



Ralph "Rafi" Arthur Levy

December 11, 1944 - March 10, 2022

Ralph A. Levy, 77, of Liberty, MO passed away March 10, 2022.

Rafi/Ralph/Bowser was a kind man, with a most generous heart. Yes, he was quirky and brilliant.

He was also talented. He wrote dozens of novels, most of which were fascinating books, the kind that were hard to put down. He also wrote music, songs of his life experiences in the style of sixties folk music. He crafted guitars and banjos out of found objects, like cookie tins. He was exceedingly modest about his achievements, most often being self-deprecating.

He loved his pets. His cat, Buddy, died about a year ago. Ralph was quite upset about that. However, the worst death to befall him was when his dog Ussie died a couple of months ago. She had been his companion for over fifteen years. He was inconsolable about her passing, and was undoubtedly still grieving when he himself passed.

Ralph believed in giving money to panhandlers on the street, rather than to agencies with strategic planning.

He was the son of the late Carl and Elsie Levy. Ralph is survived by the love of his life, Bonnie Schuman, with whom he reconnected after having met her fifty years earlier on a kibbutz. He also leaves behind his grieving sister, "Rosie" Irene Randall (the late Ron) and twin brother Ronnie Levy and his wife, Pam. He was beloved by his many nieces and nephews, by Bonnie's children and grandchildren, by cousins, and by his many friends in Missouri and Los Angeles who will miss his warmth and humor.

Services will be held on Thursday March 17, 2022 at 11:30am Central Time at the Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery Chapel, with Rabbi Sarah Smiley officiating, 1901 Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO 64052. To join by zoom, please email zoom1@louismemorial.com for the zoom link and passcode.

Previous Events

Funeral

MAR 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

Chapel at Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery
1901 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Independence, MO

Zoom Funeral Service

MAR 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Zoom Shiva

MAR 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ For Ralph, such a lover of all animals, especially Ussy and Buddy-I want to thank you for being such a loyal friend to Norman, my husband, and for your sweet presence whenever Norman, Molly, and I were visiting you in your home. I am sending you love, and praying for you to have an aliyah. Thank you, precious friend, for brightening each life you touched deeply. The story about your father, Carl, hammering in the chicken coup, when he was actually locked inside the entire night, was one you loved to tell us all, with you laughing hysterically; and your father was so happy to finally stumble out in one piece after he was discovered early, the next morning. Dear handsome, generous, kind, sweet Ralph, we are sending you such love, and grieving for this ongoing emptiness since your passing!!!!

Love,
Jeannie Frank, and all of our family

Jeannie Frank - April 07 at 08:24 PM

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“ Hey Ralph

You and Norman Frank used to come over to my parents home regularly on the weekend to work on; mainly Normans Corvair and other cars. We would sit around and also watch Doctor Who while eating dinner. You always had something nice to say and a smile on your face. You left an impressionable happy memory on everyone you met. You left the world a happier place and you will be missed by many.

Robert Sokol - March 26 at 06:06 PM