

# In Memoriam

## FORMER FACULTY

### Laurel Abusamra P'94, Faculty Emerita

Laurel Elizabeth (Rutkaus) Abusamra, of Brentwood, NH, was born on May 15, 1947 in Fairfax, VA to Anthony and Edna (Rubin) Rutkaus. She died unexpectedly on March 5th, 2020 of a brain aneurysm at Exeter (NH) Hospital with her husband and daughter at her side. There was a private burial.



Laurel grew up with her older brother, Michael, (now of Winchester, VA) on a mini-farm surrounded by animals, an experience that influenced her for the rest of her life. She graduated Fairfax High School in 1965 and Hollins College in 1969, where she majored in French. That summer she entered a Masters degree program at the Middlebury College Summer Language School where she met her future husband, David. As graduate students, Laurel and David spent an academic year in Paris where they fell in love. They married in 1971. Four years later they welcomed their beautiful daughter, Ilse, into the world.

After teaching in the Malden Public Schools for two years, Laurel spent the next 35 years as a French and Spanish instructor at Governor Dummer Academy (GDA) (now The Governor's Academy). She advised students, participated in the academy's afternoon program, and played important roles on several core GDA committees, in addition to performing dorm duty for 23 years. Laurel was a demanding, yet empathetic, teacher, who brought knowledge, communication skills, understanding, patience, humor, variety and French and Spanish culture

into her daily classes. Multiple cohorts of GDA students followed her on the many memorable trips she organized and led to France and Martinique. On several occasions Laurel warmly welcomed colleagues into her French classroom as students. Over many decades of David's coaching, Laurel volunteered at scores of cross-country and track meets, a fixture at the finish line timing, scoring and cheering for the runners from both Gov's and from rival schools.

When Laurel retired from GDA after 35 years, she was the longest-serving female teacher in the school's history. Notably, she played a pivotal role as the school moved into coeducation in the early seventies. To her colleagues she was a pillar of the profession: honorable, dedicated, hard-working, loyal, and friendly. Both her colleagues and students recognized her grace, good humor, kindness and strength.

Beyond the classroom Laurel enjoyed cooking gourmet meals and spending happy times with family and friends, reading and traveling. She shined brightly by giving life to the many plants, especially vegetables and fruits, that she grew both inside and outside her home. Along the same lines, when Laurel and David arrived on campus in 1972 they brought two Pekin ducks. From this modest beginning, over the years she raised countless ducks and geese, which her students also appreciated. Albert Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life" philosophy defined Laurel. If this meant stopping on a road to redirect a snapping turtle, or a newt, she did so. Her childhood farm experience helped her develop a natural, instinctual way of rehabilitating and caring for animals, from wild baby snapping turtles to does, rabbits, red and

grey squirrels, etc., to the German Shepherds and cats that were always members of her family.

This experience served her well when in 1985 Hurricane Gloria blew a white-tailed tropicbird onto the GDA campus. Ilse found the bird, and Laurel, of course, nursed it back to full strength. Accompanied by ABC News, Laurel then jetted to Bermuda with its national bird. Millions of TV viewers watched as the bird flew from a cliff straight to the horizon. It is a story indicative of Laurel's generosity and care for all living things.

Laurel and David taught together for 35 years in the Language Department at Gov's before she retired. During the time that Ilse grew up on campus she developed a special closeness with her mother, a bond that existed and became deeper over time as they shared their interests in, among other things, animals, travel and world issues. In January, 2020 Laurel and her David celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary. Their lives have always been entwined in an indelible and increasing love for one another.

The meaningful life Laurel led touched many people in the Newburyport and Brentwood communities. Retirement afforded her the time to act on her long-held beliefs and values as she became an active member of the town's Democratic Committee.

As a friend wrote, "She walked in beauty all her life."

Laurel would ask us all to continue loving our spouses, partners, families and friends, as well as to love animals and nature which she cherished.

Laurel leaves her beloved husband and daughter, David and Ilse Abusamra, her brother, Michael Rutkaus, her niece, Christina Rutkaus and her husband,

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Marc Baseman, their children, Nick and Max, her aunt and cousin, Maria and Richard Rubin, her cousins, Bonnie, Brenda and Barry Balanda, and David Rutkas, her cousin Mary Lally, her brother-in-law, Mark Abusamra and his wife, Judy, Mark's children, Jennifer and Jonathan, her sister-in-law, Ruth Murphy and her husband, John, and their children, Zane and Eden. She was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Edna Rutkaus. She also leaves her black German Shepherd, Tessa, and grey cat, Sophie.

