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Gentlemen of '59:

This letter brings the sad news that Fred Pipin died peacefully in Tennessee on March 3. His brother, Bruce, sent Wedgie the news. I thought Fred to be one of the smartest guys in our class. He was fighting the cruel disease called Alzheimer's, but thanks to Wedgie he attended our reunion last summer and loved it. Fred had a career first in Boston in finance, and then he purchased a small manufacturer of sliding doors for apartment buildings, as I recall. He was a fixture at the Yacht Club of Chicago, and at our Wabash events. Quite a Wabash family: his father and brother are also graduates. I am just glad we had time together with Fred in June.

Retired Professor Richard Strawn also passed away at Crawfordsville February 1 at age 91. He taught French language, linguistics, and literature at Wabash 1951 – 1987 and stayed in Crawfordsville in retirement. I never knew a more approachable professor, always friendly to me even though I was in German, not French studies. He loved to play the violin in locally-formed quartets. Gentlemen, he was to my knowledge the last surviving professor we had.

A few years ago we lost Vic Powell.

And now for the good news. I corresponded a little with Art Fontanes and asked for information about himself. He replied with a great paragraph that I share with you below. He sets an example for the kind of information we want to receive. Who is next?

Roger:

I tell everybody the 4 years at Wabash were the best 4 years of my life. I had a great time and remember it fondly. Mitch is still commonly in my mind. He took me under his wing when I came to Wabash along with Wedgy and Jack Kudlaty. I am not sure but I think he was one of the marines who fought in Guadalcanal.

Best to you and yours - Art