



Norman Gordon Levin

December 17, 1924 - December 22, 2020

Norman G. Levin peacefully passed away Tuesday, December 22 in his room with his wife, Shirley, by his side, at Zarrow Pointe in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Norm was born in Dallas, Texas to Gertie and Agar Levin December 17, 1924. He lived in Dallas for the first eighteen years of his life and attended SMU until joining the Air Transport Command Division of the U.S. Air Force based in Tulsa in 1944. There, he met the love of his life, Shirley Haas, at a dance for service men stationed in the Tulsa area. Their first date was going to the Delman Theater to see "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and, from then on, they were a twosome. Norm got his orders to ship over-seas the day FDR died, April 12, 1945 and spent the next twelve plus months at Clark AF Base in Manila, Philippine Islands.

After Norm's discharge from the Air Force, he settled in Tulsa working for Tulsa Iron and Metal Co. Two months later, Shirley came from the University of Texas; they got engaged and married June 30, 1946.

Eventually, Norm left Tulsa Iron and Metal and joined the staff of Producers Oil, a job he enjoyed for 33 years. Norm taught 7th & 8th grade Sunday School at B'nai Emunah Synagogue for many years, was director of B'nai Emunah's Youth Congregation, and participated in the cast of multiple musical plays written and parodied by his wife, Shirley. Norman had a beautiful singing voice which he used to entertain, chant religious services at the Synagogue and at Zarrow Pointe, and to perform at many weddings and Bar Mitzvahs over the years. He enjoyed watching and playing tennis for many years with friends and strangers alike.

Norman had 5 passions: his family, his faith, his love of music and singing, he enjoyed all kinds of people and let us not forget his love of OU Football. He especially loved singing to Shirley until he was 95 years old. Norman loved discussions with people much younger than he was. He was interested in their opinions and never missed a chance to share his own. Young people kept him young and he and Shirley shared that passion. His number one was his family. This was the most important thing in his life and if you met Norman, you left him knowing the names of his kids, where they lived and what they did.

He is predeceased by his parents, Gertie and Agar, his brother, Sol, his son, Randy and his son-in-law, Lance Dubois

Norm is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Shirley Haas Levin, his daughter Linda Levin Dubois of Tulsa, his daughter Debbie Levin Jardot (Leo) of McLean, VA, daughter-in-law Susie Lerner Levin of Northbrook, IL, Grandchildren Elissa Levin, Nicole Dubois Hitchcock (Mitchell), Michael Dubois (Leah), Amy Levin Anshell (Adam), Benjamin Jardot (Sarah Moses) and Maggie Jardot. Also, 6 beloved great-grandchildren, 2 nieces and many cousins.

The family would like to thank the loving staff at Zarrow Pointe, Miller Hospice and the outpouring of love and support of friends, extended family and clergy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Norm's memory can be made to Congregation B'nai Emunah, Zarrow Pointe, or Tulsa B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) c/o Tulsa Jewish Federation.

Private Family Services will be Monday, December 28.

Fitzgerald Ivy Chapel, 918-585-1151

Comments



“ Dear Levin Family,
We just read of Mr. Levin's passing and were so sorry to hear this news. He was always so very kind to all of us Buthods when we'd visit the office with our dad. Praying that your sweet memories of Mr. Levin bring smiles to your hearts and that you find comfort in knowing how much he meant to so very many people. love,
Michele Buthod Kidson(and all of the Buthods)

michele buthod kidson - January 05 at 02:03 AM



“ So very sorry to hear about Norman, he was such a wonderful, friendly, kind man. So many memories from BBYO and my life at B'nai Emunah and later always visiting at Zarrow when I would come to town. His voice will be missed at Zarrow , may his memory be for a blessing.

pam bernstein schack - December 29, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ I was fortunate to share a table with Norm at my first Seder at Zarrow Pointe in 2019. Listening to him singing the Passover songs was a treat. Later, I was fortunate enough to hear him lead a many Sabbath services in the Health Center at Zarrow Pointe. I'm humbled by how he touched lives. It was an honor and privilege to know him and work with him.



Kimgrace Haokip - December 27, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ I have known Norman Levin all of my life. Our parents were close friends, and our families were members of the Tulsa Jewish community. I used to joke that I was named after him. Once I played tennis with him when I was in college, and he won every game. He was one good tennis player. I will miss seeing his loving, smiling face, always ready for a story and genuine support. Norman's life was well lived; his family and numerous friends have been blessed by having had him in their lives. What a mensch !!!

Norman Kopp - December 27, 2020 at 02:44 PM