

## Obituaries



Bob Reid

**Bob Reid (BSJ62, MSJ64)** died Dec. 15, 2004, of a heart attack at his home in Champaign, Ill. He was 64. Reid started his career in journalism as a copy editor and

reporter for the Freeport Journal-Standard in Illinois. Reid wrote editorials for the Lindsay-Schaub Newspaper chain and later as managing editor of the Southern Illinoisan. In 1980 he became a faculty member at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he taught journalism. His inspiration for journalism and teaching came from his late mentor, Medill journalism professor Curtis MacDougall, whose book, "Interpretative Reporting," he edited. "[Bob] thought the exceptional journalism faculty [at Medill] were the best teachers over professors with PhDs in the subject," Reid's wife said. Reid is also survived by a son, John; and a daughter, Laura Barnes.

**Jane Elizabeth Kliefoth (BSJ46)** died July 12, 2002, in Scottsdale, Ariz. After graduating in 1946, she combined the skills she learned at Medill with her love of travel and began working in the travel agency business where she stayed for several decades. Kliefoth later worked as an executive secretary at the Jim Beam Corp. until her retirement in 1983. Later she moved to Scottsdale where she became an active member of numerous humanitarian causes. She is survived by a sister, Doris Marie Roy, and a nephew, Walter Kliefoth.

**James M. Hanna (MSJ40)**, a former journalist at The Chicago Tribune, died Dec. 29, 2004, at the Lake Ridge Care Center in Roseville, Minn. His career started at The Chicago Tribune and he ultimately became editor and publisher of the Tazewell County Reporter, an award-winning publication in Washington, Ill. Hanna later worked as the editor of numerous

news publications in Minnesota and most recently as the editor and co-owner of Sentry Enterprise, a community newspaper in Wisconsin. Hanna is survived by two children, Rev. Sandra Hanna and Terry Hanna; a brother, Tom Hanna; and a sister, Beth Bronnenberg.



Grant Pick

**Grant Pick (MSJ72)** died of a heart attack Feb. 1. He was 57. He received his master's degree in journalism at Medill after earning a bachelor's degree in history from Roosevelt

University. He wrote for the Chicago Reader and freelanced for the Chicago Tribune, People magazine and other publications. "He was the quintessential, successful freelancer, whose stories often explored the struggles, triumphs and failures of ordinary Chicagoans," said Robert McClory, associate professor emeritus at Medill. He won a 2003 Peter Lisagor Award for in-depth reporting and was active in school reform and synagogue activities in his community. He is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Emily; and son, John.



Kathryn Linwood

**Kathryn Linwood Rawls (BSJ71, MSJ72)**, a reporter and active volunteer in Richland, Wash., died Aug. 12, 2004. She was 54. After receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees from Medill, she worked as a reporter for the Miami Herald and WFMY-TV in Greensboro, N.C. She later worked as a reporter and producer at KOMO-TV in Seattle before becoming a producer/director at Detroit's WXYZ-TV. "She was a woman who had command of the English language like no other," said her sister, Pam. In addition to her sister, she is survived by her husband, daughter and sister-in-law.



Kermit Rudolf

**Kermit M. Rudolf (BSJ39)**, a longtime reporter and lawyer, died Aug. 5, 2004, in Spokane, Wash. He was 85. After graduating with highest

honors from Medill, he spent three years as a reporter and then served in the Army Air Corps for five years, becoming a major. He worked as a sportswriter while attending Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash. He graduated summa cum laude and was a founding member of the Dellwo, Rudolf, Grand and Schroeder law firm. He is survived by his wife, Frances; five children; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. One son died in 1963.

**Dennis J. Zolnierzak (MSJ74)**, an entrepreneur and boater, died Jan. 6. He was 53. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He lived in New York before moving to Sparta, N.J., to open his own business. He was president and owner of Brushfire Inc., one of New Jersey's largest advertising agencies. He was active in his local boat club and yacht club. "He was an avid sailor, boater, wine connoisseur and a gourmet cook," said his wife, Pamela. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a sister.

**Ronald J. Zator (BSJ56)**, 70, died Dec. 21, 2004. He served in the Army for two years after graduating from Medill. He spent several years in Chicago in marketing and advertising management before becoming co-owner of a Chem-Dry carpet and upholstery cleaning franchise. Eight years later he moved to the Milwaukee area to open Chem-Dry Countywide. He is survived by his wife, Francille; daughter, Jennifer; and son, Christopher. **M**

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