



in memoriam

1930s

Dr. Maus W. Stearns '35, of Monterey, Calif., a U.S. Army doctor who served in India in World War II and later became a leading colo-rectal surgeon at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and later an instructor in the field. He lived for many years in Pelham, N.Y. and served on many professional

boards, published widely in his field and was a generous philanthropist. He died June 3, 2009. He was 95.

William D. Lambeth '36, of Troy, N.Y., a World War II veteran and retired financial manager who enjoyed hunting and fishing, April 19, 2009. He was 96.

Dr. Roger D. Sherman '36, of Pensacola, Fla., a Delta

Upsilon fraternity member, U.S. Navy and World War II veteran who later became a Navy and private-practice psychiatrist. He was an active outdoorsman and environmentalist and enjoyed chamber music, April 19, 2009. He was 93.

Philip B. Moore '37, of Waterloo, Iowa, May 11, 2008. He was 89.

Floyd Van Deusen Ladd '38, of Schenectady and North Chatham, Mass., a Union football captain, World War II and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who worked as Schenectady lawyer for 50 years. Van, as he was known, was a loyal alumnus who often attended College sports events and enjoyed outdoor activities. He died April 15, 2009. He was 91.

D. VINCENT CERRITO '32

D. Vincent Cerrito '32, of Schenectady, a former county district attorney and longtime New York State Supreme Court judge, died April 26, 2009. He was 98.

"Judge Cerrito," as he was known, was elected to the state Supreme Court in 1967 and served as a judge in Schenectady County until 1985. Prior to his term as judge, he served as Schenectady County district attorney for six years. After retiring as judge, he continued to hear mediation and arbitration cases until late 2004.

The *Times Union* newspaper recently published a remembrance of Cerrito's career, which included input from Schenectady County District Attorney Bob Carney '75. Carney said Cerrito's "firm hand" was intimidating even to hotshot lawyers but added that the judge never lost sight of his ability to help troubled people get their lives back on track.

"He was a guy who had a stern countenance, who had a graceful personality



underneath and who cared about people," Carney told the newspaper.

Born in Schenectady on Oct. 24, 1910, he was son of the late John and Mary Gisondi Cerrito. He graduated from the former Schenectady High School and then attended Union College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa. He continued his education at Albany Law School, where he received a

law degree in 1935.

In 1936, Judge Cerrito began a private law practice in Schenectady. He faithfully served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. After World War II, he returned to his private law practice in Schenectady before beginning his career in the public sphere.

He was a 20-year member of the Board of Directors of St. Clare's Hospital. He served several terms on Schenectady

Senior Citizens Board of Directors. He was the first-ever Chairman of the Schenectady County Board of Ethics. He received an honorary doctorate of law degree from Siena College and Union.

In 1967, Judge Cerrito was named Schenectady Patroon. He was also the first recipient of the Life Achievement Award, given by the Schenectady Bar Association.

He had lifelong interests and made many contributions to the community, civic and professional causes. He was a lifelong communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Mary Gisondi Cerrito; his first wife, Catherine Welsh; a sister, Madeline "Madge" Strong; and his brother, August "Gus" Cerrito, Class of 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Fe Teresa McCarthy; two children, Dr. Amour Johnson, of Virginia Beach, Va. and Vida Cerrito, of Schenectady.

Dr. Frank Saidel '39, of Ronkonkoma, N.Y., June 15, 2007. He was 88.

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Joseph B. Bloomingdale '41, of Sun City West, Ariz., Jan. 31, 2008. He was 90.

James L. Bothwell '41, of Jenkintown, Pa., June 17, 2003.

Dr. George W. Clark '42, of Chazy, N.Y., a World War II veteran and family doctor who served the Chazy area for more than five decades. He was an active Presbyterian church member and supporter of his local library, May 26, 2009. He was 88.

Leslie A. Heinen '42, of San Antonio, Texas, March 25, 2009. He was 88.

Ronald Levin-Epstein '44, of Wheaton, Md., a pioneer in the health insurance field who also worked in international development, with a focus on Afghanistan, June 14, 2009.

Frank J. Tappen '44, of Danbury, Conn., a World War II veteran and avid outdoorsman, June 9, 2005.

William C. Eiseman '45, of Jupiter, Fla., a U.S. military veteran and retired senior vice president at Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., Nov. 26, 2008. He was 84.

