



## DR. RALPH SLOVENKO

November 7, 2013

Dr. Slovenko died November 3 at the age of 86. He was the beloved husband of Natalia for twenty years.

Never run from a fight. And never mince words. These two sentences could sum up the creed of Professor Ralph Slovenko

One of the nation's most respected experts in forensic psychology, Slovenko was known for being outspoken as well as scholarly. He was the author of hundreds of articles and 10 books, including the acclaimed *Psychiatry in Law/Law in Psychiatry*, published in a second edition in 2009. He was editor of the *American Series in Behavioral Science and Law* and a regular contributor to *The Journal of Psychiatry & Law*.

His book, *Psychiatry in Law*, published in 1973, was awarded the Manfred Guttmacher Award of the American Psychiatric Association, cited as "a monumental work" and named Book of the Month Club selection of the Behavior Science Book Club.

"Ralph made outstanding contributions to the fields of law and psychiatry and had a distinguished career of more than four decades at our law school," said Wayne Law Dean Jocelyn Benson. "We mourn his loss but know that the impact of his work continues."

Slovenko spoke five languages and was active with the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and the local Holocaust Memorial Center.

He earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree, doctorate in psychology and law degree from Tulane University, where he once was on the track and field team and held a residency in psychiatry.

He loved to travel and lectured in countries including Australia, France, Israel, Japan, Russia and South Africa. He was a guest professor at Haifa University in Israel and Utrecht University in the Netherlands.

In addition to his tenure in academia, Slovenko's background included serving as a law clerk to Louisiana Supreme Court Justice E. Howard McCaleb, a Fulbright Scholar in France, a New Orleans senior assistant district attorney, a practicing attorney and a U.S. District Court commissioner for Judge J. Skelly Wright.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME.

Funeral services at Hebrew Memorial Chapel in Oak Park.

Further information will be provided as soon as it is available.

Family Info:

Wife: Natalia Lilenko

Son: Boris (Tatiana Nevrych) Korjov

Grandchild: Aleksandra Korjova

Sister-in-law: Paula Slovenko

Niece and Nephew: Karen (John) Wilkes

Richard (Joy) Slovenko

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ I deeply regret missing the announcement of Dr. Slovenko's death. I am just now finding out. I am writing a memoir about father/daughter incest and I know that Dr. Slovenko railed against the laws that held child sex offenders responsible for their crimes. He was part of that sorry chapter in psychology that belittled, denied and minimized the abuse of women and children. Such hostility and hatred he must have had for children. Shameful.

---

**R. Downs** - March 12, 2018 at 04:20 PM