John Peter ‘Van’ Van Hazinga came to College from the Mt. Hermon School in Winchendon, Massachusetts. He was active in the Dartmouth Outing Club, Cabin and Trail, Woodsmen’s teams, graduated with honors in Earth sciences, and served as an officer in the Coast Guard during the Vietnam conflict. He worked as a contractor and builder in Colorado, Texas, New York, Massachusetts, California, and New Hampshire. He married Maureen Lauren Shade and was father of Rebecca Tadikonda ‘95, Rachel Van Hazinga, and John C. Van Hazinga. Van was an organic gardener, woodworker, poet, and lover of both farming and wilderness. He was a member of the Vedanta Society of New York City. Check out Van’s poem from the 25th Reunion book which explains his life as a poet and woodsman. He died October 28, 2014 while hiking in the Adirondack Mountains.

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