ROBERT BASS
BS‘08, March 1, 2018, Hallsville, Texas. Bass earned a degree in economics and was a professional poker player.

BRIAN BLACK
BS‘85, March 23, 2018, Houston, Texas. Black graduated with a degree in computer science and worked for Texas Instruments, NASA and HP.

DIANE LEA BROWN
Teacher Certification‘96, BA‘99, May 5, 2018, Burnet, Texas. She earned a degree in psychology and taught eighth-grade math at Haggard Middle School in Plano, Texas.

JULIA BUTTS
MAT‘85, June 6, 2018, Dallas. Butts earned a degree in math and science education. She taught eighth-grade math for 25 years.

DR. VINCENT CIRILLO
1925–2018. Dr. Vincent Cirillo, a longtime senior lecturer at UT Dallas, died in August at the age of 92. Cirillo came to UT Dallas in 1992 after retiring from Stony Brook University in New York. For 24 years, Cirillo taught lab and lecture classes in the UT Dallas Department of Biological Sciences. He also developed a science curriculum project for local elementary schools. Cirillo last taught in fall 2016 and, according to colleagues, he was pleased to have exceeded his ambition to teach at the age of 90. He and his wife, Lilli, played an active role in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s and participated in national and local efforts to end segregation and discrimination. Cirillo and his wife also were supporters of the Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies at UT Dallas.

MICHAEL D’AGUSTINE
BS‘15, Feb. 10, 2018, Dallas. D’Augustine graduated with a degree in computer science and worked as a junior software developer.

CAROL GLADYS DEFFLEY
1939–2018. Carol Deffley, a former assistant librarian in the Eugene McDermott Library, died on April 10 in Delaware.

GREGORY DENNEY
BS‘89, April 21, 2018, Dona Ana County, New Mexico. He earned a degree in business administration.

DR. WALTER M. DUNCAN
1952–2018. Dr. Walter Duncan, research professor in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science, died on March 24 after battling brain cancer. Upon earning a doctorate in chemistry from North Carolina State University at Raleigh in 1980, he moved to Dallas and began working at Texas Instruments, first in the Materials Science Laboratory of TI’s Central Research Laboratories and later in the Digital Light Processing business. He was a senior member of the technical staff when he retired in 2009. While working at TI, Duncan also served as a professor at UTD, where he advised doctoral candidates.

DONNA FOSTER
MS‘77, Feb. 15, 2018, Dallas. Foster was an elementary school teacher for 17 years.

ANN HURTTE
BS‘90, May 31, 2018, Junction, Texas. She earned a degree in public administration.

PAUL JENNINGS
BS‘81, March 10, 2018, Dallas. Jennings served in the U.S. Air Force and later worked as a software developer.

ARIOBARZAN KIARASH

STANLEY KOWALSKY
MA‘84, May 10, 2018, Richardson. Kowalsky graduated with a master’s degree in political economy.

ERNESTINE MASK
MAT‘84, May 5, 2018, Dallas. Mask taught high school science for more than 45 years.

TERESA D. MOSS
BS‘86, Dec. 12, 2017, Galt, California. Moss graduated magna cum laude with a degree in special education. She was a devoted teacher of the visually impaired and in special education for 29 years.

JUDITH NESKY
BA‘00, June 1, 2018, Richardson. She graduated with a degree in literary studies.

MARGARET GRIFFITH OLSSON
1933–2018. Margaret (Peggy) Griffith Olsson worked in the Eugene McDermott Library from 1980 until her retirement in 1997. During her tenure, Olsson provided reference service, library instruction and online searching services to the University community. In 1989 she was awarded the Ethel Ward-McLemore Award for Library Excellence for developing the library’s instruction program.

SHIRLEY PECK

FARIDA SALEH
MS‘77, PhD‘76, May 14, 2018, Denton, Texas. Saleh earned degrees in chemistry. She worked for the city of Dallas, Texas A&M University and the University of North Texas.

ARLIN SMITH
BA‘93, March 11, 2018, Las Colinas, Texas. Smith graduated with a degree in sociology.

IVAN SOTEO
BS‘11, April 18, 2018, Dallas. Sotelo earned a degree in speech-language pathology and audiology.

VIRGINIA TRAUBERT
BS‘86, Aug. 14, 2018, Bozeman, Montana. Traubert earned a degree in art.

LIN WANG
MS‘18, Sept. 21, 2018, Dallas. Wang earned a degree in accounting from the Naveen Jindal School of Management.

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