

Peter Godfrey, M.D.

Dr. Peter Godfrey, Class of 1968, died July 24, 2018 at his home in Olean, New York, following a short illness. He was active in the Outing Club, and fondly remembered climbing onto the roof of Bissell to retrieve Frisbees.

Born July 8, 1946, in Boston, Mass., he was the son of Dr. John and Jean Fuller Godfrey of Olean. He married his true love and best friend, Sharon (Neiler) Godfrey, on Feb. 7, 1970, at St. Mary of the Angels Church in Olean.

Dr. Godfrey spent his boyhood in Olean where he was an accomplished skier, horseman and sailor. He graduated from Olean High School in 1964, Dartmouth College, Class of 1968, and Albany Medical College in 1978. Following a residency at Rochester General Hospital, Dr. Godfrey returned to Olean to practice internal medicine and occupational medicine at the Olean Medical Group. Dr. Godfrey was devoted to his patients and was highly regarded as an astute and caring physician. He retired from practice in December 2017.

He served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany, from 1967 to 1969.

Dr. Godfrey's greatest joy was his family and he relished their time together. He enjoyed golfing, downhill skiing and sailing. He became an avid bicyclist and cross country skier, and was a voracious reader who shared his active intellect with friends and family, with whom he enjoyed sparring over political or philosophical topics.

Dr. Godfrey was loved and admired for his kindness, his strong character and gentle manner.

In addition to his wife of 48 years, he is survived by a son, John (Marie-Pierre Nadeau) Godfrey of Winooski, Vt.; three daughters, Jennifer (David Sakowski) Godfrey of Somerville, Mass., Erin Godfrey of Boulder, Colo., and Amy (Kirill Tolpygo) Godfrey of Durham, N.C.; three grandchildren, Dorothy Sakowski, Charles Sakowski and Yuri Tolpygo; three sisters, Judith Patton, Patricia McKinley and Jane Larmon; and many nieces and nephews.