

In Memoriam_Spring 2024



Pauline June Woollard Armfield '42 LIG



Horace Caulkins Ford '48 DUS

Horace Caulkins Ford, known to everyone as Bob, went to be with his Lord Jesus on June 15, 2023, in the comfort of his home in Harbor Springs.

He is survived by his first wife, Dorothy Booth Miller, their sons, Jeff (Karen) and Jim (Laurie) Ford of Harbor Springs. His wife, Annie, preceded him to glory, and blessed him with three daughters, Carey (Jens) Mammen who live in Empire, Lee Ford in Harbor Springs, Chris (Brian) Gettel in Grand Rapids. Bob's legacy also includes 13 grandchildren: Peter (Sarah) Ford, Zachary (Bobbie) Ford, Gretchen Ford, Hanna Ford, Riley (Kate) Ford, Connor and Emily Ford, Corinne (Jacob) Barker, Erin (JC) Bicek, Graham Gettel, Clune, Sloane and Clare Walsh. Bob was also fond of his 12 great grandchildren who range in age from 3 months to 14 years old.

Born September 23, 1930, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Bob was the son of the late Frederick and Esther Ford and brother to the late Frederick Sloane Ford. In his youth, Bob attended the Detroit University School (now called University Liggett School). After he graduated from Taft School in Watertown, CT, Bob attended Michigan State University before enlisting in 1949 in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves for three years. In 1958, Bob married Ann Woodruff, and worked in commercial and residential real estate management and development, including the Ford Building in Detroit. Bob served on many boards of businesses, schools, and churches, such as University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe, the Little Traverse Yacht Club in Harbor Springs, and Harbor Hall in Petoskey among others. Bob was a friend of Bill W for about 50 years.

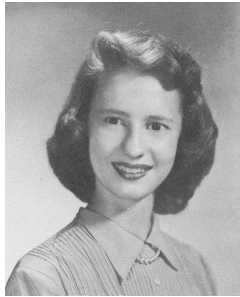
Some of his favorite philanthropies include Trinity Missionary Church (Petoskey, MI) and the Church of God (Vero Beach, FL) Hillsdale College and the Humane Society. His personal interests were in the sky or on the water. Around 1960, Bob qualified as a private pilot achieving his multi-engine and instrument rating. After raising their daughters in Grosse Pointe, Annie and Bob spent their time between Vero Beach, FL and Harbor Springs, MI from 1981–2008, with their twilight years spent in Harbor Springs year-round. Bob's roots stem from a long line of sailors. His parents and grandparents were first on the water with steamships, then like his dad and brother, he raced sailboats in the Mackinac Races and NMs on Little Traverse Bay. As he aged, Bob and Annie enjoyed cruising in the North Channel. His family's favorite memories include Ford reunions at the Killarney Mountain Lodge, Ontario. He also was a huge Red Wing hockey fan.



Susan Renfrew '49 CDS

Susan Wheelock Renfrew, 92, of San Francisco died on Tuesday, January 2 at Kaiser Hospital in Vacaville, Ca surrounded by her family after suffering an unexpected illness. She is survived by siblings Cynthia Willis of Deerfield, IL and Richie and Lisa Wheelock of Kalaheo, HI, children Robin and Ali Renfrew of Cameron Park, CA, Todd and Marty Renfrew of Vacaville, CA, and James and Jenna Renfrew of Excelsior, MN, 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Preceded in death by daughter Taylor Renfrew Ingham. She was born June 19, 1931, in Cleveland Ohio to Virginia and Wendell Wheelock. Her family moved to Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, when she was young. She graduated from Grosse Pointe Country Day High School and attended Vassar College for three years before getting married to Charles Renfrew and finishing her undergraduate degree in English at Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan in 1953. She moved to San Francisco, CA in 1956 where her husband at the time, accepted a position with Pillsbury Madison and Sutro. Sue was an avid painter and began a 20 plus year career as an art teacher at Edgewood Center for Children and Families. She was also a leader at the Guild for Psychological Studies in San Francisco.

She was loved by all that knew her and will be missed terribly by all that were lucky enough to spend time with her.



Sidney Boales Whelan '50 LIG



Leonard Smith '52 DUS

Leonard Wheeler Smith, 89, passed away Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, at home in Grosse Pointe.

