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You may have thought that our 60th reunion was just a minor. Cancel that. It really has been 60 years since we wore those mortarboards. We celebrated it by attending the 50th reunions of Class of 1954 and 194. Once more our class showed its count. Class members along with spouses and friends, we were one of the larger groups present, with 26. The tradition of great participation in the annual fund drive continued as well. At 76 percent, we were far ahead of the next class seat. To put it in perspective, the University’s goal is to have 28 percent of all alumni give. The class closest to us was a little over 50 percent.

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This June, join your fellow Drewids for a weekend of fun back where it all began! From food trucks to faculty presentations, kids’ activities to nights at the Pub, there’s something for everyone.

This year’s Reunion is even more special because 2017 is Drew’s 150th birthday. Don’t miss out—a party like this comes around only once every 150 years!

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passion, along with his dog and National Public Radio. Eloise Crocker has been traveling a lot: New Zealand and Australia, Southeast Asia, China, Morocco, Iceland, Sweden and Greece throughout these years. She has other plans in the works. Eloise writes, “My 13-year-old granddaughter is my delight, and I can’t see her often enough.

Jill Gillette and his wife, Marie, are enjoying retirement. They have become lovers of Tauck tours and have taken six of them. Their four grandchildren also keep them busy. Jill and Marie are fortunate that they all live close enough to attend games and school activities. Jill plays golf once or twice a week and is happy that Morris County has five great courses with very inexpensive rates for seniors. One course is next door; he could walk to it. They also do a Florida week where he plays golf and they visit various scenic offerings. This year, they are targeting the Jack-o-lantern Bash in Orange area.

Bill Dickinson writes that he hasn’t done much with Drew since our 50th anniversary, and he hopes the University is doing well under its new leadership. His great news is that he and his wife, Linda, are finally grandparents to baby Lily, who lives with their daughter, Laura, and her husband, Justin, in Verona, New Jersey. Bill and Linda finally realize what you all have been saying about being grandparents—it’s fantastic! It’s the payback for being parents. Bill and Linda are still living in Alexandria, Virginia, and Bill continues to be engaged in state and local Democratic politics, serving on a number of environmental-oriented boards, commissars and NGOs. After taking an early retirement from the federal government some years ago, Bill continues working occasionally as a consultant, advising water and park districts on matters of finance and governance. It’s stimulating to see the creativity at the local level in saving nearby nature and protecting the environment. Linda continues working as a Washington, D.C., tour guide. The increase in tourists to the nation’s capital is unbelievable. Both of them endeavor to stay healthy by being lots of golf together, with Bill also sculling on the Occoquan Reservoir, and Linda doing yoga daily. Congratulations to Bill and Linda as they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Lois Jackson has started a new career as an antiquarian bookseller. Jackson Antiquarian Books is a room in the local antiques mall. She has been doing antiquarian book fairs and selling online as well. She continues to find books for the Zach Collection of Botanical Books at the Drew Library. This fall, she is teaching a course at Dartmouth in their lifelong learning program—actually two courses, as the registration filled up in the first two hours, and Lois was asked if she could teach a second course. Lois is the vice president of the Comlink Historical Society, and the summer is their busy season, with museum openings every Saturday and community gatherings. Lois travels to Asheville, North Carolina, about every six

weeks, to help her aunt, who is almost 103 and still living independently. This spring, Lois spent 10 days in England enjoying the Chelsea Flower Show and Kew Gardens before spending two weeks in Umbria, Italy painting flowers in the Parco Nazionale dei Monti della Sibillini. So it sounds as if retirement is a very busy time for her. She continues trying to downsize, but finding enough time is always difficult. At 73, life seems to be rushing by, but she is sure it is the same for all of us. She got to see Marilyn (Moore) Holt and Trish (Levy) Raymond C ’62 regularly, as well as an occasional visit with Grace (Loeuser) Hawke in North Carolina.

Candy Räfungen continues to do a reduced number of dramatic portraits. Jack and Candy spend the month of May each year at Isle of Palms, South Carolina, where they own a small property and enjoy beach life. She is taking piano lessons—a highlight of her personal activities—and has even memorized a few classical pieces. She is always reading lots of books!

