...REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS...

IN MEMORIAM

SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 1982
35TH REUNION
MAY 25 - 28, 2017
...remembering our friends...

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- Toni-Leigh Savage
- Rachel Siebert
- Melinda Smith-Sopko
- Lisa Tavenner Spencer
The shape of my life is, of course, determined by many things; my background and childhood, my mind and its education, my conscience and its pressures, my heart and its desires.”

• Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Gift from the Sea
Gail E. Allen was born on January 11, 1958 and died unexpectedly in Westfield, MA on April 13, 1996.

Gail graduated from Greenfield High School in 1976, Greenfield Community College in 1980 and from Smith College in 1982. She was a fan of the Beatles, frequently attended Star Trek conventions and loved poetry and playing drums. She worked for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health as a case worker. She is buried in High Street Cemetery in Greenfield, MA.
GAIL ALLEN
April 13, 1996
Lawrence House
Government
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Amy graduated Smith College in 1981 and NYU School of Law, Order of the Coif, in 1985. Previous jobs included Regional Director for Senator Daniel Moynihan then, after a long absence to raise her five children, partner in Darrison Barrett and Associates, a political consulting firm.

A beautiful, kind woman dedicated to her children who spent her life doing good works for others, even when it was difficult. Her spirit touched so many and she will live on in the hearts of all who loved her. She will be terribly missed.

- Published in the New York Times on October 11, 2009
AMY BARRETT

October 9, 2009
Franklin King House
Psychology

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Marian Vanessa Bowens, a dedicated special education teacher and church leader, of Elmont, N.Y., died December 15, 2013, after a battle with colon cancer. She was 56. Born in Savannah, Ga., on May 2, 1957, she was the daughter of Lillie and Marion Bowens. Ms. Bowens grew up in Harlem, N.Y., and was a city girl at heart, but she loved to return to her Georgia roots each summer. She came to St. Paul’s School in the fall of 1971 from Wadleigh Junior High School. Ms. Bowens participated in many extracurricular activities in Millville, including the African-American Student Union, Choir, the Third World Coalition, Maroon Key, Damascus Jazz Band, and the Intercultural Festival Committee. She was also a dedicated athlete, who played varsity basketball and lacrosse and served as a manager of the SPS track team. Ms. Bowens distinguished herself in dramatics and modern dance. Her poise, grace, and talent were evident in her performances. Ms. Bowens also took an interest in helping those with disabilities, volunteering throughout her time at SPS and eventually devoting her life to that work.

Ms. Bowens attended Smith College in Northampton, Mass., and earned a B.A. in education and psychology. She worked for several years as a financial advisor with Dreyfus before pursuing her passion for special education. She received her M.Ed. in special education and early childhood education from Touro College in New York City. She thoroughly enjoyed her students and her colleagues, referring to them as her “work family.” Ms. Bowens possessed a strong belief in God, a foundation she discovered as a child attending Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Harlem. She later attended Valley Stream Baptist Church and served as deaconess on the leadership board. Her faith was a comfort to her throughout her fight with cancer. Ms. Bowens will be missed dearly by all who knew her, including her son, Matthew C. Watters-Bowens; her mother, Lillie Bowens; her sister, Nadine; her brothers, Eric and Derrick; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

- Published in The Alumni Horae of St. Paul’s School, Spring 2014 edition
MARIAN VANESSA BOWENS

December 15, 2013
Emerson House
Education & Child Study, Psychology

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Bynum, Elizabeth C. March 2, 1982. She is survived by her parents, Dr. Rufus Bynum and Elizabeth Seymour Bynum; grandmother, Mrs. A. M. Seymour; brothers, David and Rufus Jr.; uncles, Morton Seymour and Albert Seymour.

Friends may attend a memorial service, Thursday at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Smith College Classics Dept., Northampton, MA 01063.
ELIZABETH BYNUM

March 2, 1982
Capen House
Classics

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Julia Ann Campbell of Blue Bell died suddenly on November 16, 2007. A native of Devon, Julia was a graduate of Conestoga High School (1978), Smith College (BA) and Drexel University (Master of Library Science). She was preceded in death by her husband Keith Lawrence and her mother Gloria B. Campbell.

