



## Roger E. Abrams

March 16, 1949 - January 3, 2021

### ROGER E. ABRAMS

CINCINNATI- Abrams, Roger E., age 71, passed away peacefully at 3:24 P.M. on Sunday, January 3, 2021. Roger was the husband of the late Linda Abrams (nee Cohen), son of the late Dr. Nathan and Edna Abrams and brother of the late Richard Abrams. Dear companion of Carol Wolf. He is the brother-in-law of Josephine Abrams, Ken Cohen (Janet), Neil Cohen (Honi) and Kathy Cohen Dumes (Robert), uncle of Adam Dumes, Bradley Dumes, Joel Dumes, Andy Cohen, Melanie Cohen Alexander, Alison Cohen Moser, Brian Cohen and Jill Cohen, great uncle of Jake Dumes, Sam Dumes, Caleb Dumes, Alex Dumes, Cassidy Dumes, Willow Dumes, Evan Dumes, Maya Moser, Isaac Moser, Ava Cohen, Ansel Cohen, Ezra Cohen, Zoe Cohen, Sasha Cohen, Leon Cohen, Nora Cohen and Emma Alexander. Roger was an avid book reader and worked at the Cincinnati Public Library until retirement. He loved music more than you can imagine and could recite the date and place of every concert he ever attended. He will be missed by all. Private services will be held Wednesday, January 6. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame or the American Arthritis Foundation.

Service Recording:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nzc4tVdJRMsn5AnymUqsJq5FPBswOD0T3sOP4h52t4tnOEQbvL-w7yQllkfsfZU.zc1LHnWC\\_YKKE7aX](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/nzc4tVdJRMsn5AnymUqsJq5FPBswOD0T3sOP4h52t4tnOEQbvL-w7yQllkfsfZU.zc1LHnWC_YKKE7aX)

# Cemetery Details

## **United Jewish Cemetery**

7885 Ivygate Lane  
Montgomery, OH 45242

# Tribute Wall

WM

“ We met in the 70's went to many concerts together hung out as teens and had many good times, I have flown to to Ohio many times to spend some time with him, We had a great bond, Roger loved the beetles and I will think him every time I hear them. We would talk for hours about our love for music, and about the concerts we both went to together or apart. I have been calling him for weeks, I just found out today of his passing. Roger had good sprits even though he had to deal with this disease. Rest in Peace my friend.  
Wade R Murphy

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**wade Murphy** - February 26, 2021 at 02:12 PM

KZ

“ I felt privileged to know the REAL Roger, the passionate rock genius that most people would never have guessed was there inside the quiet guy on crutches or in the wheelchair. Few knew he was a participant in rock history, a universe of intense memories of historic concerts, band evolutions, artist bios, favorite quips and stories tossed off in his matter-of-fact style. Only three years apart in age, he and I had been to a few of the same concerts and venues, but he'd been to waaaay more than probably anyone in any Cincinnati room he ever entered (except maybe the artists themselves). Roger computer catalogued most of "new" Rockdale's library acquisitions, too, between musical and often some political anecdotes. Out of respect, we in the library crew set our schedule by his--when Roger was finished, we wrapped up. Through books, one of his loves, I was lucky to come to know Roger. I will miss him, and remember him!

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**Karen Zanger** - January 15, 2021 at 10:35 PM

AB

“ I was indeed quite saddened to learn about Roger's passing. He was a favorite of mine and yet somehow we never socialized outside of the Library. I'll say that I was always happy to occasionally see him in the Main Library's breakroom when we happened to visit there at the same time of day: it was at his table that I happily sat! Though I always relished listening to his amazingly detailed anecdotes about his many and varied concert-going experiences I will say that his soft voice often tested my ears! After he and then I retired I kept planning to re-establish our friendship but I now mightily regret that my procrastination prevented this. Another life lesson learned. I shall miss his positivity, intelligence, quiet strength. . . and his great stories!

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**Andrew M. Balterman** - January 11, 2021 at 05:04 PM

JM

*Am old Kent State Friend. Roger always had great stories.*

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**Joseph Molnar** - December 10, 2024 at 10:15 PM

JV

“ Roger befriended me in 1987 when I joined the Public Library and taught me the joy of cataloging. He loved his work and fully contributed to the library's mission. I will remember him always with gratitude for his friendship. John Vidmar

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**John Vidmar** - January 06, 2021 at 01:14 PM

BR

“ I didn't know Roger very well...mostly through my brother, Roger. However, I always admired his determination to carry on & enjoy life, as best he could. He was such a likable person & his knowledge of anything to do with music was amazing! RIP...you will be missed!

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**Betty Rosenthal** - January 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

MC

“ I worked with Roger in the Catalog Department of the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library. Roger taught most of us everything there was to know about cataloging literature materials, and his expertise still guides our work in that and other areas. But he really got animated whenever music came up, sharing the latest concert he'd watched or stories about gigs at the Ludlow Garage and other venues. He was a great guy, and I'm thankful I got to know him.



Michael Christian-Budd - January 05, 2021 at 09:48 AM

ZM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Roger's passing. My family was very good friends with his family when we were young/younger. May his memories be a blessing. Zola Makrauer

Zola Makrauer - January 04, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RS

“ Our sincere condolences. Bobby and Debbie Siegel.

robert and debbie siegel - January 04, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ As Roger's family knows, I was good friends with him....he and I were nothing alike (he knew that),, but we got along really well....he was into music and movies and I was into sports and sports, so we never argued over that....we lunched almost every week and I'll miss those times with him.....Roger will be missed, but at least he's now with the love of his life, Linda, and also probably meeting all the movie/music stars that went before him.....take care, Roger, my friend.....

Roger Rosenthal - January 04, 2021 at 12:23 PM

BF

*What a guy. Roger was one of a kind. He had a huge capacity for love and caring. He poured it out in large doses to the love of his life, Linda, and to the entire Cohen family. Visits with him were engaging and enjoyable; never a dull moment. I can remember back to Chinese dinners in Silverton with his dad, but Roger could remember so many things, esp, music, in vivid detail. That always amazed me, but it was like "nothing" to him. He was a blessing to us all. I will continue to think of and remember him often.*

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**BOB FROHMAN** - January 05, 2021 at 05:57 PM

AB

*I regret the fact that Roger and I lost touch since our retirements-- first his and then mine. Yep, it takes two to tango but today I am sorry that I didn't make more of an effort to visit with him in recent times. I too was something of a co-worker down at the Main Public Library and I was always happy to see and then talk with him whenever our paths crossed in the employee breakroom. Though his soft voice sometimes tested my ears it was always worthwhile to hear what he had to say-- especially, of course, his amazingly detailed recollections about his concert-going adventures. We never socialized outside of the library but now I have only my procrastination to blame for my failure to re-connect with Roger. For among other fine qualities he was appreciated for his love of music as well as for his quiet strength.*

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**Andy Balterman** - January 09, 2021 at 04:24 PM