



## Maurice Abramowitz

November 30, 1921 - March 24, 2023

Maurice (Murray) Abramowitz 3/26/23

Born: November 30, 1921, Brooklyn, New York

Died: March 24, 2023, Cincinnati, Ohio

A man who lives for a 101 years has experienced a lot, especially someone like Murray who was fully engaged with living for every moment of it.

Murray was born to Abe and Dora Abramowitz in Brooklyn, New York. He was raised between two sisters Goldie (Schwartz) and Judy (Levesky).

At the onset of WWII, he enlisted and served with distinction in the Army Air Corps. Murray survived two crashes and earned several decorations, a purple heart, the Air Medal, the Victory Medal, and the Distinguished Flying Cross. His father Abe was proud to display these medals set in a special frame but Murray was modest about these accomplishments and did not discuss his war-time experiences until many years later.

During the war while on leave at home he met Ruth Halberstein at a party. She had come with someone else but Murray convinced her to let him accompany her home. When the war ended they were married and made their home in Brooklyn. Following in his wife's footsteps Murray attended Brooklyn

College on the GI bill, graduating with a degree in biology. He became a social worker until they moved to Ruth's hometown of Cincinnati in 1957 with their sons Paul and Fred. Murray then earned a masters degree from the University of Cincinnati in Rehabilitation and Counseling. For 26 years he served the community at the Jewish Vocational Service. Very quickly being named Head of Operations for the sheltered workshop, which was designed to help people with disabilities become productive members of society and to build their self-esteem. It was one of his proudest accomplishments surpassed only by the pride he had for his sons and their families. During his retirement he and Ruth paid many visits to them and also accompanied them on various trips. All too soon their life together came to an end when Ruth passed away in 1997.

A few years later he met Mary Ann Diekeman. They became great friends and enjoyed traveling the world together on several cruises. They shared their lives for almost 20 years until she passed away last July.

On the occasion of Murray's 100th birthday his granddaughter, Nicole was interviewing him in a video. She asked. "So, on the eve of your hundredth birthday, Poppie, how do you feel?" He replied. "You aren't supposed to ask me how I feel you are supposed to ask me what's my secret, but I'll tell you. I feel like I'm 50 years old but I just can't walk very well. So, now I'll tell you my secret...Play it real cool and try not to worry so much which sounds funny coming from me because I worry a lot about my kids and grandkids because I love them and want them to be happy."

Murray is survived by his loving sons, Paul and Fred, their wives Jan and Mindy and his grandchildren Nicole and Sean, Jeff, Danny, Sam and Ali. Also his great-grandchildren Eliza and Jerry, Everest and Laurelei, Maddie and Miles.

Murray was grateful for all the people who helped and cared for him these last

few years, especially Laura and Joe Linnert.

Funeral Services Friday, March 31 at 2:30 PM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home,  
8350 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249. Visitation will begin at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers you may send donations to The American Heart Association

# Cemetery Details

## Rest Haven Memorial Park

10209 Plainfield Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45241

# Previous Events

## Visitation Before Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (ET)

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8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

*Visitation begins at 2:00 PM. Service begins at 2:30 PM.*

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ *I was your upstairs neighbour for more than 3 years. The conversations we had, I will always cherish.*

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**Suyash Agrawal** - September 16, 2023 at 09:16 PM

JF

“ *Murray - I will miss you and thank you for being my friend and caring for Mary Ann. Now I've got you and Mary Ann in heaven to watch over us here on earth so I'm hoping the serve Tiramisu because that was your favorite.*

*I love you forever - you were the most kindness and funniest man I've ever known. Judy Fiber - previous Cincinnati - WV friend*

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**Judith M Fiber** - April 03, 2023 at 08:38 AM

SA

“ *With a heavy heart we all are quite saddened by the news. Uncle Murray was a very special person. Always with a quick wit and sense of humor. Never judgmental.*

*We will miss him.*

*All our love*

*Mal, Dus, Tyler, and sandy*



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**Sandy** - March 31, 2023 at 11:06 AM

JU

“ *Very sorry to hear about this. Uncle Murray was one of the best people I've ever known. He was kind and gentle and had a genuine concern for all around him. He was an elegant man. My condolences to all who love him. All the best, Julie R*

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**Julie** - March 31, 2023 at 08:07 AM

LK

“ We knew Murray at Deercross Apartments, where he lived for many years. Lots of mornings at the Clubhouse, drinking coffee and reading the paper. He told us stories about his youth and military service. (Loved the tale of the first long flight he navigated, long before GPS!) And he told us about his sons and his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. He was so proud of you all. May his memory be a blessing!



Lorraine Kawecki and Alan Bowman

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Lorraine Kawecki - March 30, 2023 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ Thinking of the Abramowitz family during this time of loss. May you be comforted by recalling all the wonderful times with Murray and family. Sincerely....Steve Allen

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Stephen Allen - March 27, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Maurice Abramowitz.



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March 27, 2023 at 01:03 PM