



David Mark Ginsberg

January 18, 1930 - December 19, 2020

Lt. Col. David Mark Ginsberg, Ph.D. (USA, ret.) was born and came of age during the Great Depression. He lost his father, Clarence, at age 15. As the oldest son, the role of “man of the house” fell to him, and by all accounts he performed this responsibility with great ability and devotion. The same sense of duty and service pertained all through his life, informing David’s character as a superlatively reliable protector and provider.

He had an innate inquisitiveness, intellect, and sense of adventure, manifesting all through his life: beginning as a pioneering U.S. Army research scientist in the field of nuclear biophysics, to be followed by a post-military career as a travelling salesman, and finally, having retired for a second time, as a Master Dive Instructor. His hobbies were as varied as his careers and included computers and electronics, oil painting, boating, cooking, and traveling. His adventures and duty stations took him and the family all over the world, conspicuously to Washington, D.C, San Francisco, Israel, Europe, Asia, the Caribbean, and Palau, all captured in photos presented during interminable slide shows upon return.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Barbara (nee Wilcox); son Gordon (Ellen); daughter Amy McCaffery (Tim); and daughter-in-law Madelyn. David’s son Michael Philip tragically predeceased David in 2019. David also leaves brothers Michael (Sally) and Philip Zell (Cindy); grandchildren Samuel David (Laura), Brandon Uehlein (Amanda), Kerry Roberts (Robbie), Jessica Ginsberg (Joseph Hunt), Kyle McCaffery, and Katherine McCaffery; nephew Mark Ginsberg; and niece Joan Lauther (Bob); along with great grandchildren Caleb, Baylor, Piper, and Leah – with another on the way!

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, well-wishers desiring to honor David’s memory please contribute to the foundation established in Michael Philip’s name, to benefit education opportunities for needy rural youth:

Michael P. Ginsberg Memorial Endowment
Arkansas Community Foundation
5 Allied Drive, Ste. 51110

Little Rock, AR 72202

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He instructed the family that his name, Hebrew in origin, translated into English as “beloved”. He most certainly is, and will be always.

Cemetery

Temple Israel Cemetery

1708 Hernando Road

Memphis, TN, 38106