



HARVARD-RADCLIFFE CLASS OF 1966

Dear Classmates,

April 2023

Here's our April newsletter!

Crimson Society

The HAA Crimson Society is the organization of all Harvard College and Radcliffe College alumni/ae who have celebrated their 50th Reunion. The HAA Crimson Society Planning Committee plans an annual program inviting all non-reunion, post-50th alumni/ae back to campus for festivities and programs to foster alumni/ae connections in the years between Harvard's traditional milestone Reunions.

[Information, registration and a Who's Coming list is available on the Reunions 2023 website](#)

Claudine Gay, our new president will be installed on Friday, September 29



Fredrica Mann Friedman:

I'm not sure of exactly the right way to express this or if I can do recent events, this earthly reality, or my feelings and thoughts any justice at thistime. Many of you will most likely feel similarly. You will certainly understand my reluctance to put the following into words. However, I think it is time to share this part of my being with you, my friends and relatives. I have been so remarkably blessed to have given birth to 2 amazing and wonderful sons, David and Joseph. Every day that they have been on this earth has been a glorious and valued part of my life, a gift of life, an inspiration for me to honor their valuable lives, their giving spirits, the precious individuality of their daily being, their intelligence, their giving hearts caring about all humanity, and using their human gifts to help others and protect the very planet which sustains us.

Yet, Life, as we know it, as we define it in the minutiae of our daily physical existence, cannot go on forever, for any of us, inexplicable in its power to effect our thinking, our feeling, the

precious value we ascribe to our being here.

Thus, it is with the broken heart of a loving and appreciative mother, susceptible to the realities of the fragility of our physical being on earth, that I share the experience that my amazing son, David Walden Levin, has succumbed to the illnesses from multiple brain tumors that he had fought against since his first tumor at age 13, but could no longer overcome. As I had wished for him since I was 4 years old, he arrived on February 1, 1970 and inspired every life with whom he came in contact until this past Sunday, April 16, 2023, when his body passed from this world peacefully as he slept, encased in my arms, stroking his brow, with his younger brother Joey (Joseph Mann Friedman), the gift I gave him for his 8th birthday and continued forever best friend, at his side, his beloved Siberian husky, Jessie, keeping watch, on duty from her perch under his desk at the foot of his bed. Although our humanness continues to pervade our hearts with the sadness of devastation, David's mission in life to work through betterment in politics, through fundamental changes in the democratic process of our government in the USA to "provide a good life for everyone," will pervade our spirits and inspire us to keep on doing good for each other, every day, to better the lives for all and work to save our planet, never "giving up, never giving in," to awake each day with a smile, another day to value the gift of Life, as David would say: "L'Chaim, Dayenu, Life itself is enough." A tribute to David Walden Levin from his devoted mother,

Fredrica Mann Friedman, Ph.D. aka Freddy on April 19, 2023

Ron Taylor:

Quincy House roommates, David Bickart '66 and his wife, Toni Bickart, and Ron Taylor '66 with his wife, Pat Taylor, enjoying an outing to Selby Gardens in Sarasota, Florida in April, 2023.



William Neaves:



Photographing wildlife at our mesa-top home in Northwest Texas continues to distract me from less pleasant matters.

A couple of northern cardinals were sharing corn together on 25 April 2023.

In Memoriam:

"66 Patrick James McGowen, 10/17/2019, Thailand

Short letter this month; there it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Black
co-class secretary