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## **CLASS OF 1948 SHIPMATE COLUMN**

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If this column isn't as smooth or as newsworthy as you are used to it is because this is Dave Carruth trying to cover for Sumner just for this August issue.

As those on the email distribution know Sumner's wife, Jane, passed away on June 9. Sumner is receiving radiation treatment for cancer which all of us know wipes you out. That treatment will conclude on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>. He and his family will be going to Newport early next month to recuperate so keep him in your prayers.

Jane's memorial service was on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the class was very well represented. Sumner managed to greet everyone at the reception. Both the service and the reception were exceptional with Peter, Jane's son, giving an excellent eulogy.

We had a luncheon in May and, by popular demand went back to Pirate's Cove, very good food and service. While I don't have a list of attendees the count was just over 40 so we had excellent conversation and companionship. Question, don't you folks out in the hinterlands get tired of just reading about the Washington area luncheons? Sumner would love to get some input from your luncheons.

Your reunion committee is hard at work and Phil Rogers is trying to get another letter out to all hands by the first week in July. When you receive it please respond post haste so the committee can start firming things up.

At this year's graduation Warren Graham presented a \$300 dollar check from the class of '48 to the 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mid'n with the highest grades in the IT department. Warren was a guest at the graduation parade and tells me that the 1<sup>st</sup> Class marched off the field sans shoes. Reminded me of the game in Baltimore when it was raining, the field was muddy and we all had on overshoes which came off in the mud when we broke for the stands. The game was late starting so we could all go back and get them.