

# In Memoriam

2015




# Deoprayaga - Headwaters of the Ganges

Bhagirathi River

Alakananda River

The Ganga





Let your eye go to the Sun; your  
life to the wind; by the  
meritorious acts that you have  
done, go to heaven, and then [for  
rebirth] to the earth again;

Or, resort to the Waters, if you  
feel at home there...

Rig-Veda X, 16,3



**Katherine “Kittu” Riddle ('35);**  
Student; Mother of Dorothy  
(’60), Bill (’64), and Patty  
(’65); life partner of Margot  
Kostenbader. July 2014

Kittu published her  
autobiography, “A  
Nourishing Life” and  
founded Nourishing  
Space for Women near  
Tuscon, AZ.





**Laura Elizabeth Mulligan ('36)**; mother of Dennis & Thomas Mulligan; sister of Marge Slater Boxwell, Marion Slater Berry, & Eben Slater (all Woodstock students); wife of Myles Mulligan. May 2014.



## Laura Slater

She attributes her economical size to her diet of goat's milk and raw (chicken) eggs. Born in Grimbsy, Canada, she nevertheless considers herself a *pukka* Woodstockian, having been here since K. G.s.

"Kids appeal to me more than chemistry", she says, and spends her spare time teaching a class in the elementary Sunday school, where, (by unofficial rumour) she is not above making faces to keep her charges interested.

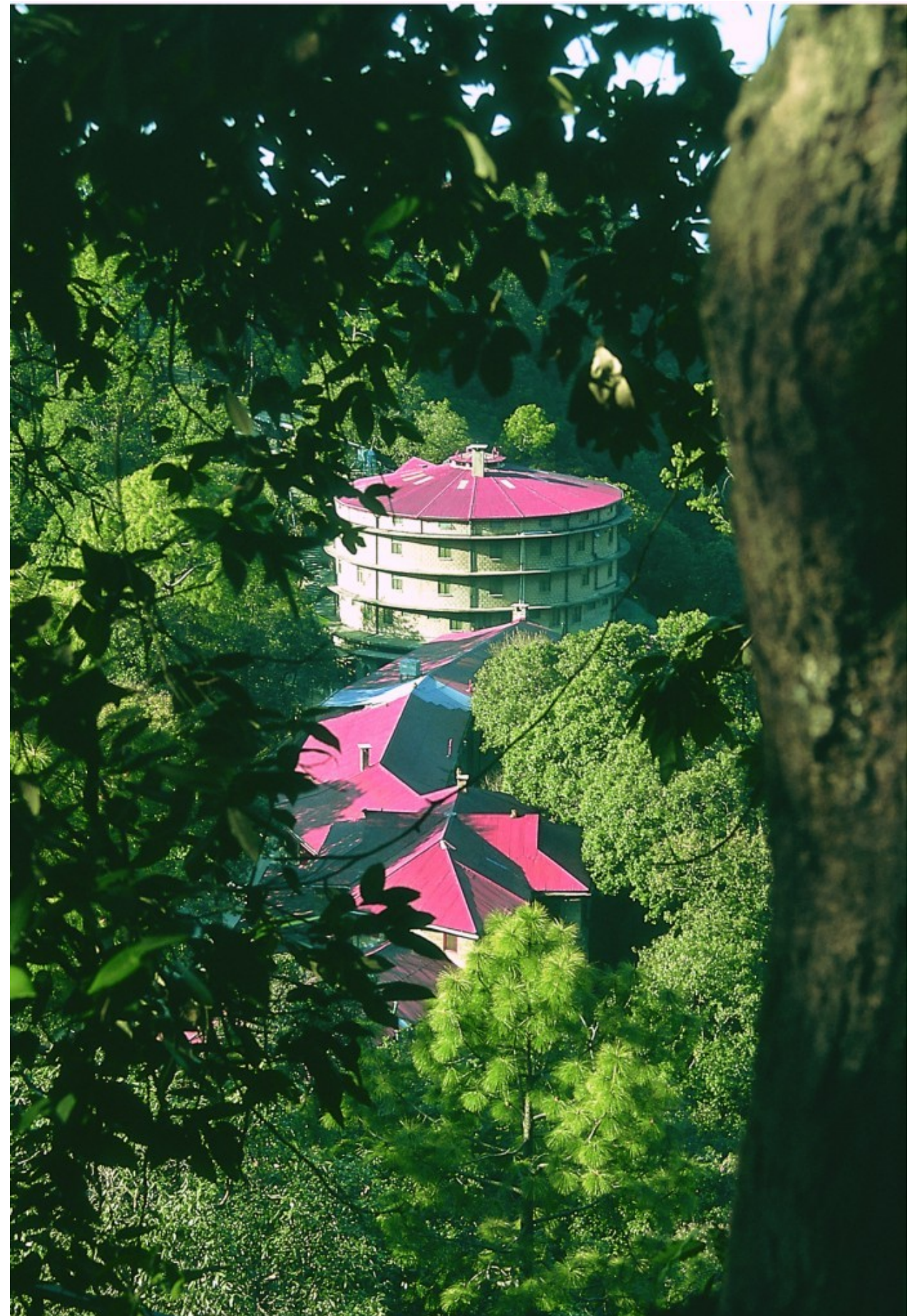
Works out her size complex on voluminous English reports (gets going so fast that the building jars at the end of every line).

1936 Whispering Pine



**Lowell Bollinger ('39);**  
husband of Joanne

Lowell received the Bonner Prize, the highest award given by the American Physical Society, for his contribution to nuclear physics.





