

# Obituary

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1913                      Sidney Maurice Towse Bailey                      1994

Sidney M. (Bill) Towse Bailey, a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in Hampshire, England on April 6, 1994. He was a few weeks short of age 81.

Born in Ashstead, Surrey on May 18, 1913, Mr. Bailey joined the Sun Life of Canada's London, England office in 1931, shortly after finishing high school. A fine mathematician, lack of a university education was no impediment to his earning his F.I.A. in 1940. He became an Associate of the Society by waiver in 1950 and proceeded to earn his Society Fellowship by examination in 1952 after moving to his company's head office in Montreal. He rose to the post of Associate Actuary, responsible for design and pricing of all individual products and effectively training a generation of Sun Life actuaries. In 1975 he took early retirement after more than 43 years service.

Mr. Bailey was a gentle, considerate man with a delicate sense of humor and an excellent teacher. After the death of his wife Cynthia, he returned to England in 1989 to pursue his twin loves of the English language and gardening in that more benign climate.

1904                      Elgin Robertson Batho                      1994

Elgin R. Batho, a Fellow of the Society, died in Cape Coral, Florida on July 24, 1994. He was 89 years old.

Born in Winnipeg, Canada on September 19, 1904, Mr. Batho graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1925 and was granted his M. A. degree there two years later. In 1925 he joined the staff of Great-West Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, but moved the following year to Bankers Life Company in Des Moines. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1929 and his Fellowship in the Casualty Actuarial Society in 1931.

In 1929 Mr. Batho was appointed assistant actuary of Equitable Life at Waterloo, Ontario, where he remained until assuming the same post in 1946 at Berkshire Life in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. In 1969 he retired from the post of Vice President and Actuary of that company.

He was active in Society affairs, contributing numerous discussions at our meetings years ago. He was also prominent in actuarial clubs in Canada and the U.S. Another of his specialties was the Parent Teachers Association at both local and state levels. He was also devoted to and active in his church throughout his life. He had a fine tenor voice, becoming popular in choral societies and choirs. Camping was yet another of his joys.

His first wife, Olive, having died in 1983 and his second wife, Monnah, in 1990, he is survived by a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

1924

William Rainey Battle

1994

William (Bill) R. Battle, a Fellow of the Society, died in Roanoke, Virginia on April 16, 1994. He was 69 years old.

Born in Santa Ana, Texas on July 10, 1924, Mr. Battle graduated from State University of Iowa in 1947 after having rendered signal service in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944 to 1946. As a first lieutenant, he served 190 hours as a navigator and radar bombardier and had the distinction to be one of the lead crew to fly over the battleship *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay during the surrender agreement signing.

Mr. Battle began his business career in 1948 with National Life & Accident Insurance Company and then was with Southwestern Life in Dallas from 1951 to 1959. He earned his Fellowship in 1952. From 1959 until his retirement in 1989, he was with Shenandoah Life in Roanoke, starting as Actuary and filling the post of President and Chief Executive Officer from 1972 until his retirement in 1989. He continued as Chairman of the Board until 1993.

Prior to entering general management, Mr. Battle took an active interest in Society affairs. He was president of the Middle Atlantic Actuarial Club

in 1967 to 1969. He was prominent in industry activities, serving boards of the Life Office Management Association, the Medical Information Bureau, the Health Insurance Association, and the American Council of Life Insurance.

Mr. Battle leaves a legacy of devoted service to his company, his profession and his community. He is survived by his wife, Jane, a daughter, a son, and his mother.

1907

Stanley Whitehead Boyle

1994

Stanley W. Boyle, a Fellow of the Society, died in Toronto, Canada on May 18, 1994. He was 86 years old.

Born in London, Ontario on August 15, 1907, Mr. Boyle graduated from the University of Toronto in 1931 and immediately joined the actuarial staff of National Life Assurance Company in that city. During World War II he was employed in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia on work for the war effort. In September 1945 he joined the Industrial Life Insurance Company in Quebec City, earning his Society Fellowship the following year.

He played an active role in his company's rapid development, becoming in due course its Chief Actuary and retiring from the position of Vice President and a member of its board on September 1, 1972.

Stanley Boyle was a considerate and generous person, a true gentleman admired and respected by his colleagues and many friends. He was active in sports, particularly golf, curling and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, a daughter, a son, and two stepdaughters.

1905

James Gould Bruce

1993

James G. Bruce, a Fellow of the Society, died in Tucson, Arizona on November 11, 1993. He was 88 years old.

Born in Syracuse, New York on July 29, 1905, Mr. Bruce graduated from Syracuse University in 1928 and was employed on the actuarial staff of Prudential Insurance Company from then until 1939, reaching the post of Assistant Mathematician. He then joined Colonial Life for a 19-year career that included service in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant from 1942 to 1945. His final position was as Vice-President and Secretary. He earned his Fellowship in 1946.

In 1959 after brief service as president of Forest Lawn Life, he joined Hartford Life Insurance Company, where he remained until retirement in 1969 from the post of Vice President and Senior Actuary. A colleague there speaks warmly of his communication skills and his high ethical standards.

Mr. Bruce was active in Society affairs, contributing often to meeting discussions on a variety of subjects. Among his notable hobbies was the collection of shells that he eventually donated to a university; he had augmented it by scuba diving in many parts of the world. And in 1984 he wrote a book of personal financial experiences, *Adventures and Misadventures in the Stock Market*, reviewed in *The Actuary*, December 1984.

Jim's first wife having died in 1981, he is survived by his second wife, Helen, and a son.

1955

Rebecca Grier Burell

1994

Rebecca (Becky) Burell, an Associate of the Society, died of cancer in Birmingham, Alabama on January 22, 1994. She was 38 years old.

Born Rebecca Annette Grier in Georgia on September 2, 1955, she graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in 1977 and received a master of actuarial science degree from Georgia State University in 1979. Earning her Associateship that year, she was employed at Protective Life Corporation in Birmingham throughout her career, rising to the post of Assistant Actuary.

Possessed of talent and an exceptionally friendly personality and with keen interests in her family, choir work and cross-stitching, Ms. Burell is sorely missed by her associates. She is survived by her husband, Dennis, two children, a stepson, her parents, and a brother.

1965

Daniel Burke

1994

Daniel Burke, an Associate of the Society, died suddenly in Cincinnati on May 25, 1994. He was 28 years old.

Born in Australia on August 15, 1965, Mr. Burke graduated from Case Western Reserve University in 1987 and after a brief time in teaching joined Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company as an Actuarial Assistant. From mid-1990 to November 1993 he was employed at Pan-American Life, where he earned his Associateship in 1992. He then went to Community

Mutual Life in Cincinnati as Assistant Actuary until his tragic death closed what must be one of the shortest careers on record in the Society.

Regarded by his associates as deeply caring about others' problems, generous and sociable, Mr. Burke is survived by his parents and a sister.

1928

John Medlicott Burleigh

1994

John M. Burleigh, a Fellow of the Society, died in West Hartford, Connecticut on March 24, 1994. He was 66 years old.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts on January 25, 1928, Mr. Burleigh graduated from Bowdoin College in 1950 after having served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He immediately joined the actuarial staff of Connecticut General Life Insurance Company for a 34-year career. He earned his Fellowship in 1961.

Mr. Burleigh's specialty was life reinsurance. At his retirement in 1984 he was a Second Vice President and had been active in numerous industry committees dealing with reinsurance and model insolvency legislation. After retirement until 1993 he was consultant at Guardian Life Insurance Company.

Woodworking was his hobby, also building and racing model airplanes. A quiet, unassuming, pleasant gentleman, he was much attached to a family vacation retreat in central Maine. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, a son and daughter, a grandson, two sisters, and a brother.

1912

Geoffrey Neil Calvert

1994

Geoffrey N. Calvert, an Associate of the Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, died in New Zealand on April 14, 1994. He was 81 years old and is believed to have gone to New Zealand from his residence in Point Roberts, Washington so that his last days would be in his native land.

Born in New Plymouth, New Zealand on August 29, 1912, Mr. Calvert attended Auckland University College part time from 1930 to 1932, while employed by New Zealand Government Railways, and in 1942 received an M.A. degree from the University of New Zealand. From 1935 to 1940 he worked in the New Zealand Government Actuary's Department. Early in World War II he became a statistician in his country's National Service Department, where he coordinated all statistical work related to the armed

forces and industrial manpower and worked closely with the War Cabinet. In 1942 he earned his Institute Fellowship. In the immediate postwar period he worked on demobilization and reconstruction problems as Chief Research Officer in the Prime Minister's Department. After the war he cheerfully estimated (see the Society's historical volume *Our Yesterdays*, p. 358) that measures for which he was responsible had caused 30,000 extra babies to be born in his country.

In 1946 Mr. Calvert came to the U.S. to work for the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, establishing the statistical division of the World Bank. In 1947 he entered the actuarial consulting field, first with Walter Green in Chicago, then Huggins in Philadelphia and then his own firm, Wickenden, Morse & Calvert, Inc. He began his long career with Alexander & Alexander by launching the actuarial practice in 1949. In 1950 he became one of the first group of Institute Fellows to apply for Associateship in the Society of Actuaries under its new waiver provision.

He was supreme as a futurist, repeatedly ahead of most of us in foresight and inventiveness. As early as 1950 (*TSA* II, p. 445), he enthusiastically discussed common stocks as a desirable pension fund investment. In a 1954 *Harvard Business Review* article he established himself as a pioneer advocate of automatic pension benefit adjustments for inflation. And in an address to the American Pension Conference in December 1973, Geoffrey was first in pointing out the major flaw in Social Security's formula for automatic cost-of-living benefit increases that rapidly precipitated a devastating escalation of those payments. Later in that decade he took a leading part in guiding the formulation of ERISA, landmark federal pension legislation.

These are just illustrations of the remarkable foresight and the vigor of their presentation to others that marked Mr. Calvert's whole career. His company has placed on record his extraordinary contributions to its enlightened progress through his years, even after his retirement in 1972 from his post as Executive Vice President.

Mr. Calvert was always a friendly, unselfish and interesting companion as well as an inspiration to his actuarial and other colleagues. He is survived by his wife, Erlinda.

1905

Alistair Matheson Campbell

1994

Alistair M. Campbell, a Fellow of the Society and of the Institute of Actuaries, died in Ottawa, Canada on July 20, 1994 after a long illness. He was 89 years old.

Born in Strachur, Argyllshire, Scotland on July 3, 1905, Mr. Campbell graduated from Aberdeen University in 1926 and, after earning his M.A. there in 1928, went to Canada to join the staff of Sun Life Assurance Company in Montreal for a career of 53 years. He qualified as a Fellow of the Society in 1932 and of the Institute in 1937.

At Sun Life Mr. Campbell was appointed Assistant Actuary in 1934. At the outbreak of World War II five years later he was called to Ottawa to organize the Special Insurance Branch of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. In 1940 he joined the Royal Canadian Artillery and served in Italy and the Netherlands. Returning to Sun Life after the war, he was elected Actuary in 1946, Executive Vice-President in 1956, President in 1962, and Chairman in 1970.

Mr. Campbell was active in Society affairs prior to assuming wide executive responsibilities in his company, serving on the Society's Board of Governors for two three-year terms in the 1950s.

Under Mr. Campbell's stewardship, his company's financial strength and market position solidified, and subsidiaries were established in the U.S. and United Kingdom. He also played vital parts in two company crises during his executive career. First was the threat of foreign takeover, which was removed by mutualization; second, in 1978, a provincial law making French the mandatory language, avoided by moving the head office from Montreal to Toronto. To his natural distress he and the company were publicly criticized for this decision but held their ground and duly received policyholder endorsement.

He was a straightforward manager with a warm sense of humor, a gentleman remembered for his humanity. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and four children.

1953

David Anthony Chan

1994

David A. Chan, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died near Los Angeles, California on February 1, 1994. He was 40 years old.

Born in Trinidad on May 3, 1953, Mr. Chan completed secondary school there and taught for a year before emigrating to Canada where he graduated with honors from the University of Manitoba in 1976. He joined Canada Life Assurance Company, where he earned his Society Fellowship in 1979. In 1981 he transferred to his company's U.S. home office in Atlanta. He

entered the consulting field in 1987 at the Atlanta office of Price Waterhouse and was transferred to the Washington office in 1992, where he remained until his untimely death.

Mr. Chan's working experience covered a broad segment of the profession. At Canada Life he worked in individual insurance, in small pension plans and in pricing universal life and annuity products. At Price Waterhouse he provided broad services to his clients, mostly in financial reporting matters. He developed close professional relationships with his colleagues while serving his clients with exceptional dedication and commitment. In the profession he was active on various examination committees and particularly for many years on the Joint Committee on Minority Recruiting.

