



Tiberius Klausner

November 10, 1931 - October 9, 2019

“I think how blessed I am with my wonderful wife and children, the opportunity to make beautiful music, and the solace and peace I feel with Judaism. A life filled with family, music and faith is a happy one.”

Tiberiu Klausner was born in Arad, Transylvania, Romania in 1931, the second of three boys born to Hermann and Margareta Klausner. Tibor fell in love with the violin at an early age after hearing a gypsy violinist playing outside his father’s neighborhood restaurant. He started lessons at age eight and played his first recital at age nine. During World War II, Tibor’s family’s business and apartment were taken away by the pro-German Romanian authorities, his father was sent to a labor camp, and the family was forced into the Jewish ghetto. Tibor always marveled at how his family maintained kosher dietary laws and his mother supported their family by trading on the black market during that difficult time. During the last year of the war, as the Nazis were about to break through the border, the family went into hiding on farms in the Romanian countryside.

After being liberated by the Russians in 1945, the family returned to Arad. The mayor of Arad, who was an amateur violinist, recognized Tibor’s talent and arranged for a Romanian visa that would allow him to study music in Hungary for one year. Tibor was accepted at the Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest at age 14 where he studied with Ede Zathuretsky and won the Remenyi Prize. When the communists closed the Hungarian-Romanian border in 1948 and refused to renew his passport, Tibor escaped to Paris using a falsified passport with a French visa arranged by the prominent Jewish Kahan-Frankl family in Budapest. He was accepted at the Conservatoire National de Musique on a full scholarship, where he studied with René Benedetti and won the Premier Prix in 1952, the Conservatory’s highest award. He was also named Concertmaster of the Kuentz Chamber Orchestra. In Paris, Tibor added an “s” to the end of his name so that it would be more easily pronounced. During that time, his family was allowed to emigrate to Israel. Tibor maintained close contact with them, including weekly letters with his brothers and parents (typed with two fingers on his Hermes typewriter), and he was finally able to see them again in 1951. He visited his family in Israel 24 times in the years that followed.

Tibor was accepted with a full scholarship to Julliard in 1953 at the age of 21; however, he was a stateless person and was not issued a visa to America. Tibor's cousin arranged for him to play at a Christmas concert in Paris where the American Consul would be present. Through that encounter, he was issued a visa and bartered his way to the United States by playing concerts on the SS Liberté ocean liner in exchange for a second-class cabin. At that time, Tibor spoke Romanian, Hungarian, German and French, but no English. He vowed to learn 15 new English words from the dictionary every day, but he never lost his Hungarian accent or his Old-World charm.

"My goal was to study with the best pedagogue. Ivan Galamian accepted me [at Julliard] and it was the best thing I ever did. He was a wonderful teacher." In 1954, Tibor received a scholarship to attend the Tanglewood Summer Music Festival, where he was Concertmaster of the orchestra and won the Heifetz Prize. When Tibor graduated from Julliard in 1955 with an Artist's Diploma, Galamian recommended him to Hans Schwieger, conductor of the Kansas City Philharmonic, for the position of Concertmaster. Tibor had no idea where Kansas City was, but Galamian encouraged him to go at least for a year and try it out. At age 23, Tibor became the youngest Concertmaster of a major orchestra in the United States, and Kansas City became his home for the next 64 years.

Even before he became a U.S. citizen, Tibor was drafted into the Army where he served six months active duty at Fort Leonard Wood followed by six years in the reserves and an honorable discharge. In 1961, the same year he won the National Federation of Music Club's Young Artist Award, Tibor became a U.S. citizen, which he regarded as one of the proudest moments of his life.

After 12 years with the Philharmonic, Tibor resigned in 1967 to devote all his time to teaching and his "first love" -- chamber music. He became Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence at the University of Missouri – Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance, where he taught for 32 years. Tibor absolutely adored his students and gained much joy from them. He inspired many of them to pursue careers in music, and several went on to play in major orchestras or teach. They are living out his musical legacy. Tibor participated in many summer festivals (Sewanee, Claremont, Marlboro, which he and Carla particularly enjoyed), he performed with several major orchestras in America and abroad (e.g., Israel, South Korea), and he was even the first classical violinist to play on Iranian television in 1964.

