



# CLASSNOTES

## The College of Liberal Arts

**50** **Louis Goldman** was honored to be included in the forthcoming publication of *Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Awards*, marking the fifth time he will appear in an edition of *Who's Who*.

**55** **Sol Gittleman** reports that he has been in contact with **Floyd Woolf**, **Dick Semeraro**, **Doug Lonnstrom** C'58 and **Nancy Zwerling** C'56, among others.

**56** **Ronald Vander Schaaf** [van5256@yahoo.com](mailto:van5256@yahoo.com) Someone should have reminded me about the principle of unintended consequences. Desperate for news, my rather harshly worded proclamation has buried me in responses. Thank you, thank you, thank you! But you might want to get a cup of coffee or a glass of wine, because it will take a while to get through this column.

Five stars in our firmament have gone dark. In May 2018, we lost **Betty Hartman**, who was living in Reno, Nevada. See In Memoriam, page 71.

In June 2018, **Deborah A. Norris Crouch** passed away, a resident of Denton, Texas. See In Memoriam, page 71.

In August 2018, **Jean (Barbour) Petersen** also passed away. She was living near her daughter in Tappahannock, Virginia. Jean's son posted her obituary on Jean's Facebook page. Worth reading. Jean was born in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, and if her family had stayed there, she and **Patty Kiefer Vander Schaaf** would have been classmates in that high school. See In Memoriam, page 71.

Leon Rosenberg wrote to say that his wife, **Anna M. Rosenberg**, died in April 2017. She was 83 when she died, a resident of Columbia,

Maryland, where Leon continues to live. She is survived by Leon, three sons and seven grandchildren. Anna had a long career as a professional psychologist, retiring in 2010. Two of Anna and Leon's sons are nearby with their families. The third son and his family are in Massachusetts. Leon writes that "Anna always remembered Drew with great fondness." See In Memoriam, page 71.

In August 2018, **Edward Newman**'s life ended. He had a long career at Temple University. He directed the university's developmental disabilities center from 1974 to 1991. He served in the Office of Economic Opportunity under President Johnson. He also served the federal government under President Nixon but resigned when Nixon ordered him to testify against a rehabilitation program that Ed supported and had helped develop. His wife, **Claire (Dresner) Newman**, survives him, along with their children, Mark, Julie and Paul. They also have seven grandchildren.

**Joe Sobota** likes going to dinner at his retirement home but claims that at times it seems like attending a geriatric clinic. He and Pat divide their time between their cottage in Harbor Springs, Michigan, and the Woodlands Retirement Community on the campus of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Their five children and eight grandchildren are spread all over the world. He works with the Apjohn Group, a business accelerator, and serves on the affiliate faculty of Furman.

**Lynn (Swader) Fedor** plans to move to a senior apartment in the spring. She is now in the process of that familiar activity: downsizing. Lynn is not happy to leave her woods and wildflowers, so she is dispensing favorite

garden plants to friends, and she will visit them when they bloom.

**Louise (Lerner) Rapkin** helped her sister celebrate her 90th birthday at a large family gathering. Otherwise things are pretty stable: still driving and living in her own house.

**Carole (Horncastle) C'59** and **Dick James'** son, Drew, has retired. His brother, Scott, plans to retire soon. Three grandsons are all doing well. The family gathered at a beach resort in Connecticut for a fun week. Dick and Carole met up with **Hal and Barbara (Young) Quigley** in church. The Quigleys were visiting friends in Endicott.

**Nancy P'79** and **Paul Stone C'56, P'79** are in reasonable health, just moving at a slower pace. They have a young Gordon setter and use him to hunt grouse and woodcock in the fall. Lots of rain came to their large garden but did not ruin it. Paul is trying to divert his attention from "the slow destruction of the country I have lived in and was proud of."

**Bill Onderdonk**'s daughter Susan continues her work of many years at Mariner Wealth Advisors in Manasquan, New Jersey. Bill still flies occasionally as long as he takes a semi-qualified pilot with him. Question: Would you trust a semi-qualified pilot to land your plane, or get on a plane commanded by one?

**Jim Hill** now notches a four on the great-grandchild scoreboard. Two grandchildren got married in the fall, one in Oklahoma and the other in New York. He listens to audio books and recommends *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham.

**Roy and Ruth (Schubert) Haynes** vacationed with daughter Anita and her husband, Robert. They saw Hershey, Pennsylvania, where Ruth's family had





The annual Reunion Weekend was held in the spring. **Tom Tani** C'78 did an exceptional job getting a huge contingent of that class to attend. On Friday night alone there were over 40 members of that class in attendance. That's a pretty high bar for us to try to surpass. Mark your calendars (**Laura [Moorehead] Milsom**, **Steve Barrows**), our 40th is less than two years away and will be the weekend of May 29–31, 2020. The weather is forecasted to be perfect that weekend. I ran into Steve Barrows at one of the many New York City Alumni events that the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations puts together. Steve lives in Brooklyn and works in technology for the MTA. Incidentally, Drew's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations holds alumni events in many cities around the country besides New York. I highly recommend them, especially if President Baenninger is attending.

Getting back to this past Reunion, among the attendees I caught up with for at least a little while was **Kurt Hoffman** C'78, who arrived shortly past midnight on Saturday and departed at some ungodly hour Sunday morning. Hoofa retired from the Army a few years ago and now works as a civilian for the Army down in North Carolina. "I do the same work but for better money," Kurt relayed. **Rob** C'78 and **Nancy** C'79 (**Specht**) **Lemoine** disembarked from their boat to attend the festivities. They plan to cruise the waterways of the U.S. for the foreseeable future. **Carol (Torchia) Clinton** C'78 and **Joan Albanese** C'78 were both on campus for the Friday events. **Martha Hermann** C'78 and **Chuck Redfern** C'78 were also there for some of the festivities. None of them have changed a bit.

We held the annual Soc Deacon Memorial Alumni Rugby Football match on the ancient and sacred pitch officially known as Doc Young Field. **Bob Joyce** C'82 and **Paul Cortellesi** C'84 (with some family members) strapped on some inappropriate footwear and joined the melee. Among the numerous spectators in the almost-rain were **Tom Keoughan** C'82, **Dave Mortensen** C'78, **Chuck Dooley** C'78 (in all the way from the Pacific Northwest), **Louis Albert** C'78, **Greg Leuser** C'77, **Steve Thomson** C'83, P'20 (aka Dingedad) and, of course, **Rich Fisch** C'77.

My wife, Ruth, brother Doug (London '79), **Chip** C'80 and **Lisa** C'84 (**King**) **Nolet** joined **Andy Rupp** and his wife, Rosie, at the Rupp household for our annual get-together. We're all mostly or completely empty nesters now. Andy has been very active in engaging alumni support for the men's basketball team at Drew. The men had a very successful season last year, coming close to the record number of wins that was set when we were on campus. With a strong core of players returning, Drew is looking for another exciting season. If you are in the area, check the schedule and consider coming to campus for a game. The Rose City Classic is still held at Drew!

Steve Thomson held his annual party that is well attended by Drewids. **Charlie Russomanno** C'82 was up from the D.C.

area, and **Tony Buttacavoli** C'82 flew in from Detroit. **Bill Ehlers** C'82 walked three blocks to attend, and **Mike (MFE) Stern** C'80, T'84 came down from Vermont.

What have we learned since the last publication? Perhaps not as much as the previous time, but here's an interesting piece of information: Mike Stern ran for office in Vermont as a write-in candidate for the State House of Representatives. I am sure Mike had the support of all the Drew alumni in the Bennington area.

**Nancy J. Barbara** developed an award-winning American Sign Language instructional program for her middle school students in Land O' Lakes, Florida. She considers signing her own first language, as both of her parents were deaf.

**Peter L. Lejeune** has been elected to partnership in the Philadelphia law firm of Swartz Campbell. He joined the firm in 2010.

**Marc E. Zukovich** lectures on deer-resistant gardening. He teaches horticulture at the County College of Morris. Marc studied botany at Drew.

Drop me a line like Doc Abend did. Let me know what you're up to via the Drew Alumni office, or email me at [chris.walsh@alumni.drew.edu](mailto:chris.walsh@alumni.drew.edu).

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**Andy Polovoy** reported the sad news of the death of **Tom Sharpe** in February. Andy and fellow Hurst 34 suitmates **Kelly Kavanaugh** and **Ethan Silverman** C'84 attended a memorial service in Leonia, New Jersey, in April, along with **Jim Iannella** C'84. Tom's survivors include his wife, Marlene, and her children, with whom he shared a special bond and kinship.

