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Ralph Nelson Clough, 90, a retired FSO, died on Aug. 10 at the Sunrise Assisted Living Center in Arlington, Va. He had been a resident of Arlington for 40 years.

Mr. Clough was born and raised in Seattle, Wash., where he developed a lifelong passion for the outdoors, expressed in mountain climbing (he made many ascents in the Cascades) and bird-watching. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Washington in 1939, and completed an M.A. in international relations at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in 1940.

In 1941, Mr. Clough joined the Foreign Service. His first posting was as a vice consul in Toronto. He was transferred to Tegucigalpa in 1942, and to Puerto Cortes in 1943. Mr. Clough was fluent in Chinese, and also spoke some Japanese and Korean. During the remainder of his 28-year diplomatic career, most of his assignments were in the Far East.

In 1954, he was posted to Kunming, moving to Beijing in 1946. From 1947 to 1950, he served in Nanjing; he was then transferred to Hong Kong, where he served until 1954, when he was detailed to the National War College. In 1955, he was named deputy director of Chinese affairs at the State Department, becoming director in 1957. During

the 1950s he was sent to Geneva and to Warsaw to attend talks with the Chinese.

Following a posting in London, Mr. Clough was assigned to Taipei in 1961. There he rose to be deputy chief of mission, spending two years as chargé d'affaires. In 1965, he was detailed to the Harvard Center for International Affairs. He ended his diplomatic career with three years on the Policy Planning Council under Zbigniew Brzezinski from 1966 to 1969.

After retirement, Mr. Clough began a second career as a writer on Asian affairs and American foreign policy toward Asia. During that 30-year period he had appointments at the Brookings Institution, the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars and the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. At the time of his second retirement in 2003, he was teaching the graduate seminar on Taiwan and organizing the China Forum, a speaker series, while working at SAIS in Washington.

Mr. Clough wrote and edited a number of books on the Far East and American foreign policy, including *East Asia and U.S. Security* (1975), *Deterrence and Defense in Korea* (1976), *Island China* (1978), *Reaching Across the Taiwan Strait* (1993) and *Cooperation and Conflict in the*

Taiwan Strait (1999). He became well-known internationally as an expert on the history and contemporary affairs of Taiwan.

In addition, during the 1970s and 1980s Clough advised the House Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on Asian Affairs. In that capacity, he accompanied Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., then chair of the subcommittee, to talks with President Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1979 and wrote the report on the visit.

Mr. Clough's first wife, Mary Lou Sander Clough, died in 1950. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Awana Stiles Clough of Arlington, Va.; two sons, Frederick of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Marshall of Greeley, Colo.; two daughters, Laurie Clough Schuda of Arlington, Va., and Drusilla Clough Hufford of McLean, Va.; six grandchildren, Gregory, Carrie, Christopher, Alexander, Stephanie and Susannah; his brother Ray Clough of Bend, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Jay Robert Grahame, 73, a retired Foreign Service officer, died on Aug. 6 at the Potomac Center Nursing Home in Arlington, Va., of complications from diabetes.

Mr. Grahame was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and grew up in Jamaica, N.Y. He received a bachelor's degree

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in political science from Queens College in Flushing, N.Y., and a master's degree in American history from Columbia University in 1957. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

In 1958, Mr. Grahame joined the Foreign Service. After a two-year assignment at the State Department in Washington, he was posted to Chennai (formerly Madras). Later, he was assigned to posts in Kolkata (Calcutta) and Mumbai (Bombay), where he served as economic-commercial officer. Other assignments included Luxembourg, Malta and Cyprus.

In August 1974, he was in the embassy in Nicosia when, during a Greek Cypriot demonstration, it was attacked by Greek forces. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies and his administrative section assistant were killed by sniper fire in the attack. Mr. Grahame, who was slightly injured, was given an award for valor. He also helped Americans get out of Cyprus during the disturbances that year.

In the late 1980s, Mr. Grahame worked with an Afghan coordination unit and visited an Afghan refugee camp in Pakistan. His last postings were Israel and Tunisia, both as an economic officer. He retired in the early 1990s.

