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## Our Mission

*In the Spring of 2000, the Archives continued the original efforts of Captain Roger Pineau and William Hudson, and the Archives first attempts in 1992, to gather the papers, letters, photographs, and records of graduates of the US Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School, University of Colorado at Boulder, 1942-1946. We assemble these papers in recognition of the contributions made by JLS/OLS instructors and graduates to the War effort in the Pacific and the Cold War, to the creation of East Asian language programs across the country, and to the development of Japanese-American cultural reconciliation programs after World War II.*

## CLOSE FRIENDS

### Don Shively & Otis Cary

(Cont'd from Issue #225) Don had from childhood been so fluent in Japanese that he was commissioned as a Japanese language officer without additional language training. I had some fluency in colloquial Chinese, and was recruited by Cmdr. Hindmarsh who believed knowledge of Chinese would significantly help in learning Japanese. I needed to learn from scratch both spoken and written Japanese, and did so in a U.S. Navy training program established in 1942 at the University of California, Berkeley, then relocated at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Don was commissioned directly into the Marine Corps Reserve as a Second Lieutenant. I, however, was inducted into the Navy for training, then upon graduation commissioned into the USMCR as Second Lieutenant. Thus both Don and I became commissioned Reservist officers but separately served in the Marine Corps, each of us ultimately attaining rank of Major. I had been a Marine

Corps Reservist since 1939 at the age of 17; for Don, the commission as an officer marked his initial entry into military service. Otis Cary and I were roommates in Berkeley, then in Boulder, his fluent Japanese of much benefit to me.

In 1944 Don and I unexpectedly found ourselves sharing a tent in the USMC Camp Goettge at Anse Vata, a coastal bay location on Grande Terre Island in New Caledonia a few miles from Noumea. Don had arrived earlier and was already serving on the staff at the Naval headquarters (COMSOPAC) of Adm. Halsey in Noumea, to which I had been sent for temporary duty from the Second Marine Division, stationed on the Big Island of Hawaii following the Battle of Tarawa in November 1943.

One of my most interesting experiences in New Caledonia was interrogation of six surviving Japanese submariners of the Japanese submarine, I-17, attacked and sunk a few miles out from Noumea Harbor. I kept Don and the Headquarters staff posted on progress of my POW interrogations. It was from these interrogations that we learned of huge Japanese submarines, able to carry and launch an aircraft, and which had been attacking ships and installations along the American West Coast immediately after Pearl Harbor.

In 1945 when WWII ended, Don and I both returned to Harvard College and in 1946 earned our delayed Bachelor's degrees in Far Eastern Languages and History. Not surprisingly, Don graduated Summa cum Laude, (but I with only Magna cum Laude) brought The following year, Don earned a Master's degree from Harvard University in Japanese language and history. I earned my Master's degree a year later in 1948, after completing Harvard's two-year graduate program of China Regional Studies. We took several graduate courses together, taught by two of

Harvard Asian studies faculty professors. One was Edwin O. Reischauer, who later served as American Ambassador to Japan. The other professor was Sergei Grigorievich Elisseeff, an extraordinary scholar and eminent Sinologist and Japanologist with a remarkable background, who lectured to us in English on Japanese historiography. He could read, write and speak fluently in half a dozen languages. Don and I once had a chance to look at his accumulated lecture notes, written variously in Russian, French, German, Chinese, Japanese, and English. Which language it was made no difference to him. He could refer to notes in any of those languages, and at the same time be lecturing in any of the other languages.

Don went on with university study, and in 1951 was awarded a PhD. I, however, not wishing to pursue an academic career, went to work in Washington D.C., initially at the Pentagon Building for the Department of Army as a China Affairs Analyst.

Don started his teaching career in 1950 at the University of California, Berkeley serving for a dozen years until 1962, after which he joined the Stanford University faculty for two years, then returned to Harvard to serve on Harvard's faculty from 1964 to 1983. In 1983 he went back to resume teaching at U.C. Berkeley until his retirement in 1992, with title of Professor Emeritus of the East Asian Languages. During his truly distinguished career he was the author of multiple published books about Japanese history and culture, and was recognized as one of the leading founders of the new era of Japanese literary and historical studies in the U.S.

In retirement Don resided in Berkeley, his final years in a nursing facility, he passed away at the age of 84 on August 13, 2005. We had kept in touch intermittently, but I had not

known until I read in an obituary that he had been suffering from an obscure, rare, incurable malady the name of which I had never heard, "Shy-Drager Syndrome". It was typical of him not to reveal that he had any health problem. I have since learned that SDS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease resembling Parkinsonism but which develops much more rapidly, with no hope of remission, and average remaining life span of about half a dozen years following appearance of symptoms.

Don was married twice, first to Emily Mary King whom I knew for many years. That marriage ended in divorce; Don's son from the marriage, Bruce King Shively, died in 2003. Don remarried in 1980, to Mary Elizabeth Berry, a professor of Japanese history at UC Berkeley. From his second marriage, Don had two sons and two daughters. (to be Cont'd)

Robert Sheeks  
JLS 1943

[Ed. Note: Thanks to Bob Sheeks for allowing us to print this memoir episode.]

### DeVere R. McAllister OLS 1945 (Malay)



DeVere Richard McAllister passed away on Feb. 2, 2008, in St. George, Utah, of causes incident to age. He was born to Richard Wesley and Clara Albertina Johnson McAllister in

Provo, Utah, on Nov. 11, 1917. Ever since then, his birthday has been celebrated as a national holiday, having been designated Veterans Day in 1918. He grew up in Blanding, Utah, and graduated from San Juan High School. While attending Dixie State College in St. George from 1935 to 1937, he met Ila Cox in the marching band; she played the cymbals, he played the bass drum. They were married in the St. George LDS Temple on Sept. 28, 1938, and chaperoned a group of 4-H girls to the Utah State Fair in Salt Lake City on their honeymoon.

DeVere earned B.S. (1939) and M.S. (1948) degrees in agronomy from Utah State Agricultural College (USAC) in Logan, Utah. Between 1939 and 1948, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service in Hatch and Albuquerque, N.M., Ft. Collins, Colo., and Beaver, Utah. He served briefly in the Navy as a lieutenant JG during 1944 and 1945, training as a Malay interpreter and in intelligence services, but he did not see combat duty. Occasional Malay words were part of the family vocabulary thereafter. He received a Ph.D. degree in plant breeding from Iowa State University in Ames in 1950, and returned to join the USAC faculty (now Utah State University), where he spent the remainder of his career in teaching, research and extension. His extension services work took him throughout the state of Utah and assisting farmers in improving their crops. He advised and mentored many undergraduate and graduate students in agronomy, including his son Ray. From 1965 to 1967, he worked for the USAID/USU team in La Paz, Bolivia, assisting farmers with high altitude forage crops.

DeVere was active in the LDS Church. He served as bishop of a Utah State University student ward, president of the Bolivia La Paz and Bolivia Santa Cruz missions from 1975 to 1978, and later president of the Logan Utah Stake. He was beloved scoutmaster "Mac" to many boys in the several troops over the years. He was an enthusiastic scouter his entire life, serving as council president

and receiving the Silver Beaver Award for volunteer service in the Cache Valley Council in Logan.

DeVere and Ila retired to St. George, Utah, in the 1980s, where he became known for his prolific vegetable and fruit garden, and continued work with scouts. Ila passed away in 2001, and DeVere married Dessie Reber the following year. DeVere is survived by his wife, Dessie; one brother, Wesley, Sacramento, Calif.; one sister, Vera Jackson, St. George, Utah; six children, Claranita (Wayne) Enrstrom, Martinez, Calif., Francis Ralph (Marcia Hutchinson), Billings, Mont., Salt Lake City, Utah, Mesquite, Nev., Mary Elizabeth (Mark) Bold, San Francisco, Calif., Ray Scott (Juanita Jenkins) Derwood, Md., Wilford DeVere (Zelda Black), Salt Lake City, Utah, and LeAnne (Craig) Loosle, Logan, Utah; 21 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Logan Herald Journal  
February 2, 2008

## John Willis Mason JLS 12/8/44-

John W. Mason, age 87, died Thursday, July 3, 2008 at Harborside Swanton Nursing Home. He was born to James and Viola Mason on November 23, 1920, graduated from the University of Toledo with an engineering degree, then served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. John worked as a chemical engineer for LOF for 34 years, retiring in 1983. He was a former member of the Springfield Schools Board of Education, a scoutmaster and member of the Toledo Area Boy Scout Council, and served on the Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals. His passion was growing orchids and he was a member of the Toledo Orchid Society.

