

Class of 1957 Class Notes 30 June 2016

As previously presented, first some Class business, then current news, and end with a review of Class losses since the last notes.

Class Business: As reported in the last notes, **Paul Schwehm**, has continued to work with WP and the Thayer and has subsequently sent multiple communications to the Class. By now you should have your reservations at the Thayer or be considering other possibilities. As a reminder, from Paul's message: "we will meet April 27-30 of 2017, the headquarters and lodging is The Thayer, the AOG will be the facilitator and correspondence and finances will be mostly electronic." Please bookmark our reunion information website:

<https://www.westpointaog.org/1957reunion> and our Class website:

<http://www.usma57.org/> Paul will send more updates, and Don will keep the Class website current, as information becomes available and new information becomes available. Based on information received in June from **Mike Higgins**, eligible individuals may have another alternative. Mike wrote, "There is an Army sponsored "Five Star Inn" near Thayer Gate on the grounds near the West Point Museum. For your info, I called the Thayer yesterday (845-446-4731) and got the telephone of the Army-run 5 star in just outside the Thayer gate and walking distance to the Thayer hotel. I called and, after speaking to the reservations manager, got a reservation 27-29 April. About \$115. Seems to be possible now but you must talk to the reservations manager." **John Ramsden** followed up and reported that "They have a total of 34 rooms and we understand they will take reservations during our Reunion from April 27 - 30, 2017." However, per **Hank Hatch**, they are not yet ready to accept the Thayer overflow. They told Hank, "Thank you contacting us. Right now we are not making reservations beyond December 2016. Although we do not have the rates yet for that time frame, please check back with us in a month and probably will be able to give you a more accurate information." The secret may be to do what Mike Higgins did – call the Thayer and get the phone number from them. There is a web site, but I think you must call them. To use the web site, go to <http://www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/installations#NY>, then look at New York, West Point, and then "ING Army Hotels Five Star Inn at West Point."

Pat Buck: I am very pleased, on behalf of the entire Class, to welcome Pat as the new Class Widow's Advisor. We are very fortunate to have Pat supporting the Class Executive Board in that role. Pat had already accepted the position before the last column was written, but I was a little confused and failed to acknowledge her until my 16 Feb note to the Class, which I am also including here. "Her duties will include serving as liaison for widows to the Board, serving as an advisor to the Board and attending all meetings, making contact with new widows and offering assistance as needed and desired. She will work with the Information Systems Officer to develop a way to maintain contact with our widows who want to remain in touch with the Class and its activities, will publicize reunions and other activities to encourage widow participation, and coordinate desired widow activities at reunions, mini-reunions, and other Class activities. As we continue to lose more and more classmates with surviving widows, this position becomes all the more important.

We trust all will welcome Pat and assist her as appropriate in her effort. Pat's email address will be buckneverstops@erols.com." Pat affirmed her acceptance in a response to a query by **John Ramsden**, and I would like to extract some of the comments from her note to John that provide a little of her personal history with the Class and clearly demonstrate why we are so lucky to have her. "Champ asked me to marry him when I was a high School junior. Our military fathers had arranged our meeting. He just missed getting a Presidential so tried to get an alternate appointment walking the halls of Congress (his Dad was '31) but went on to Lehigh. I was offered a scholarship to Vassar that I accepted. Then the last week of June '53 an appointment came through. He switched from Lehigh so we spent the 4 years an hour away from each other. I would bring down friends & we would hire a car & driver. Anyway I knew lots of the ladies you all married." Pat also attended Pete Chittig's and Jim Taylor's funerals and spoke to both ladies. She mentioned that the **Echavareas** and **Don Sadler** were at Jim's, there were about 40 family members to support **Sharon**, and they were truly celebrating his life. She had a good visit with the widows and said, "So yes I have already gone to work." Pat has also made contact with "2 '54s & wives: Jay Gould & Ed Moses (Classmate Charlie's brother.) '54 has a Widow Rep. I am invited by Jay to their luncheon the first week in March to meet her & chat about what she does." Once again, thank you, Pat, and you have the support of the entire Class.

Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Fund. I'm including this under Class news since it reflects on the entire Class and may be of interest to you. It comes from a letter that was sent in March to **Stan Cass**. "When Mr. Gauntt passed away, several generous individuals donated a total of \$4,540 to set up a scholarship in Mr. Gauntt's name from [Constituting America](http://www.constitutingamerica.org), a non partisan, educational 501 (c) (3) founded by Mr. Gauntt's daughter, actress Janine Turner (*Northern Exposure, Friday Night Lights, Cliffhanger*). Constituting America's mission to educate, engage and inspire adults and students about the U.S. Constitution, by utilizing music, film, social media and the internet. Constituting America has been in existence for six years, and its multi-tiered programs include a contest for kids, school speaking program and online academic studies. ... More information on the scholarship is at this link: <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/blog/the-turner-maurice-gauntt-jr-exemplary-citizen-award/> As Janine says: "My father taught me from an early age that we are blessed to live as citizens of the United States of America. He was a West Point graduate, and flew with the Strategic Air Command. He was one of the first to fly the revolutionary B-58 Hustler at Mach 2. My father was the most brave, honest, and resilient man I have ever known. He inspired me to love our country, and be willing to make sacrifices for her. He inspired me to study history, to value lessons learned from both history and great patriots, and to be of service. My father valued our country's founding principles and our founding fathers' wisdom. With his exemplary service, he honored our United States Constitution." **Constituting America is looking for a graduating senior whose character mirrors these values, to receive the first ever Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen Award.** ... We are now raising funds for the 2016 Turner Maurice Gauntt, Jr. Exemplary Citizen award and are so appreciative of your reaching out your West Point classmates and friends of "Tex,"

who may want to contribute. We would be so appreciative of any amount contributed!" I'm sure they will be just as happy to get funding next year. You can contribute online at <http://www.constitutingamerica.org/donate.php> Their email address is: constitutingamerica@yahoo.com

Sophia Glyphis, the widow of **Ben Glyphis** provided the following information that I have shared with the Class, but am including here to remind you to let me know if you will attend the burial and reception. Ben's burial at Arlington National Cemetery will be at 1100 hrs on 24 August, with a reception honoring Ben to follow at the O Club . Sophia has asked me to collect information about attendees and I have asked you to let me know by 11 Aug if you plan to attend.

I will now cover the information received chronologically (with a few exceptions) since 31 Jan 2016.

Bob Tener wrote immediately after the last column was circulated and reminded me that he was "the third classmate to be selected by the National Academy of Construction. Hank Hatch (inducted NAC in 2014) and Gerry Galloway (inducted 2015) are also Academy members. It was memorable to have Hank present at my NAC induction last October in Charleston. One can never foretell when Ranger Buddies will link up again over the years!" Thanks, Bob, and once again, congratulations to all three.

Mike Keating wrote to correct a picture labeling error. "Reference Judy Keating's Green Beret Caper. The picture is of Judy Keating and John Napier. I took the picture." Thanks. Mike.

Lou Barisano responded to a report about **Susan Spieth's** (Cl of '85) books [Gray Girl and Area Bird]. Which he read and was disappointed. He noted "Even though anyone who reads the book knows that it is a work of fiction they could not walk away without having a bad impression of West Point. Spieth knew all the key words and slang to make it sound authentic, but I wish she had made up a fictional school. She obviously wanted to make a statement about women at the Academy and chose a sleazy novel as the venue thinking perhaps she could pull in a few extra bucks on the side." Most important, Lou said "I have a granddaughter at Annapolis and her brother is at West Point. I don't think I'll be sending them copies."

Donald Alvin Buckner wrote in response to a discussion on the Forum about who is the oldest living '57 member. He noted he was born 07/18/1931, and is almost 85 going on 100. Any challengers?

Ray Karsian attended the funeral service for **Mike Stein** and provided the following report. "Michael's service was held today at Vi. The retirement community where he and Eunice lived. There was a large group there, probably 200 or more with many of them being from the residence itself. Gail and I attended along with **Bob and Sunny Gadd** and **Stan and Marcy Pore**. We were the only 3 classmates able to

attend. The service was simple, short and mostly consisted of family members participating. Michael's granddaughters sang several songs and read several Psalm's. His daughter spoke as did his remaining son who came in from France where he lives with his family. Another long time friend spoke of the work he did with Michael following his (Michael's) interests in wood crafting and fishing. The Service opened up with a Color Guard Salute and flag presentation that was well done. There was a nice reception following right there at the community. Very convenient of course. Our class is diminishing here in Colorado. We now have **Cass, Hicklin, Gadd, Pore, Kutyna, Shaefer, O'Grady** and ourselves, the Karsians, in the State. We have more widows here then classmates. Some 12 or 13 I think. **Eunice** was grateful for the class network that sent the information out about Michael's passing. She herself does not use the internet. She plans to remain at Vi of course, she has a large support network and medical facilities nearby." Thank you, Ray.

Bill Huckabee made an interesting request to **Carl Vuono** before this year's USMA graduation and I asked and received permission from Bill to share it with all of you. To me it demonstrates both Bill's and Carl's continuing connection and interest in WP, and their good sense. Bill wrote the following note to Carl on 24 April: "I have an odd request (suggestion). This year's First Captain is a remarkable young man named EJ Coleman. His selected branch is Field Artillery. African American from Alexandria, VA, he came to West Point straight from public high school. Early, there, he was elected Class President becoming, last fall, only the third Cadet in history to serve as Class President and First Captain (Pershing & Dawkins). It has been my pleasure to maintain a communication with him since my visit to the Academy with eight friends in November, 2015. He escorted us to include lunch with the Corps where '57 was duly honored. My request: Will you allow me to make a graduation gift to him of one of your original Crossed Cannon insignia in your honor as CSA? It would be inspirational, symbolic, and very pleasing. Please let me know what you think." Carl, as relayed to me by Bill, thought it was a great idea, and the action got escalated to the Supe, as described by Bill in a subsequent email. "... Of interest: Comm's Aide arranged for the senior FA officer on post to present the gift at the Coleman family's bar-pinning event. When Supe Caslen learned what was going on he intervened and made the presentation himself.....interpreted by me as testimony of EJ Coleman's esteem. Carl [Vuono] could not have been more helpful; he seemed to get a kick out of it.....as did I. ... huck" What a great gesture on the part of all! Thanks for sharing.

Jose Olvera: I missed an email back in March sent to me by **Nick Monaco**, and so I'm belatedly including the info here. Jose told **Pat Pataro** that he had a heart attack and had a stent implanted. Apparently, he's on the mend, as he also told Pat that he expected to be up and running soon. In April Jose sent a very inspiring article about an award to his son, that I did forward to the Class and am including here. "The International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics is proud to announce David Olvera as the 2016 Tim Hynes Award recipient. Tim Hynes was a founding member of the NFPA and a past president. Prior to his death, the Tim

Hynes Award was the Flight Paramedic of the Year Award. It was renamed to honor Tim's spirit and contributions to the profession, which David exemplifies in full measure. David is a Nationally Registered Paramedic and Certified Flight Paramedic serving as Clinical Compliance Manager for Air Methods. David has been a paramedic since 2007, and has served as a research assistant to legendary airway expert Dr. John Sakles, making him a true video laryngoscopy expert. David was the only paramedic in a field of physician experts to present at the prestigious World Airway Management Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, in 2015 with three research papers accepted for presentation. David has also presented at the Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference (CCTMC), works as a subject matter expert with the *Air Medical Journal*, has been an item writer for the National Registry, is faculty for the Difficult Airway Course, a Combat Medic in the US Army, and is the Region II Delegate for the IAFCCP. David Olvera is the 18th recipient of this prestigious award. The official award presentation was made during the CCTMC in Charlotte, North Carolina, on April 12, 2016. The Tim Hynes Award recognizes exemplary abilities in leadership, education and safety within the paramedic profession. Every year, the IAFCCP selects an exceptional paramedic who has demonstrated leadership and paramedic professionalism. “ Congratulations to David and to his proud parents.