## Marguerite **Boyce Fetzer** (**'39**)



### MARY MARGUERITE BOYCE

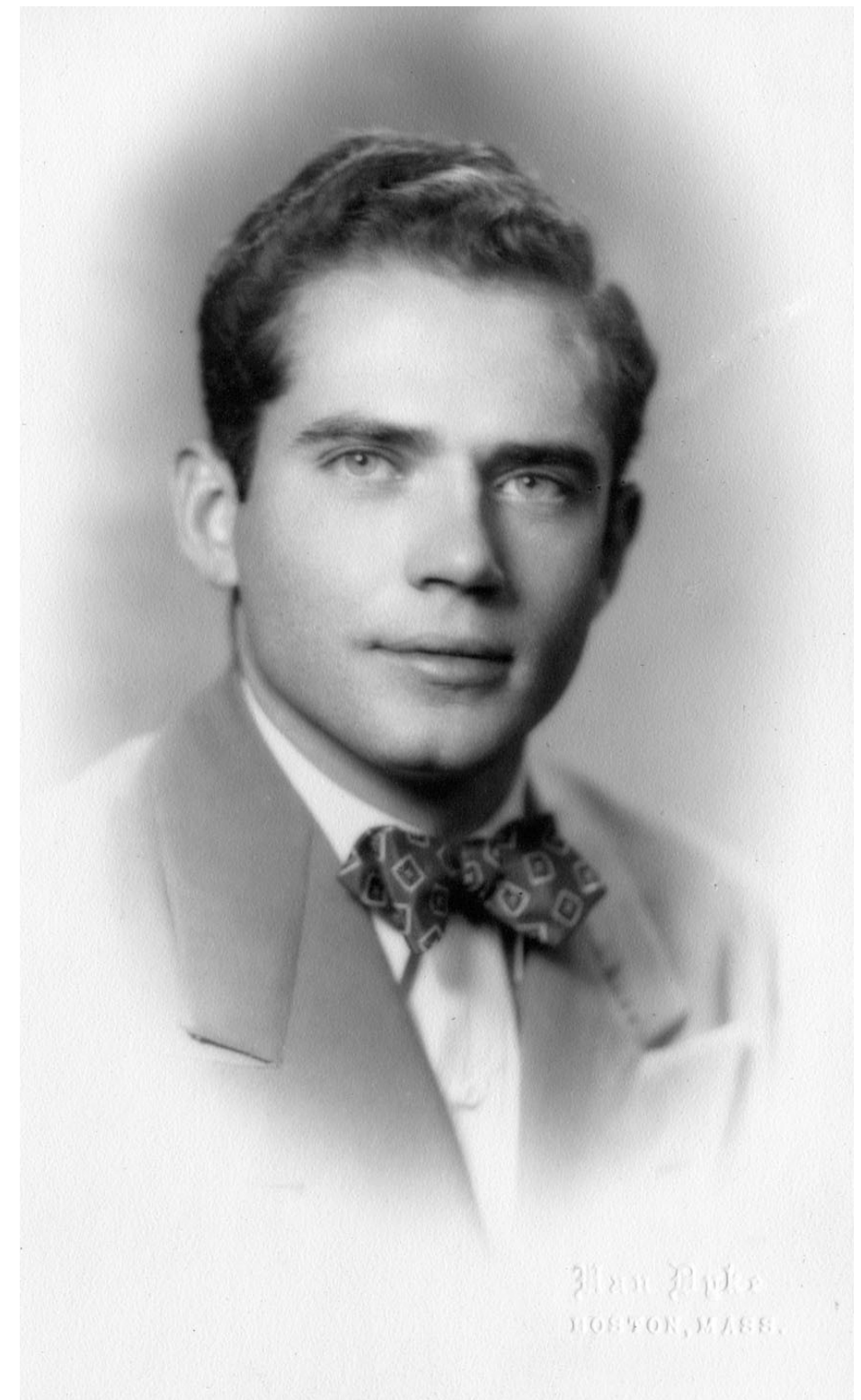
"Giti," though both gifted in and ardently fond of classical music, does not confine either her talents or interests, for that matter, along the one line. It is true she faithfully practises on both piano and viola, sings a good alto in the Glee Club, and was instrumental in organizing the Senior Octette. But Giti's interests are too scattered to be specific. Because of a wide scope of reading, she can express herself capably and sincerely on poetry, politics, religion, life in general.

As a skilful accomplice in any college prank, she is probably very versed in the art of making pie-beds, though quite averse to confessing the fact. She sails over 4'2" with ease. She plays basketball, accepts responsibility, and even ran the risk of governorship in 1937. Mischievous, yet also quiet and reserved, she played an important rôle in Woodstock Senior life.

Whispering Pine, 1939

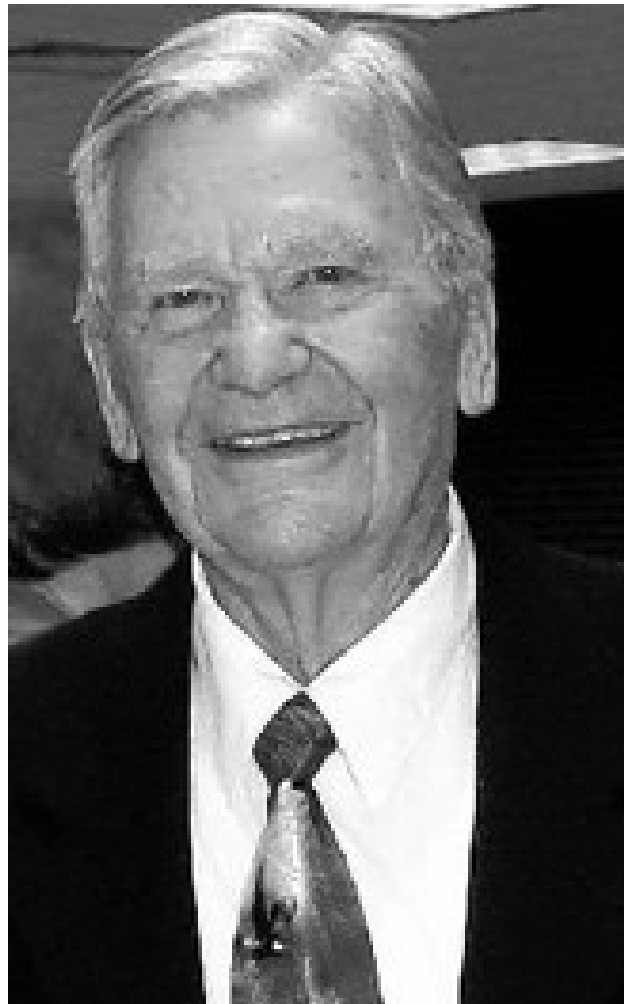


**Wilbur H. Lyon, Jr. ('40);**  
brother of Cameron Lyon ('39),  
Lois Lyon-Newman ('44), &  
Dorothy Lyon Bushnell ('48);  
husband of Joan Lyon.





# George William Supplee ( '40 ); October 2014



GEORGE WILLIAM SUPPLEE

at a variety of musical instruments, namely the cornet, the piano and the more "tainted" sax. As they say, Bill has an "ear for music" and an enviable knack for picking up instruments and tunes with ease. His four years of band experience both in Woodstock and in Assam will doubtless come in handy some time in his evangelical career, if there is anything in the dog-eared maxim that "music hath charms."

