



DR. GLENN E. WEISFELD

August 30, 1943 - September 7, 2025

FUNERAL SERVICES: Thursday, September 11, 2025, 1:00 PM Hebrew Memorial Chapel.

The chapel service will be webcast live and uploaded for later viewing

Dr. Glenn E. Weisfeld, 82, longtime resident of Lafayette Park in Detroit and Professor of Psychology at Wayne State University, passed away on September 7, 2025.

Born in 1943 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Madison in 1965, and in 1978, he obtained his doctorate in Human Development from the University of Chicago. He spent his professorial career at Wayne State University in Detroit, where he was an important contributor to the WSU Developmental Psychology program, teaching thousands of students their courses in Adolescent Psychology, Motivation and Emotions, and Brain and Behavior.

Dr. Weisfeld was a prolific writer, authoring or co-editing 6 books and hundreds of book chapters and journal articles. His specialty areas of study were the normative challenges of adolescents, the development and function of humor, and the predictors of satisfaction in married couples (this latter area he researched with his wife Carol, and several international colleagues from Russia, Turkey, China, the UK, and other countries). He was active in the International Society for Human Ethology, serving as the President, newsletter editor, and longtime Trustee.

Not content to limit his interest in humor to the academic approach, he wrote "The Hanukkah Newsletter" for family and friends for more than 40 years, in which he shared his own mishaps from the preceding year, treating readers to a satirical spoof of the typical holiday newsletter. His interests also included enthusiastic support for progressive political causes. He was involved in registering voters, canvassing for progressive candidates for office, and working as a community organizer, combating racism in white street gang members in Chicago. He was a lifetime supporter of The Progressive magazine, which also had its roots in Wisconsin. His family proudly displayed their certificate of shares in the Green Bay Packers. He also translated French scientific literature into English, and his hobby was sketching portraits. He was a founding member of the Reconstructionist Congregation of Detroit, serving as the Board Secretary for many years. He was also a supporter of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

Dr. Glenn Weisfeld was a loving husband of Dr. Carol Cronin Weisfeld.

Adored father of Miriam (Joseph Isenberg) Weisfeld.

Beloved grandfather of Nina Pier Isenberg.

Devoted brother of Neil Weisfeld (Victoria D. Weisfeld), brother-in-law to Timothy Cronin, Marian (Kevin McInerney) Cronin, John (Lori) Cronin, Margaret (John) MacDonald, the late Patrick (Carol) Cronin, and the late Kevin (Phuong) Cronin.

Caring uncle of Alexandra (Geoff Davis) Dowling. and other nieces and nephews.

He will be dearly missed by many extended family and friends.

OFFICANTS:

Rabbi Allen Schenk

Rabbi Lisa Rappaport

Cantor Mara Abramson

INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery
21701 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, Michigan, 48220

SHIVA:

The family will be observing Shiva at the home of
Dr. Carol Cronin Weisfeld
1326 Joliet Place
Detroit, MI 48207

Following the interment Thursday until an 8:00 PM service
Friday from 12-3:00 PM with a 1:00 PM service
Then Saturday at 7:45 PM with a 8:00 PM service.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you wish to honor the memory of Dr. Glenn E. Weisfeld, you may do so by
donating in his name to one of the following:

The Progressive Magazine
931 E. Main Street, Suite 10 • Madison, Wisconsin 53703
• (608) 257-4626

<https://progressive.org/?form=GeneralFund>

or

Reconstructionist Congregation of Detroit
1457 Griswold St, Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 623-4600

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<https://recondetroit.org/>

Cemetery Details

Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, MI 48220

Previous Events

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SEP 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel
26640 Greenfield Rd
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 543-1622
info@hebrewmemorial.org
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DR.
GLENN E. WEISFELD



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - September 09, 2025 at 02:36 PM

AS

*Dear Carol, I was a professor at UDM coming from Mercy College in 1990. When I was discharged in 1993, you and the union worked something out with human resources. I was able to retire with benefits and health insurance that continues to the present. I will never forget your kindness! After I left, I was able to take a course that you taught , human sexuality, you were a wonderful professor! I wanted to offer you and your family, my deepest condolences.
Sincerely, Ann Gale Serafin*

Ann K Serafin - September 10, 2025 at 10:57 PM

MB

“ Dear Carol,

I just learned that Glenn passed away earlier this year, when voting for ISHE trustees. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to you.