John is survived by his sons; Jonathan (Renee) and Craig (Marsa) Mason, daughter; Anne (Phil) Bucher, granddaughter, Mallory Mason, and sister; Betty (Elden) Groves. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marcia Mason, and brother, James Mason.

[http://www.blanchardstrabler.com/emsol.cgi?user\\_id=71714](http://www.blanchardstrabler.com/emsol.cgi?user_id=71714)

## Edward R. McMillan OLS 1945 (Russian) of Poulsbo 1920 - 2014 Veteran

Edward Randle McMillan, May 18, 1920 - May 15, 2014. Born in Seattle. Graduate of Roosevelt H.S. & Whitman College. Served in US Navy, retiring as Commander. Attended Russian language school and completed his degree in economics at University of Washington. He became the Executive Vice President of Rainier Bank (now Bank of America) and Chief Economist. Retiring after 32 years at the bank, Ed was sought after as an economic adviser nationwide. He wrote a weekly column for the *Seattle Times* Business Section. He made life-long friends with associates & BOTT brothers.

Preceded in death by his parents & wife, Bettyann. Survived by sister Margaret Ann Klagge of Silverdale, daughter Kathy Parker of Poulsbo, son Randle (Chris) McMillan of Seattle. Grandchildren Allison (Art) Porter of Roy, Lt. Evan Parker, of JBLM. Great-grandchildren Clayton, John David, Elaina & Glorianna (Porter). We will surely miss him.

Kitsap Sun  
May 26, 2014

## Dean McKay JLS 1944

IBM's first and longtime Vice President of Communications, died September 6, 2005, in Greenwich, CT, of lung cancer, said his son Brian McKay. He was 83. Shortly after Thomas J. Watson Jr. became President and CEO of IBM in 1956, he reorganized the company in anticipation of its probable explosive growth following the introduction of computers. Mr. McKay was put in charge of Communications, responsible for press relations, advertising, internal communications and special events. Mr. McKay was also responsible for IBM's

pioneering corporate design program. The company had to make the difficult transformation from an electromechanical company, long well known for its punch card accounting machines, to a leader in the new electronic computer era. A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. McKay served in the Pacific as a Japanese language translator and interpreter with an intelligence unit of General MacArthur's headquarters. Dean Raymond McKay was born November 13, 1921, in Seattle. He attended public schools in Seattle and was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Washington. He also attended the Advanced Management program at Harvard Business School. He was a senior vice-president of IBM and a retired member of the Board of Directors of IBM, Conoco, Dupont, MCI, Marsh McLennan, and Nabisco. He is survived by two sons, Brian McKay of Reno, NV, a former Attorney General of the State of Nevada and his wife, Karen; Bruce McKay, a television producer of Garden City, NY, and his wife, Traceyann; and four grandchildren.

New York Times  
September 12, 2005

## Robert H. McWilliams JLS 7/4/45- 1916-2013

Robert Hugh McWilliams, Jr. (April 27, 1916 – April 10, 2013) was an American United States federal judge from the Tenth circuit. He was born in Salina, Kansas. McWilliams received an A.B. from the University of Denver in 1938 and an LL.B. from the University of Denver College of Law in 1941. From 1941–1942, he was a Deputy district attorney of Denver, Colorado. In addition, McWilliams was a Special agent in the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence from 1942 to 1945.

He was in the United States Army Sergeant, Office of Strategic Services from 1945 to 1946. He was a district attorney of Denver, Colorado from 1946 to 1949. From 1949–1952, McWilliams was in private practice in Denver, Colorado. He

served as a judge on the Municipal Court in Denver, Colorado from 1949–1952. From 1952–1961, he was a judge on the Second Judicial District in Denver City and Denver County. He served as a justice in the Supreme Court of Colorado from 1961 to 1970.

Judge McWilliams was a federal judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Justice McWilliams was nominated by President Richard Nixon on September 22, 1970, for the seat vacated by Jean Sala Breitenstein. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on October 8, 1970. He received his commission on October 14, 1970. He had senior status on August 31, 1984 until 2011. Until 2011, he continued to hear cases as a senior judge.

