

## **Richard A. Hanft**

Hanft, Richard A. TROY Honorable Richard A. Hanft, age 68, of Troy, died on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the Albany Medical Center. Richard was born in Brooklyn, and later moved to Rockville Center. e graduated Southside High School in 1964. He later graduated from the University of Rochester, class of 1968 and the Albany Law School in 1971. Richard was an attorney and was associated for many years with the law firm of Lee, LeForester and Hanft, PC. Richard was active with the Rensselaer County Democratic Party. He served as a judge for Rensselaer County Family Court. At the time of his passing Richard was associated with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services. He served on the board of trustees for SUNY Albany from 1977 until 2003. Richard was a member of Temple Beth El in Troy, as well as the Rensselaer County and New York State Bar Associations. He was also active in Brunswick soccer and the Tamarac Booster Club. He was an avid sports fan and was a season ticket holder for University of Albany sporting events as well as a season ticket hold for the [University of Michigan](#) Football team. He was a fan of both men and women basketball at SUNY Albany. Richard spent his summers at Camp Scatico in Elizaville, N.Y. where he served as a camper as well as a counselor. Richard is survived by his mother, Beatrice Glucksman; his children, Sara Salitan-Thiell and her husband Aaron Thiell, Michael Hanft and his fiancée, Dr. Kara Willenburg and Caren Kottlow and her husband Andrew Kottlow. Grandfather of Chava and Micah Thiell, Sophia and Alexis Kottlow. Brother of Steven Hanft and his wife, Annelie Struessmann. He was predeceased by his father, Alfred Jacob Hanft in 1988. Services at Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in the Beth El Cemetery, Belle Avenue, in Troy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peter Goldberg Memorial Fellowship at the University of California, Greater Good Science Center, 2425 Atherton St., Berkeley, CA 94720 or the Hadassah University Medical Center, P.O. Box 12000 Jerusalem, Israel 91120 or a [charity of one's choice](#) . The period of mourning will be observed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Caren and Andrew Kottlow, 11 Arbor Drive in Slingerlands from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and on Sunday at the home of Beatrice Glucksman, 100 White Pine Drive, Apartment 128 in Albany from 3-5 p.m. (Avila Community). For directions or to sign the online guestbook, please visit [levinememorialchapel.com](#)



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