His hobbies included cooking and the arts. He traveled widely in Europe and in 1991 visited the Orient. He is survived by his mother and several brothers and sisters.

1902

Donald Bernard Cheney

1994

Donald B. Cheney, a Fellow of the Society, died in Sarasota, Florida on January 4, 1994. He was 91 years old.

Born in Towanda, Pennsylvania on May 13, 1902, Mr. Cheney graduated from Syracuse University in 1925 and immediately joined the actuarial staff of Prudential Insurance Company as Assistant Mathematician. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1932.

He served his company faithfully until his retirement in the early 1960s. His final post had been that of Associate Actuarial Director at his company's Eastern Home Office. He was a quiet, pleasant gentleman who performed his duties effectively.

1946

Charles Daniel Cox III

1994

Charles D. Cox, a Fellow of the Society, died suddenly in Roanoke, Virginia on July 2, 1994. He was 47 years old.

Born in Newport News, Virginia on September 26, 1946, Mr. Cox graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1968. He joined Shenandoah Life Insurance Company as an actuarial trainee in 1970 and earned his

Society Fellowship in 1976 after study at Northeastern University's actuarial course.

Moving up steadily through his company's ranks, he was elected Vice President and Actuary in 1978, Vice President and Chief Actuary in 1982, and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in 1994.

Although he was quiet and unassuming, he had a keen sense of humor and deservedly received great respect from his company colleagues for the breadth of his actuarial knowledge. His hobbies, at which he excelled, were golf and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Linda, and two sons.

## 1908                      Harry Reginald Drakeford                      1994

Harry R. Drakeford, a Fellow of the Institute and an Associate of the Society, died in Worcester, England on September 30, 1994. He was 86 years old.

Born in London on April 12, 1908, Mr. Drakeford earned his London Matriculation with first class honors in 1923 and joined the London Assurance Group in 1927. He qualified as a Fellow of the Institute in 1941 and obtained his Society Associateship by waiver in 1965. He retired in 1968 from the post of Actuary and Life Manager of London Assurance Company. He is survived by a son.

## 1924                      William Atwood Drew                      1994

William (Bill) A. Drew, a Fellow of the Society, died in Indianapolis on March 22, 1994. He was 69 years old.

Born in Chula Vista, California on September 29, 1924, Mr. Drew graduated from the California Institute of Technology in 1948 and then took the University of Michigan actuarial course in 1949. His education and early career were twice interrupted by war service. Prior to joining Indianapolis Life Insurance Company in 1968, he had been employed at Occidental Life in Los Angeles, 1948–1949, Reliance Life in Pittsburgh, 1950–1951 and Lincoln National Life, 1952–1968. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1958. In 1989 he retired from the post of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Indianapolis Life.

He was active in Society affairs, particularly on the editorial board of the *Record*. He was also devoted to community work and maintained strong interest in physics while also enjoying his hobby, cooking. He is survived by his wife, Fran, three sons, and a grandson.

1941

**Peter Leonard Durbin**

1994

Peter L. Durbin, an Associate of the Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, died in a glider accident in Auckland, New Zealand on January 15, 1994. He was 52 years old.

Born in Kaitaia, New Zealand on July 3, 1941, Mr. Durbin graduated from Auckland University in 1963. After four years on the staff of Australian Mutual Provident Society in Sydney, he entered the consulting field with E. S. Knight & Co. in Melbourne. In 1969 he earned his Institute Fellowship and the following year enrolled as a Society Associate.

In 1974 Mr. Durbin was a founding partner of E. S. Knight & Co. in New Zealand. Since 1988 he has been Managing Director of the Alexander Consulting Group in that country and a senior member of its actuarial profession. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, three daughters and two grandchildren.

1936

**John William Peirson Earle**

1994

John W.P. Earle, an Associate of the Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, died in Old Portsmouth, Hampshire, England on March 8, 1994. He was 57 years old.

Born in Darlington, England on October 4, 1936, Mr. Earle graduated from the University of Nottingham in 1958 and immediately joined the actuarial staff of Yorkshire Insurance Company. In 1961 he joined the Phoenix Insurance Company and earned his Institute Fellowship the following year. From 1973, when he applied for and received Associateship in the Society, to 1981, he was Actuary of Schroder Life Assurance. After a short period in consulting he joined the British staff of Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. Except for one brief absence, he was with Sun Life until his untimely death. During those years he filled research and product design posts of increasing responsibility.

His wife having predeceased him in 1993, he left no close survivors.

1917

**Guy Luke Fairbanks, Jr.**

1994

Guy L. Fairbanks, Jr., a 1951 Associate of the Society, died in Incline Village, Nevada on July 27, 1994. He was 76 years old.

Born in Redlands, California on September 7, 1917, Mr. Fairbanks graduated from the University of Redlands in 1939 and pursued actuarial studies at the State University of Iowa until joining the Equitable Society in New York in 1940. In World War II he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Corps. After returning briefly to his company he began a lengthy series of moves to other companies as follows: 1947, Cosgrove & Company, Los Angeles; 1951, New York Life; 1958, Johnson & Higgins; 1959, Bowles, Andrews & Towne, Atlanta; 1960, New England Life; 1964, Peat, Marwick & Mitchell; and 1968, Aetna Life & Casualty. He retired to San Francisco in 1983.

Mr. Fairbanks is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters.

1911

John James Finelli

1993

John J. Finelli, a Fellow of the Society, died in Dix Hills, New York on December 14, 1993. He was 83 years old.

Born in New York City on June 1, 1911, Mr. Finelli started with Metropolitan Life at age 17 in 1928 and soon began taking night courses at New York University and also taking actuarial examinations. He achieved his Fellowship in 1937. He retired from the post of Second Vice President of his company in 1969.

As early as the 1930s John Finelli became convinced of the importance of information-handling machinery and devoted almost his entire career to introducing systems for their use. In 1960 the famous British actuary, E. William Phillips, F.I.A, author of the extraordinary 1936 paper, "Binary Calculation" (*JIA* 67, 187) expressed the view that John Finelli shared with Prof. Dr. Engelfriet of the Netherlands top ranking as a pioneer in development of the computer.

Mr. Finelli wrote and spoke widely about computer development and possibilities and in 1957 wrote the story of his company's Universal Automatic Computer (UNIVAC), the first of these machines ever sold, for W.D. Bell's *A Management Guide to Electronic Computers*. And he served the profession nobly as first a member and later chairman of the Society Committee on New Recording Means and Computing Devices, especially at the time of the Fifteenth International Congress in New York (October 1957), which featured computer instruction.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Caroline, a daughter, and a sister.