Judge McWilliams died on April 10, 2013 in Denver, Colorado.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_Hugh\\_McWilliams,\\_Jr.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Hugh_McWilliams,_Jr.)

## Donald Emery Merriam JLS 4/10/43-

DONALD EMERY MERRIAM (1944-1947) died May 1, 1965, in Andover, Massachusetts. Born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he graduated from Bowdoin, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, in 1931 and received an A. S.I. at Harvard in 1932. He taught Romance Languages at Harvard, the Cow School, and Wilbraham Academy, and served in the Japanese Training School of the U. S. Navy, before coming to St. Paul's in 1944. He had also been Maine State Director of the National Youth Administration in 1935 and 1936, and State Supervisor of adult education in Maine in 1937. At St. Paul's he was *conseiller of Le Cercle Francais* and president of the Rifle Club. Since 1947 he had been teaching at Phillips Academy, Andover. While at Andover, he was chairman of the Spanish Division, and also served if as treasurer, vice president, and president of the New England Modern Language Association. He is survived by his wife, Evangeline Forti Vardavoulis Merriam; by his daughter, Aun Merriam; by his

stepson Ian Vardavoulis; by his step-daughter, Iris Vardavoulis; by his mother, Mrs. Parker S. Merriam; by his brother, Paul C. Merriam; and by his sisters, Mrs. Richard Thomas and Mrs. Charles Gross.

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“DEDICATED to the memory of Donald Emery Merriam. Donald E. Merriam was loved by each and every one of his students. This book is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Merriam, chairman of the Spanish Department, who died after a long illness on May 1 [1965]. He had served Phillips Academy and its students since 1947, when he joined the faculty as an instructor in Spanish. He was graduated from Bowdoin in 1931 and received an M.A. from Harvard in 1932. He taught at Harvard, Gow, Wilbraham, and St. Paul's before joining the Andover faculty. He died at the age of fifty-five, still active in all facets of school life. We all adored and cherished him, and out of respect for a man of his caliber, we dedicate this book to him. Instructor at Phillips Academy 1947-1965”

Phillips Academy  
Pot Pourri Yearbook  
(Andover, MA)  
Class of 1965  
p. 19

## John Harlan Middendorf JLS 1944

MIDDENDORF--John Harlan, 85, Professor Emeritus of English, Columbia University, died on August 14, 2007. Survived by his wife of 21 years, Maureen MacGrogan; by Cathie Hamilton and Peggy Middendorf, daughters of his first marriage to Beverly Bruner, who died in 1983; by two granddaughters, Jennifer and Julia Brindisi, daughters of Peggy and her husband, Larry Brindisi; and by numerous family and friends. An enthusiastic and much loved teacher of English Literature at Columbia for 45 years, he devoted himself to his edition of Samuel Johnson's "Lives of the Poets," forthcoming in the Yale

Edition of the Works of Samuel Johnson, of which he was also General Editor. Many people loved him, and we will miss him.

The New York Times  
August 26, 2007

[Ed. Note: See also a longer three piece article on Professor Middendorf in Issues #136, #137, and #138.]

## ROBERT MIDDLEBROOK EXECUTIVE, DIES AT 72 OLS 9/5/44 -

Robert W. Middlebrook, formerly president of Squibb International, senior vice president of Richardson-Merrell Inc. and a vice president of Pfizer International, died of a heart attack Saturday at a vacation home in Fort Myers, Fla. He was 72 years old and lived in Washington, Conn.

Mr. Middlebrook was a native of Pomona, Kan., and a graduate of Princeton University and the Columbia University Law School. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1940 and joined the law firm of Mudge, Stern, Williams & Tucker. In 1949 he shifted from law to a career as a pharmaceutical company executive.

He was a board member or trustee of a half-dozen organizations, including the Gunnery School, as well as finance chairman of the Washington (Conn.) Art Association. He had also been a deacon, moderator and trustee of the First Congregational Church in Washington. He was a vice consul in the American Embassy in Calcutta from 1941 to 1944 and a lieutenant in the Navy from 1944 to 1946.

Surviving are his wife, the former Georgianna Leslie; two daughters, Leslie Deborah, of Manhattan, and Julia Anne, of Somerville, Mass., and a sister, Mary M. Knight of Olivenhain, Calif.