He returned to school and received a master's degree in social work from Catholic University in 1995. Mr. Grahame volunteered at the Washington Home. He was a member of the American Foreign Service Association.

His marriages to Marcia Grahame Moss and Joyce Grahame ended in divorce. Survivors include three children from his first marriage, Peter Grahame of Palm City, Fla., Laura Grahame of New York City and Nicholas Grahame of Indianapolis, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

Martin Y. Hirabayashi, 91, a retired FSO, died peacefully in his sleep of natural causes on June 14 in Edina, Minn.

Mr. Hirabayashi was born in Seattle, Wash., and grew up with seven younger brothers and sisters on a small farm outside the city. He graduated from the University of Washington in 1939 with cum laude honors, receiving a B.A. degree in business and economics. He subsequently pursued graduate work at the university with an emphasis in international trade and economics, followed by Japanese-language training at Kyoto Imperial University.

In 1942, Mr. Hirabayashi married Joyce Higuchi, whom he had met and courted at the university. During World War II, Mr. Hirabayashi worked as a Japanese-language instructor and also as a research analyst and translator for the U.S. Navy, moving frequently with his wife and including stays in Boulder, Colo., New York City and Cambridge, Mass. Following the war, he was assigned to Japan. There, he worked for the U.S. War Department on the Strategic Bombing Survey, helping to assess the impact of American bombing on the facilities and people of that country. In 1946, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he joined the State Department as an economic research analyst.

In 1956, Mr. Hirabayashi joined the Foreign Service and was assigned to Tokyo as a economic-commercial officer. In 1961, after two tours, he joined the Far Eastern Bureau's Japan Desk as an economist. In 1964, he was appointed a member of the U.S. delegation to the sixth round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade negotiations, held in Geneva, where his focus was on U.S. trade

talks with Japan. Following the negotiations, he was named chief of the Special Trade Activities and Commercial Treaties Division, Bureau of Economic Affairs, in Washington, D.C. In 1969, Mr. Hirabayashi was assigned to Helsinki as counselor for economic and commercial affairs, where he remained for two tours. In 1974, he was assigned to Stockholm in the same capacity. Retiring in 1976, he moved with his wife to the Minneapolis suburb of Edina to be close to their families.

In retirement, Mr. Hirabayashi stayed active, serving as a board member of the Minnesota World Trade Association, the United Nations Association of Minnesota and the Minnesota International Center. He was executive director and later president of World Trade Week, Inc., a board member and president of the Japan America Society of Minnesota, and a volunteer for the Service Corps of Retired Executives, where he assisted small businesses and entrepreneurs interested in international business opportunities.

His wife, Joyce, who had been in declining health following a stroke, passed away on Dec. 5, 2006. Besides five brothers and a sister, survivors include two sons, Tim of Monroe, Mich., and Jim of North Potomac, Md., and four grandchildren.



William Carter Ide, 88, a retired Foreign Service Reserve officer, died on July 27 of a heart ailment after a fall at his home in Vienna, Va.

Mr. Ide was born in Redlands, Calif., and graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. He interned for the federal government in Washington until the outbreak of

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World War II and served in the Army, rising from private to major in the transportation corps. He served in England, France and Germany.

After the war, he received a master's degree in political science and economics from Harvard University in 1948. He taught political science and Russian history at Claremont Men's College in California, and then returned to the Washington, D.C., area in 1951. Mr. Ide joined the former Bureau of the Budget as an economist and, in 1952, began working overseas for the federal government in Copenhagen, Paris and Karachi.

From 1956 to 1964, he held a variety of positions in the old Economic

Cooperation Agency and later at the U.S. Agency for International Development. In 1961, he was named deputy regional operations director for the Near East and South Asia at USAID. In 1964, he left his position as a deputy assistant administrator at USAID headquarters to become mission director in the Dominican Republic, also serving as counselor for economic affairs. In 1965, he was transferred to New Delhi as deputy director of the USAID mission there, and in 1969 was assigned to Kathmandu as mission director.

He returned to headquarters in 1974 as deputy director for public affairs. He also taught at the National

War College before retiring from the Foreign Service in 1980.

Though Mr. Ide's post-government work was in real estate investment and management, he also enjoyed the arts. He sang in the Wareham Chorale and played the flute. He also did watercolor painting, acted in community theater and served as president of the Vienna Arts Society. He volunteered for what is now Capital Hospice, the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, Housing Counseling Services of Washington and OAR of Fairfax County, and also helped out in the Pennywise Thrift Shop in Vienna.

Mr. Ide attended an Episcopal

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church in Vienna, Va., and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Va. He enjoyed reading the social sciences and humanities and was interested in his family genealogy: he was a descendant of Nicholas Ide, who was at Plymouth Rock with Miles Standish, and was distantly related to William Brown Ide, the only president of the Republic of California.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Helen Louise French Ide, of Vienna, Va.; seven children: Gretchen Ide Kossack of Shrewsbury, Mass.; David Chandler Ide of Arlington County; Jennifer Taylor-Ide of Franklin, W. Va.; Rebecca Ide Lowe of Ojai, Calif.; Peter McDonald Ide of Falls Church, Va., and Tunis; Susan Ide Patton of Vienna, Va.; and Nicholas Carter Ide of McLean, Va.; and 11 grandchildren.



Charles Edward Marthinsen, 76, a retired FSO and former ambassador to Qatar, died on July 12 in Carlisle, Pa.

Mr. Marthinsen was raised in Erie, Pa., the son of Kathleen and Alexander Marthinsen, and the brother of Robert Marthinsen, Sandra Maries and Alan Marthinsen. After graduating from Academy High School in 1949, he attended Gannon University, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1953. From 1953 to 1955, he served in the U.S. Army, after which he entered the Foreign Service.

Mr. Marthinsen's 32-year diplomatic career was spent largely in the Middle East and included postings to Bangladesh (then East Pakistan), Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Libya and Qatar. His final posting was as deputy commandant for international affairs at the U.S. Army War

College in Carlisle. He retired from the Foreign Service in 1987.

In retirement, Mr. Marthinsen did consulting work and was also engaged in a number of civic activities, including supporting the local theater and the Old Neighborhoods League. He was a member of the Harrisburg Foreign Policy Association, as well as the Torch Club, where he served as president for one year.

Survivors include his wife of almost 48 years, Kate, of Carlisle, Pa.; two sons, Guy of Pittsford, N.Y., and Hugh of Tampa, Fla.; and two grandsons, Grant and Adam.



Patricia Whipple Olson, 73, the wife of retired FSO Oscar Julius Olson Jr., died on Aug. 14 at her home in Springfield, Va.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Olson grew up in Texas — eventually moving to Corpus Christi, where she met her husband — and graduated from the University of Houston with a radio/TV degree. The couple was married in Bremerhaven, where Mr. Olson was serving in the Army. His Foreign Service career subsequently took them to Venezuela, Spain, Mexico, West Berlin, Panama and Ecuador.

Besides raising three children, Mrs. Olson's activities included lay ministry on three continents, a stint as community liaison officer in Quito, and work as assistant to Elizabeth Campbell helping to put Washington, D.C., radio's WETA-FM on the air. During their Foreign Service assignment to West Berlin, she was asked to air her own show, "People, Places and Pat," on Armed Forces TV. It was an effort to encourage military personnel and their dependents to take advan-

tage of the many cultural and entertainment opportunities available in that exciting city. The program featured interviews with Berlin luminaries and visiting Americans, such as James Michener.

Pat Olson thrived on the challenge of meeting new people and adapting to different cultures. That included shifting from the warmth of Latin American "besos" and "abrazos" to the cooler cultures of Germany, and even Boston, while Mr. Olson had an academic year at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Her children recall fondly her admonition to "bloom where you are planted," which helped them cope with Foreign Service life.

After their retirement from the Foreign Service, Mrs. Olson entered Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and was ordained as a United Methodist minister. Her pastoral appointments were in Culpeper and Fauquier counties in Virginia and at the United Methodist Church in Springfield, Va. Following her retirement, she remained active in ministry, preaching, teaching, leading retreats and serving as chaplain at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Oscar, three children and four grandchildren.



