



Mr. Herman G. Berkman

April 29, 1923 - January 6, 2015

Mr. Herman Gerald Berkman, 91, of 1 Berkshire Square, Adams, and Stockbridge Bowl, died on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Monticello, New York on April 29, 1923, son of the late Isaac and Rebecca (Dorf) Berkman.

Mr. Berkman earned his Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration and Economics from New York University in 1947. He then went on to earn his Master's in Regional Planning and his PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1956.

Mr. Berkman had an extensive teaching career having been a Professor at New York University and the University of Wisconsin. He had also been a lecturer and instructor for many colleges and universities around the world. He was also a consultant to many urban renewal agencies and planning committees.

He was a life member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and Phi Beta Kappa. Herman was a lover of classical music and first came to know the Berkshires through Tanglewood. He had a strong interest in all the arts, attending local museums, theatres, and the dance, attending Jacob's Pillow frequently. For many years dogs were among his best friends, especially Samoyeds. He enjoyed bird watching and all aspects of nature. He took delight in seeing his nieces and nephews and their families grow into adulthood as well as the children of his friends. He was well

known for his generous nature. He was capable of showing interest in almost everyone he encountered. He will be missed.

He is survived by two nephews, Josh Weinstein of Shelburne Falls, MA and Eugene Sommerfeld of Danvers, MA, two nieces, Susan Sommerfeld of Melbourne, FL and Laura Macalevey of Worthing, England. He is also survived by seven grandnephews and five grandnieces and three great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

He was predeceased by his three sisters, Sarah Horowitz, Ruth Sommerfeld and Pearl Weinstein. By two nieces, Muriel Horowitz and Arlyne Smith and his close friend of sixty-eight years, Linwood Dodge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society, 214 Barker Road, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

The PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, is in charge of arrangements.

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for your loss. Herman was a sweet and caring gentleman. I had the honor of knowing and caring for him for almost a year. We shared a love of animals and enjoyed each other's company, always sharing a lot of laughs. He will be greatly missed.

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“ I feel fortunate to have had the experience of enjoying Herman's love and friendship for most of my life. He was tons of fun and a major influence on who I am. I'll miss him.

Josh Weinstein - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ My heart is heavy with the passing of this wonderful man. We first met through the insurance industry and with frequent encounters grew to be friends. I will miss and forever cherish our many conversations, our picnics in Stockbridge, our occasional Sunday drives and our last outing, the Train concert at Tanglewood. You were always so full of life and adventure. We enjoyed being part of your life and feel blessed to have had you as part of ours. My only regret is we didn't get to help you finish your "Bucket List" Rest in peace my special friend.

Debbie Baker - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ Herman

Joanne Lapine - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

JL

“ I had the experience of enjoying Herman's friendship for the past 2 years. We shared a lot of laughs, and good times. Herman loved to go riding around and I enjoyed taking him. I had the pleasure of going with him to plays, concerts and shopping that he loved. I will miss him dearly

Joanne Lapine - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

DC

“ My wife, Rena Mueller, and I were so sorry to hear of Herman's death. We lived in 110 Bleecker, when he was there, we are still there. We had Samoyeds -- that explains everything. He was a such a "menschlich" human being. I am sorry we lost touch. Strength & Courage to all.

David Cannata - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

SS

“ Of the many memories I have of Uncle Herman, my favorite is the many conversations that we had about opera. We both shared a love of opera.
He liked to discuss health problems and was concerned that we all were taking the proper medications. Many in our family have diabetes, and he hoped one day they would find a cure.
He was dedicated to education, both learning and teaching. I am sure he influenced many lives in his career.
He will always be in our hearts.
Susan Sommerfeld

Susan Sommerfeld - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ herman was my first american friend. i lived with herman and lin in silver towers in 1975 when i arrived in new york. we met in melbourne australia the year before and from meeting in the street, the recognition of a kindred spirit led us to a long friendship. he was a beautiful person with an elegant mind. lin dodge provided a complement. they were a energetic team of thinking styles. herman's influence will be strong. his lifestyle was part of his creative and ideological self..to have known him is to have loved him and it continues to grow..wild as the wind.sam.schoenbaum@gmail.com

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“ Thank you for the time you spent with us, for the love you showed and for being the special person that you areWe will miss youRest in peace Mr. Berkman

Shane & Billy Baker - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ I will always remember my funny, intelligent, cultured and slightly whacky dear Uncle Herman. Love to the rest of the family.

Laura (Laurie) MacAlevy - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

LM

“ I will always remember the interesting places Uncle Herman lived. Although I never visited Madison, I grew up wearing the Wisconsin Badgers sweatshirt for many years. When he moved back to NYC and lived on Bleeker street in the Village, it was great fun to visit him and Lin in their apartment. It was a bit of an anarchic place where I was always welcome with my friends and we always went out to eat in foreign restaurants which I loved. Then onto Massachusetts-Stockbridge and the lake were amazing and my husband and I have many wonderful photos of our visits there and of us rowing around the lake. Lastly, Adams and the many exciting concerts we attended at Tanglewood. Thinking back, seeing Herman always brought surprises and new experiences. Although I didn't see much of him once I moved to Britain, my childhood was intimately linked to him and I am sorry he has passed on before I got to see him one last time.

Laura MacAlevey - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM

AS

“ Nice to see family and friends I do not know here. Good bye Uncle!

Alexis sommerfeld - June 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



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