Best wishes to **Cindy Waneck**, who married Robert Erickson in May 2018 at Grace Episcopal Church in Westwood, New Jersey, with a reception at the Ramsey Country Club. **Susan Haviland** was a bridesmaid. **Kathy (Scott) Notine** and **Jennifer Garrett** were readers at the service. Other Welch 2 attendees, including two from the West Coast, were: **Susan (Pease) Gadoua**, **Suzanne Spangler**, **Diane Bohman** C'84, P'19, **Lisa Eisenhardt**, **Diana "Dindy" Sousa** and **Jody Bell**. See photos, page 63.

Our 35th Reunion was held the weekend of June 1 and 2, 2018. We were definitely a smaller crowd this year, but many thanks to those who turned out! Several classmates met up at the Pub on Friday, including **Jim Nicolson**, **David Reis**, **Robert Muir**, **Jim Dobbins** C'83, P'15, **Steve Thompson** C'83, P'20 and **Jeremy Smith**.

My husband, **Alan Apter** C'80, and I attended the Saturday morning Alumni Achievement Awards in the Commons dining hall and caught up with **Rob Rosh** (an attorney in White Plains, New York, and father of two, ages 25 and 21) and **Marwan Kreidie** C'83, P'21 (who teaches at West Chester University and is also a father to two children). The four of us watched fellow classmate **Lawrence D'Aries** C'83, P'17 receive the

achievement award in the sciences. Larry spent an additional year at Drew taking physics classes, later earned a master's in physics and chaired the science department at his alma mater, the Delbarton School. In the early 1990s, he was a health physicist with the U.S. Army. In 2006, his lab developed an inspection system to test ballistic integrity of the ceramic body armor insert plates issued to U.S. soldiers. In his remarks, Larry mentioned cherished professors of our time as mentors, including the late Alan Candiotti and **Bob Fenstermacher** C'63. Larry's daughter is an admissions assistant at Drew, and his son has taken math and science summer courses at Drew as well.

Following the Award Ceremony, it was on to the Ehinger Center (formerly the UC) to sample the beer in the Pub and get lunch at the food trucks. We enjoyed our meal outside with **Rosa Sepulveda** C'82 (sister of Edgar) and her husband.

Spotted later in the afternoon after the Arthur "Soc" Deacon III C'82 Memorial Rugby Match were **Ralph Sorrentino**, **Ken Siegel**, **Barry Friedman**, **Mike Johnson** C'82, **Jimmy Nicolson**, **Bob Muir**, **Jim Dobbins**, **Steve "Loader" Thompson**, **Lynn Cummings**, **Jen Garrett** and **Mona Weisberg**.

Several of us attended a wonderful lecture at Alumni College with Professor of History Emeritus J. Perry Leavell: "Outsiders, Populists, and Nationalists in American History."

There was a garden party and tent dinner, and additional Pub socializing, but Alan and I met up with **Brian Winters** C'79 and his wife for a meal that evening. There was also a class photo taken; you will find it on the Drew website.

Apologies to anyone who attended and is not listed.

In September, Alan and I became first-time grandparents.

Please send me your news!

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**Monique (Weggeland) Flynn**

checked in from her home in Great Britain, inquiring about our upcoming Reunion. She hopes to make the trip to join us. She and her husband, Mike, spent the long Easter 2018 weekend visiting with **Andrea (D'Auria) Vallandingham** and her family in Prague. Andrea's daughter had been studying abroad for the 2018 spring semester. **Sue Clark** joined Monique in London this past June; they had lots of fun reminiscing about their semester in London and catching up in general. In November, **Ari Levine** was in London as well, and they went to a bonfire night celebration. Thanks, Monique, for the news, and hope to see everyone soon enough! See photos, page 63.

**Judy Philips** recently relocated to Honolulu, after accepting the position of first assistant U.S. Attorney for the new U.S. Attorney in the District of Hawaii.

**Jordan M. Glatt**, a former two-term mayor of Summit, New Jersey, was tapped

by Gov. Phil Murphy to facilitate shared services among New Jersey's municipalities.

**86 Sandi Miller**  
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First of all, a huge thank you to **Sonnie Hirsch Carpenter**, who rallied our class via Facebook to take first place in the 150-Hour Fundraising Challenge.

Sonnie met for lunch with **Mary Ellen Landolfi** and her son, Michael, who has been looking at colleges. Sonnie and Mary Ellen spent time catching up and boring Michael with stories of the good old days at Drew. In August, Sonnie and her husband, Greg, celebrated their 23d anniversary at a Rod Stewart concert while on their annual Arizona vacation.

Congratulations to **Ann (Bready) King**, who was honored with the 2017–2018 Mary Jo Haverbeck Trailblazer Award at this year's College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) convention. Ann just finished her ninth year at The Sage Colleges as director of athletic communications, after 17 years at The College of New Jersey and six years at Drew.

In July, **Laura Macdougall** celebrated the 10-year anniversary of her personal chef business, Home Plate Advantage. She feels lucky to have a great client base. Laura and her husband traveled to Scotland in the spring to see and taste the Highlands, including the mighty haggis.

**Lisa McCourt** is still ghostwriting. The 10th sequel to her children's book *I Love You, Stinky Face* will release in September, making it her most successful series by far, with over 8 million now sold. Although she hasn't seen any Drew friends lately, she thinks fondly of them and sends hugs and love to all.

In August, **Lisa** and **Dan Chiariello** C'86, P'22 dropped off their youngest son, Jared, at Drew to start his freshman year. He is living in Brown, where Dan lived in his own sophomore and junior years. Lisa started a full-time job working for Rutgers University at their county cooperative extension. Their son David, who graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology last year, is working as a concept artist for a soon-to-be-released video game.

**Marc Scarduffa** was named to the board of directors for Pet Partners, the nation's leading organization registering therapy animals for animal-assisted interventions.

I, **Sandi Miller**, had a full summer, starting with a family trip to the Azores, where we went on a wild canyoning adventure that fell into the category of "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Fortunately, we all made it. I've also been eating my way across New England for an article I'm writing about food tours. I visited almost 20 restaurants in August alone and still have two states to go.

**Kevin J. Bodnar** is head of corporate advisory at Peapack-Gladstone Bank, based in Bedminster, New Jersey.

**Catherine Zbyszynski Brennan** was named as New Jersey's deputy treasurer, serving under Gov. Phil Murphy.

# DREW REUNION 2019

MAY 31–JUNE 1, 2019



## Your classmates. Your memories. Your Drew.

Next spring, join your fellow Drewids for a weekend of fun back where it all began! From the Campus Carnival and Beer Garden and the annual Mimosa Toast and Alumni Achievement Awards, to nights at The Pub, midnight breakfast, faculty presentations and more, there's something for everyone. Mark your calendars!

[drew.edu/reunion](http://drew.edu/reunion)

**David W. McIntyre** was awarded the Boy Scouts of America 2018 Silver Beaver award. Thanks for your updates. I love hearing from you.

**87 Karen L. Hunter** spent 16 years as a reporter with the *New York Daily News*, where she was a member of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize- and Polk Award-winning teams. She now hosts a radio show on Sirius XM Channel 125, "Urban View."

**88 Lavinia Boxill**  
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The Class of 1988 converged on The Forest on Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2, 2018, for our 30th Reunion. Turnout was great, and Drew did an awesome job hosting us all! Reconnecting with classmates was amazing. Check out our Facebook page to see photos from the weekend and connect

with friends online. Stay tuned for Classnotes requests from me in the coming months.

**89 Gerald D. Gunster II** has been named to the board of Wyoming Seminary, the Methodist college preparatory school in northeastern Pennsylvania from which he graduated.

**Thomas P. Hadley** is CFO of BodyArmor, a sports drink start-up backed by Kobe Bryant and other athletes.

**Lisa Schlotterhausen** was recently named vice president for academic and student services at Lamar (Colorado) Community College.

**90 Emilio Cordova**  
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Here is the latest update from our fellow classmates!

Having spent a year traveling in Costa Rica and the U.S., and two years living in Nashville, Tennessee, **Bonnie Draina**, her husband, Matt, and son Rio, 5, have settled in Carbondale, Colorado. Her *Breathing Book for Singers* is slated for publication by Mountain Peak Press.

Our very own **Bryon Backenson** has been awarded, along with a group of investigators, a \$10-million grant from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to better understand, prevent and treat diseases passed from insects to people.

**David Sizemore** has recently changed jobs, leaving his high school alma mater to become the principal of St. Joseph School, a pre-K through grade 8 Catholic grammar school.

