

**Robert Dale Stevens obituary that was in the Boston Globe on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014.**

Robert Dale Stevens PhD., 86, a resident of North Andover died Thursday July 10, 2014 at the Sawtelle Family Hospice House in Reading, MA. He was born on October 8, 1927 in North Andover, MA to the late Samuel Dale and Mary Forsyth (Cordingley) Stevens. After his father's death, she married Buchanan Charles, who was a kind stepfather.

Bob started his extensive education at Shady Hill School followed by Groton School. He then graduated from Princeton University followed by graduate school at Cornell University. Bob's career highlights include U.S. Army Service in Germany, work as an economist in Peru, Assistant Professor at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Visiting Professor at National College of Agriculture, South Vietnam, and Professor of agricultural economics for 25 years at Michigan State University in East Lansing, including assignments in East Pakistan. He retired in 1990 settling in his family home in North Andover.

Mr. Stevens was very involved in the North Andover Historical Society and was presented with their Lifetime Preservation Award in 2014. He was committed to land preservation, being inspired by his mother's previous works, and donated land to The Trustees of Reservations in North Andover and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust in New London, NH. Bob's hobbies and interests included local history, photography, world news and history, cultural activities with his wife, The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, nature and a small, ongoing luncheon discussion group as well as a Bible Study group. He was an active member of Christ Church in Andover. As a lifetime summer resident on Lake Sunapee in Newbury/New London, NH, Bob was baptized and actively involved at St. James Episcopal Church in Sunapee, and was a member of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. His family has fond memories of many summers spent at Lake Sunapee.

He is survived by his wife Anne (Lofblad) Stevens of North Andover, children, Samuel Harold Stevens and his wife Margaret Zamora Stevens of Bedford, Amelia Forsyth Stevens of Trumansburg, NY, Edmund Buchanan Stevens of Watertown, MA and William Tyler Stevens and his wife Sharon O'Brien Stevens of Woodland Park, CO., stepchildren, Karen Adams Finley and her husband Ian of Andover, Christopher Michael Adams and his wife Julie of Charlotte, NC., and Michelle Eilish Adams and her husband William Michels of Wilbraham, MA., grandchildren, Ivy Lee Cordingley Stevens, Zachary Zamora Stevens, Jacqueline Petra Stevens, Ryan Alexander Stevens, and Lucia Hannah Stevens, step grandchildren, Katherine Elizabeth Finley, Matthew Milton Finley, Emma Grace Adams, Margaret Ilse Michels, Claire Elizabeth Adams and Molly Elizabeth Michels as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. Robert was predeceased by his first wife Nancy Lee (Johnson) Stevens in 2004, his brother Samuel A.C. Stevens and his sister Amy (Stevens) Putnam.

Family and friends may call on Wednesday July 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Conte Funeral Home 17 Third St. North Andover, MA 01845. His funeral service will be offered on Thursday July 17, at 1:30 PM at Christ Church in Andover. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Stevens' name to the North Andover Historical Society, The Trustees of Reservations, the American Cancer Society or the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust.

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