



## Dr Deane J Zarvis

June 1, 1931 - December 27, 2018

Dr. Deane J. Zarvis, 74, of Richmond died Thursday, December 27th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield after a brief illness.

Dr. Zarvis was born in Adams, MA, on June 1, 1944 to the late James H. and Lillian F. Zarvis. He attended Pittsfield High School and was a 1962 graduate.

After high school, Deane attended the University of Massachusetts and Antioch College, where he obtained his Phd in forensic psychology. He also served in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam War. Dr. Zarvis worked for many years as a forensic psychologist at the Pittsfield District Court.

Deane was married to Rebecca Fiske, a professor at Bard College at Simon's Rock for 36 years. She predeceased him on January 3, 2018.

Deane was a renaissance man with many talents and interests. From designing and building his own homes, tapping maple trees on his property or tying his own fishing flies, Deane had a strong sense of self-reliance. He played both the piano and guitar and instilled a love of music in his children and grandchildren. Family gatherings were certain to end with a musical performance of Man of La Mancha. He also enjoyed fishing the many local spots in the Berkshires and beyond. Deane was a prolific reader of classic literature and his ferocious intellect and keenly attuned empathy brought the best out of others. He traveled extensively across the U.S. and Europe. He was a long-time member of a local tennis league and loved the sport. One of his favorite trips was attending the U.S. Open every year. His greatest joy was spending time with his family and cooking delicious mediterranean food to share with them.

Dr. Zarvis is survived by his children; James C. H. Zarvis and his wife Jamie A. Zarvis of Easthampton, Alexander B. Zarvis of Hinsdale, William N. Zarvis of Pittsfield, and Rachael L. Zarvis of Richmond. He also leaves his sister, Christine Adams and her husband Jeffrey Rabidou of Pittsfield, his grandchildren Kostis J. M. Zarvis and Lukas A. Zarvis, his nephew Jesse Adams and niece Jane Mercier.

A celebration of life for Dr. Deane Zarvis will be held on Sunday, January 6 from 2-5pm at Gateways Inn 51 Walker St. Lenox, MA. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations in Deane's memory may be made to MassAudobon.

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“ May his soul rest in peace. A long time cousin, Connie (Novak) Starsiak.

**Connie Starsiak** - January 01 at 09:53 PM

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“ My condolences to the entire Zarvis family. I was saddened to learn of Deane's passing and am here if you need anything. You are in my thoughts.

Sue Lyon

**Susan Lyon** - January 01 at 03:48 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. Deane was a remarkable person, who for a time was like an older brother to me. He made the best breakfasts for his sister and me. Fond memories..

**lynda kushner blair** - January 01 at 12:48 PM

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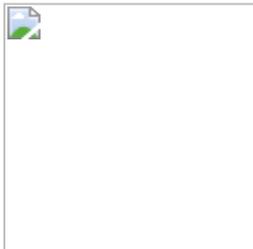
“ I have known Deane almost my whole life. We were godparents to Jesse Adams. My heart breaks for his family. One memory that comes to mind, is scuba diving in Joy's above ground pool. All who were there will remember that night.

**Helen Majchrowski** - January 01 at 12:17 PM

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