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**Allan Chubb**, 75, a retired USIA Foreign Service officer who resided in Lake of the Woods, near Locust Grove, Va., died on Oct. 6 at Culpeper Regional Hospital in Culpeper, Va.

A Michigan State University graduate with a degree in international relations, Mr. Chubb was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. After service as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army (Infantry), he pursued graduate studies at American University.

In 1959, Mr. Chubb joined USIA. During a 33-year career, he served overseas in Mexico City, Manila and Rabat, and traveled to every country in Latin America on short business trips as an administrative troubleshooter for the agency.

Mr. Chubb's interests included international relations, history, geography, art, antique cars, travel, architecture, hiking, landscaping, family genealogy and a three-generation-old stamp collection. He was a lifelong Detroit Tigers baseball fan and, with a friend, founded and served as Scout Master of Troup 873 in Truro, Va. He attended The Lake of the Woods Church in Locust Grove, Va. His family was his greatest joy. Mr. Chubb and his wife traveled to more than 16 countries.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce M. Chubb, of Locust Grove, Va.; two sons,

Gregg A. Chubb and Kevin S. Chubb (and his wife, Judy); and four grandchildren, Collin, Caitlin, Connor and Cameron Chubb.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 8300 Greensboro Drive, Suite 800, McLean VA 22102.



**Charles T. Cross**, 86, a retired FSO and former ambassador, died on Nov. 2 in Seattle, Wash.

Born in Beijing in 1922 of missionary parents, Mr. Cross lived there until 1940. He attended Carleton College from 1940 to 1942, when he joined the Marines. After completing a year at the Navy Japanese Language School at the University of Colorado, he was assigned to the 23rd Marines of the 4th Marine Division as an intelligence officer and Japanese interpreter. He was with the 23rd for all of the division's landings: Rai/Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. Mr. Cross was awarded the Bronze Star with Combat V on Saipan. After V-J Day in 1945, he joined the First Marine Division in North China and returned to Beijing, thereby participating in the liberation of his own home from the Japanese.

In 1946, Mr. Cross married Shirley

Foss of Faribault, Minn., whose love, intelligence and bravery happily supported him and the family through two more years at Carleton College, a master's degree at Yale University in 1949 and 32 years abroad.

Mr. Cross entered the Foreign Service in 1949 and was assigned to Taipei as assistant public affairs officer. A year later he was posted to Indonesia, and then to Hong Kong. In 1955, Mr. Cross was assigned to Malaysia as a political officer. He subsequently served in Egypt, Cyprus and the U.K.

Mr. Cross was the senior civilian deputy to the Commanding General for the III Marine Amphibious Force for Pacification Operations in I Corps in Danang from 1967 to 1968, and was appointed ambassador to Singapore by President Richard Nixon in 1969.

He also served as consul general in Hong Kong (1974-1977) and was the first director of the American Institute in Taipei (1979-1981), with the rank of ambassador. Interspersed through these years were assignments as officer-in-charge for Burma and Laos, stints at the National War College and as a diplomat-in-residence at the University of Michigan, and service on the Policy Planning Staff and as a Senior Foreign Service inspector.

In 1982, the Crosses retired to Seat-

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tle, where Ambassador Cross taught in the Jackson School of International Studies and the History Department at the University of Washington. During a decade there, he also undertook three tours with the semester-at-sea program of the University of Pittsburgh and spent a semester as the Benedict Distinguished Visiting Professor at Carleton College. His memoir, *Born a Foreigner — A Memoir of the American Presence in East Asia*, was published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., in 1999.

He was a member of several non-profit boards: Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, where he was elected to the Board of Governors in 2002 and re-elected in 2005; the Lingnan Foundation in New York; and the Blakemore Foundation in Seattle. He was also active among Foreign Service retirees in Seattle.

Amb. Cross is survived by his wife of 62 years, Shirley, of Seattle; three children: Ann (and her husband, Pug) Edmonds of Bellingham, Wash.; Kathy (and her husband, Bob) Leutner of Iowa City, Iowa; and Richard (and his wife, Anne Danford) of Marblemount, Wash.; seven grandchildren: Rad (and Susannah) Edmonds of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Nathaniel (and Alice) Edmonds of Bethesda, Md.; Jay, John and Elizabeth Leutner of Iowa City; Nicholas and Ellen Cross of Marblemount; and four great-grandchildren.

Remembrances can be sent to Providence Hospice of Seattle, 425 Pontius Ave. N, Seattle WA 98109.



**Marguerita “Maggie” Loomer**, 80, a retired Foreign Service secretary and wife of the late retired FSO Walter Loomer, died on Oct. 17 in London.

