



## David Paul Behan

December 15, 1939 - April 8, 2015

David Paul Behan, son of the late Edmund Joseph Behan, M.D. and the late Marie Ridinger Behan, was born in New Haven, on December 15, 1939. He died April 8, 2015.

Mr. Behan attended Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, and graduated from Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He received his B.A. from Yale University in 1961 and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1967. From 1966 - 70 he was Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Dean of Morse College, Yale University. Professor Behan pursued post-doctoral research at Christ Church, Oxford University, England, and Yale University. He taught philosophy at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, from 1974 until 2010, and was Associate Dean of the College 1985-87. He was also a past president of the Georgia Philosophical Association. He was Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Agnes Scott College at the time of his death. His publications include articles on Descartes, Locke, and Hume. Mr. Behan's older brother, Robert F. Behan, died in 2007, and his oldest brother, Edmund J. Behan, Jr., died 1993. Mr. Behan is survived by his sister in law, Patricia Behan of Madison, two nieces, Carolyn Behan Kraus of Cheshire and Katie Behan of Madison, and three nephews, Ted Behan of Chappaqua, New York, Bruce Behan of Bridgewater, New Jersey, and John Behan of West Hartford. Mr. Behan was a member of the Elizabethan Club of Yale University and held memberships in several philosophical associations.

A Requiem Mass will be held at St. Stanislaus Church, 796 State Street on

Friday, April 17, at noon. Burial in St. Lawrence Cemetery, West Haven.  
Calling hours are Thursday from 5 - 7 p.m. in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden. Gifts in his memory may be sent to St. Francis  
de Sales Catholic church, 587 Landers Drive, Mableton, Georgia, 30126 or  
any charitable organization. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

APR 16. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

APR 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Stanislaus  
State St.  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“*Dave and I were classmates at Hopkins at the time when he lived on Chapel St. We had a lot of good times together. He wasn't just really smart (something you could just sense) but had a great sense of humor as well.*

*Dave Opton '57*

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**David Opton** - April 16, 2015 at 07:15 AM

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“*As a Morse College freshman in 1967-68, I benefited from Dean Behan's counseling. Specifically, as I was on the verge of flunking out, he asked for a meeting with my father and me and advised my father to let me choose my own courses. I went on to graduate. Thanks, Dean Behan!*

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**Richard Clarke** - April 15, 2015 at 03:06 PM