As for yours truly, **Emilio Cordova** C'90, P'22, this summer has kept me busy. Our family recently took a vacation to London and Paris, where we explored many museums and historical sites. We were in Paris for all the festivities when France won the World Cup. My son, Antonio, is now a junior at Texas A&M University studying biomedical sciences. My daughter, **Adriana Cordova** C'22, graduated from Vandegrift High School and has started her freshman year at Drew as a Baldwin Honors Scholar.

I encourage my fellow alumni from the Class of '90 to email me at the email address above and send your latest news and updates to share with our fellow classmates.

## 92 Tom Fowler DrewUClassof1992@gmail.com

This issue of Classnotes is the first for your new correspondent, **Tom Fowler**. I am married to our classmate, **Clara Schaeffer**. After Drew we took a somewhat winding path through Tucson, Chapel Hill and Austin and now live in Houston with our three daughters, 13, 10 and 4. I'm a journalist (formerly with *Houston Chronicle* and *The Wall Street Journal*, currently with *Argus Media*), while Clara is a librarian (formerly at the University of Texas, the University of Houston and currently at MD Anderson Cancer Center). We were among the many thousands of Houstonians whose houses flooded during Hurricane Harvey last year, so we've been rebuilding for the past year and should be back home by the time you read this.

I've created a wicked clever email address, above, if others would like to share updates. And there's an existing Drew University Class of 1992 Facebook group that **Max Handelsman** started a few years ago, should you feel so inclined to join.

So, here are a few folks I've heard from with updates:

**Fred Roden** is a professor of English at the University of Connecticut, where he coordinates English and Judaic studies at the Stamford campus. A scholar of religion and culture, his most recent book is *Recovering Jewishness: Modern Identities Reclaimed*.

**Jason Winder** is happy and healthy, living with his wife, Sharon, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He owns a boutique cybersecurity consultancy, Aerstone, and is currently

working with Drew's administration to develop a cybersecurity minor.

**Dave Scott** was recently promoted to full professor at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he works in the voice department. Dave lives in Somerville, Massachusetts, with his wife and three kids, ages 13, 10 and 6. He manages to squeeze in some gigs as a singer, pianist and bass player and even releases some recordings, which you can find at [www.davidthornescott.com](http://www.davidthornescott.com).

**Vanessa Allen Sutherland** was named vice president (law) for Norfolk Southern, one of the nation's largest transportation companies.

**Denise Reboli** was selected as the John H.A. Whitman Distinguished Service Professor at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where she is a professor and chair of the education department.

**Frank D. Isoldi** has joined the board of directors of the Trinitas Health Foundation of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Please drop me a line if you have news of your own to share: [DrewUClassof1992@gmail.com](mailto:DrewUClassof1992@gmail.com).

**93 Rita (Mascellino) Aquilio** was elected to a three-year term as Trustee of the Somerset County Bar Association, and she was also appointed to the editorial board of *New Jersey Lawyer Magazine*.

**94 Elisa Velazquez** was elected president of the New Jersey Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

## 25th Reunion

**96 Laura Genovese-Behrmann** and her husband, Brian Behrmann, welcomed a baby girl, Madison Elizabeth, in November 2017. Madison joins big brother Connor, 9. Laura is with AIG as an assistant vice president in the environmental and mass tort claims department. See photo, page 63.

**97 Dan Ilaria** [dilariaj@msn.com](mailto:dilariaj@msn.com)  
I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I was able to continue a small tradition of gathering with alumni and their families this summer. **Patrick Aylward**, **JD Urbach**, **Brian Nell** and **David Cennimo** all came out to Pennsylvania for the day. We were able to swim, hang out with our families and catch up in person about life. I was also able to spend some time with **Josh McKee** near Albany, New York. It was certainly a great summer of catching up with great friends.

Please share stories of how you are keeping in contact with friends or any other news.

**98 Kristen Daily Williams** [kwilliams3@drew.edu](mailto:kwilliams3@drew.edu)  
**Christina Meo Hayman** has a bona fide baking business called Lynnfield Baking Co. ([lynnfieldbakingco.com](http://lynnfieldbakingco.com)). **Jamie**

and their girls (Ella, 11, and Sabrina, 8) love taste testing! **Jamie** is managing partner of sales and marketing at Insight Experience, a leadership development company based in Concord, Massachusetts, and he is serving his second term on their town's school committee.

**Fran Caggiano-Swenson** completed her first 140.6 distance race at Challenge Roth in Germany, with a time of 14:43. She says it was an "amazing accomplishment and Germany is a fantastic country."

**Casey O'Donnell** started the MBA program in healthcare management at Quinnipiac University and completed a certificate program in Health Information Technology Leadership.

**Drew Holmes** and his wife, **Jamie Barbaccia-Holmes** C'01, welcomed a second son, Samuel, on February 17. Sam joins big brother Timothy at home in Loveland, Colorado.

Lt. Col. **Scott McLellan** completed 26 months as battalion commander at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, and moved on to his next assignment with the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

**Kristin Korpos**, an attorney specializing in sales tax for 15 years, works as a tax manager at Intuit; she says she loves helping small business owners. Last year, she and her wife, Maarit, purchased a house in Sussex County, New Jersey, where they live with their 4-year-old twin girls, Carly and Dylan. Kristin's newest hobby is beat making—"taking the experience from my 15 years of deejaying to make my own music."

**Kathy Forrestal** is in her third year as a seventh-grade humanities teacher in Lyndonville, Vermont, focusing on social studies, and most of her free time is spent hiking in the White Mountains. She's working her way toward hiking all the trails in the National Forest.

**Joe Mihalchick** married Amy Forte in the beautiful Catskill Mountains of New York. I was lucky enough to attend, along with **William Addis**, **Carolyn Collins**, **Marsha Harman**, **Aaron Smith** and all of our plus ones—or three, in Aaron's case (with baby Evan and his aunt). Steven Strafford C'99 officiated the ceremony (cue the tears, folks).

We missed **Sarah Murphy**, who was busy graduating with a new master's from Bread Loaf School of English (Middlebury College).

Speaking of Marsha, she has a relatively new job as a standardized patient educator at Rush University Medical Center, training actors to portray patients as part of learning and assessment exercises for medical and nursing students. "I'm digging it so far."

Much to the chagrin of their large posse of family-friends in the Northeast, **John Holden** and **Mike Lonardo** have relocated and are the new owners of Casa de Amistad Guesthouse in Vieques, Puerto Rico!

**Heather Hemmer** and her husband, Bill Boettger, had fun at Reunion's beer garden and carnival with their three kiddos, Will, 6, Robert, 4, and Kayla, 2. She saw **Sarah (Bray)** and **Chris Renner**, **Andrew Granas**, **Andy Snyder** (who made it to the reunion

# Family Album



**The Drew presence at Cindy Waneck's wedding.**  
Diane Bohman C'84, P'19 at far left; all others C'83: Jennifer Garrett, Susan Haviland, Cindy Waneck (bride), Susan Pease Gadoua (behind the bride), Lisa Eisenhardt, Kathy Scott Notine, Suzanne Spangler, Jody Bell and Diana ("Dindy") Sousa.



Cindy Waneck C'83 and her husband, Robert Erickson.



Monique (Weggeland) Flynn C'84 and Sue Clark C'84 on the Thames.



Monique (Weggeland) Flynn C'84 and Ari Levine C'84 at a bonfire in London.



Laura Genovese-Behrmann C'96 and her husband, Brian, welcomed baby daughter Madison Elizabeth.



Andrea (D'Auria) Vallandingham C'84 and Monique (Weggeland) Flynn C'84 in Prague.



David Reynolds T'80 vesting his daughter, Sarah, as she was ordained a deacon.

# Family Album



Brodie, the son of Jameson and Kittie DeLuca Pain G'00.



Many Drewids with Amy McNeece C'01 and her groom on their wedding day.



Amy McNeece C'01 and her husband, Ryan Mitchell.



Benjamin with his proud mom, Iwona Spytkowski C'01.



Pierre Orbe C'00 and his bride, Dayane Pereira, with members of their wedding party.



Paola Mathe C'08.



Paige (Miller) Hackett C'02 with her fourth child, Dashiell Patrick.



Margaret Glover with Drew friends on her wedding day. Maximilian Sinsteden C'09, Katie Petrelius C'08, Alistar Erickson-Ludwig C'09, Margaret Glover C'09 (bride), Mark Boffa C'07, Jane Farren C'09, Alexssa Todd C'09 and Daniel Sorenson C'09.



Sean McGowan C'12 proposing to Brianne Flynn C'13.



Sara Storer C'12 and John Nogiewich C'14 at their wedding reception with Drew friends.



Sienna Brooke Friedland, the daughter of Corinne Mulroy Friedland C'10 and her husband, Andy.



Drew friends celebrating with Jake and Caitlin (Gallagher) Fastiggi C'10.



Baby Michael George Steiger with his happy parents, Michael and Rebecca (Skedzielewski) Steiger C'10.



Samantha Golden C'12 at work.



DeAndre James proposing to Samantha Golden C'12.



C'10's best friends: Laura Lakin's Newman, Katharine Overgaard's Sadie, Delia Barr's Calliope, Grace Wingerter's Remi, Christine Beckhusen and Nathan Hoffman's Brady, and Keira Driscoll's Sox.



Esme Daniels in her Drew spirit gear, the daughter of Paige (Dudley) C'07 and Colin Daniels C'05.



Emilia Grace Walker with her proud parents, Sarah (Albano) and Matt Walker C'10.



Caitlin Aase C'12 at the LA premiere of her recent feature film.





## The Theological School

**50s** **Forrest C. Stith** T'58, P'84 was the subject of a March 26, 2018, *Washington Post* article recounting his youthful success in breathing new life into a shuttered Methodist parish in Northeast Washington, D.C. He is now 83.

**70s** **Thomas L. Shanklin** T'72, '74 has written 14 books. His most recent is *While the City Slept*, a mystery set in Saint John, New Brunswick. **Charles Grimm** T'59, '79 contributed a segment of research from his doctoral dissertation, "Descriptive Analysis of the Role of a Protestant Chaplain in a Juvenile Facility," to Allen D. Ferry's book *Insights From Inside*, providing practical and relevant information to benefit correctional chaplains.

**Brian Bodt** T'79 officially retired from active ministry on June 24, 2018, as pastor of the Mary Taylor Memorial UMC in Milford, Connecticut.

**80s** **David Reynolds** T'80 vested his daughter, Sarah Reynolds, with a stole when she was ordained a deacon in the Los Angeles diocese of the Episcopal Church, June 2, 2018. See photo, page 63.

**Michael B. Brown** T'81 has joined the board of trustees at High Point University. He recently retired as senior minister of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City.

**Kenneth R. Reed** T'82 retired on June 24, 2018, as pastor of Greensburg (Louisiana) UMC, and turned 86 in July.

**Nicholas J. Cucchiaro** T'87 was ordained into the priesthood with The American Old

Catholic Church in September 2013. He also established Veterans Services Partnership LLC in 2017 to provide housing for homeless veterans.

**90s** **Michael L. Blaine** T'93 retired from Park Avenue Baptist Church in El Dorado, Kansas, on April 1, 2018.

**00s** **Stephen L. Ayers** T'00 founded Hillvue Heights Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky, with 30 members in 1991. The church celebrated the milestone of 10,000 baptisms in July 2018.

**Adam E. McKee III** T'02 has become the first black senior pastor of Brainerd UMC in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

**Sharon D. Browne** T'07 heard a call to seminary at Ground Zero on 9/11. After finishing her degree at Drew, she became an Army chaplain. She was recently promoted to major.

**Wayne Croft** T'02, G'05, T'09 recently published a book, *The Motif of Hope in African American Preaching During Slavery and the Post-Civil War Era: There's a Bright Side Somewhere* (Lexington Books).

**10s** **Bruce L. Hartman** T'13 has published a book, *Jesus & Co.: Connecting the Lessons of the Gospel With Today's Business World*.

**Eric C. Jackson** T'13 was formally installed as the senior pastor of Brookside Congregational Church in Manchester, New Hampshire, on April 29, 2018.

**Jennifer L. Berry** T'14 was recently appointed pastor at New Paltz (New York) United Methodist Church.

**Hillary D. Raining** T'14 co-authored a book called *Faith With a Twist: A 30-Day Journey Into Christian Yoga*. The book is available at [forwardmovement.org](http://forwardmovement.org).

**Jacob H. Eun** T'15 recently became the pastor of First United Methodist church in Wallingford, Connecticut. His prior church was in Gaylordsville, Connecticut.

**Christy L. Cobb** T'16, an assistant professor of religion at Wingate University, received a Reeves grant for summer 2018 research.

On January 28, 2018, **Melvin Andrew Davis** T'17 was installed as the 11th pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina. The packed church welcomed the participation of more than 12 preachers.

**Ashley A. Boggan Dreff** T'17 was accepted into the 14th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies at Pembroke College, Oxford, England. She is director of United Methodist studies and student recruitment at Hood Theological Seminary.

In June 2018, the Friendship Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, celebrated 108 years of history and ministry. **Craig B. Gaddy Sr.** T'17 has served as pastor since 1999.

**Thomas F. Millary** T'17 earned the Ralph Waldo Emerson Prize at the Eighth Annual Congress on Ecstatic Naturalism, which took place at Drew in May 2018.

**Rebekah Forni** T'18 has accepted a call to become the settled pastor at Middlefield (Connecticut) Federated Church.

## The Caspersen School

**PhD** **Jeffrey C. Pugh** G'85 delivered the May 2018 baccalaureate address at Elon University, where he is the Maude Sharpe Powell professor of religious studies.

**Jeffrey Richards** G'83, '85 made his third educational mission to Africa, supporting approximately 800 local pastors through a series of educational institutes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

On July 1, 2018, **Patricia Sodano Ireland** G'92, '05 became the senior vice president of academic affairs and provost at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson, Pennsylvania.

**Brian Regal** G'96, '98, '01 recently published his seventh book, *The Secret History of the Jersey Devil: How Quakers, Hucksters, and Benjamin Franklin Created a Monster* (Johns Hopkins University Press), co-authored with Frank J. Esposito.

In March 2018, **Linda C. Epps** G'10 celebrated Women's History Month by giving an address titled "Open the Door—I'll Get It Myself: Migration Stories of African American Women" at the Housing Authority of the City of Orange (New Jersey). She is the former president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Historical Society.

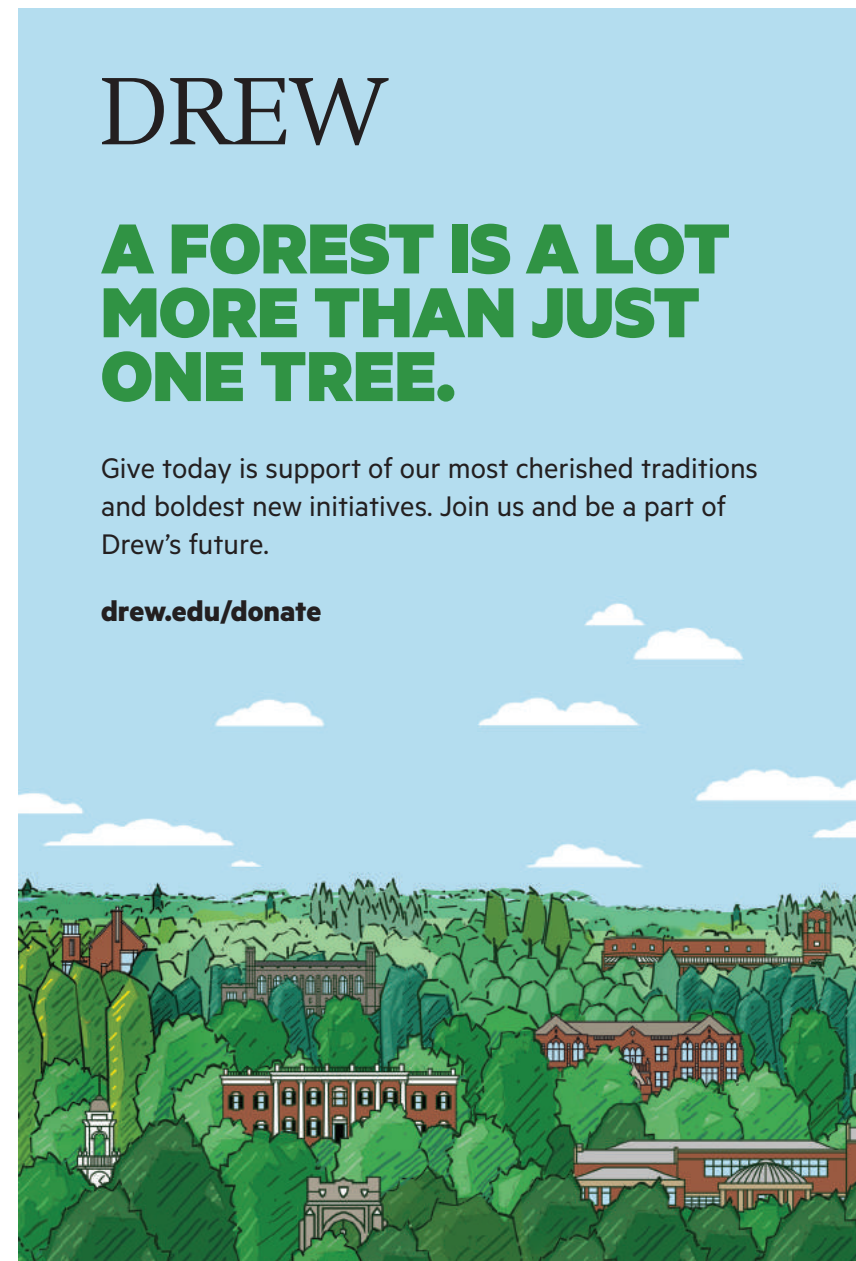
**DLitt** **Victor Alcindor** G'13, a longtime English teacher at West Orange (New Jersey) High School, has published his first book of poetry, *Stand Mute*.