However, it should be said of Bill that he never tries to preach to his class-mates. He has that part of his education still to come. Moreover, all of Bill's time is not taken up with music and religion, for he has many and varied pursuits which are just as important to his education. Sports (he was an intramural award winner) definitely comes into his scope of activities; not to speak of mumps (temporarily). A looker-on-the-bright-side-of-things, obligingly helpful in the extreme, Bill is noted as an "early-bird" to showers, a bread-and-milk addict (though a teetotaler) and a raucous and hearty guffaw-er.

Scouts ...	...	'38, '39
Latin Club	...	'38
Dramatics	...	'40
Band ...	...	'38, '39 '40
Senior Orchestra	...	'38, '39 '40
Junior Orchestra	...	'38
Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.		

• Seniors •

... missionary ...

A believer in the policy that training for lifework begins in high-school is Bill. Ever since he first set foot on Woodstock soil, Bill has kept before him his ideal of a future life job in teaching and preaching to the unlettered folk in foreign lands, such as the one in which he was reared, Assam. And on the preparation for that goal he has focussed his energies and activities in Woodstock. As a first and very important prerequisite for missionary work, Bill is an earnest church-goer, spurning the temptations of Community Centre Library. More than that, however, is the conscientiousness with which he attends every Christian endeavor and Young Peoples' Fellowship Band without fail—a quality which is something to be admired among Hostelites. In addition he gives his undivided attention to Dr. Alter in Scripture class like a true zealot. Although Bill pegs away at his studies, he is more noted for his proficiency



"BILL"

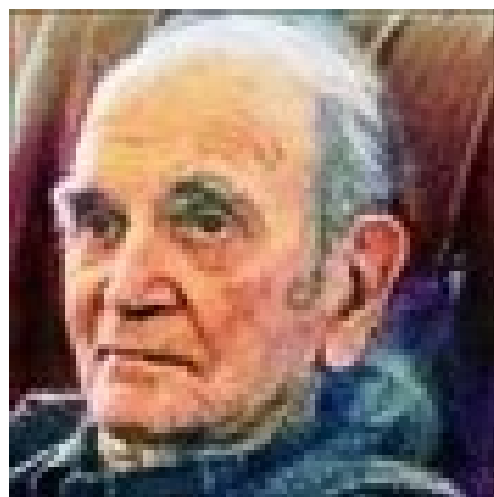


**Erma Alley Wagner ('40); sister of Raymond Lee Alley ('42). January 2015.**





**Norman Williams ('40);**  
father of Karen, Timothy,  
Heather, Gail, & Scott;  
husband of Winifred  
Williams. October 2014.



### ... journalist ...

Under an immense mop of straight brown hair, labors the super-brain of a super-cynic... that of our editor—a writer and misogynist who swears by “Time” and doesn’t have to worry about enemies, for he doesn’t have any.

During his stay in Woodstock, Williams has shown considerable journalistic talent which first brought him into prominence as capable editor of the “Tiger.” Before the last issue had gone to press, the class had unanimously voted him editor of the 1940 “Whispering Pine.” So Williams had obtained silver threads among the brown piecing together overdue material and drawings and scheming to make this annual the best year-book produced yet.

Yet Williams was not the constantly studying type. Between Annual meetings and school hours, he starred on the left field at softball, played varsity tennis or worked up a good reputation as a skilful basketballer.

It is true that Williams carries a pun around on the tip of his tongue and always finds time to pounce upon his “quiet” and unsuspecting class-mates with some foolish practical joke which usually ended in a scrap.

A lover of music, Williams has proved himself well as a musician. He tried to air his voice in the Senior quartette and regularly wheezed out solo cornet parts in the band. When he was not throwing pieces of chalk at the french-horns while Mr. Leonard’s back was turned. Actually it is only his tendency to get very silly at times.

He says that since the funnies have caught his attention, he is so thrilled at the exploits of Super-man, that he has decided that he would rather be a star reporter with X-ray eyes and super-tough skin, who can fly faster than an airplane, and swim faster than a ship, etc., etc., than just a fireman, when he grows up.



NORMAN RIDER WILLIAMS



“WILLYAMS”

Editor of the “Whispering Pine”	...	’40
Editor of the “Tiger”	...	’39
Minister of Publications	...	’39
Member of Parliament	...	’38
Treasurer	...	’38
Latin Club	...	’38
Softball	...	’40
Basketball	...	’39, ’40
Tennis	...	’39, ’40
Scouts	...	’38
Chemistry Laboratory Assistant	...	’40
Band	...	’39, ’40
Quartette	...	’40
Dramatics	...	’40
Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.		