She is survived by her cherished daughter Melanie, her dear friend Bradley Jacobs of Ambler, her father and step-mother Dr. and Mrs. Twining Campbell of Villanova, four brothers, Twining, David, Paul and Lincoln, a sister Susan, and 11 nieces and nephews.
JULIA CAMPBELL
November 16, 2007
Gillette House
Biology

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Cynthia Gray Conena, died Sunday morning, May 27, 2007 from complications of breast cancer, at the age of 47. She was the wife of Michael Paul Conena of East Sandwich. Born in Natick, MA, she was the daughter of John and Doris Gray of Medway, MA. She was raised in Medway and graduated from Medway High School in 1978. She was class president for three years. After graduation, she attended Smith College where she earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Social Work.

After college she worked at Harbor School Foster Care program in Newburyport, MA for two years before pursuing a master’s level studies program in Stockholm, Sweden. After finishing her studies in Sweden, she returned to the US to work at Wiley House Foster Care Program in Bethlehem, PA. While working at Wiley House she continued her studies at Columbia University where she graduated with a master’s degree in Social Work in 1989. In 1992, she began working overseas as Recreation Manager for the US Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She continued working there for over two years before returning to the US where she began working at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, MA. She worked at the Psych Center and Family Care program of Cape Cod Hospital for the past 12 years. She was a board member of the Sandwich Community School for the past 6 years and a long time church school teacher at the First Church of Christ in Sandwich. She loved to travel, be with family, and spend time at the beach.

Besides her husband, Cynthia is survived by her children, Caroline R. Conena, 16, and Kyler S. Conena, 14, her parents, John and Doris Gray of Medway, MA, her sister, Connie MacSweeney of Assonet, MA, and her brother Charles Gray of Andover, MA, and 15 nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Christopher Gray of Miami, FL and the late Cathy Gray of Solana Beach, CA.

CYNTHIA GRAY CONENA

May 27, 2007
Friedman House
Ecology and Sociology

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Julia C. Dahl of Norton, a graduate student and teaching assistant at Yale University died at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, following complications after a bone marrow transplant. She was 27. Born in Norton, Miss Dahl was a graduate of the Lincoln School, Providence, and graduated from Smith College in 1982, where she was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The Baldwin-Dahl lecture series was established at Yale University in 1989 in memory of two of the Comparative Literature program’s most promising students, Birgit Baldwin and Julia Dahl, who both died, tragically, that same year. The annual endowed speaker series affords graduate students in the Department the privilege of inviting a renowned literary scholar of their own choice for a lecture and seminar. Past speakers have included Stanley Cavell, Slavoj Zizek, Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, Avital Ronell, Nancy Miller, Neil Hertz, David Damrosch, Cathy Caruth, Wolfgang Iser, W. J. T. Mitchell, Anthony Grafton, Judith Butler, Jonathan Culler, Homi Bhabha, Michael Hardt, Bruce Robbins, Susan Buck-Morss, Robert Pippin, and, most recently, Claire Colebrook.
JULIA DAHL
December 16, 1987
Franklin King House
Comparative Literature

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Shelley Lynn Davis, 49, of Phoenix, AZ died on August 30, 2008. She was born February 17, 1959, three months pre-mature, weighing 1 lb., 14 oz., the youngest child ever to survive in that hospital. Even as an infant Shelley was a fighter. She was tenacious in everything she did as a professional, in her passions in life, and with her family. Shelley swam competitively in high school and in college at the national level. Later in life she ran marathons and triathlons, attempting an English Channel swim in 1997. She was killed while training for the San Francisco marathon, her 9th.

Shelley graduated from Smith College in 1982 majoring in Government and earned a law degree from Arizona State University. She joined the Maricopa County Public Defender’s office in 1987 where she served as an attorney for twenty one years. She was a voracious reader, an accomplished cook and seamstress, and made jewelry for herself, family, and friends. All who knew her appreciated her creativity and generosity. She loved to learn – history, politics, fashion and great recipes. Shelley will be missed by all of us – father Roland, sisters Dawn and Leslie, brother Robert, nieces Jasmine, Sofie and Daisy, nephews Ryan and Finn – and family, friends and colleagues too numerous to mention.

- Published in The Arizona Republic on September 3, 2008
SHELLEY TODD DAVIS
August 30, 2008
Wilder House
Government

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Cynthia (Cindy) Baird DeRosa, age 52, of Hawley Avenue, Milford, died peacefully August 16, 2012 at her home surrounded by her family, friends, and her two beloved dogs Maggie and Tucker. She was the loving wife of Luke J. DeRosa, Jr. Cindy was formerly the deputy director in the Bridgeport office of the Mental Health Association of Connecticut.

Born on May, 23, 1960 to the late Dr. William H. Baird and Claire G. Baird of Milford, CT and Naples, FL, Cindy was a lifelong resident of Milford, and for many years cherished making her home in the Anchor Beach section of Woodmont. She graduated from Milford High School, received her bachelor’s degree from Smith College and her master’s degree from the University of New Haven.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two stepsons, Luke J. DeRosa III and Gabriel V. DeRosa of Woodbridge, CT; two brothers, William H. Baird Jr. (Stephanie) of Hallandale Beach, FL and Mark L. Baird of Monroe, CT; two sisters, Cheryl M. Baird, and Linda Baird Jansen (Edward) of Hummelstown, PA; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her younger brother Carl J. Baird. Many thanks to all the caregivers and hospice nurses who attended to her needs. Much appreciation and gratitude to Palma Gravanese for the many hours of loving care and devotion during her lengthy illness. A special thanks to Angelo Forte who was always ready to lend a hand whenever one was needed.

- Published in The New Haven Register on Aug. 19, 2012
CYNTHIA BAIRD DEROSA
August 16, 2012
Northrop House
Psychology

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“I am Cheryl’s first cousin and also Smith ‘79... You may know she moved to Italy shortly after completing veterinary school at Tufts, and repeated her studies in Rome to allow her to practice veterinarian medicine in Italy. She married a veterinarian and they had twin children who are now 22 years old. She passed away suddenly in her sleep at home. Let me get back to you with the eulogy. Thank you for reaching out.

Sincerely,
Darlene DiGangi Byrd”

- A death notice was placed in the print edition of The Boston Globe.
CHERYL DI GANGLI

May 1, 2003
Capen House
Biology

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Novelist, natural history writer, and editor, Ann was born in Falls Church, Virginia, and grew up living in the Philippines and Thailand, traveling in Asia and Europe before returning to Virginia. A typhoon in the Pacific, a conical volcano in the Philippines, Buddhist temples and crocodile farms in Thailand, geckos and snakes in the gardens, and the classic children’s fantasies by Madeleine L’Engle and Ursual Le Guin: all fed Ann’s rich and voracious imagination. She began writing her own novel in a spiral notebook at age 13. It became the three books of The Spellkey Trilogy, a young adult fantasy classic.

Ann graduated from Smith in 1982, and after working in Virginia, moved to Cambridge. She worked first for WGBH and then as editor at Harvard University Press, where her love of the natural world let to distinguished and beautiful books in life sciences and history of science, such as Piotr Naskrekis The Smaller Majority and Ronald Numbers’s Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths About Science and Religion. At the same time she continued with her own YA novels, most notably Hatching Magic (2004) and its sequel The Dragon of Never Was (2009), as well as books of natural history for young readers, such as Elephant Talk, Shark Baby, and Wild Animal Neighbors. Her publisher sped up the publication of Smart and Spineless, on invertebrate intelligence, so that she could see it before she died.

Ann met Ed Hazell, a fellow writer, in the early 1990’s. Friendship became love, and stayed friendship. They were married in 1994. Bennet Hazell was born in December 1999. They have endured much, and given more throughout the tragedy of Ann’s illness. Her last book, on animal mating and attachment, will be published posthumously in 2016, and is a tribute to her family, her greatest accomplishment. Survivors: husband Ed Hazell and son Ben Hazell, of Somerville, MA; mother, Vest Downer of Falls Church, VA; sister, brother-in-law, and nephew, Judy Downer, Alan Gordon, and Robert Gordon, of Queens, NY.

