

Sarah LeVine (1940-2023), Bob LeVine (1932-2023)

Long time Trust supporter, board member and friend, Sarah E. LeVine died in August. Her husband Bob died shortly thereafter. Sarah met Bob, another Harvard anthropologist, in Nigeria in 1961. They married in Chicago in 1968, and worked together for more than 50 years.

The LeVines spent many happy summers in Hancock County. They were active members of the Toddy Pond Association, devoted to protecting the pond's wildlife and ecosystems. Sarah published a citizen history of both Toddy Pond and the Morgan Bay Zendo, in Surry. In recent years, she was passionately involved with Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust and the Wildlands. She served on the board as President, Vice President, and committee chair, and perhaps as importantly, as host of many lively dinner parties with eclectic mixes of people, young and old, and always excellent food.

Born in England in 1940, Sarah was educated at Oxford and Harvard Universities. After she received a PHD, she dedicated herself to fieldwork focused on the socialization of children and the impact of women's education on child and reproductive health in Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, Mexico, Venezuela, India and Nepal. She was the author of a wide range of books, including *Mothers & Wives* (1979) and *The Saint of Kathmandu* (2008). She also wrote novels under a pseudonym, Louisa Dawkins.

Born in New York City in 1932, Bob LeVine was a leading figure in the field of psychological anthropology. Professor of Education and Human Development at Harvard University, he was the author of many books about communities in Africa and around the world, including *Culture, Behavior & Personality: An Introduction to the Comparative Study of Psychosocial Adaptation* (1982) and *Psychological Anthropology: A Reader on Self and Culture* (2010).

Sarah died quickly and unexpectedly of cancer. Bob died of complications related to dementia. The LeVine's most recent book together was, *Do Parents Matter?* (2016). A comparative look at global parenting practices, the book synthesized learnings from their research for American parents.

They are survived by their children and their children's partners, Anna LeVine Winger and Joerg Winger of Berlin, Germany, and Alex LeVine and Jordanna Fraiberg of Los Angeles, and by three beloved granddaughters, Isabella and Rose Winger, and Eva LeVine, all of whom were lucky to be with Bob and Sarah during their final days.

GPMCT has lost an extraordinary supporter who left an indelible mark on the organization. Her insights, leadership, and kindness enriched our board meetings and inspired us all, reminding us that our work is not just about preserving land; it's about the people who share our passion and commitment. She was a guiding force in shaping GPMCT's vision for the future, and her legacy will forever inform our ongoing conservation work.

We will be planning a memorial event in the coming months.

Alex and Anna have requested donations be made in Bob and Sarah's names to the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust.