William Hayes Pingree

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Dr. Pingree was a life-changing professor for me and I can imagine so many other students. The only professor I know who could show up late and every student would patiently sit as long as needed. He started each class talking about current events—anything in the newspaper—and he would explain the back story and how it all started. The world and politics came alive. He jokingly called our textbook ‘chloroform in print,’ cure for insomnia! His class was the first and only time I felt I picked the right major. He spoke lovingly of his family and Rose. I knew your Mom’s name before reading this obituary nearly 20 years later. I saw him once after graduating, working in politics, and I approached him like the rockstar he was…I think I freaked him out. Tonight I decided to google to see what he was up to and found this. He passed a year before my own Mom. Know that his legacy lives on in your family and the crazy student who sat in the back corner.

- Jessica Palfreyman