- Published in The Somerville Journal from Dec. 1 to Dec. 10, 2015
ANN DOWNER-HAZELL

November 19, 2015
Tyler House
English

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Although an American citizen, her permanent home was in Cork City, Ireland. She was a Trustee of the Loyola Foundation in Fairfax, Virginia, since 1986. The foundation assists overseas Catholic mission activities, primarily in developing nations.

Ms. Farrell was born in Arlington, Virginia on May 13, 1961. She attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. She graduated in 1982 and received a BA in History. She relocated to Ireland in 1984. She lived in the small Irish coastal town of Dingle until 1995, when she moved to Cork City. Ms. Farrell was a qualified Montessori teacher, a drug and alcohol addiction counselor with the Cork Arbour House, and a volunteer at the Cork Simon Community for the homeless. As a fundraiser for that organization, she was a creative consultant on The Cork Cookbook. She conceived and commissioned a children's novel about homelessness entitled A Man, A Boy and A Fox, which is now part of the required reading curriculum at several primary schools in the United Kingdom. Ms. Farrell was working towards acquiring a Master’s Degree in Criminal Psychology at the time of her death.

Although she had been ill for several years, Ms. Farrell remained an advocate of various charitable organizations in Cork, as well as continuing to faithfully and ably perform her duties as a Trustee of the Loyola Foundation. The Loyola Foundation deeply regrets Ms. Farrell’s passing. Ms. Farrell is survived by her brother, Greg McCarthy; her niece, Marianne McCarthy; her aunt and uncle, Carl and Denise Hattler, residents of Bluffton, South Carolina; as well as other cousins, relatives, and many devoted friends.

- Published in The Washington Post on Oct. 2, 2012
ANN MCCARTHY FARRELL

September 16, 2012
Chase House
Medieval History

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Claire Gregory, a passionate defender of human rights, longtime Alexandria resident and ardent Cubs fan, died Jan. 21, 2015 at the age of 54. She was born in Winfield, Ill. to the late Cecily and William Gregory. Claire attended Smith College and after her junior year she earned a summer internship in the Carter White House. She graduated Cum Laude with a degree in government, and went to work for the Department of Energy, Office of Hearings and Appeals in Washington D.C. as a legal and financial analyst.

Claire was awarded a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia, School of Law with Order of the Coif honors. Claire’s legal career was singularly focused on ensuring people were treated fairly and received the full protection of the law. As a trial attorney for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire, she advocated for the people of New Hampshire in civil matters before administrative agencies, state and federal courts. At the U.S. Department of Justice as a Senior Trial Attorney in the Civil Rights Division, Claire brought suits to stop employment discrimination, and worked tirelessly to establish anti-discrimination and sexual harassment policies. She promoted consumer protection, improvement of public health and advocated against false advertising at Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine. In her adopted home of Alexandria, Claire gave generously of her time and skill as a member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission. She connected with the elderly as a regular volunteer with Meals on Wheels and showed her commitment to education as a reading tutor for elementary-age students in the Alexandria public schools. Claire helped the homeless through her commitment to Carpenter Shelter and the Lazarus Ministry. She was a long-time, active member of the St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and Daughters of the King, an Episcopal women’s order that ministers through prayer, service and evangelism. Claire was a generous and devoted friend, always ready to give care and kindness when needed. Although serious in purpose, she loved to be silly and have fun.
CLAIREE
GREGORY
January 21, 2015
Chase House
Government

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Carolyn Hoener Gondran, formerly of Northampton, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 29, 2014, at her home in Austin, Texas, surrounded by her family. She was born May 13, 1960, in Newton, to Arthur and Margaret Hoener. She grew up in Northampton, where she attended Smith College, graduating with degrees in chemistry and physics. While at Smith she developed a lifelong love of rowing that remained an important part of her life until she became ill.

