Feb. 25, 2013, in Needham, Mass., at 89. She was a homemaker and mother who also volunteered for Colby as class president and class agent. She received a Colby Brick in 1981 along with her husband, William Hutcheson '44, who predeceased her. Survivors include five daughters, including Sandra Hutcheson Buck '71 and Laurie Hutcheson Leavitt '78, eight grandchildren, including Christopher Buck '00 and Anna Leavitt '12, and four great-grandchildren.

Nancy Jacobsen '46, Sept. 15, 2015, in Lawrenceville, Ga., at 90. She earned a master's from George Washington University in 1948, then enjoyed a long career in radio and television as a manager, editor, reporter, writer, and performer. She worked for Voice of America, the U.S. Department of State, CBS News, and *Time* magazine. She served on Colby's Alumni Council in the 1960s and was secretary of her class in the 1990s.

Marilyn Hubert '47, Oct. 11, 2012, in Arlington, Va., at 87. She worked as a geologist for 42 years for the U.S. Geological Survey and the Army Map Service. She also taught ballroom dancing and studied ballet.

Douglas C. Borton '48, Feb. 4, 2016, in Spring Lake, N.J., at 89. A World War II veteran with the U.S. Navy, he established a career as an actuary at Buck Consultants. He served as board chair of the Board of Actuaries of the U.S. Civil Service Retirement System, was a trustee of the Actuarial Foundation, reviewed more than 100 books for the *Actuarial Digest*, and received professional

honors, including the Jarvis Farley Service Award for volunteer work. Survivors include his fiancée, Patricia Hamilton, and a son.

David A. Choate '48, Feb. 8, 2016, in Denver, Colo., at 92. He served in World War II before earning a B.D. at Andover Newton School of Theology in 1953, followed by an M.P.A. in 1971 from the University of Colorado, Denver. He was a minister for 19 years, worked as a public housing administrator, and sold real estate. In retirement he enjoyed traveling and taught ESL. He was predeceased by his parents, John F. '20 and Bertha Cobb Choate '22, siblings Constance Choate Trahan '46, Paul Choate '48, and John S. Choate '49, and cousins Roland Price '59 and Virginia Hill Field '48. Survivors include brothers Stanley Choate '50 and Philip Choate '64, wife Diane, with whom he raised two children, and extended family, including cousins Joanne Price Rockett '60.

Avis Yatto Godbout '48, Feb. 20, 2016, in Bethlehem, Pa., at 88. A committed wife and mother, she worked briefly for the *New York Times* and was a literacy volunteer in upstate New York for a period. Survivors include a daughter and three sons and eight grandchildren.

Howard H. Freedman '49, Feb. 13, 2016, in Waban, Mass., at 90. Drafted in his freshman year, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He earned an M.B.A. from Columbia, worked as a CPA, and spent 33 years at Raytheon in accounting positions. For 25 years he was also a senior lecturer in accounting at Northeastern and volunteered as a tax advisor at the Newton Senior Center. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Louise Allen Freedman '56, two daughters, including Ellen Freedman Rayner '81, and five grandchildren.

Frances Benner Kimpel '49, Dec. 6, 2015, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., at 87. A fourth-grade school teacher in Indiana, she loved history, politics, and world affairs. She earned a master's

from Purdue in 1973. In retirement she was a court-appointed advocate for abused and neglected children. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, John "Jack" Kimpel '48, four children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two sisters, including Beverly Benner Cassara '47.

Herbert Singer '49, Feb. 7, 2016, in Pawtucket, R.I. at 88. He owned Hillhouse Ltd., a men's clothing store, in Providence, for 43 years. He volunteered with the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program and was past president of Temple Am David. He is survived by three children, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Paul J. Wisniewski '49, Nov. 1, 2015, in Mesa, Ariz., at 87. He graduated from Cornell with a degree in metallurgical engineering and went on to a 35-year career at Wyman Gordon. He was a golfer, a sports fan, and a regular volunteer at the Phoenix Zoo. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and two grandsons.

Charlotte Stern Rybkowski '50, Jan. 11, 2015, in Rock Springs, Colo., at 85. She did postgraduate study in Grenoble, France, then traveled extensively with her husband while raising their children. Prior to retirement, she was an administrative assistant for the U.S. Department of Transportation. Survivors include her three children, six grandchildren, and a sister.