Harold Dixon Fox '45, of East Orleans, Mass. and Oklahoma City, the son of former Union president, Dixon Ryan Fox, and brother of Herbert O. Fox '39. Harold earned a degree in geology, played three sports and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He was a World War II and U.S. Navy veteran who went to a career as an exploration geologist in the oil and gas industry. Harold was longtime

supporter of Union, namely the Nott Memorial renovation campaign. He is survived by his wife, Hope, four daughters and seven grandchildren. He died on July 9, 2009. He was 87.

Boris R. Kaufman '45, of Passaic, N.J., a loyal alumnus, World War II veteran and U.S. Navy V-12 program member who earned a dentistry degree from the University of Pennsylvania and worked as a dentist. He was a longtime Kiwanis Club member and Little League coach who, in retirement, wrote a forthcoming memoir called *Overboard With The U.S. Navy*. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rita. He died April 3, 2009. He was 85.

William F. Meier '46, of Harwinton, Conn., a World War II veteran and retired architect and teacher, Nov. 26, 2008. He was 83.

Dr. Edward S. Setchko '48, of Napa, Calif. a U.S. Navy V-12 program member, World War II veteran who became a minister and professor at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He and his wife, Penelope, who earned a master's degree at Union in 1951, had five children. March 25, 2009. He was 82.

Howard Knickerbocker Pruyn '49, of Long Beach, N.Y., a World War II and U.S. Navy veteran and publishing industry expert who was known for his sharp wit, April 6, 2009. He was 82.

Robert C. Simpson '49, of Sun City Center, Fla., who retired from a Wisconsin power transmission product manufacturer and was a Kiwanis member and ham radio enthusiast, March 8, 2009. He was 84.

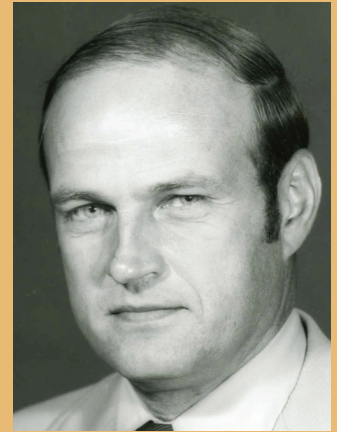
ROBERT B. RASMUSSEN

Robert B. Rasmussen, of Charlton, N.Y., who served 17 years as the College's chief development officer, died April 24, 2009. He was 72.

Rasmussen joined the College in 1975 as vice president for College Resources, a post he held until he stepped down in 1992. After Union, he served as vice president at Connecticut College and as a consultant for higher education development.

A graduate of Cornell University, he received an MBA from Syracuse University. He was an artillery officer and aviator in the U.S. Army.

Active in the community, he served the town of Charlton in a number of capacities. He was an active member of the Burnt



Hills-Ballston Lake Rotary and treasurer of the Scleroderma Foundation, of which his wife, Lynn, was president. He also was a longtime member of the board for Scholarship America and treasurer of the family-owned Joshua's Rock Corporation.

His wife, Lynn, died in 2007. Survivors include two sons, Bruce '84 and Scott.

1950s

Dr. Thomas B. Crawshaw '50, of Newburgh, N.Y., a World War II veteran and family practice doctor, April 25, 2009. He was 84.

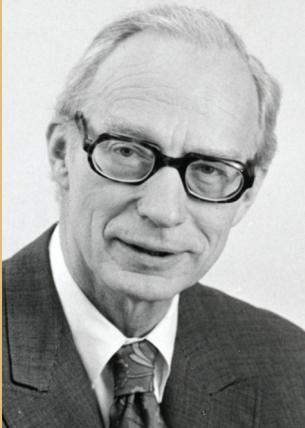
James E. Ettinger '50, of West Hartford, Conn., a U.S. Marine and World War II veteran who survived the Battle of Iwo Jima and became an electrical engineer at Pratt & Whitney Machine Toll, May 21, 2009. He was 86.

Robert B. McCune '51, of Sandyston, N.J., a U.S. Army veteran and longtime electrical engineer, May 4, 2009. He was 81.

Col. James L. Davis '53, of Norfolk, Va., a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Vietnam War veteran, Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient who also worked in the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, April 18, 2009. He was 77.