Carolyn continued her education at University of California Berkeley, receiving her doctorate in physical chemistry followed by a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin. She worked as a materials scientist at Sematech for 17 years where she published dozens of technical papers and made numerous lifelong friends. She left the high-tech industry in 2007 to pursue her dream of teaching at Austin Community College and the University of Texas at Austin where she inspired many young people with her love of science.

She is survived by her husband Chris; daughters Jessie and Ellie; brother Arthur Hoener; sisters Irene Asija, Donna Hoener and Ginny Hoener. She leaves behind many dear friends from the Moms and Daughters Circle, the Austin Rowing Club, Austin Community College, and her softball team. Carolyn’s unique insight, passionate commitment to the sciences, family, and rowing will be missed by all.

• Published in the Daily Hampshire Gazette on Oct. 11, 2014
CAROLYN HOENER GONDRAK

June 29, 2014
Hampshire House
Chemistry and Physics

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NISKAYUNA, N.Y. Louise Mary Lowe, 44, of Niskayuna, died at Ellis Hospital on July 7, 2005 after a brief and sudden illness. Louise was an architect and community planner with Synthesis, located on Jay Street in Schenectady. Louise joined Synthesis in 1999 because of her passion to revitalize her hometown of Schenectady. Her enthusiasm and design skill were influential in the success of a number of high-visibility projects. Louise was a 1978 graduate of Niskayuna High School. She received her undergraduate degree in history and fine arts from Smith College, and her master’s in architecture from University of Virginia. Louise is survived by her loving family, including her parents, Katharine Lydecker Lowe and Alfred H. Lowe of Niskayuna; her siblings, Dr. Charles L. Lowe of Glens Falls, Elizabeth M. Lowe of Lake Placid and James A. Lowe of Surrey, England; and her children, Lea, Lydia and Theo Scafidi and Zachary and Leah Millard. She was a beloved aunt to seven nieces and nephews. Louise was a gifted soul who enriched the lives of all who knew her. She was a loving and conscientious leader of her family and community. She and Don participated enthusiastically in activities at Congregation Gates of Heaven in Schenectady, their spiritual home. She will be missed sorely by all. A memorial service will be held at her parent’s church, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church on The Plaza in Schenectady at 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 8. Jewish mourning rituals will be observed at the Millard household at 2485 Hilltop Road, Niskayuna commencing Saturday night through Tuesday night, with Shiva services at 7 p.m. on each evening. Memorial contributions may be made to the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks, Tupperlake, N.Y.
LOUISE LOWE

January 21, 2015
Chase House
Government

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Elizabeth Angela McBeath, 20, a resident of Rockville since 1973, an honors graduate of Magruder High School and a senior at Smith College, died Oct. 17 in a plane crash at the Beverly Farms, Mass., Airport. A spokesman for the Wenham, Mass., police department said Miss McBeath was a passenger in a Piper Cherokee Warrior that burst into flames as it landed at the airport. Police said the plane's other passenger also died and that a pilot instructor and a student pilot were hospitalized. The accident was under investigation by the FAA, police said.

Miss McBeath was twice elected president of her class at Magruder. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Washington and its Christian Education Board. At Smith, she was an English major and was active in church organizations and college singing groups. She was on the Dean’s List.

Miss McBeath was born in Syracuse, N.Y., and lived in Lexington, Ky., before moving to Rockville. Survivors include her parents, Dr. and Mrs. William McBeath, a sister, Rebecca, and a brother, William Jr., all of Rockville; three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McBeath of Brandenburg, Ky., and Mrs. J. Hobart Nickell of Milan, Ind., and a great-grandmother, Mrs. Franklin Walter of Hazel Green, Ky.
ELIZABETH MCBEATH
October 17, 1981
Hubbard House
English

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Ms. Minkoff, the first teacher to hold the Rebecca Willard chair in languages at The Winsor School, died of liver cancer last Friday in Brigham and Women’s Hospital. She was 52 and lived in Newton. Though known to all as Mimi, she was born Maria Suzanne Minkoff, the third of four children, and grew up in the St. Louis area, where she rode horses in her youth. After graduating from John Burroughs School, a prep school in St. Louis, Ms. Minkoff went to Smith College. Studying French and studio art, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1982 and received a master's from Middlebury College in 1988. While at Smith, Ms. Minkoff met Bruce Kelly at a party. “She was pretty, intelligent,” he recalled. “She had a quirky view of life, a quirky sensibility.” They married in 1986 and lived in Cambridge before moving to Newton four years later.

