

## **Charles I. Karchmer**

Charles Ira Karchmer passed away at home in New York City on April 3, 2022. He came to Dartmouth from Woodbridge, N.Y. A drama major, he was active in Dartmouth Players, band, WDCR, and Casque and Gauntlet. After graduation, he studied with Joseph Papp at Columbia University, was a founding member of the Ensemble Studio Theatre, and directed numerous shows. Charlie went on to become an award-winning director and coach in New York and regional theatre for over 40 years. He worked at Juilliard, Atlantic Theatre Acting School, Playwrights Horizons, Manhattan Punch Line, Ark Theatre, and American Jewish Theatre, among others. His production of *Love! Valour! Compassion!* for Philadelphia Theatre Company garnered five Barrymore awards, including outstanding direction.

Along with Bob Reich and Bill Zarchy, Charlie is part of “The Picture,” a photo taken on the lawn of C&G at graduation. They repeated at our tenth in 1978 and vowed to continue the tradition, so when Charlie missed the 25th, Bill and Bob took the picture without him. By our 50<sup>th</sup>, they couldn’t remember who stood where, other than they were in order by height, with Bob and Bill on opposite ends and Charlie between. So they took the shot both ways, and both can be seen on the class website.

Charlie was a dog lover, a professional pianist, and a crossword puzzle enthusiast. Devoted to his mother, Zelda, and loyal to his many friends, associates, and cousins, he was predeceased by his longtime partner, David Lindstrom.