Michael L. McKelvey ‘65

Mike McKelvey died on December 23. 2023 in Saco, Maine. Born in Ohio, he came to Dartmouth from West Hartford, Connecticut; a history major, he participated in Army ROTC and was a member of Phi Tau. Mike served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and received a bronze star for valor. While stationed in Germany, he met and married Marian Bergeson, his wife for over fifty years.

Mike’s career was in Human Resources; he worked for several major companies, including a stint as Benefits Manager for RJR Nabisco in Atlanta, Georgia. Whether volunteering at a homeless shelter with Marian, umpiring Nick 's baseball games, listening to one of John's concerts, or watching Mary perform in a school play, he made his own time his family's time, as he did for his grandchildren. He loved cross country skiing, gardening, and hiking, and transmitted these passions to the family.

Mike and Marian enjoyed traveling together, taking cruises of the Norwegian coast and the Rhine. In 2017, they visited Bergen, Norway, Marian's father's birthplace. The extended family frequently vacationed together, at a lakehouse in Maine or a beach house in North Carolina. His family meant the world to him. A supportive friend, stalwart marriage partner, and wonderful parent, Mike is deeply missed.

Michael is survived by sister Mary; children Mary, Nick, and John ‘95; grandchildren Rose, Isaac, David, Brendan, Lily, and Jia. Grandson Ben sadly passed in January 2022. Grandpa and Ben loved fishing together. We love to think of them on the dock now, rods in hand with Mar-mar on the porch.