



James S. Levy

May 20, 1931 - December 25, 2020

DR. JAMES S. LEVY

(US NAVY) CINCINNATI-Jim was born and raised in Cincinnati and grew up in a Sephardic Jewish home in Price Hill with his parents Jack and Elvera Levy and his siblings Evie, Jerry and Barry Levy. He attended Western Hills High School and went on to graduate from the University of Cincinnati.

He then earned his DDS degree from Ohio State in 1956 where he met his beloved Ruth and they were married before graduating.

They then moved to San Diego and he served 2 years as a Lieutenant in the US Navy while providing dental care stationed on an aircraft carrier. In his later years, he could always be seen proudly wearing his USS Ronald Reagan hat. They returned to Cincinnati to be closer to family and start his dental practice and a family of their own. He spent his career in Roselawn and built his reputation as a compassionate, gentle and painless dentist to thousands of patients in the community. He practiced for 38 years with his brother Jerry and son Stuart, and retired in 1998.

He was strongly devoted to his Sephardic and Greek heritage including speaking Ladino and making his beloved fijones. He was extremely active in the community around him, a devoted member of Wise Temple, and was an avid golfer and tennis player, mixing it up with the best well into his 80s. In his

later years, he learned to read Hebrew, continued to hone his impressive art skills and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

A truly special man with an amazing heart and kind soul, he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years Ruth, sons Stuart (Laurie) and Jonathan (Christine) and daughter Karen, his 8 grand children: Jeremy & Jake Levy, Anna, Ben and Sophie Levy, Michael Levy, Jill and David Tochtermann, 2 great grand children: Charlie and Rylie Levy. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Elvera Levy and his sister Evie Levy and is survived by his beloved brothers Jerry (Phyllis) and Barry (Patty) Levy and other extended family.

Private Graveside service through Weil Kahn Funeral Home

Donations can be made to Wise Temple or charity of ones choice

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Tribute Wall

MH

“ *Dr. Levy was our family dentist for years. I always remembered his gentle touch, his tan, and his big smile! May he Rest In Peace and his soul be forevermore carried on.*

Mimi Hakim - April 12, 2021 at 12:05 AM

AO

“ *Dr. Jim was our first dentist when we moved to Cincinnati in 1973 and he (and then Stuart) remained so all these years. He was a caring and friendly dentist. May he rest in peace with the Lord.
Anne-Marie and Tom O'Brien*

Anne-Marie & Tom O'Brien - December 27, 2020 at 05:49 PM

JY

“ *Jimmy was instrumental in my decision to go to dental school. He was my dentist growing up and my sister, Bea, was his assistant when she was in high school. We had lived in Price Hill when he did and knew his family well, as we were also part of that Sephardic community. May his memory be for a blessing*

Jack Yosafat - December 26, 2020 at 10:18 PM

TO

“ I was fortunate to be one of Jimmy’s many male friends. One repetitive memory was his ‘give me a hug’ whenever we would meet for dinner or a gathering. He was genuinely warm.

Helene and I laugh when we recall a dinner with other couples at the Sovereign restaurant (Prima Vista today). Jimmy had ordered red wine and when it came he emptied a sugar packet into it. That was Jimmy!

Tom Ohren

Tom Ohren - December 26, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JT

“ Ruth and family,
So sad to hear of your loss. Jim was a truly kind man who always had a smile and a hug whenever we would see each other over the years..Our thoughts are with you, Stuart,Karen, Jonathan and families.
Joanne and TUDY

Joanne and Tudy - December 26, 2020 at 05:48 PM

LF

“ Dr. J as his office staff referred to him, was a warm and wonderful boss. I had the pleasure of working with him for over 30 years. He was a one of a kind person. He will truly be missed. My condolence goes out to the Levy family.

Leslie Finkelstein - December 26, 2020 at 11:16 AM

MG

“ Jim's memories of the Sephardic Jewish community in the westside of Cincinnati were rich in detail and delivered with Jim's good humor and honest love for community. Each memory enriched our Shabbat morning Wise Temple study of Torah and the different cultural interpretations of it. Thank you, Jim. You left a sweet and meaningful legacy of learning and Jewish living in America.

Marcia Goldsmith

Marcia Goldsmith - December 25, 2020 at 05:10 PM

CV

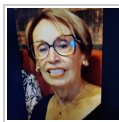
“ Jim and Ruth Levy were regulars at Wise Temple's Saturday Shabbat service and Torah study. Jim was a handsome, silver-haired man. I remember him especially for his pride in being, not only a Jew, but a SEPHARDIC Jew. May his memory be for a blessing.

Chessie Vigran - December 25, 2020 at 03:40 PM

AF

*Dear Ruth, Family,
I was sorry to hear about your beloved husband, Jimmy, father, grandfather, great-grandfather.
I am here if you would like to talk....Alice Fegelman*

Alice Fegelman - December 26, 2020 at 04:23 PM



I have very fond memories of Jim who was always sweet and interested in his patients and friends. My sincere condolences to Ruth and the family.

Roz Chaiken

Roz Chaiken - December 28, 2020 at 10:32 AM