



## MERWIN GOLDSMITH

August 7, 1937 - January 21, 2019

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 12:30 WEDNESDAY 1/23/2019 at ADAT SHALOM MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

Age 81, of New York, died peacefully on Tuesday, January 21, 2019, in New York City.

Character actor Merwin Goldsmith has enjoyed a long career on-stage, with occasional film and television appearances. Born in Detroit in 1937, his training includes work at the Bristol Old Vic and the Liverpool Playhouse in England in addition to a B.A. from UCLA. His Broadway shows include roles in *Me and My Girl*, *Rex*, *Dirty Linen*, *Chemin De Fer*, *The 1940s Radio Hour*, and *Minnie's Boys*. On the big screen, he has worked -- in both comedic and dramatic roles -- in *Hercules in New York*, *Shamus*, *Cadillac Man*, *Boardwalk*, *Lily in Love*, *Quiz Show*, *It Could Happen to You*, and *Joe Gould's Secret*, while his television roles have included appearances in *Law and Order*, *The Zapruder Footage*, *Kennedy*, and *Goodtime Girls*.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Parry Goldsmith of New York City; stepson Jamie (Katie) Parry and granddaughter, Sally of Rhinebeck, New York; siblings Barbara Levin of Jerusalem; Dr. Jonathan (Luba)Goldsmith of Scottsdale, Arizona; Steven Goldsmith of Southfield; and Judge Mark (Judy)

Goldsmith of Huntington Woods. Fourteen nieces and nephews, and eleven great-nieces and great-nephews. Merwin was the adored son of the late Alice and Max Goldsmith.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Hadar.

INTERMENT:

Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Tuesday morning  
at the residence of a brother and sister-in-law

Mark and Judy Goldsmith

8110 Concord Road

Huntington Woods, MI 48070

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 AM Thursday, Friday, Monday and Tuesday

8:00 AM Sunday

5:15 PM Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday and Monday.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

MERWIN GOLDSMITH

you may do so by making a contribution to:

A CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery  
28500 W. 6 Mile Road  
Livonia, MI

## Shiva

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# Tribute Wall

MD

“ I first met Merwin when we were both cast the the Richard Rodgers Broadway musical, REX, in 1976. We had a lasting friendship which included dinners at my parents' home in Hamilton, Ontario, meet ups at the Monopoly World Championships in Toronto, a few drinks in New York or wherever our paths crossed. Rest well, my dear friend. Michael John Davis



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Michael Davis - May 05, 2020 at 10:33 PM

NN

“ My brother and I are indeed saddened to learn that our dear cousin Merwin recently passed away. Certainly, he will always be part of our cherished family memories. We admire all that he accomplished professionally, with his impressive talent as an actor, and personally, with his caring and supportive regard for family and friends. We especially value how much Merwin knew and shared about our family's history and appreciate the special role he himself played in so many lives. We will truly miss our very kind, gifted, and compassionate cousin Merwin.

*Bill Roberts and Nancy Nanney*

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Nancy Nanney - January 24, 2019 at 09:26 PM

MC

“ Merlin and I shared many happy moments together which included in plays at Mumford. I especially enjoyed sharing the cloak room job with him at Adat Shalom. He personified the word Mensch!!  
Marshall Cohen

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**Marshall Cohen** - January 24, 2019 at 06:17 PM

VZ

“ I remember Merwin coming to our house to play chess with my brother when I was 8 years old. I also remember he and my brother performing in Mumford's high school play, "The Man who came to dinner". He was very kind to me. Rest in Peace.

Victoria Zaft

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**Victoria Zaft** - January 24, 2019 at 10:21 AM

BP

“ I had the great honor of performing with Merwin at a Hillel show at UCLA in 1959, I got to do some short blackouts and worked with the famous Mel Blank and his son Noel.

He was also the president of Sigma Alfa Mu at the time and one of the most gentle and nicest people I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Makes me so sad that we have lost a talented artist and person.

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**Bob Parks** - January 23, 2019 at 05:17 PM

DT

“ We had the honor of meeting Mr. Merwin Goldsmith when he spoke at my daughter's wedding when she joined the Goldsmith family. What an amazing and wonderful man! I am so saddened and sorry for your deep loss. Our prayers to his friends and family.

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**Deborah A Tengler** - January 23, 2019 at 10:01 AM

RS

“ On behalf of the Savident family, over here in the UK, I want to say thank you Merwin for being in our lives. For arguing with Dad about theatre for 60 odd years, for treating me like a Princess every time I came to NYC and spoiling me rotten, for being there for Daniel and Susie when they were going through the worst time in their lives, for you and Barbara surprising Mum on her 60th Birthday and keeping the secret, even though she and Dad had only left you a couple of days before, for producing the Birthday book for Mum's 70th when you made Molly feel so special saying that she had taken all the photos and you were her assistant. You will be missed, especially the box of "Merwin's Toffee" at Christmas. Our thoughts are with Barbara and your loves ones. Romany xxx

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**Romany Savident** - January 22, 2019 at 10:17 AM

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“ We are so saddened to hear that Merwin has passed. What I will remember most about this gregarious man, besides his love of family, was his huge smile and enveloping hugs. An immeasurable loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to his family. (Elaine & Mel Erdos)

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**Elaine Erdos** - January 21, 2019 at 02:50 PM