Leonard was born April 18, 1934, in Detroit. He grew up in Grosse Pointe before attending the Taft School in Connecticut. He graduated from Yale University, where he made lifelong friends, then earned a law degree from the University of Michigan, where he met his wife, Nancy. Leonard was involved in philanthropy most of his career, initially transitioning from practicing law at Clark Hill to becoming president and chairman of the Skillman Foundation in 1983. He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club and The Yondotega Club.

Leonard was a knowledgeable and respected foundation leader, dedicated steward and mentor to many over his career. Under his stewardship, the Skillman Foundation's endowment grew significantly. During his time with the Flinn Foundation, he developed a more collaborative relationship between philanthropy and state government that led to significant improvements in mental health delivery and treatment in Michigan. Leonard served as trustee and chairman of the Council of Michigan Foundations and was a board member for numerous foundations in the Detroit area.

An avid sportsman, Leonard played tennis, hockey and golf throughout his life and enjoyed inter-club squash at the University Club, where he also served as president. He coached youth hockey for several years at the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, where he was known as "Coach Smitty," before going on to lead the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association.

For Leonard, skiing was a way to bring family together. He and Nancy raised their children on the slopes of the Otsego Ski Club in Gaylord and later spent family

vacations skiing together in Park City, Utah. He was a fan of all Detroit sports teams and a longtime season ticket holder with the Red Wings and University of Michigan football, where he tailgated with Nancy's two brothers and their families.

Leonard and his family spent time together at the Wheeler-Smith family cottage on Higgins Lake, where they enjoyed lively conversation on the front porch and around the fire. Higgins Lake was a place to gather every summer with extended family, including Nancy's family.

His parents were Hal H. Smith Jr., and Margaret Wheeler Smith. Leonard was predeceased by his son, Thompson L. Smith. He is survived by his spouse, Nancy R. Smith; daughters, Deborah Smith (Jason Jones), Susan Smith Geraghty (Vincent) and Elizabeth Smith. His grandchildren are Walter Geraghty, Thompson Geraghty, Margaret Geraghty and Christian Smith.

A remembrance reception will be held 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.



Rosemary Chesbrough McNair '53 CDS

Rosemary Chesbrough McNair passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at the age of 87. Rosie was born to parents, William and Helen Rosemary Chesbrough on February 14, 1936. She was the youngest of the Grosse Pointe Chesbrough clan.

She went to Country Day School and then attended Wheaton College in Massachusetts before transferring to the University of Michigan.

Rosie married Russell Arthur McNair Jr, also from Grosse Pointe, in 1957. They lived in Ann Arbor for the first few years of marriage where she worked while he finished law school. They then moved to Grosse Pointe where they raised their three children.

Rosie was an engaged member of Sigma Gamma, The Junior League of Detroit and the National Society of Colonial Dames. She loved all sports and was always a competitive player in tennis, paddle tennis and golf. She was also an avid bridge player and loved all manner of card games. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rosemary is predeceased by her youngest child, Douglas S. McNair, and brothers, William Chesbrough and Richard Chesbrough. She is survived by her husband, Russell A. McNair, Jr, and sister, Helen Elizabeth ("Betsy") Maitland; children, Julie McNair

Schwerin (Michael F.) and Russell A. McNair,III (Jennifer Kohnen); grandchildren, Monica S. Tessler, Natalie S. Roth, Michael M. Schwerin("Mac"), Peter K. Schwerin, Eloise J. McNair, Charlotte C. McNair and Russell W. McNair ("Webber"), as well as 6 great grandchildren.

Rosemary will be deeply missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Lynn Markus White '54 LIG

Lynn Markus White of Sarasota, FL and formerly of Grosse Pointe, MI, died peacefully in September 2023 at the age of 86. She was a loving wife, incredible mother, grandmother and friend, a gifted artist, and a beautiful light in this world. She is survived by daughters Lindley White and Shelley Dolan (Tim), and two grandchildren she adored, John and Riley Dolan.

Lynn grew up in Grosse Pointe, attending The Liggett School and later the University of Michigan. Shortly thereafter, she met Bob White, the love of her life and best friend for 54 years. In Michigan, she loved being a first and second grade teacher, but her favorite roles were always wife, mother and grandmother. After many family vacations to Siesta Key, Lynn and Bob eventually built a home there, and the years marked a wonderfully happy next chapter for them both. The beach and Church of the Palms were favorite places for her. She could often be found at the church daily, helping in the food pantry, supporting memorial services, planning music and worship, or tutoring children, which she did for 23 years.