Francis Burnham '51, Feb. 19, 2016, in Nashua, N.H., at 89. He served in the Pacific Theater as a seaman first class in World War II, then finished his degree at Colby. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 42 years and held various managerial positions. He belonged to the Nashua Planning Board, was a lector at his church, and enjoyed domestic travel. Predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Jacqueline Downey Burnham '51, he is survived by six children, six grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Sally Blanchard Maynard '51, Dec. 9, 2015, in Cumberland Foreside, Maine, at 86. She graduated from Tufts Children's School in 1951 and taught nursery school. Later in life, she was a dental hygienist. She loved woodworking, cooking, and antiquing. Three children, 11 grandchildren, four grandchildren, and three siblings survive her.

Theodore N. Shiro '51, Jan. 13, 2016, in Naples, Fla., at 87. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, then settled in central Maine. He ran the Jefferson Hotel in Waterville and restaurants in Augusta, including the Senator Inn. He was an active Augusta citizen and contributed to local charities. He belonged to seven athletics halls of fame and was the first basketball player at Colby to score 1,000 career points. In 2005 he received special recognition from Colby's C Club. Predeceased by brother Oren Shiro '42, he was survived by four children, four stepchildren, several grandchildren, and two siblings, including Burt Shiro '44, who died March 5, 2016.

Donn G. Wolfe '51, Feb. 23, 2016, in Augusta, Maine, at 86. A U.S. Navy veteran, he earned an M.A. in forestry from the University of Maine, Orono, and degrees from the Naval Weather School and the Microseismology School. He was a forester for Scott Paper Company and later a track supervisor for Maine Central Railroad. He won ribbons for his wood carvings, sang in his church choir, and rooted for the Red Sox. Predeceased by an aunt, Erna Wolfe Fullerton '27, he is survived by his wife, Lucette, four children, two stepchildren, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard M. Crummett '52, May 4, 2015, in Reading, Pa., at 92. He served in the Army Air Corp and the Air Force as a major in World War II, receiving honors and medals including silver and bronze stars, campaign medals, and the World War II Victory Medal. A life member of the B-26 Historical Society, he wrote *Above the Clouds*, which recounts his memories as a B-52 marauder pilot. He worked as a safety engineer for more than 20 years and volunteered

teaching gun safety. Predeceased by his father Charles M. Crummett '21, his uncle Carl Crummett '27, and his brother-in-law Nicholas Gregorio '41, he is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Pamela Cash Fisher '52, Jan. 28, 2016, in Clearwater, Fla., at 86. A dedicated mother, she also worked as a sales associate, volunteered at her church, and knitted baby blankets for others. Predeceased by her husband, Charles Fisher '51, she is survived by her daughter, son, and grandson.

Jeanne D'Wolf Gronquist '52, Feb. 16, 2016, in Richfield Minn., at 84. She worked as a physical therapist at the Mayo Clinic before having a family. Since the 1970s she was a well-known library advocate in Minnesota, serving as president of the Cloquet Public Library Board and the Arrowhead Library System. In 1994 she was appointed to serve on the Minnesota Library Planning Task Force. She is survived by her husband, Charlie, four children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Shirley Davenport Learned '52, Dec. 15, 2015, in Winston-Salem, N.C., at 85. She graduated from Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School and worked as a secretary and medical transcriptionist. Survivors include her husband, Arthur, five stepchildren, nine grandchildren, and two siblings.

Chester R. Ham '53, Jan. 10, 2016, in Manchester N.H., at 85. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from the Andover Newton Theological School in 1957, then served 14 congregations as pastor over a 60-year span. He was a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 17 years and was chaplain for the Londonderry, N.H. fire department. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Marilyn, three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Sevy Levy '53, Sept. 24, 2015, in Palm Beach, Fla., at 86. He worked as an engineer after college and later became a respiratory therapist. His wife of 62 years, Patricia Levine Levy '55, died one month before

him. Two of their three children survive him, as do three grandchildren.

Michael E. Manus '53, Jan. 2, 2016, in Contoocook, N.H., at 86. He served in the U.S. Army and stayed active as a reservist until 1963. He joined United Life Insurance Company in 1958 as an agent, representing the company in Europe for a time. He belonged to the Kiwanis Club and was a trustee of Concord Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, six children and 15 grandchildren.

Charles W. Spencer '53, Jan. 10, 2016, in Denver, Colo., at 85. A petroleum geologist, he received an M.S. in geology from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for 21 years, won several professional awards, and wrote for scientific publications. He retired in 1995 as a scientist emeritus with the U.S.G.S., then traveled, hiked, and climbed mountains. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Whitham Spencer '54, with whom he had three children.

John D. Seelye '53, April 20, 2015, in Gainesville, Fla., at 84. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, then earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees. He was a professor, writer, and scholar interested in restoring historic homes and buildings. He is survived by his wife, Alice, a stepdaughter, and a brother.

