



William S. Ziv

April 28, 1935 - February 26, 2023

William S. Ziv, age 87, of Amberley Village Ohio and Deerfield Beach Florida passed away on February 26th. He was born in Cincinnati to Frederick W. Ziv and Malvin Rae Ziv on April 28th 1935. Beloved husband for 61 years of Elinor Cohen Ziv, devoted father of the late Edward (Elise) Ziv of Pikesville, MD, Drs. Francine and Douglas Behrman, Robert and Lisa Ziv of Baltimore, MD and Andrea Lavine of Baltimore, MD, dear brother of the late Frederica (Fritzie) Yamin of Santa Barbara, CA, loving grandfather of Racheli (Eric) Litman, Shifra (Binyamin) Stolberg, Dr. Basha, Naftali (Aliza) and Gavriel Behrman, Caleb Benjamin and Coby Ziv, Jacob, Yael and Allison Ziv , Abby (AV) Klein, Becca (Adam) Baruch, Great grandchildren Eli and Daniel Littman, Michael Eliezer Stolberg, Meira Klein, Malya and Aryeh Baruch.

Bill graduated from UCLA with a degree in English literature. He then went to work for Ziv television productions and became a vice president. When the company was sold to United Artists he decided to change careers and returned to Cincinnati where he became an investment manager and developer. He helped conceive and develop West Park Retirement center. Upon his return to Cincinnati he became an active volunteer member of the community. When he heard that the poison control center was going to have to close because of lack of funding he spearheaded a campaign to see that it was able to stay open. He was a member of the Hoxworth community advisory board and chaired the JNF campaign for 2 years. Among the many

things that he did was to produce the Miss Cincinnati contest. He was a visionary who saw that antisemitism was a threat in America years before it became generally accepted and along with Rob Festenstien set up the forerunner of safe Cincinnati.

He was very proud to have a 2nd Bar Mitzvah at age 83 since he did not have one at the traditional age of 13. Instead of presents he donated a Medicycle to Magen Dovid Adom. He loved fishing and teaching the sport to his grandchildren as well as singing silly songs, and traveling the United States in his RV with his wife.

He put his English Literature degree to good use writing beautiful poems about love, life, family and world events.

Despite his many accomplishments and hobbies family was his greatest joy and highest priority. His family experienced this love and joy, returning it kind.

Services will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 10:30AM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home 8350 Cornell Road, Cincinnati, OH, 45249. The service will be live streamed at <http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/85333>. Shiva will be observed at his home 2955 Belkay Lane.

Contributions can be made to the Elinor & Bill Ziv Endowment fund for Cincinnati Hebrew Day School at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Community Kollel or Magen David Adom.

Cemetery Details

Schachnus Cemetery

1711 Sunset Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William S. Ziv



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - February 27, 2023 at 06:04 PM

NE

I didn't know Bill very long, but each moment I was with him was time well spent. He was a warm, sharp man with a keen wit. I wish I had known him longer.

Nathan Elberg - February 27, 2023 at 09:33 PM

JW

Every time I picture him, I see a big smile and twinkle in his eye. Take comfort that he is remembered and loved. My condolences.

Jill Weisblatt - February 28, 2023 at 08:10 AM

RF

Bill-Co-Chairing a committee with you many years ago was an incredible learning experience for me that I will always cherish. You always had such great insights on world events and always had interesting things to show me from the trunk of your car! You had a truly unique passion for Jewish life, and you took such great pride in your family and your RV! You will certainly be missed. May your memory always be for a blessing, and may God comfort all who mourn for you.

Rob Festenstein - February 28, 2023 at 08:41 AM

ME

We lived in Cincinnati from 1998 - 2005. The Zivs were from the first people to greet us to the community, and became our closest friends throughout the time. They touched our lives, and the lives of everyone they came into contact with. Bill had a pure and wonderful soul. He IS still a Heilige Neshama! We were so saddened to hear of his passing. He has left an eternal legacy through his wonderful family. HaMakom Yenachem eschem.... Fondly, Moshe and Sharon Englander, Baltimore.

Moshe Englander - February 28, 2023 at 08:45 AM

DB

I really only interacted one time, talking for a few minutes, with Mr. Ziv, in the coatroom at Suburban Orthodox in Baltimore, probably 15 or more years ago. It struck me so significantly that I came home and told my wife that I had met a special person that radiated the Derech Eretz, Kavod Hatorah, goodness, interest and genuine respect for others from a time gone by of my Parents and Grandparents. Nevertheless he related to me as a "regular guy", and I would never have guessed (as I learned later) that he was a VIP, since the aforementioned level of Middos rarely survives prominence unscathed. I know he will be a Meilitz Yosher for his family and Klal Yisroel

Daniel Beren - February 28, 2023 at 12:31 PM

DS

“ Billy Ziv was in my 2nd, 3rd and 4th grand class at Avondale School 1942-1945. Many years later, I learned that he was a ZBT fraternity brother of my husband at UCLA. Dorothy Aberman Salkin

Dorothy Salkin - March 03, 2023 at 09:49 PM

BS

“ *Bill was a sweet and kind person. He and Elinor made a great team following in Rabbi Cohen's endeavor to keep the entire Jewish community here and abroad as much as possible to be in safe environments so the community has the opportunity to continue to educate both children and adults about Torah true Judaism. I knew that he always was someone I could talk to about anything. Growing up I saw him strive to make yiddishkite a central part of his objectives. Our two families were very close and we knew his great love for all of us was apparent. Elinor and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren will carry the torch to ensure we have a wonderful community here and in Eretz Yisroal.*

Barry Silver - February 28, 2023 at 03:55 PM