Alumni Memorial Service

Worship in celebration of the lives of Bates women and men who have died during the past year.

Bates College
Lewiston, Maine
Sunday, June the Eighth
Two Thousand and Fourteen
At Ten O’Clock in the Morning
The Peter J. Gomes Chapel
Order of Celebration

“At the end of the road, they will ask me, ‘Have you lived? Have you loved?’ And not saying a word, I will open my heart, full of names.”
— Dom Pedro Casaldáliga

Organ Prelude
Adagio e Dolce
(From the Trio-Sonata No. 3 in D minor by Johann Sebastian Bach)

Words of Welcome and Call to Memorial
The Rev. Raymond Clothier, Acting Associate Multifaith Chaplain

“Gathering Hymn
“Come Down, O Love Divine”
(With: Bianco da Siena, tr. Richard Frederick Littledale. Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Reading
Philippians 2:1–9
John G. David ’64

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

Musical Interlude
“Alone, God, in Highest Heavens”
(“Allons, Seigneur, dans les cieux” by Johann Sebastian Bach)

Homily
“Looking Back Can Make All the Difference”
The Rev. Dr. George E. Peters ’69

Anthem
“Set Me as a Seal”
(from “A New Creation,” by René Clausen; adapted from Song of Solomon 8:6–7)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death.

Procession of Flowers
You are invited to bring your flower forward and place it on the Memorial Wall in memory and honor of a beloved friend, family member, classmate, or colleague who has died.

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*If you are able, please rise.*
A Litany of Remembrance
The Rev. Calvin Coolidge Wilson ’59

Leader: Gracious God, from whose heart we come and to which we return, we gather today to remember and give thanks for the women and men of Bates College who have died this year.

People: We pray that, encouraged by their examples and strengthened by their legacies, we may be more deeply aware of the goodness and fragility of human life.

The following is a traditional Jewish memorial prayer for the deceased.

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

People: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them.

Leader: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

People: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

Leader: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

People: In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

People: When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

Leader: When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

All: So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Christopher Barclay ’89, K. Scott Norris ’64, Linda Gramatky Smith ’64, and Chloe Viner ’09 will read the names of the deceased.

Choral Response
“A Prayer for Peace” (By Stanley M. Hoffman; text freely based on the traditional Hebrew prayer “Oseh Shalom”)

May the one who causes peace to rule in the heavens grant peace to all who are gathered here today, to all peoples, and to all the Earth, and let us say Amen.

Prayers for the Dead
The Mourner’s Kaddish
Leah Citrin ’09

Translation
Exalted and hallowed be God’s great name in this world of Divine creation. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel; and let us say, Amen.

Let the Holy One’s great name be blessed forever and ever, praised and honored, extolled and glorified, adored and exalted. Supremely blessed be the Holy One, beyond all blessings and hymns, praises, and consolations, that may be uttered in this world; and let us say, Amen.

For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true; and let us say, Amen.

May the One who causes peace to reign in the heavens let peace descend upon us, upon all Israel, and upon the whole world; and let us say, Amen.

“For the Dead, Dust Rising”
(A prayer of Muhammad Iqbal)
Sarah Smith Halliday ’64

It is true that we are made of dust as the world, too, is made of dust.

But dust motes rise.

We look to the starry sky and love storms in our hearts.

This journey of love that we are on is long indeed, but sometimes, with just a sigh, we can cross the vast desert. Search and search again. Do not lose hope.

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But dust motes rise.

“Peace, My Heart”
(Rabindranath Tagore)
Ron Green ’64

Peace, my heart, let the time for the parting be sweet.
Let it not be a death but completeness.
Let love melt into memory, and pain into songs.
Let the flight through the sky end in the folding of the wings over the nest.
Let the last touch of your hands be gentle like the flower of the night.
Stand still, O Beautiful End, for a moment, and say your last words in silence.
I bow to you and hold up my lamp to light you on your way.
O God, beneath Thy Guiding Hand
(Tune: Duke Street. Text: Leonard Bacon, 1838)

O God, beneath thy guiding hand,
Our exiled forebears cross’d the sea;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
With prayer’s and psalm they worship’d Thee.

Thou heard’st, well pleased, the song, the prayer;
Came with those exiles o’er the waves;
O God, beneath Thy Guiding Hand
Our exiled forebears cross’d the sea;

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
And spring adorns the earth no more.

Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward, through all ages, bear
And here Thy name, O God of love,
Till these eternal hills remove

Thou heards’t, well pleased, the song, the prayer;
And when they trod the wintry strand,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Their children’s children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove

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The memory of that holy hour.

Names of those who have passed away or those whose passing we have learned about in the last year

In Memoriam

Elmer W. Lawrence ’16
Marguerite Reed Brown ’26
June 22, 2007
June 1, 1983

Helen Foss Saxton ’32
Edward J. Lefevre ’34

Thelma Poulin Vincent ’35
Carolyn Jerard Barone ’36
March 11, 2014

Sarah Smith Halliday ’44
John F. Kneeland ’45

Sarah Smith Halliday ’44
John G. David ’46

Ron Green ’64
Sarah Smith Halliday ’64

Barbara Putney Todd ’42
William Worthy ’42

Linda Gramatky Smith ’64
Leland C. Davis Jr. ’64

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Brigade music by Rob Simmons.