Tibor re-assumed the role of Concertmaster when the Kansas City Symphony was established in 1982 and, until his retirement from the orchestra in 1999, greatly enjoyed

playing under the musical direction of Russell Patterson and Bill McGlaughlin. Through the years, he participated in many chamber music groups, including the Mid-America String Quartet, the Klausner Quartet, and the Volker String Quartet in residence at the Conservatory. In 1985, Tibor was honored as Musician of the Year by the Kansas City Musical Club for his “contribution to music as a distinguished teacher and for his dedication to the promotion of musical culture in Kansas City.” He always considered himself so fortunate: “The variety I have with teaching, chamber music and the symphony – that is a complete life.” Throughout his career, Tibor immensely enjoyed his collaboration with some of Kansas City’s finest musicians in his quartets, through his “Klausner and Friends” concerts, and through his duo recitals with musicians such as Walter Cook, Gerald Kemner, and John McIntyre. He considered his collaboration with Richard Cass, which spanned 25 years as the Klausner-Cass Duo, a labor of love with the pianist whom he loved like a brother.

Tiberius Klausner will certainly be remembered as a talented violinist, but his early life experiences, family and religious identity provided the foundation for what he held most dear and the motivation for how he lived his life. Although he and his wife Carla had been in New York at the same time, when he was at Julliard and she was at Barnard College, and she even attended some of his concerts at Julliard, they did not meet until the fall of 1959 back in Kansas City when Abe Meth, ritual director at Beth Shalom Synagogue, asked Tibor to play at a Chanukah program. Tibor needed an accompanist, so Abe connected him with Rose Levine, Carla’s mother. Carla was home on winter break from Boston where she was studying for her doctorate in History and Middle East Studies at Harvard, when Rose asked Tibor to come to her house to rehearse. Tibor was immediately smitten – first by Rose and then by Carla. He often quoted the saying “such a mother, such a daughter.” Carla and Tibor married in 1963 and had three daughters. They created a family life that was full of beauty and meaning. Tibor was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, where he served as Gabbai and attended the Library Minyan. The Klausner family’s daily life was infused with rich Jewish tradition (he put on tefillin and davened every day before breakfast), appreciation of family and friends, the importance of a good education, and, of course, beautiful music. His love of Mozart might have inspired Tibor in his early life, but it was his love for his wife and family that sustained him until his death.

Tibor is survived by Carla, their daughters Danielle, Serena, and Mirra (Todd Clauer), and five wonderful granddaughters: Haidee, Anna, and Aviva Clauer, and Ora and Rose Klausner; as well as his brother Dr. Gabriel Klausner and sister-in-law Pnina Klausner, both in Israel; his brother and sister by marriage, Morris and Faye Levine; and many beloved nieces and nephews. Tibor’s parents and brother Toma predeceased him.

The family extends their deepest thanks to the many thoughtful and wonderful friends, former students, and colleagues who came to visit or play for Tibor; the caring staff at Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care; and the dedicated doctors and caregivers who loved his wonderful smile and provided us with much-needed assistance and support.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Friday, October 11, 2019 at the Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO. Interment will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to a charity of one's choice or any of the following: the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy; the Tiberius Klausner Violin Scholarship at the UMKC Conservatory of Music and Dance; the Rose Levine and Doris Flam Arts and Education Fund at Congregation Beth Shalom; the Tiberius Klausner Endowed Concertmaster Scholarship at the Kansas City Youth Symphony; the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education; the Klausner Concerto Competition of the Kinnor Philharmonic; Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care.

Comments



“ Dear Carla,

The last time I was at Beth Shalom, I missed seeing you there; people told me your husband was not doing well. Then last week, in the Star, I read the notice of his passing and your fond and loving tribute to him. I never was privileged to meet Tiberius, but just knowing you in the context of our occasional work together at UMKC, and hearing you speak of him from time to time, I knew he was a good man and that you two had one of the great marriages. I pray for you, and for all your family, God's comforting presence, both in these days and going forward.

Joseph Coleson (NTS and UMKC)

Joseph Coleson - October 19 at 07:16 PM



“ Joseph, thank you for reaching out and for your comforting words. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 05:56 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Danielle Klausner - October 18 at 05:47 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



Danielle Klausner - October 18 at 05:43 PM



“ Rita Shapiro lit a candle in memory of Tiberius Klausner



Rita Shapiro - October 13 at 11:31 PM



“ Dear Carla, Serena, Mirra, and Family,
Tibor was a brilliant man but his true greatness lies in his love of family. The warmth and affection was always present to be observed and admired by all who were privileged to know and appreciate him. His legacy as a talented professional and as a loving caring human being will live on with his memories.

walter robbins - October 13 at 10:06 PM



“ Thank you Walter. I am so glad you got to know him. Good wishes to you.

