





REMEMBRANCES OF University Alumni


BRUCE C. ABERNETHY MA'84,
 January 31, 2017, Allen, Texas. Abernethy was a veteran who helped design advanced electronic warfare systems and missile guidance systems. As a civilian he worked on transportation control systems and highway control systems.

DAVID W. ALLEN BS'99,
 February 10, 2017, Columbia, South Carolina. Allen earned a bachelor's degree in computer science. Employers included Wilson-Moore Oil Tool Supply Co., Raytheon, I2 Technologies Inc. and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.


LACE B. ARCHIBALD BS'81,
 May 12, 2017, Austin, Texas. Archibald led her own executive recruiting firm for nearly 20 years.


CHRISTINE E. BARBEE BS'12,
 June 20, 2017, Carrollton, Texas. Described by others as creative and outspoken, Barbee enjoyed singing and acting. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.


DEBORAH L. CORLEY BS'83,
 June 17, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Corley's career with the U.S. Social Security Administration spanned nearly three decades.

MICHAEL I. DEFORD BA'88,
 February 15, 2017, Princeton, Texas. DeFord earned a bachelor's degree in English and worked for Sprint Corp. for many years.

ELIZABETH (LIZ) FRANCIS MS'81, March 17, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Francis taught courses in infant mental health at UT Dallas and spent the bulk of her career working with children and families at the Warren Center, headquartered in Richardson.

MIKAL B. GALPERIN BA'93,
 MS'96, April 6, 2017, Richardson, Texas. Following a career in dental hygiene, Galperin studied psychology as well as human development and early childhood disorders.


MEGAN L. GETRUM BS'03,
 April 15, 2017, Sherman, Texas. Getrum earned a bachelor's degree in computer science.


JOHN D. GOODRICH BS'85,
 Ashburn, Virginia. Goodrich, an Eagle Scout and Army veteran, retired from Technology Management Associates. He earned a bachelor's degree in math.


HOWARD B. HAMILTON JR. MS'75, PhD'78, May 7, 2017, Richardson, Texas. Hamilton studied management science. His career included working at Dallas Water Utilities.

DAVID G. HARKNESS EMBA'03, June 20, 2017, Denison, Texas. Harkness, who had an undergraduate degree in engineering from Texas A&M, worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

LISA E. HAZZARD BS'89, June 30, 2017, Windsor, Connecticut. Hazzard earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. She worked in an administrative capacity at a physicians' office. Active in her church and community in Connecticut, she was a member of the Hartford Chorale and CitySingers.

CAROL A. HINDS BA'85,
 February 15, 2017, Waxahachie, Texas. Hinds earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.


CHARLES R. HIPKINS BS'77,
 January 23, 2017, Sachse, Texas. Hipkins had served in the U.S. Marine Corps. His work for McDonnell Douglas, Rockwell International and Mostek Corp. took him around the world.

HUNTER N. HOCK BS'14,
 March 14, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Hock earned a bachelor's degree in marketing.

HAROLD T. HUMPHRIES BS'78, July 2, 2017, Nacogdoches, Texas. Humphries earned a bachelor's degree in public administration.

SOULIGI DANA ANTOINETTE KELLY-BARRON BA'93, TEACHING CERTIFICATE'02, July 17, 2017, Seaguin, Texas. Kelly-Barron, who majored in literature as an undergraduate, taught middle and high school students in several Texas communities.

PATSY K. KEYSER PHD'89, May 20, 2017, Frisco, Texas. A professional nurse, Keyser worked in administration for Baylor University Medical Center and Methodist Health System and was on the faculty of Texas Woman's University College of Nursing.

MARY JANE MATHIEU BS'81,
 March 24, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Mathieu, who studied in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, was a real estate agent and active church member.

JAMES L. MCKENZIE MA'87, PhD'90, July 19, 2017, Charlotte, North Carolina. McKenzie earned master's and doctoral degrees in public policy and political economy. After retiring from the Bank of America in 2014, he became a professor of economics at York Technical College.