*If you are able, please rise.

**Please be seated for the Postlude.

*The College Hymn
"O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

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Their memory is our heritage.

Bagpipe music by Rob Simmons.

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Walter L. Taft ’56 June 24, 2013
Ruth Warfield Bauer ’57 March 3, 2014
Jerome H. Becker ’57 May 11, 2014
C. Douglass Sise ’57 April 2, 2014
Suzanne Yancho Hall ’58 February 10, 2014
Richard F. Hecht ’58 May 28, 2013
Paula Pratt McIntyre ’58 September 1, 2013
Maynard L. Whitehouse ’58 July 16, 2013
John B. Tolman ’59 January 17, 2014
Robert J. Dube ’60 July 7, 2013
Joyce L. Geisler ’60 February 2, 2014
George H. Drury ’61 July 9, 2013
Robert M. Gibbons ’62 March 8, 2013
Stanley R. Hamilton ’62 December 22, 2013
Louis A. Riviezzo ’62 January 30, 2014
Thomas H. Hall ’64 November 14, 2013
R. William Turner Jr. ’64 April 15, 2014
Finn Wilhelmsen ’64 August 29, 2013
R. Bruce C. Fittz ’65 November 5, 2013
Catherine L. Farrington ’66 January 30, 2014
Nancy Carvalho Fraze ’66 May 27, 2013
Mary Ellen Marcarelli Johnson ’67 October 25, 2013
Sue Cohen Bearman ’70 November 2, 2013
Peter L. Hine ’71 August 5, 2013
Sally Kayser Tan ’71 April 23, 2014
Judith Pines Blaisdell ’73 October 28, 2013
John D. Comford ’74 March 10, 2014
Robert F. Preston ’74 February 1, 2014
Paul Frederick Ashley ’75 May 31, 2013
Gordon C. Bergen ’76 October 3, 2013
Paul Francis Joyce ’76 March 5, 2014
Thomas Ettore Meehan ’76 May 30, 2013
Lydia G. Milne ’76 July 11, 2013
Frank J. Ficarra ’79 July 8, 2013
Timothy M. Shea ’79 May 13, 2013
Robyn R. Ellisson ’80 March 5, 2014
Josephine D. Pelote ’80 April 7, 2014
Theodore L. Coulombe ’81 June 8, 2013
Catherine Wells Hart ’82 November 11, 2013
Brendan M. Conway ’82 November 7, 2013
Van V. Brantner ’83 March 11, 2013
Kyras J. Williams ’90 August 24, 2013
James G. Donahue ’90 March 22, 2014
Cheney Society

Evelyn M. Copeland ’39, LHD ’73 June 7, 2013

Faculty Emeriti

David A. Nelson June 24, 2013

Former Faculty

Mishael M. Caspi August 4, 2013
Lois K. Ongley November 16, 2013

Students

John N. Durkin ’15 February 20, 2014

Current and Retired Staff

Leopold A. Begin October 14, 2013
Theresa Bouchard April 2, 2014
Theresa A. Doucette May 11, 2014
Lorraine P. Groves February 14, 2014
A. Lucille McCann May 7, 2014
Emile A. Poisson April 17, 2014
Doris T. Thibodeau October 28, 2013
Joan Walther May 30, 2013

Honorary Degree Recipients

Chinua Achebe, LLD ’96 March 21, 2013
James I. Armstrong, LHD ’67 December 16, 2013
Sarah P. Harkness, DFA ’74 May 22, 2013
Seamus Heaney, LD ’86 August 30, 2013
Philip M. Isaacson ’47, LHD ’97 June 20, 2013

Friends

John Adamo November 17, 2005
Colette T. Albert September 4, 2012
Florence H. Bates
M. L. Bill Bearman
Roger Weare Bragdon June 15, 2007
Ruth B. Butterfield May 22, 2013
Eleanor M. Carberry September 4, 2008
Elaine S. Carpenter September 30, 2013
Hannah Chadwick
Mildred Carter Chick July 16, 2010
Kenneth E. Collins
Charles P. Crowder
Helen Fox Crowder August 18, 2013
Victor A. Czaja March 7, 2014
Barbara M. Dow July 25, 2013
Nancy Lee Stoner Dube July 4, 2011
Mary A. Gagnon November 15, 2013
Ann Geiger January 30, 2014
William Gender July 22, 2010
Geraldine M. Griffith July 16, 2013
Ned Harding February 2, 2014
Eleanor M. Higgins
Richard Holmes January 16, 2006
M. Arthur Johnson
Edmund W. Jones May 14, 2001
Stafford Kay October 4, 2012
Mary Morris Knowles December 10, 2013
Charmion P. Meader November 23, 2013
Robert F. Michaud February 7, 2014
Conrad W. Michel July 15, 2013
Alton Lewis Moore May 4, 2013
Barbara B. Ramsdell February 7, 2013
Martha T. Raia November 16, 2012
Robert Stanley Reid April 17, 2013
Richard B. Saich September 27, 2013
David W. Sampson November 5, 2003
Donald E. Scheer February 19, 2011
Samuel Reid Spencer Jr. October 16, 2013
Hubert J. Topliff
Kathleen McGuinn Wellehan April 15, 1998
J. Peter Williamson July 30, 2012

Members of the Bates community who died after May 28, 2014, will be honored in 2015.