Born in London and originally a British subject, Mrs. Loomer served as a secretary in the British Foreign Service. She was posted to Luxembourg and then Tunisia, where she met and married Walter Loomer in 1958. She accompanied him to posts in Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Ethiopia, Kenya, Poland, Bolivia and Costa Rica, where she founded the library of the Costa Rica Academy.

In 1975, Mrs. Loomer joined the U.S. Foreign Service as a secretary and, alongside her husband, held posts in Nigeria, the former Soviet Union and Greece. After Mr. Loomer’s retirement in 1981, she went on to serve in London, Montreal and, again, London, before retiring in 1993. During her career, she received numerous meritorious awards and commendations, including the Superior Honor Award in 1992.

When her husband passed away in 1989, Mrs. Loomer retired to her birthplace, London, where she remained active in various charitable causes until shortly before her death. She worked as a volunteer for the Red Cross and, most notably, for Oxfam. Her colleagues and fellow volunteers at Oxfam Kilburn voted her Volunteer of the Year in 2002.

All who knew her will remember her for her sense of adventure; her love of life, music and others; her sense of dedication — especially to her Christian faith — and her sense of humor.

Survivors include her children, Katherine Brophy of London, Nicholas “Joe” Loomer of Evans, Ga., and Patrick Loomer of London; grandchildren, William, James, Tyler, Kyle and Kaitlin; her brother, Richard Howard of London; nieces, Caroline and Denise; and nephew, John.

Memorial contributions can be made to Oxfam International.



**Geoffrey H. Moore**, 56, a retired FSO, died on Nov. 6 at Virginia Medical Hospital in Arlington, Va., after a sudden illness.

Born on July 25, 1952, in Thomas, Okla., Mr. Moore graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Oklahoma in 1974 and received his master’s degree in Japanese studies from Yale University in 1976.

Mr. Moore joined the Foreign Service in 1976. During a 25-year diplomatic career, he served overseas in Panama, South Korea, Japan, Jamaica, Thailand and Hong Kong. He retired in 2001.

He is remembered fondly by members of the many A-100 classes he mentored at the Foreign Service Institute, who recall his dedication, his humor and, in particular, his pithy guidance, “Don’t be a jerk.”

In retirement, Mr. Moore volunteered for the Homeless Animals Rescue Team of Fairfax, Va., serving as a foster parent for homeless pets. Mr. Moore is remembered as a loving husband, brother and uncle who treasured his family and friends.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife of 27 years, the former Alice Cook, of Arlington, as well as his parents, Jack and Dorita Moore of Roswell, Ga.; a sister, Leslie Moore Gurley, and her husband Tom Gurley Jr., of Lake Charles, La.; two nieces, Jessica Anne Gurley and Stephanie Walters; and one nephew, Tom Gurley III. He also leaves behind two honorary nieces, Alison and Jennifer Hight.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Homeless

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Animals Rescue Team of Fairfax, Va. (www.hart90.org).



**James D. “Dan” Phillips**, 75, a retired FSO and former ambassador to Burundi and the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), died on Oct. 6 at George Washington University Hospital from complications of a belatedly diagnosed microscopic polyangiitis.

Dan Phillips was born in Peoria, Ill., on Feb. 23, 1933. He attended the University of Colorado and Wichita State University before responding to the military draft in 1953. He served in a Nike Air Defense Battalion at Ft. Dix, N.J. Placed in charge of a donation of great books to his army unit, he found time to read many of them, later tracing his lifelong passion for literature and poetry to that experience.

Following military service he returned to Wichita State on the GI Bill. He spent a year in Vienna as an exchange student during the 1956 Hungarian uprising, joining Austrian students at the border at night to guide refugees to safety. Interviewing some of those refugees for the U.S. embassy sparked his interest in the Foreign Service.

After graduating from Wichita State, Mr. Phillips undertook doctoral studies at Cornell University with Dr. Mario Einaudi, former president of Italy, as his faculty adviser. During this period Mr. Phillips married Rosemary Leeds, and their first two children were born. With Dr. Einaudi encouraging his interest in the Foreign Service, Mr. Phillips and his young family moved to the Washington area in 1961. He was admitted to an A-100 class in 1962 and sent to Paris as his first assignment. That Paris tour included a year as staff

aide to Ambassador Charles “Chip” Bohlen, whom he considered a consummate professional.

From there, Mr. Phillips was assigned to Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo), where he spent two years at the consulate in Lubumbashi and a year at the embassy in Kinshasa covering internal politics. His last year in the country (1966-1967) included dangerous travel as acting consul in Kisangani, delivering relief supplies in areas of eastern Zaire contested by rebels, mercenaries and President Mobutu Sese Seko’s army.