SHANNON L. MONCURE MAT'98, February 15, 2017, Lincoln, Nebraska. Moncure, who earned a master's in science education, co-owned Green School Farms and was active in the Nebraska Food Cooperative.

BEVERLY MONTGOMERY BA'83, July 15, 2017, Ardmore, Oklahoma. Montgomery, who resided in California, was an accomplished watercolor artist and art teacher.

EVERARD ZANE MORSE BS'04, December 19, 2016, Lewisville, Texas. Morse, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, worked for several institutions as a manager.

RICHARD J. O'CONNOR BS'82, January 21, 2017, Dallas, Texas. O'Connor's 35-year career at Collin Bank in Frisco, Texas, included serving as president and CEO. He also taught at Southern Methodist University.

JOHN MICHAEL PENASKA BA'09, May 25, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Penaska, who earned a degree in interdisciplinary studies, worked as a database administrator. While in college, he appeared in several musicals.

ERICK A. POTTS BS'92, March 11, 2017, Plano, Texas. Potts earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. His career in finance included working for Navistar Financial and Capital One.

JANA K. RINGENER BS'90, May 11, 2017, Louisville, Colorado. Ringener worked as an administrative assistant, systems analyst and real estate broker.

STEPHEN J. ROMAN JR. BS'90, July 12, 2017, Carrollton, Texas. Roman earned a bachelor's in business administration. He worked for Texas Instruments and Raytheon.

ERA SCHWARTZ MS'76, March 8, 2017, Comanche, Texas. Schwartz studied in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. She taught elementary and secondary students for 25 years.

EDWARD C. SCHWILLE BA'98, March 17, 2017, Richardson, Texas. Schwille earned a bachelor's degree in historical studies and worked in information technology as a programmer.

BARBARA A. SHELDON BS'88, March 8, 2017, Plano, Texas. Sheldon earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and spent her career working for Electronic Data Systems and Hewlett-Packard.

SOUREN R. SOUMBATIANTS MBA'97, January 26, 2017, Columbus, Ohio. Sombatiants, who earned a doctorate from the University of South Carolina, was a professor of economics at Franklin University.

JULIE A. STEVENSON BA'04, July 5, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Stevenson graduated with a bachelor's degree in literary studies.

JOAN K. STOKEY BGS'83, March 26, 2017, Plano, Texas. Stokey worked in senior human resources management for several large companies before retiring in 2014.

VICTORIA DAWN TANNOS TEACHING CERTIFICATE'97, June 17, 2017, Montgomery, Texas. Tannos taught at schools in League City and Conroe, Texas.

ANABEL S. THOMPSON BA'78, April 29, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Thompson graduated with a degree in English. She held leadership roles in her church and local parent-teacher association.

CYNTHIA F. UPCHURCH MAT'85, February 6, 2017, Boerne, Texas. Upchurch taught biology at The Hockaday School in Dallas and later in the Houston area.

DAVID WAYNE VALENCIA BGS'90, June 18, 2017, Mesquite, Texas. Valencia, who graduated with a degree in general studies, served with the Mesquite Police and Dallas County Sheriff's Departments.

JEFFREY S. VAN SLYKE BS'12, February 7, 2017, Dallas, Texas. Van Slyke, who was an information technology technician in the corporate offices of Baylor Medical, had served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

DOUGLAS P. WALBERT BS'10, July 1, 2017, Frisco, Texas. Walbert owned and operated the travel agency Earthbound Travel. He earned a degree in business administration.

RONALD R. WERNER MS'81, May 18, 2017, Fargo, North Dakota. Werner earned a master's degree in chemistry and worked as a chemist and quality assurance engineer.

GLENN M. WILSON BS'85, July 11, 2017, Plano, Texas. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and made his career as a stock and commodities trader.

JAMES C. YOUNG, TEACHING CERTIFICATE'96, MPA'00, June 12, 2017, Oakland, California. Co-owner of the now defunct Dallas jazz club Strictly Tabu, Young made his career in banking, sales, small business and economic development. He later moved to California and was active with arts education.

DELMAR L. ZAHNISER BA'82, February 6, 2017, Dallas, Texas. A decorated veteran of World War II, Zahniser had a career of more than three decades as a captain and trainer with American Airlines.

CARLA C. ZIOTS MS'98, February 8, 2017, Parker, Texas. Zlots worked in accounting, most recently as a senior manager and then shareholder at Huselton, Morgan & Maultsby P.C.

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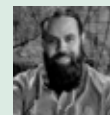
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We continue to mourn the loss of five alumni who were killed by a gunman in Plano, Texas, on September 10, 2017. University President Richard C. Benson reached out to the UT Dallas community with this message [excerpted here]:

“I had no idea that the senseless violence would have so many connections to UT Dallas and would impact so many. We have confirmed that these Comets, who had formed friendships on our campus that carried beyond their collegiate lives, were victims. Many are touched by this news. As Comets, we unite in extending our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims.”

• In Tribute •



ANTHONY (TONY) CROSS BA'07. Cross, who discovered the arts and technology program shortly after enrolling at UT Dallas, changed his major from electrical engineering to ATEC and was among one of the program's earliest graduates. He had worked for the independent motion capture facility Modus Digital. His hobbies were varied, ranging from brewing mead to teaching himself to play ukulele to mastering various forms of martial arts.



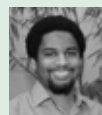
OLIVIA DEFFNER BS'15. A graduate of Reagan High School in San Antonio, Deffner studied marketing at UT Dallas. She was a member of AIESEC, a youth-run organization that encourages leadership development of college students and recent graduates. She had a passion for travel, studying abroad in Austria and visiting other countries in Europe, Asia and Africa. After graduating cum laude with a bachelor's degree, Deffner visited Australia. She was employed as a digital marketing manager with Texas Instruments.



JAMES DUNLOP BSEE'11, MSEE'15. Dunlop had played trumpet in the Allen High School marching band and was a member of the AHS German club before attending UT Dallas. An electrical engineer, he applied his knowledge and skills to home projects as well as in his work at L3 Corp. In August, he had traveled with friends to Missouri to witness the solar eclipse.



MEREDITH LANE HIGHT BS'13. Hight, who was an equestrian and volleyball player in her home state of Georgia, earned a degree in mathematics. During her college years, she worked in the food service industry. After graduating, Hight worked for Coca-Cola Co. as a merchandising supervisor. She enjoyed cooking, attending Renaissance festivals in period costume and listening to the music of 311.



RION MORGAN BS'08. Morgan, who completed a degree in business administration, had worked for the University since 2006. Honored as a star employee, he was manager of the Help Desk operations for the UT Dallas Office of Information Technology. Morgan's friends speak fondly of his affinity for video games and pop culture, as well as his love of outdoor adventures.

REMEMBRANCES OF
University Faculty, Staff and Friends

KEITH HECKATHORN, 1955-2017. Heckathorn passed away in July at the age of 62. He was a member of the University's printing services division for more than 15 years.

NELDA MAGNUSON, 1961-2017. Magnuson, an employee in the Office of Information Technology for 12 years, died in September at the age of 56. She began at the University in 2005 as an administrative assistant, retiring in April 2017 from her business manager role.

Debbie Greszler, a OIT manager, praised Magnuson's work ethic and go-getter approach. "Nelda was a part of the UT Dallas family in a unique way, as her mother, aunt, niece, son and brother were also employees of the University," Greszler said. "Those of us that worked with her fondly remember how she took care of us in a way that truly reflected her love for her fellow staff members."

JERRY COCREHAM MOORE, 1925-2017. Moore, director of the Career Center for 19 years, died in May at the age of 92.

As director from 1976 to 1995, she helped students find jobs and careers. Many of those students credited her with helping them find their direction in life and kept in touch with her long after they graduated.

"She was really a mentor to me," said Susan Chizeck, a faculty member in the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. "When I first began this work with students wanting internships, she immediately shared

her resources with me. She seemed to be on friendly terms with all the major employers and had great success placing students."

Moore is survived by a son and daughter.

UDUPI RAMACHANDRA (U.R.) RAO, 1932-2017. Rao, a pioneer of the Indian space program and former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation, died in July at the age of 85.