### Duane A. Paluska

Duane A. Paluska, 83, died peacefully on January 28, 2020, surrounded by family at Central Maine Medical Center after suffering a



hemorrhagic stroke. He was born on June 22, 1936, in Aurora, Ill., and grew up in nearby Naperville, Ill., the middle son of John and Ora Paluska. After graduating from high school in Naperville, he attended Knox College, where he received a degree in English and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa (1958). He continued his studies at Yale University (1959) on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, and later received his masters at Bread Loaf School of English (1964) and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University (1970). While completing his graduate studies, he taught English at Governor Dummer Academy and Wheelock College in Massachusetts before moving to Maine in 1968 to teach English at Bowdoin College. He enjoyed teaching, but after six years at Bowdoin his budding interest in making furniture prompted him to pursue a career as a cabinetmaker. Duane soon established himself as one of Maine's finest custom

furniture makers. He channeled his early influences of Chippendale and Queen Anne traditions and the simple, honest utility of Shaker furniture into a distinctly personal style. He built timeless furniture marked by elegant joinery and clean, unfussy design. He worked on commission based on word of mouth, and it was not unusual to wait a year or more for a piece of his furniture. In the late 1980s, he returned to painting and sculpture, having abandoned a promising career as a painter when he began teaching in the 1960s. Inspired by the experience of re-canvassing a favorite wooden canoe, he began canvassing and painting wall cabinets. This soon led to more traditional wall art featuring wood shapes wrapped in pieces of painted canvas as well as early forays into sculpture. His solo show at Dean Valentgas Gallery in Portland in 1991 was the first of numerous solo and group shows throughout the Northeast in the ensuing years. His work is included in the permanent collections of the Portland Museum of Art, the deCordova Museum and Bowdoin's Walker Art Museum, among others. In 1989, Duane opened Icon Contemporary Art in Brunswick. Housed adjacent to his workshop and studio in a former Knights of Columbus hall, Icon helped launch the careers of many artists and became a hub for the Maine modern art community. Duane had a special knack for curating and hanging the many shows that Icon hosted in the 30-plus years of its existence, often through unexpected juxtapositions of diverse artists. Duane was a quiet, deeply contemplative man with a wry sense of humor who treasured time spent with family and his wide circle of friends. He loved working with his hands and leaves behind

an enduring legacy of beautiful things. Ever curious about the world around him, he was an avid reader, traveler and camper. He logged countless miles touring around North America on his beloved BMW motorcycle, often attending minor league baseball games along the way. He loved many styles of music, particularly classical and jazz, and greatly enjoyed attending concerts. On most Sundays, he could be found baking bread in the home he designed and built in the 1980s; handcrafted down to the smallest detail, the house is his magnum opus and definitively embodies both his craftsmanship and aesthetic sensibility. Duane is survived by his wife of 37 years, Ellen Frances Golden; his sons, John (Rachel) Russell Paluska and Peter (Megan) Sandness Paluska; his brothers, Keith Gary Paluska and Roger (Sue) Charles Paluska; three grandsons, Wes, Pablo and Fox, and several nieces and nephews.

### 1939

#### Edmund G. Noyes

Edmund Greenleaf Noyes, age 97 of Hudson OH, formerly of Farmington, CT, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Ed was the beloved husband of



the late Helene (nee Friedlander) and Sarah "Sally" (nee Dickenson), loving father of Edmund (Francie) Noyes Jr., Lawrence (Malti) Noyes and Nancy (William) Monro, dear grandfather of Rebecca, William Jr., Michael, David, Diana, Charles and Dana, great grandfather of nine and dear brother of the late Bill (Eleanor) Noyes and Leon (Harriet) Noyes. Ed proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was a dedicated

volunteer to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and earned a National Silver Medallion for his service to them. He also loved sailing.

