



## Stanley M Sherman

September 15, 1922 - January 29, 2019

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Stanley M. Sherman, born New York City, 15 September 1922, the son of Isidore and Ida (Handelsman) Sherman, died in Washington, D.C., 29 January, 2019. Growing up mostly in the Bronx, where his father, an immigrant from Latvia, owned a retail grocery store, Mr. Sherman attended New York City public schools and graduated with a B.Sc. from the College of the City of New York in 1943. After brief military service, he enrolled in the Graduate School of Design at Harvard, from which he received an M.Arch in 1949. He worked in several architectural firms, including that of I.M. Pei, in New York and Washington, and held a Fulbright Scholarship in the Netherlands in 1954-55 before joining the faculty of the College of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Michigan in 1956. In 1959 he became chief of design at the Redevelopment Land Agency, a federal agency created to plan and execute the renewal of the city of Washington, D.C.; he remained at the agency, which became part of the District's Department of Housing and Community Development when Washington was granted partial home rule in 1974, through retirement in 1986. Retirement allowed Mr. Sherman to transform a part-time avocation, design bookbinding, into a full-time occupation, working from a studio in the basement of his Washington home. Over the course of his career he created over a hundred unique designs, many of which were featured in "Interpretation by Design," a solo exhibition at the Walters Art Gallery (now Walters Art Museum) in Baltimore in 2006, curated by his wife, art historian Claire Richter Sherman. Predeceased by a sister, Zelma Sherman of Brooklyn, N.Y., he is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Claire Richter Sherman; his son, Daniel J. Sherman, and son-in-law, Eduardo Douglas, of Chapel Hill, N.C. A memorial service is being held Friday, February 1, 2:00 PM at Sagel Bloomfield/Value Choice Funeral Care, 1091 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the North Bennet Street School, <https://www.nbss.edu/donate>; or the Walters Art Museum, <https://thewalters.org/support/giving/>.



# Comments

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“ Dan, Claire, and Eduardo--I'm so sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed my friendship with Stan, and have been looking in particular at the beautiful covers he designed for my books. Each of those design projects began with conversations about the content of the books, which Stan read with great care and tremendous intelligence. I treasure the correspondence I still have about the designs he decided upon and then executed, as I do the beautiful covers he created for them. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Paula

**Paula Sanders** - January 31 at 04:57 PM