

In Memoriam

Time is the greatest non renewable resource



Mary A. Conway
Art History/History
Tower Court West

Mary Alice Conway

11/16/1982

A graduate of Massachusetts General Nursing College, and Wellesley College, Mary Alice had planned to marry a doctor at Mass General hospital before she passed from a fatal asthma attack.

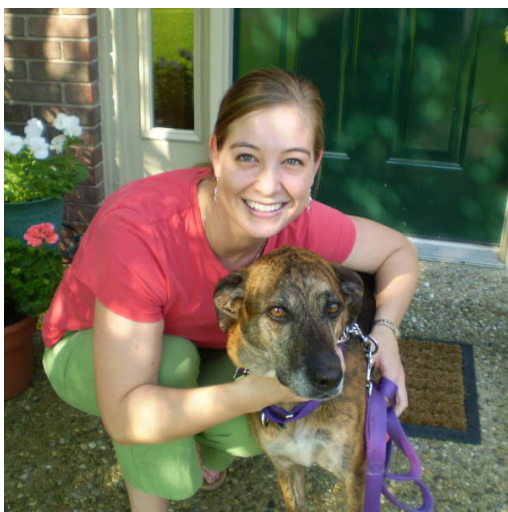


DIANE DUSTMAN
INDIANAPOLIS, IN.

Diane Dustman

3/7/1997

Visiting geologist Diane Dustman, 37, of Boston was killed while mapping geysers and hot springs near Heart Lake, eight miles from the nearest road at Yellowstone National Park. She was apparently traveling on cross-country skis when an avalanche swept down Factory Hill (so-called because of its steam vents) and engulfed her.



In 1997, Hutchinson and Diane Dustman, a park volunteer from Boston, embarked on a late-winter ski trip to the Heart Lake Geyser Basin as part of a park-wide hot springs inventory. Dustman, who had a geology degree and Master of Business Administration, had fallen in love with the park on a cross-country road trip years before and was eager to help digitize Hutchinson's findings.

The two snowmobiled to the trailhead and then skied to a patrol cabin on the shore of Heart Lake. They spent the next day touring the area. On March 3 an avalanche swept down the slope on which they were skiing, burying them both.

When they failed to radio in their status (a routine part of backcountry work) or meet colleagues at the geyser basin as planned, the park began a full-out search, complete with dog teams, on-the-ground staff and helicopter support. Their bodies were found a few days later under several feet of snow.

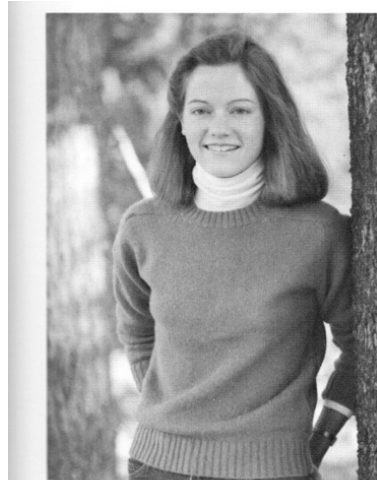


Melanie A. Macronis
English/Philosophy
Non-resident

Melanie Macaronis
5/21/1998

A gifted legal scholar and musician, Melanie A. Brown passed away on May 21, 1998, after a tragic car accident. Professor Brown taught in the areas of constitutional law and law and literature as well as serving with distinction as an assistant attorney general in the criminal bureau of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, Professor Brown was also a noted pianist and composer who performed numerous philanthropic

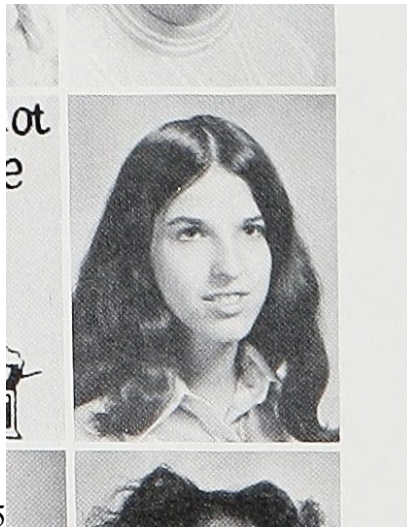
concerts. Professor Brown received her bachelor's degree from Wellesley College, magna cum laude, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. The Suffolk University community mourns the loss of one so young and so gifted.



Jennifer C. Olson
Political Science
Pomeroy

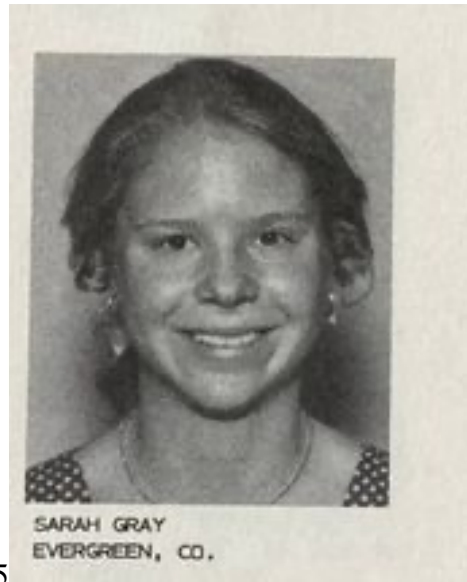
Jennifer Olson Guentert
7/13/2004

Guentert (nee Olson) Jennifer Olson Guentert, 43, died at her home in Chicago July 13, losing her gallant 18-month battle with cancer. A graduate of Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, Wellesley College, The Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and the University of Illinois, Chicago. She is survived by her husband, Philip Guentert; daughters, Eleanor, 3 1/2 and Louise, 1 1/2;



Marian Obuch Komar M.D. 6/4/2005

Born in East Chicago Heights, Marian was a graduate of Lake Forest Academy, Wellesley College, University of Illinois and University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine. Marian was completing a psychiatric residency in Los Angeles and may have passed from Breast Cancer.



Sarah Gray Megan 6/7/2005

Wife of Jack Megan. Mother of Matthew and Claire Megan, both of Concord.

Sarah Gray Megan was a child prodigy who began studying piano with an internationally renowned conductor when she was 6 years old and performed with the Denver Symphony in her youth, but when it came time to choose a profession, she decided she'd rather teach than perform.

Sarah Gray Megan lived at the Middlesex School in Concord, where she was the music department chair for 15 years. She also played at her church in West Concord.

Some words on Sarah Gray: Sarah was my freshman roommate at Wellesley. We dormed on the third floor of Pomeroy. I remember her clearly: lanky strawberry blonde hair, a ready laugh, and an inexorable drive. Sarah ran 6 miles a day and played piano alot—she especially loved Beethoven. At Sarah's urging, her teacher, Antonia Brico—famously also the piano teacher of Judy Collins— came to speak at the College. I will never forget how Brico made the entire audience stand up and chant: "I shall never be deflected from my course." Sarah wasn't deflected from hers. She fulfilled her dream: having a loving husband and children, and a means to express her musical talent. Alice Fasano



Heidi B. Winterkorn
French/Political Science
Tower Court West

Heidi Winterkorn Craemer

5/30/2006

Loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and dear friend to so many, died peacefully in her home on May 30, 2006 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Born in Rochester, NY on March 30, 1960, Heidi grew up in a family that valued education. She excelled in school and graduated from Wellesley College and Harvard Business School. Her career included marketing and strategy for Boston Consulting Group, IBM and Microsoft before

getting married when she focused on volunteer work and philanthropy with Social Venture Partners. Heidi had a dynamic life filled with travel and adventure, and she made a big impression on everyone she met. Before her illness, she was an avid skier, hiker, swimmer, kayaker and cyclist. The courage and grace she demonstrated with such a horrible disease(Ovarian Cancer) was an inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Heidi is survived by her husband, Mark, and their twin toddlers, Lydia and Charlie of Seattle