William C. Ames '54, Feb. 22, 2016, in Leeds, Mass., at 84. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned a master's in education from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His teaching career spanned 31 years, primarily at Amherst Regional High School. He served almost 30 years as a Northampton city councilor and volunteered with civic and religious organizations. Survivors include five children and nine grandchildren.

Andre R. Boissevain '55, Dec. 23, 2015, in King County, Wash., at 83. He was drafted into the U.S. Army, served as a lab technician, then received his M.D. in 1963. He worked as a country doctor, taught at the University of Connecticut, did emergency medicine, and was a U.S.

Army physician and task force surgeon. In retirement, he volunteered with the Indian Health Service and on medical missions. He is survived by his wife, Judith, with whom he raised two sons and two daughters.

Anthony A. Leone '55, Nov. 23, 2015, in Plymouth, Mass., at 83. He served in the Korean War with the U.S. Army, after which he became a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. Fishing, walking, and watching sports were his favorite pastimes. Three children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a sister survive him.

Patricia Levine Levy '55, Aug. 4, 2015, West Palm Beach, Fla., at 82. She earned a bachelor's and master's at Adeptia University while raising her children in the 1960s. She worked for the state of New York for 25 years, and traveled frequently with her husband of 62 years, Sevy Levy '53, who died one month after her. Two of their three children survive her, as do three grandchildren.

Robert E. McRoy '55, Aug. 19, 2015, in Greenville, S.C., at 82. He was an Army medic in Germany 1955-58 with the Fifth Armored Division. His career was spent in retail at J.C. Penney, where he became a store manager. Predeceased by his sister-in-law, Sandra Sivert McRoy '55, he is survived by his wife of 55 years, Erline, a son, a granddaughter, and brother Bruce McRoy '53.

Patricia Holden Scott '55, March 6, 2016, in Kingston, Ont., at 83. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, James, four children, and four grandchildren.

Judith Orne Shorey '55, Feb. 29, 2016, in Rockland, Maine, at 82. She was a housewife and mother who was committed to helping community organizations, including the Madison (N.J.) Volunteer Ambulance Corp, the PEO Sisterhood in Rockport (Maine), and the Pen Bay Medical Center, where she was director of volunteers. She is survived by her companion, George Chappel, four children, and six grandchildren.

Elizabeth Russell Collins '56, Jan. 31, 2016, in Salem, Ore., at 79. She was administrative coordinator for the YMCA of Salem for 25 years, creating programs to honor working women. She received a bachelor's degree from Marylhurst University in 1981, and enjoyed world travel, skiing, and crosswords. She had three children and several grandchildren.

Gerald L. Silverstein '56, March 15, 2015, in Needham, Mass., at 80. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for Shawmut Packaging. He volunteered with his town council, was involved with his temple, and stayed active skiing, sailing, hiking, and bicycling. Survivors include his wife, Gertrude, three children, six grandchildren, two sisters, including Carol Stoll Silverstein Baker '48, and nieces and nephews, including Patti Stoll '77 and Richard B. Wein '73.

David L. Adams '58, Dec. 6, 2015, on Cousins Island, Maine, at 79. In 1962 he earned an M.D. from Yale, then was a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. As a cardiologist he worked 30 years at Maine Cardiology, retiring in 1999. He volunteered widely and earned awards including a 2010 honor by Physicians for Social Responsibility and 2015 recognition from the Town of Yarmouth (Maine). Along with his wife he established a scholarship at Colby in honor of his parents. He served on the Alumni Council and sang at many Colby reunions with alumni of the Colby Eight. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Pamela Brockway Adams '60, four children, nine grandchildren, including Claire Edelman '15, and three great-grandchildren.

Joan Fletcher Chandler '58, Dec. 31, 2015, in Greenfield, Mass., at 79. She worked first as a schoolteacher and later as an office manager and bookkeeper. She belonged to the Greenfield Garden Club, volunteered at the library and public schools, and enjoyed knitting and quilting. Three daughters and four grandchildren survive her.

Frank B. Walker '58, June 20, 2014, at 80. His Colby education was interrupted by service in the Army during World War II. He graduated

from Boston University Law School in 1961, worked as an attorney for 45 years, and provided legal counsel for communities in Maine. He loved to sail in Maine and maritime Canada. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Pamela, three children, including Portia Walker '91, a granddaughter, and three siblings.

James G. Haidas '60, Dec. 18, 2015, in Osterville, Mass., at 77. He received his M.B.A. from Cornell in 1962, then worked 15 years as a financial analyst. He formed Ungerleider Haidas, a Wall Street brokerage, with his brother, and the later partnered in the restaurant business, starting and operating Cooke's Seafood restaurants on Cape Cod. He was an accomplished cook and loved boating. Survivors include his wife, Frances, two sons, including Van Haidas '01, and one granddaughter.

