42 Class members were saddened by the news of Ralph Fisher’s death in April. The brief In Memoriam notice in the Fall issue does not reveal Ralph’s many accomplishments; yet, as the most self-effacing of humans, what was reported sounds like something Ralph might have said about himself. Ralph was one of the very few members of the class of ’42 to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior. As a senior, he served as ASUC president. After graduating, he served in the Army, eventually serving in China and earning rank as a major. After WWII, he completed his M.A. in history at Berkeley and a Ph.D. at Columbia University, specializing in Russian and Eastern European history. For over 30 years he was a distinguished professor in the Department of History at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

In the summer Alice Hill Nelson enjoyed a gathering of 40 family members of all ages at the Osthoff Hotel Resort on Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, with plenty of activities for all ages. In September, Jean Heying Rusmore was delighted that family members chose to celebrate her 95th with a picnic in Foothill Park, Los Altos Hills, with over 30 family members and many friends. Her nine grandchildren recited a handwritten poem, and her hiking and book groups each sang their own version of “a jolly good fellow.” A great many came to the Audubon Canyon Ranch fete in September for Marty Griffin’s 95th at the Mill Valley Community Center. The event was in appreciation of Marty’s “foresight to protect ACR lands in perpetuity.”

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44 Donald B. Campbell and his wife, Lucy Harrison Campbell ’47, find living high in the Berkeley Hills to be very pleasant. Before and after he retired from the insurance business, Don and Lucy did a lot of traveling, which they enjoyed very much. They two have six children, 11 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Sharing her beloved home of over 50 years in Los Altos with a daughter and son-in-law has proved to be a mutually beneficial and amicable arrangement for Barbara Wankowski Forrest. Barbara majored in social welfare and found satisfaction in working in that field for many years. Now she enjoys the love and activities of her four children, eight grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Failing eyesight means Barbara had to give up bridge, but she is grateful for books on tape or disc.

Jane Jones Hickman reports that she had a wonderful husband and has had a lovely life. She and her husband traveled often, and when his job required it, they enjoyed living in Japan and Belgium. A math major, Jane also found time to be a math teacher. Jane’s granddaughter, Melinda Hickman, is in the class of 2013. Jane’s daughter Margaret Jones earned her Ph.D. at Cal in ’84 and Margaret’s daughter Emily Jones is at UCSF. Jane now lives in a retirement facility in Fairfield.

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45-47 Plans are being made for our 70th reunion in 2016. Tentative dates for the reunion include Oct. 7, 14, or 21. It will be held at Trader Vic’s where there is valet parking. Ken Gaver has agreed to be chairman for the reunion assisted by Paul Grunland. Members have volunteered for various duties. More information to come!

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51 News from Burns and Joan Foster Nugent of San Diego, who wrote to inform us of their 63 years of marriage and two children. The Nugents lived in Iowa, Minnesota, Washington, D.C., and Oregon before returning to California. Joan has been a television interview host, chief accountant for the San Diego treasurer, and realtor. In addition she helped raise fund for the National Symphony, where she enjoyed seeing Pete Goldschmidt and Ed Jordan. Joan also wrote comprehensive land use plans for eight cities in Oregon, fundraising for the Portland Opera and Civic Theatre and President of Nugent Broadcasting Corporation. Joan gives Cal, with its diversity and talented faculty, a lot of credit for inspiring her to try anything.

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52 We had thank you notes from Marty Robinson’s family, and from the Pappy’s Boys and The Achievement Award Program, which we had both funded. We also discussed our upcoming 65th Reunion—more to follow.

Robin (Haseltine) Robinson is living in San Rafael now. Alison (Gilbert) Olson, whom you may recall as a speaker at our commencement, lives in Maryland and taught history for many years at the university there. John Mark got in touch with Micky Scholte, and reports that he was an engineer, now retired and living with his wife, Dorothy, in Carlsbad. They have three children, one of whom went to Cal, 12 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Stu Spence retired recently, and he and his wife, Carol, live in Montecito. Mary Lou Berg and her husband, Dave, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. Mary was a Chi Omega, served as president of WAA and editor of Blue & Gold, and was a member of Mortar Board and Prytanean. Dave, a Theta Delta Chi, was a mechanical engineer who worked on the seat design for the first capsule to orbit Earth, the one in which John Glenn rode. The capsule is now at the Smithsonian Museum. Dave also served in ABOTC and in Koreea. Please, classmates, send in your notes for the next issue!