Dick Stephenson responded to the emails about the Holleder DVD with a little history of his own about the football team, and I found it very interesting. “I get the impression that someone has wisely created a Don Holleder DVD, which is available, and which I would very much appreciate getting a copy of...if possible. As you know, the brotherhood of USMA classmates, as well reinforced by being members of the ARMY football team...which magnified the brotherhood to proportions of memories and recollections permanently imbedded for a virtual measure, however measured, of immortality. It was a genuine honor to be so fortunate as to be recruited to play Army football, into West Point at age 17; and to be able to say, at this time, that I found myself starting every game, including the Plebe schedule as well as the three varsity seasons of 1954-1956, due in no small measure to the fact that I never had an injury preventing me from being able to stay on the field of friendly strife through some memorable games, seasons, and years. Colonel Blaik maintained that his gametime responsibilities, including operating within the ever-changing rules regarding gametime substitutions, were simply to have the 11 best Army football team players on the Michie Stadium turf every time the clock started ticking, and the ball was snapped. I was recruited as an offensive(no pun intended)center/defensive linebacker, which remained through the 1953/54 plebe/first of three varsity seasons. Spring practice for the 1955 season led to my being asked by the Colonel if I would switch, once again to offensive/defensive tackle; which left me with the only answer that I had which was to say, "...yes, Sir, as long as I am on the playing field when the games begin...". He replied that he would "take care of that", which he did. With one more year/season to go in the fall of 1956, I was switched, once again, to offensive/defensive end (the Don Holleder, "folly" of his being switched from his previous year's All-American selection as an end the year/season before, to the quarterback position in the 1955 season...ostensibly to use Don's

leadership capabilities to compensate for any skill handicaps as the Army Team QB proper. The "Blaik's-Folly" connotation of the Don Holleder position switch was widely characterized in the media, including the NYTimes sports pages, as a serious mistake by Colonel Blaik. Army won the Navy game, vindicating Colonel Blaik's Don Holleder switch. maneuver...which I think was the result, but all I remember 100% is that our class varsity years yielded a "kissing your sister" end result...with a win, a loss, and a tie with Navy for our class record...does this sound right? I think that we won on our plebe year in the stands for the A-N game of 1953...right???" Thanks, Dick, and your durability at all the positions certainly made us all happy. For those still interested in the DVD I suggest you contact Perry M Smith at [<genpsmith@aol.com>](mailto:genpsmith@aol.com)

Ed Szvetcz called **Kay Kehoe** at the end of May with an update on his status. Kay wrote: "Last week I received a surprise phone call from Ed Szvetcz '57, who has been a good friend of both Tom's and mine for years. He has moved out of his house in NC and condo in Atlanta and is living in assisted living at Brookdale, on Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. ... I'm not certain 'how" he is doing as he has had lots of health problems. I did ask for his son, Tom's number today, but understand that he is out of town. ... His address is Brookdale , 3821 Wilson Blvd. # 934, Arlington, VA 22203. His cell is 678-358-5040 and his e-mail is edszvet@gmail.com. Not sure if he is using it regularly as a week or so ago he told me he had 1000's of e-mails. Since he was captain of the football team, I'm wondering if there are any old players in the area, as I'm sure he'd be happy to talk with them." Thanks, Kay, and see the next note for a partial answer.

Art Johnson sent a photo taken in April while he was visiting **Ed Szvetcz** at Brookdale, two football players maintaining that bond described by Dick Stephenson. They both look good. Thank you, Art. However, there was no information with the picture and so Kay's note closed the loop.



Bruce Turnbull: **Jerri** sent the following note in May. "Bruce Turnbull has just completed his ninth year of coaching lacrosse in Mt. Pleasant, SC despite having a triple by-pass and three heart attacks in the last two years!! We congratulate Bruce

on overcoming adversity and continue to serve the community.

Jan Krueger, widow of my old roommate, **Bob**, sent a note about her relocation from Annapolis. . "It has taken me several years to come thru my grieving process. I have had some difficult years since Bob's death. ... I have sold our Maryland home and will be moving to Ohio on May 25. Although it will be a culture shock after living in this metropolitan area for over 30 years, I have family and friends there so that helps. Should you want to get info to me re: WP and class info (still enjoy learning about things) my new address will be: 322 N. Market St., Apt C, Lisbon, OH 44432. Phone is 410-507-3283 and this email should still be good.

jkru505497@aol.com Thanks, Jan. I included Kay's message here so that all will know we also like to hear from our distaff side, and you may note a number of other items in the column came from them. We'd probably really be lost without them.

Jack Adams also moved recently and can now be reached at 14301 Brandermill Woods Trail, Apt. A-114, Midlothian Va. 3112. Tele: land 8044470896, Cell" Jack 8045145665 Mary Jo 8045141937. For those on Jack's email list, he is a very prolific sender of a broad spectrum of information, some of which I have been forwarding to the Class Forum since I don't know who is on his list. Keep up the good work, Jack.