Your secretary stays busy as the vice president of our residents’ association, member of the editorial board of our literary publication, member of the choir, chair of the concert committee and other activities in the broader community. My husband is still commuting an hour each way to Hagerstown, Maryland, where he continues as the chief medical officer of the Washington County Hospice. Our granddaughter graduated college at the University of Baltimore, so time marches on. It would be delightful to hear from other classmates, so please send some updates on your adventures and activities.

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Naomi Shapiro and Stan, naomish@alumni.drew.edu

significant other, visited five cities in Spain last summer and had a wonderful time exploring sights and eating healthy Spanish food. They went to Madrid, Salamanca, Sevilla, Granada and Barcelona. Naomi says Stan is the best trip planner and guide. Stan continues to win medals in his 5K races while doing grant writing for nonprofits. Naomi continues to hike, swim and teach cello while volunteering at New Eyes for the Needy.

Jim Green sends word that he and Bill spent two wonderful weeks in Rome this past March. In May, they headed to Paris for a Viking river cruise to Normandy, France. Nancy spent 10 days in England enjoying the Chelsea Flower Show and Kew Gardens. Nancy says Stan is the best trip planner and guide. Stan continues to win medals in his 5K races while doing grant writing for nonprofits. Naomi continues to hike, swim and teach cello while volunteering at New Eyes for the Needy.

Charleen (Duffie) Caull

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Charleen Dickinson has had a busy spring and summer of gardening. His wife, Kit, has kept him busy tending his vegetable garden and John Deere Gator loads of weeds to the waste pile in the woods. There were also acres of lawn to mow. They attended and hosted a multitude of parties with (and for) friends and family and spent many days doing maintenance work at the family summer cabin on Lake Kizar in Leavell, Maine. Their guests get to relax there, but not Allen and Kit! However, their life together is very sweet, and their hearts are full of thankfulness.

Joyce (Maxwell) Subjhay

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If you are like me, this alumni news column is the first place you turn to in each Drew Magazine. I’m very happy to disappoint you, but once again no one has sent me any news, so my column is empty. Surely some of you have news about retirement, travel or life changes. So, if you would like to have a Class of ’67 column, help me out and email some news for the next issue. By the way, next year will be the 50th anniversary of our graduation. Let’s try to get together once again for a reunion. Details will follow as the time approaches.

All the best to all of you.

Oh, yes, my news—Bill and I still operate our NeverBird Antiques business at various antique shows in the East. And as we enter our 70s, we are joining the downsizing bandwagon.

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As you all know, our 50th class reunion will occur in 2018. I agreed to serve as the class secretary for the Class of ’68 Alumni column leading up to this reunion. We need your help! The very first step in building a vital network, leading up to 2018, is for each of you to send me a brief history, current news and your contact information. Our goal is to create networks of people who have kept in touch with each other. We want to build off of lasting friendships to reach as many Class of ’68 members as possible. So far I’ve heard from two members of our class. Help out here, and contact me soon! You may reach me at dalereadmarketing@gmail.com. I’m on Facebook, too, as Dale Read.

Charleen (Duffie) Caull

Hello, everyone. Hoping you enjoyed your summer! I now have everyone’s email addresses, so expect to hear from me soon for our winter column. I enjoyed a visit with my daughter and her family in North Yarmouth, Maine. I am entering my 16th year on my local school board and am really enjoying it and the people I work with. My husband, Douglas (art semester ’65), and I remain active in the United Methodist Church of New City. Let me hear from you! Dave Green
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Next year’s reunion will be our 45th. With many of us still retired and able to travel more, I look forward to a great representation from our class. Thanks to Facebook, I know that Bob and Jan Green have been traveling and celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this summer.

Rick and Judy Gahle are enjoying Rick’s retirement from active ministry. They celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary
and thoroughly enjoy visiting with their granddaughter, Madeline Bruder.

Tommy Steinke is doing better with his daily Facebook posts.

Also living on the Upper East Side is Bill Ehlers, an executive director of Harvard University’s New York City Office.

