James R. Huffaker, Sr. (HCB, '49) died on Dec. 27, 2017. He survived D-Day at Omaha Beach and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his service. After graduating college, he worked for General Motors for 35 years until his retirement.

Martha A. Taylor (HCB, '44) died Oct. 5, 2017. In 1967, she started her own radio show called "Fascinating People" and, two years later, helped start the Christian Women’s Club of Morristown, Tennessee.

William P. Wright (HCB, '49), a World War II veteran, died Dec. 16, 2017. He was a salesman for McClung Appliances in Knoxville until the dissolution of the company in the 1970s.

Allen Parsons (HCB, '59), who served in the Tennessee Army National Guard, died recently.

Edgar L. Rawlings, III (HCB, '57) lost his battle with Alzheimer's disease on Nov. 18, 2017. He spent his career of 32 years with the American Can Co. During that time, he was involved in inventing the pop-top can opener.

Joseph P. Shannon, Sr. (HCB, '55) died Dec. 6, 2016. A veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, he was involved with the Boy Scouts for more than 48 years and spent his career with Engineering Controls of Elon, North Carolina.

John R. Thomas (HCB, '58) was a CPA and senior vice president of the Associates Corporation of North America. He died Feb. 10, 2018.

Ralph D. York (HCB, '55), a US Navy veteran, died recently. He spent his career with the US Department of Labor's Office of The Regional Attorney in Nashville. He retired as the associate regional solicitor.

Rebecca W. Addington (HCB, '57) died Dec. 16, 2017, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was a lifelong member of Emerald Avenue United Methodist Church in Knoxville, where she worked in the nursery, served several years as financial secretary, and was instrumental in the development of the Emerald Youth Foundation.


Allen R. Elkins (HCB, '57) died Dec. 21, 2017. He served in the US Marine Corps from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean War and entered the Central Intelligence Agency after graduation.

Arnold V. Lindseth, Jr. (HCB, '62) died Nov. 5, 2017. After completing his undergraduate degree, he worked in accounting for Holiday Inn and the Shelby County, Tennessee, Board of Education. Later, he earned his law degree, practiced in Memphis, and served as the Special Master of the Chancery Court. Upon retiring in 2009, he went on mission trips to countries including Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Beirut.

Bobby N. Campbell (HCB, '73), who worked as a teacher and baseball coach at Doyle High School and oversaw the transition from artificial turf back to grass at Neyland Stadium in 1994, died Nov. 18, 2017.

Gary P. Cassery (HCB, '70), a Vietnam War veteran, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017.

Richard K. Evans (HCB, '71) died Oct. 31, 2017. A lawyer by trade, he was an active member of the Kingston, Tennessee, community and held elected posts in the Kingston city government.

C. Phillip Owens (HCB, '78, '81) died Nov. 2, 2017, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. A lawyer with a private practice, he also was an assistant district attorney in the Fourth Judicial District of Tennessee and served as a juvenile referee in Cocke County.

Fred D. Shults (HCB, '73) died on Dec. 16, 2017. After retiring from an academic career with the University of Tennessee and Virginia Tech, he spent his time developing academic research strategies.