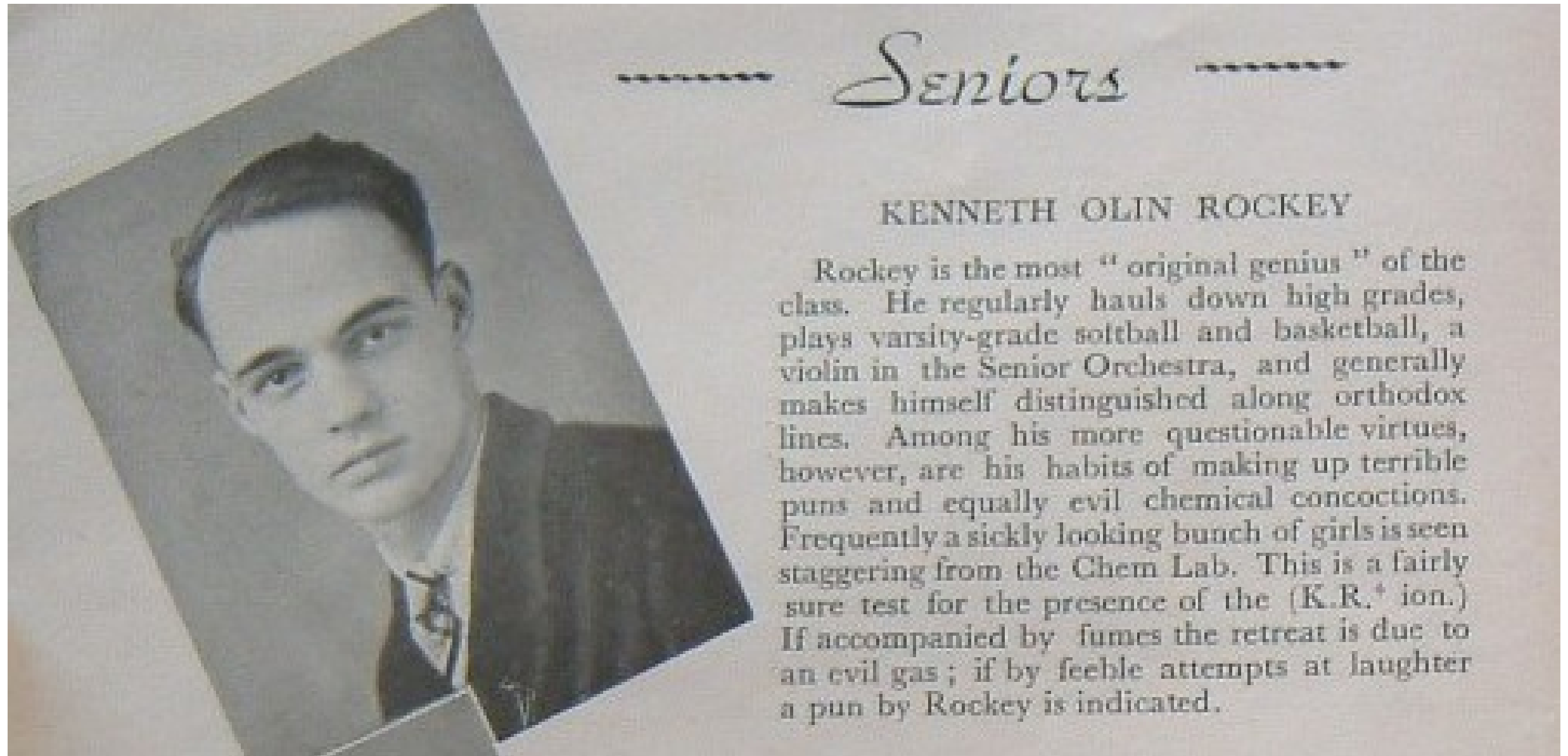


**Elizabeth Harrison Benny ('42);** mother of James & Robin; wife of Donald Benny. August 2014.





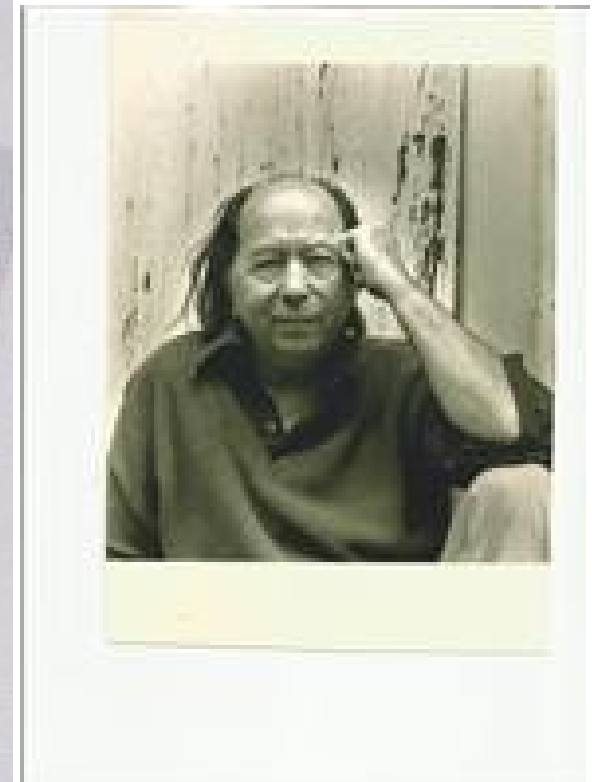
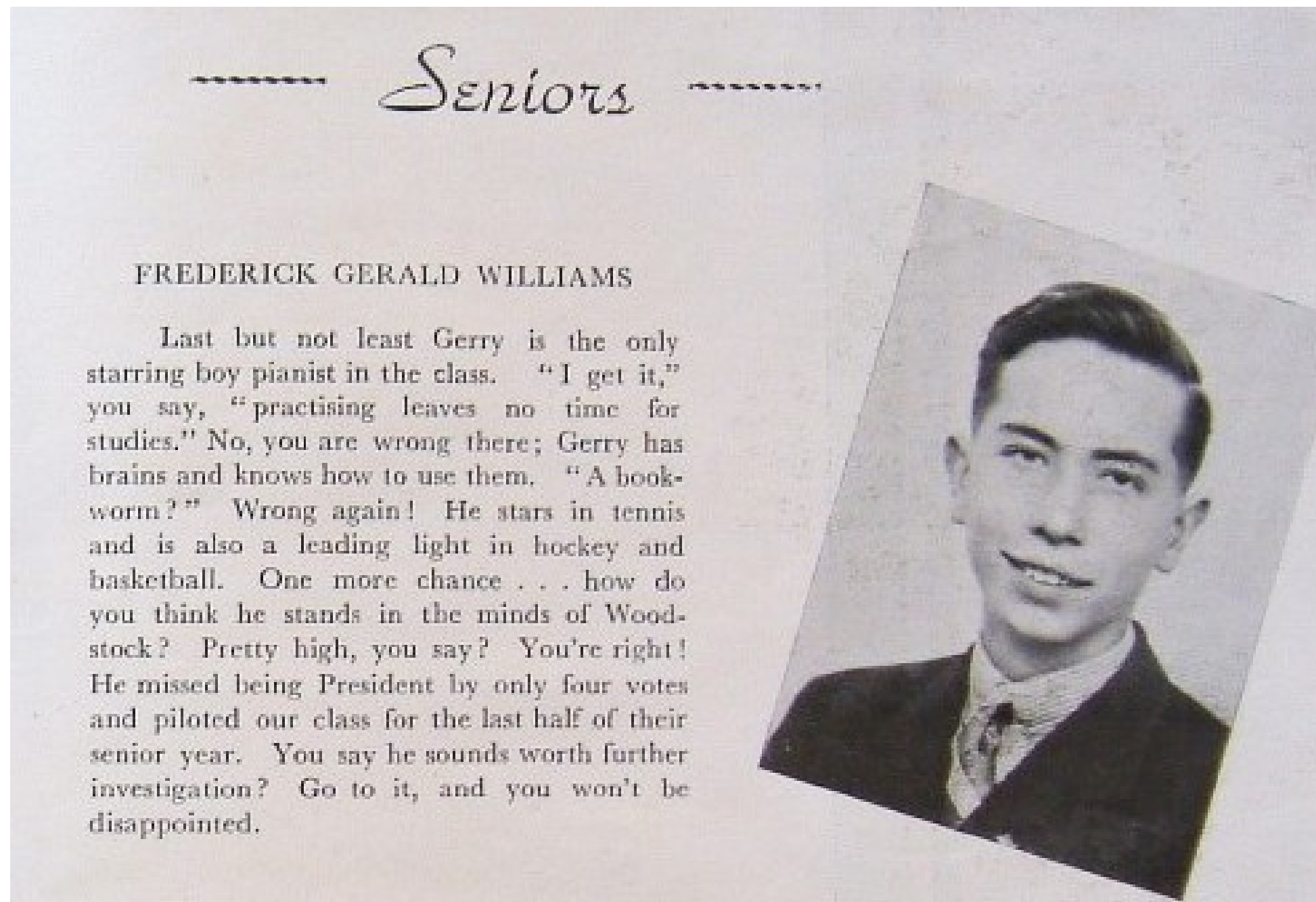
**Kenneth Olin Rockey ('42);** father of Bob & Alice,  
husband of Mary Lou. July 2014.



