

“Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest”

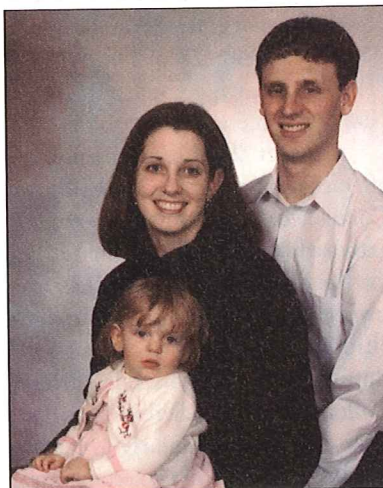
Seven Alumni Whose Lives Resonated Beauty and Hope

A Caring Spirit

On Sept. 11, 2001, America was attacked in a way that it has never experienced and the world has never witnessed. Like Dec. 7, 1941, 60 years before, Sept. 11 will be remembered by Americans and the world as a “Day of Infamy,” a day in which time stood still and the world changed forever. Immediately, friends and family from around the nation reached out to each other, seeking love and the soothing sound of a familiar voice. For many of us our loved ones were safe, seemingly distant from the horrible attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, for as many who were left untouched, many others were directly affected, lives shattered, turned upside down by senseless acts of evil which remain unexplainable. For the tightknit community of William and Mary, bound together in a quilt of generations and love of *alma mater*, the attack of Sept. 11 has left our community mourning the loss of loved ones, sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives. The seven William and Mary alumni known to have been killed in the World Trade Center are remembered and will not be forgotten, now or forever. While these memorials cannot even begin to capture the significance of these seven people to their friends and family, it is hoped that their stories will keep the memories of their lives burning bright in our minds and embedded deep within our souls.

— *Jeb Stuart Rosebrook*

Alysia Christine Burton Basmajian B.B.A. '00, 23, her husband Anthony Basmajian '00, and their 2-year old-daughter Kaela Grace had been settled in Bayonne, N.J., for just over a year since graduating from William and Mary in the spring of 2000. Both Alysia and



Courtesy the Burton and Basmajian Families

Alysia Christine Burton Basmajian B.B.A. '00, with her husband, Anthony '00, and daughter, Kaela.

Anthony worked in New York City, Anthony as a trader on Wall Street for First Union, Alysia as an accountant for Cantor Fitzgerald on the 104th floor of One World Trade Center.

Born in Longview, Wash., Alysia had spent most of her life in Richmond, Va., before matriculating from Godwin High School to the College of William and Mary in 1996. Alysia, an accounting major, was an active member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority, which offered her a great deal of support while in college. Alysia's first love was art and some day she wanted to open up her own studio in Man-

hattan. According to her husband Anthony, “when she smiled, everyone smiled.” Those who loved her will always remember Alysia as “a beautiful, devoted, compassionate mother and wife, whose caring spirit and warm smile made everyone around her happy.”

In addition to her husband and daughter, Alysia is survived by her parents Milton and Barbara Burton; brothers Kevin and Jeff and their wives Dorothy and Brandon. She is also survived by her in-laws, Andre and Angela Basmajian, and three brothers-in-law, Aaron, Alden and Alan Basmajian. A celebration of Alysia's life was held at Richmond's Trinity United Methodist Church on Oct. 1, 2001. Memorial contributions for a relief fund to assist the family may be sent to St. Christopher's School, 711 St. Christopher's Rd., Richmond, VA 23226, payable to Anthony Z. Basmajian.

Links, Loves and Laughs

James Lee “Jimmy” Connor II B.A. '85, 35, of Summit, N.J., husband of Jamie DiBona Connor '88 and father of sons, Jim and Jack, was a man known as “a very loyal friend, fun-loving and outgoing.” Born and raised on Long Island, N.Y., Jimmy was a partner at Sandler O'Neill and Partners on the 104th floor of Two World Trade Center, a firm he had been at since 1989.

A junior champion golfer on Long Island, Jimmy graduated from Chaminade High School in



Courtesy the Connor and DiBona Families

James Lee "Jimmy" Connor II B.A. '85, with his wife, Jamie, and sons, Jim and Jack

Mineola, N.Y., in 1981. While at William and Mary, Jimmy played golf and was a member of Pi Lambda Phi. After graduation Jimmy moved to New York to work for Bear Stearns. An excellent golfer, Jimmy owed much of his career — and personal life — to the game of golf. Jimmy's skills on the links earned him a scholarship to play on the varsity squad at William and Mary, where he met his wife Jamie, and he received a job offer from Bear Stearns while caddying at Hempstead Country Club.

In addition to his wife and sons, Jimmy is survived by his parents, Ruth Ann and Jim Connor of Cutchogue, N.Y.; his sister Cathy Dodge; and brother-in-law Tod Dodge, nephews, nieces and other relatives; and his in-laws, Dr. Doug and Gail DiBona of Virginia Beach, Va.

The family has asked that donations be made in honor of Jimmy to College of William and Mary Golf Program, W.M.A.E.F.-Golf, c/o Tom Jensen, 11434 Green Moor Lane, Oakton, VA 22124.

A Supreme Adventurer

Michael Hardy Edwards B.A. '90, 33, of Manhattan, husband of Jackie Edwards, will always be remembered as a dedicated son, brother

and husband. A modest man who excelled at athletics and finances, Mike was an adventurer who loved the thrill of travel and extreme sports, including sky diving, skiing and snow boarding, golf and scuba diving in the Caribbean. His wife Jackie said Mike "was a bit crazy," but "he always had a smile that would light up a room." Mike had worked 11 years for Sandler O'Neill and Partners on the 104th floor of Two World Trade Center, where he was the managing director of the financial company.

Known by his middle name Hardy to his closest friends, Mike was a native of Garden City, N.J. A champion high school hurdler, Mike majored in political science at William and Mary where he was an active member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity. He and his wife Jackie were to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on Sept. 14.

In addition to his wife Jackie, Mike is also survived by his parents William and Mary Ann Edwards of Garden City and his brother Christopher, who lived just



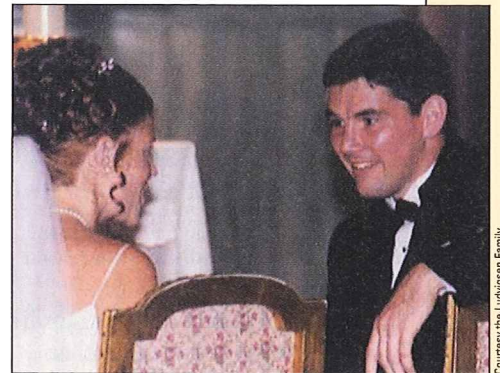
Michael Hardy Edwards B.A. '90

a few blocks away from his brother and sister-in-law in Manhattan.

The family has asked for donations to the following charities: Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 152 W. 71st Street, NY, NY 10023 and Children's Wish Foundation, 8615 Rosewell Rd., Atlanta, GA 30350, or the September Memorial Fund, The College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA 23187

A Heart of Gold

Mark Gavin "Lud" Ludvigsen B.A. '91, 32, of New York City, husband of Maureen Kelly, president of the New York Athletic Club's Rugby Football Club, will always be remembered for his infectious laugh, his intensity on the rugby pitch, his unselfish nature and his extraordinary ability to make friends



Courtesy the Ludvigsen Family

Mark Gavin "Lud" Ludvigsen B.A. '91, with his wife, Kelly, at their wedding

with nearly everyone he met. Mark was a bond salesman for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods on the 89th floor of Two World Trade Center.

Mark, an economics major at William and Mary, was an active member of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity and a four-year member of the Tribe Rugby Club. In 1991, he was named a member of the earned Virginia All-State Select squad. Mark continued his rugby career with the New York Athletic Club, where he excelled as a leader and player.

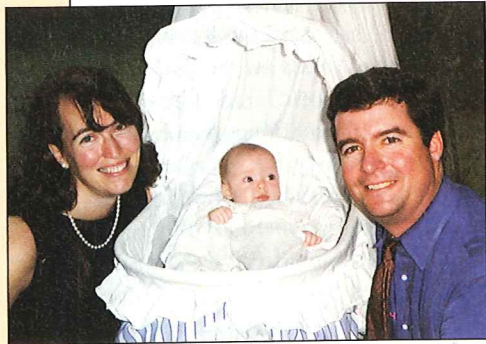
In addition to his wife Maureen of three years, Mark is survived by his parents Karl and Christina Ludvigsen of Pottersville, N.J., and his sister Clare Ludvigsen '92, who lived near her brother and sister-in-law in New York City.

A memorial service for Mark was held at the New York Athletic Club on Sept. 22. Several hundred friends and relatives, including W&M alumni too numerous to list, celebrated Mark's life and reflected on the way he touched their lives. An endowed scholarship

in Mark's memory has been set up at the Reves Center for International Studies. Donations to the Mark Gavin Ludvigsen Memorial Scholarship Fund can be sent to The Endowment Association, The College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA 23187. A reference to the Ludvigsen Memorial Scholarship should be made in the memo section of the check.

The Call of the Sea

Christopher William Murphy M.B.A. '98, 35, of Easton, Md., husband of the former Catherine Goldsborough White and father of their two daughters — Hopewell (Hope) Blacker Lee, 2, and Hannah Lloyd Clare, born on May 7, 2001 — was first and foremost an extraordinarily loving husband and father. Chris, an avid sailor, had been a senior research analyst with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods on the 88th



Christopher William Murphy, M.B.A. '98 with his wife, Catherine, and daughter Hannah Lloyd Clare, born on May 7, 2001

floor of Two World Trade Center since April 2001.