1910

Jacob Friedman

1994

Jacob Friedman, an Associate of the Society, died in Houston, Texas on July 17, 1994. He was 84 years old.

Born in Fremont, Nebraska on February 22, 1910, Mr. Friedman graduated from Iowa State University in 1933 and earned his master's at the University of Iowa the next year. From 1934 to 1947 he was with Woodmen Circle in Omaha interrupted by Army service from 1942 to 1946. From 1947 to 1950 he was an Actuarial Examiner in the Nebraska Insurance Department and then was with World Insurance Company until retirement in 1977.

He is survived by his wife, Betty.

1902

Joseph Thomas Gannon

1994

Joseph T. Gannon, a Fellow of the Society, died in Punta Gorda, Florida on January 12, 1994. He was 91 years old.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire on June 21, 1902, Mr. Gannon graduated from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. in 1924 and entered the engineering profession with Brooklyn Edison Company. In 1926, unhappy with engineering work and interested in facing actuarial examinations, he joined the staff of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for a career that was to continue for 41 years. He earned his Fellowship in 1936.

At Metropolitan Mr. Gannon was elected Actuary in 1958 and Vice President in 1963. A major sphere of activity was field management.

He was a man of cultural and social interests. His fine baritone voice made him valued in church and choral groups. It is noteworthy that he took up golf after retirement and on his 90th birthday was honored by his club as its oldest active player. Bridge was another of his and his wife's joys. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, a son and daughter, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

1909

Daton Gilbert

1994

Daton Gilbert, a Fellow of the Society, died in New Britain, Connecticut on April 24, 1994 after a short illness. He was 85 years old.

Born in Warsaw, New York on January 28, 1909, Mr. Gilbert graduated from Colgate University in 1931 and continued his studies at Brown University. In 1932 he began his career in Prudential Insurance Company's actuarial program. From 1936 to 1942 he was at Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau (now LIMRA), working on agency compensation and field costs, after which he embarked upon a 32-year career at Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. He earned his Fellowship in 1946 and at his retirement in 1974 was that company's Senior Vice President.

Mr. Gilbert had a warm friendly disposition and embraced high ethical standards. His associates found him challenging, with a notably high energy level, always stimulating them to do their best.

He loved hiking and was a member of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Also he was devoted to his church, of which his father had been pastor. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, a son, a daughter, and several grandchildren.

1907

Thomas Edwin Gill

1994

Thomas E. Gill, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in London, Ontario on September 30, 1994. He was 87 years old.

Born in Burgessville, Ontario on June 12, 1907, Mr. Gill graduated in 1928 as gold medalist in mathematics from the University of Western Ontario and immediately joined the staff of London Life Insurance Company for a 43-year career, retiring from the post of Vice President and Chief Actuary in 1971. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1933. His sound leadership, quiet efficiency and the respect he earned from his colleagues were recognized in 1993 with his induction into his company's "Wall of Fame," which honors outstanding contributors to London Life's success.

He actively contributed his energies and talents to his profession. In 1951-52 he was President of the Canadian Association of Actuaries. He was a member of the Society's Board of Governors from 1955 to 1963 and from 1968 to 1970, including three years as Secretary-Treasurer and two as Vice President.

Mr. Gill pursued his primary recreational interests, bridge and golf, actively through his retirement years and was regarded as a sharp poker player. He is survived by his wife, Florence.

1933

**Kenneth Graham Gustafson**

1994

Kenneth G. Gustafson, a Fellow of the Society, died in Utah on February 1, 1994 after a long, disabling illness. He was 60 years old.

Born in Chicago on March 16, 1933, Mr. Gustafson graduated from Drake University in 1955. After brief employment at Continental Assurance Company, he served in the U.S. Navy for two years and then joined Occidental Insurance Company. In 1966 he joined the California Public Employees Retirement System in Sacramento, where he worked until his retirement in 1986. He earned his Fellowship in 1978.

After retirement Mr. Gustafson worked briefly in the consulting field, but his activity was terminated by disability in 1987.

He is fondly remembered for his passion for baseball, his father having been associated with the Dodgers. Ken's practice was to read every account he could about every baseball game. He is survived by a sister.

1927

**Gilbert Eugene Hawkins**

1993

G. Eugene (Gene) Hawkins, a Fellow of the Society, died in Dallas on November 7, 1993. He was 66 years old.

Born in Tripoli, Iowa on August 23, 1927, Mr. Hawkins graduated from Drake University in 1950 and immediately joined the staff of Pan-American Life Insurance Company in New Orleans. In 1956 he moved to American General Life in Houston; after three years he entered the consulting field with Rudd & Wisdom in Austin. From 1965 to 1973 he was back in life insurance, first in Chattanooga with Interstate Life & Accident Insurance Company and then in Dallas with successively Mercantile Security Life and then Great Commonwealth Life. He earned his Fellowship in 1966.

In 1973 Mr. Hawkins formed his own consulting firm in Dallas, Hawkins & Associates. Since his thirties he had been severely handicapped by heart disease, having indeed survived open heart surgery three times; this infirmity compelled him to become inactive after 1982, turning the firm's management over to his son, David M. Hawkins, ASA. Gene, however, continued to go to his office until a year before his death.

During his many years in the Actuaries Club of the Southwest, his soft voice was not often heard, but when he spoke, his words earned his colleagues' full attention.

He will be remembered as a devoted Presbyterian, having taken part in founding congregations in two cities and serving actively in church school

teaching and governance. His major hobbies were coin and stamp collecting; he even became a coin dealer in his later years. And he served his community as a Little League coach, a scoutmaster and an election official. He is survived by his wife, Bette, two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren.

1907

Mark Wilbur Hill

1994

Mark W. Hill, a Fellow of the Society, died in Manchester, Connecticut on May 9, 1994. He was 86 years old.

Born in Mount Holly, Vermont on August 24, 1907, Mr. Hill graduated from the University of Vermont in 1929 and immediately joined Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford for a career that was to continue for 45 years. His Society connection was quite remarkable; he applied in 1930, reached Associateship in 1953, and earned his Fellowship in 1961.

In his company, Mr. Hill held the titles, successively, of Assistant Actuary, Associate Actuary, and Actuary. He retired in 1974.

