



## John Rodes Helm

September 1, 1930 - November 29, 2014

John Rodes Helm Publishing executive, volunteer in the Montclair community  
John Rodes Helm died Nov. 29, 2014. A memorial service will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, Montclair, N.J. Born to Mary Rodes and Harold H. Helm at Mountainside Hospital on Sept. 1, 1930, John lived in Montclair for most of his life. He graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy and Princeton, Class of 1952. John worked in publishing for Doubleday, Praeger and MIT Press. For the last 40 years he was an active volunteer in the Montclair community. He provided leadership at COPE, the Red Cross, the Senior Center, Van Vleck House and Gardens, the planning board of the United Way and the Montclair Community Foundation. John gave 93 pints of blood through the Red Cross up until 2003, and then gave platelets for the next 10 years. He was a 75-year member of Central Presbyterian Church and served for decades as a leader on the session, mission committee, stewardship committee, editor of the newsletter and longtime choir member. John was known for his love of books, community service and philanthropy. Preceded in death by his longtime partner, Roberta Steiner, he is survived by sister, Eleanor Ketcham (John), and nephews and nieces, Jim Ketcham (Dana), Cliff Ketcham (James Moudy), Mary Sterner (David); and five great-nephews, great-nieces and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to COPE, 104 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, N.J. 07042 or Central Presbyterian Church Mission Fund, 46 Park St., Montclair, N.J. 07042



# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Presbyterian Church  
46 Park Street  
Montclair, NJ 07042