At The Winsor School, where she taught French for 30 years, Mimi Minkoff often spoke with colleagues about “having a classroom where people could take risks and make mistakes,” said Laura Houlette, a longtime friend and fellow French teacher. “Her classroom,” Houlette added “was a place of trust.”

In addition to her husband, daughter, brother, and sister, Ms. Minkoff leaves her mother, Dennet [Dalton] of Carson City, Nev.; and another brother, Ken of Alpine Meadows, Calif. “She was the smartest, funniest person I’ve ever known,” Ms. Minkoff’s sister said. “Her sense of humor was so sharp, so witty, and she kept that through to the end.”

• Published in the Boston Globe on July 26, 2013
MARIA MINKOFF

July 19, 2013
Chapin House
Art History

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...remembering our friends...
Candace Anne Mulak, ESQ., of Simsbury, unexpectedly left us on Monday, (May 27, 2013), to join her beloved mother in Heaven. Born in Hartford, she was the cherished youngest daughter of Steven J. Mulak and the late Estelle Grace Jarvis Mulak. Candee grew up in Simsbury. She was an honors graduate of Simsbury High School, and a Dean’s List graduate of Smith College (double major in art and sociology). She spent time in Boston, honing her management and para-legal skills before re-locating to Carlisle, PA, where she earned her J.D. degree from Penn State’s Dickinson School of Law.

Admitted to the bar in both PA and CT, Candee initially clerked for the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in York, PA. When she returned to CT, she practiced law at various firms in the Greater Hartford area and later took on independent contractor work until a series of health conditions prompted an extended medical leave. Like her late mother to whom she was especially devoted, Candee contributed her time and many talents to the community - through local Women’s Clubs, the General Federation of Women’s Clubs - CT (State Officer) and State HOBY (Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership) Chair for multiple years. Candee was also extremely talented in the performing (music and drama) and creative arts. When she moved to PA, she fell in love with the people and culture of that community and developed a line of “Candiware” to reflect Amish/country folk art.

Candee is survived by her father, Steven Mulak of Simsbury, her sister, Susan Mulak of Salem, MA and her cats, all of whom will greatly miss her sweetness and those big, brown expressive eyes, full of mischief and laughter, seeking and giving love. May she find bright and sunny, pain-free days, dancing to the music of Bruce Springstein, Aerosmith, and especially her role model survivor, Bret Michaels.

- Published in The Hartford Courant from May 30 to May 31, 2013
CANDACE MULAK
May 27, 2013
Chapin House
Sociology and Studio Art

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Patricia LeVeque Niehoff, PhD, JD, of Columbus, passed away unexpectedly March 21, 2015 at the OSU Wexner Medical Center at the age of 55. She was born May 24, 1959 to the late Betty LeVeque Niehoff and HRP Niehoff. Being a lifelong learner, Patricia earned numerous degrees from various institutions.

Keeping with her love of learning, she helped develop and expand young minds as a Professor at The Ohio State University and Columbus State Community College. With a penchant for gardening and landscaping, Patricia was currently studying Landscape Design and Management at Columbus State Community College with the hope of opening her own business. Patricia was proud to be a world traveler and scholar, however, her greatest accomplishments were her daughters, Elsa and Christina and her granddaughter, Juliet.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughters and granddaughter; sister, Elsa Niehoff; brothers, Peter and Chris Niehoff; and close friend and father of her children, Robert E. Smith, Jr. Wanting nothing more than her girls to advance their education, the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Smith Daughter’s Graduate Education Fund, c/o Christina Smith, 5287 Ruthton Rd., Columbus, OH 43220.
PATRICIA NIEHOFF

March 21, 2015
Oak House
Religion and History

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Amy set up this site to keep all of her family and friends informed and connected. We are grateful to all of you for your love and prayers.

On Thursday, April 27, Amy was diagnosed with a mass in her brain. She had displayed almost no symptoms prior to the diagnosis, so this revelation was a tremendous shock. Within hours of the diagnosis, Amy was admitted to INOVA Fairfax Hospital, which has a well-respected neurosurgery department. Unfortunately, on Saturday, May 6, after suffering several seizures related to the brain tumor, Amy passed away at the Virginia Hospital Center.

Amy died as she lived her life - surrounded by her family and friends... Henry, Lei Lei, and Craig are surrounded by family, and they’ve pledged to one another to carry on together with Amy’s loving spirit to guide them. Amy appreciated all of your many expressions of love and care for her and our family over these past difficult days.

From CaringBridge.org
AMY NORTHCUTT

May 6, 2017
Chapin House
Government

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Karen Anne O’Brien, M.D., of Lititz, PA, passed away unexpectedly of heart failure at her home on August 12, 2015. Formerly of Windsor, CT, Karen was born in Hartford on July 5, 1960 and was a graduate of Loomis Chaffee School. She graduated from Smith College and later received her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Texas.

Karen relocated to Pennsylvania to complete her residency in family medicine and settled in Lancaster County. She enjoyed nature and being outdoors as well as researching and cataloging the genealogies of both the O’Brien and Hoskins families.

In addition to her family medicine practice, Karen’s creative interests included painting, knitting, crocheting, and sewing. Karen is survived by her parents, Robert H. O’Brien and Sarah Hoskins O’Brien of Windsor, a sister Cathleen O’Brien of Framingham, MA, a brother James O’Brien and wife Cathy of Midland, MI; a niece, Kristin O’Brien, OD and nephews, Michael and Christopher O’Brien and Jacob, Dylan, and Marcus O’Brien.
KAREN O’BRIEN

August 12, 2015
Lawrence House
Chemistry

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Suzanne Marie Pilskaln passed away on November 5, 2015 at Western Massachusetts Hospital (Westfield, MA), ending her long, valiant battle with Huntington’s Disease. She was 55 years old, having been cared for since 2010 by the exceptionally kind and professional staff at Western MA Hospital. She departed with the determination to go on to that next place on her own terms and with the knowledge that she was deeply loved by so many.

Ms. Pilskaln was born in Newport Beach, CA on October 11, 1960. She graduated from the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA in 1978 and went on to Smith College where she played rugby and earned her bachelor’s degree in government in 1982. Following several years of working at E. F. Hutton in Boston, she moved to Amherst, MA, worked for Jennings, Ryan and Federa in Northampton, MA and was married to Michael Malone of Amherst for 14 years. Suzanne was well-known for her gardening expertise and creativity, as well as her devotion to and care of her wild and crazy dogs.

Ms. Pilskaln is predeceased by her beloved mother Polly Hughes Pilskaln and brother Peter Harold Pilskaln, both of whom also suffered with Huntington’s Disease. She leaves behind her sister Cynthia Hughes Pilskaln of Westport, MA, her father Harold Pilskaln, Jr. and his wife Isabelle of Southwick, MA, her nephew Harold Pilskaln of West Tisbury, her former husband M. Malone of Amherst, MA, and a multitude of loving relatives and friends. An admirably feisty and forthright woman, Suzanne will fondly be remembered for her great generosity in volunteering even as she struggled with Huntington’s Disease, her wicked tennis back-hand, endless enthusiasm for rugby and traveling, her astute political savvy, devotion to the Boston Red Sox and her fierce family loyalty. Her warm, bright smile and beautiful green eyes left an indelible impression on all who knew her.
SUZANNE PILSKALN

November 5, 2015
Martha Wilson
Government

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‘What we have once enjoyed we can never lose; All that we love deeply, becomes a part of us…’

• Helen Keller
SAVAGE--Toni-Leigh (nee Donna). Died November 1, 2006. The entire Manhattan Country School community is deeply saddened by the loss of our beloved 5-6s teacher for 22 years. Our heartfelt sympathies to Jamie-Leigh, James, and the families of Payton Savage. A memorial service will be held at Marble Collegiate Church, 1 West 29th St., on Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m.
TONI-LEIGH SAVAGE

