



IRVING MEISNER

May 18, 1921 - April 26, 2020

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE ONLY: 2:00 PM TUESDAY 4/28/2020 at MACHPELAH CEMETERY

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Irving Aaron Meisner, Age 98, of Southfield, died April 26, 2020.

Irving Meisner, first-generation American and devoted husband of 73 years of Lillian (nee Shreeman) Meisner passed away just shy of his 99th birthday. As the father of six, grandfather of 11, uncle to 16 and cousin to many more, he had a profound effect on many close to him.

Born to Max and Bessie Meisner (nee Brown) and raised in the Dexter and Davison area of Detroit, he graduated from Central High School in 1939. After going on his first date with Lillian on New Year's Eve 1941 and escorting her to the Central Prom of 1942, they married in 1944 and started on their incredible journey together raising their family in the Green Acres neighborhood in Detroit and later in Southfield.

Their life together was filled with family, fun and hard work. As the sole proprietor of Inkster Linoleum for 39 years, he sought balance in his life. He could be found at the Fisher Theater as an annual subscription holder, the JCC playing volleyball or on many fields in Metro Detroit playing pick-up

softball on Sundays well into his 80's. He loved jazz, baseball, a solid meal, the Schvitz and a good cigar.

He often said that he did not want a eulogy at his funeral, "just play Benny Goodman". Irving was beloved by most that he encountered and was a source of calmness and good feeling by his friends and extended family. With his easy-going presence, he was a father figure to many who needed his watchful eye and caring disposition. His positive demeanor, fun-loving manner and gentle style will continue to be a source for all of us in our hearts forever. We hope to celebrate him with "100 years of Irving" in May 2021, when we can hopefully all be together.

Beloved husband to the late Lillian Meisner.

Devoted father of David (Pamela) Meisner, Rebecca (Bob Beskangy) Meisner, Deborah (Leonard) Weiss, Matthew (Madi) Meisner, Joseph (Gerry) Meisner and Benjamin (Risa) Meisner.

Loving grandfather of Meryl (Hector Chen) Meisner, Harry, Louie, Nathan, Herbert, Ivan Meisner, Mayer (Leah) Stein, Matthew (Tiffany Esshaki) Mason, Zachary (Jesse Fetbroth) Meisner, Sonia Meisner and Andrew Meisner.

Cherished brother of the late Ruby "Lois" Kahn, late Rona (late Seymour) Summer and the late Aubrey (late Millie) Meisner. Dear brother-in-law to Edith (late Jack) Kaplan, late Samuel Shreeman (late May) and the late Louis (Fay) Shreeman. Beloved uncle to sixteen nieces and nephews.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi R. Shere

Hazzan Daniel Gross

INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery

SHIVA:

Due to the coronavirus, the family will observe Shiva by participating in a Zoom meeting room for 2 nights.

The family has requested their privacy on Tuesday evening

On Wednesday and Thursday, they will participate in a ZOOM SHIVA
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm with a service at 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82473171267>

meeting ID: 824 7317 1267

password: tigers

THURSDAY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85998763155>

meeting ID: 859 9876 3155

password: Schvitz

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of
IRVING MEISNER

you may do so by making a contribution to:

GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

https://secure.gcfb.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2280&mfc_pref=T&2280.donation=form1

or

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

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West Bloomfield, MI 48322

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Cemetery Details

Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, MI 48220

Previous Events

Service

APR 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BW

“ I just became aware this morning of Irv's passing. It feels strange calling him anything other than Mr. Meisner. I feel most comfortable calling him a GREAT MAN! Growing up in Southfield a block away, Ben became my first and closest friend. We were together quite a bit and played so many sports and got into so much mischief throughout the years. The one main bond was Baseball. Irv was a very hard working man. He worked a lot but always found time for what was important in life. His family was his world and so were his Tiger's. I have so many GREAT memories of Mr. Meisner taking Ben and I to so many games over the years. The best was going to watch the Bird pitch. I remember hanging out at his store Inkster Linoleum. So many others come to mind.....

I know we all want to go through life thinking that we did things right or left an impact on others. Irv Meisner left an impact on my life in many ways. I never told him this but maybe telling his kids will be good enough. I learned what love, hard work, devotion, kindness, discipline and generosity was just by watching your father be himself. The love he had for your mother was off the charts. He led by example and did things right.

