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many for two years. John graduated from General HH Arnold High School in Wiesbaden and then attended the University of Maryland in Munich for a year before transferring to the main campus back in College Park, Maryland. He enjoyed family trips to the Austrian and German Alps, a week traveling around England, followed by a week on a canal boat, where he became the pilot and lock master, and a road trip to Spain with his buddy, Dave.

Back in “the States” he met Texan Barbara Reeves, a German professor at Penn State, and they married in 1971. John graduated from Maryland in 1972 and Sara Elizabeth was born in 1974. He applied his “fixit” skills to their Oak Hall house, but the siren call of Texas was too strong, and they moved to Austin in 1974.

John began his MBA program at the University of Texas, while Barbara worked in state government, and then Douglas John was born. The family was complete with the addition of dogs and cats, a variety of whom passed through the houses, from Austin to Colorado, Massachusetts, and Dallas. Barb finished her PhD, and they published their own computer trade journals, Data Base Publications, for many years. In Austin, they began a very active affiliation with Rotary International and sponsored four students for home stays.

When the kids were grown, John

and Barb took jobs with Abacus in Denver in 2000, and shortly after arriving headed west into the mountains. Their log cabin home, situated in Golden at 9,000 feet in the Front Range, looked out to the Continental Divide. While they ran a direct marketing business, In the Wildlands, John worked on the property, clearing to the perimeter for fire safety and chinking the cabin walls. And he camped and hiked with his friends and relations: “Oh, just another 20 minutes or so...”

Sara had married James, and thus began the succession of rescued Great Danes, a calm breed but altogether too clever for the cabin’s pantry door locks. Doug and Katie married and settled nearby in Loveland. And then a job at *Harvard Business Review* cropped up, and eastward flew Barb and John in 2011.

Although John enjoyed the challenges and perks of working at “*The Review*,” Texas lured them back in 2016 with an executive officer’s job at Comerica Bank in Dallas. It was a homecoming in a way: the weather was familiar, and the kids were much closer, and the house and yard projects had a familiar ring – frogs in the pool, anyone? Six grandchildren lived within driving distance, and when they all visited Grandpa and Baba, the house fairly rocked with exuberance.

But it wasn’t for long enough; in 2017 John was diagnosed with glioblastoma. He should have been a husband, father,

son, brother, uncle, and grandpa for much longer, but he’ll live in our hearts and memories forever. If you want a glimpse into those wonderful memories, just ask Vicky or Janet about the fun-filled week at a dude ranch in Montana or the island adventure in Maine two years ago with the whole family!

RICHARD B. BUDGE, 83, a longtime resident of Andover, died on February 19, 2020 at the Concord Regional VNA Hospice House in Concord after a short illness with his family by his side.

Richard was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 28, 1936, the son of the late William Karl and Helen (Baker) Budge. He had been a resident of Andover since 1988, moving there from Colebrook.

Richard began his career as an adjuster for Travelers Insurance Company in Florida, working there from 1961 to 1975. He then decided to change careers and attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, graduating in 1977. Following graduation he moved to New Hampshire to begin working as a chef at the Balsams Grand

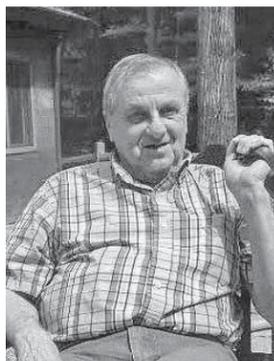
Hotel, where he worked from 1977 to 1988. He then was employed as a chef at the Lake Sunapee Country Club from 1988 to 1999, until finally joining J Jill in Tilton where he did computer work until retiring in 2012.

Richard enjoyed hiking and snowmobiling, and his many mishaps will be something that his family will never forget. He loved his family and his close circle of friends very much and will be dearly missed.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Budge of Bradenton, Florida and also by a granddaughter, Carrie Coker of Jefferson, Georgia. His family includes his wife of 42 years, Judy (Hunt) Budge of Andover; his son, William Budge of Cincinnati, Ohio; and his two daughters, Sherri Budge of Jefferson, Georgia, and Vicki Paquin of Gilmanton. He is also survived by his grandson, Nicholas Sanchas and his wife Rachel and their children, Elena and Xavier Sanchas, all of Jefferson, Georgia.

As per Richard’s wishes, there will be no services held. Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorial donations in memory of Richard may be offered to the Concord Regional VNA, 30 Pillsbury Street, Concord NH 03301.



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