



## Dr. Charles Ralph Buncher

January 9, 1938 - February 23, 2022

### DR. CHARLES RALPH BUNCHER

Buncher, Dr. Charles Ralph, age 84, passed away February 23, 2022, beloved husband of Maxine Berkman, devoted father of Hope (Ken) Black, stepfather of Sarah Bernstein (Mark) Newman and Alex Bernstein (Carolyn Smaka), caring grandfather of Annabella and Helena Black, Charles Bernstein and Jordan and Jeremy Newman. He is survived by his dear brother Irwin (Judith) Buncher and their loving daughter, son-in-law and their twin grandsons, as well as caring cousins and friends.

Dr. Buncher graduated with honors from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, served in the Navy and then earned Master and Doctorate degrees in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from Harvard University. Following graduation, Dr. Buncher was a biostatistician at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima, Japan and then moved to Cincinnati for a position with Merrill Dow. He was a University of Cincinnati College of Medicine faculty member for more than 40 years and directed the Epidemiology and Biostatistics division of their Department of Environmental Health.

Services Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249 on Sunday, February 27, 1:00 P.M. Visitation will be held from 12:15-1:00 P.M. Masks are required. The service will be streamed live at [https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed\\_viewer/70008](https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/70008). Friends may call on the family following the interment at Losantiville Country Club, 3097 Losantiville Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45213. Shiva will be observed Monday and Tuesday

evenings, with minyan at 7:00 P.M. at the residence of Maxine Berkman, 7919 Mitchell Farm Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242. Times will be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Plum Street Temple Historic Preservation Fund, 8329 Ridge Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236, the UC Environmental and Public Health Sciences, College of Medicine, UC Foundation , University Hall, 51 Goodman Street., Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 or Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Road., Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Charles Ralph Buncher



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**Weil Kahn Funeral Home** - February 25, 2022 at 09:17 AM

EH

*Dr. Buncher was one of the best teachers that I've ever had. I learned so much from him and feel honored to have been lucky enough to have him as a professor. I'm now a teacher and I use many of the techniques that I saw him use when I teach masters students and undergraduates. The world was a better place because he was in it. Many generations were trained in Epidemiology by this great man*

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**Edmond Hooker** - February 28, 2022 at 08:29 PM

BA

*I was deeply saddened to hear the news of Professor Ralph Buncher's passing. Dr. Buncher was one of the finest educators I have ever had the privilege of learning from. I gained invaluable knowledge during his classes and feel truly fortunate to have had him as a professor. His teachings resonate with me, and I often find myself quoting him in my classes. It is with regret that I came to realize his passing only after the fact. Rest in peace, dear Professor. Basil Amarneh, Jordan*

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**Basil Amarneh** - February 17, 2025 at 02:22 AM

MA

“ I was so sad to get the news this morning of Ralph's passing. My heart goes out to Maxine. Most of my memories of Ralph are from the Harvard Book Club, where he was always able to cut to the heart of an issue and expose any flummery, all while maintaining his good humor. He had a twinkle in his eye while skewering a misuse of statistics that I will sorely miss.

*Marcy Taylor  
Cincinnati, Ohio*

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**Marcy** - February 27, 2022 at 04:51 PM

PK

“ Ralph gave me my first “real” job. He gave me tasks that were initially beyond my abilities, and let me figure out how to get the job done. He treated me with respect and made me believe in myself. He was my teacher and my mentor, and I can't express how important he has been in my life. I was so happy for him when he and Maxine found each other. I share the grief that Maxine and the rest of his family and so many others feel. Love, Phil Khoury

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**Phil Khoury** - February 27, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RM

“ to the Buncher family, We send our condolences on the passing of Dr. Charles Ralph Buncher. He was mentor, a teacher, and a friend. He shall be missed!

*Ruth McDevitt  
Portland, OR*

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**Ruth McDevitt** - February 26, 2022 at 02:26 PM