

DARTMOUTH
CLASS OF 1953



NEWSLETTER

News & Events for our Class



Dear Classmates and Families,
Here is our latest newsletter to pass on news of our classmates and their families. These are the difficult times when so many of us are passing on but there is comfort in sharing our stories with one another and to stay in touch with families at their pleasure.

2021 VERSION

Dear Dartmouth 1953 Family,

Our newsletters today are primarily bearing the realities of our wonderful lives together as the Dartmouth 53 class that captured not only the knowledge and attitudes that have led to so many successful lives, but have also done so appreciating the traditions and messages of our Dartmouth in setting the standards for excellence in our total lives and that of our families. Fred Whittemore is a marvelous example of just that and followed the counsel of General Ike who urged us at graduation to realize we had been educated to be leaders at Dartmouth, and he expected that we would achieve those expectations. We did and a primary example of that is our dearly beloved friend Fred Whittemore, a true champion. His story follows and will be posted on the 1953 Website in the Newsletter segment [permanently. To reach our site go to [The Dartmouth Collage Class of 1953Website](#). Here is Fred for you and the world **for** all time.

Frederick B. Whittemore



Frederick Brewster Whittemore of New York City and Watch Hill, RI passed away peacefully at home on May 30th at age 91, following a lengthy illness. Fred was born and raised in Pembroke, NH and graduated from Dartmouth College as a proud member of “the Great Class of 1953,” and the Amos Tuck School of Business Administration in 1954. He was awarded an honorary degree from his alma mater in 2003. Following graduate studies at Oxford University, Fred served his country as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1957. Upon completion of his service, Fred joined Morgan Stanley & Co. in 1958 where he spent his entire professional life, rising to Partner in 1967, Managing Director in 1970 and Advisory Director in 1989. He was the Syndicate Manager for many

years before becoming a senior banker in Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Finance. He traveled extensively on behalf of Morgan Stanley, and his clients included the governments of the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, as well as many large corporations. He served as a director of several public companies and financial industry organizations. He was a board member of the Aspen Institute, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Fred was a dedicated philanthropist. He played a leadership role on the boards of the Buckley School for 29 years, the Tuck School of Business for 31 years, and the Whittemore School of Business at the University of New Hampshire. A lifelong lover of the Arts, and the theater in particular, he was a board member of the Eugene O'Neill Theater and the Hopkins Center for the Arts at Dartmouth, while also supporting several Broadway productions. He served as a trustee of the Brick Presbyterian Church. He was the co-founder of both the Watch Hill Conservancy and the Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation and served as the Moderator of both the Watch Hill and Weekapaug Fire Districts.

Beginning in the late 1960s, Marion and Fred spent their summers in Weekapaug and then Watch Hill. While never a natural golfer, he had all the time in the world to pile all five of his grandchildren at once in his golf cart for a ride. He was a founder of the Shelter Harbor Golf Club and a longtime member of the Misquamicut Club, the Weekapaug Golf Club, the Watch Hill Yacht Club and the Union and Brook Clubs in New York.

In his "retirement," which never really occurred, Fred took great pride in his growing family and spent countless hours mentoring others, young and old, who came to seek his advice—whether about finance, schools, career paths or life in general. A quick wit, with an infectious smile, a booming voice and a New Hampshire accent that never quite went away, he delighted in bringing people together to try to solve big problems.

He was the beloved husband for 51 years of Marion Willi Whittemore, who predeceased him in 2016, and the son of the late Laurence F. Whittemore and Evelyn Fulford Whittemore of Pembroke, NH. He was predeceased by his two brothers, Charles F. Whittemore and Bert R. Whittemore, both of Pembroke, NH. His survivors include his son, Laurence F. Whittemore III (Kathleen) of Greenwich, CT and Watch Hill, his son Edward B. Whittemore of West Hartford, CT and Weekapaug, and his five grandchildren, James, Eliza, Paige, Thomas and Robert. The Whittemore family wishes to thank Narine, Karine, Anahit and

Kieza for their extraordinary care of Fred over the last seven years. Memorial services to celebrate Fred's life will be held in New York City at the Brick Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue at 91st St on Wednesday, June 22nd at 10:30am and at the Watch Hill Chapel on Thursday, July 21st at 10:30am. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the Watch Hill Conservancy in Watch Hill, RI or the Weekapaug Foundation for Conservation in Weekapaug, RI.¹

Peter Bridges' Obituary

The obituary for Peter Bridges, '53, the Ambassador from the Class of 1953 who served American interests in Italy, Somalia, and Russia and is also known for walking through much of his surroundings as a great lover of the land and the rest of nature. Peter Scott Bridges '53, a retired Peter Foreign Service officer and former U.S. ambassador, died of heart failure at home in Arlington, Virginia on August 13, 2022. He was 90.

Peter was born in New Orleans but grew up in Chicago and Hinsdale, Illinois. He came to Dartmouth from Hinsdale High School. At Dartmouth, Peter majored in Russian, and was a member of the Outing Club and Alpha Delta Phi. Following graduation, he earned his master's degree, again in Russian, from Columbia University. While in graduate school, he met his future wife, Mary Jane (Lee). He then served two years as an enlisted man in the U.S. Army, in Missouri and France. Peter was commissioned as a U.S. Foreign Service officer in 1957. Over the next 29 years, Peter's assignments took him to Panama, Germany, the Soviet Union, Switzerland, Italy, Czechoslovakia, and Somalia, where he served as ambassador until his retirement from government service in 1986.

Peter was later executive director of the Una Chapman Cox Foundation (1987-88); the manager, international affairs of Shell Oil Company (1988-93); and the resident representative in the Czech Republic of the European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (1993-94). Peter published three books: Safirka: An American Envoy (2000) recounted his experiences in Somalia. Pen of Fire: John Moncure Daniel (2002) and Donn Piatt: Gadfly of the Gilded Age (2012) were the biographies of a racist Virginian and an antislavery Ohioan, each of whom played significant roles in the Civil War after serving as American diplomats.

In 2013, Peter self-published a volume of a hundred sonnets from the Elk Mountains, and in 2018 a second memoir, Woods Waters Peaks: A Diplomat Outdoors. Peter continued to publish poems, short stories, articles, and essays in a wide range of publications until just weeks before his death. As long-time hikers and runners, Peter and Mary Jane trekked across Austria, Corsica, the Dolomites, Ireland, Scotland, and Spain in their 70s and 80s. He summited, most often with family members, the highest peaks in the Apennines, Britain, Colorado, and New England. He was among the group of '53s who summited Mt. Moosilauke during the 60th reunion.

Besides his wife of 67 years, Peter is survived by their four children: David (D'79), Elizabeth, Mary, and Andrew (D'92), as well as by six grandchildren. Burial and memorial service will take place in Crested Butte, Colorado, in the summer of 2023.