November 1, 2006
Emerson House
Afro-American Studies and Sociology

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Rachel Ann Siebert, 48, of Wilbraham died Sunday May 10, 2009 surrounded by her family. Rachel was the daughter of Mildred (Faile) Siebert and the late William D. Siebert who was born in Newton, MA on June 17, 1960. Rachel has resided in Wilbraham since 1965 and was a graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School and received her Bachelor and Master’s degrees in Education from Smith College and her Doctorate in Education (E.D.D.) from Harvard University.

She taught elementary school in Westbrook, CT, and at the American Embassy School in Madrid, Spain. She had served as principal of Secular Studies at Yeshiva Academy in Longmeadow and was an Associate Professor at Springfield College. She was a communicant and vestry member of the Church of the Epiphany and Director of the Epiphany Preschool. For ten years she hosted Darius Lloyd under the Fresh Air Program. In addition to her father she was predeceased by a daughter, Moriah Grace Vivian.

Besides her mother in Wilbraham she is survived by her husband, David Vivian; two sons, Daniel W. Vivian and Nathan J. Vivian both of Wilbraham; a brother, William T. Siebert of Middletown, CT; two sisters, Elizabeth P. Siebert of Newton, MA and Katheryn D. King of South Salem, NY, along with several nieces and nephews.
RACHEL SIEBERT

May 10, 2009
Morrow House
Psychology

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GROVEVILLE – Melinda (Mindy) L. Smith-Sopko, 45, died Wednesday, losing her long and hard fought battle with cancer.

A lifelong Trenton area resident, Mindy graduated from Villa Victoria Academy, Smith College and Rutgers University School of Law, Camden. Mindy was formerly employed by the Trenton Public Library. She was currently employed as an attorney with the State of New Jersey Treasury Department, Bureau of Pensions and Benefits.

Mindy was active in the Groveville community, especially in her children’s athletics.

Predeceased by her father, Harold D. Smith Jr., and her daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth Sopko, she is survived by her husband of 18 years, Ivan John D. Sopko; four daughters, Hannah, Hillary, Hayley and Hope; her mother Priscilla A. Smith; her sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Richard Stenger of Mercerville; a sister and brother-in-law, Melissa and Christopher Georgiou of Maryland; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends.

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MELINDA SMITH-SOPKO

November 16, 2005
Sessions House
American Studies

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Lisa Tavenner Spencer, 38, of Arrowsic, attorney at law, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 21 at Maine Medical Center in Portland. Born in Brunswick on July 28, 1960, she was the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Thomas Tavenner of Sawyers Island, Boothbay.

Mrs. Spencer attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and graduated from the Boothbay Region High School in 1978. She was a graduate of Smith College and the University of Virginia Law School. She was an associate with the law firm of Verrill and Dana in Portland. In 1989 she joined her father, Thomas Tavenner, where she specialized in family law and subsequently joined the firm of Moncure and Barnicle in Brunswick where she was an associate at the time of her death.

Survivors include her husband, David M. Spencer, Assistant Attorney General, of Arrowsic; a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth Spencer, age 7; a son, William Tavenner Spencer, age 2; her parents, Attorney and Mrs. Thomas Tavenner of Boothbay; and two brothers, Thomas W. Tavenner, Jr. and John K. Tavenner.
LISA TAVENNER SPENCER
April 21, 1999
Friedman House
History

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To laugh often and much; to win the respect of the intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know that one life has breathed easier because you lived here. This is to have succeeded.

• Ralph Waldo Emerson
We thought of you with love today,
   But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday,
   and days before that too.
We think of you in silence,
   we often speak your name.
Now all we have is memories,
   and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake,
   with which we’ll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
   We have you in our hearts.

• Anonymous
‘The message of love has no end.’

from MAJNUN AND LAILA
by Nezami Ganjavi, 12th Century Persian Poet

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Joan Furlong and Lynn Trant Stout, Memorial Co-Chairs
Jessie Woods, Technical Assistance