

John A. Corry was born in Ohio and came to Princeton from Deerfield Academy. At Princeton he majored in the Woodrow Wilson School and wrote a thesis on Presidential Campaign Funds. He was a member of Prospect Club and Chairman of the *Daily Princetonian*. After Princeton, he went to the Harvard Law School and graduated cum laude three years later. He joined the New York City law firm of Davis, Polk, Wardwell after law school and remained with them until retirement, specializing in taxation. He became a partner in 1967 and senior counsel in 1997.

John also served as outside tax counsel to J.P. Morgan & Co. from 1975 to 1996 and in 1992 he chaired the Tax Section of the New York State Bar Association. John was active in the Bronxville Reformed Church serving on its consistory for many years and was involved with a number of other Bronxville organizations, helping to organize a program to enable Bronxville seniors to remain in their homes. He and his wife, Emily, enjoyed summers at Lake Chatauqua and John served on the board of the Chatauqua Foundation. After retirement he contributed a column to the local paper and wrote five books about American history. His titles include *Lincoln at Cooper Union: The Speech That Made Him President, 1898: Prelude to a Century, A Rough Ride to Albany: Teddy Runs for Governor*, and *The First Lincoln - Douglas Debates, October 1854*. He served for eight years as annual giving agent for his Princeton class. John died on December 26, 2016. Emily McKnight Corry, his wife of fifty-three years, died earlier in 2016. They are survived by their daughter, Anne McKnight Corry.

By Chris Webber '53

John Corry from the New York Times

CORRY—John A.



of Bronxville, NY on December 26. Beloved husband of Emily McKnight Corry who predeceased him in 2016, loving father of Anne McKnight Corry of NYC, and devoted brother of Catherine (Corry) Blakemore of Albany, WI. Born in Springfield, OH, November 17, 1931. Graduate of Deerfield, Princeton (where he was Chairman of The Daily Princetonian), and Harvard Law School. He spent his entire legal career specializing in taxation at Davis Polk & Wardwell, where he became a Partner in 1967. In this capacity, he served as outside tax counsel to J.P. Morgan & Co. from 1975-1996. In 1992, he chaired the Tax Section of the NYS Bar Association. After becoming Senior Counsel at Davis Polk in 1997, he wrote five books on American history, served eight years as Annual Giving Agent for his Princeton class, and was on the board of the Chautauqua (New York) Foundation. For many years, he was a member of the Consistory of The Reformed Church of Bronxville. He also served on the boards of a number of other Bronxville organizations, including Gramatan Village, which helps local seniors continue to live in their homes, and which he was instrumental in founding. In 2010, Gramatan Village presented him with its annual award for outstanding community service, as did the Counseling Center of Southern Westchester in 2015. He greatly enjoyed golf, the Metropolitan Opera, bridge, and travel in the US and abroad. Prior to his death, he was writing a monthly column on Bronxville history for MyhometownBronxville, the local online newspaper. Memorial contributions may be made to Chautauqua Foundation, Box 46, Chautauqua, NY 14722. A service will be held at 3pm on Wednesday, January 18 at The Reformed Church of Bronxville.