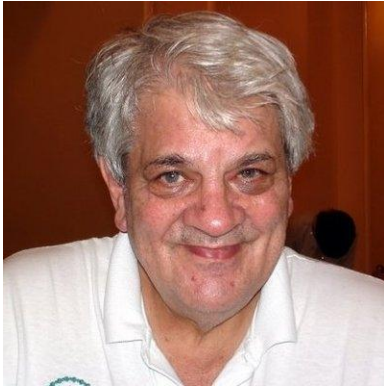


HENRY G. BETHE



Henry Bethe of Ithaca, NY, a renowned bridge player, passed away on Sunday, June 7 at the age of 71. The cause of death was cardiac arrest as a result of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. After working for many years in New York City as an investment banker, Henry retired to Ithaca, NY to help care for his parents and focus on his lifelong passion for bridge. Henry was a prominent player in the bridge community, having won North American Bridge Championship events in 1968, 1987 and 1991, as well as numerous high-finishes over five decades of high-level competition. He obtained the status of

American Contract Bridge League Grand Life Master in 2006. In the last few years of his life, as his diminishing health limited his travel, he continued to be a tireless contributor to several competition committees of the United States Bridge Federation, providing thoughtful internet commentary and writing numerous articles on bridge. Chief among his many contributions to the game of bridge, Henry developed a new way to calculate scoring for round-robin bridge matches, which was adopted both by the United States Bridge Federation and the World Bridge Federation. Henry was an avid reader, gourmet cook, and lifelong stamp collector. Family and friends enjoyed and admired his quick mind and phenomenal memory. Henry is survived by his mother Rose, Sister Monica, and son Paul as well as numerous family members from all over the world. To honor Henry's passion for bringing bridge to the next generation, contributions may be made to The United States Bridge Federation Junior Program, a 501(c)(3) organization. A memorial service will be held in the coming weeks.

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