I am deeply saddened for the entire Meisner family and wish to express my families deepest condolences. Irv had a very long blessed life! He will be missed, but I hope knowing that he is alive in each of you will help ease your sorrow!

RIP GREAT MAN!

Love,
Brian Wais & Family

Brian Wais - May 22, 2022 at 08:43 AM

JC

“ Irving was a good man, from a good family. May his memory be eternal. Sincerely, John Calvas from Fairlane.

John Calvas - June 04, 2020 at 02:09 PM

GW

“ I had not seen Irv since he was a fellow Men's Camper in same cabin about 15 years ago. Always enjoyed meals and conversations there with Irv during camp. His memory shall always be a blessing.

Garry Weiner - May 03, 2020 at 04:11 PM

DV

“ So sorry to learn of Irv's passing. He was always so kind to Gary and myself. We visited him in his Inkster store many times.

Debbi Voight - May 02, 2020 at 10:57 AM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Irving's passing. We got to know each other when he and my father Brad were both residents at Fairlane. What a bright-eyed, kind-hearted, and friendly man your father was! It seems to me that he never met a stranger, and always had a bright smile, warm greeting, and kind word no matter the circumstance. We pray your family holds close the wonderful memories of this bright light of a man who clearly left his mark on so many. We walk this road with you as you grieve.

Dan Hubert - May 01, 2020 at 06:14 PM

ME

I just saw that my sweet Irving passed, to, god took 2 angels, what amazing people Lilian and Irving. Mrs. Meisner is the one who would tell me as wonderful as you are you should be a nurse and I did, I appreciated her encouragement.

Mechelle - May 17, 2020 at 05:38 PM

YC

“ Our Bubby Meryl and Yitzchak Meisner were blessed with seven children, three boys Max, Harry, Ivan, and four girls, Esther, Helen, Ethel, and my mother Miriam. Uncle Max Meisner, the oldest of the boys was blessed with 2 sons. All the children that had boys, named them after their father Yitzchak who passed away at a very young age. As much as possible many of them were named Irving. The oldest Irving that was named after his grandfather was Irving Meisner of Blessed of Memory. There were others who named their son after their father Irving could not be called Irving because there was an Irving Meisner, so they were called Lawrence Meisner and Robert Meisner. However, our Aunt Esther, Aunt Helen, and my mother Miriam Cohen called their sons Irving Rubin or Irving Shimovits and Irving Cohen.

We learn from this that when a Jewish person passes away physically, their memory and name live on forever. Therefore, Irving Meisner a beloved grandfather, father, uncle, and cousin memory should continue to forever live on. We can only perpetuate his memory by living a Torah life which is a link to past generations and guaranteed link to the future generations.

May these words of this tribute to Irving Meisner be taken and be directed to our hearts to be perpetuated in an everlasting chain of commitment to the Torah values.

With sincere condolences your cousins,
Yitzchak and Sarah Cohen

Yitzchak and Sarah Cohen - April 30, 2020 at 06:32 PM

AK

“ I have known the Meisner family for over 50 years. Joe and I have been friends since pre-school and I have many fond memories of spending countless hours at their home in our Southfield neighborhood. His dad and mom were wonderful, sweet, welcoming people. I know Irv will be missed by his family, friends and all who had the pleasure to get to know him. My sincerest condolences to the family on losing such a wonderful father.

Andy Klein - April 30, 2020 at 08:26 AM



“ Such a sweet man, loving uncle, and kind-hearted person....I will miss his smile, and ready laugh at everything his children would say. Uncle Irv's sweetness lives on in each of the six of you Meisners. My only regret is not being able to be there and hug each one of you.

Diane Wertheimer-Gale - April 29, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ Thank you Joe for reaching out to me and letting me know of your dad’s passing, my deepest sympathies to you and your entire family. He was such a good man and like I’ve always said, more of a father to me than my own. It was so wonderful to learn that he and your mom lived very long lives and spent them together, what an amazing beautiful love story. I am blessed to have known the entire Meisner family and got to witness a small part of that story. Found some old photos I thought you might enjoy



Jamie Ferguson McGuire - April 29, 2020 at 01:16 PM

JF

“ Ed and I send our deepest condolences on the loss of your father. Irving was such a lovely man who had a positive impact on so many lives. I will always remember him as a generous, kind and caring gentleman. Ed has fond memories of his enjoyable conversations with him when they would see each other at the Jewish Center. We are keeping your whole family in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Joanie Fagin and Ed Frost

Joanie Fagin - April 29, 2020 at 08:25 AM

FN

“ Irv was an amazing man who possessed the capacity to touch one’s life in the most amazing way. He always had a smile, a kind word, and sincere comments. Irv always made me feel like Family and I will always cherish the many times just sitting and talking sports, family and life. God speed Irv. Now you are dancing with the stars (for real)!

fred nader - April 28, 2020 at 07:34 PM

SK

“ In 61 years I never saw him frown, always had a smile on his face and he knew how to party. RIP Uncle Irv, you will be missed.

Seth

Seth Kaplan - April 28, 2020 at 06:54 PM

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otto - April 28, 2020 at 03:56 PM

 Steve
Friedman

“ A true gentlemen. So Glad he came to men's camp and was able to share in our brotherhood with his son. It was a pleasure hanging out with Irv.

Much love,
Sudsy

Steve Friedman - April 28, 2020 at 02:36 PM

ST

“ *Love, prayers, peace, and admiration to the great Meisner family and the amazing legacy that Irv and Lillian created. - Steve, Maria, Jillian, Sydney and Mara Strauss*

Steve - April 28, 2020 at 02:09 PM

SS

May his memory be a blessing. May the four winds blow his neshama safely home. May your family find comfort. Scott Snyder and Gaynor Autrand.

Scott Snyder - April 28, 2020 at 02:30 PM

I think Irv was just one of the best people I ever met. He always seemed to be in a good mood and made it a point to try and share that with everyone else he came in contact with. You don't find that in too many people and his presence will be missed. Condolences and prayers for the family - Love Jeff and Judi Vaught

Jeff Vaught - April 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM

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Deborah Weiss - April 28, 2020 at 11:12 AM

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Joe Meisner - April 28, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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Joe Meisner - April 28, 2020 at 10:41 AM

MW

Joe, is that you in the middle? Much love to you and your family. Take care, Meg

Meg Wilson - April 28, 2020 at 05:00 PM

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Joe Meisner - April 28, 2020 at 09:55 AM

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JM

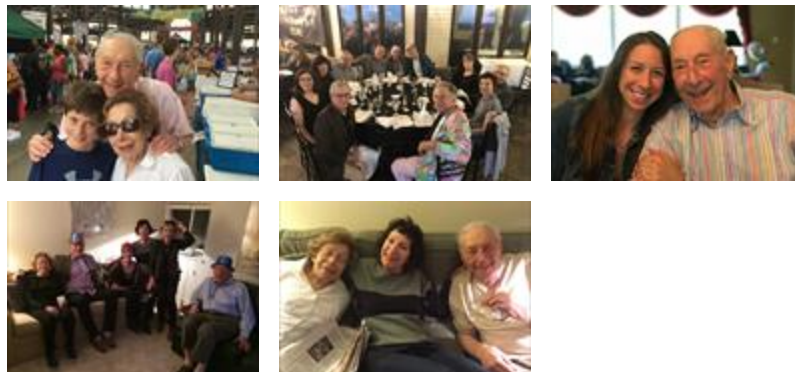
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Joe Meisner - April 28, 2020 at 09:52 AM

BM

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Ben Meisner - April 27, 2020 at 10:37 PM

MS

“ I have very fond memories of Irving. When I was 14, and my parents were getting divorced, Irving gave me my very first job at the store in Inkster. It was located in the back of a jewelry store on Michigan Ave. Your mom and dad were some of the most caring people I knew. My mom had a very special relationship with them both. Very kind and caring people. My sympathies to all of you,
Mark Saidman

mark Saidman - April 27, 2020 at 09:11 PM

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Joe Meisner - April 27, 2020 at 07:42 PM

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Joe Meisner - April 27, 2020 at 07:38 PM

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Joe Meisner - April 27, 2020 at 06:59 PM

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Joe Meisner - April 27, 2020 at 06:27 PM

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Joe Meiner - April 27, 2020 at 06:21 PM