

Richard Lee Davis, Jr. '45 entered the Chapter Eternal on September 17, 2017 at age 93. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia Ann (nee Glerum); loving father of Rick (Diana) and Jim (Arlene Engert) Davis; proud and cherished grandfather of Kristin, Jonathan, Rick, Julie (John) Wolf and Laurie Davis; fond brother of the late Bonnie Davis. He entered the University of Illinois in 1941 and was initiated into the Phi Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Rho on February 22, 1942. Like most young men at the time, his college days were abruptly ended when he was called up and served in the US Army Airforce. After his discharge, he returned to the Illinois campus and the Chapter House and graduated in 1948 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He later went on to earn an M.B.A. from Lake Forest College. For many years he served as Vice President of Derringer-Ney, Inc.