**MA** **Pamela S. Wight** G'76 is a published author of three books. Her illustrated children's book, *Birds of Paradise*, was just named a finalist in the International Book Awards. Pam blogs her "flashes of life" at [roughwighting.net](http://roughwighting.net).

**Rebecca Rego Barry** G'01 has published a book titled *Rare Books Uncovered*, in which she recounts some remarkable discoveries from the world of book collecting.

**Brigitte N. Fielder** G'04 delivered Marymount University's 2018 Bisson Lecture. Brigitte is an assistant professor of comparative literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**MLitt** **Kittie DeLuca Pain** G'00 and her husband, Jameson, welcomed their son, Brodie Christopher Daniel Pain, into the world in March 2018. Kittie reports he's healthy and adorable! See photo, page 64.







## In Memoriam

The Drew community and its alumni associations extend their heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of those alumni and members of the Drew community listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

### College of Liberal Arts

**Carroll W. Bennett** C'41 studied sociology at Drew and went on to earn a master's at the University of Pennsylvania. After serving in the World War II Army Air Corps at the Battle of the Bulge, Carroll enjoyed a 40-year career with DuPont. He passed away in April 2018, a resident of Apex, North Carolina. He was 97. Preceded in death by Elizabeth, his first wife of 46 years, and by two daughters, he leaves his wife, Anne, and six children and their families, including 37 additional descendants, along with four stepchildren and their families.

**Robert L. Nelson** C'45, a resident of Rockville, Maryland, died in February 2018 at age 93. Robert was predeceased by his wife, Carolyn. Robert's time at Drew overlapped that of his brother, Carl E. Nelson C'48, who predeceased him. Robert leaves two children and their families, including four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Frederic G. Weber** C'45 was born in Massachusetts but relocated in his youth to Newton, New Jersey, where he put down permanent roots. After graduating from Drew, he served in World War II and then graduated from law school at Rutgers. He practiced law in Newton and then rose to the Sussex County bench in 1972, where Muhammad Ali later appeared in his courtroom as a witness. Along with much civic, professional and Methodist church involvement, he made time for the activities of his children and grandchildren. He died in May 2018 at age 94, survived by his wife, Patricia, and four daughters and their families, including five grandchildren.

**Milton Gussow** C'46 held degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy and Massachusetts

Institute of Technology. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1967 as a commander, after 25 years of service. He taught mathematics and electrical engineering at George Washington University, American University and Johns Hopkins. Mickey was also widely published and served as a senior vice president at McGraw-Hill. He passed away peacefully in March 2018 at age 93, a resident of Boynton Beach, Florida. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Libbie, and is survived by a large family with two daughters and their families, including four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother.

**Raymond C. Maronpot** C'46, a resident of Port Saint Lucie, Florida, passed away in July 2018. He was 94.

**Robert J. Fishbaugh** C'47 has passed away. Robert died as a resident of Lake Forest, California.

**Gilmore Chen** C'48 lived in Newton, New Jersey. He passed away at age 90 in November 2017.

**June (Jurke) Anthony** C'49, an elementary educator, lived in Roseland, New Jersey, for over 50 years. She passed away in February 2018 at age 90. June wore many hats in life, including that of a beekeeper. Preceded in death by her husband, Paul L. Anthony C'52, she leaves two children and their families, including three grandchildren.

**Robert E. Stannard** C'49 passed away peacefully in April 2018 at age 90, a resident of Florham Park, New Jersey. After his time at Drew, Bob joined the Army band and also pursued furniture design at Pratt Institute, later establishing his own design firm. He maintained a lifelong interest in music

that included years with the choir of the Methodist church in Chatham, New Jersey. Bob is survived by a large family, including his wife, Hilary; six children; and nine grandchildren.

**Virginia (Witzler) Kadri** C'50, P'79 was known for her special love of music and sports and enjoyed playing the bells at the Presbyterian church in her hometown of New Providence, New Jersey. She passed away at age 89 in March 2018. Her husband, Robert C. Kadri C'43, preceded her in death. Virginia is survived by family members, including two children, a grandson and two siblings. One surviving daughter is a Drew alumna, Barbara A. Kadri C'79.

**Thomas C. Davis** C'51, T'54 was received into the Episcopal Church as a priest after originally being ordained a Methodist minister. He served as an Army chaplain in Vietnam and also served churches in his native Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and South Carolina, where he remained a Clemson resident after retiring from his last church there. Thomas passed away in January 2018 at age 88. He was predeceased by Frances, his wife. He leaves many family members, including four children and eight grandchildren.

**William J. Warren** C'54, P'84, a medical doctor, passed away in September 2017 at age 84. He was a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. William's survivors include a Drew alumna, his daughter Susan Warren C'84.

**Ilse J. (Peterson) Meyer** C'55 passed away in Springfield, Missouri, in February 2018. She was 84. Her husband, Edward C. Meyer T'52, was also educated at Drew; he passed away the following month.

**Deborah A. (Norris) Crouch** C'56 met the love of her life at Drew—William C. Crouch T'56, '62. She became a Methodist minister's wife in the same year that she finished her bachelor's and he graduated from seminary. Debby and Bill raised four children and served churches in Montana, New York and Texas, ultimately returning to Denton, Texas, for their retirement. Debby passed away at age 83 in June 2018. She was predeceased by Bill and leaves a large family, including four children and 10 grandchildren.

**Betty Hartman** C'56 passed away in May 2018. She was a resident of Reno, Nevada.

**Jeane (Barbour) Petersen** C'56 passed away in August 2018, a resident of Tappahannock, Virginia. She was originally of Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Her survivors include a son and a daughter.

**Anna M. (Larson) Rosenberg** C'56 passed away in 2017.

**Lawrence P. Story Jr.** C'58 spent five years immediately after Drew as a naval officer in the Pacific. He married Lucille at the end of his service and then began a 40-year career as a realtor in New Canaan, Connecticut. Larry and Lucille were avid sailors in their 54 years of marriage, and they raised three children. Larry passed away in May 2018 at age 81. He is survived by Lucille, their three children, six grandchildren and two siblings.

**Richard A. Madigan** C'59, a resident of Dobbs Ferry, New York, died in April 2018.

**Herman O. Bips** C'62, T'66 passed away in March 2018.

**Shirley (Domb) Shalit** C'62 died at her Morristown, New Jersey, home in March 2018 at age 96. A lifelong resident of Morristown and a lifelong learner, Shirley earned her Drew degree as an adult and pursued a career as a textbook editor. She was widowed in 2003 by Nathan, her husband of over 50 years. She leaves their two daughters and a son-in-law.

**John M. Grenfell** C'63, a resident of Worcester, Massachusetts, passed away in April 2018 at age 76. A Methodist minister and pastoral counselor, he served churches throughout New York and New England and offered psychotherapy to members of underprivileged communities. After graduating from Drew, he earned doctoral degrees at Yale School of Divinity and Boston University School of Theology. He is survived by five children, four grandchildren and two sisters.

**Richard H. Olmsted** C'63, a Congregational minister, completed a doctoral degree at Yale after his time at Drew. He taught philosophy and theology at the collegiate level and served churches in Minnesota and in his native Massachusetts. Richard passed away in Wisconsin at age 77 in January 2018. He leaves his wife, Marjorie, one daughter and siblings. He was preceded in death by another daughter.

**Dennis A. Tarasevich** C'64, a New Jersey native, earned an MBA at New York University after graduating from Drew. He and Nancy, his wife of 51 years, began their family in New Jersey and then relocated to coastal

Southern California. They later retired to Arizona. Denny passed away at age 77 in July 2018, a resident of Gilbert, Arizona. He leaves Nancy and many family members, including their three children and eight grandchildren.

