



## Morton Leonard Harshman MD

April 21, 1932 - August 21, 2021

### MORTON LEONARD HARSHMAN, MD

CINCINNATI-Morton Leonard Harshman, MD, of Cincinnati, Ohio, aged 89 passed away on August 21, 2021 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio. He was the son of Benjamin and Lillian Harshman, the youngest of nine siblings.

Morton attended The Ohio State University and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1953 and his Doctorate of Medicine degree in 1957. While at Ohio State he met the love of his life, Barbara. They were married for 64 years.

Morton (Maishe, to his family) served in the Navy for two years, moving to Cincinnati in 1958. There he opened his medical practice and saw patients for 32 years until his retirement in 1992. Not content sitting around, he became an Associate Medical Director at Western & Southern in 1993 where he worked full-time for 7 years. He remained on as a consultant until his death.

Morton will be remembered for his dedication to the medical community, Jewish community, and the arts community. He served as President of Bethesda Hospital, was on the board of the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Jewish Family Services of Cincinnati, P.I.E. Mutual, the Cincinnati Chamber

Orchestra, and the Cincinnati Opera. He was an active member of the Cincinnati Symphony Association, the May Festival, and the Alzheimer's Association among his many contributions to the city of Cincinnati.

One of Morton's favorite joys was spending time with his family, whether it be flying to Myrtle Beach in his V-35 Bonanza single-engine plane, on his houseboat on the Ohio River, or waterskiing in Cumberland, Kentucky. He and Barbara traveled to Israel, Canada, Switzerland, Germany, England, France, Mexico, and Italy.

He will be remembered for the twinkle in his eye and his sharp sense of humor. Whether it was a patient in his office, a fellow opera lover, or an associate at Western & Southern, Morton left an indelible impression of his zest for life and love of a good story.

He is survived by his devoted wife Barbara, daughters Beth Harshman Dolinger (Ron Dolinger) of Columbus and Melissa Harshman (Frank Saggus) of Watkinsville, his 3 grandchildren (Bari Dolinger (Avi Gorbacz), Molly Dolinger, and Stella Rose Saggus), and 3 great grandchildren (Leizer, Chani, and Yisroel Meir Gorbacz) as well as his sister, Sarah Rosenzweig and sisters-in-law Florence Harshman and Joan Harshman.

PRIVATE SERVICE FOR FAMILY ONLY Wednesday, August 25, 1:00 P.M. at the Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. The Service will be live streamed at this website for the public.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Morton's memory be made to the Cincinnati Opera at <https://www.cincinnatiopera.org>.

# Cemetery Details

## **United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery**

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Morton Leonard Harshman MD



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**Weil Kahn Funeral Home** - August 24, 2021 at 01:31 PM

DW

*Although Dr. Harshman may not have been practicing medicine for years I can't help but think of his passing as a loss for humanity. His passionate, thoughtful, and competent care of me, as a youth, is unforgettable. My sincere heartfelt condolences to his family with the loss of this remarkable man who gave so much of himself for others.*

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**Dan Willis** - September 10, 2021 at 09:22 AM

KB

“ *Dr. Martin was our family doctor from the day I was brought home from the hospital in 1965 until the day he retired. He had such a fun loving and sometime silly personality so we knew we were really sick was when spoke to my parents in serious manner. My deepest condolences to the family*

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**Kathleen Brennan** - August 26, 2021 at 10:28 PM

AC

“ *The Harshmans were our neighbors growing up, and I spent so much time at their house, Dr. & Mrs. Harshman were like second parents to me. As an adult I only saw them on special occasions (weddings, anniversary parties, birthday celebrations, etc.), but no matter how much time had passed, I always felt completely comfortable, surrounded by their warmth and kindness. Dr. Harshman will be greatly missed, but so thankful to have had him as such an important part of my life.*

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**Annette Poon Caruso** - August 25, 2021 at 04:44 PM

FH

“ *Dear family, I just watched Maishe's funeral and was so moved by all the kind words and remembrances . Beth's tribute was beautiful and captured her dad's essence. He was so much a part of our family's life and will always be remembered for his loving kindness, his wisdom and his compassion. He was a truly a mensch. Love, Aunt Florence*

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**Florence Harshman** - August 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Dr. Harshman was our family physician while I was growing up and much loved by myself and my family. He was a wonderful man.*

*--Debbie Widder Marques*

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**Deborah Marques** - August 25, 2021 at 01:23 PM

FS

“ *when I attended melissais and franks wedding he was the most kind and considerate man i had ever encountered Sad t know he has departed my thoughts and prays are with and for the family.*  
*FRANK A SAGGUS orlando fl*

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**frank a saggus** - August 25, 2021 at 12:29 PM

BC

“ To all the Harshman family: we will all miss Uncle Maishe who enriched our family through his kindness, humor and love. Love, your niece, Bonnie Harshman Cole.



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**Bonnie Harshman Cole** - August 25, 2021 at 10:46 AM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Harshman's passing. He was our family doctor when we lived on Pringle Drive in Finneytown. I remember when I hurt my ankle during gymnastics practice the night before I was starting 9th grade, he opened up the office at night to x-ray it so my mom wouldn't have to drive downtown to the ER. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Karen Widder** - August 25, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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“ Dear Beth, Joel and I were saddened to learn of your father's death. I was checking the Weil website every day several times a day. We will be watching the livestream service later today.

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**Rabbi Joel and Janice Epstein** - August 25, 2021 at 07:07 AM

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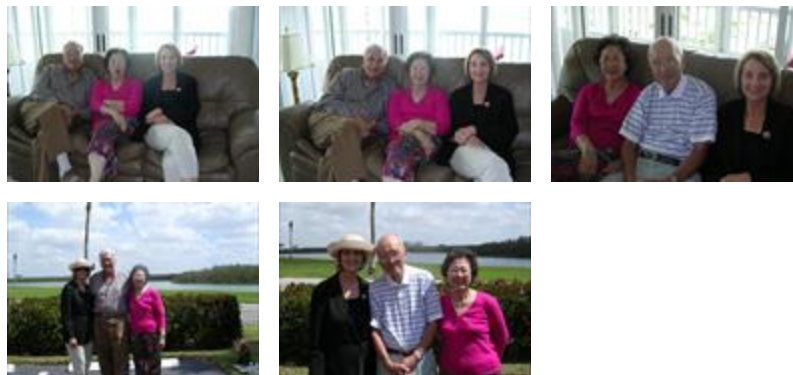
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Molly - August 25, 2021 at 12:19 AM

VP

“ We can only think of the many wonderful memories. We were neighbors first and then we became the best of friends. Despite busy schedules and time and distance, we never lost touch with each other. Have never stopped loving you. Our prayers for Barbara and Beth and Melissa and your families. Jim and Ginny Poon



Virginia Poon - August 24, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JF

“ We will miss you Mort, a wonderful man and friend to us both for many years.. the last few years spending time with you and Barb in your beautiful home, having dinner sharing our mutual love of tennis and music, will always be special memories we will both treasure forever❤️.. Rest In Peace our good friend.. sending much love and sympathy to his wife Barb, daughters, Beth, Melissa and their families during this difficult time..

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**Jeff Carpenter & Michael Faulkner** - August 24, 2021 at 07:12 AM

DE

“ He was one of the most influential men in my life. He taught me so very many things growing up into sense of humor was incredible! His love and Devotion to his family and his medical practice was truly was truly amazing. He will be missed by so many people. I love you Uncle Mort rest in peace.

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**Debbie** - August 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM