

Class of 1948 – Craig Basse.



Craig spent decades writing obituaries in the pages of the *St. Petersburg Times*. Civil rights leaders and celebrities. Jewelers, politicians, and teachers. Saxophonist, philanthropists and librarians. He compressed their accomplishments into deft, newsy clauses.

As city editor, he was a masterful rewrite artist. Reporters sent strings of information from chaotic scenes and he wove it together into stories that made sense on deadline.

“He was the consummate professional, steady and unflappable” said Paul Tash, chairman, chief executive and editor of the *St. Petersburg Times*. “He honored the humanity of countless people with dedication to the record of their lives.”