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54 Betty and Jack Ken sent in a copy of their community newsletter “The Sequoian” from Sept. 2013. Most of page 3 was taken up by an article about the airplane the two of them built together. It took five years to assemble their RV6, which has over 13,000 rivets. But at last Jack and their son Joe were able to fly it to the annual air show in Oshkosh. As announced previously in this column, Honorary Classmate and 1954 Professor of Anthropology Patrick Kirsch retired last June. We eagerly await the appointment of a new holder of our Chair, both the real chair for students from Pat’s office, and a new appointee. So far, no word on this, but...
we will keep asking! Beryl Voss attended The Achievement Award Program (TAAP) dinner at the Alumni House and met our scholar for this year, Brandon Shalachi. She writes “He’s quite a remarkable young man (I was expecting older because he has two children, ages 6 and 3) and I wanted you to know that our Class of 1954 should be very proud of sponsoring this person. He is extremely deserving and very dedicated. Impressive! There are 25 TAAP scholarships awarded each year, so there are currently 100 students receiving money from people like us and our class.”

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55 Carol Proudfoot Jory recently moved to the Forum Retirement Community in Cupertino. She is enjoying all the activities there, plus traveling with her grandchildren.

George Lippi is still working as president of Fugazi Travel Agency, Inc. He says life is special, thanks to his UC education.

Beverly Fitch McCarthy is a member of many organizations like Cal Club of San Joaquin, Stockton Symphony, Stockton Opera Guild, and Junior League. She has been married for 42 years, during which she’s had six children, numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her husband is a retired church organist of 75 years.

56 Classmate David C. Gan, graduate of the School of Public Health, sent a couple of great memories from his days at Cal. Such memories include a kangaroo court held before the big game in 1956. When a Cal student walked by wearing any red color there was an “Eat the Red” mock trial for those who were caught. The penalty was making the red-bearing Stanford supporter dance or sing a song in praise of Cal. David also remembers eating lunch on the lawn in front of Anthony Hall. Unfortunately Anthony Hall is like a ghost town now and the balcony is not used anymore. Many of you have memories of your time at Cal also. Please send your best, funniest, or most cherished ones! As our class prepares for our 60th reunion in 2016, people are needed to volunteer for the reunion and/or gift committees. Our meetings are short and most are held via e-mail, so time is not a factor. Aren’t most of you retired by now and can help? If so, I want to hear from you! Barbara Jopp Chinn, 5405 Carlton St #404, Oakland 94618, s63-605-0161, chinnacres@sbcglobal.net

Margaret Anderson Marshall, Sue Beitzel Larson, Marilyn Leath Honea, and Jean Hargrove Engvall for our “Epworth Hall Days,” were together celebrating the 60th Reunion of the Class of 1955. During lunch, high in the new stadium, Margaret leaned over and said, “Sue, see the centerpieces? Do you think you could make me a Campanile? I have a 30-year ongoing rivalry with a Stanford couple. This year it’s my turn to snuck over the night before the Big Game and let them know the Cal Bear has been there. I’d love to have a Campanile on their driveway when they wake up!” In June, I began working on the Campanile. The reunion program and bookmark were my only patterns. The GO BEARS banner was made from a mailing received, just in time, from the University. The final product stands 55 inches tall! Delivering the Campanile to Margaret in July was met with her “WOW” of appreciation. She even had the Cal Fight Song playing in the background upon arrival. Go Bears!

Maureen Ellenberg is retired. She spends her free time enjoying bridge and tennis, but her five grandchildren are her main loves. Both sons graduated from UC Berkeley.