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 05:57 PM



“ I used to sell tickets to his concerts - one of the greats!

Jenifer Lefort - October 13 at 07:05 PM



“ Sending so much love to your beautiful and wonderful family. This loss is heartbreaking.

Jamie MetzI - October 13 at 04:21 PM



“ Jamie, thank you so much for your many expressions of sympathy. Sending love back to you.

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Klausner family, so sorry to learn of you dad's passing. He will be remembered fondly. May you be comforted among the mourners of Jerusalem. Sincerely, Cara Krashin

Cara Krashin - October 13 at 08:57 AM



“ Thank you Cara!

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Dr. Carla,

I was a student of yours several decades ago. (I was also, before that, a Conservatory student, but never one of your husband's.) It is likely that you don't remember me, or, if you do, then you do so only vaguely. On the other hand, I remember you very fondly, thus, I want to send condolences to you at this difficult time in the lives of you and yours. Please be comforted in the knowledge that you will be reunited in the World to Come one day. And that you have people around you who care deeply about you. Best wishes and all my sympathies, Hedy B. Tick.

Hedy B. Tick - October 13 at 12:39 AM



“ Hedy, I Do remember you and those early years of teaching. I am very touched by your note and your kind thoughts. I would love to hear from you again.

CarlaKlausner - October 17 at 12:53 PM



“ I am so grateful that he taught me. He was so faithful to his art and such a loving and kind person. I learned so much and improved by leaps and bounds under Tiberius Klausner's tutelage. I was indeed blessed and I love remembering him. After our beloved Carol Chastain, another great violinist performer and teacher has gone to the great orchestra in the skies. My heart goes out to Carla and the family. We were so happy that you brought him to Civic Orchestra not too long ago. He will be sadly missed. Lynn Vogel Flessas, Oxford, Ga



Lynn Vogel Flessas - October 11 at 06:43 PM



“ Dearest Carla

Dearest Carla Our love and our sadness comes to you and your beloved family across the miles The love and devotion that your family shared is an inspiration to all of us that there is the potential for love and kindness if we choose to model ourselves after Miss Rose and the Klausner family we send so much love and wishes for peace in your soup

Kurt and Marilyn

marilyn metzl - October 14 at 12:58 PM



“ So kind! What beautiful thoughts. Thanks you so much. Sending much love to you.

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 06:03 PM



“ Dear Carla, My deepest condolences to you and your family. How fortunate I have been to have studied with such an amazing violin teacher. Mr. Klausner was inspiring not only for musical expertise, but for living life with passion and commitment. I think of him daily, as I'm often quoting his words to my students.

Ruth Sadasivan

Ruth Sadasivan - October 11 at 02:25 PM



“ Dear Dr. Klausner:

Hope that you are well.

I am saddened at the loss of your loving husband; and wish to extend my condolences to you and your family.

It was and is an honor to be your student.

All the best.

Mark Kass, Ph.D.

Mark Kass, Ph.D. - October 11 at 01:11 PM



“ Thank you, Mark!

CarlaKlausner - October 20 at 06:04 PM



“ Dear Carla, and your family: My deepest condolences on your loss. I have lovely memories of chatting with Tibor about music, and the Symphony, at MAMA and UMKC receptions oh so many years ago. May his memory be a blessing to you all.

Kathy Krause - October 11 at 01:03 PM



“ Dearest Carla and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Tibor's passing. He was such a kind and talented person. I am in the UK or would be there today with Bill.
Love as ever, Lynda

Lynda Payne - October 11 at 09:05 AM



“ On behalf of the family of Ed and Beth Smith, we send our heartfelt condolences to all of you on the loss of such an extraordinary talent and loving soul. Tibor was an affectionate and thoughtful friend to both Beth and Ed. He fueled their love of music and shared their deep Jewish faith. His heartfelt performances brought them great joy. We are grateful for his presence in all of our lives. We hope that, in time, the edges of your heartbreak will lessen while his spirit still soars in your souls. With affectionate respect, Debbie Smith

Deborah Smith - October 10 at 09:41 PM



“ The day I came to audition for the violin program at UMKC in 1974, I played for Tibor. Having failed to prepare a solo, I played a Bluegrass tune for him. He sized me up, and said in his famous accent, “I think Hugh Brown would be a good teacher for you...” He was correct. Later, when I became a violist in the KC Symphony, he accepted me as a formidable bridge partner, a game we enjoyed playing on many Symphony bus trips!

