Class of 1965 Obituary

Robert Y. Justis, Jr.

Robert (Bob) Y. Justis Jr. died peacefully on May 3, 2021. Born in Joplin, Missouri, he grew up mainly in Vermont and came to Dartmouth from Stowe, Vermont via Deerfield Academy. He was president of Kappa Kappa Kappa, sang in the glee club, paddled in the Ledyard Canoe Club and was in AFROTC. Following our graduation he received an MBA from the Wharton School. Bad hearing ended his ROTC career our senior year; while working at General Motors he found a reserve unit to take him on for basic training and as a Russian linguist until his hearing again disqualified him. He left the executive track with General Motors to return to Vermont and pursue his interests in the outdoors, healthy organic food, solar energy, climate change prevention and economic development. Starting at a low-level state position in 1970, he became director of industrial development for Vermont in 1980 until a change in administration prompted his move to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization working with Third World countries. Bob still felt the pull of Vermont, and returned to his final position as head of economic development for Green Mountain Power, Vermont’s largest utility. He retired to the family home in Telluride, Colorado where he continued to indulge his passion for mountain hiking while serving as a board member of the San Miguel Power Association. He is survived by his brother Cleveland Justis, and nephews Galen and Daniel.