



Dr. Herman Kleine passed away on August 24, 2023, at his home in Fairfield, Connecticut. He was 103.

Dr. Kleine, born in Brooklyn, NY, earned his undergraduate degree at the State University of New York in Albany before joining the Army Air Corps in 1945. After his military service, he returned to school to earn his doctorate in economics at Clark University. He was recruited from Clark to help shape the Marshall Plan, the groundbreaking U.S. effort to rebuild Europe after World War II. This led to a twenty-year career with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where Dr. Kleine held numerous prestigious positions, including USAID Mission Director in Ethiopia, USAID Representative to the U.S. Mission to the UN, and Deputy Mission Chief in Brazil. He then served as Assistant

Administrator of USAID's Bureau of Latin American Affairs in Washington, D.C. In that role, he advised Presidents Nixon and Ford on U.S. policy in Central and South America, managed transformational development initiatives, including the "Alliance for Progress," and was declared by then-National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger a "misfit" for "writing readable reports." Dr. Kleine also earned a mid-career Masters in National Security Studies at the National War College, class of 1963. After government service, Dr. Kleine worked at the InterAmerican Development Bank; Georgetown University, where he was Director of the Center for Immigration Policy and Refugee Assistance; and as a volunteer at the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Affairs.

Even as Dr. Kleine pursued his illustrious career, he was deeply devoted to his family. Surviving family members include his children Joseph Kleine and Michael Kleine; grandchildren Suzanne Kleine, Sarah Kleine, Dan Kleine, Harold Kleine, and Phillip Kleine. Dr. Kleine was predeceased by his beloved wife, Paula Kleine; and siblings, Harold Kleine and Pauline Levin. He was likewise devoted to Congregation Beth El in Fairfield, whose congregation offered him so much friendship, companionship and support over the years.

Funeral services were held at on Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 PM at Congregation Or Hadash at 1200 Fairfield Woods Road. Burial will follow at Congregation Beth El Cemetery at 250 Reid Street in Fairfield. Shiva was observed at the Kleine residence also in Fairfield on Sunday, August 27 at 7:00 PM and Monday, August 28 at 5:00 PM. For more information, and to share a condolence message, visit www.greensfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Or Hadash Tikkun Olam Fund, 1200 Fairfield Woods Rd, Fairfield, CT 06825 (www.orhadashct.org).

The family wishes to extend its gratitude to caretaker Charmaine Sovie, whose expert and compassionate service enabled Dr. Kleine to live life to its fullest and ultimately remain comfortably at home, as he desired, until the very end.