



In Memory

1947 Franklin W. Eichacker, 98, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on January 16, 2024.

Eichacker earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. He also attended Hofstra and Columbia Universities and earned an A.A. from Manchester Community College. Eichacker worked for the State of Connecticut as an industrial hygienist.

Eichacker is survived by daughters Orrie Eichacker and Anne Reinisch (Gerd). He was predeceased by wife Elizabeth "Betty" and siblings Henry and Walter.

1951 Sherman L. Rogers Jr., 95, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on October 20, 2023.

Rogers earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to be an engineer.

Rogers is survived by daughters Virginia Klesseck, Susan Ladny (Thomas), and Carolyn Lamoureux (Walter); seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Ann, and son-in-law Roger Klesseck.

1951 Albert Sheary, 95, of New Britain, Connecticut, died on April 8, 2024.

Sheary earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. After graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Law, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Sheary worked in state government, rising to assistant commissioner of revenue services, a position he held until his 1992 retirement.

Sheary is survived by children

Julianne Macdonald (John), Michael Sheary (Linda), and Peter Sheary (Lisa); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Mary Lou and children Ann Marie and Timothy.

1954 Ralph A. Howard Jr., 93, of Washington, D.C., died on February 29, 2024.

Howard earned a B.A. in political science, taking time away from his studies to serve in the Connecticut National Guard. He went on to a 40-year career with the federal government, including time with the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Federal Drug Administration.

Howard is survived by his wife of 68 years, Susan; children Mark Howard and Melissa Slattery (Damian); and two grandchildren.

1955 Alvan Fisher Jr., 90, of San Diego, died on February 11, 2024.

Fisher earned a B.S. in geology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He served in the U.S. Navy before earning an M.S. in physical oceanography from New York University and working for the Naval Oceanographic Office. The loyal alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Fisher is survived by children John Fisher and Andrea Pattalock; two grandchildren; and sisters Sue Seeger and Florence Krejci.

1955, HON. 1985 Kenyon J. Wildrick, 90, of Gillette, New Jersey, died on April 21, 2024.

Wildrick earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.Div. and M.Th.

from Princeton Theological Seminary. Wildrick served the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills, New Jersey, for 23 years and then served another decade at a church he started, the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Warren, New Jersey. In 1985, Wildrick received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Trinity.

Wildrick is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy; children Catherine Bladt, Margaret Thomas, and Kenyon D. Wildrick; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Stanley Wildrick.

1958 G. Vance Moser Jr., 87, of Leland, North Carolina, died on April 18, 2024.

Moser earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Glee Club, and the band. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned an M.B.A. from Rutgers University. Moser began his career as a benefit consultant, working for companies including Coopers & Lybrand. He later worked for Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Moser is survived by daughters Jennifer Hunter (David) and Martha Moser, three grandchildren, and brother John Moser. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Carol.

1958 Robert H. VandeStadt, 89, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died on May 14, 2024.

VandeStadt studied engineering at Trinity before joining the U.S. Army. He went on to work as a cartographer and engineer during a 33-year career with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

VandeStadt is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ingrid; daughter

Carrie VandeStadt (Grant Lauer); and two granddaughters. He was predeceased by sisters Eva Mason and Marion Brown.

1959 Stephen Kellogg, 86, of Buffalo, New York, died on March 7, 2024.

Kellogg earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn a J.D. from SUNY Purchase College and to work as an attorney.

Kellogg is survived by wife Carolyn; children Carolyn Darby (John) and Justin Kellogg (Leslie); daughter-in-law Annie Griffenberg '88; 11 grandchildren, including Case Darby '25; and brothers Durrant and Brian. He was predeceased by sons Stephen Kellogg Jr. and Loren Kellogg.

1959 L. Barry Shechtman, 87, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on April 28, 2024.

Shechtman earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the football, swimming, and baseball teams. He went on to own and operate Springfield Mack, a commercial truck distributorship, for 50 years. Shechtman also served in the U.S. Army.

Shechtman is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joyce; son Alan Shechtman '94; brothers Richard Shechtman '62 (Sheila) and Ronald Shechtman (Lynne); and sisters-in-law Elaine and Diane Halloran.

1960 Charles A. Bridley, 85, of Pleasanton, California, died on October 8, 2023.

Bridley earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Glee Club and took part in ROTC. He served 21

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years in the U.S. Air Force, and during that time, he earned an M.A. in management from the University of Nebraska. Shortly after joining Lockheed Martin (LM), Bridley managed LM Logistics on the International Space Station.

Bridley is survived by his sister. He was predeceased by his wife and daughter.

1960 Edward R. "Ned" Chalker II, 85, of Cobb Island, Maryland, died on April 21, 2024.

Chalker earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he ran track. After serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia, he started a Job Corps program at Westinghouse Consultants in Missouri and then moved to Washington, D.C., to work for what became the Department of Education. The loyal alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Chalker is survived by his wife of 46 years, Beverly; son David Chalker; stepchildren Martin Baumgart (Martine) and Kirsten Turner (David); and four grandchildren.

