



Marvin N. Kaplan

May 19, 1947 - November 17, 2025

Marvin N. Kaplan, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend, and devoted dentist, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, November 17, with his wife, Rella, by his side.

Marvin dedicated nearly 40 years to caring for the Clifton, OH community through his dental practice—a profession he approached not just with skill, but with deep compassion. His commitment to his patients was matched only by the love he held for his family. He shared a special bond with his daughter, Lori, whose care and wellbeing he supported with unwavering devotion and a full heart.

His loving relationship and partnership with Rella brought many joys and adventures. They loved traveling together to the American Southwest, where Marvin captured the sweeping landscapes through his photography while Rella sketched scenes she later brought to life as paintings. Supporting her artistic passion was one of the many ways Marvin expressed his deep love and appreciation for her.

Marvin and Rella built a rich and joyful life centered around family, friends, and shared passions. He instilled in his children a lifelong love of boating, a legacy that continues on through his son Josh and his family. Marvin treasured his friendships—many stretching back to elementary and high school—and these lifelong bonds were a constant source of purpose, laughter, and joy.

In the last fifteen years, Marvin embraced one of the greatest joys of his life: being a playful and loving grandfather to his granddaughters, Sedona and Zia.

His eyes lit up in their presence, and the role brought him renewed purpose and happiness.

Marvin enjoyed the finer things—good bourbon, great wine, and, most of all, extraordinary people. He will be remembered for his humor, his loyalty, and the deep love he showed to those around him. He will be missed and cherished forever.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Rella Kaplan; his son, Josh Kaplan; his daughter-in-law, Brooke Kaplan; his brothers, Scott Kaplan and Larry Kaplan; and his granddaughters, Sedona and Zia Kaplan. He is predeceased by his parents Arthur and Ida Kaplan, and his daughter, Lori Kaplan.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Familial Dysautonomia Foundation <https://familialdysautonomia.org/>.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Marvin N. Kaplan.



November 30, 2025 at 07:10 PM



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November 23, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this. I had/have been a patient since 1980 and always knew I would be well taken care of. We developed a friendship too where we could sit and kibbitz about almost anything. He will be missed. My heart goes out to the family.

Marcia Stern - November 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

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“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can NEVER lose, For all that we deeply loved becomes a part of us”. Helen Keller
I've been a patient of Dr. Kaplan's for many years. What I really loved about him is was genuine, always smiling and he ALWAYS wore the most amazing colognes!!! I've been praying for him for many years. Please accept my most sincere condolences. His days of pain and suffering are over!



Nancy Dozier - November 21, 2025 at 08:04 AM

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“ Dr. Kaplan was a wonderful dentist and an equally wonderful human being. He took time at every checkup to catch up on life and family and work, and he offered encouragement during difficult times. When he found out I was traveling to Arizona one year, he insisted I come back after a visit so he could pull out a map and highlight must-see sights and out-of-the way backroads. That vacation was one of the best ever.

Sue MacDonald - November 20, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this.
As he has many times in the past, he crossed my mind just last night while I was watching "Wicked". He enjoyed seeing play in NYC. He also told me about the play "Avenue Q" which i saw a few years later.
I always enjoyed talking to him about a variety of subjects; he was curious and comfortable.
My sincere condolences to his family and friends. May you find peace in the presence of God.
Merrie Harrington

Merrie A Harrington - November 20, 2025 at 01:55 PM

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“ My family and I had been patients of Dr. Kaplan for many years before he retired. I was saddened to hear the news of his passing. I have fond memories of his light and positivity. He was very a skilled and compassionate professional. I am thankful to have known him and I will always remember what a special person he was.

Kelly Ravakhah - November 20, 2025 at 01:17 PM



“ My family and I were patients of Dr. Kaplan. He treated everyone with dignity and respect. He had great curiosity for ideas and places. I have missed him in his retirement. May his family find comfort in a life well lived. Hera Reines

Hera Reines - November 19, 2025 at 02:55 PM