Lynn was a lifelong artist and a prolific painter of all kinds of artwork, especially birthday and holiday cards, and Christmas ornaments which adorn walls and Christmas trees each year all across the country. Among her many remarkable qualities, Lynn will be remembered most for her kindness, generous spirit, unwavering optimism, and her love of children, family, and friends.



Joan Le Gro Bushnell '55 GPUS

Joan LeGro Bushnell, age 86, passed away on December 4, 2023. Beloved wife to the late George Bushnell. Cherished mother to David (Helene) Bushnell. Adored grandma to Trent Bushnell, Tate Bushnell, Joy Beth Mangus, Matthew Mangus, and Ava Taylor.

Joan was born and raised in Detroit, MI on March 20, 1937 to Frank and Emily LeGro. Throughout her life, Joan wore many hats - author, actress, playwright, poet, nightclub vocalist, composer, educator - just to name a few. Joan immersed herself in the world of theatrics - singing at the age of three, composing music at the age of seven, and having her poetry published in National Anthology in the seventh grade. She filled her brain with the knowledge of theater arts and writing by attending various colleges across the United States - from Massachusetts to Vermont and even California. After college, Joan was offered a position to co-host Michigan's first FM Radio talk show and achieved her licensure with the Federal Communications Commission.

While singing at a local piano bar in the Bahamas, Joan met the true love of her life - George Bushnell. It was love at first sight. Just over a year later, the two were married and brought their son, David, into the world. George and Joan each shared the importance of appreciation and knowledge of theater arts with their son David. Joan's success continued to flourish as she grew into her new life of marriage and motherhood. One of her own melodramas, in which she not only authored but composed as well, was performed at the esteemed Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland.

After George's passing, Joan still continued to write and direct various plays and even authored a few recipe books. She adopted her dear dachshund, Sophie, who became her favorite child (unbeknownst to David). Joan showcased the life of a true thespian. She will be truly missed.



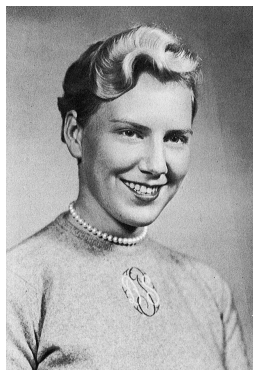
Sue Laurence Wehmeier '55 LIG

Sue Wehmeier, 86, passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 16, 2023, surrounded by family at Corewell Health Beaumont Grosse Pointe Hospital. She was born May 1, 1937, in New York City, to Elmo Donald Laurence and Bernice Hazel Sheppard. Her stepfather was Durell Sterling Richards. She grew up in Owosso and Grosse Pointe.

A proud graduate of The Liggett School and University of Michigan, where she was a member of the Collegiate Sorosis sorority, Sue received a master's degree in education from Saint Clair College. She was a special-needs teacher for many years in the Lakeview School District.

Sue enjoyed traveling, playing bridge, playing piano and arranging flowers — especially blue hydrangeas — and her dogs. She was known for her apple and cherry pies. She spent her latter years living in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

Sue was married for 28 years to the late Benjamin Lionel Gravel and 30 years to the late Paul Henry Wehmeier. She is survived by her children, Anne Elizabeth Gravel and Benjamin Lionel Gravel Jr., (Eleanor "Tuppy"); her three beloved grandchildren, Maysie, Lia and Jimmy Makrianes; and stepchildren, Alexandra Fortna and Wilson Wehmeier.



Dorothy Petrosky Dettlinger '56 GPUS

Dorothy Dettlinger, 86, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2024. She was a former resident of Grosse Pointe. "Dottie" was born Nov. 4, 1937 to John and Corinne Petrosky. She graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1956. Her lifelong work was raising her four children and creating a welcoming home for family and friends. She was involved with the Junior League of Detroit and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Dottie also was an avid traveler and took many trips to Europe with her husband, Bill. She loved the arts and was a prize-winning quilter and an accomplished painter. Dottie loved home decorating and refurbished several homes that became memorable gathering places for her children and grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Bill; great-granddaughter, Audrey Eckert; and brother, Dale Petrosky. She is survived by her daughters, Darby Paddock (Anthony) and Dayle O'Keefe (John); sons, John and Peter (Peggy); grandchildren, Raleigh Eckert (Robert), Drew Dettlinger (Stephanie), Madison Dettlinger, Mackenzie Ruffcorn (Michael), Molly Paddock, Zach Dettlinger (Eugenie), Gretchen Carter (Austin) and Emmett and Addison O'Keefe; and great-grandchildren, Albert and Oliver Eckert and Jack and Barrett Dettlinger.

