



Oscar Jarnicki

April 12, 1953 - January 16, 2021

Oscar Jarnicki, age 67, passed away on January 16, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Cindy (nee Gordon), to whom he met in high school and was married for 45 years; devoted father of Michael (Jessi), Steven, and Sarah. He leaves behind two grandchildren that he cherished, Blake and Devin Jarnicki. He is also survived by his siblings Trudy Lorin, Harold Jarnicki, and Sally Schwartz. Oscar was a life-long citizen of Cincinnati and the child of Holocaust survivors (the late Ike and Rebecca Jarnicki). He was loved by many relatives and friends.

Starting at a young age, Oscar had entrepreneurial “ideas and dreams.” One of these was a summer day camp he started at the former Amberly Swim Club. Professionally, in 1981, Oscar made his dreams a reality when he purchased his first nursing home in Morrow, Ohio. After this purchase, he built as well as bought several additional nursing homes, assisted living, and independent living facilities. He cared for his patients and employees like family. After selling his last property in 2016, Oscar served on the Board of Trustees of The Jewish Home of Cincinnati and then became President of the organization in 2018.

Oscar and Cindy enjoyed traveling together, and even more extensively after his retirement. He loved all types of music, especially Rock ‘n’ Roll, and enjoyed performing as part of the “The 4 Hubcaps” band. Until September

2020, he was regularly riding 30+ miles at a time with his weekend bike group. Oscar spent much of his leisure time working out, enjoying yoga, and golfing with the guys. He was passionate for helping others and will be deeply missed by all. May his memory be a blessing for everyone that knew him.

Private Services.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the the Senior Center at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center, Congregation Etz Chaim, or Adath Israel Congregation.

Service Recording:

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Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Tribute Wall



“ *Deepest condolences to Cindy and all of the family from Barry Levine and Nita Arons-Levine...What a wonderful guy!!...I remember him and the band that played at our daughter Molly's Bat Mitzvah in 1990...He was truly talented!!...May his memory be a blessing...*

Barry Levine - January 25, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ *There aren't enough words to describe the wonderful man Oscar was (and always will be in our hearts). It was a pleasure, honor, education and just plain joy to work with him over the years. There are too many memories to share, including those fun times with Cindy. I question, "Why Oscar?!?" every day. I'm glad I told him how I felt about him often and included Cindy in those feelings when I spoke with her. He was truly a beacon in the community and to all of his friends and family.*

Cindy, I'm devastatingly sorry and am here for anything you might want or need. Oscar is a terrible loss to all of us, but more so to you and your family. Stay strong. We are all here for you.

Michele Seligman

Michele Seligman - January 25, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ *Very sorry. We lost a compassionate, humble and positive energy person. I liked joking to Oscar about his grass cutting days at the Amberley Village Swim Club. Family members also very good people. I wish you all well moving forward. -Brad D. Berman*



Brad Berman - January 19, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LV

“ I'll never forget Oscar in his sparkling jacket at Dancing with Our Stars--or his incredible performance that night. He was amazing on stage and more importantly in life. He was especially proud of his (adult) children and their evolving career paths. He gave so much to the community and especially our seniors as CEO of The Jewish Home after he "retired." He used to joke that he'd be in the office the next day, unless it was a good day for golf. He was kind, generous and an amazing mentor. My condolences to you, Cindy, Michael, Steven and Sarah and the rest of the family. May Oscar's memory be for a blessing.

