



## Sam Goldberger

March 21, 1942 - June 9, 2008

Sam Goldberger, 66, beloved husband of Maria Stipsits Goldberger, passed away on June 9th at Hartford Hospital after a brief illness, surrounded by his family. Sam was born in Bridgeport on March 21, 1942, son of the late Louis and Margaret Gross Goldberger. He attended local schools and graduated from Yale University in 1964. He went on to Columbia University and earned a Ph.D. in East Central European History. After teaching briefly at Brooklyn College and conducting graduate research in Hungary, he taught history at Capital Community College for 33 years, retiring in 1993. Hundreds of former students remember him fondly as a professor, and he particularly enjoyed advising student clubs. In his retirement he fulfilled a lifelong dream to travel widely in the Middle East and Asia and research his family roots in Hungary. Sam was a member of the West Hartford Democratic Town Committee, a Justice of the Peace, and active in We Refuse to Be Enemies, Greater Hartford PFLAG, and many other interfaith and peace organizations and movements. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter Judy Goldberger of Boston. Additionally he leaves a half brother, Joe Galler and his wife, Kathy, of Delaware and numerous cousins in the United States, Canada, and Hungary. Funeral services will be Friday at 10:00 am at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., followed by interment in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Friends and family may call from 2-4 and 7-9 pm on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Capital Community College Foundation, 950 Main St., Room 1111, Hartford,

CT 06103; Hartford Seminary designated for the MacDonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian Muslim Relations, 77 Sherman St., Hartford, CT 06105, or the charity of the donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Real sad to hear about Sam. In 1979 we saw a Czech play at Uconn, the best line of which was "there is no such thing as communism at 4 o'clock in the morning!" On the way back to Hartford Sam was so caught up in conversation that he almost hit a car in the breakdown lane. I yelled out and thus saved Sam's, my friend Barbara's, and my own life. Or not. Maybe it wasn't that close a call. But it made for a very strong memory. Later, when I was his student, he put my review of Foner's book on Th.Paine's Philadelphia on file in the CCTC library. So yeah, i'll miss the guy.##imported-begin##kimball shortell##imported-end##*

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“ *It is with great sadness that I learned of Sam's passing. Mt heartfelt condolences to the family. His wit and intelligence as well as his good heart will be sorely missed by all of us who knew and worked with him for peace and social justice.##imported-begin##Meg Scata##imported-end##*

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