



## Dr. William F. Bahnson

September 15, 1928 - September 15, 2015

Dr. William F. Bahnson, 87, of High Street and for many years a resident of Stockbridge, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015, at Mt. Greylock Extended Care Facility in Pittsfield after a brief illness. Born in Philadelphia, PA, November 12, 1927, the son of Conrad and Edna Ensminger Bahnson, he completed undergraduate studies at Yale University in New Haven, CT, and earned his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in Philadelphia. Dr. Bahnson served in US Naval reserves and was stationed at Parris Island as a physician from 1954 to 1956. Originally an internist and family physician, Dr. Bahnson pursued his interest in Psychiatry and joined the staff of Austen Riggs Center from 1968 to 1979 and was a member of the medical staff at Berkshire Medical Center from 1968 to 1984. He subsequently maintained private practices in Pittsfield and Greenfield, and worked as consultant to Franklin County Mental Health Center, the Hill Adolescent Center and Franklin Medical Center until his retirement in 1988. He loved gardening, reading and music, especially jazz and opera. He is survived by one daughter, Brenda A. Bahnson and her husband, Kenneth Gonsalves, of Gt. Barrington; and one son, Brian J. Bahnson and his wife, Lauri Webber of Newark, DE; and two grandchildren, Jeffrey Bahnson of Poultney, VT, and Megan Bahnson of Rome, Italy. He is also survived by his companion, Maryanne Ludgin of Coventry, CT. Dr. Bahnson was predeceased by his son, William F. Bahnson, Jr. in 1982, his sister, Barbara Volcker of NYC in 1998, his former wife, Barbara A. Bahnson in 2012 and his daughter, Betsey O'Toole

in 2014. FUNERAL NOTICE: Funeral and burial services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Bahnson's memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy in care of the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Bill and I were close friends during our psychiatric residencies in Denver and later when he was at Riggs and I at Albany Medical. His former wife, Barbara and my wife Pat, also now deceased. were best friends. I am saddened to hear of his passing as well as the passing of his son who use to play with my kids. I have not had contact with Bill for years since moving to Tucson, and I am not sure what prompted be to look up his name at this particular time. I am sure Bill would have appreciated the coincidence.

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**Ron Nathan** - December 17, 2015 at 12:30 PM