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Herewith a small column. I apologize for the lack of heft. There has not been a lot of input, to be sure, but also, we have been chasing and chased by doctors, with trips to Charlottesville, where the medics work out of the University of Virginia Hospital, so I have not done a lot of research this time. With a daughter and a son living in that area, we have support and have collected good MDs there over a number of years, rather than in the Alexandria area. I am in the midst of chemotherapy for bladder cancer, so I'm busy.

I am very sad to have to report a number of deaths since the last column.

Paul Thomas Corrigan, 16th Company, died 19 November 2006. He and Nancy had recently moved and were, I believe, in Surprise, Arizona. They did a lot of relocating, usually in exotic locations. They were always enthusiastic about their shifts and each spot seemed just finer than the last. Paul was most recently an author (Last of the Aerial Gunfighters), a good book, worth the read. Paul was an aviator and received his wings in '49, starting Korea in F4Us and moving on to jets F9F2, and F2H2s. He was in carrier aviation 30 years. He held an MA in math from U of Illinois, and his many shore tours used those skills. Nancy is a fine artist, and she usually established an art shop wherever they landed.

Another Arizona death, this time, Phoenix, non-grad, **William K. Carlile**, MD, died 19 October 2006. After leaving the Academy, he attended Grove City College and then Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, He majored in pediatrics at Mayo Clinic, and took an MS in Public Health at the U. of Michigan. He leaves his wife, Jean, and a daughter and grandchildren.

Donald Harley Corson, Jr, 22nd Company, passed away 6 October 2006, in Billings, Kan. **Dick Rubenstein**, who lives in Kansas City, has stayed in touch with Don through the years and sent me a lot of good material on Don, which I will process and put in the next column. It deserves some space.

The death of **Robert Lowry Lee, Jr**, 14th Company, has just been reported by his son, Charles (Skip) Lee, Class of '72. Bob died in Oceanside, CA, on 4 December 2006. He was at VMI in the Army when he was swept into '48. His son, Skip, is working on a piece for Last Call. So, check there, and I will work in more info into the next column....

Charlie Heid reports in from his latest back operation, alive, and getting weller by the day. This has been a tough one, but he is a tiger!

Again, my apologies, and we look forward to the February column...