He was well-liked and respected by his colleagues. His community responsibilities clearly showed his love for others—active in his church, an American Red Cross volunteer, president of Manchester Public Health Nurses Association, and a tax counselor for Manchester Senior Citizens. He is survived by his wife, Lena, and a sister.

1927

Howard Minoru Ito

1994

Howard M. Ito, an Associate of the Society, died in San Francisco on March 14, 1994. He was 66 years old.

Born in Santa Maria, California on June 12, 1927, Mr. Ito graduated from Drake University in 1951 and immediately joined the staff of West Coast Life Insurance Company in San Francisco, where he was appointed Assistant Actuary. He earned his Associateship in 1962.

In 1966 Mr. Ito entered the consulting field with Milliman & Robertson Inc. and was named an Associate member of that firm in 1980. He retired from his pension consultant duties in 1992.

He was respected for his meticulous approach to all actuarial matters. Always willing to share his knowledge and expertise, he was held in great affection by his coworkers. He is survived by his wife, Yuri, three children and two grandchildren.

**1934                      David Robert Warwick Jamieson                      1994**

D. R. Warwick Jamieson, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in Toronto, Canada on September 17, 1994 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 60 years old.

Born in Scotland on May 18, 1934, Mr. Jamieson graduated from Edinburgh University in 1956. He was employed at Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance Society until 1959 followed by six years in the Royal Air Force and two years managing a private airline in Northern Ireland. Joining Sun Life Assurance Company in Montreal in 1967, he earned his Society Fellowship in 1978 and was appointed Associate Actuary in 1979. From 1980 until his untimely death he was Vice-President and Comptroller.

Mr. Warwick was known as a keen golfer and as a person with an easy manner. He is survived by his wife, Irene, and three children.

**1908                      William Darrell Laird                      1994**

W. Darrell Laird, a Fellow of the Society, died in West Vancouver, Canada on September 27, 1994 after a long illness. He was 86 years old.

Born in Winnipeg on June 27, 1908, Mr. Laird graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1929. Already possessed of two summers' experience in an accounting firm, he joined the Great-West Life Assurance Company in October 1929. His first mentor was Hans Hansen, an actuary from Denmark, who instilled in his students strict adherence to European office procedures using the hand-operated calculators of that era.

Mr. Laird earned his Society Fellowship in 1935. The next year he accepted the post of Actuary at the Monarch Life Assurance Company, Winnipeg, for a career that was to continue until his retirement from the presidency of that company in 1971. From 1945 onwards, he was in general rather than strictly actuarial management, hence became less and less personally involved in the affairs of his profession. However, in 1948 he contributed a paper "The Revenue of the Period of Account and Its Relation to Premiums, Valuation and Dividends" (*TASA* 50, p. 9); it proposed a procedure for life company financial analysis quite unlike that traditionally employed.

He was a man of keen intellect and friendly disposition, widely respected by his colleagues and those under his direction. He successfully kept his company along a path that faithfully balanced the necessarily divergent interests of policyholders and shareholders. Among his many community

activities was a leading volunteer role in the Manitoba Blue Cross during its pioneer days. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son and daughter and two grandchildren.

1906

Richard James Learson

1994

Richard (Dick) J. Learson, an Associate of the Society, died in Greenwich, Connecticut on March 31, 1993. He was 88 years old.

Born in Boston on July 13, 1906, Mr. Learson graduated from Harvard College in 1926 and for the next four years was employed at John Hancock Mutual Life. In 1931 he moved to Western & Southern Life in Cincinnati, earned his Associateship there in 1934 and was appointed Vice President and Actuary in 1937. In 1950 he joined Mutual Life of New York as Vice President, specializing in group insurance and pensions. Upon his retirement in 1971 he entered private consulting practice, which continued until shortly before his death.

He was active in Society discussions on subjects in his broad sphere and was widely liked and respected. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed cooking gourmet dishes as well as reading and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Harriet, and a son.

1913

William Henry Lewis

1994

William (Bill) H. Lewis, a Fellow of the Society, died in Indian Rocks Beach, Florida on October 19, 1994. He was 81 years old.

Born in Meriden, Connecticut on April 26, 1913, Mr. Lewis graduated from Bucknell University in 1949. He had already been employed since 1946 at Acacia Mutual Insurance Company in Washington, D.C. From 1951 to 1954 he was employed at the Internal Revenue Service and then joined Life Insurance Company of Virginia, where he became Assistant Actuary and earned his Fellowship in 1960.

That same year Mr. Lewis moved to the post of Vice President and Actuary of American Bankers Life of Florida. Subsequently he was briefly at Peninsular Life, then entered the consulting field at Huggins & Company in Miami. After 1972 he returned to the Internal Revenue Service and then was with Independent Life & Accident in Jacksonville until he retired in December 1980.



1908

Richard Lawrence Miller

1994

Richard (Dick) L. Miller, a Fellow of the Society, died in Atlantic Beach, Florida on November 28, 1994. He was 86 years old.

Born in Indianola, Iowa on July 29, 1908, Mr. Miller was first employed in the actuarial department at Bankers Life Company in Des Moines, 1926 to 1927. He then entered Drake University but two years later transferred to the actuarial course under Professor H.L. Reitz at State University of Iowa, graduating in 1931 and earning his master's degree in 1932. He then joined Prudential Insurance Company in Newark, New Jersey as an actuarial trainee, achieving his Society Fellowship in 1943. He was promoted to General Manager and Assistant Actuary in 1948.

When his company embarked upon decentralization into regional offices, Mr. Miller was a member of the young officer corps that undertook that task. In 1953 he went to the Canadian head office in Toronto, returning briefly to Newark in 1956 as Executive General Manager of his company's group pension department. The rest of his career, from 1957 to his retirement in 1969, was at the South-Central home office in Jacksonville, Florida as Vice President, Administration. He was active in community affairs, particularly for the American Cancer Society and his church.

He was a warmhearted leader, possessed of the ability to inspire others to do their best work. He is survived by his wife, Gene, two sons and two granddaughters.

1897

Muriel Maud Phillips Mudie

1993

Muriel M.P. Mudie, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in Toronto on May 28, 1993. She was 95 years old.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica on December 10, 1897, Miss Mudie graduated from University College, London, England in 1921 and did postgraduate work under Professor Karl Pearson. She then taught mathematics in Kingston until, after her father's death in 1924, she moved to Toronto with her mother and three brothers. All four of these she provided for while initially employed at the Royal Bank of Canada and then at Confederation Life Association starting in March 1925.