June Elia has retired from Holy Names University where she was a professor of education. Three of her children attended UC Berkeley.

Ron Forstrom is taking biannual trips to London to visit his grandchildren. He spends summers in the Sierras, and going to the symphony and theater fill his retirement years.

Neilen Hultgren is a retired aerospace chemist and an active chess player.

Margaret Marshall is still working part time. She enjoys hiking and swimming at the YMCA.

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58 Our “None So Great As ’58” class established an Endowed Chair in connection with our 25th reunion to support graduate students and provide discretionary teaching, research, and service funds for the chair holder. The first recipient was Professor Gerard Debreu who won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1983. Upon his retirement, Maurice Obstfeld was appointed to the chair and subsequently served as head of the Department of Economics 1998–2001. Professor Obstfeld was named a member of the President’s Council of Economic Advisers in Washington, D.C. in 2014 and most recently was appointed Economic Counselor and Director of the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund. Our class is very proud to have Professor Obstfeld holding its chair and we congratulate him on his appointment to such a prestigious position in the world economic field. Now let us hear updates from our classmates!

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60 James C. Hagedorn writes that he and his fellow alums used to go to weddings and housewarming functions, but now it’s funerals and the early bird special. Of the 3,500 graduates of 1960, there are still about 3,200 continuing to march forward. James retired after practicing law for 50 years, although he continues to sit part time as a small claims court judge and arbitrator. In his middle years, he was introduced to the beautiful game of soccer and still plays regularly on an old guys team. There is now more time to take vacations with the grandchildren, such as the recent trip to the Galapagos Islands, which was on his bucket list. James asks his fellow alumni: How are the rest of you doing on your bucket list?

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66 Marly Snow is proud to announce that the California Society of Printmakers’ centennial celebration book California Society of Printmaker: One Hundred Years, 1913-2013 received the Worldwide Books Publication of the Year Award in 2014 from the Art Libraries Society. Marly was an editor for the book, which sold out in 2013 but was released as an e-book this year. In her spare time, Marly teaches Zentangle, a meditative system of repetitive pattern drawing. She is offering to teach this visual meditation for small groups of three to six people in her West Oakland studio. If interested, fellow classmates should visit www.snowstudios.com. She is also eager to reconnect with age-compatible Cal grads in the Bay Area.

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69 Class secretary, Dick Carter, had his 50th Piedmont High class reunion in September. Classmates in attendance who are also Cal alumni, include: Buzz Cook Peracc, Holly Hine Suich, Martha Stevens Bennett, Jo Ann Bonner Palamountain, Lea-Ann Senram, Patti Ruvkun, Marilyn Thompson, Rob Giles, and Katherine Howes. It was a wonderful event! Dick Carter also reports that his twin sons, Mike and Will, graduated from the University of Arizona in May. The boys are still gloating over Arizona’s last second football win last year over Cal. Unfortunately, Cal does not play the Wildcats this year and won’t have a chance at revenge until 2016.

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71 Christine Dettmer Giles has been in public accounting, and is now retired from her position as the Fiscal Officer of Contra Costa County’s Health Maintenance Organization based in Martinez. She likes it to Kaiser, only on a smaller scale. She and Rob, her husband, enjoy their season tickets to the
football games at Memorial Stadium and get together before games with an assortment of Old Blues and others for tailgate food and fun.

80 Football season came and Mike Neal ’81, Jeff Templin ’81, and Kevin Johnson made it to the successful season opener against Grambling and the demolition of San Diego State.

Leo O’Farrell continues to fly over the Bay Area is his plane.

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81 Re-creating their success with America Invades, Christopher Kelly and Stuart Laycock take another global tour, this time starting from Italy and exploring that country’s military involvements throughout the ancient and modern worlds. From the empire building of the Romans, through the globe-spanning Age of Exploration, Italy has conquered and explored countries as far-ranging as Cape Verde and Mongolia and Uruguay. With maps and photographs, the reader can visually follow the Italians as they conquer the world. The book also contains an excerpt from the never-before published An Adventure in 1914, written by Christopher Kelly’s maternal great-grandfather, Thomas Tilestone Wells. Wells served as the American consul general to Romania each summer, and in the summer of 1914, as war exploded across Europe, he was there with his wife and two children. Kelly and Laycock’s Italy Invades: How the Italians Conquered the World, full of restless adventurers, canny generals, and the occasional scoundrel, is a fast-paced and compelling read.

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91 Anna L. Santos de Dios, a graduate of Air Force ROTC at Cal, took command of the 844th Communications Squadron in September. Anna, a member of the Civil Service, separated from the Air Force after eight years and is thrilled at this opportunity to lead the squadron as its Civilian Director. The 844 CS, located in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., provides communications support to senior leaders including the Secretary of Defense, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and serves as the executive agent for all services sustaining the National Military Command Center.

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92 Berkeley alum Ethan T. Boyer, who graduated with his J.D. from the Boalt Hall School of Law and is now an attorney at Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge, has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® 2016 for commercial litigation. Boyer has dedicated his practice to resolving complex business and commercial disputes. He successfully handles all aspects of commercial and business litigation, in trials, arbitrations and appeals. While at Berkeley, Boyer was a member of the moot court board, and also interned for Justice Ronald M. George of the California Supreme Court. Outside the courtroom, he is active in the legal community and is a member of the Association of Business Trial Lawyers of San Diego, and Federal Bar Association, San Diego Chapter. Founded in 1981, Best Lawyers has established the exclusive reputation of its list for more than three decades, securing credibility and garnering admiration from the profession as the most objective source of legal referrals. It is the longest running and most respected peer-review publication in the legal industry.

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99 On July 17, 2015, Scott Thomas Suggs Trimble and Melinda Simpson Ehrlich ’03 were married in Santa Barbara. The newlyweds are both residents of Los Angeles. The groom is a Hollywood location scout and film production manager, and the bride is an opera singer and academic coach. The couple first dated after meeting at an ASUC screening of The Graduate in the Fall of 1999 when Ehrlich was an incoming freshman and Trimble was a recent graduate who was back on campus for the filming of the Fred-Franze Jr. movie, Boys & Girls. Both have strong family ties to UC Berkeley. Trimble’s grandmother, Frances Lydia Castelhun, and Ehrlich’s maternal grandfather, Alastair Simpson, were both in the same graduating Class of 1933. Trimble’s great-grandfather Paul Roetter Castelhun ’00 was the guy who first stole the Stanford Axe in April of 1899. Between the groom and bride’s families, at least twenty relatives have attended UC Berkeley.

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03 Rishi Chopra (B.S. EECS) went to work for IBM after graduation and earned his M.S. in financial engineering from U.H. Manoa in 2010. Additionally he received his A.S. in Kinesiology from DVC in 2015. Each degree took only one year to complete. He remains an active volunteer with Cal’s CS169X on edx, as well as with the CAA’s many efforts such as Yes! Berkeley and alumni chapters. He has spent the last decade giving back to Cal by supporting the Berkeley Engineering Fund, following Cal Football, and authoring a few self-published papers. He is also a survivor of thyroid cancer.

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04 Berkeley Engineering alumas Johann Aakre earned his M.S. in structural engineering and subsequently built a thriving career as a structural engineer. He recently accepted the 2015 Structural Engineering Association of Illinois Outstanding Young Engineer Award during the association’s Annual Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards dinner on June 6, 2015. The Outstanding Young Engineer Award awards a Young Engineer, aged 35 or younger, who is recognized by his or her peers for outstanding achievements in structural engineering. Aakre currently serves as a senior structural engineer at HNTB Corporation, where he has worked for more than ten years on a variety of projects, including the Lakefront Trail in Chicago and the Stan Musial Veterans Memorial Bridge in St. Louis.

