

Memorials: What Writers Need to Know

Word limit: 100

Deadlines: the same as class notes (Sept. 1, Dec. 1, March 1, May 1), but accepted at any time

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Requirements: Full name and date of death in the first line; author's name at the end is preferred

Editorial suggestions: Focus on capturing the individual's character. Memorials should focus on personal notes about the alumna's life; for example, brief college reminiscences or memories of friendships. Notes on life accomplishments are welcome, but need not be exhaustive, as we do not consider these pieces obituaries of record.

Samples, for guidance:

Adele Behm Davis '34 died on March 26.

A lover of animals and nature, my mother insisted that we respect them and people, too. She was a teacher and encouraged her daughter, Adele, and me to teach. When she retired from teaching English and Latin at age 81, her junior-high students dedicated their yearbook to her, and the school band serenaded her at her house.

After her husband died in 1967, she took up antiquing and traveled to England, Peru, and Alaska. She enjoyed book and current-topics clubs, maintaining the model of intellectual activity her years at Wellesley had instilled.

Charles Davis

Zari Zulalian '42 died on Dec. 23, 2003.

She was an original in her tastes, speech, interests, and dress. She loved the Red Sox, was devoted to Duke Ellington, and adored her Siamese cats—all five of them.

In the 1950s, Zari and I traveled together to Scandinavia, Egypt, Turkey, and Greece. Without advance reservations, we were truly vagabonds. She would engage strangers in conversation or sign language. She rode with the engineer in a maintenance train; she flew with the pilot on an island-hopping plane. Later, she would tour Slavic countries.

Zari, it was a privilege to be your friend.

Alice Willard Mackey '41

Carol-Ann Sibson '72 died on June 30, 2003, after a valiant struggle with cancer. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, and friend, who thought of those around her even during her illness. That last fall, Carol met me at my house before one of her medical appointments. Seeing that I had no seasonal flowers, she insisted on making time to buy and plant some mums, so that I would not forget to enjoy fall's beauty.

Carol loved life and fought bravely to stay with her friends and family. Sadly, she wasn't able to. But she lives on in our hearts.

Barbara Sibson Bersack '74

Winifred Holmes died on Aug. 3. She was 86 years old.

Wynne was a vital part of black students' positive experience during her 20 years at Wellesley's Harambee House from its founding in 1972 until her retirement in 1992. She brought her sense of style, love of the arts and music, and verbal wit and love of poetry to Wellesley. She'd often say the kids kept her young and hip. When I visited her in Natick, Mass., after reunion, her mind was still as sharp as ever. Wynne left a legacy at Harambee House that lives on in each of our lives.

Pamm McNeil Farley '82