

Obituary

Henry T. Reynolds, beloved husband, father, friend, and scholar, died unexpectedly at home of an apparent heart attack on June 9, 2019.

Born in Deming, New Mexico, on March 3, 1940, Hank was raised in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1963 and was awarded a bachelor's degree with distinction. Immediately after graduation, he joined the Peace Corps, where he met his future wife, Elizabeth (Lisa) Betts Reynolds. After training in Logan, Utah, they were assigned to Oujda, Morocco, where they both taught English as a foreign language to middle-school students.

After returning from Morocco in 1965, Hank and Lisa were married in Scotia, New York, on August 28. He then spent four years earning a Ph.D. in American politics and methodology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1971. Their son, Alan Henry, was born while they were living in Chapel Hill.

Hank then joined the faculty at the University of Delaware, where he taught and did research for the next 30 years. Their daughter, Anne Elizabeth, was born in Newark, Delaware. During his career, he published many scholarly articles, books, and textbooks. He received the University of Delaware's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1978, as well as many other awards and grants. He mentored undergraduate and graduate students, several of whom became lifelong friends. When he retired in 2003, he was named Professor Emeritus.

He retired to Vermont in large part due to his love of the state from his time at Dartmouth and from years of summer vacations at Eligo Pond. In 2003, he and Lisa became year-round residents of Woodbury. He was a familiar face in Hardwick, especially at the Village Restaurant, where he was a regular, and at the Galaxy Bookshop, where he enjoyed interesting conversations with the owners and always left with a book or two ... or three or four.

In retirement, he developed a scholarly interest in the Old and New Testaments and continued his interest in American politics. He was an avid sports fan, following the UNC teams and the ups and downs (mostly downs) of the Baltimore Orioles.

He was also known for having lost his left arm (almost 20 years ago in an accident). He never allowed his handicap to slow him down. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and once, when walking on Main Street, he met a young boy, who took a good look at him and said, "Where is your arm?" Hank laughed and said, "A bear got it." (His mother was not impressed.)

Henry was predeceased by his father, Dr. F. Henry Reynolds, his mother, Mary Elizabeth Caughey Reynolds, and his older brother, Bill.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Lisa; son Alan; daughter-in-law Shannon Borges; daughter Anne Reynolds; son-in-law Matthew Winkler; and grandson Matthew (Chip) Winkler.

Henry will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



*In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Park Foundation, Vermont Public Radio, the American Cancer Association, or the charity of your choice. A celebration of his life will be held in late summer.