Marvin Gruenbaum - October 10 at 08:58 PM



“ To say my love of classical music was nurtured by Tibor would be a great understatement. From a Bar-Mitzvah gift of great symphonies conducted by George Szell and a key introduction to Carol Bayer as a way for me to get involved with the Kansas City Symphony in 1983 to years of magnificent concerts at my parents' home I can't imagine the void in my life there would have been if Tibor hadn't ended up in Kansas City. But I remember something my mother told me in the early 1970s that captures Tibor's greatest gift to me and our community. I was a young teen and wasn't familiar with the word "mensch," and Mom was trying to explain it to me. It's a difficult term to define. She said, "It isn't just a good person, it's a certain quality of a good person -- it's Tibor."

Josh Sosland - October 10 at 05:20 PM



“ Dear Dr. Carla Klausner, I was a student of yours a (very) long time ago at UMKC – in the early 1980’s; I took every history class I could from you because you were such a wonderful teacher. I am so sorry to read about the loss of your husband, Tiberius. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. I lost my own husband this past June and I miss him dearly. At the time, it helped me greatly to hear from my friends, family, and others who offered their support and love, so I wanted you to know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and comfort you.

Linda Seybert

Linda Seybert - October 10 at 05:18 PM



“ Linda, I am so sorry for your loss and greatly appreciate your teaching out to me in my time of need. It's difficult, isn't it? But as you said, hearing from people who cared about Tibor and about me does bring me comfort. So thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

CarlaKlausner - October 18 at 04:24 PM



“ Tiberius (or Tibor) Klausner was a musical pillar in the KC Metro area for several decades. When I arrived in the fall of 1966 as a new cellist for the KC Philharmonic, after spending two years in Paris, where I earned my MA degree in cello performance, Klausner, then the concertmaster, greeted me kindly in his fluent French. He quit the Philharmonic to teach fulltime at UMKC Conservatory of Music the following year, but returned, to the newly formed The KC Symphony and served as the concertmaster. He was a strict teacher to his pupils. who often said, "It doesn't cost anything to play correctly and well, too. does it?" Thanks to him, my daughter is now a member of the Pittsburgh Symphony that tours Europe every other year. Though Tiberius Klausner is gone, his legacy, his passion for music, his insights will live on through his old students who're now violin teachers themselves. Rest in peace, Tibor, what you have shared with your talents and philosophy will remain with us until our ends will come. Therese Park
www.theresepark.com

Therese Park - October 10 at 05:02 PM



“ To the Klausner Family
I loved Mr K. He was a beautifully humble man, mentor & friend. A Special K. ~
Holly McElroy Fagan

holly fagan - October 10 at 03:45 PM



“ Mr. Klausner was my dad's (Myron McNown) teacher for a number of years. Dad always spoke so highly of him. May he rest in peace.

Greg McNown - October 10 at 03:31 PM



“ Dear Karla,

We were so sorry to learn of Tibor's passing. We have such wonderful memories of Tibor and Richard playing together for so many years. They made such beautiful music together. And he was such a treasure for the Conservatory. Please accept our deepest sympathy and warmest regards.

Gary and Barb Widmar

Gary Barb Widmar - October 10 at 02:57 PM



“ Mirra, I am saddened to hear about your indelible loss. In awe I read the obituary for your father and I am wowed by his accomplishments and his love of music, his love of the violin. He truly was an amazing man. I have always felt the love of the arts embodies the ability to change lives, to change the world. I am thinking of you.



Rachelle Lackey - October 10 at 02:45 PM



“ Tibor was a gentleman and a scholar. He was happy to share his music with everyone. One of Beth Shalom Sisterhood 's Torah Fund luncheons had the privilege of listening to him play.

May G-d bless his beautiful soul. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Rickie and Dr. Ed Haith



Rickie Haith - October 10 at 12:03 PM



“ Dear Carla, I first met you at the home of my aunt and uncle, Mary and Dan Fogel, in Waltham, MA. You were studying at Harvard, and I was visiting from school. To me, it was so obvious how much Mazie and Dan loved and admired you.

I didn't see you again until years and years later when you and Tibor were likely at the wedding of Lori Levine and my son, Nathaniel Forgotson. If that wasn't the occasion, then it may have been at Jennie Levine's wedding. I had not met Tibor until then.

You and your family have my greatest sympathy for your loss of the beloved Tibor. He was a remarkable person as are you.