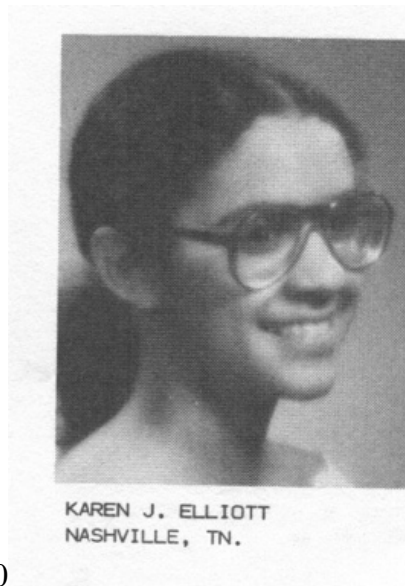
Irene Perry CE 7/11/2008

Perry, Irene M. (Belanger) of Hudson, formerly of Wayland, July 11, 2008, age 79. Wife of the late Kenneth Perry who died in 1988. Mother of Robert W. Alderson of Cleveland, OH and Lloyd M. Alderson of Harvard; brother of, Theresa Meuse of Anson, ME and Jacquelyn Cannon of Mobile, AL. Born in Madison, ME, daughter of the late Joseph and Edith (Landry) Belanger She played varsity basketball when she graduated from High School in 1945. Resided in Hudson since 1991; retired secretary at Lincoln Labs, MIT in Lexington; received her Bachelor's Degree of Arts from Wellesley College in 1982 at the age of 53; member of the Danforth Museum in Framingham and the A&M Club. Irene enjoyed Mountain skiing and was an avid hiker. She was a volunteer at Saint Michael's Parish in Hudson.



Elizabeth Selke Munn
August 14,2010

Liz was a graduate of Wellesley College and MIT Sloan School of Management; in 2006, she moved from the Peninsula to San Jose. Liz' career included management roles at Applied Materials and KLA-Tencor.



Karen Elliot 8/16/2020



Giovanna Virata
4/26/2011

She served as the Chief Justice of the Wellesley College Court system while being a student, received a MBA from Columbia School of Business and then pursued a career as an investment banker in NYC. After Giovanna received the grim news that her terminal cancer (metastasizing ovarian cancer and leukemia) had worsened and that she had only several weeks to live, she decided to stop painful treatments, including chemotherapy, and return home to the Philippines to surround herself with family and friends.



Rebecca Hartwig Nov 21,2015

Becca majored in English at Wellesley, spent her junior year at the University of Sussex, and earned a medical degree at Tulane. Becca frequently spoke of the care she received as a teenager after being diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. It was this experience that led her to fulfill her dream of becoming a pediatrician. Her heart was with the vulnerable and the voiceless. Becca was also an accomplished photographer, and recently spent time studying photography in Paris. She was always a proud Wellesley graduate.

Monica Barrett '82

Dr. Rebecca "Becca" Hartwig, a retired Bel Air pediatrician, died Nov. 21 of cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was 55. The daughter of Leonard Hartwig, founder of Maryland Capital Management, and Elinor Ann Hartwig, an author, she was born in Baltimore and raised in Parkton. As a 15-year-old, she survived acute lymphocytic leukemia, family members said. "Perhaps one of the positive outcomes from her adolescent illness was to interest her in medicine and in caring for children, which she did as long as she was able, with spirit and heart," said a cousin, Mary Linn Wolf, who lives near Charlottesville, Va. After graduating in 1978 from Park School, she earned a bachelor's degree in 1982 from Wellesley College in Massachusetts. She earned her medical degree in 1994 from Tulane University School of Medicine and completed a residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston. She subsequently practiced in New Orleans, Texas, Pennsylvania and New Jersey before moving to Bel Air in 2007, when she joined Pediatric Partners. "Becca's heart was with the vulnerable and the voiceless. Although loving the holiday, she declined to have a Christmas tree because she didn't want to take the life of a tree," said Ms. Wolf. "Aside from her love of children, she loved all animals and birds. Her favorite place on earth was Sanibel Island, Fla., for its wildlife and big birds, which she enjoyed photographing," she said. "She was also deeply loved by her extended family and friends who saluted the resolve in which Becca lived her life — and the clear-eyed courage in which she faced her illnesses," said Ms. Wolf.