When in 1929 Ms. Mudie earned her Society Associateship, she became the earliest woman member of Canada's actuarial profession. Her Fellowship followed in 1937.

A specialist in annual statements and life company taxation, Ms. Mudie contributed occasionally to Society discussions of those topics. After her retirement from her company in March 1964, she worked for two years in the consulting field with Eckler Partners.

She is remembered for her bright mind and her interest in many matters. She was active in her church, singing in the choir and serving on its vestry. She is survived by two nephews and a niece.

1906

Russell Edmonds Munro

1994

Russell E. Munro, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in London, Ontario on October 2, 1994. He was 88 years old.

Born in Glanworth, Ontario on June 27, 1906, Mr. Munro graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1928. After a year there of postgraduate studies in economics and business, he joined London Life Insurance Company and earned his Society Fellowship in 1947. He assumed increasing company responsibility and acquired vast knowledge of company policies and practices, being appointed Actuary in 1960. He retired in 1971.

He served on the Council of the Canadian Association of Actuaries in 1958–59.

When time permitted, Mr. Munro could usually be found on the fairways or at the curling rink. He was also a bridge enthusiast and philatelist and, because of his children's tennis activity and accomplishment, became heavily involved in supporting amateur tennis. And he was active in his church. He is survived by his wife, Lillian, a daughter, three sons and nine grandchildren.

1939

Kenneth W. O'Neill

1994

Kenneth W. O'Neill, a Fellow of the Society, died in Chicago on June 18, 1994. He was 54 years old.

Born in Chicago on November 6, 1939, Mr. O'Neill graduated from Roosevelt University. In 1969 he joined Employers Insurance of Wausau, Wisconsin, where he earned his Fellowship in 1978. As Vice President of Group Retirement there, he designed and developed that department, which grew steadily under his leadership. After leaving Wausau in 1984 he worked intermittently in the consulting field.

Colleagues of Mr. O'Neill respected his unbridled energy and his deep enthusiasm that inspired them to stay alert and knowledgeable. And he was an avid golfer who attacked the game with the same drive that he applied to other aspects of his life. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, a son and a sister.

1926

John Edward Oxley

1994

John (Jack) E. Oxley, a Fellow of the Society, died at Cabrini Hospice, New York City, on September 22, 1994. He was a few weeks short of age 68.

Born in Brooklyn on October 14, 1926, Mr. Oxley graduated from Cooper Union School of Engineering in 1951 and immediately joined the staff of New York Life Insurance Company for a career of almost 37 years. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1964, the result of exceptional determination to achieve that goal and was promoted in 1974 to the post of Corporate Vice President and Actuary. He was recognized as an expert in the field of agent compensation and benefit programs including the company's Nylic system.

Upon his retirement in March 1988, Mr. Oxley joined the staff of the New York State Insurance Department, continuing there until the time of his death. He was Supervising Actuary there and was devoted to making sure that companies discharged their moral as well as legal obligations to their policyholders; in this he is recognized as having served as a model to insurance department actuaries.

He was a man of character, blessed with an agreeable and caring disposition. Among his social graces were appreciation of fine wines and liberality in sharing this with his friends. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine (also a New York Life Vice President), a brother and a sister.

1943

Robert Douglas Penick

1993

R. Douglas Penick, a Fellow of the Society, died in Durham, North Carolina on November 6, 1993. He was 50 years old.

Born in Quantico, Virginia on February 28, 1943, Mr. Penick graduated from Duke University in 1965 and then took the actuarial course at Northeastern University, Boston. During those years he took summer employment

at Volunteer State and Monumental life companies. He earned his Fellowship in 1970.

After a decade of service at Monumental Life, Mr. Penick joined Durham Life Insurance Company as Vice President and Actuary. He continued with that company, earning promotion to Senior Vice President and Chief Actuary until after its 1992 sale to Capitol Holding Corporation, which transaction he helped to negotiate.

He was prominent in arts and community service. A member of the American Guild of Organists, he was a longtime volunteer organist at the Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill and recently served as staff organist at St. Joseph Episcopal Church, Durham. Also, he was a volunteer at the North Carolina Museum of Art. He is survived by his wife, Bettye, a daughter, a stepson and his parents.

1942

Thomas Douglas Pitts

1994

Thomas D. Pitts, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in Toronto on January 11, 1994. He was 51 years old.

Born in Meaford, Ontario on July 7, 1942, Mr. Pitts graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1964 with honors in mathematics. He then joined Confederation Life Insurance Company, where he had been employed as an actuarial student. Attaining his Fellowship in 1971, he was appointed Manager, Group Underwriting. In 1974 he left Confederation Life for 10 years, serving consecutively in Hansen Consultants, Excelsior Life and Tillinghast, Nelson & Warren. Rejoining Confederation in 1984 as Administrative Vice President, he later served as Vice President, Group Pensions and from 1990 until his death as Senior Vice President, Canadian Operations.

Mr. Pitts was active in Canadian pension matters and community affairs as a director of the Association of Pension Management, on the editorial advisory board of *Benefits Canada* magazine, and in the Royal Ontario Museum, Canadian Cancer Society and Canadian Chamber of Commerce. His recreations included squash, golf, skiing and bridge.

He was much admired for his first-class mind, his honesty that kept him from defending that which he did not believe and his enjoyment of jokes, even at his own expense. He took unbridled pleasure in accomplishments of those around him, a mark of his maturity and complete self-acceptance. He is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother and a sister.

1942

James Dennan Reid

1994

James D. Reid, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died of a heart attack in Victoria, British Columbia on March 6, 1994. He was 51 years old.

Born in Princeton, British Columbia on May 22, 1942, Mr. Reid graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1965 and began his career as an actuarial student with M.H. Farrant Company in Vancouver. He then joined Sun Life Assurance Company in Montreal, earning his Fellowships in 1972. In 1974 he assumed the position of Actuary in the British Columbia Public Service. In 1978 he was appointed Superannuation Commissioner, responsible for administration and investment of all the province's major public sector pension plans, public service benefit plans and pension policy of the B.C. government.

Mr. Reid joined William M. Mercer Limited in 1982, became a Principal in 1984, a member of the National Partners Group in 1988, and Managing Director of the worldwide company, William M. Mercer Companies, in 1992. In that same year he also became head of the company's Vancouver office.

He was a key contributor to his company's success in his steadily broadening sphere. He epitomized all that is positive in an effective consultant and was a gentleman and good friend to clients and colleagues alike. He is survived by his wife, Pierette, two daughters and a son.