Annette C’77 and Rick C’77, also live locally in Chatham. Their two children, Natalie, 6, and Jordan, 4, their son, Louis, lives in upper New York and works at West Point. In addition to being near the family at Christmas, I ran into Louis in May at a 60th birthday party for his sister Kathy (Hymon) Flynn C’78, P’08 at her home in Chatham, New Jersey. Doug Goodman spoke as the event from Walnut Creek, California, where he resides with his wife, Sandy. Doug had retired then, decides to go back to work. Michelle Boyle C’77 traveled to the party from her home in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She is still employed at NIH. Donna Stanghellini C’77 attended, traveling from her home in Cabin John, Maryland. Her twin daughters, Lauren and Amy, attended her two school this day. Dancing on old favorites on Kathy’s deck with Drew from brought back fond memories of dancing at the Pub. Tim Sparry’s new 10-year-old consulting business, The Tim Sparry Group, is thriving, his business activities include much travel and work on several boards. His wife, Lynne Timm, is also an associate professor of philosophy at the University of Massachusetts Boston. Their son, Matt, is a digital strategist at Atlassian Span Media.

I’ll keep the motor home for Nancy (Baughman) Csuti C’77 for a few days and Nancy will get busy buyingling@gmail.com to resell it. She has an active life in Denver.

She also keeps in touch with a bunch of different media. “She is very involved in a new adventure but technology changed that!" and so she is planning to move to Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, and working as an artisanal bread maker. She learned her trade at Attention Span Media.

Drew classmates—Sallie A. (Bailey) Ostrowski, Sandy Baughman, and the late Laura Papp C’77, have been a mainstay in her life. Again, I have no idea how long she has been connected to all this.

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In July, our classmate Karen Oliveto C’79, G’90, ’02 was elected as the first openly gay and bisexual jurist of the Colorado Supreme Court. Her former classmate Paul Bell C’78, who provided an overview of his career, was also present for the event from Walnut Creek, California. Joe Noto C’77 flew in for the event from Brooklyn, New York. Unfortunately, Bob reported the death of Kathryn Leavy C’84, who passed away in New York City. Bob and his son-in-law, Mike and daughter Melody Ganz of California.

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We are sad to report that Tom Maxwell, who wrote that her daughter Mackenzie went to school at Drew University currently at Duke University as a senior. See photo, page 162, of Kim on the left and Mackenzie on the right, each in their respec-
tive time at Duke!

Nathana (Dakin) Hirsch is a licensed clinic, social worker and student counselor at Haddonfield Memorial Health School and has tackled Honolulu for the past two years as family advisor for the students. Nathana and her high school students have built schools in impoverished communities. See photo, page 162, after living in Michigan for 12 years. James Knapp moved to Chicago, where he is an English graduate professor and director of the English graduate program at Loyola University Chic-

Lawrence D’Arvis, who at one time was premed and pre-dent at Drew, decided to join the insurance field. He attended graduate school after college and was a teacher for two years at a Catholic high school of the US Army at Pescatino, New Jersey, where he develops technologies for our pre-med and pre-dent at Drew, decided to

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Alyssa (Marland) Chmielewski C’03 and her family on a recent vacation to Costa Rica, where they rode horses on the beach, went zip-lining across the rain forest and relaxed on pristine beaches.

Carrie Ann Tasguy C’10, with her husband and children, enjoyed their 20th wedding in Portland, Oregon.

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Lisa Romero C’10skipped right into her new granddaughters’ April 29, 2016, Easter Sunday in Honduras with her students, building schools.

Michelle (Calfee) Shea C’10 and her son, Calvin, Jefferson C’20 welcomed their daughter, Shae, on March 22.

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Sarah (Lake) Eskin and her husband, Eliot, returned to New York City. Best wishes, Laura! It was amazing and the stadium was tech’d out. Can you believe it? Our 20th reunion! Where does the time go? Even with all of this time packing, our class continues to show that Drew is still close to our hearts. Thank you for your contributions to the Ove And All campaign. As a class, we raised over $12,000. Way to go, Rangers! We also hosted a nice afternoon catching up with friends and family.

David Dana works as a director of project management, cloud services, for MongoDB in New York City, with Shannon Travis. He uses his computer science degree at Drew and geophysics degree at Santa Clara University to explore geology and history and geography of the country and the wonders of autumn!

