



## Marvin Ballin

February 7, 1931 - October 30, 2018

Marvin Ballin passed away on October 30, 2018. He was a proud husband to the late Sondra Morganstern Ballin, father to Roseanne (Jack) Goodman and Leslie (Renelle) Ballin. He leaves his grandchildren, Blake (Rebecca) Ballin, Devon (Aaron) Jaffe, Jana (Scott) Weiskopf and Jennifer (Phillip) Cook; his brother, Jerry Ballin and his sister, Ilene Goldstein. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Matthew Goodman.

Marvin graduated from Southern Law School in Memphis, Tennessee. He attended night classes while he and his wife worked side by side during the day at their dry goods store, Rite Way Department Store. Upon graduation from law school he worked part time as a lawyer, while still running his store. After a few years, his law practice grew and he was making enough money to close the store and become a full time lawyer. Marvin was a leader in the legal community and was the “go to” lawyer for those charged with a crime. During his more than 50 years of practice, he touched many lives in this community. Marvin never met a stranger and always put others’ interests before his own interest. He was so well thought of in the legal community, the street in front of the courthouse is officially named Marvin Ballin Boulevard. The legal community recognized his work by awarding him various accolades and awards such as Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award, Lawyer of the Year, and bestowed the honor of University of Memphis Alumni Association Pillars of Excellence, recognizing his significant contribution to the Memphis area legal community.

Marvin was one of the great trial lawyers that this community has ever seen. A trial jury is made up of twelve citizens, when Marvin tried a case there had to be a chair for each juror in the jury box and an additional chair for him as he was immediately accepted by jurors as one of their own. Marvin had a great work ethic. He passed that work ethic onto his children and grandchildren. That work ethic will be passed on to his eleven great-grandchildren. He would get to work early and stay late. Often representing people without pay, as Marvin saw his obligation to represent the poor as well as the wealthy. His work was his passion. Work was not work for him, it was his enjoyment.

He will be missed by all.

Services will be held October 31, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Baron Hirsch Synagogue, 400 South Yates, Memphis, Tennessee. There will be a procession to Baron Hirsch Cemetery immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Baron Hirsch Synagogue.

# Cemetery

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## Baron Hirsch Cemetery

1523 S. Rozelle

Memphis, TN, 38103

# Events

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**OCT 31** **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Baron Hirsch Synagogue

400 South Yates Road, Memphis, TN, US, 38120

**OCT 31** **Burial**

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Baron Hirsch Cemetery

1523 S. Rozelle, Memphis, TN, US, 38103

# Comments

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“ I knew Marvin since I was a young child. I grew up one block away from my Ballin cousins. So many memories, but I one remember best is when he took a Triumph Spitfire roadster for trade with one of his first clients. He built a well respected practice along with his children, grandchildren and friends of the family. The huge amount that were at his funeral service says it all. I will miss him dearly.

**sammy switzer** - November 05, 2018 at 06:20 PM

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“ I would like to add my condolences to Mr. Ballin's family and friends. Unfortunately, losing our loved ones to death is something all too common to mankind. However, the Bible points to a future that give us much comfort and hope. At Isaiah 25:8, it says God will "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away tears from all faces." How wonderful these promises are, and we can be confident they will be fulfilled soon.

**Elias Quintero** - November 01, 2018 at 06:48 PM