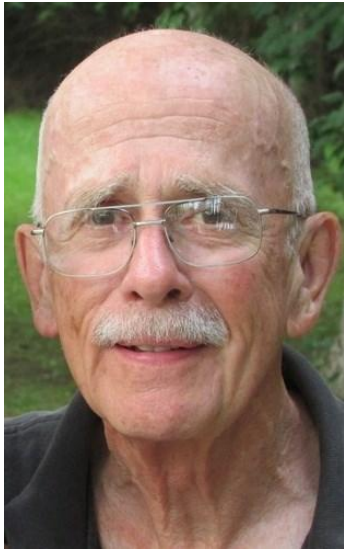


Douglas Perry Broome Obituary



Douglas Perry Broome passed away peacefully with his son and daughter by his side, on March 28, 2026, in Cortland, New York from Parkinson's disease. He was born in Waltham, Massachusetts on August 28, 1941, to Edwin Cornelius Broome and Edith Perry Broome.

Douglas earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Swarthmore College in 1963 and went on to obtain his master's degree at American University, followed by doctoral studies at the University of Denver. He studied Arabic at the University of Cairo and continued his doctoral studies until obtaining a position at the United States Treasury Department.

His love of travel, history, politics and culture led him to a position at the U.S. Department of State as a foreign service officer for the United States Agency for International Development, where he pursued a thirty-year career in the developing world and in Washington, D.C. His posts included Lagos, Nigeria; Ankara, Turkey; Banjul, The Gambia, where, as attaché, he launched and implemented USAID mission; Dakar, Senegal; New Delhi, India and Kinshasa, Zaire. He traveled extensively with his family throughout every continent in which he served. He spoke Arabic most fluently, but also learned Wolof, French and Hindi. He was assigned to the Foreign Service Grievance Board, and after retiring, was asked to return as a Senior Labor Management Advisor for the American Foreign Service Association. As a gifted writer, avid reader and lifelong scholar, he nurtured an insatiable interest in world political history, culture and religion. Douglas could also fix anything and spent his free time rebuilding vintage Mercedes automobiles, Gravely tractors and literally everything from the kitchen sink to the dock on the waters of his beloved forty-year respite on Lake Champlain in Westport, New York.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Mariana Henriette Jalil Khalil Atiyeh Broome; his son, E. Jason Broome; his daughter, Justine B. Shay; his son-in-law, Devin Shay; his adopted sister, Jano Brown and his grandchildren Serafina Broome, Jonah Shay, Alexa Shay, Julian Shay. He was predeceased by his father and mother; his stepmother, Madelin and his brother, Standish.

A direct descendant of Captain Myles Standish of the Mayflower, Douglas had a mischievous bent combined with a dry delivery that belied a curious and observant mind, often delicately walking the line between witty dark humor and inappropriate roasting. He was passionate about his wife's Palestinian cooking, good beer and summer days with friends and family on the lake.

A private memorial gathering will be held at his daughter's home in Tully, New York on

Father's Day, June 21, 2026. Donations may be sent to Mariana Broome, care of Justine Shay, 411 Babcock Road, Tully, NY, 13159, where they will be consolidated and sent directly to the [Michael J. Fox Foundation](#) for the treatment of Parkinson's disease. Please contact the family for more information.

Douglas Broome was a highly intelligent and hardworking man, a loyal husband and a consistent, steady advisor and mentor to his close and extended family and his decades-long friends. He was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need. He will be especially missed by all who appreciated the correlation between the twinkle in his eye and his sardonic grin.

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