



Norman Epstein

April 21, 1929 - February 18, 2021

Norman Epstein, 91, was the beloved husband of 65 years to Marlene (Wise) Epstein, the devoted father of Michael (Marce) Epstein, son-in-law Marc Kiner and their late daughter Deborah Epstein Kiner, He leaves five grandchildren Jeremy and Aaron Kiner, Nathan, Grannt and Sarah Epstein. Norman was a graduate Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and worked for General Electric, he was also a philatelist and in later years donated his entire stamp collection to the Veterans Association. Private Services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the charity of one's choice would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

AK

“ Aaron Kiner sent a virtual gift in memory of Norman Epstein



aaron kiner - March 03, 2021 at 05:59 PM

AK

“ Norman, my grandpa, will be dearly missed. A great role model, engineer, working in the NSA, and a pleasure to talk with.

I am at a loss for words, but send my dearest blessings and prayers to him in the afterlife while I process his death.

-Aaron Kiner

aaron kiner - March 03, 2021 at 05:58 PM

NE

“ To be honest, this won't be read by many, which is unfair to my grandfather's legacy, because he built the engines that flew so many to their destinations, worked with the NSA during the Korean war to protect his country, and made his family and friends quality of life better simply by having gotten to have known him.

I'll never forget all the times my grandpa called me when I was seriously ill to distract me with talk about the reds, or the rare bengals win. It will always be a terrible irony to me that I was not able to be there for him in the same way due to the pandemic. He listened, joked, cared, all deeply. He inspired me to coin collection teasing me with indian heads from his father which I still have in my small chest of copper treasures. He provided coarse wisdom that came from a place of experience and spoke with an honesty that I feel was passed down genetically to me.

One of the sadder parts of death is realizing you miss someone because of how much they taught you and you know from them, but maybe the saddest part of death is realizing you can't learn or know anymore from them. All you can have after their death is epilogues in a book that seems too thin as it currently reads.

Anyway, I miss my grandpa. And if you're lucky enough, you miss him too

-- Nathan Epstein, grandson to Norman Epstein

Nathan Epstein - February 19, 2021 at 11:05 PM

BG

I wanted you to know I read your comments and knew your grandfather as a young boy. My deepest condolences to you and your family. May his memory be a blessing.

Buddy Goldstein - February 28, 2021 at 01:04 PM

“ *Graveside Eulogy for Norman Epstein. Written by his son, Michael Epstein*

One of the purposes of a eulogy is to provide comfort and perspective to loved ones. With this in mind, I especially want to share my thoughts with dad's grandchildren...my kids Nathan, Grannt, and Sarah, and my nephews Jeremy and Aaron.

This small quiet cemetery holds our dearest relatives, which brings back the best memories I have for each of our loved ones. Your great grandparents, my grandparents are buried here – Isadore and Dora. Debbie is here, your mother and aunt and my sister. Now my father, your grandfather. Each member of our family loved us and always did their very best.

One of the hardest things to do is to write a eulogy for your father. At age 59, I've always had dad around as a quiet steady guidepost to emulate, listen to, and occasionally lean on. He gave so much to his family throughout life, led by example, and quietly succeeded in everything he did. Like many of his generation, he never bragged or boasted about his achievements...a personality trait that is in short supply today. He was just like his father, your great grandfather Isadore. The two shared so many of the best qualities and are now close together again physically, my hope is spiritually as well. It was hard for me to lose my grandfather 30 years ago, and I suspect this is now a shared experience with my children and nephews who are sadly saying goodbye to their grandfather today. It's difficult but each of you have the same gift that I received...the gift of being with and knowing your grandfather first as a child and then as a young adult. Keep the memories of your grandpa close, remember how he carried himself especially when the going got tough, and take them to heart...they will serve you well in good times and bad.

As all of you know, pop was an engineer by both education and profession, graduating from Rensselaer in Albany NY. I think it gave dad great satisfaction to see me make my living as an engineer. He

referred to this as the family business when I was young and starting out. I know later in life he was so proud of each of his five grandchildren and the paths they were taking in life. The family business is branching out in new directions he commented to me a couple of years ago.

Sometimes it's the funny things that you remember. Pop absolutely loved sports. As far back as I can remember, he never missed an opportunity to criticize the latest Cincinnati Reds manager or the Bengals front office. He began rooting for Northwestern University when I attended in the early 80s. A decade later while I was in Europe on a business trip, I was woken from a sound sleep because of an urgent overseas call I received around midnight from Dad who just had to let me know that Northwestern actually managed to win a football game.

So, thank you dad for all the love and heavy lifting you did throughout your life. You will be missed but never forgotten. You and Mom set our family on a wonderful course and wherever you are now I hope you can watch and see your family continue our incredible journey...together.

Michael Jay Epstein - February 19, 2021 at 05:50 PM

BG

Mike, my deepest sympathies to you and yours....

Buddy Goldstein - February 28, 2021 at 01:08 PM

VA

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Norm. Sending my deepest sympathy to you all in this tough time. Norm was always such a pleasure to talk to at family gatherings and I know he'll be greatly missed.

Warmest condolences,
Valerie

Valerie - February 19, 2021 at 05:30 PM

JK

“ Marlene and family: I want to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. I was so sorry to hear about Norms passing. I always enjoyed seeing Norm at our family gatherings and I always liked talking to him about our Cincinnati sports teams. I just wanted to extend my condolences to all of you and I know Norm will be deeply missed by our entire family.

Jordan

Jordan Klette-Cusher - February 18, 2021 at 08:50 PM