



## HARLAND "SONNY" FINE

June 30, 1930 - January 14, 2021

FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 12 NOON SUNDAY 1/17/2021 at HEBREW MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A LIVE ZOOM OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE.

ON SUNDAY, YOU CAN RETURN TO THIS WEBSITE AND CLICK ON THE LINK AT APPROXIMATELY 11:50 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87481006293?pwd=eFl6bmMrWmQ1REp5RWp2Mmt3VWhUQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 8100 6293

Passcode: tHHD6y

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Harland 'Sonny' Willard Fine was born on June 30, 1930 in Burlington, Vermont to Minnie and Abraham Fine. He died on January 14, 2021.

When Sonny was 11 the family moved from Vermont to Michigan. He lived in Pontiac, and then moved to Detroit. When he was 19, he met the woman who

he would build a family and life with, Fran Smolnick. They married in 1954.

Harland was a CPA. He belonged to the Accountants Guild, and eventually set up his own practice. He had many clients who became friends, and friends who became clients for over 50 years. He worked into his 80's, retiring after a stroke at the age of 86.

He loved fishing, playing Monday Night Poker with his buddies, was active with the Commerce Township Chabad and Temple Israel, making an outing into an adventure, going for a drive, and being with his loved ones.

Sonny was uniquely able to bring a smile, a sly joke, and a vast sense of love to those around him. He had a gentle spirit and an undeterred positive outlook. His bingo luck was unmatched.

Sonny became a passionate walker before suffering a stroke. He had an incredible attitude afterwards, looking forward to physical therapy appointments, working on becoming stronger and stronger, and spending every day with his wife Fran. Each morning when they woke up they'd have 'the whisper club.' They continued talking on the phone every morning when they woke up, even when they had to be physically apart, up to the day he passed.

He is survived by his wife, Fran (Smolnick), his love of 71 years;  
his children, Rabbi David (Beth) Fine, Robert (Betsy) Fine, Sharon (Lloyd Alpert) Fine; nieces and nephews Ilene (Ken) Filipiak, Alan (Marianne) Ellis, Rona Smith and Gary Smith;  
his grandchildren Rabbi Avi (Erin), Naomi, Sydney, Abbi,  
and his great-granddaughter Maya.

He was the proud son of the late Minnie and Abraham Fine,  
dear brother of the late Estelle (Norman) Smith,

treasured son-in-law to the late Minnie and Samuel Smolnick,  
and brother-in-law of the late Edith (Ronald) Ellis.

His love and memory will carry on in each of us, and we will miss him always.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi David Fine

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva virtually

and a link will be provided on this webpage on Sunday

There will be shiva minyan services over Zoom at 4:00 PM Pacific Standard  
Time (7:00 PM EST). The Zoom link will be the same for all the dates.

Sunday, January 17

Monday, January 18

Tuesday, January 19

Wednesday, January 20

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88302883638?pwd=OUZjV0hmZ2R3QzA2bndUWkd0cjVvUT09>

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Meeting ID: 883 0288 3638

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CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

HARLAND "SONNY" FINE

you may do so by making a contribution to:

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# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery  
33230 Gratiot  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Tribute Wall

DC

“*Fran, I just got off the phone with Vida and told her the sad news of Sonny's passing. She was shocked and saddened, and asked that I pass along her sincere condolences to you. She told me how much she cares for you both; what good people you both are.*

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**Diana Cernis** - January 22, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DC

“*My deepest condolences to the entire family in the loss of your devoted husband, loving father, doting grandfather. My heart goes out to you all. I will remember Sonny fondly. Praying for comfort for you all at this most difficult time. Diana Cernis (Mr. C's daughter)*

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**Diana Cernis** - January 20, 2021 at 06:09 PM

BA

“*Fran. I'm so sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories sharing your family stories. Barbara ESkin*

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**barbaraveskin** - January 19, 2021 at 03:19 PM

JK

“*Fran - I've thought about the two of you throughout this pandemic and hoped that you were able to see Harland someday/somehow. He was always so gracious and kind when I visited and I enjoyed our visits. My sympathies to you and your family. JOanne Kristal, Jewish Chaplaincy, Jewish Senior Life and friend of Ruth Burstein. :)*

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**JOANNE I KRISTAL** - January 18, 2021 at 08:09 AM

HM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



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Hebrew Memorial - January 17, 2021 at 03:14 PM

VS

“ I enjoyed knowing and doing therapy with Sonny at fox run and Novi Lakes. He was a remarkable man. He will be missed.

Virginia

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virginia schlenker - January 15, 2021 at 07:18 PM