John Vernon Keston Helfrich, III, M.A., came to the College as a National Merit Scholar from the Catonsville Senior High School in Baltimore, Maryland. At College, he majored in Mathematics. After graduation, served in Navy, then went on to earn a master's degree in Marine biology from St. Mary's College. He taught high school math and science in the early 70s. In 1975, he moved to Cape Cod with the Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory working as a research administrator. John was a founding member of the Woods Hole Morris dance group. His passions included folk music, dance, acting, and cycling. He died unexpectedly of a heart attack on October 15, 1998. John is survived by two daughters, Mariah Helfrich and Sarah Helfrich, both of Falmouth; his parents, Edith and John Helfrich of Maryland; a brother, Robert Helfrich of New Jersey; and a sister, Valerie Helfrich of Maryland.