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David Joseph's book *Listening for a Lifetime: the Artful Science of Psychotherapy* will be published by Mission Point Press on June 5, 2025, and can be preordered through Amazon. David explains: "The book is organized around a number of aphorisms that I created over my career. Three examples: 'Someone's behavior seems irrational because you don't understand their rationale.' 'A good therapeutic relationship is the best medication.' 'Someone who acts violently is reacting to feeling violated.' I use these to explore the experience of psychotherapy and psychoanalysis. I think that psychoanalytic principles can be clearly articulated without oversimplification and have tried to write a book that would be of value to my colleagues as well as others."

After a successful career in law and technology consulting, **Eric Steele** shifted his focus to creating abstract sculpture. Eric's welded steel sculpture explores how buildings, bridges, vehicles, and other physical infrastructure that surrounds us also have a profound influence on us. "My current sculpture explores the interaction of man with the built and natural environments," Eric says. "The organic forms of man and nature are represented by architectural metaphors. My sculptures are totems, using vocabulary of our urban surroundings to express what we think, see, and feel, just as ancient totems used forests, beasts, and mountains to reflect the ideas and emotions of their creators." Eric's work can be seen on his website, www.EricHSteele.com.

Paul Baerwald II passed away from complications of Alzheimer's Disease at his home in Los Angeles, CA on May 20, 2024. Paul was the quintessential New Yorker, born at Doctors' Hospital in 1940, raised in Manhattan, and graduated from New Lincoln School and Yale University. He loved all that New York offered: theater, great food, close extended family, good friends, and the Knicks, Giants, and Rangers. Paul's delicious sense of humor, wickedly sharp wit, inquisitive intelligence, and basic kindness defined him. Paul moved with his family to Los Angeles in 1977. Paul wrote a novel and multiple screenplays, and produced several movies and the mini-series *Around the World in 80 Days*. He was devoted to the Bel Air Country Club, its staff and golf professionals, and his fellow players. He helped create a Caddy Relief Fund, which provides medical help, education, and financial support to the caddies and their families. Paul is survived by his wife of 55 years, Susan (Grad), and his devoted sons, Joshua and Samuel.

Charles Day Dilks died on December 28, 2024 of cardiac amyloidosis at his home in Chestnut Hill, PA. Charlie was a graduate of Yale University, where he sang with the Yale Glee Club. He spent two years in the Navy after college as a navigator on destroyers in the Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf, and served in the Navy Reserve through 1970. Charlie was the second person hired by the nascent University City Science Center in Philadelphia, PA, and he spent the next 37 years helping the country's first urban research park become one of the nation's most successful start-up incubators. He was an expert in finance, building development, and property management, and negotiated hundreds of business partnerships and joint ventures for the Science Center. Eventually rising to the position of Executive Vice President of the Science Center, Charlie also helped create the Ben Franklin Technology Center for Southeastern Pennsylvania and the Kyoto Research Park in Japan. In 2000 he established Dilks Consulting, Inc., and partnered with other companies and colleges on university research park projects across the country. Away from the office, Charlie liked to ski, hunt, fish, and sail. He served on the boards of the Chestnut Hill Conservancy, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Schuylkill Center, Friends of the

Wissahickon, and other environmental groups. One of his deepest Yale connections was formed years after graduation when he and his wife Gene joined the Yale Alumni Chorus. They traveled the world sharing the gift of song, bringing instruments to youth orchestras, and raising money to help struggling communities in Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe. Charlie is survived by his wife Gene; his daughter Christina, and his sons Charles Jr. and Mark; and five grandchildren.

Bob Dickie writes: “Charlies was a complete gentleman, always ready to let others take the credit, a listener as well as a doer, and instinctively magnanimous as well as constructive.” **Jay Rixse** recalls: “I first met Charlie in the NROTC Unit at Yale. He was one of the most gentlemanly and personable people I ever knew. Over the years we had occasions to reconnect around various class alumni events. Charlie was always there whenever there was a get-together of classmates.” **Guy Struve** writes: “Charlie gave generously of his time and talents to the Class of 1963. We never called on him in vain. For many years Charlie served as a member of the Class Council. At the Philadelphia Mini-Reunion in 2014, Charlie arranged an exceptional suite of activities which shared the city he loved with his classmates.”

Richard J. Kapsch passed away on April 8, 2023. Rich attended Yale University on a Naval ROTC scholarship, receiving a B.A. degree in History in 1963. He served four years on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, including tours of duty in Guantanamo Bay in 1965, learning to speak Vietnamese at the Defense Languages Institute in 1966, and 13 months with the Third Marine Division in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967. Rich worked for IBM in New York and attended NYU at night, receiving an M.B.A. degree in 1972. Rich then moved to Illinois and spent the next 50 years in the futures industry, including 11 years on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where he was a member of the Board of Governors. He worked for a firm based in Dubai, where he provided consulting services in international finance and trading. Rich taught graduate-level course in international finance, economics, and financial management at several graduate schools in the Chicago area. Rich is survived by his wife of 60 years, Virginia (Jinny); his sons Richard Jr., Michael, and Christopher; and nine grandchildren.

Troy Murray shares: “Rich was part of a close-knit group in Saybrook, and my wife and I stayed in occasional touch with him and Jinny over the years, including a dinner together in Chicago not long ago. Although he had been in declining health, his ‘soldiering-on’ reflected the life-long influence of his Marine Corps service.” **Chris Reaske** writes: “My wife Mary K. and I remember Rich and Jinny well from our shared time as young couples in Saybrook. We attended their wedding in June after graduation, and then we ourselves got married the very next weekend! We remember Rich’s ‘military’ style and generally strong presence and good company.”

Robert Tulloch (“Rob”) Lacy peacefully passed away on January 5, 2025 at his home in Hingham, MA. Rob attended Yale University on an ROTC scholarship. He had planned to become an engineer, but after witnessing a motorcycle accident that left him with a feeling of helplessness, he pursued a medical degree at Cornell. A freshly minted Dr. Lacy then served two years in the Air Force, uniquely known for his poker skills and persistent airsickness. Following his ophthalmology residency at Mass Eye and Ear, Rob built a life and career in the Boston suburbs. Rob joined a fledgling Eye Health Services in 1975, and contributed to the practice’s tremendous growth until his reluctant retirement in 2016. While raising daughters Blair and Britt with his former wife Julie in Hingham, Rob eagerly embraced every aspect of parenting. Although Rob anticipated spending his “golden years” gainfully employed as an eye surgeon, Parkinson’s disease altered his course. Buoyed by his wife Jen’s tireless support, he approached the challenging diagnosis with intention and his indefatigable positive outlook. Despite the relentlessness of the disease, Rob remained active and enthusiastically participated in Rock Steady Boxing classes at least twice each week.

Rob is survived by his devoted wife, Jennifer McCready; his daughters Blair Lacy ('00) and Britton Lacy ('03); his stepsons Nicholas and Garrett McCready; and eight grandchildren.

Avi Nelson remembers: "In Senior Year Rob, **Burke Jackson**, the late **Bill Hone**, and I were players on the JE touch football team that won the Yale intramural championship. We played the Harvard champion at the Yale-Harvard game in Cambridge. Rob caught a touchdown pass in that game, which ended in a 20-20 tie. Such things were important in those days. When we were in our late 20s, we became collaborators in songwriting. Rob wrote great lyrics to some music I had composed. Rob was compassionate and generous to others. He once loaned a classmate friend a substantial amount of money so that the friend and his family could build a house. The friend recently told me that that loan changed their lives. Rob had an expansive spirit of adventure and loved the water. A few years ago, he bought a boat. He and his wife Jen and a few friends navigated from Boston to Chicago. Then, mission accomplished, he sold the boat. Unfortunately, in his late 60s he contracted Parkinson's Disease. Over the years Rob lost mobility, facility of speech, and mental acuity. But through the long, relentless decline, Rob never lost his positive outlook. Rob was a good and upright man, a person of integrity, and possessed of a vital and indomitable spirit." **Burke Jackson** recalls: "Rob was part of a group of us at JE. Although we lived far apart after graduation, we remained close friends and connected occasionally in Utah, Boston, and during reunions. He was witty, had a great sense of humor, and had a distinctive infectious laugh. For the past couple years, we connected every few months on a truly global Zoom call. It was a treat to share memories past, ailments current, family news, and love." **Art Rettig** adds: "Rob and I were roommates for four years at Yale and three years at Cornell Medical School. We had great times at JE and Phi Gamma Delta during our Yale years. During our first Finals Week in medical school, at Rob's suggestion we memorized the words to The Rolling Stones' '19th Nervous Breakdown' to ease the tension. I guess it worked, as we both graduated!"

Edward M. Peters, Jr. passed away on November 6, 2024 at his home in Guilford, CT. Dr. Peters was a graduate of Yale University, from which he held a B.A., an M.A., and the first Ph.D. awarded in Medieval Studies. After a brief stint teaching at the University of California at San Diego, Peters settled in at the University of Pennsylvania as the Henry Charles Lea Professor of History and the curator of the Henry Charles Lea Library, where he remained for 41 years. His studies spanned many wide-ranging topics, including the Crusades, the Inquisition, Witchcraft in Europe, and niche topics such as the medieval concept of *Curiositas* (roughly translated as "curiosity") and Torture. Peters has been called one of the greatest medievalists of his generation. After retiring from teaching, Peters continued to research, write, and edit scholarly work. He was an avid reader of thrillers and loved nothing more than having a cocktail on the deck overlooking the beautiful salt marsh in Guilford, followed by a well-cooked meal. He is survived by his children Nicole Kane, Moira Pakulniewicz, and Edward M. Peters, III, and five grandchildren.

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