Kenneth designed missile guidance systems for the Navy during WWII and the Korean war, then instrumentation & control systems for oil refineries & chemical plants worldwide.



# Frederick Gerald Williams ('42). August 2014.



Gerry was a pacifist who refused to register for the draft during WWII, and a master potter. He was selected as New Hampshire's first Artist Laureate in 1998 and in 2005 was honored with the state's Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure award.



**Mary “Eliza” Stewart Cummings ('43);** sister of Alice Johnston Stewart & Robert Brown Stewart ('52); wife of Tom Cummings ('43). May 2015.





# Francis Blasdell ('44). March 2015.

## Francis Blasdell

Francis is the class's short guy, though his size does not bear any relation to his importance in it. By his presence he has sobered the Senate and other Student Government bodies for several years. In addition to this he created profound silences in seventh standard in his capacity as Governor..... Francis adds his voice to the others in various singing organizations in the school, and while he is not averse to singing in public, a speech to him is one of the prize afflictions of mankind..... Francis kicks up large quantities of dust and gravel while racing around the track at Midwoods in his favorite sport—running; he specializes and excels in the hundred yard dash. Among the other sports to which he is not allergic are badminton and ping-pong—perhaps because they do not involve a large expenditure of energy..... Among Francis' dislikes are rink parties and jobs requiring a lot of ginger..... In the scholastic line he has earned for himself a quiet niche in the class..... He has mopped up all the science courses available in preparation for a medical career; he hopes to take his pre-med training at Ohio Wesleyan. We wish him luck in his efforts to live down the old jingle,

"Call in any doctor  
And the funeral you'll pay for."



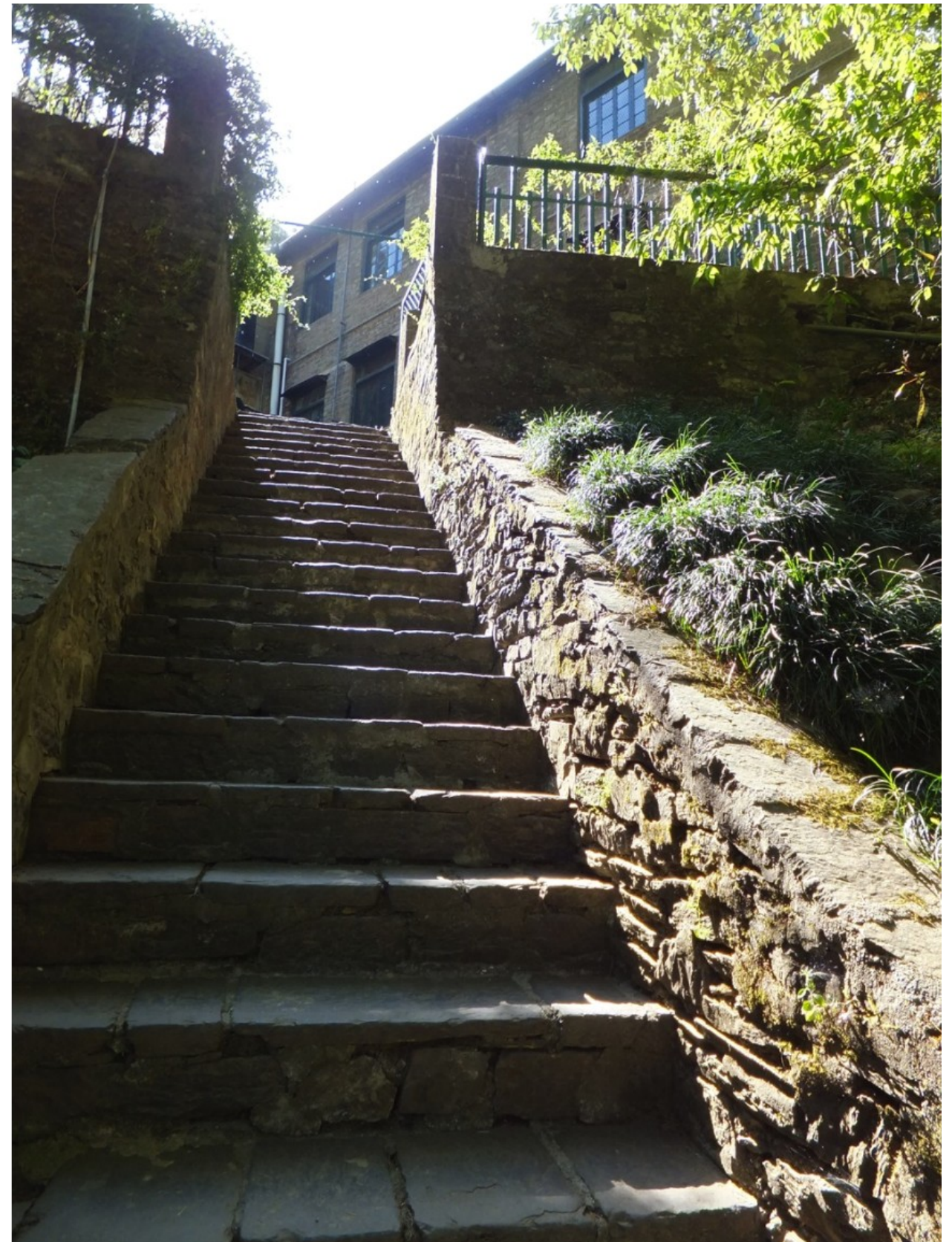
### Activities

Vice-President	'44
Class Governor	'41
Senate	'41, '42, '43
Monitorial Court	'44
Choir	'43, '44
Glee Club	'42, '43, '44
Boys' Quartet	'44
Orchestra	'41
Band	'44
Chem Lab. Ass't.	'44
Scouts	'41
Dramatics	'44



**Theodore Robert Fairbank Wright ('44)**; brother of Lydia Wright Beaumont, Alice Wright Conkey, Mary Wright Raianey; husband of Eileen Yongen Wright. October 2014.

Ted spent 33 years as a tenured professor of biology at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.