1906

Henry Fairbank Rood

1994

Henry F. Rood, a Fellow and Past President of the Society, died in Fort Wayne, Indiana on June 11, 1994 after several years' illness. He was 87 years old.

Born in Port Chester, New York on September 14, 1906, Mr. Rood graduated from Oberlin College in 1928 and from the University of Michigan's actuarial course in 1929. His actuarial career began at Travelers Insurance Company; in March 1931 he came to Lincoln National Life Company as a clerk in the reinsurance division. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1937 and became an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries and the Casualty Actuarial Society in 1962. From 1943 to 1946 he served as Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. During this period he worked with the

Marine Corps and Bureau of Medicine in developing wartime requirements for both men and materials.

At Lincoln National Mr. Rood was promoted to Vice President and Actuary in 1954, to Senior Vice President 1958, to President in 1964, and to Chief Executive Officer in 1965. From 1968 to 1971 he was Chairman of the Board, and he continued as a Director until 1979. Also, he was from time to time an officer or director of several of his company's subsidiary bodies.

He was highly influential in the Society's affairs from its inception in 1949 when he was elected its first Secretary-Treasurer, his leadership being especially evident in the early days of electronic machines and in professional organization. The topic of his Presidential Address in 1958 was "Recognition of Actuaries," introduced with these words:

We may recruit and train enough qualified actuaries to meet the needs of our people, and we may require our members to meet strict standards of education and professional conduct, but is that enough? Must we not also educate the public to recognize qualified actuaries?

Efforts by him and many others led to formation of the American Academy of Actuaries in 1965 with Henry Rood as its first President. He served also as a principal incorporator thereof. His reflections almost a decade later (*TSA XXVI*, p. D408) are still of interest.

Another of Henry Rood's many contributions was as one of five actuaries loaned to the U.S. Treasury to advise on possible new approaches to life company federal income taxation. Known jocularly as "the five wise men," they were influential in development of the 1959 Revenue Act. He also played a large part in creation of the 1958 CSO mortality table (*TSA VIII*, p. 509).

His discussions (*TSA VII*, pp. 126 and 507) of the future of electronic equipment identify him as an actuarial pioneer in this field. Also, in another discussion (*TSA XXVI*, p. D409) appears his wry description of himself as the bookie of his company.

Henry's friends remember him for his unbounded energy and enthusiasm. One Society Fellow recalls asking at a meeting what Henry Rood was like. Just as a friend described him as "always in a hurry," Henry came by—in a hurry. An attribute that younger actuaries in his company recall with affection was his penchant for giving them responsibility. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two sons and a granddaughter.

1942

Jacques Marcel Roy

1993

Jacques Roy, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died in Levis, Quebec on August 11, 1993. He was 50 years old.

Born in Levis on August 23, 1942, Mr. Roy graduated from Laval University in 1965 and began his career in the underwriting department of Sun Life Assurance Company. In 1968 he joined the Quebec Ministry of Financial Institutions and from 1977 to 1983 was the province's Superintendent of Insurance. In that post he made substantial contributions to such important projects as automobile insurance reform, revision of insurance law, and insurance company mergers and acquisitions.

In 1983 Mr. Roy joined Optimum Consulting Actuaries Inc. as a Senior Consultant. He became a full-time professor at the Actuarial Science School at Laval University in 1990.

Descended from a three-generation family of notaries, he maintained his interest in that field through involvement in insurance matters for the Corporation of Quebec notaries. His rigorous mind, his touch with the changing environment, his problem-solving capacity, and his characteristic sense of humor were all contributors to his success.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter.

1917

Harris Schermann

1994

Harris Schermann, a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries and an Associate of the Society, died in Toronto, Canada on September 21, 1994 after years of disability. He was 77 years old.

Born in Johannesburg, South Africa on September 15, 1917, Mr. Schermann graduated from the University of Cape Town in 1937 and earned his master's degree from there in 1943. He qualified as a Fellow of the Faculty in 1949 and the following year joined the Society by waiver.

From 1937 to 1962 Mr. Schermann was with the Southern Life Association in Cape Town, latterly as its Actuary, but then decided to leave that troubled country. He joined Canada Life in Toronto as Associate Group Actuary and advanced by 1971 to the post of Actuarial Vice President. But Parkinson's disease contracted in the late 1970s forced termination of his career in December 1980.

He had a gentle personality and was good at foreseeing the long-term effects of current events. This enabled him to contribute creatively to

development of his company's products and to stimulate his younger colleagues. His wife, Ada, having died suddenly in February 1994, he is survived by their daughter.

1916

Carl Joseph Singer

1994

Carl J. Singer, an Associate of the Society, died in Alexandria, Virginia on September 24, 1994. He was 77 years old.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska on December 31, 1916, Mr. Singer graduated from the University of Chicago in 1935 and from the actuarial science course at State University of Iowa in 1937. After two years employment at Union Central Life in Cincinnati and service in World War II, he joined the Veterans Administration in 1946 for a career that was to continue until his retirement in 1975 from the post of Chief Actuary. He had become the leading expert on U.S. government life insurance and national service life insurance.

Mr. Singer's brilliance was legendary, embodying extraordinary ability to calculate with exactitude when necessary with a marvelous estimating power that his colleagues held in awe. He will also be long remembered for his keen sense of humor, his delightful levity amplified by his resemblance to Groucho Marx. His devotion to and mastery of several hobbies led him to invent and improve some of them.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, a son, a daughter, and two grandchildren.

1959

Kevin Lee Spitzer

1994

Kevin L. Spitzer, an Associate of the Society, died in Omaha, Nebraska on May 28, 1994 of a farming accident. He was 34 years old.

Born in Pawnee City, Nebraska on October 15, 1959, Mr. Spitzer graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1985 and joined the staff of Mutual of Omaha for what would become a much too brief career. His areas of expertise included profit-testing and projections for both individual life and health business.

He will be remembered for his good humor and dry wit. He was dedicated to the actuarial profession and to his first love, farming. He is survived by his parents and by a brother.

1937

Robert Thomas Tipping

1994

Robert T. Tipping, a Fellow of the Society and of the Canadian Institute of Actuaries, died suddenly in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 9, 1994. He was 56 years old.

Born in Winnipeg on August 22, 1937, Mr. Tipping graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1959. He then joined the staff of Excelsior Life Insurance Company in Toronto, where he had been a summer student during his college years.