## 1940

### Benjamin T. Wright

Benjamin Tappan Wright, 97, of Lexington, MA passed away peacefully on November 30, 2019. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Mary Louise (Premer) Wright after 52 years of marriage. Born August 24, 1922 in Berkeley, CA to Austin Tappan and Margaret Stone Wright, he would go on to graduate from Harvard College in the class of 1944 and served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Army during World War II in the Pacific theater. After the war, Ben served in the Army Reserve achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel. He earned his juris doctor from Boston University School of Law in 1950. He spent his career as general counsel for The Badger Company, a subsidiary of The Raytheon Company, retiring in 1987. His deep love for figure skating led to a long and illustrious career as a skating referee, judge, and historian. He served as a referee at six Winter Olympics Games and as a referee or judge at 23 World Championships and 25 National Championships. He was the President of the United States Figure Skating Association from 1973–1976, and was inducted into the United States Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1997. Throughout his distinguished life, Ben cherished most his personal relationships with friends, colleagues, and loved ones, which stand as his lasting legacy.



## 1943

### Walter L. McGill, Jr.

Walter L McGill, Jr., 94, of Peterborough, died peacefully, Friday, June 28, 2019, at Summer Hill Assisted Living in Peterborough, NH, after a period of declining health. He was born on October 27, 1924, in Newton Center, MA, the son of Walter L. and Priscilla (Alden) McGill, Sr. He was a member of the Governor Drummer Academy, Class of 1941. Later he attended Tufts University earning a BA in English. He joined the U.S. Navy and earned an honorable discharge, after his service in WWII and the Korean Conflict, serving in the South Pacific Theater. He married Betty C. Anderson, in a ceremony in Norwich, CT, on June 19, 1949. Together they lived in Norwich for 40 years before retiring to Mystic, CT and Sarasota, FL. Betty passed on June 15, 2019, in Peterborough, where they had lived for the past five years, with Walter at her side as he had been the past 70 plus years. He was the President and owner of Anderson Supply Co in Franklin, CT, until his retirement in 1991. He had been the Past President of the Norwich Rotary Club, the Norwich YMCA, the Norwich Chamber of Commerce and the WW Backus Hospital Board of Directors. He was A Past Corporator of The Norwich Savings Society, a Past Deacon of Park Congregational Church and was voted Norwich, CT, Man of the Year for 1973. He was an avid golfer, and a lifelong member of the Pautipaug Country Club, the Pequot Country Club and the Meadow Country Club in Sarasota, FL. He is survived by his daughters: Andrea McGill-O'Rourke and her husband Jay of Dublin, NH; Diane LeSage and her husband Michael of Lisbon, CT and his



sister: Suzanne Wilson of Lexington, MA; as well as two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife: Betty C. McGill and a son: Walter L. McGill, III.

### Robert Morrell

Lifelong Brunswick resident Robert Lincoln Morrell, 93, died peacefully on October 13, 2019, in Brunswick, ME. He was born in Portland, ME, on August 16, 1926, the son of Allen E. and Ellen Baxter Morrell. Bob attended Brunswick schools, and graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in Massachusetts. Following his service in the Army Air Corps training to be a pilot, he graduated from Bowdoin College in 1947 and did a year of graduate work at MIT. He met his wife of 69 years, Nancy "Nan" J. Kirkpatrick, on a sailing date in Brunswick in 1949, and they were married on June 27, 1950, at the Stanford University Chapel in Palo Alto, CA. Bob joined his father in business at the Brunswick Coal & Lumber Company, later renamed Downeast Building Supply and Downeast Energy, until his retirement in 2012. Bob's brother Dick joined the business shortly after Bob and the two became known in Brunswick simply as "Bob and Dick." Several of their children joined the business over the years and helped it grow. Bob loved to go to work each day and interact with family members, employees, and customers. Over the years he helped many local organizations with fundraising and leadership, including the Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce, Bowdoin College, Bath-Brunswick Mental Health Center, and the Brunswick Area United Way, receiving the Annual