**James L. Murch** C'66 grew up in Johnson City, New York, and met the love of his life, Jane, at Drew. They were married in his graduation year, whereupon naval service took them to the Pacific Northwest. They stayed in Washington and Oregon, where Jim became a lawyer and then a judge, and they enjoyed the area, building a log cabin with friends in Bend, Oregon. As retirees, they traveled the U.S. with NOMADS, a Methodist volunteer group. Jim died in March 2018 as a resident of Salem, Oregon. He leaves Jane, two sisters and many other family members. He was an uncle to 12 and a great-uncle to 26.

**Charles H. Collins Jr.** C'68 was raised in Florham Park, New Jersey, and served in the Army before attending Drew. He remained a lifelong resident of Morris County. Chuck pursued a technical career and was also involved in many civic causes and in state and local politics, serving six years as president of the Roxbury Board of Education. He died in June 2018 at age 74. Preceded in death by his first wife, Takako, Chuck leaves his wife, Elena, two children, a stepdaughter, three grandchildren and two siblings.

**Marc P. Patrick** C'78, a native of Staten Island, New York, graduated from Drew and embarked on a decades-long managerial career in the shipping industry. He then went to Wagner College for a master's in education and became a history teacher. The Drew London Semester was the start of a love affair with travel, which Marc enjoyed throughout Europe and the U.S. and which sometimes involved supporting his beloved New York sports teams in their away games. He passed away at 61 in June 2018. Preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, he leaves four siblings, a sister-in-law and a niece.

**Stephanie A. Reiss** C'78 passed away at her home in Black Rock, Connecticut, in April 2018. She was 62. After graduating from Drew, she pursued a career in human resource management and had many interests, including reading, travel, sports, baking and helping the homeless. For the past several years, Stephanie co-owned a shop at Captain's Cove Seaport in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she sold hats. She leaves three siblings.

**Dorothy M. French** C'80 passed away in July 2018 while looking out at the ocean from her home in Avon-by-the-Sea, New Jersey. She was 78 and a lifelong New Jerseyan. As a mother of three teenage children, Dorothy earned a degree at Drew and then became a financial analyst on Wall Street. She retired in 2006. She volunteered generously, honing her construction skills on 10 Habitat for Humanity work projects and serving as an ordained elder in four Presbyterian congregations. Dot leaves Wally, her high school sweetheart and husband of 58 years, and other family members, including three children and six grandchildren.

**Jacob A. Neufeld** C'84 of Boise, Idaho, was formerly of Moorestown, New Jersey. Known to many as "Dr. Jay," he passed away in September 2017. He leaves his wife, Wendy, his mother, and other family members, including two sisters and their children.

**David M. Soroka** C'84 of Clark, New Jersey, maintained a lifelong interest in math and physics, both of which he enjoyed studying at Drew. He read avidly and found satisfaction in tutoring others. His father recalls Drew as "an open sesame for Dave's love of knowledge." Dave passed away in December 2017.

**Kimberly J. (Henderson) Gustafson** C'91 pursued a sales career in the food industry after graduating from Drew, and she completed an MBA in 2003. A Pennsylvania native, Kim's work took her to Nashville, Atlanta, Denver, London and eventually to Colorado, which became her favorite home base. In April 2018, she passed away unexpectedly at her home in Salida, Colorado. She was 48. Kim leaves one sister.

**Charles E. Toms III** C'99 was a chemist. He performed three semesters of independent research at Drew and then pursued graduate chemistry studies at Lehigh. He was employed as a scientist and program manager. He was also an enthusiast of New Jersey's vineyards and wines and was the published author of a book highlighting them. He passed away at home in Colonia in April 2018. Charlie leaves his parents, a grandmother, and many close friends and relatives.

**Jennifer L. Doering** C'03 of Roslyn Harbor, New York, passed away in April 2018. Jennifer leaves her mother, three siblings and other family members, including two nephews. She was predeceased by her father.

**Toni H. (Koch) Kampf** C'06 earned a master's degree at the University of Missouri after completing her bachelor's at Drew. She became a resident of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and was the associate director of the student union at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. Toni passed away in August 2018 along with her infant son. She leaves her husband, Joseph, her mother, two siblings and other loved ones, including her mother-in-law, nieces and nephews.

**Larissa A. Schaffnit** C'07 pursued her interests in fine art and environmental science at Drew and continued with them after graduation. She also collected and sold vintage and antique goods. She passed away in March 2018, a resident of New Jersey. Larissa leaves her parents, three siblings and many pets.

### Theological School

**George E. Thomas** T'42 lived to be 100. The Philadelphia native met Carmel, his future wife, at Drew. They married in the summer of 1942, and he became a Navy chaplain. Their twin sons were born while they were posted to San Francisco. George's naval career included a year at Harvard Divinity School. After retiring from the Navy, George and Carmel became educators. George died a resident of Cornwall, Pennsylvania, in May 2018. Widowed in 2011, George is survived

by their sons, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Edward C. Meyer** T'52 passed away in Springfield, Missouri, in March 2018. He was 91. His wife, Ilse J. Meyer C'55, was also a Drew graduate, and she predeceased him by a few weeks.

**Olon Rex Lindemoor** T'53 grew up in Idaho, completed college in Oregon and then enrolled at Drew. While serving as a student pastor at a Methodist church in Brooklyn, New York, Rex met Verna, and they married while he was still in seminary. They served Methodist churches in the Northeast, the Pacific Northwest and the Upper Midwest, eventually retiring to Penney Farms, Florida, where Rex passed away in February 2018 at age 89. He leaves Verna and many family members, including three sons, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by three grandchildren.

**John C. DeBoer** T'54 was born in India, the son of Reformed Church missionaries. He became an engineer at the University of Michigan and worked for Grumman Aircraft in the World War II era. He later became a Congregational minister and a published author. John's ministry took him and his wife, Clara, to New Jersey, Vermont and New York City. They eventually retired to Arizona and then to Reno, Nevada. As a widower, John relocated again to Windsor, Vermont. He passed away at age 94 in April 2018. John and Clara leave two children, four grandsons and seven great-granddaughters.

**Barbara (Nan) Peterson** T'55 loved her work as an elementary school teacher and her service as a pastor's wife. Born in Seattle and raised in Montana, Barbara traveled extensively with her husband of 54 years, Edward C. Peterson C'46, T'49,'54, with whom she also shared a Drew connection. Together, they raised four daughters. In March 2018, Barbara passed away at age 86, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas. She was preceded in death by Ted and is survived by a large family, including four daughters, 10 grand-children, two great-grandchildren and three siblings.

**Robert W. Crowther Jr.** T'56,'77, P'77,'79, A'07 served in the Air Force after high school and found his call to the ministry. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania and graduate degrees at Drew and at Princeton Seminary. He served Methodist churches throughout South Jersey and attended almost 70 years of services at the South Seaville Camp Meeting. Active to the end, Robert bowled weekly on a team with a son and grandson, and his recent travels included Alaska and Maui. He passed away in May 2018 at age 89, a resident of Spring Lake, New Jersey. He was predeceased by Mary, his wife of 66 years. He leaves four children and their families, including eight grandchildren and three great-granddaughters. His survivors include two younger generations of Drew alumni: Deborah Crowther Pritchard C'77, Jonathan

B. Crowther C'79, Molly Waldron Crowther C'82 and Jessica A. Crowther C'07.

**Clifton E.A. Gatewood Jr.** T'56 served Methodist congregations for 40 years and remained very involved in his New York City church after retirement. He passed away in December 2017.

**Robert E. Nida** T'56 met his wife of 61 years at Drew—Jeanette C. Nida C'56. Bob also earned a doctoral degree at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, and spent nearly 40 years as a pastor in the West Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church. He passed away in April 2018, a resident of Waverly, Ohio, at age 86. Predeceased by Jeanette, Bob leaves four daughters and their families, including seven grandchildren, two great-grandsons and a sister.

**Charles C. Thayer Jr.** T'56, an Episcopal priest, passed away at his home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in April 2017. He was 85. Charles and his Drew alumna wife, Evelyn M. Brush Thayer C'55, were married in 1956. His active ministry took them to parishes in Tennessee, Minnesota, Wisconsin and his native Virginia. They settled in Sioux Falls in 2006. He gave of his time to many civic and denominational organizations. Charles was predeceased by his son. He leaves Evelyn and family members, including three grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

**William M. McOmber** T'57 was a native of Ohio. He centered his Methodist ministry there, serving many churches, and then retired to St. Marys, Ohio. After completing a master's degree at Drew, he earned a doctoral degree at United Theological Seminary. He passed away at home in March 2018 at age 88. Bill enjoyed 68 years of marriage with Dottie, who survives him, along with their four children, nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**Joseph Franklin Moist** T'58 completed undergraduate work at Juniata College and then attended Drew and was ordained in 1958. He had a long career in hospital chaplaincy and Presbyterian parish ministry in the Northeast, continuing as a supply minister into 2017. He passed away in April 2018, a resident of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, the same town in which he was born. He was 84. Frank leaves many nieces and nephews and their families.