Liz Vogel - January 19, 2021 at 10:31 AM

LV

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Liz Vogel - January 19, 2021 at 10:25 AM

DG

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David M Goodman - January 18, 2021 at 10:19 PM

BD

“ Cindy,
Our heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. We've lost a rock in
the community.
Betty and Larry Dannenberg

betty dannenberg - January 18, 2021 at 07:23 PM

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Joe Cesta - January 18, 2021 at 03:04 PM

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Joe Cesta - January 18, 2021 at 03:03 PM

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Barbara Zweig - January 18, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences to Cindy and all of the family. I'll always remember Oscar as being so very kind, genuine, spirited, and happy, and of course his saying that he seemed to live by, "love what you do and do what you love"! So thankful, as his yoga instructor to have gotten to know him over the past four years. He will be greatly missed. May all of your wonderful memories with Oscar bring you peace and comfort during this most difficult of times. Deanna (Monday) Broberg

Deanna Broberg - January 18, 2021 at 12:45 PM

BS

We've always said we'd never met such a genuinely nice guy as Oscar. Doug has such fond memories of sharing a golf cart so many times with him and our dinners out together laughing the whole time with his convoluted stories :)
I could' not wait to hear the surprise trips he had planned for you so Doug could take a hint. You'll have wonderful memories to help you through these difficult times. Our thoughts are with you ❤️
Bette Ann and Doug

Bette Ann Sandor - January 18, 2021 at 07:14 PM

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MB

What a great video.

Marsha Barsman - January 18, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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David M Goodman - January 17, 2021 at 04:16 PM

MG

“ Our families go way back. Cindy my sincerest condolences. Oscar was such an easy going overall great guy. May his memory be a blessing in years to come.

Marlene R. Guttman - January 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM

RS

“ Oscar was my camp counselor when I was a kid and we all recently biked together. Great person!

Randy Sandow - January 17, 2021 at 01:47 PM

ML

“ I nicknamed Oscar The Champ. He was a Champ in every possible way. Oscar was a self-made, very successful businessman. He was leader in every aspect of his life, who was loved and respected by those in his community. And, OJ was a good and trusted friend.

Oscars was a life well-lived. I will miss my friend.

Matthew Jay (“Mickey”) Lane
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Matthew Lane - January 17, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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David M Goodman - January 17, 2021 at 12:16 PM

LG

“ Oscar was and always will be remembered as a kind and caring friend, a true gentleman and a real mensch in the true sense of the word. He was always fashionably dressed and looked professional even in causal clothes including his hair. He was witty and quick to come up with one liners and jokes (all in good taste). He was a great emcee for The Four Hubcaps and got people up dancing and singing to the music (in his leather pants). He also did a good job when he competed in dancing with the stars. He wasn't afraid to try anything - most men would never have ever considered doing the dancing routine which helped raise money for Jewish Family Services. Oscar had a passion for physical fitness - he had a personal trainer, regular workouts at the JCC, weekly 30 mile bike rides, and played golf with many friends at Glenview on Sundays. He was a dedicated son to his parents, a wonderful husband to Cindy, and a great father to his children. He was truly a successful business man who followed his dreams and made them come true with the help of Cindy taking care of the home front. Oscar and Cindy have set a wonderful example of marriage and work ethics for their children. He wasn't cut out to be completely a retired man, so he continued to work in the field he knew best for the benefit of the Jewish community and it's senior citizens. Oscar will be missed not only by his family and many friends, but by the community he was helping while being President of the Jewish Home of Cincinnati.

Louise & David Goodman

Louise & David Goodman - January 17, 2021 at 12:11 PM

FD

“ Deepest condolences to Cindy and all of the family from the families of Faye Deutsch Dareff(Jon) , and Sue and Rabbi Robert Reiner.

Faye Dareff - January 17, 2021 at 09:53 AM

ES

“ I was fortunate to work for him for many years he was so good to me and everyone who worked for him he treated us like family not employees.. he was a great man and was loved by everyone who knew him .. he will be missed forever

Emily Sellers - January 16, 2021 at 08:47 PM

HG

“ Have known the Jarnicki family for most of my life..wonderful people..truly shocked at Oscar’s passing..wish family only the best through this very trying time...my prayers are with you...

henry galster - January 16, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JB

“ Oscar was a husband, father, grandfather, entrepreneur, philanthropist, musician, athlete, filmmaker, traveler, bon vivant, and a hell of a nice guy. I am saddened by his passing. Jonathan Bernfeld