Citizenship Award from the Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce in 1982 and the Bowdoin College Alumni Service Award in 2002. Among Bob's many interests were flying, which he learned as a teenager, sailing, fly fishing, beekeeping, growing fruit trees and orchids, tennis, golf, wood-turning, and cheering on Bowdoin athletic teams of all types. One passion of Bob's throughout his adult life was smoking his beloved pipe. When Bob took on a hobby, he pursued it with complete focus. His biggest passion in later years was turning wooden bowls on his lathe and giving them away as gifts. Many people in the community gave Bob wood from cut down trees and in return he would happily make them a beautiful bowl. We all appreciated Bob for being the sweet, kind, generous, calm, good-natured, easy-to-live-with, and polite person he was. Even well into his dementia he always held doors open for people, motioned people to go before him, got up to say goodbye to anyone leaving the house, and thanked people all the time. Alzheimer's Disease was unable to alter his core values. In addition to Nan, Bob is survived by his children, Douglas Morrell and wife, Georgette Harpin Morrell of Brunswick, Daphne Morrell and husband, Timothy Wilcosky of Chapel Hill, NC, and William Morrell of Brunswick; grandchildren Rebecca Morrell, Christopher Morrell and wife, Sarah, Lucy Morrell, Peter Morrell, Libby Wilcosky Lee and husband, Eric, and Annie Wilcosky, great-grandchild, Emmett Lee, and Bob's brother, Richard (Dick) Morrell and wife, Eleanor, of Brunswick along with their four children. The family wishes to thank the staff at the Mid Coast Senior Health Garden who have lovingly cared for Bob these last two and a half years.

1946

**Ernest "Lyndy" Lynden Watkins, II**

Ernest Lynden Watkins, II a wonderful husband to Marilyn, loving father, special Grandfather and loyal friend, passed away, September 9, 2019 at Regent Care, League City, TX. Lyndy was born May 26, 1928 in Portland, ME. He passed away at the age of 91. Lyndy graduated from high school at The Governor's Academy in South Byfield, MA. He then spent a year each at The Peddie School and Maine Maritime Academy. He graduated from Harvard College where he was a member of the Harvard Row Team and the prestigious Spee Club. While on the Rowing Team, he was awarded the Haines Trophy for "He Who Exemplifies the Spirit of Rowing". While in college he worked at the Boston Yacht Club where he ran the boat launch. Lyndy's passions were cars and boats. He was employed, just out of college, by the Studebaker Corporation where he was a company sales representative traveling Colorado, New Mexico and North Texas. After Studebaker's closing, he entered the Insurance business in life insurance sales. He worked for Lincoln Life and The Aetna, where he was employed in Houston and later opened an agency in Beaumont, TX. His love for boating began his next life-long career, of Manufacturer's Representative, beginning with Concord Yachts followed by Luhrs Yachts, Tollycraft Yachts and over 25 years with Boston Whaler. He was the first Regional Sales Manager that Boston Whaler hired. He also worked for Ericson Yachts and Super Cat catamarans, companies owned by the parent company of Boston Whaler. After



retirement, he realized he wanted to continue working. He became a factory representative for Duffy Boats, Scout Boats, Parker Boats and Gilley's Marine, the local manufacturer of Gulf Coast Boats. Lyndy is preceded in death by his parents, Melvin Hawkes Watkins and Dorothy Rawson Watkins; parents-in-law, Fred T. Maudlin, Jr. and Ruth Maudlin; brother, Rawson Watkins; sister, Anna Watkins Gibbins; brother-in-laws, Earl T. Maudlin, Robert Topfer and niece Sailor Maudlin Tindall. Lyndy leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife of 37 years, Marilyn Maudlin Watkins; son, Barnum Watkins, and wife, Mary Watkins; daughter Michele Watkins McLeod; son, Ernest Lynden (Buzz) Watkins III, and wife, Kathy Watkins; daughter, Gail Watkins Wight, and husband Dan Wight; and step-son Lance C. Lenert, and wife, Megan Renae Lenert. Also left with memories of Lyndy are 18 Grandchildren and ten Great Grandchildren. Grandchildren include Ernest Lynden Watkins, IV (Lyndy), and wife Haley; Trenton Wight; Grace Lenert; Chloe Lenert; Oliver Lenert; Taylor Landreneau ; Aidan Halmaj; Byron Gill; April Watkins, Orion Watkins, and wife Natalie; Ananda Watkins, and wife Lindsey; Angel Watkins Vandersnick, and husband Joseph; Peter McLeod, and wife Kara; Samantha McLeod, Amanda McLeod, Alex McLeod and Bryan McLeod. Great Granchildren include Lulu Bravo-Watkins, Kinsey Watkins, Olive Watkins, Waylon Watkins, Dylan Watkins, Elle Vandersnick, Scottlyn McLeod, Brynlee McLeod, Jamie McLeod and Cash McLeod. Other family members include in-laws Sharon Topfer, Ruthie Lambert, Steve Lambert, John Maudlin, Marla Maudlin and Terrilee Maudlin. Nieces and nephews, Karen Kennedy, Glenn Topfer, Diane Groves, Susan Cook, Alyssa Tindall, Ella Tindall, Kirk Tindall, Clover Clammons,