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Gordon V. Richards, M.S., June 16 in Orinda. At Cal, Gordon lived at the International House where he met his wife of 73 years, Helen Coleberd Richards ’39, who predeceased him by four months. Gordon taught mechanical engineering at Cal before enlisting in the Army, then serving in the Pacific. After WWII he had a long career at PG&E. Gordon was an active tennis player, and enjoyed fine woodworking, boat building, sailing, hiking, playing classical guitar, and cultivating bonsais. He is survived by his daughter Susan Fuller ’68, son Stephen Richards ’72, and three grandchildren.

Otto Hoeffer, July 23 in Healdsburg. He is survived by his daughter.

Alice Marion Chubb Dewey, Feb. 8, in Live Oak. Alice was part of a true UC family: daughter of Phillip Chubb ’07 (who helped build the Big C) and Gertrude Darrow Chubb ’05, and sister to Phillip ’35 and Elizabeth ’43. Alice was active in organizations such as Phra teres, Pi Mu Epsilon, Pi Lambda Theta, and theYWCA. She was a respected and insightful teacher. One former student purchased computers for Yuba College and set up a foundation to provide scholarships in her honor.

Survivors include her children, Doug, Janet ’75, Allan, and Bruce; and grandchildren.

Beth I. Pitney, July 3, in San Leandro. Beth was born in Modesto and after graduating from Cal continued living in the Bay Area until retirement. She worked for 21 years as personnel assistant at Pacific Coast Engineer ing in Alameda. In 1944 she married Melvin Watson and after his death, Beth remarried in 1965 to Fred Pitney. They lived in the Montclair area of Oakland until they retired in 1978. Beth loved travel, reading, and sewing. She is survived by her sister, stepson, and step granddaughters.

Elvis Fujiko Adachi Ogata, Sept. 21, in Berkeley. Born in Richmond and raised between California and Japan, Elvis graduated from Cal with a degree in nutrition. A lifelong floral designer and student of Sogetsu school, she was profiled in the 2006 book Aging Artfully: Profiles of 12 Visual and Performing Women Artists 85-105. She was active in civic affairs, including the Soroptimist Club, Buddhist Church of Oakland, and the Japanese American Women Alumnae of UC Berkeley. The latter honored her as Outstanding Alumna in 2003. She worked at Adachi Florist and Nursery until the age of 100. She is survived by her daughters Betty Nobue Kano ’78 and Susan Tatsuko Kano; grandchildren Joshua Davidson ’04, Law ’09; Naomi Davidson ’01; Malcolm Donaldson ’87; and Nina Ichikawa ’00.

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John B. Wells, Jan. 5, 2014, in Wilsonville, OR. John left Cal in the winter of ’41 for flight school and piloted B-26’s over the South Pacific during WWII. At Cal he was a member of Chi Phi fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Jane; daughters Debbie, Patty, and Maggie ’80; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Asako Sakai Yamashita, July 30, in Santa Cruz. Asako received her degree in psychology at the beginning of WWII. Shortly after passing an exam on the Constitution, Asako was removed with her family to the Topaz internment camp in the Utah desert. After the war, Asako helped her family re-open the Uuki Sakai Fish Market in San Francisco’s Japantown, founded in 1906. In 1948 Asako married Rev. Hiroshi John Yamashita ’35. Asako taught elementary school in Los Angeles, where she supported her husband’s ministry at Centenary Methodist Church, raised two daughters, and took many tours with the Cal Alumni Association. She is survived by her two daughters, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Florence Wiseman Yaffe, Sept. 17, in Oakland. After earning her degree in zoology, Florence became a teacher. She taught in Oakland and Richmond schools, as well as at Tehiyah Day School.

Kenneth Taylor, MBA ’58, the Canadian ambassador famed for helping six Americans escape from Iran after militants took over the U.S. embassy in 1979, died in New York on Oct. 15, 2015. He was 81. Taylor’s wife, Patricia, whom he met at Berkeley, helped him hide the Americans for 79 days until they could coordinate an escape with the CIA. Taylor arranged to provide false passports and plane tickets for the Americans, who posed as filmmakers scouting locations for a fake sci-fi movie called Argo (also the title of the 2012 Hollywood action film loosely portraying the events).

