



Sam Kocherov

February 3, 1933 - February 12, 2022

Sam H. Kocherov (February 3, 1933 – February 12, 2022)

Kocherov, Sam H., passed away Saturday, February 12th in his adopted hometown of Cincinnati, OH. A native of Kansas City, MO, Sam served in the Air Force and enjoyed a long career in photography. He met his beloved wife Sandi Ostrow in 1987 and soon moved to Cincinnati. Sam enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and most recently celebrating his 89th birthday.

Sam was predeceased by his parents, Mary and Leon Kocherov, sister Shirley Libman, first wife Sheilah Isgur Kocherov, brother-in-law Jack Isgur, and his dearest Sandi. Sam is survived by his devoted children, Allison & Ed Frankel, Brenda & Sheldon Kahan, Steve Ostrow and Yanira Irasquin, Lesli Kocherov Shrago, and Justine Kocherov; loving grandchildren Melissa Frankel, Joel & Leah Frankel, Meredith Kahan & Sean Flowers, Michael & Carly Kahan, Adam & Lizzy Kahan, and Ethan and Noah Shrago; and cherished great-grandchildren Seth, Becca, Eli, Noah, Ari, and Sari.

Private services will be held Tuesday, February 15th at 10am. Friends are invited to livestream https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/69306). Family shiva minyan will be held Tuesday evening at 7pm and livestreamed at www.rockdaletemple.org/live-streaming. In lieu of flowers,

memorial contributions to Rockdale Temple are appreciated.

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sam Kocherov

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Weil Kahn Funeral Home - February 13, 2022 at 11:08 AM

“*Sadly, I learned of Sam's passing only this last week due to a "bounced back" email holiday card I sent to him. I checked the internet to find out why and I found this site.*

Sam was my employer, mentor, and friend. He hired me as one of his first employees to work at Metro Photo when it was in its first location at 81st Wornall Road in Kansas City, Missouri.

I worked there after school my entire time at Southwest High, and then when he moved Metro Photo to Overland Park, Kansas, I also worked there part time while attending the University Of Missouri at Kansas City.

Sam was unbelievably helping and generous with his time and advice.

He realized my interest in becoming a commercial photographer was serious and he told me many stories about his assignments and jobs when he was a full-time commercial photographer with his partner in downtown Kansas City.

Eventually, Sam started doing photography jobs again as a "side" to Metro Photo and he took me along as his assistant on my very first actual commercial photo shoot, for a cooler company (!) We were both out wading in a creek to get photos of the cooler, with a model, out in the running water!

I was definitely hooked on commercial photography by that experience!

Sam had many stories and helpful hints for me in order to improve my own photos, and to "entertain" me with the interesting aspects of commercial photography that he experienced...working with art directors, clients and talent.

I am forever indebted to him for his advice.

When I finished undergraduate college, rather than completing my

Masters in Social Psychology, I decided to try my hand at commercial photography, keeping in mind that I could always finish my Master's later if I failed at photography.

It has been almost 50 years now and I still have an incomplete Master's.

My life has been so much richer, satisfying, and creative because of Sam. He gave me the initial skills and experiences I needed to make a success of the business end of photography. I have traveled places I never would have seen as an academic, and I have met people all over the world because of a career in photography.

Thank you Sam, for being my friend.

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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Sam Kocherov.



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“ I met Sam at the Sycamore Senior Center in 2005, when I worked as a custodian in the afternoons. Sam was working with a team of computer-savvy guys who held classes to teach other retirees how to navigate the new technology. The classes were well attended, so many folks were assisted in ways not available anywhere else. Sam was very active in gathering helpful information and tutoring his students. His quick wit helped make it a positive experience, too.

After the Center closed, several of the former employees and his computer class associates would gather each month at Marie's Scrambler for food and fellowship. Sam was the de facto chairman of the group. His generosity and humor, and his love and dedication to his family will always be appreciated. I count myself blessed to have known Sam.

Max Greissinger

Maxwell Greissinger - February 13, 2022 at 05:18 PM