

## In Memoriam

### ALUMNI

**Esther Webster Sweet** '36N,  
January 2016

**William H. Form** '38, '40 (MA),  
October 2015

**Elizabeth Wallace Rapp** '38, '39N,  
April 2014

**Miriam Weltman Davis** '40N,  
December 2015

**Margaret Darcy Heyer** '40,  
January 2016

**Thomas Pryor** '40,  
December 2015

**Olive Fosburg Reardon** '40E,  
November 2015

**Norma Holmes Auchter** '42E, '44E  
(MM), '77E (DMA),  
December 2015

**Peggy Davis Gair** '43,  
December 2015

**Shirley Shoop Fisher** '43,  
November 2015

**Jessie Dyott Godsey** '43,  
January 2016

**Louise Boswell Atwood** '44,  
August 2015

**Robert W. Coon** '44M (MD),  
December 2015

**John G. Hamilton** '44, '46M (MD),  
'53M (Res), December 2015

**Margaret Ramsey Keck** '45,  
January 2016

**Jeanette Exley Scrabble** '45E,  
December 2015

**Anne Houlihan Keefe** '46,  
December 2015

**Pearl Dunn Klionsky** '46,  
December 2015

**Ella Vosburg Cripps** '47E,  
March 2015

**Elaine Evans Osseck** '47E,  
January 2016

**Edwin J. Spurgiesz** '47,  
December 2015

**Paul L. Abel** '48E, '50E (MM),  
January 2016

**Helen Furman Hackshaw** '48,  
January 2016

**Gertrude Melville Hart** '48,  
January 2016

**Emma Black King** '48E (MA),  
January 2016

**Norman A. Levin** '48,  
November 2015

**George P. Whitfield** '48E, '50E  
(MM), November 2015

**Dorothy Dobmeier Berdan** '49N,  
December 2015

**Dantan H. Clayton** '49E,  
January 2016

**James L. Harrington** '49M (MD),  
'50M (Res), November 2015

**Sofia Dandreaano Korn** '49,  
December 2015

**Carl F. Leavens** '49,  
December 2015

### TRIBUTE

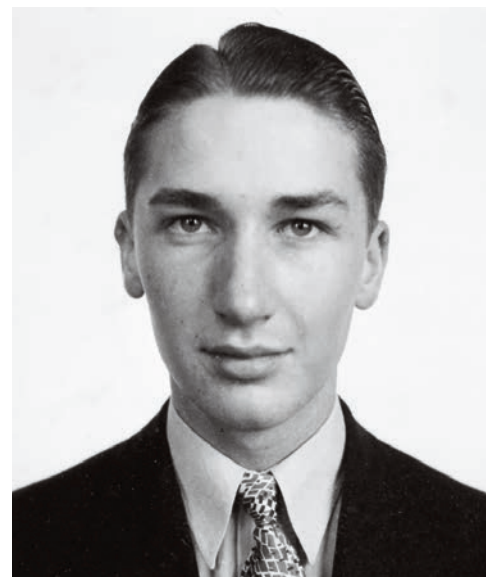
## Thomas Pryor '40: A Step-Grandparent and Alumnus who Embodied *Meliora*

It was a typical wintery night in Rochester—bone-chillingly cold, and I was finishing up a game of squash when I remembered my step-grandfather, Tom Pryor '40, telling me about a plaque with his name on it somewhere in the Goergen Athletic Center. I had been a Rochester student and member of the club squash team for nearly three years and had never noticed it. When I found it, it would be the first and last time I would be able to see his plaque before his death last December.

Tom was born and raised in Rochester, and after graduating from the University, went on to earn an MBA from Harvard. He always told me that he credited Rochester for not only offering him an exceptional education, but also building him up to be the man he would become in his professional career and personal life. As an alumnus, he felt obligated to give back to the school. He served on the Trustees' Council, and contributed toward the development of the Goergen Athletic Center.

He was not only a devoted alumnus; he was also a lovable, kind-hearted step-grandfather. As a kid, my family and I would travel down to Florida at least once a year to visit him and my biological grandmother in Key Biscayne. For hours, I would sit down and listen to Tom's stories of his life both in and out of college. Even as a hyperactive kid, I would never have trouble sitting down with Tom to listen to his life's experiences. He had many words of wisdom that he shared with me. There was one piece of advice that stuck with me the most: "Do the right thing if it fulfills yourself and feels like the right thing to do, not because you want to be acknowledged for it, or to impress others."

Years later, I realize that Tom embodied *Meliora*—"Ever Better." He gave back because he



**FRESH FACE:** Pryor, pictured as a freshman, considered Rochester pivotal in his personal as well as professional development.

felt like it was the right thing to do. He didn't care about being acknowledged for his contributions to the University, although he was very appreciative of it.

Every time I pass his plaque on the squash courts, I think about his words of wisdom, the lives that he touched, and the legacy he left behind for me to continue. I'll love him always. **R**

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**Hugh D. Outterson** '49,  
January 2016

**Richard B. Tobin** '49M (MD),  
December 2015

**Russell D. Johnson** '50,  
August 2015

**Robert B. Kelley** '50,  
December 2015

**Gardner N. Moulton** '50M (MD),  
December 2015

**Morris E. Richardson** '50,  
December 2015

**Diane Gruhle Strassburger** '50E,  
January 2016

**Francis A. Sullivan** '50,  
December 2015

**Mary Louise Craig** '51,  
November 2015

**Jean Armstrong Hendrickson** '51,  
August 2014

**Russell J. Redman** '51,  
December 2015

**Edwin E. Gordon** '52E, '53E (MM),  
December 2015

**Theodore J. Hodges** '52E,  
September 2015

**William H. Jones** '52,  
December 2015

**Charles J. Amorese** '53,  
December 2015

**Joan Arfmann Morgan** '53, '54N,  
December 2015

**Donald C. Nickason** '53,  
December 2015

**Mary Fricker Tyndall** '53,  
January 2016

**Harold N. Langlitz** '54 (Mas),  
November 2015

**J. Robert Yoder** '54M (MD),  
December 2015

**Beverly Sparks Dick** '55E,  
January 2016

**Sallyann Reed Rice** '55N, '58,  
January 2016

**Letha Mae Brown Ridley** '55 (Mas),  
December 2015

**C. Richard Van Niel** '55,  
January 2016