Calan Lambert, Casey Lambert, Wendi Kfoury, Noah Maudlin, Nick Maudlin, Rawson Hubbell and Howdy Hubbell.

## 1950

### Robert H. Cushman

Robert Haskell Cushman, age 87, died on September 7 in Brunswick, ME. He was known to many as Bob or by his nickname, Cush. He was born on August 11, 1932 in Boston, MA, son of the late Harold Bills Cushman. He graduated from Governor Dummer Academy in 1950 and Bowdoin College in 1954. After naval service, he married Diane Gibson in 1957 residing in Marblehead, MA and enjoying summers at Sebasco Estates, ME, Bob was Vice President of the Cushman Bakery in Lynn. Following the sale of the Bakery, he was a registered representative with H.C. Wainwright Brokerage Co. in Boston. In 1969, he was elected Treasurer of the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, where he worked until his retirement in 1992. His community activities included the Boys Club of Lynn; The United Way of Lynn; House of Seven Gables; Salem Visiting Nurse Association; YMCA of Salem; North Shore Children's Hospital; Salem College Foundation and the Rotary Club of Salem, of which he was a Past President. He was also a member of the Old North Church in Marblehead, serving as a trustee and a member of the Board of Investment. He was also active in Bowdoin College Alumni activities He enjoyed boating, skiing, golf, and tennis and he served for many years on the Race Committee of the Eastern Yacht Club. He was also a member of the Gut 'N Feathers Badminton Club of Marblehead and the Shore Ledges Golf Club of Sebasco



Estates. He and his wife enjoyed world travel and spent winters in Hawaii and then became residents of Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, FL where Mr. Cushman was an active member of the Sanibel Congregational Church. Bob was devoted to his family and leaves a daughter, Gail Cushman Rose, of Park City, UT, her husband Larry, and their two children, Eliza and Ethan: a son Russell Cushman, of Marblehead, MA, his wife Eliza and their three children, Cecily, Gibson, and Hope. Bob's strong commitment to his family, community, church, and college made him a role model to many and his gentle nature and humble dignity will be missed by all.

### Robert N. Goddard

Bob passed away on December 19, 2019 after a brief illness.



## 1951

### Robert H. Fleming

Robert was born April 23, 1933, in Boston, MA, to Donald and Shirley Fleming. He grew up in Wellesley Hills, MA, received a Bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and an MBA from Northeastern University. Before beginning his professional career, Robert served in the US Army in Berlin, Germany, where he met his future wife, Antje-Katrin Brodersen. They married on May 13, 1961, and raised two daughters and two sons. Robert had a passion for America's National Parks, and will be remembered for his kind and humorous demeanor. His life and career brought him and his family to



Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York, all before spending his final years in Seattle. Robert is survived by his wife, four children and four grandchildren. He was much loved & will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

## 1952

### David Powers

David L. Powers of Golden, CO, died Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the age of 87 years old. Dave was born in Portland, ME on June 22, 1932 and was the son of the late Leon H. and Alice (Batchelder) Powers of Sanford, ME. Dave was married to Runie Ann Gibson for 59 years. Dave served admirably in the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain in the Military Police. A graduate of St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, Dave began his administrative career in 1958 as Assistant Director of Admission at St. Lawrence University. He also served St. Lawrence as Associate Director of Admissions, Associate Director of Development, and Administrative Assistant to two presidents. In 1971, Dave became Director of Development at St. Paul's School, Concord, NH and in 1973 was appointed Vice President for Development at Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH. Dave was Associate Vice President and Campaign Manager for Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA in 1984, a post he held until 1988, moving to Golden as Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Colorado School of Mines (CSM), Golden, CO. Following a successful \$73 Million capital campaign, he retired from CSM in 1995 and became a Senior Consulting Vice President with Grenzbach Glier & Associates,