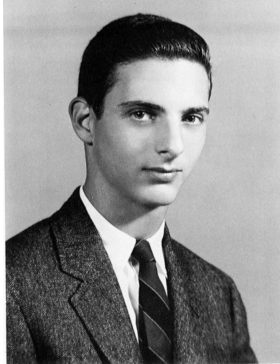


Mason Ferry '57 GPUS

Mason Ferry passed away peacefully on Sept. 1, 2023. Mason was the son of Dexter and Marian Ferry, born August 16, 1939 in Detroit, MI. An alumnus of Grosse Pointe University School '57 and Princeton University '61, he was a veteran of the US Army. Mason had a long career at the National Bank of Detroit as Trust Officer before pursuing philanthropic endeavors. He led the expansion of the Detroit Science Center (now MI Science Center), tripling the former exhibit space. He was responsible for the design & construction of the new History Center of the GP Historical Society. He donated his time, talent, and treasure to Inland Seas, St. Patrick Senior Center, and other organizations.

Among his interests were historic arms and artillery. He was a member of the 1st MI Light Artillery Regiment (Loomis' Battery). He had a passion for antique arms, art and architecture, sailing and history including Detroit.

Mason is survived by his wife of 40 years Mary Kaye Ferry (nee Schrage), sisters Marian Williams (Gray) and Julia Hale, his children Joshua Ferry (Lisa), Charles Kukawka (Theresa), Elizabeth Schneider (Kurt), Cheryl Kaye, Sara Guetzkow, and Clifford Kaye, his grandchildren Jay Gild (Joshua), Brady Kukawka, Molly Kukawka, Joseph Kukawka, Julia Kukawka, Lydia Kukawka, Harrison Kaye, Charlotte Kaye, Cecilia Kaye, Jack Schneider, Sophia Schneider, Taylor Haggarty, and Dylan Haggarty.



James Michelson '59 GPUS

James "Jim" Michelson, 82, of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, died on July 26, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Bonnie Michelson. Cherished father of Jamie (Beth) Michelson, Pam (Paul) Rensch, Hon. Laurie Michelson, and Debbie (Pierre) Fuger. Proud grandfather of Rebecca (Peter Acquisto) Michelson, Brooke (Alex Lautzenheiser) Michelson, Connor Rensch, Payton Rensch, Michael Fuger, and Avery Fuger. Loving brother of the late Sally (the late Marvin) Davidson. Dear brother-in-law of Bruce (Beth) Tubin.



Colin James McNaughton '66 GPUS

Colin McNaughton of Louisville, Kentucky passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his lovely garden, art collection, his beautiful wife Anne Carter Speed McNaughton and his newborn granddaughter, Anne Parker. Colin's tremendous capacity to love, laugh and entertain will be carried on in his loving memory by his children, wife, family and friends.

Colin is the son of John N. and Christine K. McNaughton. He was raised in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan and attended Grosse Pointe University School. He graduated from Yale University in 1970.

After leaving university, Colin returned to Michigan and started a family with his former wife, Margaret Harris. He and Margaret raised their children, spending summers in Tawas and in Huron Mountain, MI. As a caring and adoring parent, Colin imparted his sense of adventure, creativity and guidance, and as he did, encouraged each of his children to live life to the fullest.

Colin was an entrepreneur and he loved to tinker in his workshop throughout his life. He administered several patents and loved to invent.

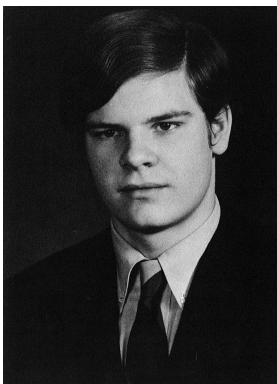
In 2006, on a ski slope in Steamboat, Colorado, he met and fell in love with the love of his life, Anne Carter Speed, affectionately known as Woo. After a short courageous journey of discovery, the two were soon married. Colin moved to Louisville

and embraced Woo's children and the two families grew into a rich and energetic kinship. As best friends, Colin and Woo spent 17 years together with their children, traveling, hosting friends, fully loving each other and their shared passions.

Colin was an avid storyteller, a flavorful cook, a talented host and graceful dancer. He loved to be surrounded by people and welcomed others into his life with true friendship and joy. Colin was a lover of the outdoors, ice hockey, cycling, hiking, spending summers on Lake Superior and cultivating his garden in Louisville.

He was a member of the River Valley Club and the Huron Mountain Club. Colin supported many causes that were important to him including the J. B. Speed Art Museum or the Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

Colin is survived by his wife, Woo McNaughton, children Jennifer Miller, John McNaughton (Jennifer) Elizabeth McNaughton (Patrick), John Speed Meyers (Jing) and Austin Speed Wolford (Andrew); Sisters: Marge McNaughton, and Christine Cameron (Gary); close cousins: Telena Presley (Bernard), Tina Presley (Greg), Pepe Presley (Edna) and Jim Presley; grandchildren Sky and Catalynn McNaughton, Carter Zheng Meyers, Anne Parker Wolford, Shawn and Christine Taylor. Colin will always be cherished for his warmth, brilliance and humble generosity. He was a giver of love without boundaries and his gifts for nurturing and sharing will continue in our hearts forever.



John Michael Getz '71 GPUS

John Michael Getz, 70, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, godfather, and uncle passed away peacefully at his home in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI surrounded by family and friends on November 30, 2023. Mike was born in Grosse Pointe, MI on December 11, 1952 to Sheila Costello and Arthur Getz. He attended St. Clare of Montefalco for grade school, U of D Jesuit High School, and graduated from Grosse Pointe University School (GPUS). Mike graduated with a BA in Economics from Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where he pitched for the varsity baseball team and developed treasured and lifelong relationships at Psi Upsilon. He would later go on to receive his MBA from the School of Business at the University of Michigan.

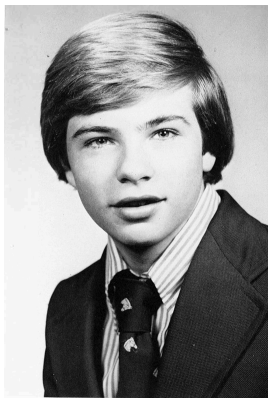
Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Kathy; daughter, Allison Sullivan (Kevin) of Grosse Pointe, MI; son, John Michael Getz, Jr. (Sabrina) of Greenwich, CT; daughter, Molly Sheldon (Oliver) of Pelham, NY; son, Max Getz (Eliza) of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; older brother, Arthur Getz, Jr. (Betsy) of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI; and younger brother, Charles Getz (Marna) of Draper, UT. Mike and Kathy were high school sweethearts at GPUS, where Mike caught Kathy's eye while cheerleading for his football and basketball teams. Married in 1976, Kathy and Mike raised their four children across the Grosse Pointes. Mike was deeply committed to his family. He was always an advocate for his children and never missed an opportunity to tell them he was proud of the families each had built.

Additionally, Mike was a cherished grandfather, affectionately referred to as "Gramps" by his 10 grandchildren: Teddy and Emma Sullivan (Allison and Kevin); Leela, Samson, and Millie Getz (Michael, Jr. and Sabrina); Lucy, Tommy, and Maggie Sheldon (Molly and Oliver); and George and Charlotte Getz (Max and Eliza). He treasured spending time with family, celebrating birthdays, and cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events and school activities.

Professionally, Mike devoted his career to his family's business, Detroit Oxygen & Medical Equipment Company, which his father founded and later sold to his three sons. In high school and college he would answer phones and drive delivery trucks across Southeastern Michigan bringing medical equipment to people's homes. Later in life, while partnering with his brothers, Mike served as Treasurer and led the company's financial operations. After retiring from Detroit Oxygen, he further fostered his passion of working with others by serving on various business and social boards. Near the end of his career he enjoyed fulfillment afforded through his involvement as a mentor for graduate students at The University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Mike reveled in spending time with family on Walloon Lake in Northern Michigan and taking walks along Lake St. Clair. He was actively involved at the Yondotega Club, The Grosse Pointe Club, and a past member of the Country Club of Detroit for 30 years. He enjoyed politics and served as a Michigan precinct delegate in 1984 for the Republican National Convention. Mike enjoyed storytelling, had a passion for music across multiple genres and took great pride in exploring family history. He was a deep thinker who valued quality education and thought-provoking conversations. All of his interests and enjoyments were complemented by his quick and well-timed wit.