**Louise Manry ('45); brother of Bob Manry ('35). July 2014.**





**John Coapman ('46);** husband of Tatiana. August 2014.



John founded Tiger Tops Hotel & Resort in the Chitwan National Forest of Nepal.



### John Vernon Coapman . . .

From Kentucky's Berea College to Woodstock returned John Coapman, who remembered perhaps the nostalgic charm of pine forests and recalled the excitement of by-gone chessie fights and basketball games. For many, Copie's return was a page-one story, for they remembered the chunky, far-from-august Coapman who had left Woodstock in 1942. But the veterans quickly uncrossed their fingers: despite his six feet two, his slickly combed hair, his thought-concealing smile, Copie was still Copie—and glad to be back...A two letter man, the sport most favored by Copie is basketball. At this year's night games he was at his fightingest, played a game as brilliant as the powerful lights that burned overhead in the gym. Copie's name is included also in who's who in high school tennis, for he is a member of the tennis varsity. Copie swims well, and in softball is no slouch... As Vice-President, Copie was the chief showman of the Aldie regime. He helped put through many a Student Government project. Copie also helped Student Government councils with their fancy dreaming, played a successful second fiddle to his immediate boss, the President..... Never deskbound, with Copie the least favored subject is study; but he frequently thumbs through tomes on the natural sciences. Copie is fascinated by animal life at night. Well informed on taxidermy and allied subjects, Copie spends considerable time hunting, often disappears into the blue in search of game...After graduation Copie will turn U. S.-ward, will put in some time working at the San Diego Zoo, before taking up a course of studies in the natural sciences.



*Copie*



#### Activities

Vice-President	'46
Basketball	'46
Softball	'46
Tennis	'46
Garden Club	'46
B. A. A.	'46
Dramatics	'46
Track	'46



**Frank Elias Loeffler ('46);** husband of Eva Guttman Loeffler. July 2014.



A noted gynaecologist and obstetrician, Frank was a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in England.



**Elizabeth Emily Scherling Hazen ('48);** mother to Greg, Lawrence, and Jeanne; sister of Marguerite Schweitzer, Hans, and Christian; wife of Norman Hazen. November 2014.

## Elizabeth Emily Scherling

Because of her sincerity and cheerfulness, Betty will long be remembered by her classmates. Her athletic achievements are the pride of the class especially when it comes to Sports Day, the silver "W," and the presidency of the G. A. A. Betty joined our class in '42 when her family left Burma during the Japanese invasion. One of her usual boasts is, "I'm taller than Sneih," but she is still small enough to be called "cute." Next year Betty, the youngest member of the Class of '48, hopes to join the campus crowd at Ottawa, Kansas, where her two brothers are already studying.

Silver "W"	'47, '48
Class Secretary	'48
G. A. A.	'46, '47, '48
Choir	'45, '46, '47, '48
Senior Cambridge	'48



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**Johnny Wender ('48);** father of Matthew, Lorel, & Juliet; husband of Sherry. August 2014.



70 years young  
aged to perfection

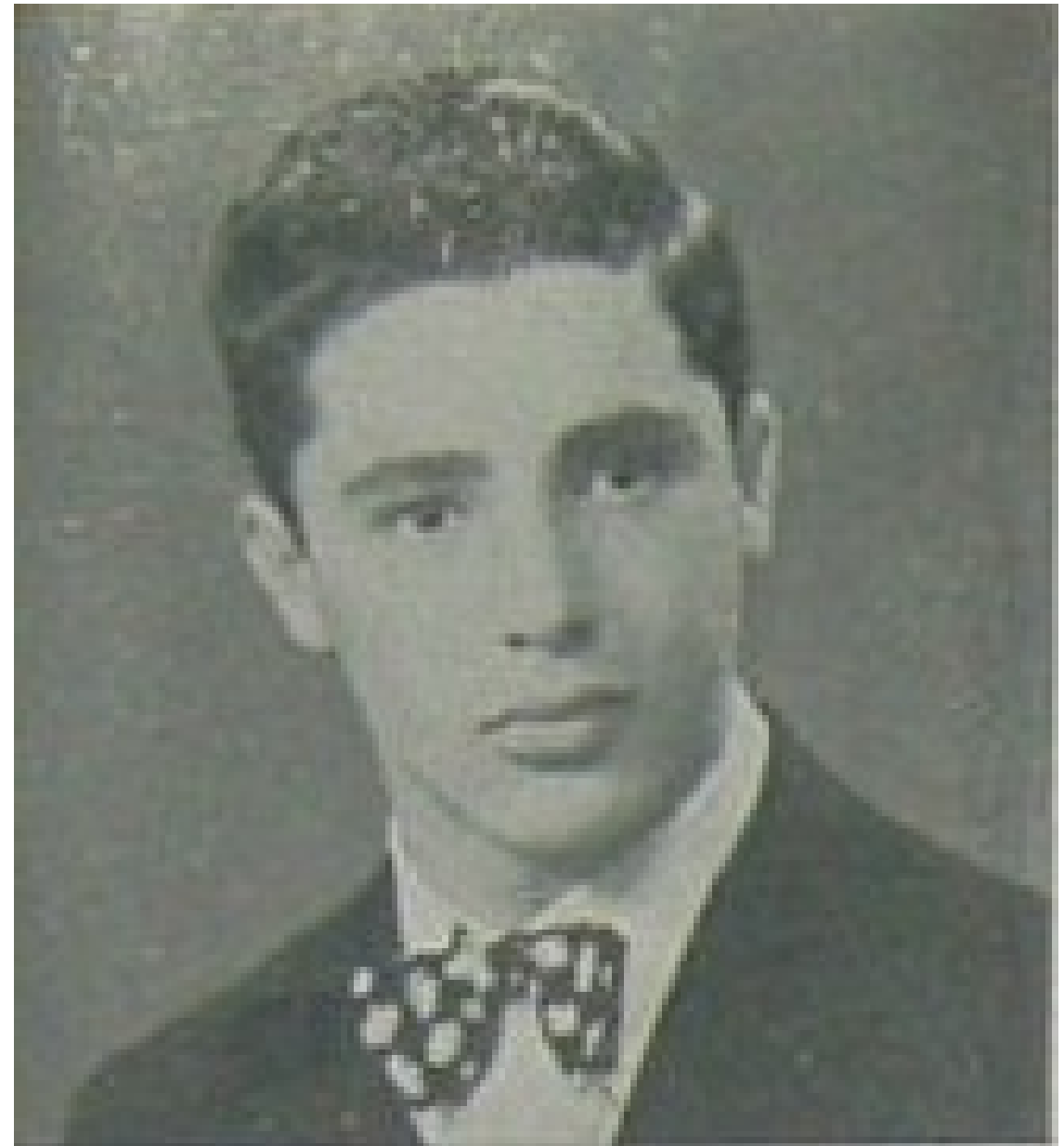


**Michael Condon ('51);** husband of Ruth Condon. November 2014.





**Bill Naj (Wahid Najibullah-  
'52)**; husband of Ilse Paulssen  
Naj ('54); father of Linda,  
David, & Alan. April 2015.