Don Sadler sent me a note with some great pictures. He wrote: "In March, **Bill Ray** and his son Mark joined Don Sadler, his son David, and grandson Jack for a weeks skiing in the St. Anton/Zur area of Austria. The snow was great and the weather was beautiful. This is the second year in a row that we have gone to that area." Sounds like a great trip. Thanks for the pictures.



Don Bowman posted an interesting philosophical comment on the Forum and specifically sent it to me, and I will include extracts here since they reflect how all

(or most) of us are feeling. "Some things still come quick and easy, but can't keep going like I used to do. Tax season this year was the season from hell. ... I have decided to slip quietly into retirement, still doing some work for the firm, but nothing like the pace I have maintained for the last 30+ years. I am still reading and learning, trying to keep up with my children, let alone my grandchildren. Life is still a banquet, full of wonderful interesting people, the class as standouts in that array. Yearling year, one Saturday in Spanish class, Captain Gutierrez stopped our griping about the coming parade, etc. He told us we needed to look at ourselves with a different eye. We were thinking about sweaty t-shirts and holes in our socks, but the people who came to see us march, saw massed battalions moving in perfect harmony, sabers and bayonets flashing in the sun, flags and guidons, feathered plumes, and the best band in the world belting out Sambre et Meuse or some other superb march. We were leading then, and were destined after that, to lead lives of high drama. Our lives would be the stuff of history books, movies, dramas, books and magazine articles, or daydreams for those who could not know or do what we would do. Our lives would be the stuff of legends.

Happily, I took that to heart and still look at my life and the people in it as characters in a great adventure. HE was right, and I have never been disappointed to be a part of the most extraordinary group of men on this earth. See you all in April '17, God willing." Thanks, Don. I certainly could not have said it better.

Charles Erb brought me back to the reality of the present when he reported on his visit to WP. "Wanted you to know that **Wilda** and I just attended **Ken Holloway's** funeral at West Point with his family. Our class flag was in place. Job very well done. Glad we were able to be there for them" Thanks, Charles. I'm sure the family appreciated your presence.

On the subject of funerals, Ed Soyster informed the Class, in a response to a post by Bob Lamb about the singing of "The Mansions of the Lord" at Memorial Day services that "the West Point Alumni Glee Club sings this song to open the funeral service for West Pointers and then close with the Alma Mater mainly at Arlington National Cemetery. **Hank Hatch, Gerry Galloway** and I sing with the Glee Club."

Bill Wright responded "I'm part of a small (12-15) Grad chorale group that does the same in Houston." Are there any other classmates that are part of Grad singing groups around the country?

Gerry Galloway made a presentation at the Class luncheon celebrating our 59th anniversary. The subject is "where we were 59 years ago", but he started with a Memorial Day note about the Alumni Glee Club presentation mentioned by Ed Soyster in the last note. Gerry's talk was very well received, so well that many asked if they could have a copy. Gerry was kind enough to send it to the local group by email and it is now posted on the Class website. However, I am including the "Preamble" here because it addresses "our" war. "Our lunch closely follows Memorial Day and it brought to my mind our class' early history. On Monday evening, Ed Soyster and I participated in a presentation by the West Point Alumni Glee Club to a Gala that marked the retirement of Jan Scruggs, an E-4 in the Vietnam War who became the driving force behind the building of the Vietnam Memorial. The Glee Club sang a Vietnam Medley. Unlike World War I and World War II, where

there were plenty of patriotic songs, you may remember that there were no songs other than the ballad of the Green Beret to mark our conflict. As a result, the Glee Club sang the tunes of the period - tunes that were melancholy and marked the discord that existed during much of that conflict. They included "Where have all the flowers gone", "Aquarius", "Last train to Clarksville", "Leaving on a jet plane," "I got to get out of this place", "Bridge over troubled waters" and the "Ballad of the Green Beret". The medley was followed by our singing of "Mansions of the Lord," (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGoSWn1tHeo>) the anthem that was written to end the 2002 movie, "We were soldiers once," the story of the battle of the Ia Drang in 1965. The medley was accompanied by a video that showed pictures of young privates and young captains leaving for the war, saying good-bye to their children and their wives and then returning in a year or less to a far different situation in our country. The presentations brought many tears to the audience that included several hundred Vietnam veterans who recalled their departure for, their time in, and their return from that far off land. As I thought about what to say today, I wondered what we might have been thinking about as we sat in the Field House at the Class of 1956's graduation ceremony, ready to move into our first class year, branch selections, first stations and the Army. Could we have visualized the Vietnam War, the Cold War and where the next 60 years would carry us? What is the Class of 2017 thinking today?" You'll have to go to the web site to read the rest.

