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Samuel Landa

Obituary

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1926-2013 PITTSFIELD Samuel Landa, 87, of Pittsfield, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2013.

Sam was born in the Bronx, New York on June 11, 1926, son of the late Pauline Landa. Following high school, Sam enlisted in the U.S. [Army](#). A combat infantryman in the Pacific, he was selected to demilitarize the Island of Sado in the Sea of Japan. He successfully carried out his mission with courage and compassion.

Following military service, Sam graduated from Long Island University and Brooklyn Law School. He began the practice of law in 1951 in New York City. On June 11, 1955 he married the former Lucille Jacobs. At this time, it was decided that Pittsfield would be a good place to raise a family and, in 1956, Sam established his own law office on North Street in Pittsfield. He would practice on North Street for the next 57 years.

He was appointed assistant City Solicitor of Pittsfield in 1966 and then City Solicitor. He served as Pittsfield's City Solicitor from 1968 until 1974. Sam worked tirelessly on behalf of the City during his entire tenure.

Sam worked with his son, William, in private practice from 1991 until the time of his passing. He was appointed by Governor Jane M. Swift as Public Administrator for Berkshire County and served in that capacity for several years during the 1990's.

Sam and Lucille had recently celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. Besides Lucille, Sam leaves two sons, Jeffrey L. Landa and his wife, Lois Landa, of Burlington, Vt. and his son, William I. Landa, of Pittsfield.

Sam was predeceased by one son, David G. Landa; a sister, Beatrice Dichner and a brother, Morris Landa.

Sam will be greatly missed as a husband, father, attorney, and friend. Many will remember him for his excellent work as an attorney, but more will remember him for his kindness. He always had a smile, a compliment and a story to share. Sam truly enjoyed spending time with his family, photography, talking with people, and having the opportunity to help people.

Private family services took place on June 23, 2013 at Knesset Israel Cemetery and the family observed Shiva from June 24 through June 28, 2013.

To honor Sam's kindness and good works, the family requests that anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in Sam's memory do so to the [charity of their choice](#).

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