John Heidbrink ‘65

Jack Heidbrink of Burlington, Massachusetts, died on February 17, 2023. He came to Dartmouth from New Trier High School in Wilmette, Illinois. At Dartmouth he was vice president of Beta Theta Pi, and played football and ran track. Following Dartmouth he received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Jack’s career was spent as a history teacher at Lexington, Massachusetts High School, where he taught for 35 years. He also coached football, and served as a supervising teacher who mentored future educators through Tufts and Harvard University. Jack had a deep faith and was an active member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Over the years, he served in multiple roles including Senior Warden, property chairperson, Sunday school teacher, Vestry, Lay Reader, Chalicer, and search committee participant.

In 2014, Jack was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s which slowly took away his memory but his family, friends, and all the people around him supported him throughout this phase of his life making it the best possible experience for all. He will be remembered as a man of wisdom who was thoughtful, kind, generous, and most importantly, he will be
remembered for his love and devotion to his family. Jack’s generosity continues as he chose to participate in an Alzheimer’s research study with an organ donation to the Boston University CTE Center.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sue, daughters Kristine Greco and Kimberly Ganley, and his five grandchildren for whom he was a respected and beloved role model.