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**David Woodsom Clapp(1954 - 2016)**

Stonington - David Woodsom Clapp, 61, passed away peacefully at home in Stonington on Monday, March 14, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, to whom he was married for 37 years;;his sons, Samuel and Henry (Kathleen); his siblings, Judith, Martha (Mark), Peter (Rebecca), Charles (Martha), Loraine (Joseph), Nancy (Ross); his mother-in-law, Patricia Kleeman; his brother-in-law, Henry Kleeman (Joan); and thirteen nieces and nephews.

He was born on July 27, 1954, in Washington D.C., to the late Honorable Charles and Elinor Clapp. David grew up in Providence and Barrington, R.I., spending happy summers in Duxbury, Mass. At Williams College he studied economics and art history and met his future wife in the library of the Clark Art Institute. After earning his MBA at Harvard University, he began a career in real estate development which led him to California, Illinois and New York.

He retired to Stonington in 2009. He volunteered on the boards of many arts, education and community nonprofit organizations, most recently on the James Merrill House Committee and as the president of the Stonington Village Improvement Association. His intelligence, enthusiasm and curiosity led him to explore many hobbies and interests. He was a skilled woodworker with a particular focus on Shaker furniture and boxes, a dedicated gardener with an affinity for dahlias, a youth soccer coach with great patience for children but less for their parents, an author of satirical pamphlets in the style of Dickens and Swift, a sailor at home on the water, a music lover happiest at performances by his sons, and an art connoisseur who sought out the world's great museums with his family.

A memorial service will be held later this spring.

Memorial donations may be made to the Stonington Free Library or the James Merrill House.

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