 “[Taylor] was exceptionally cool, which is why he and the others at the Canadian embassy were able to pull it off,” said retired Canadian ambassador Jeremy Kinsman, Resident International Scholar at Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies, who worked with Taylor in the foreign service for many years.

Even when Taylor called his wife to break the news that they’d be shielding wanted men from capture, he made it seem like no big deal. “He called me at work,” Patricia said. “He said, casually, ‘Oh, by the way, we have some guests at home,’ He didn’t say, ‘Oh, they could possibly stay for three months,’ which is what they did.”

When the dangerous plan was first proposed to him, Taylor didn’t hesitate, according to Kinsman. “He didn’t ask if it was the correct thing to do, the political thing to do, or the safe thing to do. He just did it because he didn’t think he would have any kind of a moral choice.”

After leaving Iran, Taylor became the Canadian Consul-General in New York, and during this time, he and his wife toured the city, cut ribbons, and opened paradises. “It was just like being a rock star,” Patricia said. President Reagan awarded Taylor the Congressional Gold Medal, and both Pat and Kenneth were invested with the Order of Canada.

Taylor eventually inspired Berkeley professors Thomas Barnes and Victor Jones to establish a Canadian Studies Program at Berkeley, according to Irene Bloemraad, the sociology professor who currently heads the program.

Taylor was born May 10, 1934, in Calgary, Alberta. Before enrolling at Berkeley, he earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of Toronto. He was gregarious and enjoyed taking friends out to dinner. Alan Unger, visiting scholar at the Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, knew Taylor from working at the foreign ministry and at the Canadian consulate in San Francisco. “I was amazed at how many people knew him... His personality really filled up a room,” Unger said. “He was a wonderful person, and he was someone who was, in so many ways, larger than life.”

In 1984, Taylor left diplomatic service and became senior vice president at RJR Nabisco and Nabisco Brands. Taylor is survived by his wife, son Douglas, and two grandchildren.

—Krissy Eliot
School. She was active in many organizations including AAUW, Hadassah, and the University of California Alumni Association. She had a love for preservation of historic homes and volunteered at local libraries. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, five children, and 11 grandchildren.

Charlotte Flanner, Aug. 31, in Visalia. After receiving her B.A. from Cal, Charlotte began her graduate studies at Cal. Her M.A. was awarded at San Francisco State University in 1973. She is loved and missed by her family and many friends.

William Edward Knapton, May 8, in San Diego. Bill was born in Berkeley, grew up in Crockett. He served in the Navy and got his first taste of flying in 1946 while stationed in Gulfport, Mississippi. He found his true passion in gliders, accumulating more than 3,200 soaring hours, earning the Soaring Society of America’s Silver Badge for a five-hour flight. Bill worked as an industrial engineer and business planning administrator at General Dynamics Convair. A lifetime outdoorsman and bridge player, Bill was vice-president of the South Clairemont Senior Bridge Club. He is survived by his brother Jim ’47; children Cynthia ’81 and Douglas; and longtime companion Jean Douglas.

John Dispaux Upp, Feb. 7, in Monterey. Jack enlisted in the Army Air Corps upon graduation from Piedmont High and served for 22 months with the 12th Air Force Service Command. He met Jane Clare at Cal and they were married in 1950. They had five children together and lived in the Bay Area most of their married life, moving to Carmel in 1990. Jack was in the flexible packaging industry, the last 20 years with Crown Zellerbach, before retiring in 1983. Jack is survived by his wife, five children, and five grandchildren.

Duane W. Dresser, April 25, in Greenville, DE. A memorial service was held for Duane on July 25, 2015, at the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew in San Mateo.

Charline Hills Decker, M.A., ’56, Sept. 22, in Roseville. Charline was a dedicated Bay Area teacher for 35 years. She revered nature and animals. Her emphasis was on culture, language, and history, to support government and standup for the voiceless. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Peter ’53; two children, Gillian and Catherine ’86; and five grandchildren.