Sincerely,

Susannah Landis

Susannah Landis - October 10 at 11:47 AM



“ I just received the sad news of Tibor's death. I have so many fond memories of Tibor with and without his violin, I remember the "mood wheel" on his studio door that said "Today, Tibor is ...happy, grumpy, serious, etc." I also remember house-sitting for Tibor and Carla and Carmel (I think that was the kitty's name) who used to come and tell me when she used the litter box. Tibor's musical genius was infused with his deep commitment and love of Judaism, and I will honestly say his passion for these things was an inspiration that he passed to his students and to those of us who studied chamber music with him. He will be missed. Love to Carla, Danielle, Serena, Mirra and their families. Cookie Segelstein

Cookie Segelstein - October 10 at 11:37 AM



“ To Carla, Ellie, Serena, Mirra, and the entire family: Tibor was an extraordinary man... a wonderful neighbor, a sweet man who cared so much for others, a person who loved his family and faith, and a mensch. He will be missed but his impact on others and his legacy will live for generations. May his memory be for a blessing. Joel and Bev Levine

Joel Levine - October 10 at 10:18 AM



“ Carla, Mirra. It saddens me that I can't give condolences in person, but although I knew this was coming, I was still shocked to hear the news. In my mind, I can still hear Tibor chanting psukei dzimra at the library minyan; a marvelous amalgam of classic tradition in a modern setting. My thoughts and heart are with you. Sending love. Avi

Avi Weinstein - October 10 at 09:40 AM



“ Carla-May you and your dear family find healing and comfort in the days ahead. Tiibor was one of a kind our generation!
With loving thoughts-Sarah Small

Sarah Small - October 10 at 09:16 AM



“ Tibor was an amazing man. I was fortunate to have him as a mentor & violin teacher. He gave so much to his students & his community. Love & Light to Carla & family.

Anna Clare Allen - October 10 at 08:44 AM



“ Dear Clara and family,
I was sadden to learn of the death of such a fine gentleman.His music rang threw the halls of numerous concert halls and he will be missed. May his memory be blessing to you and the family. My condolences to the family
Marlene Katz

marlene katz - October 10 at 08:04 AM



“ I did not know Mr. Klausner but I am an Ohio relative of Mirra's husband Todd Clauer (his father's cousin),Through Haidee Clauer's Facebook post, I have read his obituary, a striking history of an extraordinary man's life from adversity during one of the darkest chapters in world history, whose artistry and determination led him to the United States to pursue his musical gift and raise a family. An inspiring life well lived. My condolences to the family.

Kristin Augustine Christensen - October 10 at 08:04 AM



“ I was a student at the UMKC Conservatory from 1989 to 1993. In 1991 my father passed away suddenly at age 62. He passed away in April. when I saw Tibor In May for my jury he came to the hall afterwards to give his condolences. “Let your music be your comfort.” was what he said. Those words apply again today for all of us who were blessed to know such a luminary soul.

Carl Cook - October 10 at 07:26 AM



“ Ellie, it's just hard to absorb, and I am so, so sorry for all of you. I will never, ever forget your dad. He was such a towering, loving, intense presence in our childhood and friendship. He was such a force -- charismatic, handsome, strong, so truly Hungarian in his humor and vitality and his giant emotions. I will never forget calling you on the phone and always, always, always hearing him practicing in the background, how amazing he was, his own symphony.

I will always remember his deep, warm, amazing voice and accent, which I can hear in my head right now. His passionate and boundless love for you all, so clear in all your photos. His friendship with my beloved grandmother, Estie. I have a wonderful photo of him playing at Estie's 90th Bday that I keep in our family room and look at often. I hope Tibor and Estie are hugging and schmoozing gesturing up a storm up there together right now. Sending all my love to you and your family, Ellie.

As brilliant and talented as your dad was, his family was so clearly his greatest joy. Carla Klausner, you were such an amazing partner and I am so very, very sorry. Ellie, Mira, Serena, I remember you as the finest, most devoted daughters. My heart aches for you all and such a profound loss. With love. Zichrono Livracha, may his memory always be a blessing. xoxo

Julie Fingersh - October 10 at 01:06 AM



“ Carla: I really do not know what to say. You and Tibor are such wonderful people. He was such a wonderful, kind, brilliant and and such an unassuming person. Bonnie and I and Isaac will miss him greatly. We are very happy that you and Tibor were a part of our lives.