Inc., Chicago, IL. Dave retired in 2003. Dave was a jazz musician who made his music with the tenor saxophone. He started his first band in Ogunquit, ME when he was only 15 and grew to prominence with several New England bands, including headlining at The Downeast Jazz Festival in Camden, ME. After a hiatus from the sax, he regained his chops busking on Boulder's Pearl Street Mall and then went on to lead gigs with the Clear Creek Jazz Quintet, playing regularly at the Golden Hotel. He was a member of the American Federation of Musicians and willingly shared his musical talents, including teaching a jazz workshop at the FEDUJAZZ Educational Foundation, which provides free music education to youth of the Dominican Republic. Dave was a strong believer in the power of non-profits and their ability to improve communities and people's lives. He served the New Hampshire Easter Seal/Goodwill Society for over 12 years as a member of its board and as a director of the National Easter Seal Society for two terms, including Vice President and chairing the national Easter Seal Telethon in Hollywood for two years. Dave was a resident of Golden, CO for over 30 years. He was a strong supporter of the community and served over six years as a director of the Golden Civic Foundation, including two years as president. He also served as a director and Vice President of the Foothills Art Center, volunteered at Clear Creek Historic Park and the Buffalo Bill Museum and Gravesite, served as a director and advisor for the Golden Visitors Center, and served on the CSM Alumni Association Task Force, CSM History Committee and the Futures Task Force of the Jefferson Symphony Orchestra. Dave was recognized for his contributions to the Golden community with the Rotary's Service Above Self Award

and most recently, with the honor of being named a Living Landmark by the Golden Landmarks Association. An avid photographer, Dave could frequently be seen with his camera capturing the events of Golden. He will be remembered for his many contributions to GoldenToday.com and numerous photo exhibits at the Golden Library and local coffee shops highlighting his many international trips, most recently to the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Although a Maine-native, moving to Colorado fulfilled a life-long love of the American West. His numerous interests included collecting Western art, a passion for the history of Buffalo Bill and General George Custer, military history (including the restoration and parade participation of a Willy's M38 jeep and historical reenactments of Captain Benteen from the Battle of the Little Big Horn), and riding with the gentleman cowboys of the Ten Most Wanted. Dave is survived by his two sons, David, Jr. (Seattle, WA) and Brian (Denver, CO) and two sisters, Mrs. Hilda Versluys (Portsmouth, NH) and Mrs. Linda Nickerson (Moody Beach, ME).

## 1956

### Otto Robinson

Otto P. Robinson Jr., Esq., of Scranton, passed away on Tuesday evening, September 24, 2019, surrounded by his loving family at the family cottage at Lake Winola. He is survived by his wife, and great love, Susan Frank Robinson. The couple would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late Judge Otto P. Robinson and Lois Howell Robinson. He



attended Central High for two years before transferring and graduating from the Governor's Academy in Byfield, MA. He then graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA, with a degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation, he was employed by Raytheon where he worked on semiconductors, the precursor to the modern-day microprocessor. Following his undergraduate work, Otto completed his Juris Doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Upon becoming a member of the Pennsylvania Bar, he joined his uncle, Robert A. Robinson's law practice. He served as the president, CEO and general counsel of the former Penn Security Bank and Trust Co. for 33 years. During his tenure at the bank, Otto created an online banking system that predated the internet. He regarded the bank, its employees and its customers as a family in and of itself. While serving as president, Otto also maintained his own law practice that he and his son Robert later changed into what it is today, Robinson and Robinson Law, LLC. Otto served on the board of directors for many organizations including, but not limited to, Community Medical Center, Marywood University, Everhart Museum, North Penn Savings and Loan, and the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic. Otto was a dedicated supporter of the arts. Otto was happiest at Lake Winola, Elk Mountain, Vail Ski Resort, Tanglewood Music Center, the Metropolitan Opera House, his winter home in North Hutchinson Island, FL, and really anywhere with a big bowl of Manning's Ice Cream. While at the lake, Otto cherished relaxing on his front porch swing, sailing in his Lightning, paddling his canoe, swimming laps, walking the point, and laughing with