Jonathan Bernfeld - January 16, 2021 at 07:34 PM

EK

*“ We are so saddened to hear of his passing. We knew Oscar a long time & he was always a great person....Sending prayers and blessings to you and your Family.
Love,Ellyn n Michael*

Ellyn Kruke - January 16, 2021 at 05:22 PM

RR

“ I didn’t know Oscar real well, but I would see him at workout and he was always as nice as could be.....we shared going to Xavier....he will be missed.....he truly was one of the good guys.....

roger rosenthal - January 16, 2021 at 03:25 PM

MC

*Stan and Michelle Cohen-Fesman Timmer:
Oscar was a wonderful man, both on a personal level, member of our congregation, and working with him professionally. Taken from us too soon! May he Rest In Peace and his memory be a blessing. My thoughts go out to Cindy and the entire family.*

Michelle Cohen-Fesman - January 16, 2021 at 08:42 PM

NG

I knew Oscar well when we were at Woodward and UC . After I moved out of town , I'd always seem to run in to him and Cindy when I visited Cincy. Bright , capable, multi-talented and accomplished , Oscar's greatest gifts were that he was wonderful person and mensch. Death has taken him much too quickly, and while he created and achieved so much in 67 years , he leaves behind many who lived and admired him who also hoped to have him in this world for many , many more years.

Ned Gokdberg - January 17, 2021 at 02:57 PM

PK

My dear friend, Oscar (OJ), I miss you horribly, and will always stay in touch with your fine family as I know you would want. You left an admirable legacy that few men ever can match. In summary, I shall always recall you my pal, as The Best Of Mankind, in every way.

Philip Kessel

Philip Kessel - January 17, 2021 at 10:50 PM

PK

Oscar--I miss you horribly - my long - time friend. You were the Best of Mankind in every way. RIP OJ.

Philip Kessel - January 18, 2021 at 08:40 AM

EZ

Dear Cindy, Trudy, Harry, Sally and your families

I send my sincere condolences to you at this bleak time. I am sure the warm words that people have left here, the many photos from happier times and 45 years of loving memories will comfort you in your grief at this time.

Eleanor (Gordon) Zwebner

Eleanor Zwebner - January 18, 2021 at 09:08 AM

GL

*We got to know each other through golf, a game which we both tried to play. He had such a cool demeanor which was easy to copy I can only say to him now what he said to me during a speech at my wedding. to his sister TRUDY (Gertrude Jarnicki) "What a nice guy."
Brother-in-law Dr. Gerry Lorin.*

gerry lorin - January 18, 2021 at 11:37 AM

TZ

*Tina and I met Oscar and Cindy about five years ago, and knew right away that they were very special. Every time we got together, we had a wonderful time. Oscar became part of our group that regularly attended UC basketball games, and we would always meet for a festive pre-game meal. Oscar was a wonderful guy and we will miss him so much.
RIP.*

Love, Tina and Steve

Tina and Steven Zaret - January 18, 2021 at 02:08 PM

AW

i have known the entire family for so many years; Oscar will be remembered for his relationships with people in so many ways. He was able to connect with all people we became closer when he was coerced to join his brother Harold, and I, biking and began an "older" biking group and challenged many guys who never would have thought of bicycling at our age. We would go 25-50 miles every weekend and often during the week during the summer. He always wanted to do a century(100 mile) ride and did do the 75 miler this summer, but others felt they could not finish such a grueling ride. He had strong ambitions and followed through. He was very structured with his regimen to stay healthy with great lifestyle choices exercise, yoga etc.

He had so much experience with health care and used his expertise to help the Jewish Home.

I really enjoyed biking and playing golf with Oscar. The best part was the special conversations after these special times together enjoying a beer together with all our friends afterwards. The biking was fun, but the celebratory meal and beer was even better.

He will be missed. I knew his mother and father and they were special people, and so was Oscar. They taught all their children to work hard and you will succeed, and more importantly, be kind along the way I will miss him.

albert weisbrot - January 19, 2021 at 11:34 PM