1960 David K. FitzSimons, 85, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, and Vero Beach, Florida, died on May 16, 2024.

FitzSimons earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. His career included time as president of FitzSimons Manufacturing and of Copper and Brass Sales. FitzSimons also served in the U.S. Army.

FitzSimons is survived by his companion of 11 years, Eleanor Naess; children Kerry Wilson (Charles '79), David FitzSimons (Holly), William FitzSimons (Lisa), and Allison LaFramboise (John); 10 grandchildren; and siblings Joan Smith and Michael FitzSimons '67 (Margie). He was predeceased by siblings Julie FitzSimons, Sherman FitzSimons III, Suzanne Reynolds, and Fay Buhl.

1960 Robert S. Lockwood, 85, of Stuart, Florida, died on April 19, 2024.

Lockwood attended Trinity before transferring to Columbia University, where he earned a B.S. in engineering. He spent a year at the Sorbonne and then earned an LL.B. from New York University School of Law and a Ph.D. from the George Washington University. Lockwood, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, had a career in public service, including serving as counsel to the U.S. Judiciary Committee. He also taught at several institutions, including West Point, and later wrote 10 novels.

Lockwood is survived by companion Diana Brennan; children Robert Lockwood (Kristin), Katharine Merrill (John), and Elizabeth Roberts (Brian); six grandchildren; and brother Raymond. He was predeceased by wife Katharine.

1960 Michael P. Rhodes, 86, of Georgetown, Texas, died on May 19, 2024.

Rhodes earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Jesters, and the Senate; ran track; and took part in ROTC. He went on to earn an M.P.A. from Golden Gate University and to graduate from Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. The highly decorated Rhodes served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years, retiring as a colonel.

Rhodes is survived by wife Jan; former wife Patricia and their children, Scott Rhodes (Ellen Schooler) and Susan Anthony (Brian); and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by former wife Anne.

1962 Bruce E. Leddy, 85, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on April 1, 2024.

Leddy earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and

the soccer, squash, and tennis teams. He went on to earn a J.D. from Boston University School of Law and to a career at the law firm now known as Perkins Thompson.

Leddy is survived by his wife of more than four decades, Helen; children Kate Dodge (Jonathan), Alec, and Will (Bettina); stepchildren Jill Goodrich (Kevin O'Connell) and Victor Goodrich; nine grandchildren; and brothers John and Sam.

1963, M.A. 1972 Rowland Ricketts Jr., 84, of Collingswood, New Jersey, died on April 16, 2024.

Ricketts earned a B.A. in history before launching a career in life insurance, rising to senior vice president at General American. He later earned an M.A. in history from Trinity and an M.B.A. from the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ricketts is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary-Lynn; children Rachel Adams (Lee) and Rowland Ricketts III (Chinami); five grandchildren; and sister Jean Ricketts. He was predeceased by sister Mary Ricketts.

1963 John A. Simzik, 83, of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, died on June 1, 2024.

Simzik earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Newman Club, and the football and track teams. After being drafted by the Chicago Bears and playing semipro football, he earned an M.B.A. from Columbia University and had a consulting career at Coopers & Lybrand.

Simzik is survived by wife Margit and sister Helen Szabo. He was predeceased by son Matthew.

1964 Michael W. Ingram, 81, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on March 11, 2024.

Ingram earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where

he ran track. He spent his career with Aetna Life and Casualty as a software developer and systems engineer.

Ingram is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marie; sister Ginni Soja; and sisters-in-law Fran Olesen and Jan Cashman (Michael).

1964 Edward P. "Robo" Roberts Jr., 81, of Tampa, Florida, died on September 20, 2023.

Roberts earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon, rowed crew, and worked on the staffs of *The Trinity Tripod* and the *Ivy*. After serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, he worked in advertising and then in commercial real estate.

Roberts is survived by wife Susie McIntosh, son Ned (Michelle), stepsons Forgan McIntosh (Jessa) and Henry and Nelson Schniewind, five grandchildren, and siblings Joe, Alice Dietrich, and Polly Roberts.

1966 John F. Alves Jr., 80, of Honolulu, died in January 2024.

Alves earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Trinity Pipes, and the Jesters. He went on to earn an M.A. from the University of Connecticut. Alves worked in several fields in Hawaii, including restaurant supply and real estate, before serving in leadership roles at Honolulu Publishing Company and AIO Hawaii.

Alves is survived by wife Cheryl and siblings Judy Levine and Jeffrey (Ann Kutaka).

1973 Daniel P. Russo, 72, of Middletown, Connecticut, died on February 19, 2024.

Russo earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He went on to earn a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, an LL.M. in taxation from Boston University School of Law, and an M.S. in management and an M.S.

in financial services from The American College. He worked for many years as counsel for the Knights of Columbus. His father, Joseph Russo II '41, and brother, Joseph Russo III '68, also attended Trinity.

