In Memorium

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Thomas Roberts, PhB 1940
A resident of Lexington, KY. He received a PhB from the University of Wisconsin, and a PhD from Columbia University.

Robert Tennant, PhB 1940, PhM 1942
Mr. Tennant passed away in 2004.

Robey H. Clark, MS 1949
Robey Clark died July 23, 2006 in Amarillo, TX at the age of 84. Clark earned a BS from Louisiana State University in 1943 before serving in the navy during World War II. He then joined the Magnolia Petroleum Co. (a division of Mobil), but decided to do graduate studies at the UW. He rejoined Mobil thereafter, but in 1971 joined Diamond Shamrock. From 1982, he was a consultant in Amarillo. Robey worked in the Gulf Coast, Mid-CONTinent, Rocky Mountains, Alaska, and the North Sea, Australia and New Zealand. Clark was active in AAPG, serving as Secretary (1975-77), President (1980-81), and as a AAPG Foundation Trustee. He was elected an Honorary Member in 1985. Clark’s MS thesis under the direction of Lewis Cline was a petrologic study of some Pennsylvanian sandstones in Iowa.

William “Bill” Miller, BS 1949
William B. Miller (Bill), 80, died at home in Corpus Christi, TX on January 27, 2007 after a long illness. He was born in Marshfield, WI.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a BS degree in Geology in 1949, and in 2004 provided funding for a new lecture hall in the Department of Geology and Geophysics (The William B. and Maureen Miller Lecture Hall). The Millers lived in Texas their entire married life. They moved to Corpus Christi in 1952, where he worked for Superior Oil Company and Ramada Oil and Gas before becoming an independent geologist. He founded Suemaur Corporation in 1975 and Suemaur Exploration in 1986 with his longtime friend and business partner, Daniel A. Pedrotti.

He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Corpus Christi Geological Society, and the Independent Petroleum Association of America. He was also a Trustee Associate of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

In 2004 the Millers were honored as “Philanthropists of the Year” in Corpus Christi.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Maureen Becker Miller, a son and daughter, and five grandchildren.

Lawrence P. Works, Jr., BS 1951
Mr. Works, a resident of Casper WY, died on Sept. 17, 1999.

Donald W. Berry, BS 1954, MS 1961
Donald Berry died November 4, 2006 in Houston, TX after a long illness, at age 74. Don was a native of Fond du Lac, WI, where he attended primary school and high school. At age 15, he was that city’s youngest Eagle Scout up to that time.

His passion for geology and adventure in the field was sparked by legendary UW professor Lowell R. Laudon. His MS thesis under the direction of Dr. Laudon dealt with the Permian Phosphoria Formation in the Wind River basin of Wyoming. Don was also a lifelong friend of “Doc” Laudon’s son, Tom, a fellow UW alumus and retired geology professor at UW-Oshkosh. Don spent the early years of his career as an exploration geologist for Exxon in Bogota, Columbia, before joining Amoseas as an area geologist in Tripoli, Libya, in 1961.

Returning to the United States in 1964, he studied Earth Sciences and Education in the doctoral program at Stanford University, and taught geology at San Francisco State University and West Valley College, Santa Clara, Calif. In the late 60s he moved to the Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming to work with a uranium exploration company, followed by stints in oil exploration in British Columbia, Canada, and well-site geology in Columbia and Ecuador.

In 1972 Don joined The Analysts, an oil exploration company in Thibodaux, LA, and spent several years as a mud logger throughout the Gulf of Mexico region, Wyoming and South America. In the late 70s he conducted resource mapping for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North and South Dakota. He finished his varied career in contract well logging out of Houston and Corpus Christi, Texas, where he retired in 1987.

Don is survived by his son Bryan, and twin daughters, Jane and Susan. His wife, Jacqueline, passed away in 2004.

James R. Lund, BS 1958
Mr. Lund, a Madison, WI resident, passed away on Dec. 30, 2006. He was 73.

William R. Reynolds, BS 1958
Dr. Reynolds, a resident of Oxford MS, died on Dec. 2, 2006. He received his BS from the University of Wisconsin, and an MS and PhD from Florida State University.

Charles S. Wallin, BS 1961
A resident of Yakima, WA, Mr. Wallin died on April 5, 2002. He received a BS from the department and an MS from Washington State University.