Mike's idea of continually making the world a better place was rooted in education and coaching. One of his greatest passions was his love of coaching youth baseball, which helped define the Getz family legacy, started by his father, within Little League Baseball across the state of Michigan. He coached his sons' Little League teams from 1988-2002 and was especially proud to show people his 2002 12 year-old All-Star team's Michigan State Championship bricks at Elworthy Field. Mike loved coaching because he believed he was teaching kids and young men lessons they could use throughout life.



Rocco Abessinio '77

Rocco Joseph Abessinio, 64, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly in February. Rocco was born to Dr. Daniel and Yvonne (nee McEwen) Abessinio in 1959. He attended University Liggett School before studying economics (as well as euchre and backgammon and a few other things) at Hillsdale College. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity where he gained lifelong friends. He received his Bachelor of Arts in 1982.

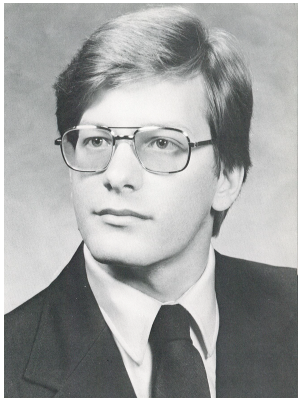
While working in Chicago he met the love of his life Holly Adams, to whom he was happily married for the past thirty-three years. Together they raised three children, and in recent years welcomed three grandchildren.

After getting his start as a trader in Chicago where he held a seat on the Chicago Board of Trade, Rocco had a long and successful career with Direct Buy where he inspired many he led to not only be better at their job, but just to be better people. After Direct Buy Rocco had a noteworthy career as a technical recruiter where he will be remembered not only for his amazing talent acquisition skills, but for his smiling face and positive attitude. He was known everywhere he went as a joyful and generous man, making lifelong friends all over the world. He was quick to show love to those around him and offer whatever they needed – a home-cooked meal, a cup of coffee, a cigar, one of his famous jokes, or some sincere words of encouragement. No one ever felt unwelcomed in Rocco's presence or his home.

A lifelong Michigan sports fan, Rocco was blessed in the final year of his life to

accompany his wife, children, and grandchildren on outings to see the Tigers, the U of M Wolverines, and the Lions. An active sportsman himself, Rocco played pickleball many times a week alongside Holly and their loving Grosse Pointe Yacht Club pickleball group.

Rocco will be dearly missed by his family and innumerable close friends. He leaves behind his wife Holly; his children Austin (fiancée Rachel Goldberg), Haley Doherty (John), Emma Wood (Reed); his sisters Carmela, Andrea, Nora, and Jennifer (fiancée Michael Bisch) ; and his three grandchildren Kilian, Iris, and Nellie. He often remarked that the greatest joy in his life was being the world's best "Pop-Pop" to his beloved grandchildren. He is also survived by his very special cousin of the same name, Rocco Abessinio, who was a lifelong inspiration to him and his family.



Mark Anthony Delie '80

Mark Anthony Delie, age 61, passed away suddenly in August 2023 at home in Clearwater, FL. Mark was born April 23, 1962 in Detroit, Michigan and resided in Macomb County until he relocated to Florida in 2020. He was predeceased by his parents, Judith Ann (Ayres) Delie and David L. Delie and his younger sister Kathleen Ann (Delie) Grover. Mark is survived by his loving wife Sandra (Clark) Delie, of Clearwater, FL, and his siblings Darlene Delie Hernalsteen (Louie DiVergilio) of Washington, MI, David (Shari) Delie, Jr. of Washington, MI, Christine (Delie) Kitchen of Clearwater, FL, along with his many nieces and nephews, cousins and life-long friends.

Mark received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his Master's from University of Southern Illinois. He joined the U.S. Army and served his country doing Military Intelligence until his honorable discharge. He worked for a local plumbing contractor doing various duties until his disability.

Mark's hobbies and passions included hunting, fishing, his beloved cats, playing online games, WWII history and watching James Bond movies and old John Wayne westerns. He also enjoyed reading J.R.R. Tolkien books as well as watching them on film. Mark will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.