Stephanie Petruccelli, C’91, Rana Barar, C’97, and_vi, from a favorite Drew professor, Sara Szillery, 2003, welcomed their daughter, Margo, into the world on June 3. They had a great time and ate more beef and fish than they missed their families dearly, the four children, and their kids when they stopped by while visiting Boston during the kids’ spring break. This summer, on her way to the Finger Lakes to visit family with husband Greg Mattson C’96, they took some college tours. The eldest of their three children, a daughter, will graduate from high school in 2017. Using his connections through his job at a travel company, Greg got the kids some good deals at Universal Studios in Florida, where we visited the school my sister attended in May to train my son, Lucas, 15, and his NXX Madrid soccer teammates. It was great to see Lenny and espouse those boys to a talented coach. It brought back memories of my senior year. See photo, page 162.

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their son, Elias Milo Katzeff. The Katzeffs not only drew the front cover but also helped them to find purpose and meaning in their lives. Deidre is interested in working with people who are exploring their identity, and helping them to integrate their experiences into their lives. Deidre is a graduate of the University of California, and is currently working toward a PhD in the history of art at the same university. She is working at James Cummins Bookseller in New York City and is an adjunct faculty member teaching art history at the New York University.

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THE SHAMSALFI-CAFYLA WEDDING, JULY 3, 2016
Front row: Michael Cathub (groom), Maha Shamshali (bride), Katie Petelais C’17, Cynthia Camacho C’11, Gaby Sheba, back row: Lauren M. Corona C’10, Lauren Wills, Zoe Cramer C’10, Erik Ender C’19
Ashley Harris C’19, Zach Bronke C’10, Cesar Schapka C’10, Nadia (Roaf) Busher C’13, Greg Hamitons C’11.

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In Memoriam

The Drew community and its alumni associations extend our heartfelt sympathies to the families and friends of those alumni and members of the Drew community listed below. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

William Merrill Hododson C'36, a retired psychotherapist, died on June 16, 2016, in Port Royal, South Carolina. He was 85. After graduating from Drew, Bill became a social worker and psychotherapist, earning master's degrees at Boston University and the University of Pennsylvania. He practiced psychotherapy in Maine, and then retired to Beaufort, South Carolina, where he was an active volunteer and enjoyed sailing and eating lobster. Bill leaves his wife, Glu, three daughters from his first marriage, four stepchildren, many grandchildren and extended family members.

William R. Schumann C'64 grew up in Basking Ridge, New Jersey. After Drew, he went on to a long career with General Reinsurance Corporation. Bill and his wife, Genie C'63, enjoyed 49 years of marriage. They spent the last 18 of those years as retirees on Cape Cod, where Bill became a trustee of the Harwich (Massachusetts) Conservation Trust. He was proud of its success in preserving and protecting woods, water and wildlife in Harwich. Bill passed away unexpectedly on August 19, 2016, as a Harwich resident. He leaves Genie and many relatives, including four grandchildren, nieces, nephews and families.

Jane Beth (Callah) Medoff C'79 passed away unexpectedly in Binghamton, New York, on June 6, 2016, at age 62. Inspired by her daughter, Jane pursued a master’s degree in special education at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, and then worked at the Savannah Speech and Hearing Center in Savannah, Georgia. Jane later relocated to Ossomka, New York, where she became an active community volunteer and enjoyed living near her sister. Jane is survived by many friends and family members, including her father, her daughter and her siblings.

Courtney Nora Braun C'84 of Chatham, New Jersey, died on January 19, 2016. She was a freelance writer. After completing undergraduate work at Drew, she earned a master’s degree at William and Mary College and enjoyed membership in the Williams Club in New York City. Courtney leaves one daughter, who resides in California.

Thomas J. Maxwell C'70 died unexpectedly at age 48, on May 27, 2016. He was a resident of Danbury, Connecticut. After graduating from Drew, Tom earned a master’s degree in economics at the University of Connecticut. He became a senior marketing manager for the Global Atlantic Financial Group in Simsbury, Connecticut. Tom is survived by Laute, his wife of 11 years, his parents, and many friends and relatives.