Bob Arnold was not at the luncheon, but spent the day in a very meaningful way related to VN. He wrote, " I spent our 59th working at "The Moving Wall" here in Virginia Beach. Looked up the names of several classmates and other grads I knew. Quite a memorial and the people who operate it are tops. 1st KIA [for our Class] was **Morris McBride** and since I come from Mass. in the past, I have stopped by the museum to view his Cadet uniform which is on display there." I have heard a lot about the Moving Wall but have never seen it. Classmates have told me it's quite impressive.

Joe Tedeschi provided some additional information to the Forum about **Bud Miller's** grandson that I'm including here. "A follow-up on our classmate, Bud Miller, his grandson, Lt. Chris Canty, and the Long Grey Line. Lt. Chris Canty, recently graduated with the Class of 2016, and his grandmother, **Sue Miller**, sent me photos taken after the graduation and commissioning which capture the happy event. I attach 3 of them which Sue gave me permission to share with the Class and the Class Forum. Lt. Chris Canty taped a photo of his grandfather, Bud's graduation picture, to his T-shirt and wore it under his FD coat during the graduation exercises - so he would know his grandfather was there in some way to link the LGL and to share in the happiness of the moment. In my opinion, this silent, hidden, private gesture on Chris' part says volumes more about the endurance and legacy of the LGL than can possibly ever be favorably interpreted from a photo of a group of graduating cadets with up-raised, clenched fists. [There was quite a reaction to the photo by classmates.] ...The second photo [pasted below] is of Lt. Chris Canty and his grandmother, Sue Miller, and the taped picture of Bud. ... I extend a special grip hands to Lt. Chris Canty with grateful thanks from Bud Miller's classmates" Thanks,

Joe, for sharing this with us.



John Ramsden sent me a picture back in 2014 that I never used, for which I apologize to John, and so I'm including it here, even though it's rather dated. Besides, John looks very happy because it was "taken at the promotion of one of my grandson's [Mark Schumacher] who is in the Marine Corps, and was promoted from 2nd Lt to 1st Lt at Quantico." Again, that was in June 2014, and this time the photo is above the article.

Class Losses Since the Last Column: (Note: Obits that are available can also be accessed on the Class Web Site)

Donald Stackhouse died on January 31, 2016 at home in Henderson, NV. No obit information.

Robert J McCloskey died on February 3, 2016 at the Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel/Matawan, NJ. The obituary is at

<http://obits.nj.com/obituaries/starledger/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=177590077>

Donald J. Bowes Jr. died on February 13, 2016, in Charleston, WV. The obituary is in the Charleston Gazette-Mail at

<http://www.wvgazette.com/article/20160220/OBIT/302209999>

James D. Smith died on March 18, 2016 at home in St. Simons Island, GA. The obituary is at http://www.thebrunswicknews.com/community_life/james-smith/article_86870882-9cfc-558d-b023-36ab44198189.html?mode=print

Michael Kay Stein died on March 20, 2016 at the Vi retirement community in Highlands Ranch, CO. The obituary is at

http://www.horanandmconaty.com/single_pages/obituary/print.php?id=1601277&obit_text=1&main_obit_photo=1&

Benedict E. Glyphis, died on April 14, 2016, in Ellicott City, MD. The obituary was published in the Baltimore Sun and is on the Class website at <http://www.usma57.org/Obituaries/GlyphisObit.pdf>

Clancy and Dori Hall's son, Chris Cameron Hall died on Feb.19, 2016 of a massive heart attack.

Ruth McConnell's oldest son William Rodney "Bill" McConnell died suddenly on Tuesday, June 21. Expressions of condolence may be sent to Ruth at 4306 Birch Pond Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033-3205.

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We extend our sincere condolences to all of their families.