

Daniel Kenneth Van Eyck

Daniel Kenneth Van Eyck was born in Manistique, Mich., on Sept. 9, 1932. He died peacefully in Madison, Wis., on Nov. 19, 2017, at the age of 85.

Dan earned his B.A. from Carleton College and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. After his undergraduate studies he served in the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps for three years in Germany.

Dan's early career included positions at Oberlin and Carleton Colleges. He also co-authored a definitive book on collective bargaining for the American Council on Education with funding from the Ford Foundation. In Madison, he worked for the University of Wisconsin System Administration.

Dan had a genuine interest in others that transcended generations. He was intelligent, warm, witty and kind. Among Dan's great pleasures were his family, entertaining with his wife of 56 years Selma (Sa'di), traveling, attending classical music performances, and completing The New York Times crossword puzzle every Sunday afternoon.

Dan is survived by his wife, Selma, and daughters Laila (Zack) Robbins and Masarah (Mike Pahmeier) Van Eyck. He was overjoyed with his grandchildren, Ramsey and Coleman Robbins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Doris (Morrison) Van Eyck, and sister Dawn Carlin.

Should you wish, please send donations in Dan's name to the Madison Symphony Orchestra, the Madison Opera, or the Wisconsin Science Museum. There will be a small family memorial at a later date.