Jay Barklie Johnston ‘65

Jay Johnston passed away peacefully on July 25, 2022, at his home in Naples, Florida. Growing up in Iowa, he came to Dartmouth from Estherville (Iowa) High School. He was Social Chairman of Delta Upsilon, and played freshman football and rugby. He went on to graduate from Tuck School of Business in 1967.

Jay married the love of his life, Kathy Reardon, in 1967, and they moved to Chicago where their four children were born. Jay joined Abbott Laboratories in 1975 and had a marvelous career spanning almost 25 years, including stops in Germany and Japan before returning to Chicago in 1992. Following his retirement in 1999, Jay became a trusted mentor to many. In addition to being a board member of both Avow Hospice in Naples, Florida and Luminex Corporation in Austin, Texas, Jay joined start-up QuesTek Innovations LLC in Evanston, Illinois in 2000 as its chairman.

Despite being diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in 2014, Jay continued to push himself both mentally and physically to keep the disease at bay. He had many passions, including photography, playing golf as well as socializing and travelling with friends, but his favorite was watching his grandchildren grow and thrive.

Jay was predeceased by his wife Kathy in 2019. He is survived by his children and their families: Kiki and Brad Hoener of Dallas, Texas; Betsy and Brett Olson of London, England; JT and Julie Johnston of Lakeville, Minnesota; and by Brinker and Michele Johnston of Wilmette, Illinois, and eleven grandchildren.