



Daniel P. Resnick

November 17, 1932 - May 30, 2026

Daniel Philip Resnick

Died peacefully in his home at Vincentian Schenley Gardens on May 30. He was 93.

He and his younger sister Jeanette were raised by immigrant shopkeeper parents Harry and Celia in Greenwich, CT. He recalled being surrounded by Yiddish, Russian, and mispronounced English around the kitchen table.

He was the first in his family to attend college. After graduating from Wesleyan, he spent a Fulbright year in Paris, which kindled a lifelong love of French language and culture first sparked by a memorable high school teacher. He studied history at Harvard, earning a Ph.D. in 1962.

While at Harvard, he met Lauren. It was the beginning of a 68-year marriage. Travel was central to their partnership. They sang in a choir in southern France and showed off their dance moves to Chinese colleagues shortly after the end of the Cultural Revolution. They visited every continent but Antarctica, frequently bringing back art with a story of who they had purchased it from.

Dan didn't seek leadership roles but they sought him, in both professional and communal life, perhaps because of his lifelong commitment to serving others

quietly and caring for institutions that he felt were special. Carnegie Mellon was one of those institutions. After retiring from the Carnegie Mellon faculty, he served almost a decade as a special assistant to the president and the University's trustees. For several years in the 1980s, he was executive director of the Centre Mondial de Informatique, a French Government agency. He held leadership roles in Congregation Dor Hadash (twice), his beloved Glade Spring Association in Bedford County, and most recently the residents' council at Schenley Gardens.

He had a lifelong devotion to learning, both his own and that of everyone around him. His children remember encyclopedias and an Oxford English Dictionary strategically placed in the dining room, and that a family meal rarely passed without a consultation. He participated in Dor Hadash Torah study on Saturday mornings, even past his 90th birthday.

When Dan and Lauren moved to Pittsburgh in 1966, they purchased a house on Andover Terrace. In his last two years, he lived a few hundred yards away, admiring the same views overlooking Oakland. He was very grateful for the care he and Lauren were receiving from Marie Gaestel and all of the staff at Schenley Gardens.

Dan spent his last days surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren, and the music of Haydn. He is survived by his wife Lauren, sons Jeremy (Janera Solomon) and Paul (Caroline Richardson), grandchildren Sarah (Ran Rotem), Aliza (Steven Allen), Caleb, Max, Jacob, and Mira, great-grandchildren Yael Rotem, Dafna Rotem, and Elliot Resnick-Kaplan, brother-in-law Don Brown (Susan Shimmerlik), niece Amy Benjamin, and nephew Michael Fishkow (Leslie Stein). He was predeceased by his sister Jeanette.

Charitable donations may be made in Dan's memory to Congregation Dor Hadash, 4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. 15213.

Graveside services will take place on Monday, at 11am, at Homewood Cemetery, 1599 S Dallas Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Shiva and open house will take place Monday, June 1 in person in Freehof Hall at Rodef Shalom, 4905 Fifth Ave, from 5-7 PM (with minyan at 5:15), and Wednesday, June 3 on zoom at 7 PM.

Professional services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville.

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Cemetery Details

Homewood Cemetery

Dallas & Aylesboro Avenues
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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