**John E. Jameson** T'64 grew up in Florida, served in the U.S. Army in Germany in the 1950s and then completed undergraduate work at Penn State. After earning a master's at Drew, he completed a doctoral degree at Lycoming College. His parish ministry included Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Florida. He also worked to provide housing for the urban poor and to bring Meals on Wheels to Altoona, Pennsylvania. John died at age 86 in his Duncansville, Pennsylvania, home in February 2018. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Sally, and family members, including four children and many grandchildren.

**Richard H. Sanford** T'67 pastored many Methodist churches, principally in the

Western Pennsylvania Conference. He held district- and conference-level leadership roles and took mission trips to Haiti and Appalachia. He passed away in February 2018 at age 79, a resident of Meadville, Pennsylvania. He is survived by Myrna, his high school sweetheart, whom he married in 1959, and many family members, including two children, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**James H. Zeisloft Sr.** T'58,'78 spent his undergraduate years at Penn State and then became a Methodist deacon and began seminary at Drew. He pastored several Methodist churches in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and traveled to South Africa as a mission representative. He passed away at age 90, a resident of Harrisburg, in May 2018. James was preceded in death by Jean, his wife of 62 years. He leaves three children and their families, including two grandchildren.

**James E. Howard** T'60 was born on his family's farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; served as a student minister in the Pennsylvania Coal Region; and eventually settled in New England. Jim became a vice president with ITT Sheraton, had long involvement with the American Friends Service Committee and built Habitat for Humanity houses in Nepal with Peggy, his wife of 46 years. They traveled worldwide and spent the past 20 winters in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Jim died at age 84 in June 2018, a resident of Peterborough, New Hampshire. He leaves Peggy, two children and a sister.

**Matthew V. Labriola** T'60, a Methodist minister, passed away at age 89 at his Brewster, Massachusetts, home in August 2018. He served churches and engaged in popular art ministry programs throughout New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. He is survived by Sandra, his wife of 26 years, along with his former wife and their five children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Donald C. Thompson** T'62, a New Jersey native and Methodist minister, held a master's and two doctoral degrees. He marched with Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez, served in Peru with Methodist missions and celebrated Christmas by purchasing small livestock for underprivileged families through World Vision. He passed away in Port Charlotte, Florida, in November 2017 at age 81. Predeceased by his wife, Jane, and one grandson, he leaves seven children and their families, including 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Robert S. Boston** T'64 was born in Oregon in 1935. He served in the Air Force upon high school graduation, translating Russian military communications. At Drew, he met his future wife (Beverly Cole Boston C'64). They were married the year they both graduated from Drew and served many Methodist churches in New York, Idaho and Vermont. Robert died in Schenectady, New York, at age 83 in April 2018. He was preceded in death by Beverly. He leaves two

## Drew Mourns the Death of Ben Davol C'82

**Proud father, loyal friend, wise political strategist.**



**Benjamin D. Davol** C'82 passed away unexpectedly in New Haven, Connecticut, on September 8, 2018, while participating in a bicycle ride for charity with his friend Pete Smith C'80. Ben was 58 and a resident of Stonington.

Ben studied political science at Drew and pursued a career in political consulting.

Ben's father was a career naval officer who knew John McCain's father. From age 7, Ben was aware of McCain's imprisonment in Vietnam and eventually watched his 1973 release on television. Ben went on to run McCain's successful 2000 presidential primary campaign efforts in Connecticut and New Hampshire. The campaign relied upon the tireless efforts of hundreds of volunteers, and Ben was credited with coordinating the troops with no money.

McCain died in August 2018, and Ben was interviewed about him on National Public Radio. It was not anticipated that Ben would outlive him by only two weeks.

Ben was also a writer, contributing to *The Hartford Courant*, *The New London Day* and other periodicals.

The good qualities that were evident during Ben's time at Drew—those of a caring and loyal friend—persisted into his career, setting Ben apart. He is remembered for the increasingly rare quality of spanning all politics, having friends of every political stripe.

His mother was from Australia, and Ben equally embraced his Australian heritage, enjoying leg of lamb and an Old Yankee Ale as part of his favorite meals.

Of Ben's many accomplishments, he was proudest of his role as father to Emily (of Washington, D.C.) and Charles (of Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts), who survive him. An only child, Ben was preceded in death by his parents. He also leaves his former wife, Tricia Crowley; several cherished cousins in the U.S. and Australia; and many friends. Drew friends have already shown their support to the family, with over 30 Drew mourners attending Ben's memorial service.



Drew friends who traveled to Ben's memorial service.

children and their families, including four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two siblings.

**Doris J. Conway** T'64 passed away in August 2018 in Granville, Ohio, where she resided. An Indianapolis native, she spent much of her working life in community and human development through the Institute of Cultural Affairs and its predecessor, the Ecumenical Institute. Her work took her throughout the U.S. and to Canada and Indonesia. Doris leaves two children and their families, including four grandchildren and other loved ones.

**John D. Painter** T'69 earned an undergraduate degree at West Virginia Wesleyan College, where he met Tina, who would become his wife of 52 years. He pursued active parish ministry for 45 years and retired to Central Florida in 2010. He passed away

at age 74 in May 2018, a resident of Orlando, Florida. John leaves Tina and one son.

**John H. Swann** T'76 was born in Connecticut as the son of Scottish immigrants. He met Judy, his future wife, as an undergraduate at the University of Connecticut, and they shared 59 years of marriage. He became a Presbyterian minister, serving churches in New York, Massachusetts and Florida. Jack and Judy divided their retirement between Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Atlantic Beach, Florida. Jack passed away in Jackson Hole in June 2018, surrounded by loved ones. He leaves Judy and their family, including three children and four grandchildren.

**Gard L. Rowe** T'78, A'06 enjoyed a pastoral career of almost 70 years, serving several churches throughout the Northeast. He also worked tirelessly in interfaith

circles and joined the Selma-to-Montgomery March. He shared over 40 years of marriage with Astrid, whom he met while a student pastor in Whitman, Massachusetts. He died in July 2018 at age 96. Preceded in death by Astrid, Gard leaves a large family, with four children, six grandchildren (including Drew alumna Laura Moss Bubeck C'06), two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two sisters.

**Norma A. Rust** T'78, a lifelong resident of Simsbury, Connecticut, passed away in May 2018. She was 86. In her ministry, Norma pastored several churches in her home region. She retired twice and then ultimately served in retirement as pastor of visitation with her home church, Simsbury United Methodist. Norma was preceded in death by her husband, Frank. She leaves several relatives, including a niece and a nephew.

**Allan J. Cease** T'79, of Dallas, Pennsylvania, passed away at age 72 in April 2018. A Methodist minister, he served many churches in Pennsylvania's Wyoming Valley. Allan is survived by Lynne, his wife, and by one son.

**Charles F. Christiansen** T'79, a Baptist minister, served churches in New York, with 28 years at Greece Baptist Church in Rochester, New York. He founded the Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf and Clothing Closet. Upon retirement in 1994, he served as a Methodist visitation pastor. He died in May 2018 at age 87, leaving his wife, Nancy, and family members, including two sons and two grandsons.

**Donald C. Esslinger** T'82 served with the Army in the Korean War, then became a minister after working in business and earning an MBA. His parish ministry included UCC churches in his native Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania. He passed away at age 88, a resident of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in June 2018. Donald shared almost 60 years of marriage with his wife, Doris, and their family includes two children and two grandchildren.

**Wade H. Houston** T'83 was buried with full military honors after service as an Army chaplain that included time in Germany and Vietnam. After leaving active duty, hospital chaplaincy became the focus of his ministry, which included 21 years as chaplain at the VA Hospital in East Orange, New Jersey. In that time, he completed doctoral work at Drew. Wade passed away in March 2018 at age 86. He leaves Louise, his wife of 63 years, and family, including three children, six grandchildren and four sisters.

**George H. McNeely** T'85,'90 passed away at his home in Charlotte, North Carolina, in January 2018. He was 64. George shared a Drew connection with his wife, Cassandra M. McNeely T'84, who preceded him in death.

**Wendell E. Minnigh** T'85 earned degrees from Allegheny College and Boston University School of Theology before enrolling at Drew. His career as a Methodist pastor included churches in Massachusetts, New York and his native Pennsylvania. He traveled to all 50 states and many other countries. Wendell passed away in May 2018 at age 81 at his

## Charles Rice: Scholar, Priest and Leader

He influenced many who now mourn his loss.