Evelyn Mary Scoville '81

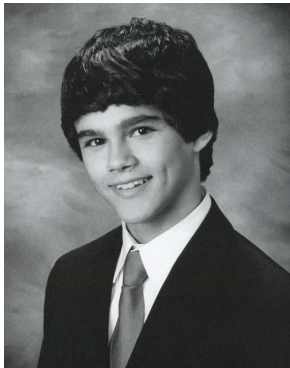
Evelyn Mary Scoville, age 60, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully in October 2023 in Charlestown, MA. She was born January 17, 1963 in Detroit, MI to Laurence M. Scoville, Jr. and Lynn Bayne Johnston '55 GPUS and grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI. She was a graduate of Hamilton College. On June 28, 2005 Evie became Mom to her beloved daughter, Laura Grace.

Evie founded Scoville Solutions, a talent management consulting firm focused on the legal industry in 2015 after 20+ years' experience in legal personnel at Choate Hall & Stewart, WilmerHale, and Dewey Ballantine. Before joining the legal profession, Evie spent three years as an administrator at the Hackley School in Tarrytown, N.Y., where she also taught English, served as an advisor and coached the girls' varsity lacrosse team. Active in professional associations and her local community, Evie is a past member of the National Association for Law Placement's Ethics and Standards Committee and is a past president of the Massachusetts Area Legal Recruitment Association.

Evie felt very connected to the Charlestown community. She and Laura were committed volunteers for Gardens for Charlestown and faithful members of St. John's Episcopal Church where she was a former member of the vestry and served on various committees. She was a former chair of the board of directors and a coach of the Charlestown (Mass.) Lacrosse and Learning Center. She loved being with her community especially at Halloween when she hosted her extended family for trick or treating in Monument Square.

Evie loved playing lacrosse for her high school, and at Hamilton College where she still holds the goalie record for Single Season Goals Against Average. She grew up a Detroit sports fan and became an avid and loyal fan of all Boston sports teams. However, she was the biggest cheerleader and fan at all her daughter's, nieces' and nephew's choir performances, dance recitals, school and sporting events. And she found special pride and enjoyment watching Laura perform with the Boston Children's Chorus. Evie's greatest joy was to spend time with her daughter, her family and friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Grace, and her brothers: Laurence McConway Scoville '85, III and his wife Lynne Connor Scoville '88 of Ann Arbor, MI, Robert Johnston Scoville '89 and his wife Sarah Allen Scoville of Bedford, MA and her five adored nieces and nephew; Louise, Katherine, Andrew, Lucy and Evelyn. She was predeceased by her parents, Laurence and Lynn Scoville, Jr. '55 GPUS.



Steven Andrew Morris '09

Beloved husband of Olivia. Loving son of Robert (Leigh Solomon) and the late Jeanine Pflager. Dearest brother of Colton, Gisele, Zoey, and Janelle Pflager (Brad Bestine) and uncle of 2. Dear grandson of Joyce Morris (the late Gerald) and Lenore Pflager (the late Ben). Also survived by his uncle, Gerald Morris (Karen), aunt, Wendy Morris, best friend, Blake Chouinard, and his remaining family and friends. Visitation for Steve took place Sunday, February 4th.

Former Faculty/Staff



Muriel Brock, faculty/coach emerita

Muriel Elaine Brock, 94, passed away peacefully at her home with her dog, Daisy, by her side on April 2, 2024. She was born in New Haven, CT on August 9, 1929 to C. Raymond and Elfie Blakeslee Brock. She was a 1947 graduate of the Day School in New Haven, CT and received her B.S. degree from the Bouve Boston School of Physical Education, a division of Tufts University. After college she moved to Grosse Pointe, MI where she worked in many capacities at University Liggett School for 37 years. The impact she had on all who knew her was immeasurable. Her greatest pride was coaching girls in field hockey, tennis, lacrosse and ice hockey. She started the girls' lacrosse team at Liggett and the high school girls ice hockey program in the state of Michigan. Muriel received many accolades throughout her career (Michigan High School Coaches Field Hockey Hall of Fame, Michigan High School Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and University Liggett School's

Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame), but watching her students and athletes understand commitment and teamwork brought her the most joy. She also started the University Liggett Day Camp where she served as Director for 25 years.

Spending as much time as possible outdoors was important to Muriel. She could be found walking her dogs, playing golf, or competing on the tennis, paddle or pickleball court. Muriel immersed herself fully in her community. She was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church; and accompanied by her beloved dogs she volunteered many hours at the Children's Home of Detroit, nursing homes and reading programs for children. She was predeceased by her parents, her brother, sister and numerous dogs, and is survived by her sister, Thelma Bonnar of Canton, CT as well as many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 1pm at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church followed immediately by a reception at the Boll Campus Center at University Liggett School. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church or Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.