J. Hobart DePuyt, Jr. '53, of Oradell, N.J., a U.S. Navy veteran, systems analyst for ITT Data Services who excelled at baseball, softball, tennis and bowling. His love of learning helped him become an accomplished solver of crossword puzzles. He died Aug. 4, 2008. He was 77.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS WALDRON '35



William Augustus Waldron '35, of Haverford, Pa., a former Trustee with deep family ties to Union who was a longtime Boston lawyer, former public official, and first full-time general counsel of the Massachusetts General Hospital, died April 29, 2009. He was 95.

Waldron, who as a student was a Bailey Prize winner and Alpha Delta Phi fraternity member, became a Trustee in 1959 and served until 1975. He earned an Alumni Gold Medal for his service and was given an honorary degree in 1979. Three of Waldron's nephews and niece Gail Waldron '72 earned Union degrees, as did brother T. Van Antwerp Waldron '36. Father Charles N. Waldron, was a member of the Class of 1906, and a faculty member and alumni secretary.

Born in Schenectady, he earned a Union degree in 1935 and later earned degrees in political economy and law from Harvard University.

During World War II, he held positions with the National War Labor Board in

Washington, D.C. and New York City. In 1953 he succeeded former Congressman Thomas H. Eliot as executive director of the Massachusetts Special Commission on the Structure of State Government (the Baby Hoover Commission). Later he served as commissioner of administration for Gov. Endicott Peabody, a special assistant attorney general, and a special counsel to the committee on rules of the House of Representatives.

In the town of Wayland, Mass., where he lived for many years, he was chairman of the school committee and held other offices.

In 1975, Waldron was engaged to organize the legal affairs of the Massachusetts General Hospital and he joined the hospital's staff as its first full-time general counsel. He retired in 1981.

He had also been a trustee of the Edmund Niles Huyck Foundation of Rensselaerville, N.Y., and the Taft School. He was married and divorced from Gertrude L. Nelson, of Chestnut Hill, Mass. and later was married to Sybil Jay Kinnicutt, of Cambridge, Mass., who died in 1997.

He is survived by his son, Arthur N. Waldron, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., his daughter, Dorothy W. Waldron, of Wellesley, Mass. and his sister, Jessica N. Spacil of Seattle.

Contributions may be made to the Waldron Fund at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

ARTHUR C. MENGEL JR. '37



Arthur C. Mengel Jr. '37, of Ballston Lake, N.Y., a well-regarded leader in industrial transportation and economic development and devoted Union alumnus, died May 3, 2009. He was 93.

Born Oct. 18, 1915 on Avenue B in Schenectady, he was the eldest son of Maude Mengel and Arthur C. Mengel, chief chemical engineer at the American Locomotive Company.

Mengel earned a degree in economics and statistics and was a lifelong Union hockey and football fan. His various Union roles included class president, head class agent and ReUnion chairperson. As a member of the Garnet Guard, he never missed

marching in the Alumni Parade at ReUnion.

Early in his career, Mengel worked as a rate clerk for the D & H Railroad, dispatching barges carrying cargo on the Erie Canal and Hudson River. By 1939, he was supervisor of Water Transportation and Rates for Republic Steel, the largest steel company in the world.

In 1952, he became assistant manager of the Crane and Vessel Department for Columbia Transportation in Cleveland. After several years in Chicago and Cleveland with Republic Steel and Ogilvie Norton, respectively, dispatching freight ships across the Great Lakes, he returned to his beloved upstate New York as director of the Oswego Port Authority.

He was instrumental in the Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's economic development efforts in the region, including construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and deepening of the Oswego harbor. Under his tenure, new storage facilities were built, allowing foreign ships to dock, store and ship cargo, making Oswego the first major U.S. port on the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1964, he began as a private consultant in indus-

George S. Kranick '54, of Loudonville, N.Y., a New York State Department of Education data management expert who played the trumpet in several bands and enjoyed fishing and carpentry, April 20, 2009. He was 76.

Dr. Alan Young '55, of Boca Raton, Fla., a retired physician and father of Charles H. Young '85, April 11, 2009. He was 75.

Thomas P. Atherton '55, of Endwell, N.Y., a retired IBM employee and U.S. Army and Korean war veteran who was an

trial transportation management, based in Albany. He eventually became executive director of the Black River-St. Lawrence Regional Development Board, overseeing economic development in New York's North Country.

He retired in 1980 to his boyhood home in Ballston Lake, where he worked with Welbourne & Purdy Real Estate for several years and became the Town of Ballston Ethics Committee Chair.