**Charles Lynnel Rice** was generous with his time and talent as a scholar, an educator, a priest and a spiritual leader. He passed away on October 10, 2018, in Tucson, Arizona. He was 81.

Born in Chandler, Oklahoma, he moved to Costa Mesa, California in his boyhood and graduated from Newport Harbor High School. He went on to earn degrees at Baylor University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary and Duke University. He was first ordained a Baptist minister at age 19, in his native Chandler.

Charles' Duke degree was a PhD in religion. While a graduate student at Duke, he became a minister in the United Church of Christ. In 1970, he joined the faculty of the Drew Theological School. In 1984, he made a life-changing pilgrimage to Taize, an ecumenical retreat center in France. He was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1987 and ordained to the priesthood in 1988 at Grace Church in Madison.

Along with teaching for 32 years at Drew, Charles chaired the Theological School building renovation and expansion. He also engaged in active ministry during his years at Drew, serving 11 parishes in the Episcopal Diocese of Newark and other parishes in Pennsylvania and Maine. Charles retired from Drew in 2002 as Professor Emeritus of Homiletics. He said, "It is with deep regret that I retire from the faculty of the Drew Theological School. But knowing that the school is in such great hands makes that easier."

As a retiree, Charles continued to lead groups to Taize. He also continued to teach at the Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center in the mountains of Pennsylvania, where he gave 20 years of leadership as a member of the board.

Charles leaves Robert Barker, his partner of over 40 years, whom he married in 2014 and with whom he had resided in Tucson for the past several years. He also leaves his brother, Wayne, along with many nieces and nephews and their families. Charles' influence on the future of Drew will continue, as he graciously included Drew in his estate plan.

home in Concord, New Hampshire, with family present. He is survived by Beverly, his wife of 56 years, and two children and their families, including seven grandchildren and two of his four siblings.

**Tom H. Collins** T'56 grew up near Drew, in rural New Vernon, New Jersey, and completed a bachelor's at Rutgers. After a few years of teaching, he renewed acquaintance with Leslie, a friend from his childhood church, and they were married in his time at Princeton Theological Seminary. Decades of Presbyterian parish ministry and outreach followed, including 32 years at Hickory Street Presbyterian Church in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and a 2011 call to the Santee (South Carolina) Presbyterian Church. Tom died at age 74 in January 2018, a resident of Santee. He leaves Leslie, his wife of 44 years, and family, including two sons, two grandsons and three siblings.

**John William Talbott** T'86, a Maryland native, earned degrees at Frostburg State University, American University and Wesley Theological Seminary before earning a doctoral degree at Drew. A Methodist minister, he actively served in Maryland and Florida for 47 years. He passed away surrounded by family in Delray Beach, Florida, in March 2018. He was 79. Bill's survivors include Joanne, his wife of 56 years, two daughters, two grandsons, a sister and other relatives.

**Alexander A. Aiton** T'90 was a native New Jerseyan who served over 40 years in active Episcopal ministry in New Jersey, Central Pennsylvania and Iowa. Al passed away in July 2018 a resident of Ames, Iowa. He was 68. He leaves many loved ones, including three daughters, six grandchildren and two sisters.

**Royce Robb** T'91, a Methodist minister and lifelong Texan, served many congregations and was Conference director of evangelism and missions. He also served as president of the Jasper Lakes Area Humane Society. Royce passed away in February 2018 at age 84, a resident of Jasper, Texas. Preceded in death by Betty Lou, his wife of over 60 years, Royce leaves three children and their families, including eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Shirley B. (Seabrook) Cathie** T'93 co-founded the Plainfield (New Jersey) Community Church of God with her husband, Burton. Ministry and education were central to her life. She grew up in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and went on to earn bachelor's and doctoral degrees from Rutgers, along with master's degrees from Montclair State and Drew, and to teach at Rutgers. She enjoyed over 60 years of marriage with Burton, including 50 years as co-pastors. Her ministry and educational

endeavors took her beyond New Jersey to places such as El Salvador, Russia, Western Europe, South Africa and the Holy Land. Shirley died at age 91 in October 2017. She was predeceased by Burton and leaves many loved ones, including two daughters, three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a sister.

**Nancy Townley** T'93 was a Massachusetts native who became a minister and served numerous churches, eventually retiring from St. Paul UMC in Castleton-on-Hudson, New York, and relocating to Maine, where she became active in the West Kennebunk UMC. She was also a published author and a jewelry maker, who formed a small Cape Cod jewelry business with two of her sisters. Nancy passed away in February 2018 at age 74, leaving James, her husband of 56 years; a granddaughter; and two sisters. She was predeceased by her daughter.

**Georgia Frye** T'97 grew up in Carthage, North Carolina, and became a teacher, earning bachelor's and master's degrees at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. After over 30 years of teaching, she answered the call to preach, earning a master's at Shaw University in Raleigh and a doctoral degree at Drew. Her North Carolina parish ministry included two AME congregations in the Sanford district and a Presbyterian church in Carthage. She passed away peacefully in May 2018 at age 86 in Carthage. Georgia was preceded in death by her husband, James. She leaves loved ones, including a nephew and many cousins.

**Andrew H. Willis** T'98 passed away at age 80 in October 2017. He was a resident of Philadelphia.

**Gordon H. Tremaine** T'99 held degrees from Dickinson College, Virginia Theological Seminary and Drew. Episcopal parish ministry took him from New Jersey to Florida, where he later became CEO of the Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County and served there until his retirement in January 2017. He died unexpectedly at home in Gainesville, Florida, in March 2018 at age 63. Gordon leaves many family members and friends, including two sons and a sister.

**Hyung Il Moon** T'01 was an award-winning opera singer from Seoul, Korea, and a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army Special Forces. He built a performing career in the U.S. and then became a Methodist minister, serving churches in Washington, D.C., and Virginia. He passed away at age 55 in July 2018, a resident of Williamsburg, Virginia. At the time of his death, he was pastor of Susanna Wesley UMC in Gloucester, Virginia. He leaves his wife, Yeon Sook Jung, two daughters, his mother and two brothers.

**James P. Biedenharn Jr.** T'04 was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, and became a Methodist minister, serving several churches throughout his home state. Always known as a storyteller, Buck published a collection of stories in 2017. He passed away at home in March 2018 at age 71. He is survived by

Clare, his wife of 41 years, and two sons and their families, including three grandchildren and two siblings.

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**Alvin S. Rudisill** G'67, a Lutheran pastor, completed a doctoral degree at Drew. He was also a Fulbright scholar at Heidelberg University and held degrees from Gettysburg College, the Lutheran Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. His career included decades at the University of Southern California, where he held roles as chaplain, associate professor, medical ethicist and builder of bridges between the university and its neighbors. He died at age 89 in February 2018. He is survived by many beloved friends and family members, including his wife, Janice, two children, five stepchildren, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**James F. Strange** G'70 grew up in Texas and became a Baptist minister and biblical archaeologist. He held a degree from Yale Divinity School and a doctoral degree from Drew, founded the Somerset Hills Baptist Church (now in Basking Ridge, New Jersey) and participated in the civil rights movement. He taught at the University of South Florida in Tampa for 46 years. His archaeological digs took him to many sites in the Holy Land, and his lectures took him throughout Europe. He died at home in March 2018 surrounded by family. He was 80. He is survived by Lillian, his wife of 57 years, and four children and their families, including six grandchildren.

**David G. Massey** G'79 held degrees from Nyack College, New York University and Drew, where his doctoral dissertation focused on the novels of Willa Cather. His career included time as a machinist, a Presbyterian youth pastor, a developer of software and finally in his own business, where he designed and created stonework for home landscaping. David passed away in April 2018 at age 71. He is survived by Joan, his wife of 31 years, and many family members, including two children, two grandchildren and two siblings.

**Yang Sun Choi** G'95 attended Seoul National University and then moved to Massachusetts in 1974 to attend Harvard Divinity School. He went on to spend over 30 years as a pastor in Woodside, New York. He passed away at 82 in May 2018, a resident of New Milford, New Jersey. He leaves his wife, Young Hee, and family, including three children, 11 grandchildren and two siblings.

**Joyce C. McNeill** G'05 was a retired professor who lived in Boonton, New Jersey, and was involved in the Boonton Rotary and Boonton Historical Society. She died at age 77 in July 2018. She leaves her husband, Donald, and three daughters and their families, including seven grandchildren.

**John D. Healy** G'15 was a lifelong resident of Little Falls, New Jersey. An attorney, he maintained a 47-year legal practice there. He passed away at 72 in March 2018. John leaves his wife, Shelley, and his mother.