



SAM BOOCKER

February 28, 1927 - May 3, 2022

GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 12:00 NOON WEDNESDAY 5/4/2022 at ADAT SHALOM MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY.

A RECORDING OF THE SERVICE WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY. GO TO THE PHOTO AND VIDEO SECTION OF THIS WEBPAGE AND CLICK ON THE PROVIDED LINK.

Age 95, of Southfield, died May 3, 2022.

A former member of Congregation B'nai Moshe, Congregation Beth Achim, and Adat Shalom Synagogue.

Beloved husband to Joan Boocker and the late Bernice Boocker.

Devoted father of Carol (Jerry) Doctrow, Larry (Marilyn Dow) Boocker, Andrea (Ross Benchik) Boocker, Nancy Boocker, and Colin Boocker.

Loving grandfather of Brian (Amber) Doctrow and Neil Benchik.

Proud great-grandfather of Elliott Doctrow.

Dear brother-in-law of Malcom (Susan) McLetchie and Elliot (Beverly) Rappaport.

Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends, and students.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Jason Miller

INTERMENT:

Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

PLEASE NOTE:

DUE TO AN EXPOSURE OF COVID, THE FAMILY HAS DECIDED TO END THE SHIVA PERIOD.

THEY EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR EVERYONES UNDERSTANDING.

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

SAM BOOCKER

you may do so by making a contribution to:

KARMANOS CANCER INSTITUTE

Karmanos Cancer Institute

4100 John R

Detroit, Michigan 48201

www.karmanos.org.

or

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

27777 Franklin Road, Suite 1150

Southfield, Michigan 48034

248-936-5800

www.heart.org

or

GLAUCOMA FOUNDATION

The Glaucoma Foundation

80 Maiden Lane, Suite 700,
New York, NY 10038
(212) 285-0080
www.glaucomafoundation.org

or

YAD EZRA
2850 W Eleven Mile Rd,
Berkley, MI 48072
(248) 548-3663
www.yadezra.org

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE FUNERAL SERVICE

MAY 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Shiva

MAY 4 to 6 (ET)

Residence
29401 Southgate Drive
Southfield, MI 48076

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Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Sammy was the Patriarch of the Boocker Family. I loved hearing his stories about his family history. He was always up for a conversation at any time. I'm so glad my daughters were able to meet him. He will be missed. Love to the entire Boocker Family.*



Bess Caplan - May 06, 2022 at 11:01 AM

MK

“ *It was a pleasure to meet and befriend Sam at Adat Shalom Synagogue when Colin was a student in the Nosh ' n Drash program. He was always happy to talk with me throughout the years and his memory will be for a blessing.*

Marc Kay - May 04, 2022 at 09:33 PM

HM

“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



Hebrew Memorial - May 04, 2022 at 03:08 PM

NB

“ *Very sad to learn of Mr. Booker's passing. May his memory be for a blessing.*

*-Nancie Rakotz Becker
c/o 1986 OPHS*

Nancie Rakotz Becker - May 04, 2022 at 07:36 AM

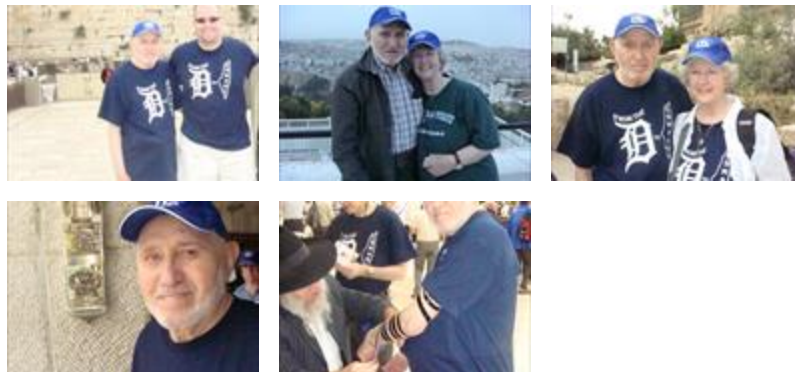
RM

“ *The world lost a great man today. I am so grateful that I got to know Sam Boocker 12 years ago. Sam and his lovely wife, Joan, joined a trip to Israel that I led in May 2010. They had never been to Israel before and didn't want to put off their dream any longer. Sam was 83-years-old at the time and so I encouraged him to have a 2nd Bar Mitzvah (70+13) while we were touring a synagogue in ancient Tzfat. It was truly the highlight of the trip. Sam and I also planted a tree together, wrapped tefillin at the Kotel (Western Wall), and studied together on the Shavuot holiday in Jerusalem. I never had a chance to be in Israel with my own grandparents and so this was the closest I got. I might have been the rabbi on this Israel trip, but the Boockers were always looking out for me -- making sure that I was drinking enough water on a hike, and that I called Elissa to check in each day back home. May the memory of Sam Boocker be only for blessings to his entire family and to everyone who was honored to know him.*

Rabbi Jason Miller - May 03, 2022 at 09:39 PM

RM

“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Rabbi Jason Miller - May 03, 2022 at 05:48 PM

IC

My condolences to the Booker family.

Sam was definitely one of the most friendly, good hearted, even tempered, non-judgmental colleagues I had the pleasure to teach with at the OPHS. His dropping by my classroom during lunchtime (WOW! That was 50 some years ago) to share a word or two of very “practical advise” on human nature has never been forgotten.

It was my honor to have known you.

Irwin S. Cohen - May 03, 2022 at 08:23 PM

RM

“ I had Mr. Booker for a teacher at Clinton Middle School - not only was he an excellent teacher he was such a warm and kind human being. My father died when I was 13 at the age of 45 - so Mr. Booker had a real soft spot for me - and he made me feel so good at a tough time of my life. When I was in high school I went back to visit him - what a special man with a very good heart and soul. May he rest in peace and his name will definately be a blessing.

Roslyn Davis Mendelson

roslyn mendelson - May 03, 2022 at 03:52 PM

JG

I taught with Sam for many years at Oak Park High. He was a consummate professional and a very good friend. He was knowledgeable and a very good listener. He was also a great father to his kids.

He will be missed by many.

Jerry Gutman

Jerry Gutman - May 03, 2022 at 04:58 PM

KK

Not only did Mr. Booker teach me at Clinton and OPHS, he has been my neighbor for the past 26 years. His passing reminds me that my childhood may be coming to a close. He was a wonderful, caring educator, and an even better neighbor. We are crazy about Joan, and I feel blessed to have had such lovely people in my life. We will miss seeing Mr. Booker on a daily walks around the block. Sending love to his children and especially Joan.

Karen R Katanick - May 03, 2022 at 05:21 PM

KK

Not only did I have the privilege of having Sam Booker as a teacher at OPHS, but I've also been privileged to be friends forever with Nancy. Condolences to the entire family - our thoughts and prayers are with you.

- Karen Malamud Koenig

Karen Malamud Koenig - May 04, 2022 at 09:32 AM

LM

I had Mr Booker as a teach at OPHS, but I remember him most as a loyal customer at my news stand at Stafford's every Saturday evening. He would drive up, and I would take a Sunday News and Free Press to his car and he would always chat for a moment and give me a tip. A very gentle man.

Larry Moss - May 04, 2022 at 02:07 PM