BRUCE TAYLOR GRIMM

Bruce Taylor Grimm, devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away at his home in Potomac, Maryland on April 18, 2021, surrounded by his immediate family. He was 77 years old. Bruce was born in the District of Columbia on July 23, 1943. He was the only child of Captain F. Taylor Grimm and Doris Bailey Grimm, both of whom predeceased him. He grew up in Bethesda, and graduated from Walter Johnson High School in 1961. In 1965 he graduated from Dartmouth College. He then attended the University of Pennsylvania on a full NDEA fellowship. In early 1969 the University of Pennsylvania awarded him a PhD degree in Economics.

Bruce began his career at the Institute for Defense Analyses. While there, he worked on several

defense-related projects, one of which entailed on- site work in South Vietnam. In 1972 he accepted a position at the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the U.S. Department of Commerce. His early work focused on developing and managing BEA’s econometric forecasting model. Later in his career, he worked on a wide variety of research projects and statistical analyses. Much of his work was published in BEA’s Survey of Current Business and other economics publications. In the course of his career at the Bureau, he received several medals from the Department of Commerce for “superior service.” He retired in early 2016 after more than 45 years of government service.

Bruce also had a wide range of outside interests. He was a life-long car enthusiast, beginning

with his first Corvette, aptly named the “Grimm Reaper.” He enjoyed foreign travel, especially to

historical sites in Italy, Greece, and Israel. He was an avid reader of non-fiction, an enthusiastic theatre goer, and long-time sports fan, especially of college football and racing events. He was also a life-long member of the Lutheran Church and served for many years on the Board of Directors of the Bethesda Fellowship House.

Bruce is survived by Karen, his wife of more than 50 years; his daughter, Elisabeth (“Lisa”), his

one-year-old granddaughter, Mariela Lynn and his son-in-law Pablo Landrau. He also leaves behind many extended family members and friends [as well as two aging family rescue dogs, Bubba and Dotty]. Bruce’s family will remember him most as a loving and supportive husband and father who devoted much of his life to making the lives of those closest to him as enjoyable and meaningful as possible. When Karen decided she wanted to pursue a legal career, he supported her decision and career in every way he could. When health issues in later life prevented him from traveling abroad, he strongly encouraged Karen, who loved travel and new adventures, to continue exploring new places on her own, which she did. After Lisa arrived, Bruce provided much of her care and nurturing. From helping her with her math homework (not always successfully) to spending his weekends taking her to compete in horse shows or officiating at her swim meets, to tolerating the many “pets” (including “Gonzo” the iguana) she rescued and brought home, he was always there for her. His family, as well as others also remember Bruce for his humor; he delighted in telling (and retelling) jokes and humorous

stories and making others laugh. Even in his final days, he could not resist: When one of his hospice caregivers asked him how he was sleeping, he replied, with a smile, “horizontally.” Above all, Bruce was a kind, generous and caring man who will be greatly missed.

Due to the pandemic, a celebration of Bruce’s life will be held later this year when it is safer to

gather in person. In lieu of flowers, Bruce’s family suggests that donations in his memory be made to the Dartmouth College Financial Aid Fund. Checks may be made out to Dartmouth College—Financial Aid Fund with a notation on the check “in memory of Bruce Grimm ’65”, and addressed to Dartmouth College, Gift Recording Office, 6066 Development Office, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755 . On line condolences may be sent by visiting www. Pumphreyfuneralhome.com.