A lifelong student of history, a geneologist and born storyteller, he was fascinated with life in Colonial America and amassed a large collection of books that included many first editions.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 63 years, Winifred Roberts Mengel, whom he married on Sept. 29, 1945 in Chicago after a whirlwind, three-month romance resulting from a blind date. The couple raised three children. He was predeceased by younger brother John Thomas "Jack" Mengel '39.

Gifts may be made in Mengel's name to The Union Fund, 807 Union Street, Schenectady, NY 12308; or to Calvary Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 85, Burnt Hills, NY 12027.

active volunteer and dedicated family man, Dec. 5, 2008.

William R. Washington '56, of Schenectady, a U.S. Army and Korean War veteran who worked as a teacher and local historian and was known for his calligraphic penmanship

and dislike of typewriters and computers, May 15, 2009. He was 81.

Edward A. Millham '58, of Chenango Forks, N.Y., a U.S. Army veteran, April 14, 2009. He was 73.

Arthur G. Thurber '58, of Schenectady, a U.S. Army veteran who worked in banking and finance for the former Manufacturer's Hanover Trust Co., the New York Stock Exchange and Key Bank, April 14, 2009. He was 75.

1960s

R. Judd Sherman '60, of Piseco Lake, N.Y., a former owner of Grestco Dyes and Chemicals in North Carolina who was a longtime Boy Scout troop leader, July 21, 2008. He was 70.

Thomas R. Ayres '62, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., a U.S. Air Force Reserves veteran and co-owner of Cumberland Motor Sales, Inc who enjoyed sports and choral singing. Due to his son Ricky's fight with muscular dystrophy, Tom was also active fundraiser to help find a cure. He died June 13, 2009. He was 68.

Eugene F. DiCocco '69, of Rotterdam, N.Y., a New York State Department of Transportation employee who earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in applied science from Union Graduate College, Jan. 12, 2009. He was 61. (An incorrect middle initial was printed in the Spring 2009 magazine.)

1970s

Roger D. Caldwell '74, of Rio Rancho, N.M., an electrical engineer with Honeywell and General Electric who was an avid alpine skier and glider pilot, May 10, 2009. He was 55.

Keene D. "Davie" Annis '74, of Westwood, Mass., a Comcast employee, athlete, coach and father of two young children who died after a short but courageous battle with cancer, May 14, 2009. He was 58.

Michael C. Schafer '75, of East Aurora, N.Y., a member of Omnicron Delta Epsilon fraternity who earned an MBA from the University of Rochester, March 14, 2009.

1980s

Mitchell D. Bernstein '85, of New York City, an entertainment lawyer who actively supported theater groups and enjoyed visiting well-known roller coasters. He died April 24, 2009 due to pancreatic cancer. He was 45.

Raymond F. Ashley '89, of Pennington, N.J., a senior research chemist at Church & Dwight and U.S. Navy veteran who volunteered to teach English courses and enjoyed jogging and brewing beer. He was a music lover and played several instruments including guitar, bass and piano. He died on May 28, 2009 after several years of battling cancer. He was 41.

William M. Conklin '89, of Jamaica Plain, N.Y., a one-time financial advisor who became a stay-at-home dad for his three children and enjoyed fly fishing and playing and coaching sports. He died unexpectedly due to heart problems on May 25, 2009. He was 43.

1990s

Robert J. Wibbelsman '90, of Los Angeles, an Alpha Delta Phi fraternity member who founded WibbCorp., a computer service company, May 2, 2009. He was 40.

Dennis R. Hirsch '93, of New York City, a partner at Sadis & Goldberg LLP who founded the firm's San Francisco office. He died due to complications stemming from brain cancer. March 29, 2009.

Kara S. Gordon '93, of Longmeadow, Mass., who earned a doctoral degree in neuroscience from Emory University, was mother of two and built a career in the pharmaceutical industry. She died May 23, 2009 after a valiant battle against lung cancer. She was 39.

2000s

David P. Gatti '02, of Wilbraham, Mass., a Union lacrosse player who worked in New York City for four years before returning to the Wilbraham area, May 7, 2009. He was 29.

Friends of the College

Daniel P. Richardson, of Johnstown, N.Y., a U.S. Marine Corps. veteran who worked in the Campus Safety Department. He died after a year-long battle with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. He was 31 and leaves behind a wife and two young daughters. He died March 10, 2009.

Arthur L. Fredericks, of Schenectady, a former Achilles Rink worker, June 1, 2009. He was 73.