After a tour in the European bureau, he was again sent to Paris, where he covered internal politics. He was nominated for the director general’s reporting award for his analyses of France’s 1973 national elections. From 1973 to 1974, he served as executive assistant to Ambassador Jack Irwin, who became a close family friend. He was then transferred to Luxembourg to serve as deputy chief of mission.

His first job as a chief of mission was in The Gambia, the tiny but idyllic site of Alex Haley’s *Roots*. On his return to Washington, he attended the National War College, and then served as an office director in the International Organizations Bureau.

Divorced from Rosemary Leeds in 1980, he remarried in 1984 to Lucie Gallistel Colvin, an expert in African affairs who, in his own words, “contributed immensely to the second half of my career.”

In 1984, Mr. Phillips returned to Africa. There he served first as consul general in Casablanca. When President Ronald Reagan called him to offer him the job as ambassador to Burundi, the normally perfunctory

call turned into a memorable conversation. “So you got Casablanca. I wanted Casablanca, but they gave it to Bogart!” was reportedly the president’s opener.

Upon his arrival in Bujumbura in 1986, Ambassador Phillips was confronted with an autocratic head of state, but the situation improved when a more moderate president was installed in a bloodless coup. Amb. Phillips negotiated access for the U.S. Peace Corps to Burundi for the first time. With his encouragement, Burundi joined and enforced the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. He also worked with Dr. Jane Goodall and local volunteers to establish the country’s first chimpanzee sanctuary.

After four years in Burundi, Amb. Phillips was appointed ambassador to what was then known as the People’s Republic of the Congo in Brazzaville. During a turbulent period there, his active assistance to environmental conservation outlasted the tentative steps the country took toward democracy. He facilitated trilateral negotiations to establish the Ndoki Forest, a unique gem of untouched biodiversity. Continuing to work with Dr. Goodall, he assisted the creation of the Tchimpounga Reserve.

Following three years in Brazzaville, Amb. Phillips spent a year as a diplomat-in-residence at the Carter Center in Atlanta. He retired in 1994 to Arlington, Va., where he headed the Central Africa Foundation and the H.M. Salaam Foundation, the latter a major donor to Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service. He was a board member of the Jane Goodall Institute, a member of the Chevy Chase Club, a spousal member of the Cosmos Club, a Chevalier de

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Tastevin and a member of the former International Club.

Amb. Phillips was also one of the principal organizers of "Diplomats and Military Commanders for Change," an effort during the 2004 presidential campaign to prevent continuation of the foreign and national security policies of the first George W. Bush administration.

Mr. Phillips' many friends and admirers remember him as an avid sportsman, skier and golfer, a fine chef, and an accomplished bridge and poker player. A small book of his poetry was privately published and his oral history is in the National Archives. His wry wit was admired and enjoyed by all who knew him.

Amb. Phillips is survived by his

wife Lucie Colvin Phillips of Arlington, Va.; his three children, Michael Phillips and wife Sonia of Wichita, Kan.; Madolyn Phillips of Chevy Chase, Md.; and Catherine Phillips Durand and husband Cristophe of Herndon, Va.; grandchildren Jacques and Chloe Durand; two stepsons, Charles Colvin of Shakopee, Minn., and David Colvin of Reston, Va., and their children, Emily, Nora and Zachary. His two sisters, Patricia Daniels of Wichita, Kan., and Rosemary Partridge of Berkeley, Calif., predeceased him.

Donations in Mr. Phillips' memory may be made to the James D. Phillips International Fellowship Fund at the Wichita State University Foundation.

**Norma Louise Rathner**, the wife of retired FSO Herbert Rathner, died on Sept. 29 of pancreatic cancer at her home in Fairfax, Va., surrounded by her family.

Born in Hammond, Ind., Mrs. Rathner attended Hammond High School and graduated from Purdue University with degrees in home economics and elementary education. As a child, she studied all forms of dance. During high school summers, she performed as an acrobat at state fairs and in USO shows for military camps across the United States. Upon graduation, she worked as a home economics teacher at Mt. Rainier High School in Hyattsville, Md., and for the Prince George County Department of Parks & Recreation. There she met

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Herbert Rathner, and they married on July 4, 1956.

The couple then began a life of travel with Foreign Service assignments to Orleans, France and Wiesbaden, Germany. Over the decades, Mrs. Rathner raised her family while stationed in Sierra Leone, Korea, Bolivia, Switzerland, Mississippi, Jamaica and Washington, D.C. She and her husband traveled extensively throughout the United States, making many good friends.

