



Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez, 88
SOUTH FREEPORT - Dr. Théodore Cherbuliez died on July 2, 2016, at his home in South Freeport with Susan, his wife of 56 years, by his side. Dr. Cherbuliez was born in Geneva, Switzerland, and came to the U.S. in 1959 to pursue training in psychoanalysis and psychiatry. In the New York region, he worked at Albert Einstein/Montefiore Hospital and Cornell Medical Center. He also maintained a private practice in Scarsdale, N.Y., then in South Freeport for 53 years. In Portland, he consulted on family therapy at Maine Medical Center. For decades he returned annually to his native Geneva to work with clinicians on innovative approaches to child welfare, making his last trip this past April.

Dr. Cherbuliez had a passion for bees, which began during his childhood years in the Valais mountains. After becoming a master beekeeper in 1988, he became interested in the health value of the products of the hive and was president of both the American Apitherapy Society and the Apitherapy Commission of Apimondia (the International Federation of Beekeepers Associations). He travelled worldwide, lecturing on and teaching apitherapy. Theo was a consummate Swiss, deriving a great deal of his philosophy on resilience, responsibility, and cooperation from a childhood of skiing and mountain climbing with his brother, sisters, and mother; scaling the Matterhorn in his teens. As an adult his passions included not only bees and apitherapy, but also piloting planes, playing the recorder, baking bread, and caring for generations of cats.

In addition to Susan, he is survived by his five daughters and their families: Ariane (Steven Orzack, Nora, of Cambridge, Mass.); Nicole (Seth Clayter, Isabel, Lauren, of Portland); Lisa (John Terry, Eloise, Madeline, Charlotte, of Needham, Mass.); Diana (of Vinalhaven); and Juliette (Matthias Rothe, Lucie and her father Michael Opperman, of Minneapolis, Minn).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Doctors without Borders or, in keeping with Dr. Cherbuliez's commitment to justice and tolerance, to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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