

Dear Class Representative,

I am sorry to tell you that my father, William Russell Pickering, of the class of 1953, died last week at the age of 86. I am adding a short obituary and an attached photo to this e-mail, in case your class members are interested. My dad's longtime classmate and friend Cowles W. Herr, may already have informed you of this sad event.

My father always said that his years at Princeton were some of the very happiest of his life, and he always referred to them as the "golden years".

Sincerely,

Will Pickering

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"Russ" Pickering '53

William Russell Pickering, class of 1953, died on Friday, May 5, 2017, in Washington, DC. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1930. While at Princeton, Mr. Pickering was a member of the Nassoons and attended ROTC. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956, and was honorably discharged with the rank of first lieutenant. After his military service, he finished his MBA at Columbia Business school and then enjoyed a long career in the financial and the oil and gas industries. Mr. Pickering served for many years on the board of directors of the Textile Museum, was a avid rug collector, and authored a book on Moroccan textiles. He is survived by his three children, William A. Pickering of Washington, DC, Brooke Pickering-Cole of Stone Ridge, NY, and Isabel Anderson of Washington, DC; and a granddaughter, Jane S. Cole. No funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Rescue Alliance of Washington.

Chris Webber's memorial:

William Russell Pickering was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and came to Princeton by way of the Virginia Military Institute and the Lawrenceville School. At Princeton, he belonged to Colonial Club and sang with the Nassoons. After a stint in the U.S. Army, he earned an MBA from Columbia Business School and then worked briefly for First National City Bank and

Pickering Lumber Company in California before coming to New York City and beginning a long career in the oil and gas industries. Russ was a member of the Chevy Chase Club and the Metropolitan Club of Washington, and served for many years on the board of directors of the Textile Museum. He was also a collector of Moroccan rugs, co-authored a book on the subject with his older daughter, Brooke, and served as chairman of the Pickering Art Corporation. Russ died on May 5, 2017, in Washington, DC, and is survived by his three children, William A. Pickering of Washington, DC, Brooke Pickering-Cole of Stone Ridge, NY and Isabel Anderson of Washington, DC; as well as a granddaughter.