Mrs. Rathner loved to read, garden, study the Bible, play Scrabble, create scrapbooks of family travels and write letters. She possessed the gift of making a house into a home. She especially enjoyed making colorful quilts, giving many as gifts and donating others to various charities, including the Northern Virginia Training Center. She also supported the Fairfax Kiwanis Club, The Lamb Center and Fairfax County Library.

She is survived by her loving husband of 52 years, Herbert; children, Kathryn (Big Sky, Mont.), James and William (Henderson, Nev.); and brother, Walter Pavelchek (West Chester, Pa.). She was predeceased by her parents, Frank and Louise Pavelchek and her daughter, Ann.



**Mary Jo Simons**, 97, widow of the late FSO Thomas W. Simons, died peacefully on Nov. 11 at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., of complications following hip replacement surgery.

Born in Sullivan, Ind., on Sept. 9, 1911, Mrs. Simons graduated with Phi Beta Kappa honors from Depauw University in 1933 and received her M.A. from the University of Colorado in

1936. She married her husband, a freshly minted Ph.D., that same year, and they taught and worked in Indiana and Minnesota, his home state, until moving to Washington in 1944. Thomas Simons joined the State Department in 1945.

For the next 18 years Mary Jo Simons was half of a State Department Foreign Service team serving abroad in four posts — Calcutta (1945-1946), Karachi (1947-1949), Monrovia (1955-1957) and Madras (now Chennai) (1957-1963) — and in the department.

After her husband's 1963 retirement, they lived in East Lansing, Mich., where he established a South Asian studies program at Michigan State University. The couple then relocated to Poona (now Pune), India, where he was director of the American Institute of Indian Studies from 1965 to 1969.

They then retired to Washington, where Mrs. Simons taught in D.C. and Maryland public schools, served as executive chairman of the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Washington, D.C., and was a regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Ruth Brewster Chapter and a docent at the DAR Museum. She was also a member of Mortar Board, the Asian-American Forum, Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, the American Association of Foreign Service Women (now the Associates of the American Foreign Service, Worldwide), and the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church (for more than half a century).

Bright, lively and adventurous, Mary Jo Simons lived a big life in what many see as America's century. And, like her husband, who died in 1990, she chose "God Bless America" for the response to the benediction in her memorial service at Chevy Chase Presby-

terian Church on Dec. 29; she was then buried next to him in Rock Creek Cemetery's Foreign Service section.

Mrs. Simons leaves a son, retired FSO Thomas W. Simons Jr. of Cambridge, Mass.; a daughter, Sara Simons of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Henry A. Shorey III of Bridgton, Maine.



**Virginia Hill Stephens**, 86, wife of the late FSO Richard H. Stephens, died at the Virginia Medical Center in Arlington, Va., on Nov. 20 of vascular disease.

Virginia Hill was born on March 10, 1922, in Trinity, N.C., and left a North Carolina tobacco farm during the Great Depression to go to secretarial school at High Point College. From 1942 to 1943 she was a government secretary on the staff of U.S. Army General George Patton, where she worked on the North African campaign. Her twin brother, U.S. Army Private First Class Virgil Hill, was killed in action during World War II at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944.

During her service with Gen. Patton, she met U.S. Army Captain Richard H. Stephens, who was also on Gen. Patton's staff. They were married in Panama in 1943.

Mrs. Stephens began her life as a Foreign Service wife in 1945 in Paris, where she lived in architect Le Corbusier's house at 16th Arrondissement near the Bois de Boulogne on Rue Nuggesser-et-Coli and came to know dress designer Elsa Schiaparelli. Richard and Virginia Stephens served overseas for 16 years in Puerto Alegre, Sydney, Hong Kong, Tokyo and the Dominican Republic. In 1958, they moved to

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Bethesda, Md., maintaining a residence there for 42 years.

Mrs. Stephens' raised four children and worked at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., as a secretary. While her husband served as a full professor for 18 years at the International College of the Armed Forces of the National Defense University, at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Stephens earned a certificate in gemology in 1968 and an associate degree in fine arts in 1974 from Montgomery College. She was a jewelry designer, painter and sculptor and loved to go to art museums and gardens. She designed and imported lovely capes of vicuña wool from Peru.

The couple moved to South Miami, Fla., in 2000. After her husband of 60

years died in 2003, Mrs. Stephens remained there until 2007, when she returned to the Washington area to live in McLean, Va.

Virginia Stephens is survived by her four children: Rochelle S. Ames of

Cheyenne, Wyo.; Diana S. Watkins of McLean, Va.; Julia Stephens Knapp of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and Robert Hunter Stephens of McLean, Va. She also is survived by nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. ■



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