Joseph N. Ary T'58, a resident of Copake, New York, died in Canaan, Connecticut, on July 10, 2016. He was 88. He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1950, and in 1952 he married Fay, who survives him today. Early in their marriage, he served his country as a U.S. Army corporal in the Korean War. He then earned a master’s degree at Drew and went on to enjoy a long career, serving several Methodist churches in New York state, particularly in the Hudson Valley. Along with Fay, Joseph is survived by an only son, two grandchildren and their families, including two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter.

Keith Leroy Scott T'59 earned a bachelor’s degree at Cornell College in 1956 and married Evelyn that same year. Keith then pursued his master’s degree at Drew and went on to serve over 40 years of Methodist ministry in Iowa. He retired in 2002 and passed away on July 20, 2016, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. He was 82. Keith leaves Evelyn, two daughters and their families, including four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donald D. Clandenin T'75 died peacefully at home in his native Milton, Delaware, on August 10, 2016. He was 91. After graduating from high school in 1942, he joined the U.S. Navy and took part in the Normandy invasion. While on leave before the war ended, he married Helen, his high school sweetheart. Together they raised two children, practiced 50 years of Methodist ministry in Delaware and Maryland, and traveled the world. Don also wrote five books. He and Helen celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on May 27, 2016. He is survived by Helen, his high school sweetheart. Together they raised two children, pursued 50 years of Methodist ministry in Delaware and Maryland, and traveled the world. Don also wrote five books. He was preceded in death by Helen after 66 years of marriage. He is survived by their children and their families, including six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Charles Andrew Johnson T'80 died unexpectedly on May 3, 2016. Chuck completed master’s degrees at both Drew and Rutgers University and pursued a career as a computer programmer. He and his wife, Lisa, lived in Woodland Park, South Carolina. He leaves three daughters and their families, including four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister.

Jeania Russ-Brunthwolf T'84, a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away at age 79 on June 24, 2016. A lifelong Methodist, Nita earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of Tennessee in 1951 and pursued a career with the International Mission board of the United Methodist church. After completing a doctoral degree at Drew, she traveled the world for the mission agency and then returned to Tennessee to earn a master’s degree. Nita leaves four siblings and their families, including many nieces and nephews.

James Lawrence Maddin C’79 of Mandeville, Louisiana, died at age 63 on July 13, 2016. A lifelong Methodist, Phil served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then pursued higher education, ultimately earning a doctoral degree at Drew. He served several Nazarene churches in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada before retiring to Port St. Lucie, Florida. Phil leaves three daughters and their families, including four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister.

Sondra K. Fishinger C’88, 39, a collapse pro- flower and longtime resident of Walton, New Jersey, passed away on July 3, 2016. She was 71. Sondra earned a doctoral degree at Drew and taught for many years at Union County College, where she was also a trustee. Sondra was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, and is survived by her sister, Denise.

Faculty, Staff & Friends

Margaret Andrea Henry, a former personnel director at Drew, died peacefully on June 18, 2016, at her home in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Peggy graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1949 and married Fritz in 1952. They raised their two daughters in Livingston, New Jersey. Peggy was employed at Drew for 15 years until they retired to Vermont in 1969. Peggy’s survivors include her daughters, four stepchildren, seven grandchildren and many extended family members.

Alice Manning, a former member of the Drew faculty, earned her doctoral degree in anthropology at Columbia University in 1970. She left academia in 1984 and became a busi- ness analyst with Chubb Insurance Company, retiring in 2006. Alice also volunteered her time in support of social justice. She passed away on June 10, 2016, at age 75, with her husband, Paul, a son and two daughters.

Donald E. Procknow, a former Drew trustee, passed away at his Dryden, Pennsylvania, home on July 1, 2016, at the age of 93. An engineering officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, the South Dakota native went on to become a teacher in the state of Wis- cconsin. He then joined Western Electric, where he met his wife, Esther, and also became president of the corporation. He served on nine Fortune 500 boards of directors, did his own yard work and volun- teered for several not-for-profits. Donald’s survivors include their two sons, five grandchildren and two sisters.
Robert Allen Tucker and Jeanne Tucker Zenker

Together with their father, the family served on Drew's Board of Trustees for more than seven decades and showed exceptional dedication to the University through time and treasured.