Russo was predeceased by his wife of 30 years, Judy.

1979 Jon H. Zonderman, 67, of Orange, Connecticut, died on February 29, 2024.

Zonderman earned a B.A. in American studies from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and served as editor-in-chief of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University. Zonderman wrote for numerous publications, including *The New York Times Magazine*, and taught journalism at Southern Connecticut State University.

Zonderman is survived by wife Laurel Shader, children Anna (Jake) and Jacob, and one grandson.

1985 Matthew B. George, 61, of Grafton, New Hampshire, died on April 27, 2024.

George earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. After working at his father's painting and decorating company, specializing in the restoration of churches, he had a career as a corrections officer for the State of Vermont. He also was a Hatha yoga instructor for those in corrections facilities and for those with ALS.

George is survived by his mother, Helen, and siblings Claudia, Daniel (Christine), and Justin (Alison).

1990 Guy M. Oksenhendler, 55, of Queens, New York, died on February 7, 2024.

Oksenhendler earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to earn a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Oksenhendler was an attorney for more than three decades, specializing in criminal defense work in the federal and state courts of New York.

Oksenhendler's survivors include children Ava and Vivian.

1991 Eric S. Estes, 55, of Providence, Rhode Island, died on June 4, 2024.

Estes earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the swimming and water polo teams. He went on to earn an M.A. and a Ph.D., both in history, from Syracuse University.

Estes had a deep commitment to higher education. At Brown University, where he was serving as vice president for campus life at the time of his passing, he was credited with strengthening residential life, health services, and identity and cultural centers, among many other accomplishments. Prior to his time at Brown, he worked at Oberlin College and Conservatory for 12 years, the last five of which were as vice president and dean of students. Before Oberlin, he also held faculty and administrative positions at Duke University and at Syracuse. The dedicated alumna was a current member of Trinity's Board of Trustees and a past president of the Trinity College Alumni Association. He also was a member of the Elms Society.

Estes is survived by his mother, Angela, and his brother, Christopher.

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1993 William M. Pedace, 62, of Mashpee, Massachusetts, died on March 3, 2024.

Pedace earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was on the track and swimming teams. He went on to run an accounting business in Florida.

Pedace is survived by his father and stepmother, William and Donna Pedace, and sisters Cheryl Zamzes and Lee Pedace.

2000 Claudia L. Keeley, 74, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on April 20, 2024.

After working in the family business, Laughing Coyote Kaleidoscopes, Keeley earned a B.A. in sociology. She went on to work as a social worker for many years.

Keeley is survived by her husband of 25 years, David; children Jennifer Torres, Jason Lee (Caitlyn), and Benjamin Lee (Kara); eight grandchildren; and sisters Deborah Adams and Holly Davison.

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1962 Victor Meyers, 92, of Kailua, Hawaii, died on September 10, 2023.

Meyers earned an undergraduate degree from Williams College before serving in the U.S. Army. He later earned an M.S. in mathematics from Trinity. Meyers worked in independent schools and later taught computer science at Hawaii Pacific University.

Meyers is survived by wife Pat.

1968 Norma P. Marcellino, 81, of Brewster, Massachusetts, died on March 29, 2024.

Marcellino earned a B.A. in mathematics and teaching from Albertus Magnus College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She served as a high school math teacher in Hartford, Newington, and then Windsor, Connecticut.

Marcellino is survived by children David Marcellino and Sara Marcellino, two grandchildren, son-in-law Doug Johnson, sister and brother-in-law Paula and John Quigley, and former husband Joseph Marcellino. She was predeceased by brother Philip.

2002 Joseph Avitable, 47, of Wallingford, Connecticut, died on February 16, 2024.

Avitable earned a B.A. from Central Connecticut State University and an M.A. in history from Trinity. He went on to

earn a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. Avitable's teaching career included time at Quinnipiac University.

Avitable is survived by son Jake Avitable, mother Angelina Cable, and brothers Anthony Avitable Jr. (Kirstin) and Michael Avitable.

HONORARY DOCTORATES

1985 Kenyon J. Wildrick '55; please see page 75.

CURRENT TRUSTEES

Eric S. Estes '91; please see column 2 on this page.

CURRENT STAFF

Jorge Lugo, 54, of Hartford, Connecticut, office assistant in Campus Safety, died on April 20, 2024.

A longtime resident of Hartford, Lugo worked at Trinity for more than 33 years. Before moving to Campus Safety, he worked in accounts payable. Lugo served three times as chair of the Non-Exempt Staff Council; he also served as a member of the Planning and Budget Council. Prior to Trinity, Lugo worked at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts.

Lugo is survived by his twin brother, Edgardo, and his younger brother, Jose.

DEATH NOTICES

1951 Rodney W. Crittenden

1959, M.A. 1964 Joseph H. Casello

HON. 1990 Barbara C. Harris

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We will not announce the death of a community member without first confirming with a previously published obituary or direct notification from a relative.