**Peter Hesbacher ('54);** father of Lark Hesbacher Tyler ('82); husband of Pauline. April 2015.





**Alice Kennedy Turner ('56);** sister of Daniel Turner. January 2015.



Alice served for 20 years as the very well respected fiction editor of Playboy magazine.



**Margaret Elliot Cook ('58);** sister of Doretta Elliot ('63). November 2014.



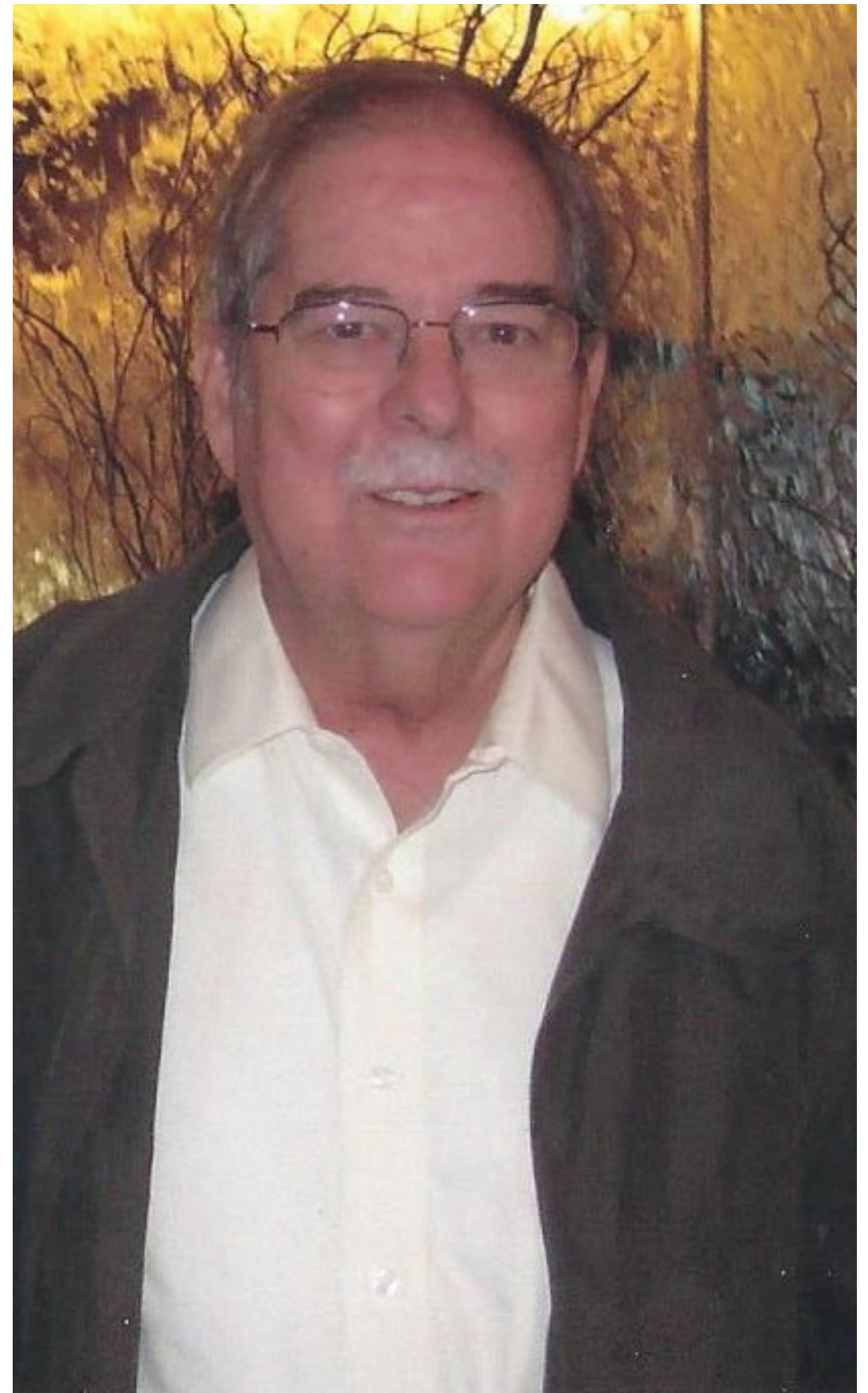


**J. Robert Fiol ('58);** brother of Bruce ('56), David ('57), & Stephen ('63); husband of Patricia. November 2014.





**Gordon Scott ('58);**  
brother of David ('52), Bob  
( '62), and Douglas ('70);  
son of Roland Scott (former  
Woodstock principal) and  
Carol Scott (former  
Woodstock English teacher);  
husband of Constance.  
February 2015.



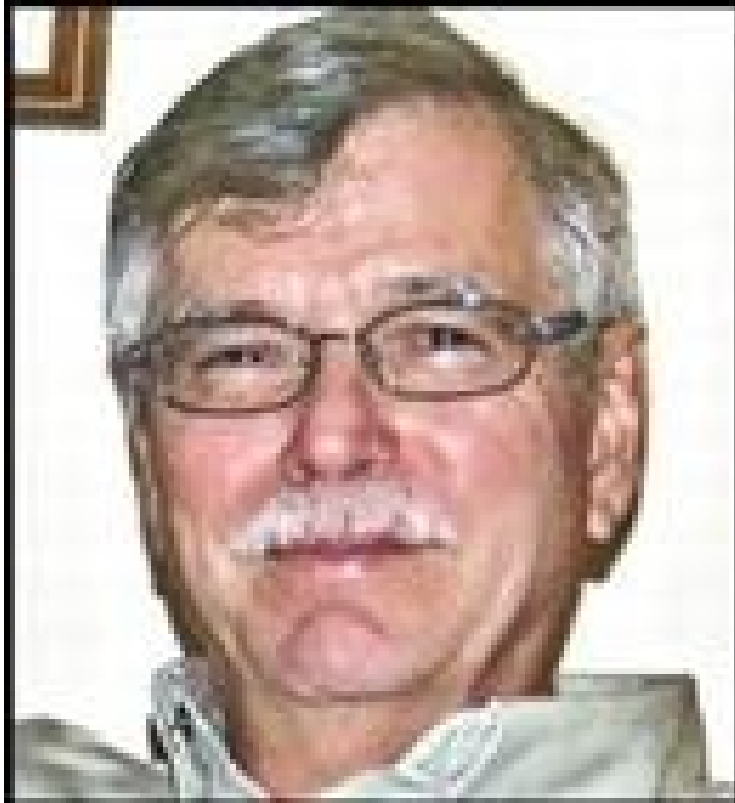


**Carol Connell Fricke ('61);** sister of Terry Connell ('58); spouse of Joe Valencia. December 2014.





**Robert Bergelin ('63);** husband of Lynn Bergelin.  
December 2014.



Director of Information Technology; Department of Surgery, School of Medicine, University of Washington.