Robert Allen Tucker, also known as Bob, passed away on October 23, 2016, at the age of 90. Bob served on Drew's Board of Trustees from 1955 until 1996, following his father's service as a Drew trustee in the 1950s. Bob was an extraordinarily generous benefactor of the University both personally and as president of the Beneficial Foundation (later known as the CTW Foundation). Among the key institutional priorities supported by Bob, his son Lauren (the Berghen) and the Foundation over the past were the establishment of the RISE program, the building of the Learning Center, the renovation of S.W. Bowne Hall and the creation of the Thomas H. Kean Minority Scholarship.

In addition to providing more than 30 years of service as a trustee, at Drew, Bob held volunteer leadership positions at many other organizations, including the Peddie School, the Swigey Gift, vice president of The New York City Mayor John V. Lindsay's Task Force on Transportation.

Lois Smith

Wife of Dr. Robert G. "Prof" Smith, Lois Smith touched the lives of many Drew students.

Lois Smith, wife of the late Dr. Robert G. Smith C'36, Drew's legendary professor of political science, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at her residence in Annandale, Virginia. She was 101.

A graduate of Drake University, Lois served as a secretary in the Registrar's office during the 1930s, which is where she met Professor Smith. They were married on December 23, 1942, by then–Drew President Arlo Ayres Brown, while Robert was serving in the U.S. Army.

Professor Smith—or "The Prof," as he was affectionately known by thousands of Drew students and alumni—was a University administrator and faculty member for nearly 50 years. After graduating from the College of Liberal Arts in 1936, he completed his master's degree at Columbia in 1939 and then returned to Drew to teach political science and to coach the men's tennis team. In 1941, he enlisted in the Army and received a bronze star for his heroic service during World War II. Returning once again to Drew after his military service concluded, and having completed his PhD at Columbia in 1950, he eventually founded the University's under-graduate political science department and chaired it for 25 years. Professor Smith also played a leadership role in the founding of the London Semester, the Washington, D.C. Semester and the Semester on the United Nations. He was instrumental in the establishment of the RISE program, the building of the Learning Center, the renovation of S.W. Bowne Hall and the creation of the Thomas H. Kean Minority Scholarship.

In addition to raising two sons, Lois was very much Professor Smith's partner throughout his impressive career, both as a teacher, mentor and scholar at Drew and as a consultant for local and state governments. Among fondly remember the tea and cookies she would serve at the Tuesday classes that Robert held in the family's Madison home, as well as her regular presence at Drew events.

Lois is survived by her two sons, Robert and Donald, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made to the Robert G. Smith Scholarship or to the Robert G. Smith Endowment for Experiential Learning, Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, NJ 07940.

Barbara Morris Caspersen G'83, '86, '90

Among the most generous benefactors in Drew's history, Barbara Morris Caspersen was a loyal friend and wise counselor who will be greatly missed.

Barbara Morris Caspersen G'83, '86, '90, a member of Drew University's Board of Trustees for 31 years, passed away on November 15, 2016. She was preceded in death by her husband, Finn, and is survived by her four sons and their families.

Barbara and her late husband are among the most generous benefactors in Drew's 120-year history. Their generosity included a 55 million gift in 1999 in support of the graduate school, which now bears her family name. They also provided significant leadership gifts toward the Thomas H. Kean Minority Scholarship, the construction of the Simon Forum and Athletic Center and the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts, the renovation of S.W. Bowne Hall, the Kean Visiting Professorship in Political Science and History and scholarships and fellowships for graduate students.

Barbara was a noted scholar of 20th-century American literature. She earned master’s and doctoral degrees from the Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, where she wrote her dissertation, "The Flowering of Desire: Vita Sackville-West and the Sources of Miracle," under the direction of the late Dr. Merrill Skaggs.

Barbara joined the Drew University Board of Trustees in 1985 and served as its chair from 2003 to 2008, when she was granted emerita status. As an alumna and a trustee, Barbara demonstrated a deep and abiding love for the Drew community and an unyielding commitment to its mission and values. She is remembered fondly by her many friends and fellow leaders at Drew, and her remarkable legacy will live on within and beyond the gates of The Forest.

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