Joseph H. “Charlie” Dolben ‘65

Charlie Dolben died June 29, 2022, with his family lovingly beside him at his home in Hatfield, Massachusetts. Charlie grew up in Winchester, Massachusetts, and came to Dartmouth from Philips Academy Andover. At Dartmouth he was Social Chairman of Alpha Delta Phi and played freshman hockey.

Following graduation he joined the Navy, where he attained the rank of submarine Captain. He then went on to earn his MBA at Harvard Business School in 1973. He spent most of his professional life at MassMutual, in Springfield, Massachusetts, and continued with its partner company, Cornerstone. In addition, he remained active with organizations such as The Reality Club, the Hampden Planning Board, and Cancer Connection.

Charlie, along with his wife, Donna, enjoyed all types of entertainment, especially live music. He faithfully attended folk and Cajun festivals for decades, making many lifelong friends. Always an active guy, he was very fond of rowing both on the open water and a stationary machine. On most days, Charlie could be found outside tinkering with his tractor or camper, always finding something to fix (or to break, so he could fix it again).

An intellectual, a conversationalist, a humorist, and a realist, Charlie was a well-rounded and truly beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend. Charlie is survived by his wife of 53 years, Donna (Rand) Dolben; son Brad (Julie) Dolben; daughter Molly (Seth Hermanson) Dolben; grandchildren Cora and Henry; brother Tom (Janet Lawyer) Dolben; sister Holly (Robert Parkis) Dolben; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.