Patricia Malone Clevenger, April 11, in Morro Bay. Patricia was born in San Jose in 1927. She was a pharmacist in Santa Clara for five years, licensed at the age of 19. She met her husband, Jim, while she was attending law school in Santa Clara. Pat had a love for preservation of historic homes and volunteered at her local libraries. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, five children, and 11 grandchildren.

Barbara Hall Lapp, M.A., June 12, in Redding. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate, member of Prytanean and Mortar Board, Barbara returned to Redding after graduating from Cal. She was a longtime teacher and director at the Redding Cooperative Preschool, as well as a member of organizations like First Five Commission, League of Women Voters, Shasta Historical Society, and AAUW. She married Don Lapp ’52. She is survived by five children, nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Scott T. Carey, Aug. 11, in Portola Valley. Scott was a graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law and a successful commercial real-estate broker in Silicon Valley. More recently, he was an advisory board member to the Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and his children.

Leslie A. Minkus, July 18, in Palo Alto. Leslie grew up in San Francisco and attended Washington High. After college, she served in the Navy as an air navigator. After the Navy, Leslie earned a law degree and practiced entertainment law in Los Angeles, then worked for the federal government. He returned to California in 1968, and became a professor of law at Golden Gate University in San Francisco, specializing in professional responsibility. He is survived by his wife Mary, two children, and two grandchildren.

Paul O. Vogelhut, Ph.D., Sept. 5, in Tryon, NC. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Madar, three children, and four grandchildren.


Helen Harrison, July 4, in Berkeley. Helen was a respected parents’ advocate and author of The Premature Baby Book: A Parents’ Guide to Coping and Caring in the First Years, published in 1983. Helen grew up in South Carolina, eventually graduating from Cal where she would meet her husband, Alfred Harrison. She is survived by her husband, son, and daughter.
Professor Alan Curtis, renowned conductor and musicologist, died July 15, 2015, in Italy. He was 80 years old.

Curtis was celebrated in his field as an innovator and was especially well known for his revival of Baroque music. He rediscovered and pieced together numerous lost works by composers including Monteverdi, Cavalli, and Handel, many of which were then performed by Il Compresso Barocco, the orchestra he founded in 1979.

Born on a farm in Mason, Michigan, on November 17, 1934, Curtis quickly expanded his horizons through travel and study. He studied the harpsichord in Amsterdam on a Fulbright scholarship 1956-1958 under mentor Gustav Leonhardt. As his career progressed, Curtis focused on reviving early music with period instruments and authentic choreography, including a Rameau opera and Monteverdi’s L’incoronazione di Poppea. His presentation of Poppea was first performed in Berkeley in the early 1960s and is often seen as the “gold standard” for reconstruction of period operas.

One of Curtis’s many talents was spotting potential in young singers. He is often credited with the discovery of Grammy-winning mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato. From the time he first tapped her for an important role, they continued to collaborate, most recently on the 2013 recording of Drama Queens with Il Compresso Barocco.

Curtis taught at Berkeley from 1960 to 1994. Although often on sabbatical in Europe performing and researching, he influenced many students’ lives as an honest and experienced mentor. Students still email the family expressing their effusive gratitude to him.

Music saturated all parts of Curtis’s life. He met his partner of 25 years, Pier Ciapparelli, when they were introduced in Italy by the conductor of Ciapparelli’s ensemble. Ciapparelli says he enjoyed a unique connection when performing music with Curtis.

Curtis’s first visit to Europe in 1954 inspired a deep love of European art and architecture, and he later moved to Florence with his partner. Curtis had a great love for gardening, and passed many hours with his hands in the soil, nurturing a large collection of tulips, roses, bearded irises, and daylilies.

Alan provided his children with an environment of music and art. Rather than giving his daughters Barbies or Legos, he bought them wooden windmills and small Dutch ceramic figures, and carried the girls to all the museums they could handle.

Curtis is survived by his partner Pier Ciapparelli, his ex-wife Jennifer Curtis, daughters Julia Curtis and Daria Wrubel, and grandchildren Cornelia Curtis and Zachary Wrubel.

—Maris Harmon