



Yuli Kitaevich

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Yuli Kitaevich, 86 of Cincinnati, Ohio passed away on March 17, 2022, peacefully at his home after a several year battle with prostate cancer. Yuli was born in Moscow, Russia on 1/1/1936. He finished several certifications and masters degree in electrical engineering. He immigrated to Cincinnati in 1974 as a Jewish refugee and began rebuilding his family's life. He became the head of medical instrumentation for Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati for 20+ years. He enjoyed many cultural activities, music and travel and was an avid art collector, humanitarian and successful inventor. He received several accolades in his field and was involved in Soviet Jewry and was a lifelong activist. Yuli is survived by his devoted partner, Tatyana Leonova and her son Mikhael Braude-Zolotarev. Yuli's children Evelynna (Gerasimenko), Marina (Kurt Bresser), Anna (Mike Naberhaus) and his son Joseph Kitaevich. He was a grandfather to Darya (Joe Gauthier, husband), Ilya Braude-Zolotarev, Aleksei and Camilla Korobow (Andre and Diana Korobow's children), Mila and Jacob Naberhaus as well as a great grandfather to Cassian Gerasimenko and Damian Gauthier. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Ida and his twin sister Evelynna, beloved wife, Galina Kitaevich and son-in-law Ilya Gerasimenko. A private burial will be held for the family at United Jewish Cemetery with his dear friend Rabbi Abie Ingber officiating. A celebration of life on April 30th will take place for family and friends. Memorial donations may be made to World Central Kitchen: <https://wc>

k.org The family wishes to extend their gratitude to this organization and helping the families and people of Ukraine.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Clifton

730 Ludlow Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45220

Tribute Wall

BI

“ *Sad to hear Anna, sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

Such a wonderful smile your father had and what an incredible life he led. Amazing to read about his life. Still learning more about the impact he had on his community.

Sending love & hugs.

BillGardner - March 24, 2022 at 02:52 PM

AT

“ *Yuli, our children's guardian angel! We came to this country more than 20 years ago and it was Yuli who took the time to help us with schools, and helping me (Adriana) in my job interviews. He gave me the best advice in my professional life. But, most important Yuli was part of our family, we shared holidays, good and sometimes challenging times. Daniel and I especially enjoyed going to his home for his birthday, discovered good Russian food and of course the vodka!*

Yuli you are part of our family and will always have a special place in our hearts.

Adriana Trucco and Daniel Becerra

Adriana Trucco - March 23, 2022 at 03:55 PM

GD

“ I knew Yuli through a mutual friend, Ben Kaufman, whose Northern Ontario fishing camp he often visited. Our own camp was two doors down the lake, and I always looked forward to his visits. Witty, flexible, good-humored, he also had the innate inventiveness required to enjoy a place lacking the utilities city folks take for granted.

Yuli was so adept at life up there that Ben routinely entrusted him with the crucial preparations of the camp for winter -- putting shutters on windows, hauling the dock ashore, winterizing the pump and pipes that provided pristine tap water, turning off the propane that fueled our lights, refrigerators, and cookstove.

The first year he closed the place up, the final entry on Ben's closing list was "put lime in outhouse." Ben assumed Yuli understood that, but he didn't, and Yuli appeared at my door holding three juicy green limes from the IGA store 20 miles away by boat and car. In his distinctive, Slavic accent, he asked, "Grady, vat is manner of puttink limes in outhouse?"

"Well, Yuli," I replied with the straightest face I could muster, "you get a bag of lime at the hardware, spread it on the outhouse pit, then go home and mix up gin and tonics with the limes."

His fine sense of humor burst forth with a guffaw. It is still good for a hearty laugh decades later.

Graydon DeCamp - March 23, 2022 at 01:54 AM

BK

“ Yuli was a good man, generous with his talents and good will. We met when he and Galina arrived with the first wave of Soviet Jews in Cincinnati. It only got better. At one point, he and Galina talked about hunting mushrooms and kayaking in Russian summers. That opened a new chapter. They began spending time each summer at our primitive lakeside cabin in Northern Ontario. There, on our bay, he became a popular figure. When Galina's surgery made the countertop hand pump painful, Yuli created a gas-powered pump and water tower. Everything he touched was improved and we were pleased to share the cabin with Yuli, Galina and children. He taught me to turn cheap vodka into a tasty drink with the horseradish I raised and we cheered his successes as he climbed the immigrant success ladder. Yuli found joy in his daughters and son and Tatyana became a wonderful partner, warming his final years. Covid kept us apart at the end, which I regret.

Ben L. Kaufman - March 20, 2022 at 11:52 AM

DP

Yuli was "bigger than life". His love of people was unbelievable. It is so meaningful that the family is asking to donate to the organization that feeds people in need. Yuli's friends know his and Tatyana's huge table which was always ready to feed anyone who enters their home. He will be remembered not only for his famous "Khrenovka" and raspberry with sugar....he will be remembered for his unmeasurable love and humanity. The loss is huge. There is a void. It can be patched by doing good things, by having our hearts open and just by been supportive to each other, as Yuli was.

Deep condolences to Yuli's wife Tatyana - his love and his muse. Deep condolences to all the Family.

Dina Perepelitsky and Yelena Kimelblat. Friends

Dina Perepelitsky - March 22, 2022 at 07:42 PM



Yuli Kitaevich, or Yulik, as he was known by his many friends who came to this country from the other side of the Iron Curtain... He was a Big Man – by all means, and not only physically. He was a man with a big heart and soul, an unconditional willingness to help anyone in need, and an incredible smile emitting a five-thousand-year-old Jewish wisdom. Vicky and I have felt truly fortunate to call Yulik our dear friend since we met him in 1991. His friendly advice has always been the best as the time has demonstrated, and his friendship has always been as strong as a rock. Our deepest condolences go to Tania and the whole family. Yulik will remain in hearts and minds of hundreds of people who have known him.

Sergey Grinshpun - April 10, 2022 at 09:48 PM