



Dr. Murray S. Jaffe

September 29, 1926 - May 31, 2022

Jaffe, Murray Sherwood, age 95, passed away May 31, 2022, beloved husband of the late Margery Blum Jaffe; devoted father of Emily and John Adams of Succasunna, New Jersey; Meg and Peter Ash of Atlanta, Georgia; and Dan and Ky Jaffe of Columbus, Ohio; loving grandfather (“Poppa”) of Mark and Elizabeth Adams, David and Marcia Ash, and Lauren, Josh, and Kristin Jaffe; and great grandfather of Lucy Jaffe Graver.

Murray was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1926, the eldest of three children born to Lester and Rosa Jaffe, brother of June Burgin and Nina Gruen. A brilliant student, earning a Phi Beta Kappa degree from the University of Cincinnati, Murray was in medical school by the age of 17. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, attaining the rank of lieutenant as physician on the USS Valcour and being awarded the Victory Medal. He led a distinguished career as a surgeon at the Jewish Hospital, was a member of the Cincinnati Surgical Society, and president of the Ohio division of the American Cancer Society in 1970-71. He and his late wife Margery had a wonderfully happy marriage for almost 60 years and raised three children. He was a devoted grandfather to his seven grandchildren, and thrilled to hear of his newly born first great grandchild. Murray had a passion for art, music, and travel. He was in many ways a Renaissance man, learning Italian through his study abroad in Perugia, Italy, taking up running in his 50s which he credits for his longevity, supporting and adoring chamber music, becoming a connoisseur of fine wines

and, after retiring, pursuing art and creating many fine sculptures. He loved Charleston, South Carolina. After the death of his beloved wife, he found deep companionship with Jane Friedman and lived with her happily for several years. He loved the Jewish community. He loved his family. He will be deeply missed.

Graveside services will be held at the United Jewish Cemetery, Clifton location, 730 Ludlow Avenue, Cincinnati 45220, June 6, at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association. Because we have immunocompromised people in the family, we'd like for people to wear masks when they are interacting with family. Thank you.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

United Jewish Cemetery - Clifton
730 Ludlow Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45220

Tribute Wall

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“*Dr. Jaffe was my mom and dad’s doctor, and he was also my doctor. I remember going to his office near the Vernon Manor Hotel. He was a good doctor and a kind man. My condolences to the Jaffe, Burgin, and Grube families. It is through cousin Lester that there is a distant family relationship.*”

David Schneider - June 07, 2022 at 08:52 PM

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“*The way Murray lived his life exemplified the very best of a generation that is commonly referred to “The Greatest Generation.” Among his many great traits he was a wonderful brother-in-law. His sister Nina, who became my wife, often boasted about her brilliant brother when we dated in our high school years. Once married, whenever a medical conundrum left us wondering what action to take we always knew what to do: “Call Murray to get the correct solution”—he always came through. He and his wife Margery were rightfully proud of their own family. My late wife and I moved to California 58 years ago, but whenever we met anyone from Cincinnati who knew Murray, we got the benefit of being well thought of when they found out that Nina was his sister. He was one of the best of the best.*”

*Claude Gruen
San Francisco, CA*

Claude Gruen - June 03, 2022 at 12:06 PM

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“ I have very fond memories of Dr. Jaffe at Jewish Hospital. He was my Zada's surgeon on many occasions, His bedside manner was wonderful and we are grateful all he did for our family! May his memory be a blessing.

Vicki S. Linder - June 01, 2022 at 02:05 PM

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MY three sons and I have special memories of the many times Murray dropped what he was doing to stitch them up.. Ken relied on Murray to operate on his many patients. In all their years as fellow physicians , Ken would rave about his marvelous skill-knowing that with Murray, his patients received the very finest care possible. We enjoyed travel opportunities with Marge and Murray,always enjoying the advice on the most wonderful places to stay and what wine to choose.And then,shared the love of antiques and clocks, and art as he became President of the Decorative Arts Society.What a joy it was to have him as a memorable part of our lives.

Barbara Kreines

Barbara Kreines - June 06, 2022 at 02:43 PM