Joan Pryce Freeman

December 30, 2020 Went to Dartmouth for 12 college exchange



Karen E. King
Molecular Biology/Music
Tower Court East

Karen King

1/5/2018

Dr. Karen E. King, a pathologist who treated blood disorders and patients who were undergoing organ transplants, died of cancer complications Jan. 5 at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, where she had headed a division. The North Roland Park resident was 56. "Karen was one of those rare people whom everyone loved. Just everyone," said Dr. Redonda G. Miller, president of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. "Her impact on clinical care at the hospital was profound. Through both her innovative spirit and her kindness and compassion, she truly made a difference for our patients." She was a 1978 graduate of McDonogh School and obtained a bachelor's degree at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, where she became an active alumna and committee member. She was a 1986 graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She performed a residency in pathology and a fellowship in transfusion medicine. She was also a pianist who studied at the Peabody Conservatory and in France at the École des Beaux-Arts at Fontaine bleau. She joined the Hopkins Medical School faculty in 1996 and achieved the rank of professor in 2016. "Karen brought immense enthusiasm, hope, and strength to all that she did, and it was through these unique qualities that she cared for patients, taught students and colleagues, pioneered new horizons in transfusion medicine, and battled cancer until the very end," said Drs. Linda Resar and Alison Moliterno in a statement. "Karen was known for her intellect,

energy, and brilliant smile, which she shared freely with her family, friends, colleagues, and the many students, residents and fellows whom she taught. “She was absolutely adored by our residents and fellows. She was a beloved teacher, too, and was given the Resident’s Teaching Award,” said Dr. Ralph Hruban, Baxley Professor and director of the Hopkins pathology department. “First and foremost, she led by example and inspired others by her indefatigable efforts on behalf of her patients and trainees,” said Dr. Hruban. “Karen encouraged those around her to dream big and realize all that their careers could evolve into. She also encouraged them to shy away from pre-established conventions.” He also said Dr. King “opened the door for blood-group incompatible organ transplantation. Through her work in pathology and transfusion medicine, she was affectionately known as the institution’s ‘interventional pathologist.’” “Perhaps more than most anything else, Karen was an inspiration to all of those who have worked with her over the years,” he said. She was both a physician and a scientist. Colleagues said she built the Hemapheresis and Transfusion Support Division at Hopkins from the ground up. They described this program as providing specialized transfusion care to patients with complicated medical disorders. “She was a prolific scientist and imparted her knowledge and expertise through medical literature and 60 lectures throughout the world,” said Dr. Hruban. Her colleagues said Dr. King was an expert in apheresis and the management of complex immunologic and blood disorders, including sickle-cell anemia, cancer, neurologic disorders and organ transplantation. The American Association of Blood Banks awarded her its 2017 Presidential Award. She established an exchange program in which students from Japan came to study at Hopkins, and Hopkins students had the opportunity to study there. She enjoyed watching her two daughters at the National Debutante Cotillion and Thanksgiving Ball in Washington. “Above all, Karen was committed to her family and children,” said her husband, Porter N. Siems. “When she gave a talk or a lecture, she had a way of taking complex subjects and humanizing them and making them more understandable. She would also sneak in a photograph of one of children when she was speaking. In addition to her husband of 30 years, who runs a real estate management firm, survivors include a son, Matthew P.K. Siems of Baltimore; two daughters, Lilly V. K. Siems of Baltimore and Elizabeth M. K. Siems of San Francisco



Marisa R. Shanstrom
English
Severance



Marisa Shanstrom
9/8/2018

Marisa graduated cum laude, with a double major in English and biology. She moved to NYC and worked in the arts, and later received her J.D. from American University. In 1996, she joined the Certosa, in Italy, as a Catholic postulant for the Carthusian order. After leaving the monastery, she worked as a lay missionary. She spent several years in Haiti as a volunteer with the Haitian Health Foundation, and taught English at a missionary school in Taiwan. Marisa taught in Catholic schools throughout the U.S. Marisa often spoke about the education and special friendships formed at Wellesley. Her shining spirit and beaming smile will be remembered always.



Virginia Fay Pittman CE English Major
2/14/2020

"Ginny" Loving Wife, Mother, Beloved Family Member, Lifelong Friend, Student, World Traveler and Patron of the Arts. Of South Yarmouth, age 93. Virginia "Ginny" Pittman was the wife of the late A. Stanley Pittman for 39 years.



