



Gerald E Sapadin

August 17, 1942 - May 23, 2022

GERALD E. SAPADIN

CINCINNATI-Gerry (Gerald E.) “Splash” Sapadin, a world class swimmer and a longtime resident of Cincinnati, passed away quietly on May 22 at his home. He was in his 80th year. Gerry was the son of the late Benjamin and Sylvia (Blossom) Sapadin. He leaves behind his sister Judy Sapadin Lauter of Atlanta, nephews James and Michael Lauter, great-nephews, and great nieces, along with many loving cousins, and loyal friends. Gerry was a graduate of Woodward High School, class of 1960 and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, class of 1964. While at UC, he was a proud member of both Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity and the invitation only honorary fraternity of Sigma Sigma. His devotion to the university was complete when he received the Alumni Lifetime Fundraising Award. Gerry began swimming competitively at a very young age. He was an outstanding member of the Woodward High School swim team earning All American recognition and a scholarship to UC. According to Justin Berg from The American Israelite, “In his first year at UC, Sapadin was part of one of the best freshman swim teams in the nation.” A highlight of his undergraduate years was when he qualified to join America’s team for the sixth Maccabiah Games in Tel Aviv in 1961. He won a bronze medal for the 100-meter free style. No one who knows Gerry could forget his sparkling smile, witty sense of humor, loyal friendship and passion for all things U C, Bengals, and Cincinnati Reds. Those of us lucky to love him and

to be loved by him will never forget his kindness, affection, and support. Our hearts are broken as we grieve his passing. May his memory be a blessing. He will be sorely missed. Graveside services will be 11:30 am on Thursday, May 26 at the United Jewish Cemetery, 1657 Rosemont Ave., Price Hill. If you so wish, donations in Gerry's memory can be made to the Jewish Community Center of Cincinnati, to the University of Cincinnati Alumni Association, or to the charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery Price Hill

1657 Rosemont Ave
Cincinnati , OH 45205

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 26. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



TA

“ Gerry and I met through my father, Mel Abrams. Gerry and my father were handball champs at the Jewish Center. They were a force on the courts. Gerry and I became friends also. The reason was Gerry was just a great person and fun to be around. One of the most positive person I knew. For many years now he would stop by my dealership and come into my office and chat. Before we knew it a couple of hours past and a lot of belly laughter. I will miss this guy and when I got the txt last night I shed a tear!!
Love you Gerry.
Terry Abrams

Terry Abrams - May 26, 2022 at 09:21 AM



ML

“ Gerry was my best friend in High School. I taught Gerry ho to ride a bike. He is with the Lord now. LOVE YOU GERRY
Mike Levine

Mike Levine - May 25, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Splash. I was a few years behind him but he was great to be around. He will be missed solely. May the Lord comfort all the family during these difficult times.

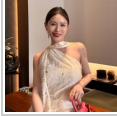
Jeffrey Wacksman - May 25, 2022 at 09:06 AM



“ So sorry to hear this news. I truly wish that Jerry is finally at peace.

Jim Sachs

Jim Sachs - May 24, 2022 at 02:31 PM



Gerry instilled a sense of purpose and meaning to his relationships. Gerry will be missed, always loved.

Gary Furst - May 31, 2022 at 10:13 AM

BL

Gerry was such a friendly and erudite man whom I loved seeing in my office several times .I moved to Cincinnati in my junior year and was exposed to his swimming exploits early on. I developed a friendship over the next several years including in College. He was the consummate BMOC though I refuse to use that in a derogatory fashion even though it seemed we were locked in some kind of competition since he seemed to date the same girls I did. Nonetheless, I loved the relationship over the years when he did unfortunately develop medical problems which ultimately lead to his early demise. He always had a smile and was true to his friends to the end of their and his life. I always will remember his being in my office with earphones on listening to Rush. I will miss his wit and smile and remember him always as :splash:

Bradley Lemberg - June 05, 2022 at 06:39 PM

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David Sapadin - May 24, 2022 at 01:27 PM

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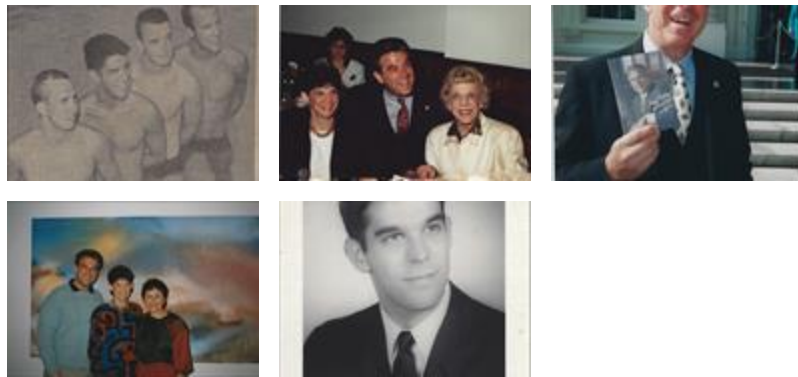
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Weil Kahn - May 24, 2022 at 12:52 PM

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Weil Kahn - May 24, 2022 at 12:44 PM

KW

So sad to hear of Jerry's untimely death. Over the years, whenever I got to Cincinnati "Splash" was always open to getting together. About a year ago, my Mother needed to be taken to the doctor- she was 104. I called Gerry as I knew he was driving for Uber. I asked if he could pick up my Mom, take her to the doctor and then bring her home. His answer was immediate - "What is the address and what time should I be there?" Gerry, May you Rest In Peace; your memory is a blessing. I love you.

Fraternally, Ken Wolf

Ken Wolf - May 25, 2022 at 02:55 AM

SH

*Judy and family,
I am at a loss for words. As I know there are none that will ease your pain. Please accept, "I am sorry."*

Gerry was one of my long time friends and dearest friend.' I have memories and stories about our friendship that I could take hours to tell.

Just let me share these:

Friend, Mensch, Trusted Confident, Best Smile, Roselawn Gang, There When You Needed Him, Top Athlete, Proud to be Jewish, People Person, I could go on forever.

I will miss Gerry very much. But all our memories will carry us through these tough times.

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Rest In Peace 🕊️ my close and dear friend.

*With much love and respect,
Stuart*

Stuart Hodesh - May 25, 2022 at 11:30 AM

BB

My oldest memory of Splash goes back to when he was 7 or 8, in pajamas, bathrobe, and bedroom slippers riding a tricycle in a play at Wise Temple, already vivid and self-assured. We've been friends for over 70 years. I'll miss him dearly. This one really hurts.

Bill Blum

Bill Blum - May 25, 2022 at 02:07 PM

MF

I first met Jerry years ago at the JCC in Roselawn. He was a great athlete. I knew he was an awesome swimmer in his college days. I would see him around town, one time at Caddy's downtown cafe. He loved biking, and had told me he rode over 10,000 miles in one year, even in the snow during the winter. I'd see his bike parked at the entrance to the JCC, and say "Jerry's here. I met him one day at the Loveland Bike Trail. We rode the 13 mile trail, and then rode back to his apartment in Hyde Park.

So sorry to hear of your passing, will miss you. Rest In Peace my friend.

*Mark
Mark Faierman*

Mark Faierman - May 25, 2022 at 06:42 PM