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Norman Bruce Williamson(1932 - 2016)



May 18, 1932 - October 31, 2016 Norman Bruce Williamson (Tad) passed away peacefully October 31, 2016 with his wife of 57 years, Victoria (Cici), by his side. Born May 18th, 1932 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, Tad was the youngest son of Ruth and Frederick Warren Williamson, grandson of Los Angeles Times Publisher, Harry Chandler and his wife Marian Otis Chandler, and great-grandson of General Harrison Gray Otis, owner and first publisher of the Los Angeles Times. Tad spent most of his

childhood in Pasadena, California on Arden Road in his home, what is now Polytechnic's Upper School campus. Tad attended Polytechnic for elementary school and high school at The Thacher School in Ojai, California where his love of the great outdoors and horses was fostered. Tad attended Williams College and the University of Arizona's School of Mines, which prepared him for a job working for Herbert Hoover Jr.'s, United Geophysical Corporation. Tad then served two years in the US Army stationed in France. Upon his return from service, he attended Claremont McKenna College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business. While at CMC, Tad met his future bride, Victoria (Cici) Andrew, who was attending Scripps College. They married April 11th, 1959 in Kenilworth, Illinois. He went on to receive his Master's degree in business from Stanford University. Tad began his professional career with Loomis Sales in Los Angeles. He then moved on to manage FMC Corporation's pension fund starting in San Jose, California and moving with the company to their new corporate headquarters in Chicago, Illinois from 1972 to 1982. Many wonderful years were spent in Lake Forest, Illinois while he commuted to downtown Chicago. Tad loved football, and became a diehard Chicago Bears fan for life. He returned to California in 1982 to take on an integral role in the formation of Pacific Financial Research and in the creation and management of The Clipper Fund. After his retirement in 1989, he joined the Board of Directors for the Clipper Fund. Tad served on The Thacher School's Board of Trustees for eighteen years, the Board of the Pasadena Symphony, as an Overseer at the Huntington Library and Gardens, and as an Overseer at the Hoover Institution. In addition to being an avid golfer, Tad showed his competitive spirit on the tennis court and sailing on the open waters of the Pacific. His passion for being outdoors was shared with his family on many memorable vacations that were enjoyed with his children and grandchildren; skiing, surfing, fly fishing, hiking and horseback riding. He also loved music and played the piano, guitar and banjo. A true gentleman, Tad was a kind, loving, gracious and an intelligent man who loved his family and a good crossword puzzle. Tad is survived by his wife, Cici; son Fred and his fiancée Amanda Moore (Carpinteria, Ca.) and his children Freddy, Hilary and Hughes; son Chandler and his wife Daphne Ford (Santa Barbara, Ca.); daughter Emily Hancock and her husband Henry (Pasadena, Ca.) and their children Charles, Sarah and Eleanor; son Jonathan and his wife Shannon (Pasadena, Ca.) and their four children Elizabeth, Jonathan (JT), Collin and Claire. He is also survived by his brother Warren (Spud) Williamson and wife Alyce of Pasadena, California and their family; brother-in-law Bob Dulin (husband of his late sister, Sue Dulin) of Bayfield, Colorado and his family. A private family service will take place later this month.

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