

Stuart E. Rapp



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Stuart E. Rapp, 91, of Manchester, CT died peacefully surrounded by his loving children, Richard and Annie Rapp on Monday, February 16, 2026. Born March 14, 1934 in Hartford, CT to Al and Gladys Rapp, Stu spent his formative years in Berlin, CT, Syracuse, NY and Queens, NY. He and his beloved sisters survived the Hartford Circus Fire in 1944. He graduated with honors from Wesleyan University in 1955, and Yale Divinity School in 1958. Stu was the Minister of the Briarcliff Manor Congregational Church from 1958 to 1971. Stu left Pastoral Ministry and enjoyed a very successful second career as a Human Resources Manager at Boehringer Ingelheim from 1974-1999 and enjoyed a retirement beyond his wildest dreams.

Stu was predeceased by his son, Daniel Jones Rapp, his wife of 28 years, Marjorie Burriack, nee Silver, and his brothers-in-law Gunter Garbe and Ronald Utt. He is survived by his sisters Sarah Garbe and Nancy Utt, his daughter Ann and her partner David Harmon, his son Richard and his girlfriend Bonni Horwitz, his stepdaughters, Gillian Burriack and Stephanie Burriack, his daughter-in-law, Julienne Leyh, stepchildren Nick and Stacia Caplanson, nieces, nephews, and 7 beloved grandchildren, his former spouse and friend and mother of his children Rhode Jones, and his special friend Carol Tellier.

Stu was an active member of the Bridgewater Congregational Church for over 45 years. He had a lovely tenor voice and sang in choirs in the Danbury area where he and Marjorie spent most of their retirement. He occasionally filled-in for vacationing ministers and preached one of his abstruse but enjoyable sermons. He could quote a Robert Frost poem word for word out of the blue, and dazzle anyone with his gifts of compassion and insight.

A service of remembrance will be held at the Gilead Congregational Church, 672 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248 on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Bridgewater Congregational Church, PO Box 7, Bridgewater, CT 06752. The family will have a private committal service.

The family wishes to thank Stu's loving minister Rev. Abby Gackenheimer, and former minister Rev. W. Alan Froggatt, devoted caregiver, Abby Dawson of Priority Care in Vernon, Ria Irons of CT HealthAdvocate, Chelsea at White Oaks, Greater Manchester Homecare Hospice Team, Damon Weinberg at Levi's, Holly Geer at RBC, and Bonni Horwitz for their kind and loving care of our Dad.