New York Times  
February 9, 1989

## Donald Lane Miller

Donald Lane Miller of Weems, born May 14, 1918, died on October 31, 2011. An Elder of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems and a member of the Unitarian Universalist

Fellowship of the Rappahannock in White Stone. Mr. Miller was Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Kenyon College, classmate of poet Robert Lowell, Lt. Commander, United States Navy Intelligence Officer [JLS 3/15/43- ] and listed in *Who's Who of America*.

Donald Miller was the former president of Northern Virginia Chapter (Alexandria) of Sons of the American Revolution. He was the Executive Director of the National Captive Nations Committee, chartered by Act of U.S. Congress (Public Laws 86-90) in 1959 and signed by President Eisenhower. He served twice in that capacity, 1959 to mid-1970s and from 1985 into the late 1990s.

He worked with Professor (later Ambassador) Lev Dobriansky in securing passage of the law, and in producing the annual commemorations each July. He was the founder of Virginia Cultural Laureates Program, 1970s. He was the founder of Northern Neck newsletter, *Community Forum*. Mr. Miller was the founder Children's Aid International during the Vietnam War. As the U.S. military left Vietnam, the organization responded to the desperate needs of the thousands of orphans left behind in the abandoned villages and refugee camps. Their life-saving efforts expanded beyond Vietnam to the Philippines and other countries. One of his proudest accomplishments, Lancaster Community Library's Storymobile, which he and a few others founded.

His career was formidable, from reporter for the *Washington Post* to speech writer for United States presidents, and a Korean President. He loved to tell stories about rubbing shoulders with famous men, and kissing the hands of stunning women ...among them, Elizabeth Taylor. He is the author of *Strategy for Conquest: A study of Communist Propaganda Techniques* (1966); *Centennial: Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church* (1989); *John Smith ... The Original Founding Father* (to be published); Co-founder (1974) Braddock Communications, Herndon.



Donald Miller lives on in the devoted and loving hearts of his family, Thea Marshall and Eva Abel, of Weems, along with Madeleine Abel VanHook and her family, Herb VanHook, children Ben and Hannah VanHook of Northern Virginia, and in the hearts of all those whose lives he touched and made a bit more interesting by his wealth of captivating stories.

<http://www.curriefuneral.com//book-of-memories/1459976/Miller-Donald/obituary.php>

**Giles E. Miller, Sr.**  
**OLS 5/2/44**  
**SERVICES THURSDAY FOR**  
**GILES E. MILLER SR.**

Services for Giles E. Miller Sr., the original owner of the Dallas Texans football team, will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Sparkman-Hillcrest Funeral Home in Dallas. Burial will follow at the Sparkman-Hillcrest Mausoleum.

Mr. Miller died Sunday morning at the Spohn Hospital in Corpus Christi after a lengthy illness. He was 68.

A Dallas native, Mr. Miller was a graduate of Terrill Prep School. He completed one year at the University of Texas at Austin before transferring to Southern Methodist University where he received a law degree in 1941.

After college, he served in the U.S. Navy in the naval intelligence division.

In 1953, Mr. Miller bought the Dallas Texans, the first professional team in Texas. The Texans eventually became the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League. That team is now the Indianapolis Colts. A later Dallas Texans team went on to become the Kansas City Chiefs.

In 1957, he bought Texas Textile Mills. He later expanded his business interests to radio and newspaper publishing.

Mr. Miller was editor and publisher of the Park Cities News from 1957 to 1963 and later owned Dallas radio stations KPCN, KOKE, KIXZ and KINT.

He was a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney more

than 11 years beginning in 1969. He also had a private law practice and was a practicing lawyer at the time of his death. He was a member of the Love Field Masonic Lodge, the Hella Shrine Temple and the Dallas Country Club. He also was a member of the Dervish Club and the "Bonehead" Club.

He also ran for U.S. Congress and the state Legislature, but was not elected.

He is survived by his wife, Narene M. Miller of Corpus Christi; sons, Giles E. "Ed" Miller Jr. of Fort Worth, Stewart R. Miller of Dallas, Donovan C. Miller of Austin, Scott L. Miller and Jonathan B. Miller, both of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Sonya Miller of Eureka, Calif.; a brother, Bryan C. Miller of Dallas; and nine grandchildren.

Dallas Morning News  
April 5, 1989

**LIEUT. MITCHELL**  
**BURIAL SATURDAY**  
**1921-1947**

Full military honors are to be given Marine 1st Lieut. Willard F. Mitchell [*JLS 1944*], son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Mitchell, 6936 N. Fenwick Avenue, whose body was among the war dead recently returned to this country. Color bearers and a firing squad from the local marine recruiting station will participate in the burial service.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p. m. Friday in the Peninsula funeral home chapel. Requiem Mass will be offered at 10 a. m. Saturday in St. Cecilia Church. Commitment will be at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Lieut. Mitchell, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in January, 1943, died in Honolulu. He was being rushed to his home by plane from Japan after he had contracted leukemia. He was an instructor in the Japanese language.

Lieut. Mitchell was born on June 20, 1921 in Vancouver. He attended preparatory schools in Portland and had studied at Stanford and Harvard. Surviving besides his parents is a brother, Joseph, a student at Stanford University.

The Oregonian  
October 22, 1947

**Jack E. Murphy**  
**Publicity Director,**  
**74, OLS 7/13/45-**

Jack E. Murphy, a publicity director for the New York Philharmonic who also worked at Carnegie Hall, died on Saturday at his home in Manhattan. He was 74 and also had a home in Italy.

The cause was bone cancer, a Carnegie Hall spokesman said.

Mr. Murphy served in the Marine Corps during World War II and attended the University of Florence after the war. He was managing director of the Italian Chamber Orchestra from 1951-57 and then returned to New York City, where he worked for the Herbert Barrett Management firm.

He joined the New York Philharmonic in 1975 as associate director of publicity and was coordinator of the 1976 Celebration of Contemporary Music, co-sponsored by the Philharmonic and the Juilliard School. He retired from the Philharmonic in 1981 and then worked for a period at Carnegie Hall.

He is survived by his companion, Anthony Carobine, and a brother, Ed, of St. Maries, Idaho.

New York Times  
September 22, 1995

**Robert Melvin Newell**  
**1918-2007, JLS 1943**

NEWELL-Robert Melvin Newell, October 29, 1918 - October 8, 2007. Born in Anacortes, Washington, only child of Semore and Hilda Newell, Bob graduated from high school at age 15, worked for 3 years in a sawmill and as a commercial fisherman saving to attend Stanford University where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with (as he was fond of saying) "the great class of '41."

During WWII he graduated from the Japanese Language School in Boulder, Colorado and was stationed in Australia where he was attached to the Australian Royal Navy and worked with a team who broke the Japanese naval code. After V-J day, he was stationed in Japan where he acted as interpreter for the

interrogation of senior Japanese military officials, one of whom planned the strike at Pearl Harbor and another who was in charge of defending the Japanese homeland against the expected American invasion in 1946.

After the war, he graduated from Stanford Law School and developed a successful Los Angeles law practice with his law partner of 42 years, Theodore A. Chester. Both taught at Loyola Law School for 10 years as they established their practice. Bob gave frequent family law updates for the Continuing Education of the Bar and acted as a mediator.

He was an active skier, duck hunter, body surfer and, especially, golfer. He loved his friends and they loved him. Being a "yellow dog democrat," he enjoyed debating his Republican friends and sharply criticizing their political views.

Bob is survived by Mary Will Newell, his beloved and devoted wife of 52 years, son Robert M. ("Buck") Newell, Jr., daughter Christine Young, stepdaughter Robin Sawyer, his stepsons Reid Smith and Robert G. ("Skip") Smith, Jr. and assorted grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his younger son, Air National Guard Captain (Ret.) William C. Newell.

Pasadena Star-News  
October 11, 2007

**Benjamin Bernard Ringer**  
**JLS 1944**

Benjamin B. Ringer received his B.A. from Ohio University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Columbia University. Since coming to Hunter College, he has served as chair of the Sociology Department and executive officer of the Ph.D. Program in Sociology at the Graduate Center (GSUC). He received the Hunter College President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship in 1990. Dr. Ringer's research interests focus on race and ethnic relations.

<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/sociology/faculty/benjamin-ringer>