John D. Fenniman ‘65

John Fenniman passed away July 11, 2023, in Denver, Colorado from Alzheimer’s disease. He came to Dartmouth from West Hartford, Connecticut via Loomis School. A history major, he was an active member of the Dartmouth Outing Club and the Mountaineering Club, and received his master’s degree in cartography from the University of Wisconsin. He served in the US Army from 1965-1968 and was a Vietnam veteran.

Passionate about mountain climbing and the outdoors, he was a member of the Appalachian Mountain club, hiking the White Mountains of New Hampshire and the

Pennsylvania hills. After he and Sue married and they both received MS degrees from Wisconsin, they lived in Lancaster, Pennsylvania where John worked as a cartographer for Rand McNally. They moved to Lakewood, Colorado in 1974 where they raised two daughters and John worked for the Denver branch of the U.S. Geological Survey.

Most will remember John for his love of people, nature and Colorado mountain trails, history, classical music and opera. They may also remember his ritual weekly letters to family and friends, back rubs and his chocolate chip cookies. He was a devout dog lover, known to take their beloved golden retrievers on four walks a day. All of us will remember him for his nurturing way, his love of family and friends, his love of a good story, and his understated community spirit. John is survived by his wife, Sue, their daughters Jennifer (Ryan Plank) and Heather (Justus Gries), and his brother Bill Fenniman (Carol).