

Donald J. Clausing

Donald J. Clausing, '68, died peacefully at his home in San Francisco Sept. 12, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Emmy Clausing, and his two daughters: Nicole Clausing, Dartmouth class of 1992, and Hilary Clausing.

Don was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, grew up all over the world in a military family, and came to Dartmouth from Hanover High School.

At Dartmouth he was an English major and a member of Sigma Nu Delta. He was a member of the Players, worked at WDCR and participated in the camera club. He was in ROTC as well as the mountain and winter warfare group. While at Dartmouth he enjoyed Prof. Matt Wysocki's design courses long recalling Wysocki's advice: "If you have to explain it, it's not ready yet."

After college, he served two years in the army at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, and then earned a Master of Museum Practice from the University of Michigan. A lifelong love of airplanes proved stronger than the pull of art curation, however and he found his way into civilian aviation, eventually captaining L-1011s for American Trans Air.

He battled cancer for 2 1/2 years. He lived long enough to attend his 50th college reunion and celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary.