



## DR. JOSEPH "JERRY" LAPIDES

May 11, 1931 - January 25, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE: 11:00 a.m. Friday, 1/27/2023 Oppenheim Chapel at  
Machpelah Cemetery, Ferndale.

The link to join Zoom Funeral Service

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699733291?pwd=TVo1UjUwZHZLeERiZHBjcjhU  
cUpqdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85699733291?pwd=TVo1UjUwZHZLeERiZHBjcjhUcUpqdz09)

Meeting ID: 856 9973 3291

Passcode: 726205

Age 91, of Southfield, MI, died January 25, 2023.

Beloved husband of Arlene Gorelick. Devoted father of Louis (Ann Meehan) Lapidès, Michael (Joyce) Lapidès, Sharon Lapidès, Jonathan Lapidès, and Sam (Maureen Maki) Lapidès. Loving grandfather of Elizabeth, Jennifer, Michelle, Jacob, Ilana, Daniel, Ilan, and Laure. Dear Great-Grandfather of Isabella, Nathaniel, Liam, Noam, Ariel, Ron and Matan.

INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery

OFFICIATORS:

Rabbi David Nelson  
Rabbi Robert Gamer  
Cantor Samuel Greenbaum

SHIVA:

The family will be observing Shiva at Congregation Beth Shalom,  
14601 Lincoln St, Oak Park, MI 48237

Sunday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Shiva Services will be held there at 7:00 pm.

A Zoom link to join the Shiva service,  
<https://Zoom.us/j/9870691349>

CONTRIBUTIONS:

To further honor the memory of Dr. Jerry Lapidés, you may best do so by  
donating to:

Congregation Beth Shalom  
14601 Lincoln St,  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
248.547.7970  
[www.congbethshalom.org](http://www.congbethshalom.org)  
or  
A charity of your choice

# Cemetery Details

## Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue  
Ferndale, MI 48220

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Machpelah Cemetery  
21701 Woodward Avenue  
Ferndale, MI 48220

## Shiva

JAN 29. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Congregation Beth Shalom  
14601 Lincoln St  
Oak Park, MI 48237

*Services at 7:00 pm*

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jerry was well liked and respected as a leader in the field of performance improvement. His classes were fun, insightful, and very effective. He contributed a great deal to the lives of many.  
*Darlene Van Tiem*

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**Darlene Van Tiem** - February 12, 2023 at 12:11 PM

MB

“ Very sorry to hear of the loss of a great teacher and mentor to many. May his memory be a blessing.

*Michael Breshgold*

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**Michael Breshgold** - January 28, 2023 at 08:51 PM

LI

“ We are very sorry for your tremendous loss Arlene. Dr. Lapides was everything to me. He always went above and beyond for his students. In fact, he introduced me to my husband. We will be celebrating our 30th this year and have three wonderful boys. He changed the entire trajectory of my life when I truly needed guidance. Dr. Lapides was an amazing person and I will continue to hold him in my heart forever. *Linda Bebb*

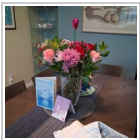
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**Linda** - January 28, 2023 at 12:59 AM

LK

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Dr. Lapidus. He was my graduate advisor at UMD and I am proud to be called one of “Jerry’s kids.” I was so impressed at my first meeting with him in his office (books and papers strewn everywhere!), when he pulled out the exact document I needed from a pile of papers on his desk! He was one in a million! My thoughts and prayers are with the Lapidus family. Laurie Kattuah-Snyder

Laurie Kattuah-Snyder - January 27, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ Bruce and I met Jerry and Arlene at Beth Shalom almost 30 years ago, but got to know him better when we joined a "dinner chaverah" together. His intellect, good humor, and feistiness were always entertaining. We are sending our love to Arlene and the family from here in California, and I hope the memories of Jerry will help support all of us through this time. Love to Arlene from Bruce and Diane

Diane Wertheimer-Gale - January 27, 2023 at 01:51 PM

WR

“ I met Jerry and Arlene at Beth Shalom. He was instrumental in encouraging me to go for my master's degree at UM-Dearborn. He was a great teacher and became a good friend. I'm so sad for his passing. My condolences to Arlene and Jerry's family and friends. May his memory be for a blessing.

Wendy Robins - January 27, 2023 at 11:55 AM

MH

“ I was most saddened to learn of Jerry's passing :-( I met/knew Jerry via IRP. He was always helpful and knowledgeable. He will sorely be missed.

Mal Hillman - January 27, 2023 at 11:35 AM

JP

“ When I became dean of the U of M-Dearborn School of Education I inherited Jerry. He became a legacy. Jerry was a one person adult education department. I was invited to his classes and sat with them and caught the bouncing ball (alums will understand that). Everyone participated and enjoyed the interaction. Jerry was also a one person United Nations. He had lived many places and was always happy to learn about other cultures. He was our "go to" guy for information about the best Arab restaurants around Dearborn. He was proud of Arlene's achievements and his children's successes. I'm so sorry that he died, but happy that he lived to see great grandchildren. John Poster

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**john poster** - January 27, 2023 at 11:12 AM

KS

“ So sorry to hear of Dr. Lapedes passing. May his memory be a blessing. He was a wonderful professor and encouraging mentor whom I'll always remember fondly.  
Sincerely,  
Kim Smith

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**Kim Smith** - January 27, 2023 at 11:05 AM

GT

“ We are very sad about Jerry's death. We will always remember him at Steve's seders. Deep condolences to Arlene and family.  
Fondly,  
Gaye Tischler and Frank Castronova

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**Gaye Tischler** - January 27, 2023 at 10:47 AM

LB

“ I’m so sorry to hear of the passing of my college professor. I returned to U of M Dearborn for my MA in training dynamics & leadership in 1990. I was almost 40 years old with 2 young children. I was apprehensive about going back to college, actually scared. Jerry was encouraging & guided me every step of the way. I have very fond memories of that time in my life. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Leslie Black** - January 26, 2023 at 05:53 PM