I remember both you and Glenn very well. You, Carol, made a nice comment on my (kind of awkward) poster that I presented at the ISHE meeting in Vancouver in 1998. I always enjoyed Glenn's special sense of humour. I think, we last met in person in 2009 on the occasion of a human ethology meeting in Natal, Brazil, where Glenn corrected my English (after my talk): "It is 'with regard to', not 'with regards to'. 'Regards' is used when you want to greet somebody." This was so funny, I remember wonderful memories from this and other ISHE meetings.

Carol, I actually don't know if you remember me. I couldn't attend the last ISHE meetings, because they fell in the school holiday period in Germany (my kids are born 2005 and 2007). I still work as a psychiatrist and psychotherapist at the Ruhr University Bochum in Germany.

Warm regards,

Martin (Brüne).

Martin Brüne - December 08, 2025 at 09:45 AM

KD

“ Dear Carol and Weisfeld Family:
Rosemarie and I were deeply saddened to hear of Glenn's passing. I was Glenn's first doctoral dissertation advisee when he arrived at WSU. Glenn was a wonderful teacher, mentor, and friend. I will always remember his penetrating intellect, integrity, and good humor.

Kindest regards,

Kim N. Dietrich

Kim N. Dietrich - October 05, 2025 at 11:39 AM

JZ

“ Dear Carol- I was so sad to read about Glenn's passing. Larry and I will always remember him as one of the most interesting, intelligent, brave, caring and downright funny colleagues and friend. And I hope you find comfort in the memory of your many adventures with this extraordinary mensch. Love, Jackie and Larry

Jacqueline Zeff - September 20, 2025 at 10:07 PM

EB

“ Dear Carol, I only met Glenn once face to face, and you were there too. We enjoyed a lovely dinner and discussions about ethology. I will always remember Glenn as one of the greatest mentors intellectually that I've had the pleasure to know. He helped me enormously with my writing and reading. I wish you and your family all the strength in these sad times.

Eddy de Bruyn - September 19, 2025 at 07:31 AM

BA

“ Dear Carol,
I am deeply saddened to learn of Glenn's passing. Glenn was smart, witty, sometimes critical, but never mean. A real mensch! Jan and I greatly appreciated the way the two of you welcomed us into your lovely home for holidays, meetings, and other events. The body may fail, but the memories and the love will last forever. With deepest condolences,
Bob Ackerman

Bob Ackerman - September 12, 2025 at 04:28 PM

PW

“ Thank you for including us in Glenn's service. I felt I got to know him today, unlike the few previous fleeting encounters. He is resting in peace now after his long arduous journey. He will live on in the hearts and minds of all he touched. Jim and Pam Wessel

Pamela Wessel - September 11, 2025 at 02:10 PM

PL

“ Here's a photo of Glenn, Carol and myself enjoying a Tiger's game at Commerca Park back when Verlander was their star pitcher. I would often visit my dear friends the Weisfelds during the spring for a little birdwatching in their neighborhood around Lafayette park. And I would would try for a short visit in later years during the winter holidays when we enjoyed a dinner in one of the downtown restaurants. Having known Glenn and Carol for about 50 years, I can only say that Glenn will be missed greatly by all their friends in ISHE and elsewhere.



Peter LaFreniere - September 10, 2025 at 04:55 PM

RS

“ Dear Carol, I just read the notice about Glenn's death. My deepest condolences to you and your family. I remember talking to Glenn for a while at the memorial for Al at Harriet's home that evening and at other times that go much further back. My memories are especially plentiful of our wonderful times together in shul through the decades. Yours is a profound loss, and my heart goes out to you and your loved ones. Glenn's memory will always be for a blessing. With love and supportive hugs, Roz

Roz Schindler - September 08, 2025 at 03:13 PM

KG

Carol,
My sincere condolences for you and your family. While I never met Glenn, you are very special to me while we were colleagues at MCD in the 80s Loss of your life partner, spouse, is a dramatic and devastating event. You are such a beautiful and wonderful person, whom I very fondly remember. Sending love and support
Katharine Gibb

Katharine Gibb - September 10, 2025 at 03:45 PM