Chris, described by his brother David, as "among the most hopeful" was an adventurous sportsman who had learned to sail at an early age, following a family tradition to the sea. He had begun teaching his oldest daughter Hope to sail, even before she could walk. In 1988 he raced a 40-foot sailboat from the Azores to the Caribbean. Later, Chris met his wife Katherine when they both worked as sailing instruc-

tors of teenagers for Sail Caribbean. In addition to sailing, Chris scuba dived in the Caribbean and the Great Barrier Reef and cycled traveled throughout the United States, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

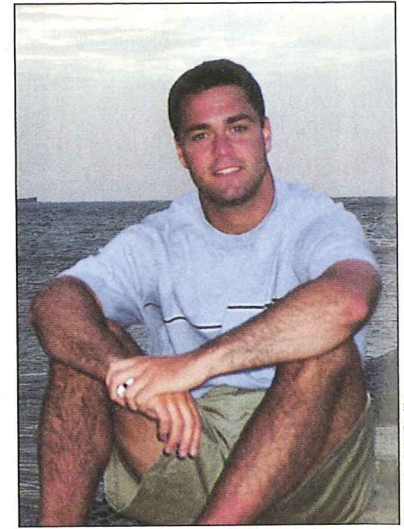
Before earning his M.B.A. from William and Mary in 1998, Chris, graduated with his bachelors' degree from Yale in 1988, where he was captain of the Yale Sailing Team. In 1992, Chris earned a law degree with honors from Emory University and practiced law in New Haven, Conn., and Richmond, Va., before coming to William and Mary for his master's in business administration.

Chris is also survived by his parents, William R. and Virginia Selfors Murphy of Woodbridge, Conn.; and his brother, David M. Murphy, of Bedford, N.Y. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. The family's memorial arrangements will be private.

A Wonderful Human Being

James Brian Reilly B.A. '98, 25, of Manhattan's East Village, devoted son of William and Virginia Reilly of Huntington Park, N.Y., and youngest brother of five, was a bond trader at Keefe, Bruyette, & Woods on the 89th floor of Two World Trade Center. He last spoke to his roommates and his father, assuring them all that he was okay. Moments later the second plane hit the south tower.

A native New Yorker, Jim graduated from Walt Whitman High in Huntington Park where he excelled at soccer and academics. He followed his older brother Thomas E. Reilly '92 to William and Mary where he earned a degree in public policy. Jim was also a member of Theta Delta Chi fraternity. According to his mother Virginia, "Jim loved his four years at William and Mary. He was a



Courtesy the Reilly Family

James Brian Reilly B.A. '98

wonderful, outgoing boy; he was totally considerate of others, a wonderful son, brother and uncle, a wonderful human being."

Jim's life was remembered at a memorial mass at St. Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church in Huntington Station. Over 850 people attended the mass that was celebrated by the same Jesuit priest who had married Jim's parents. In addition to his mother and father, Jim is survived by his brothers Tom and William, and sisters-in-law' Deirdre and Natalie all of Atlanta, Ga., and sisters Christine Reilly of Long Island, N.Y. and Jeanne Kennedy and brother-in-law Thomas of Centerport, N.Y. He had also been a long-term relationship with Jennifer Bresler '98, his girlfriend since their days at the College together. Jim was also a proud godfather of his infant goddaughter, Katherine Reilly.

Contributions to the James Reilly Scholarship fund can be made to the South Huntington Trust & Agency Account, care of Walt Whitman High School, 301 West Hills Rd, Huntington Station, NY 11746. The annual college scholarship will be awarded to a student who has proven excellence in scholarship and athleticism that so exemplified the life of James Brian Reilly.

Impossible to Forget His Smile

Gregory J. Trost B.B.A. '97, 26, of New York City, son of George and Marie and brother of Jeanne, 24, was a finance major at William and Mary. He worked as a financial analyst at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods on the 89th floor of Two World Trade Center. Known to his family and friends for his kindness, generosity and love of life, Greg was equally famous for his glowing personality and sense of humor. Many of his best friends remember how his laughter would light up the room and his antics were memorable. He knew the lyrics to almost every song on the radio and would often entertain friends by singing and dancing in his own comedic style. As one of his friends, Bill Black, put it: "Every-



Courtesy the Trost Family

Gregory J. Trost B.B.A. '97

one has their own story of how he has touched their life — he brought joy to all who encountered him."

Greg, who loved swimming and tennis, was born in New York City, but moved to Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. when he was quite young. Greg's family relocated back to N.Y.C. four years ago and his sister, Jeanne, recently moved from the West Side to the Upper East Side, a block away from her brother, her best friend. Everyone got together

almost every Sunday to enjoy a family dinner and to share each other's news.

On Sept. 28, several hundred of Greg's family and friends attended his Memorial Mass at St. Ignatius Loyola Church at Park Avenue and 84th Street. A memorial in Greg's memory has been set up at Regis High School. To contribute, make checks payable to Regis High School for the Gregory Trost Scholarship Fund and send to Regis High School, 55 East 84th St., New York, NY 10028. ●

Editor's Note: The Society is planning a tree-planting ceremony in honor of these seven alumni in early September 2002 at the Alumni Center. Details will be posted on the Society Web site once plans are formalized. If you are moved by the stories of these alumni, please share your thoughts with us or your class reporters. If you would like to write a "Reflection" on a classmate for Class Notes, please contact the editor, Jeb Stuart Rosebrook at 757/211-1167 or jsrose@wm.edu.