Brigitte von Huene Peck Reid, faculty/staff

The incredible life of Brigitte Reid ended peacefully on December 11, 2023, one month shy of her 90th birthday.

She was born Baroness Brigitte Anita von Hoyningen-Huene on January 20, 1934, the first daughter and the fourth of six children. Brigitte's American mother, Aimee Freeland Ellis, and German father, Baron Heinrich von Hoyningen-Huene, were both studying at the Sorbonne when they fell in love in Paris between the first and second world wars. They moved to Germany where they bought the family's beloved 2000-acre estate at Blumenhagen north of Berlin. The family lived peacefully in this bucolic setting until World War II shattered the beautiful life they had created. When Brigitte was seven years old, her father, whom she adored, was killed by Russian soldiers. This left her mother alone, far from her family in the US, with five children and a sixth on the way. Shortly thereafter, along with her mother and siblings, Brigitte was forced to leave their home, their family, friends, dogs, horses, house, art,

cars — everything they loved and had ever known as home. It was devastating and life-altering, as war is.

The story of the family's escape from Germany is worth reading and has been published (details below).

Upon arriving in the states, with the help of her family, Brigitte's mother bought a farm and the family settled in Maine. Brigitte went to school in Brunswick, Maine before attending Wheelock College in Massachusetts to get her teaching degree. After graduating, she moved to Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and remained a beloved member of the community for the rest of her days.

Brigitte married Eliot Peck in 1955, and their union eventually produced two daughters, Andrea Elise Peck and Marina Celia Peck. Her marriage to Mr. Peck ended in 1975. Laudably thereafter, Brigitte managed to earn her master's degree in education from Wayne State University while working full time and raising two young daughters.

In 1976, Brigitte met John Reid, a former Royal Air Force navigator from Scotland. He was the love of her life. They remained happily together until his death in 2005.

Widely respected and beloved, Brigitte taught first grade at University Liggett School as Mrs. Peck from 1977 until 1988, and as Mrs. Reid until her retirement, at age 65, in 1999. She continued to volunteer at the school, organizing art projects and reading to the children, well into her 80s. Exceptionally creative, she was a talented artist and photographer, winning accolades from *Life* magazine and working for a time at Liggett as the official in-house photographer. On a more personal note, the gingerbread houses she designed, created and decorated were legendary and coveted. A Mayflower descendant through her mother's ancestry, the walnut shell Mayflower model ships she helped the children create at Thanksgiving were also treasured by their families.

Brigitte was passionate about teaching, and she loved first graders. Highly regarded for her ability to help young children flourish and learn to read fluently, her classroom was a space where each child felt safe and loved, while she also encouraged them to be brave and adventurous. She found something special about each child. She talked about equipping each student with the tools they need to be happy and successful in life and the ability to experience joy from simple things (she called it "joy

from dandelions.”) She instilled in each of her students the importance of gratitude, perseverance, kindness, empathy, and good manners. She empowered them with the belief that they are capable of doing anything and solving challenging problems; and that they are important and lovable just as they are.

To the loving exasperation of her daughters, Brigitte was a person whose own early life was an incredible story, and she didn't hesitate to tell everyone and anyone who would listen all about it, often more than once. Brigitte's family is especially grateful for the loving, attentive care she received at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the new audience of cohabitants and caregivers who listened attentively and enthusiastically to her stories during the last four years of her life.

Our world has lost one of its kindest, wisest, and most empathetic and generous souls, and we are certain she has been received in heaven with great rejoicing and celebration.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Reid; her parents, Aimee and Heinrich von Hoyningen-Huene; and brothers, Friedrich, Michael, and Christian. She is survived by her daughters, Andrea Peck Ross and Marina Peck Riedel; grandchildren Robin Grace Ross, Tanner Nicholas Riedel, and William MacLean Riedel; son-in-law, Ralph Riedel; sisters Dorothee (Greenberg) and Sigrid (MacRae); and dear friend Heather Mayernik and her children, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. She will be missed tremendously.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Merit Scholarship fund at Liggett in her name. uls.org/scholarship

The book about her family's escape from Germany is titled *A World Elsewhere: An American Woman in Wartime Germany*, by Sigrid MacRae. (Viking Penguin).



Kathryn R. Trim, faculty/staff

Kathryn R. Trim age 93, of Saline, Michigan passed away in June 2023.