Rao was a visiting assistant professor at UTD's predecessor institution, the Southwest Center for Advanced Studies. He arrived in 1963 to work in the Division of Atmospheric and Space Sciences. Rao returned to India in 1966 to help lead in the country's development of space sciences, eventually becoming chairman of the ISRO from 1984 to 1994.

"Rao guided a space-borne launch and observational capability that now places India at the forefront of the field," said Dr. Rod Heelis, director of the William B. Hanson Center for Space Sciences and Distinguished Chair in Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

"Our continued connection with him and his work leaves us deeply saddened by his passing."

Rao led the team that launched India's first satellite, Aryabhata, in 1975.

PATRICIA ANN RUDKIN, 1939-2017. Rudkin, a library assistant, passed away in June at the age of 77.

Rudkin worked at the Eugene McDermott Library from 1981 to 2001, and was one of the first recipients of the Ethel Ward-McLemore Award for

Library Excellence. She was also an avid gardener and a wonderful cook who cherished her time with her grandchildren.

"Mom had a quiet disposition and an extremely kind heart," her son Steve said. "She loved to read and loved her job in the McDermott Library."

She is also survived by Rob Rudkin, her husband of 56 years.

ALLEN RUPERT, 1920-2017. Rupert, a pioneer in hearing research, died in September at the age of 97.

Rupert conducted some of the initial research on how individual nerve cells respond to sound. He published studies throughout his career that advanced science on how the brain interprets auditory information.

The researcher worked closely with Dr. George Moushegian, former director of the Callier Center for Communication Disorders and later dean of what is now the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

Born during segregation, Rupert's career began at a time when there were few African American researchers and professors. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in World War II. After the war, he attended Howard University while working at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. He met and eventually married his wife, Mary Elizabeth Jones.

At Walter Reed, Rupert met Moushegian and the two became lifelong friends and research partners, working together for 52 years. They worked under the direction there of Dr. Robert Galambos, who is considered to be a founder of auditory neurosci-

ence. Rupert also published research with Dr. David H. Hubel, who later won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1981.

Rupert and Moushegian eventually relocated to Dallas in 1968 to work at the Callier Center.

In 1973, Rupert joined the UT Dallas faculty, teaching undergraduate and graduate students until retiring in 1995 as professor emeritus.

"Allen was an extraordinary mentor," said Dr. Robert Stillman, professor in BBS and associate dean of graduate studies, who was once Rupert's student and later published research with him. "He had a lot of patience with people. He let you learn through your mistakes."

Rupert helped Moushegian to develop the first magnetically driven hearing aid.

Rupert is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

HELEN ANN SMALL, 1920-2017. Small BS'07, MS'10 died in May at the age of 97.

Small earned a master's degree from the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at age 90. After completing her graduate degree, she continued to make her mark as a volunteer and University supporter.

She had waited 67 years to return to college life after leaving to get married in 1939, earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2007.

"Helen was a smart, warm, gracious, lively intellectual woman who had the courage to complete her education at an advanced age," said Dr. Marion Underwood, dean of graduate education and one of Small's mentors in the master's

program. Small volunteered at the Eugene McDermott Library, assisting in the special collections section and also worked as a research assistant at the Center for Vital Longevity.

In 2014, Small was awarded the Green & Orange Award for Alumni Service at the annual Awards Gala.

Small documented her academic achievements in a book called *Why Not? My Seventy-Year Plan for a College Degree*.

NANCY VAN, 1946-2017. Van, a lecturer in the Teacher Development Center for 18 years, died in October at the age of 71.

Van taught classroom management, reading and communication in the classroom and supervised student teachers. Before joining UT Dallas, she taught for 22 years in the Dallas Independent School District and for eight years in the Garland Independent School District.

"Nancy was loved by all of her students," said Laurie Pollock, assistant director of the Teacher Development Center.

The educator was known for using puppets, hats and other props in her lessons to show how to help children learn.

Her daughter, Kim Van, recalled how her mother would wear a ring with two eyeballs that she would show to students. "She would say, 'I've got my eyes on you.' She was full of joy. That was her passion - she loved to teach."