Demetra G. Economos
Political Science
Tower Court West

Demetre Economos Anas



8/27/2020

Passed away on August 27, 2020 at her home in Potomac, MD with her husband of 32 years, Peter Anas, and her children, Georgia Giamalis (Matthew) and Sam Anas, by her side. She was born October 28, 1960 in Washington, DC and was raised in Bethesda. She was the daughter of Dr. George T. and Stavroula "Lou" P. Economos. Deme graduated from the Holton-Arms School and lived her life in the spirit of the school's motto, "Find a Way or Make One". She attended Wellesley College and later received her law degree from American University. She went on to be a federal prosecutor for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for

35 years. Deme met Peter (London, Ontario, Canada) at Ionian Village Camp in Greece in 1976 and married in 1987. Deme brightened lives and gave her all to everything she did. Her combination of class, generosity, caring personality and incredible energy has been her hallmark. She was the "room mom" for her children's classes at Holton and Landon, coordinating many events. She shared her passion for cooking with her friends and family, and passed on to her daughter, Georgia. Deme enjoyed traveling across the country with Peter to cheer on her son Sam throughout his college and pro hockey career. Deme's determination allowed her to survive breast cancer three times over 23 years, her family providing resounding love and support.



Helen H. Mar
Political Science/Psychology
Tower Court East

Helen Mar Poon



6/7/2021

Helen Mar Poon passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 7, 2021 in Arlington, Virginia. Born on January 14, 1960 in Montréal, Québec, Helen is survived by her four children: Lauren Poon, Catherine Poon, Alex Poon, and Stephen Poon; two grandsons; three siblings: Doreen Mar, Douglas Mar, and Humphrey Mar; fiancé Andrew MacDonald; and many friends and family members around the world.

Helen led a life full of joy, kindness, and service to others, all while facing seemingly insurmountable challenges with unwavering positivity and faith. Helen will be forever remembered for her kind gestures big and small. She always waved to the driver behind her whenever she changed lanes, saved coupons to share them with other shoppers around Christmas, and made every person feel special. Throughout her treatment for an extremely rare cancer, she emphatically wore her blue "Life is Good" t-shirt with a little red bike and basket on the front.

Helen and her parents, Henry and Dorothy Mar, became US Citizens in the spring of 1971. Helen was a proud Hoosier - she graduated in 1978 from Northwest High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she was a Varsity volleyball player, and had fond memories of shooting hoops and swimming with her siblings during the summer. She was also a Girl Scout, which she enjoyed so much that she later served as a dedicated troop leader for 14 years.

Helen graduated from Wellesley College in 1982. She was a political science and psychology double major and economics minor, though she often noted she was just one class short of completing a triple major. During her senior year, she won Hoop Rolling, a beloved Wellesley tradition. Helen earned her JD at Boston University

School of Law, where she co-founded and was president of the Asian Law Students Society. She graduated in May of 1985 and was admitted to both the D.C. and Florida Bars. Always an overachiever, she got married at the Wellesley College chapel the day before her graduation. Helen later worked in banking, insurance, real estate, and trusts and estates law.

Helen also worked at the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland as the Community Service Coordinator and Assistant to the Lower School Director for 13 years. Helen loved hearing the hallways full of little girls' voices and laughter every day, and seeing the same girls become young women during her time at Holton. She deeply appreciated the love and support from her Holton colleagues, students, and their families, especially while she underwent cancer treatment.

Helen was a pillar of leadership and beloved supporter in every community. There was a special place in her heart for the communities of her children's schools and sports teams, where she spent countless hours in the hot summer sun cheering on her kids, chaperoning band trips, and making everyone feel included.

Judy Harrigan (Harrigan) '82

Wellesley lost another amazing woman when Helen Mar Poon '82 passed away in June of 2021. I remember "training" with her - practicing rolling hoops - prior to our Hoop Rolling Race. She was athletic and could manage her hoop fine while mine kept falling over. Helen won the race that year, went on to law school, married and put three of her four children through Wellesley. She had been President of the Class and, to cheer her up as the cancer was taking hold, we had a class Zoom meeting with her a couple of months before she passed. She was philosophical and inspirational and I think she was the one doing the cheering up. She will be missed.