Love,
The Rabicoff Family

Bonnie and Sam Rabicoff - October 09 at 11:07 PM



“ Sincere condolences to Carla and the family on Tibor’s passing. Mr. Klausner was such an extraordinary violinist and teacher. I knew him when I was at the UMKC Conservatory of Music way back in the ‘70s. I accompanied his students and had a class with him. I used to want to study with him and seriously thought about adding hours a day of violin practice, in addition to the hours of piano and harpsichord I was already practicing, just to get good enough so he would possibly take me into his studio! Some of his students were good friends of mine and I would constantly hear them talking about how Mr. Klausner wanted them to alter their bow grips to such and such (as they were showing me by holding a knife like a violin bow when we were having lunch at Winstead’s on the Plaza!) and wondering what kind of mood their teacher would be in today! Mr. Klausner had an amazing reputation for his musical talents. And I remember when he was Concertmaster of the then Kansas City Philharmonic. Tibor Klausner was a wonderful, kind man and a mensch! May his memory be for a blessing!

Linda and Kambiz Khadavi

Linda Khadavi - October 09 at 10:53 PM



“ Deep condolences and warmest regards, dear Carla.

Bob Battey

Robert Battey - October 09 at 10:30 PM



“ When I think of Tibor, I think of a charming taskmaster - quick with his bright smile in greeting and even faster to check for the callouses on one’s fingers as proof of extended practicing on the violin. We spent many beautiful hours in concerts with him, sometimes private and sometimes in public, always mesmerized watching him delight in the music. Likewise, we have many cherished memories of time in Library Minyan with him and Carla — and our extended families celebrating Shabbat or holidays. Somehow it’s even more poignant to know that he has left us on this highest holy day - reaching one last high note on his way.
Ha’makom yenehem etkhem betokh she’ar avelei Tziyon v’Yerushalayim.

Ms. Leslie D Mark - October 09 at 05:58 PM



“ To Carla and the whole family: I am so sorry to hear of Tibor's passing. My experiences with him were few but precious--a couple of delightful conversations before his health deteriorated to the point where he could not longer socialize. I am also sorry not to be able to attend the funeral as I have to be out of town. My heart and thoughts will be with you all that day.

Linda Mitchell

Linda Mitchell - October 09 at 04:33 PM



“ Such sad news to receive. Days of mixed-up emotion surely will follow. Awe-inspiring man, and we are grateful for his music and his grace. Sending our condolences to Carla and family.

Mark Edelman and karin lichterman - October 09 at 04:08 PM



“ Mrs Klausner, My deepest sympathies to you and your family. You were my favorite teacher at Beth Shalom..... May Mr. Klausner rest in peace..... He was a wonderful man.

Michael S. Myer

michael myer - October 09 at 04:05 PM



“ Another gem of this community gone. Memories of this kind, talented man will put joy in the hearts of millions for many generations. Grateful for the opportunities driving Tibor & Carla.

Jeff Friedman - October 09 at 03:00 PM



“ Tibor was always a gentleman and a scholar. So much talent that was used wisely. May God bless his beautiful soul.

Rickie Haith - October 09 at 10:00 PM



“ Dear Carla, I am so sorry to learn of Tibor's passing. I enjoyed the times we met to go through his notebook to make sure a got all of the records I need to process your taxes. The last few years I missed being able to discuss his record and learn about the family. He was the impressionalization of "mensch". My thought and wishes are with you and the family.

Ken Lerner

Kenneth Lerner, CPA - October 10 at 09:17 PM



“ To Carla and Family, We remember Tibor with such fondness and affection for the dear, kind, accomplished man he was. He added a special quality to the family and outstanding achievements to the world. Sending you all much strength, comfort and love in the coming days.

Debbie and Steve Mack

Debbie Mack - October 11 at 12:14 AM



“ Sending so much love to your family. I have such fond memories of Tibor. He was so kind and gentle. I remember the admiration in my dad's eyes when he would take us to hear him play in his quartet. My dad loved him so very much. May his memory forever be a blessing and may he continue to shine and sparkle in all of you. Much love, Elisa Heiligman Recht

Elisa Heiligman Recht - October 11 at 05:04 PM



“ I really didn't know Tibor well, but did love his music. It's a great loss to the community, and most certainly to his wonderful wife, Carla, and his children. I know Carla was devoted in her love and care for her husband all these years and I know she, and the children, will miss him. He has left a remarkable legacy. Please accept my love and sympathy. Joe Kratchman

Joe Kratchman - October 12 at 04:55 PM