friends and family on the porch. Otto was a certified PSIA ski instructor at Elk Mountain for more than 20 years. He loved sharing his love for skiing by teaching others, and often revered it his favorite job. He lived for skiing with family and friends at Elk and out west. In Scranton, Otto enjoyed morning walks at Lake Scranton and his regular lunches with his legal buddies. In Florida, Otto walked the beach and swam laps almost daily. You could always find him at the pool reading and talking with friends. Also surviving are four children, Stacy Robinson and companion, Monica Ferrara, of Los Angeles, CA; Attorney Holly J. Robinson, Boston, MA; Attorney Robert C. Robinson, North Abington Twp.; and Tom Robinson, Scranton; and his devoted sister, Lois Robinson, of Scranton.

## 1959

### Howard Medwed

MEDWED, Howard Of Cambridge, died December 23, 2019, of heart failure at the age of 78. Born in Bangor, ME, he moved to Cambridge in 1963. He was a graduate of Governor Dummer Academy where he was the class valedictorian; Princeton University, *cum laude*, where he studied in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs; and Harvard Law School. He chaired the tax law department at Burns and Levinson in Boston for more than 50 years. He was active in local Democratic and community circles, serving on the boards of the Harvard Square Defense Fund, the Cambridge Civic Association, the Avon Hill Neighborhood Conservation District, and Greater Boston Legal



Services. He leaves his wife, Mameve Medwed, the novelist, whom he met in nursery school; two sons, Daniel of Cambridge and Jonathan of New York City; two daughters-in-law, Sharissa Jones and Marnie Davidoff; and four grandchildren: Mili, Clementine, Mirabelle, and Gabriel. He was a man of great intellectual curiosity, a loyal friend, and a wise counsel. He loved a good meal, a robust conversation, his native state of Maine, and his Cambridge neighborhood. He especially loved his wife and children and was immensely proud of them, something that he was all too willing to share with friends and strangers alike.

## 1962

### Thomas Burke Leahey

Thomas Burke Leahey ("The Burke") of Duxbury, MA, passed away January 21, 2020 from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was



born in Minneapolis, MN on May 16, 1943. At age ten, his family moved to Lowell, MA – where he met the love of his life, Barbara Ann Brady, at ballroom dancing classes in 7th grade. He graduated from Governor's Academy in 1962 and Harvard University in 1966. After receiving his MBA from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University, he worked as a management consultant for Hewitt Associates in Deerfield, IL and Rowayton, CT, then Mercer Meidinger in Boston. Putting his MBA to work, he spent the last 20 years of his career running Brady Business Forms, in Lowell, MA. The long commute didn't deter him; he refused to leave his home on Duxbury Bay. He pursued his hobbies of vegetable gardening, lobstering, water skiing, tennis,

beekeeping, sailing his 22' Marshall Catboat, "Ark Royal" and cruising with the Duxbury Yacht Club. He served as President of the Duxbury Education Foundation; chaired the King Caesar House; served as VP of the Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra and was part of the Don Muirhead volunteer crew who painted the Bug Light. After retiring at age 57, he and his wife wintered in Bonita Springs, FL, where he found time to be President of the Harvard Club of Lee County, polish his tennis skills at Sterling Oaks Tennis Club and join a barbershop quartet. He loved his books and time alone, but was always the life of any party with his wit and warmth, making everyone feel welcome. Hosting the annual Leahey Cousins' Cookout brought his beloved family together – the highlight of which was hand cranking the vanilla ice cream and the raw egg toss! He leaves his wife of 55 years, Barbara; daughters Jennifer Leahey and Sarah Leahey Benjamin of Duxbury, Erin Leahey and husband Jonathan Allen of Tucson; granddaughter Hannah Benjamin (ten); grandsons Thomas Burke Allen (ten) and Nicholas Brady Allen (eight); sister Joan Leahey Zink and husband Bill of Orlando; brothers Garrett Leahey and wife, Isabel of LA; Bob Leahey and wife Meryl of Belmont, MA; sisters-in-law Mary Carmola of St Albans, VT, Betsey Bott and husband Tony of Harwich, MA; brother-in-law Mark Brady and wife Louanne of Tyngsboro, MA, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.