



Robert Louis Lappin

March 30, 1923 - June 30, 2021

Robert Louis Lappin passed away at the age of 98. He was born in Shaker Heights, Ohio on March 30, 1923 to Rose and Max Lappin. He attended Shaker Heights schools until the age of 15. He took great pleasure in the Boy Scouts where he became an Eagle Scout. When they moved to Cincinnati, Bob graduated from Walnut Hills High School. While in Cleveland, at 10 years old, he took up playing trumpet. He became a very serious musician and formed his own band called "The Blue Rhythm Orchestra". He was in the Walnut Hills' High School orchestra and was a drum major at Walnut Hills High School.

Bob was in the U.S. Air Corp band during World War II and became the conductor, with Tony Martin as his vocalist. Following the war, he returned to the University of Cincinnati where he earned a degree in business administration and attended the Conservatory of Music. He was the president of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity for several years.

Bob formed his own business, "Lappin Sales". Both his sons, Gary and Randy, joined him in the business. His grandson, Spencer, continues in the business as the fourth generation.

While in Cincinnati, he served on the board at Wise Temple for 6 years. Bob co-chaired fundraising with his wife, Phyllis, for 2 years for Hospice of Cincinnati. He was very supportive of the founding of Cedar Village.

Bob also lived in Boca Raton, Florida for 40 years where he became very active being the president of his community for 16 years. He was also

president of the Council of Presidents of the Polo Club where he founded the United Jewish Appeal and was co-chair for 5 years.

Bob loved life, his friends, and family. In 1947, he married Phyllis Berg. They have three children, Bonnie (Rob), Gary (Lynn), and Randy (Libby) and seven grandchildren, Geneva (Steve) Stein, Spencer Lappin, Megan Lappin, Charles Lappin, Max Lappin, Ben Onore and Michael Onore. He has two great grandchildren, Alexandra and Anderson Stein; and nieces and nephews. His sister, Ruth Shaul, is deceased.

In his leisure time, he pursued his passions for golf, tennis and playing cards with his many friends.

He felt he left this world a better place for being here and his family and friends agree with this. He lived by the philosophy that you should give as well as take from the world. He always told those he loved to tell the people they loved how much they loved them every day. He was very happy and appreciative to be able to share a very special marriage for 73 years with Phyllis.

To Quote Bob: "Get Hold of the person you love sitting next to you and tell them you love them and do it every living day. Get hold of yourself and stop complaining – enjoy life while you have it – every single day and night".

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati or the charity of your choice.

Funeral services will be held Friday, July 2, 2021, 1:00 PM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH 45249 with a visitation at 12:00 Noon, burial to follow at United Jewish Cemetery Montgomery 7885 Ivygate Lane, Montgomery, OH 45242.

Service Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/YI3h--JBt1mH1ldJxG94k2cmxf8uY0LsFzxViGyKRgIKL-Pk-W6WASYHye_6-yfN.JH-6bZ4Y53kO-WoE

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Road
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I had the pleasure of caring for Mr. Lappin when they lived in Boca Raton. I have never stopped thinking about him after they moved, such a talented , kind gentleman. I will never forget him as we discussed music which I love very much and he likewise . I learned much from him. My deepest condolences to the Lappin family, Peace to all who knew and loved him, Sincerely Daunn Munn



Daunn Munn - August 24, 2021 at 08:16 PM

AM

I had the pleasure of caring for Robert and Phylis in Cincinnati at Kenwood by senior star. These two were exceptional!

Amaris - April 10, 2025 at 09:09 PM

CG

“ Camille Garnett lit a candle in memory of Robert Louis Lappin



Camille Garnett - July 14, 2021 at 09:30 AM

LV

“ Dear Bonnie and the entire Lappin Family. Our deepest condolences on the loss of your special Bob! I feel so lucky to have shared some memorable times with him and your Mom and I got to seem “in action” charming everyone around. What a legacy he leaves!

lauri vinick - July 03, 2021 at 12:27 PM

JB

“ Dear Phyliss, randy , libby and the entire Lappin family, Bob will always be dearly remembered! He was the best! He was always a great friend to the Bakst family and he will be badly missed. Rest in peace BOB! The Bakst Family

jeffrey s bakst - July 02, 2021 at 09:53 AM

SW

“ Sharon W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert Louis Lappin.



Sharon W. - July 01, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Robert Louis Lappin.



July 01, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SS

“ Dear Bonnie and the Lappin family, I am so sorry for your loss. May the memories of your dad bring a smile to heart and helps each of you through this trying time of loss.



Sharon Standish - July 01, 2021 at 11:41 AM

JR

“ *Jacinta R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Robert Louis Lappin.*



Jacinta R. - July 01, 2021 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ *Gary, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Robert sounds like he was a wonderful man. It struck me that he was an Eagle Scout, and it seems he lived by that philosophy his whole life. How lucky you were to have someone who appreciated the people he loved, and was so positive! I know it must be hard to think of this life without his love, and support. Remember that he will always be near you still.*

God bless you all, especially Robert.

Connie Scott

Connie Scott - July 01, 2021 at 10:09 AM

SS

“ *Gary, I am sorry to hear about your father passing. Our sympathy to you. Lynn, Spencer & family. He left a wonderful legacy & enjoyed a long life filled with memories you will hold dear forever. Thinking of you & prayers to your family.*

God Bless

Shelle & Rick Suarez

SRS Cabinetry LLC (retired)

Shelle Suarez - June 30, 2021 at 08:48 PM