In 1964 Mr. Tipping entered the consulting field with Eckler, Brown & Company. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1969. In 1980 he moved to Wyatt Company in the Vancouver office, where he served clients effectively until his untimely death.

He was a friendly and conscientious gentleman of quiet and unassuming disposition, interested in music and in outdoor activities, especially hockey. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, a son and a daughter.

1927

Leroy Tanfield Watkins

1994

LeRoy (Lee) T. Watkins, a 1966 Fellow of the Society, died in Williamsville, New York on March 14, 1994. He was 66 years old.

Born in Merrick, New York on April 5, 1927, Mr. Watkins graduated from Adelphi College in 1950. His business career consisted of 24 years of insurance company employment and 20 years in the consulting field.

The company segment began with the Travelers Insurance Company in Hartford followed by posts in Inter-Ocean Insurance Company in Cincinnati, Valley Forge Life in Chicago and United Life & Accident in Concord, New Hampshire. In 1974 he entered the consulting field with International Consulting Actuarial Services in Buffalo and in 1977 formed his own company, LeRoy T. Watkins & Associates, in that city. He served as President until his death.

He was active in his church and his community and will be remembered by colleagues and friends for his warm spirit and great sense of humor as well as for his consistent fairness. He is survived by his wife, Janet, a daughter and a son.

1920

Dorance Blanche Weill

1993

Dorance B. Weill, a Fellow of the Society, died in Forest Hills, New York on September 19, 1993. She was 73 years old.

Born in New York City on July 28, 1920, Miss Weill graduated from Queens College in February 1942 and joined the actuarial staff of Metropolitan Life in New York City. She earned her Fellowship in 1962 and retired from the post of Senior Actuarial Associate in December 1980 after 38 years of faithful service.

1926

William Allen White

1994

William (Bill) A. White, a Fellow of the Society, died in Cherry Hill, New Jersey on March 30, 1994. He was 67 years old.

Born in Boston on October 14, 1926, Mr. White graduated from Dartmouth College in 1949 and immediately joined the actuarial staff of Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in Newark, New Jersey. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1960.

At Mutual Benefit, he quickly became keenly interested in the possibilities of computers. When the IBM 650 was introduced, he immediately began looking for ways to use the unprecedented power of the new computer. He calculated Jenkins-Lew projected annuity values as an early application. He developed a system for compiling a 650 program load deck so that, as the program steps and data were being loaded into computer memory, a small program was placed into computer memory that checked that all punch cards were entered and in order and then erased all traces of itself. He developed a program to produce virtually all the pages of the Mutual Benefit ratebook on the IBM 650. He accomplished all these applications while the 650 was considered a new machine, working by himself.

Soon after receiving his Fellowship, he accepted a position at Penn Mutual and a few years later became Actuary of the New Jersey Insurance Department. There he earned a reputation for fairness and helpfulness to the companies under his supervision. After a brief stint at the American Council of Life Insurance, he worked until retirement in November 1990 at the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. He developed a "general-purpose value calculator" for personal computers, to give regulators an easy way to obtain such actuarial functions as premiums, reserves, and nonforfeiture values.

This software, which he described as “a Swiss army knife for regulators,” is still widely used.

Mr. White was well liked by his colleagues, for his abilities, his lack of pretense and his sense of humor. His wife having predeceased him, he is survived by a daughter and two sons.

## 1921                      George Courtney Wicks                      1994

George C. Wicks, an Associate of the Society, died in Berwyn, Pennsylvania on January 20, 1994. He was 72 years old.

Born in Long Island City, New York on February 12, 1921, Mr. Wicks graduated from Trinity College, Hartford in 1947 and after brief employment with City Bank of New York joined the actuarial staff at the Equitable Society, New York in 1948. He earned his Associateship in 1956.

In 1969 Mr. Wicks entered the consulting field with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell in Philadelphia. His final berth in the early 1980s was at Berkshire Life, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from which company he retired in May 1986 from the post of Pension Actuary.

He is survived by his daughter.

## 1921                      Eugene Wisdom                      1994

Eugene Wisdom, a Fellow of the Society, died in Austin, Texas on November 3, 1994. He was 72 years old.

Born in Fort Worth on November 20, 1921, Mr. Wisdom graduated from Baylor University in 1941 and then served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the South Pacific as a first lieutenant. After earning a master's degree in actuarial mathematics from the University of Michigan in 1947, his first actuarial employment was with Great Southern Life in Houston.

In 1952 he entered the consulting field with John S. Rudd, Jr. in Austin. He earned his Society Fellowship in 1956 and the next year became a partner in the newly named firm, Rudd and Wisdom. In 1968, without abandoning his flourishing consulting practice, he accepted an appointment as Professor of Actuarial Science at University of Texas at Austin. There he developed and nurtured an actuarial science program that produced many actuaries for the insurance and employee benefit industries. In 1980 he returned to full-time activity with his firm until his retirement in 1990. He then actively

pursued his lifelong interest in music through membership in the Alamo City Jazz Band, participation in many jazz festivals, and cofounding of other jazz groups.

Mr. Wisdom became known throughout the profession for his keen intellect, his unmatched wit, his dedication to the highest standards of professionalism, his teaching skill, and commitment to the success of his many students. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

1915

Ronald Norman Wood

1994

R. Norman Wood, an Associate of the Society and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries, died in Newburyport, Massachusetts on March 1, 1994. He was 78 years old.

Born in London, England on August 10, 1915, Mr. Wood graduated in from Bancroft School, Essex. Until coming to the U.S. in 1951, he was employed in actuarial departments of English life companies except for six years of World War II service in the British Army with rank of captain. He earned his Institute Fellowship in 1949 and was among the first to apply for Associateship in 1952 when that option was offered to British Fellows.

From 1951 Mr. Wood was in actuarial consulting with Alexander & Alexander in New York City, then Chicago and finally in its Research and Technical Services Office at Newburyport until his retirement in 1984 from the post of Vice President.

Not only was he an exceptionally talented actuary, but also he was an excellent consultant and a highly competent trainer of budding actuaries, many of whom remained as his good friends grateful for his instruction and guidance. And he was a major contributor in his company's development in the actuarial field. He will be remembered too for his pleasant demeanor and excellent sense of humor.

Mr. Wood was active in his church, in the Boy Scouts of America, and in the Custom House Maritime Museum of Newburyport. He is survived by his wife, Beryl, three sons, a daughter and a grandson.