Raymond M. Loew '62, February 2015 at 75. He received his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School in 1965 and practiced law, eventually becoming partner then of counsel with a firm in Brooklyn. He and his wife, Ricky, had two daughters.

Marjorie De Motte '63, Nov. 24, 2015, in Camden, Maine, at 74. She received her master's in counseling from Gannon University and her master's in social work from the University of Maine. She worked in the human services field and was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by her spouse, Sheila Seekins, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Edward Malley '64, Feb. 27, 2016, in Scituate, Mass., at 73. A three-sport athlete, he became a nationally ranked squash player. He was a swordfisherman off Cape Cod until 1987, when he became a real estate developer. He loved to fly and built a Pitts Special and flew it from Boston to Florida, and he loved sports, especially hockey. He is survived by four children, and five grandchildren.

James B. Morang '64, Feb. 18, 2016, in Falmouth, Maine, at 74. Known as "Lemon" by classmates, he built a career in financial services, working at Maine Savings Bank, Bank of America, and retiring from TD

Insurance in 2007. He held leadership positions in his congregational church and sang in the choir for 30 years. He is survived by his three siblings and nephews and nieces, including Katherine Curry Porch '00.

Robert M. Tripp '65, Dec. 10, 2015, in Dry Ridge, Ky., at 72. He worked in insurance all his life, in Massachusetts and Ohio, retiring in 2004 as senior officer with Ohio National Life. He was a dedicated golfer, involved with his church, and a family man. He was a reading mentor through the Real Men Read program at an elementary school. His wife, Sharon, two children, four grandchildren, and a sister survive him.

Walter Cullen Jr. '67, Aug. 20, 2015, in Key West, Fla., at 71. He served in the Marine Corps as a captain during the Vietnam War and later had a career in insurance. He is survived by his wife, Darlene, two daughters, and several grandchildren.

Kathleen "Kiki" O'Connell '68, March 1, 2016, in Scarborough, Maine, at 69. She received her master's from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, then became a newspaper reporter in Maine, a content director for advertising and marketing firms, and, for 14 years, a senior writer for Cole Haan and Nike. In the late 1980s she became a Buddhist and took leadership roles at the Vajra Vidya Portland Buddhist Meditation Center. She is survived an aunt, cousins, and friends.

Sally Connor Parks '68, Feb. 4, 2016, in Lewiston, Maine, at 69. After earning an M.B.A. from the University of Maine in 1975, she ran a job placement agency in Waterville for 15 years and later worked for the Department of Commerce as a field representative. She held almost all offices in Waterville's Business and Professional Women's group, chaired the Maine Women's Hall of Fame for 16 years, and belonged to countless women's and civic organizations. She received many awards for volunteer service. Survivors include extended family members.

Susan Diplock Constantineau '69, Nov., 2015, in Micanopy, Fla., at 68.

She worked as a librarian at Bradford Junior College, Dartmouth College, and the University of Florida, where she served as archivist. She is survived by her former husband, Peter Constantineau '69, and a sister.

Jane F. Petitmermet '69, Dec. 11, 2015, in Roseburg, Ore., at 68. After earning an M.A. in library science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, she was a librarian in California, Washington, D.C., and Germany. She was an avid traveler, a dedicated church member, theatergoer, and supporter of local arts. In 1996 she established the Paul and Louise Petitmermet Scholarship Fund at Colby in honor of her parents. Her husband, Denny Napier, and a brother survive her.

Kenneth Lloyd Waldman '75, March 10, 2016, in Woodbridge, Va., at 63. A documentary filmmaker and TV writer and director, he worked with the Maysles Brothers in the early 1980s, and then independently in Caracas, Venezuela. He was also an award-winning 3D motion graphics designer, animator, and editor in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, two daughters, and a son.

Kathy A. Marciarille '81, Dec. 27, 2015, in Portland, Maine, at 56. She earned a master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island, then worked as a librarian in central Maine. She was active with her church and volunteered for charities. Reading and singing brought her great pleasure. Survivors include her two children, a granddaughter, two sisters, and her mother.

James J. Butler, Feb. 23, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 76. Known for his tourtiere meat pies, he spent his career in service, including 35 years as a chef at Colby, retiring in 2002. He is survived by a brother, his wife, Priscilla, and their eight children.

Pauline Cunningham Otis, Feb. 20, 2016, in Waterville, Maine, at 73. She worked as secretary to the athletic director at Colby from 1960 to 2002. Survivors include her mother and two brothers.