



## Mr. Stuart A. Dalheim

October 31, 1933 - April 7, 2025

Stuart Arthur Dalheim, 91, of Lenox, died on Monday, April 7, 2025. Born in Staten Island, NY, on October 31, 1933, son of the late Alvin and Selma Bleiman Dalheim, he graduated from Curtis High School. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Forestry and a Master of Science in Paper Chemistry from the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. Later, he completed an MBA in Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He met his wife of 68 years, Zoë Balamoti, who was also a student at Syracuse, at a dance when Zoe's date did not show up.

Following graduation, they moved to Washington, DC where Stuart spent his military service working in a prosthetics lab at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

For the majority of his career, Stuart worked as a paper chemist. He began his career at West Virginia Pulp and Paper in Roanoke, VA where his daughters, Diana and Laura, were born. The family moved to Chillicothe, OH, where Stu began a job with the Mead Corporation and where a third daughter, Karen, was born. Mead then transferred Stuart to Lee, MA where a son, Stu was born. In Lee, at Mead Corporation, Stu was Technical Director. He was last employed by Crane and Company, where he retired as the Vice President of Research and Development and Quality Control, after 18 years of dedicated

service. During this time, Stu headed the team which developed the security thread, which is embedded into the US currency paper made at Crane, as an anti-counterfeiting measure necessary due to the advent of sophisticated color copiers.

Stu was an avid hiker, camper, golfer and bridge player. He retired at 62 and learned bread making and furniture making, volunteered at the Berkshire Botanic Garden, became a master gardener, and served for many years on the Lee Conservation Commission, some of the years as its chair. A great reader of history, he served as president of the Berkshire Historical Society. Stu and Zoë went on several Habitat for Humanity housebuilding trips to Central America with a group from the Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire, where they have been active members for many years.

Stuart is survived by his wife of 68 years, the former Zoë Balamoti, whom he married Feb 15, 1957. He leaves behind four children: Diana Thomas of Bellevue, WA (Donald Thomas) and grandchildren Emilie and Zoe; Laura Dalheim (Larry Rouslin) of Brooklyn, NY and grandchildren Henry and Sylvie; Karen Dalheim (Ron Baker) of Washington, DC; Stuart R Dalheim (Linda Walters) of Silver Spring MD and grandchild, Silas.

Besides his parents, Stuart was predeceased by brother Leroy Dalheim, MD, and sister Joan Kosan, PhD

Funeral Notice:

There will be a celebration of life later in the Spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Appalachian Mountain Club <https://www.outdoors.org/donate/donate-form/> , Berkshire Natural Resources Council <https://www.bnrc.org/donate>, or the Unitarian

Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire <https://www.uumsb.org/connection/give/>

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Zoe, I am sorry for this loss. Being together for 68 years means you surely have many memories that will make you smile and help you when you miss him. What a wonderful life he lived! I am thinking of you and will come by to visit you soon. You are in my heart. Leigh Doherty (Literacy Network)

Leigh A Doherty - April 14, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LD

Thank you, there will be a memorial May 31 at 11 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Housatonic

Laura J Dalheim - May 02, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JP

“ Stu, both Mary and I will miss you.

John and Mary Philpott - April 13, 2025 at 02:14 PM

KB

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Stu's passing. We will always have find memories of him especially from the YALLs. Don & Karen Brighenti

Karen Brighenti - April 13, 2025 at 07:43 AM

JE

“ Hi Zoe, I was so sad to read of Stu's death. I knew you guys way back when, in the 70s through the Wendell Avenue Unitarian Church, in Pittsfield. Stu was a great guy with a great sense of humor and it was an honor to have known him. My condolences, Zoe, to you and your family. Terry Elliott

Jon Elliott - April 12, 2025 at 09:20 PM

KN

“ *To Zoe and family -*

*I am so sorry to hear of Stu's passing. Our first introduction to the Dalheim family (our wonderful neighbors for 40 years) was through Viola, their dog, who was a frequent visitor at our house. Stu was always so interesting to talk to and always such a gentleman. I have fond memories of many dinner parties shared in later years where conversations always covered so many topics - and the food was always delicious!*

*May many happy memories help sustain you all in the days ahead.*

*With love,  
Kathy Naventi-Brown*

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**Kathy Naventi-Brown** - April 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

MF

“ *Well, I did not know Mr. Stewart Dalheim, I am very good friends with his daughter Karen. From all that I've known through the years I know that he was very, very much loved by his family. My heart and condolences go out to all.*

*Michael Fucci*



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**Michael Fucci** - April 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM