



HARVEY PRICE

April 25, 1934 - April 22, 2022

FUNERAL SERVICE AND INTERMENT WERE HELD IN THAILAND.

Harvey Price was born on 4/25/1934 in Detroit, MI. He was the third of three children of Sarah and Morris Price, both Polish refugees from WW II. After graduating from Central High School in 1952, Harvey began his college journey at UM in Ann Arbor, but got homesick and couldn't bare to be so far away from his family in Detroit. Harvey transferred to Wayne State University, moved back home with his family, and then completed his undergraduate degree and his law degree at Wayne State. During college, Harvey joined a fraternity and formed life-long friendships with his fraternity brothers.

In 1960, Harvey heard John F. Kennedy's famous speech on the steps of the Michigan Union about the Peace Corps and was inspired to join the Peace Corps. Harvey returned to UM for Peace Corps training for service in Thailand and then began his service project overseas. Harvey fell in love with Thailand, established a law firm in Bangkok (website <https://www.pricesanond.com/>), and spent the rest of his adult life in Thailand.

Harvey returned to Detroit every Fall to celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with his family and friends.

Harvey married Phen Harnravee and they adopted four children: Mem, Doi, Phet, and Pim. Harvey will be remembered as a loving father and husband, in

addition to a manager who enriched the lives of his employees, a loyal friend to his fraternity brothers, and someone who conveyed the best of American ideals to the Thai people. Harvey has been buried in the Jewish Cemetery of Bangkok.

Harvey's family will miss his cheerful and supportive presence.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, Sarah and Morris Price, sister Mollie (Aaron) Sinkoff, brother Norman Price, and nephew Barry Sinkoff. Survivors include his wife, Phen Price (Bangkok), son Phet Price (Bangkok), daughters Pim (Bangkok), Toi (Jacksonville, FL), and Mem Price (Jacksonville, FL), nephew Gordon Sinkoff (Elizabeth Harris Sinkoff) of Solana Beach, CA, niece Brandy Sinco of Ann Arbor, MI, great-nephew Jason Sinkoff of Harrisonburg, VA, great nephew Adam Sinkoff (Natalie Sinkoff) of Del Mar, CA, great/great niece Eloise Sinkoff and great/great nephew Aaron Sinkoff of Del Mar, CA.

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

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“ He means the world to me. The memories I shared with him is just beyond words can describe. Harvey gave me the life I am today. There would be more things I would do with him and share with him if time was not the case but whatever happened between me and him I will never forget. The way he cared about me is what I would say what a father will care for a son. I have never experienced true love but my feelings for him is probably the closest thing to it. Until we meet again dad. I love and miss you everyday, that will continue until my last breath.

Thaveesak Harnravee - July 15, 2023 at 03:55 AM

CW

“ My grandfather was a fraternity brother with Harvey. They kept in close contact over the years. My husband, brother and I visited Harvey and Phen in Thailand 12 years ago and they were they most incredible hosts. They became our Thai grandparents. I often think of that trip and both Phen and Harvey. Now that my grandparents have both passed, and Cliff Chudler, I didn't have anyone to tell me about Harvey's passing. My husband and I wondered and looked it up today and are just now seeing the news. So very sorry to read this, Phen. Please reach out to me if you read this. Vabindy@gmail.com Sending love and hugs your way from Indianapolis. Harvey was a gem of a human and I feel lucky to have gotten to know him.

Courtney Wiley - May 22, 2023 at 10:28 PM

JW

“ His expatriate friends in Thailand loved Harvey for his clever eccentricities. He liked to wear the more comfortable sea parachatan, or "royalty bestowed shirt" designed by the King because he said, "No one can criticize it."

He drove a pickup truck for personal use because Thai tax regulations made trucks very much cheaper than sedans, and he was unconcerned for status or prestige.

Arnie Garner likes to recall that at law school exams, Harvey was always the first to finish his exam and leave the room, but he consistently received the highest score.

Harvey had a way of seeing through the chaff to the essentials of an issue. His notes in several lecture classes were so concise that he even published them as a precursor to Cliff's Notes.

He wrote "I dated a Thai Girl," a humorous but true essay that was used frequently in Peace Corps cross-cultural training.

When I knew him in the 60s and 70s in Thailand Harvey loved visiting the seaside at Pattaya, but the place he loved the most was his home in Bangkok that we called "Wang Pyrat," Thai for "Price's Palace". He loved to relax there in the afternoon breeze with his beloved wife, Phen, wearing an undershirt and Chinese pajamas, listening to songs by Barbara Streisand, eating fresh fruit, and reading Kukrit Pramoj's column in the Thai newspaper, Siam Rath.

I send condolences to Phen and his family. Those who knew him in Thailand will miss his mirth, his keen insights, and his generous and friendly spirit.

Jim Woodcock - June 09, 2022 at 01:44 AM

AK

I knew Harvey in the 1960s while he was a peace corps volunteer and I was an exchange student at Chulalongkorn university. I admired him for his friendliness and his intellectual depth. Recently I wanted to contact him after a gap of 15 years because I was digitising my colour slides. Sadly a Google search brought me to this page and I wish to express my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Anwar Kemal retired Ambassador and former Chairman of the Committee on the Elimination of racial Discrimination

Anwar Kemal - October 25, 2023 at 09:09 AM

JL

Former Peace Corps Volunteers from all over the world used to meet monthly for a lunch and friendship at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand -- prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Harvey was somewhat of a celebrity, with friends jokingly referring to him as Brother Number 1, because he was in the very first group of Volunteers to serve in Thailand, and the most senior person in the group. I sadly found out about his death when doing a search on Google. May his memory be a blessing.

John Loftus - November 22, 2023 at 09:06 AM

“ Harvey was a dear friend and a one-of-a-kind individual. I first met him when I pledged the Mu Kappa chapter of Sigma Alpha Mu at Wayne State in the fall of the 1955. While I'm told that he had been quite shy and retiring when he went off to the University of Michigan for undergraduate school, but his return to Detroit the following year, where he continued his education at Wayne, saw a blossoming of his outgoing and somewhat quirky personality. He was of course extremely smart, achieving the status of both a certified public accountant and an attorney at a very young age. Not content to follow the traditional path for which such training would generally lead, Harvey was inspired by John F. Kennedy's announcement of the creation of the Peace Corps. I recall well the phone call I got from him, when we had moved to Arlington Virginia so i could take my first job as a lawyer with the U S Department of Justice. He excitedly told me about hearing Kennedy speak and being convinced that the Peace Corps was the right place for him. I have in my extensive file of correspondence that passed between us over the years, a post card dated October 8, 1961, with the return address "South Quad--Ann Arbor, Michigan" telling me that he was then in training for the Peace Corps, taking 60 hours of classes a week, including 18 hours of Thai language training.

What followed were dozens of newsletters and personal correspondence detailing the rich and remarkable unique experience he was having in remote parts of a nation most of us couldn't find on a map, and which he chose to make his permanent home for the rest of his life.

Like hundreds of other friends, Elaine and I visited Harvey and Phen in Bangkok and were treated to their extraordinary hospitality and warmth. And, year after year we looked forward to his annual fall visits back to Detroit, where lunch at the Lafayette Coney Island, and Arnie Garber's fabulous Sunday brunches, were always on the schedule.

Elaine and I have only the fondest memories of this very delightful

man. We extend our deepest sympathies to Phen and the other members of his family on his passing. We shall not see the likes of Harvey again.

Eugene Driker

Eugene Driker - April 29, 2022 at 10:19 AM

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“ *Very sad
One of my all time favorite people
Will be greatly missed
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Nison Sabin - April 27, 2022 at 09:09 AM

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Brandy Sinco - April 26, 2022 at 10:10 PM

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Sad indeed. A remarkable person, friend to many and like a brother for me.

Eugene Biegelman - April 27, 2022 at 09:07 PM

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