



David P. Fonseca, Jr.

July 17, 1929 - December 20, 2018

Colonie - David P. Fonseca, Jr., died peacefully at home on December 20, 2018 at the age of 89.

Survived by brothers Conrad, Anthony, and Rodrigo, sister Olive, ex-wife Wilda (nee Sauv ), children David, Kathleen, Arthur, and Felicity, grandchildren Philip, Stanley, Linus, Emma Rose and Ulysses, and friend Stephanie.

Born in Chicago, IL, he grew up in Chattanooga, TN (where his father was an engineer for the Tennessee Valley Authority). A lifelong enthusiast for outdoor adventure, a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts, Order of the Arrow, he was a hiker of the Great Smoky Mountains, the Green Mountains, and a proud hutman in the White Mountains with the Appalachian Mountain Club.

The eldest child of David and Esther (nee Haven), he attended Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, TN, the University of Illinois, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, (B.A. in Geography), and McGill University, Montr al, Canada.

As a Sergeant in the Air Force he was a meteorologist on Guam. He met his wife of 30 years, Wilda Sauvé, the mother of his 4 children, in Montréal. He worked as a regional planner nationally and internationally in locations such as Nashville, TN, Pueblo, CO, Waukesha WI, Columbia, SC, Akron, OH and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He worked on the Trans-Alaskan Highway and the Pan American Highway in Costa Rica. He was Director of Planning in Chittenden County, VT and Delaware County, NY. He lived in Taos, NM in the 1980's, and in Albany for the last 30 years of his life. He most recently resided at the Belltrone Senior Living Center.

He is remembered for his unique friendships and kind ability to connect to people in conversation, touching their lives in his own way. Widely traveled, widely read, and a great student of history, he will be missed by his family and friends for his gentle spirituality and his eclectic conversation topics.

The memorial service will be held on January 3rd at 2pm at Christ Our Light Church, Colonie.

Friends are invited to visit the family at 1:30pm before the service.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to Capital City Rescue Mission, 259 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202, or Embudo Valley Library, PO Box 310, Dixon, NM 87527.

To leave a message for David's family on their guestbook or obtain directions,

please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ Our Light Catholic Church
1 Maria Drive
Loudonville, NY

Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David P. Fonseca, Jr.*

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“ *We were so sorry to hear of David's passing. He and Stephanie were our first neighbors when we moved to Albany in 2001. After we left the area, my husband and I stayed in touch and visited when we could. I will always have fond memories of talking to David about history, opera, and the Spanish royal family.*

Sending condolences to all who loved him.

Deb and Tim Schmidle

Deborah Schmidle - January 01, 2019 at 04:27 PM



“ *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience. kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.? St. Paul (Galatians5:22-23) Your Spirit lives on in all those left behind who possess these, your, traits. Blessings from your Beltrone pals: Craig & Christina*



DR CHRISTINA HOMER - December 30, 2018 at 05:15 PM