



ERWIN LAPINE

March 22, 1926 - December 25, 2016

Erwin LaPine passed away peacefully at his home with family members at his bedside on the second night of Chanukah, Dec. 25, 2016. His Hebrew name was Yisroel ben Shmuel Ha'Cohen. Erwin was born March 22, 1926 to Eugene and Fannie LaPine in Wilmington, N.C.

He spent his childhood years growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., Chicago, Il, Charlotte, S.C., and

Orange, TX. He was a proud veteran. He served in the Army Air Corps from Jan. 1944 to Apr.

1946 as a Corporal in the Caribbean Islands. He was also Second Lieutenant Quartermaster in

the US Army Reserves. He received his BBA from the University of Houston in June 1951. He

met the love of his life, Janice Roslyn Simon at Hillel at the University of Houston, and they were

married Apr. 30, 1950, Lag B'Omer. He worked for Ford Motor Co. 37 years as an accounting

supervisor. Many of his fondest memories were his years in Houston after his marriage to Janice. During the early 60's he was an active member of the Democratic Party in Houston, TX;

he was a precinct representative receiving invitations to Presidential & Gubernatorial inauguration ceremonies. He received the Community Service Award by the Houston Community Relations Bureau in 1961. In 1965 he left the "Southern hospitality" for the "Heart

of America" after Ford Motor Company transferred Erwin to Kansas City. Thus began the LaPine Family Kansas Legacy. Erwin was past president of Heart of America B'Nai Brith Men,

and a B'Nai Brith bowler. He was affiliated with the Chabad Community and a former member

of Kehilath Israel Synagogue; he served as a Board member at KI and was a volunteer on their

Sunshine Committee. He was also KI Minyanaire of the Year 1993. Family, honesty, and kindness were his trademark. All his grandchildren have fond memories of “Camp LaPine”, spending summers with Bubbie and Grandpa, enjoying special trips to Washington, D.C. and the Ozarks (Grandpa drove a 15 seater van). After retirement he used his computer savvy to tap into his spiritual side. He also enjoyed fishing and bicycling. Most of all, he cared for his wife Janice for 66 years doing what was best for Mom, Bubbie. He always did acts of kindness in a quiet and unassuming way.

He is survived by his wife Janice, son Chaim Dovid LaPine (AKA Dennis), daughter and son-in-law Pam and David Reiz, son and daughter-in-law Leland and Judy LaPine, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Lorraine Moore, and brother, Stanley LaPine.

The Reiz/LaPine Families appreciate the visits of friends and special thanks to Rabbi Sholom

Wineberg, Rabbi Mendy Wineberg, Rabbi Zev Wineberg, Rabbi Avromi LaPine, Rabbi Yudell

Reiz, Shmuel Reiz, Shmuel Siegel, and Dr. Donald Cohen. Donations may be sent to Chabad

of Overland Park, KS, Chabad of Leawood, KS, Chabad of Mizzou, 313 E. Brandon Rd., Columbia, Mo. 65203, Chabad of University City, CA, 3813 Governor Dr., San Diego, CA 92122.

Events

DEC **Graveside** 03:00PM

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Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery

1901 S. Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO, US

DEC **Shiva** 04:45PM

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at home of Pamela and David Reiz. Please call funeral home for additional information.

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DEC **Shiva** 08:00AM

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Comments



“ Dear Lapine Family,
How blessed is the world Mr. Lapine A"H left us, filled with precious Yiddishe nachas and Yiddishe kinderlach.
My parents A"H considered him a dear friend and spoke fondly of him often.
HaMakom yenachem eschem b'soch sh'ar aveilei Tzion viy'rushalayim.
Esther Liba (Terry Greenberg) Krause

Terry Krause - January 04, 2017 at 11:14 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Erwin. We will remember him for his warmth and kindness. May your memories bring you comfort.
Linda and Les Cohn

Linda Cohn - January 03, 2017 at 01:39 PM



“ To the entire Lapine family. Erwin was such a kind and dear man. He will be missed by all that knew him, including our entire KI families. May his memory bring you comfort and be for a blessing.

Marlene Krakow

Marlene Krakow - December 30, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Dearest Janice, Pam, and all the generations of the Lapine family,

Erwin will be in our memory as part of the "mishpachah" from K.I. Janice, we will remember him as your loving partner. He was a Southern gentleman to his true Southern Belle. Pam, he was a proud papa every time he mentioned you and David. He was also praising his grandchildren with his stories about what they were doing in life.
As a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Erwin was respected and admired. As a part of many K.I. daily services, his congenial manner and devotion to Jewish prayer were characteristics that were genuine.

Baruch Dayan Emet. His memory is indeed a blessing.

Alan and Jackye Goldberg

Alan and Jackye Goldberg - December 30, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ Dearest Janice, Pam, and family,
We share a great sadness on Erwin's passing. May you bask in the many memories you made, and may Hashem bless you with comfort at this most difficult time.
Sonny & Max Singer

Sonny & Max Singer - December 29, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Lapine family. I am so sorry for your loss. Gone but never forgotten, the precious memories that you've shared will remain with you always. May Erwin memory be for a blessing. May the Holy One grant you His divine comfort and peace during the difficult days ahead. Loving thoughts of peace are with you.

Sharon Elaine - December 29, 2016 at 11:37 AM



“ Pam and family. Your father was a good friend and a great bowler. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

michael myer

Michael Myer - December 27, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ Janice and the entire LaPine family, we were saddened to read of the passing of Erwin. He was always so delightful to talk to when we met him and he seemed to be in the best of humor. He will surely be missed. May his memory be for a blessing.

Leo and Johanna Stein

Leo & Johanna Stein - December 27, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Phillip and I were so sorry to hear about the passing of Erwin. He will be missed. May his memory be for a blessing. Barbara and Phillip Goodbinder

Barbara Goodbinder - December 27, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ Mr Lapine was a dignified and kind gentleman. May his family and all of us be enriched by memories of how he lived his life.
Menashe and Bracha Efron

Menashe Efron - December 27, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. What a sweet, funny man. He was always so quick with a smile and greeting at shul. May his memory be a blessing.
The Schlozman family

Debby Schlozman - December 27, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ one of my favorite people .i will always have him in my thoughts and prayers
gene leibson - December 27, 2016 at 01:31 PM



“ Erwin was such a kind soul with a beautiful smile. His sense of humor could lift anyone's mood . He served so many with his many hours of volunteering and that was a reward for those as well who served along side him. Erwin will be remembered by all that knew him. Our condolences to his family . May his memory be a blessing to all that knew his kind soul . Zolie and Doris Gilhus

Doris Gilgus - December 27, 2016 at 03:46 PM