Dar Jalene ("Dar") Prybil, 71, a retired FSO, died on June 25 in Paris, France.

Ms. Prybil was a native of Enid, Okla. Her early career began in the U.S. section of NATO headquarters in Paris, and she continued with that office when it was moved to Brussels. In 1970, she was transferred to the Los Angeles District Office of the

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International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, where she was an international trade specialist. Her responsibility was to assist southern California firms with export development. After a very successful 15 years in Los Angeles, she joined the Foreign Service and was transferred, in 1985, to Brasilia as commerce attaché.

One of Ms. Prybil's major accomplishments was her successful negotiation of a \$4 billion contract with the Brazilian government for the Amazon Surveillance System in favor of the American company, Raytheon. On Oct. 23, 1997, she was awarded the Order of Merit from the Brazilian government for "notable services rendered to Brazil."

From there, she was transferred to Paris, where she served as commercial attaché from 1998 to 2000. She retired in 2000 and continued to live alternately in Paris and Mougins, outside Cannes, until her death.



Hadia J. Roberts, 56, the wife of retired FSO Donald A. Roberts, died on July 12 of cancer at their home in Fairfax, Va.

An ethnic Pashtun, she was born Hadia Jilani to a prominent family on the Pakistani side of the "Pashtun Belt" that straddles the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan. She earned a master's degree in English literature and language from the University of Peshawar in Pakistan, and did postgraduate study in political science at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts.

Following her marriage, she became a U.S. citizen and accompanied her husband on assignments in Ankara (1976-1978), Bogota (1978-1980),

Bamako (1980-1981), Tunis (1986-1987), Abu Dhabi (1987-1989), Doha (1989-1992) and Manama (1992-1997). In 1998, the couple settled in Fairfax, Va., and, from 2000 until her death, she was a linguist and, later, a language analyst for the Department of Justice.

Hadia Roberts was active in the American community overseas, serving as president of the American Women's Club in Bogota and in various positions, including chairman of the Bahrain School's Local School Advisory Committee. She participated in choral and drama groups at all of her overseas posts, taught English as a second language in Ankara and Bamako, and worked in the consular sections in Doha and Manama. She was active in International Junior Diplomats of Washington and, later, in International Diplomats of Washington. She was also a frequent contributor to the newsletter of the Foreign-Born Spouse Network.

From 1981 to 1986, Hadia Roberts was a guest lecturer at the U.S. Foreign Service Institute in Rosslyn, Va., where her lectures on Muslim women in South Asian societies formed part of the junior officer training course for FSOs assigned to South Asian countries. During overseas postings, she developed a series of lectures on different aspects of Islam and the status of women in Islam, delivering these to foreign and expatriate organizations. She also briefed U.S. military personnel assigned to Bahrain.

In recent years, she spoke on the topics of Islam, women in Islam and Muslims in America at Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, the American Association of Foreign Service Spouses, Peace Corps headquarters, the FBI Academy in Quan-

tico, Va., and Yale University, as well as at area churches and the Washington, D.C., branch of the Society for Intercultural Education, Training and Research.

Besides her husband, Donald, Hadia Roberts is survived by her mother, three brothers, two sisters, and three sons. Her father, Maj. Gen. M.G. Jilani (Pakistan Army, retired), died in 2004.



Charles G. Sommer II, 88, a retired FSO, died on May 22 at his home in Escondido, Calif., of congestive heart failure.

Mr. Sommer was born in Lakewood, Ohio, on July 15, 1918. He attended Western Reserve University in Cleveland, graduating in 1940 with a B.B.A. degree. He served in the Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was awarded the War Department Certificate for his participation in the Manhattan project.

Mr. Sommer's 30-year Foreign Service career was spent at Embassy Mexico City and at the consulates in Tijuana and Merida, and in Brisbane. He served as consul general in Caracas. After Mr. Sommers retired, in 1976, he and his wife settled in Escondido, Calif.

Mr. Sommer is remembered for his love of family, humor, sports and music. A celebration of his life was held at his home on his birthdate.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Frances, who accompanied him to all of his posts; four children, and their respective spouses; seven grandsons; one granddaughter; and one great-grandson. ■

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