Charles E. Lange

Age:
83

Residence:
Bozeman, MT

Date of Birth:
N/A

Date of Death:
11/29/2014

Obituary / Death Notice
Charles ("Chuck") Edward Lange, 83, passed away in Bozeman on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014. Chuck was born in New York City in 1931 and lived much of his life in Larchmont, New York. Throughout his life, Chuck deeply valued his relationships with others, especially his loving ties and deep commitment to family, including his mother, sister, wife, children, nieces and grandchildren. In 1959, Chuck fell in love and married Jean Duncan, his sister's roommate at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He returned to Larchmont in 1966, where he and Jean raised their family and lived until 2003, when they moved to Bozeman. His family will remember him as a sharp-witted intellectual and generous humanitarian who was always engaged in the world around him. While he was not an athlete or outdoorsman, frequent New England hiking outings and sailing in Connecticut sparked a love of the outdoors in his children. He also shared his love of travel with his family - though as a deeply rooted New Yorker, he never anticipated that his children would lead him to spend his last 11 years in the Rocky Mountains. Chuck's life was shaped by his deep and broad-ranging intellectual and spiritual journey. He credited a number of inspiring teachers and professors with shaping his beliefs, values, and critical thinking. In turn, he touched many lives as an English teacher and as an Episcopal minister. His intellectual and spiritual journey included spending his senior high school year at Sherborne School in Dorset, England; graduating cum laude with Highest Honors in English Literature from Williams College, Massachusetts; and extensive graduate studies including Master of Divinity, Master of Religious Education and MA in English degrees. He enjoyed a 30-year career as a high school English teacher, including 26 years at Scarsdale High School in New York. His career as an Episcopal minister spanned 50 years, including several years in Massachusetts as Assistant Rector at St. John's Church in Williamstown and as Episcopal Chaplain at Harvard and Radcliffe. Throughout his teaching career and after his retirement, he frequently assisted with services, often preaching thought-provoking sermons at a variety of churches, especially St. John's in Larchmont. He preached his final sermons while serving a small congregation in Manhattan, Montana. Chuck was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Duncan Lange. He is survived by son Ted Lange, wife, Christine Phillips, and their son, Ian of Bozeman; by daughter Jennifer Lange Schneider, her husband, Sam Schneider, and their children, Toby and Robin of Spokane, Washington; and by his sister, June Wright and her family who reside in Maryland. A memorial service conducted by Pastor Stephen Schmidt will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Hope Lutheran Church in Bozeman. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 11390, Bozeman, MT 59719, where Chuck adopted Mac the cat who has been his companion since Jean's death. Arrangements are in the care of Dokken-Nelson Funeral Service. www.dokkennelson.com

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