# Margaret Rhodes Burnett ('72); wife of Richard Burnett. September 2014





**Christine Saum;** daughter of Arthur Saum ('30).  
February 2015.





# John Hayes; husband of Alice Hayes. April 2015.





**Barbara Beach Barry Alter**; mother of Marty Alter Chen ('60), John ('65); and Tom ('68). November 2014.



“A Lady of Substance”, “Zabardast Dost”.





**Marjorie S. Christy**; mother of Wallace Christy ('58), Carol Christy Raughley ('63), Kathryn Christy Roseberry ('67), & Kenneth ('67). September 2014.





**Bart Crotty**; a parent of Woodstock students. September 2014.





**Robert Doss; father of Thomas ('04). March 2015.**





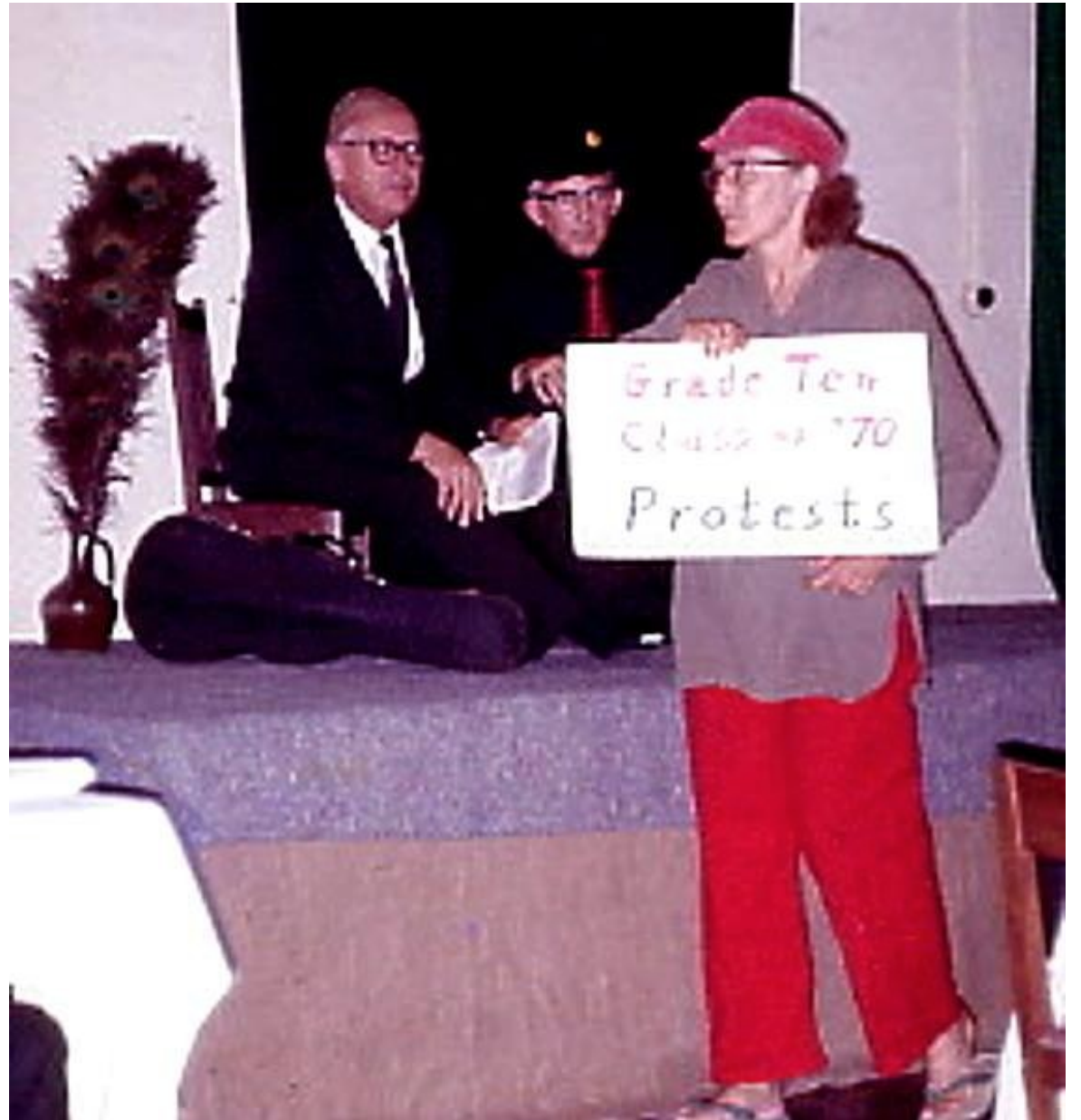
Martha Farrell; mother of Suheil Tandon ('06). May 2015.



Martha was a victim of a Taliban attack on her Kabul hotel where she was conducting a workshop on “gender mainstreaming” for the Aga Khan Foundation.



**Jane Feierabend;** mother of Lee ('66), James ('67), Lois ('69), Bruce ('70), and Mary Feierabend Girard ('76). June 2015.





**Carl Friedericks**; father of Richard ('66), Anne ('67), Charles ('70), and James ('73); husband to Betty Anne. July 2015.



Carl & Betty Anne founded the United Mission Hospital in Tansen, Nepal in 1954.



**Mark Kniss;** father of Lois Kniss Jones ('72), James ('75), Robert ('80), & Eric ('82); husband of Betty. March 2015.





**James Anderson VI**; husband of Jane Wallace Anderson ('46). October 2014.





# Ubol Bhukkanasut; wife of Nibhat Bhukkanasut (‘61). December 2014.





**Dan Buck;** spouse of Charlotte Heath Fraser ('62).  
July 2014.





**Frank Rees;** husband of Elizabeth Sutherland Rees ('52). February 2015.





**Fred Schillinger**