



## DR. VERNON STERNHILL

August 4, 1931 - November 18, 2024

FUNERAL SERVICE: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024, AT 11 AM AT  
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 26640 GREENFIELD ROAD, OAK PARK,  
MI 48237

\*\*\*THE CHAPEL SERVICE WILL BE WEBCAST AND WILL BE AVAILABLE  
TO WATCH AT THE START OF THE SERVICE\*\*\*

Dr. Vernon Sternhill, age 93, of Brighton, MI died on November 18, 2024.

Beloved husband of 41 years to Jacqueline "Jacquie" Sternhill;  
Loving father of Amy (Richard) Frieden, Daniel (Raelynn) Klaus, Marga  
Madurhi, Melissa (Steven) Tift, Steven (Kimberly) Klaus;  
Dear grandfather of Isaac Frieden, Seth Tift, Ethan Klaus, Chloe Klaus;  
Caring brother of Elaine Rayman;  
Treasured brother-in-law of Reginald Chapman, Barbara (George) Jakubic,  
Gene (Ida) Chapman, Connie Hoggarth; and many loving nieces, nephews,  
and relatives.

### INTERMENT:

St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery  
211 Brighton Lake Road  
Brighton, MI 48116

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Benny Greenwald

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva privately

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you wish to honor the memory of DR. VERNON STERNHILL, you may do so by making a contribution to:

Friendship Circle  
6892 W. Maple Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
[www.friendshipcircle.org](http://www.friendshipcircle.org)

or a charity of your choice

(Per the family's request, no flowers. Please make a memorial contribution to either Friendship Circle or a charity of your choice, in loving memory of our beloved Vernon.)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick Calvary Cemetery

211 Brighton Lake Road  
Brighton, MI 48116

# Previous Events

## FUNERAL

NOV **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel  
26640 Greenfield Rd  
Oak Park, MI 48237  
(248) 543-1622  
info@hebrewmemorial.org  
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of DR. VERNON STERNHILL



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - November 20, 2024 at 05:28 PM

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*My deep condolences to the family*

Laurie Wislinski - November 20, 2024 at 05:30 PM

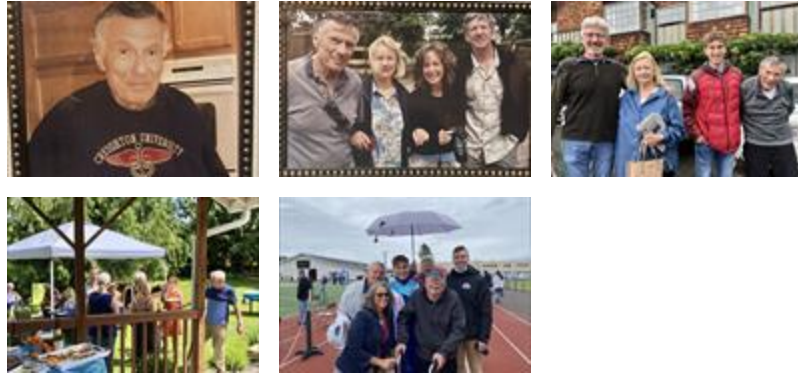
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“ As a first cousin once removed, growing up across the river, we visited the Sternhill home periodically for family gatherings on Sundays. Vernon never attended at anyone else's house, but was prepared when all the brats, like me came to his house. Of course, he terrorized us. He was smart and talented and mean as the dickens to all the little kids. Many years later I moved to Detroit at the beginning of my career and Vernon was the most welcoming and supportive of my time there. He was there to answer all my questions about life as well as Detroit. I could never reconcile the difference, until I read Elaine's comments. The few times I saw Vernon as an adult after leaving Detroit were such a joy to be able to share common interests. I am so pleased to know what a wonderful person he became and had the opportunity to know him. With love,  
David

david forbes - November 24, 2024 at 04:47 PM

MS

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Sternhill - November 24, 2024 at 12:27 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melissa Sternhill - November 24, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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“ 16 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Sternhill - November 24, 2024 at 12:38 AM

LS

“ *Uncle Vernon had a quick wit and a sophisticated palate. He loved life to its fullest. I'll never forget how much he enjoyed eating a pate I made, it was pure butter and gave him pure joy. Safe journey, Uncle Vernon. You'll be missed. Love, Lisa & Jay*

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**Lisa Smithline** - November 24, 2024 at 12:20 AM

“ My brother Vernon and I had a very unusual childhood. Our father, Isaac Sternhill enlisted in the Army Medical Corp the day after the United States declared war on Germany.

*Our parents locked up our home in Council Bluffs, Iowa and we were off to wherever Dad was stationed – Fort Warren, Wyoming, Camp Barkley, Texas, Camp Crowder, Missouri. Dad was away from us for about 18 months when he went without us to Alaska.*

*I asked Vernon if he remembered those years and he said his only memory was when friends were invited to our home in Missouri for Passover and our guest's four-year-old child found the 20 or so model airplanes Vernon made from balsa wood and chewed them all to pieces.*

*Vernon swore off children until he had his three beautiful daughters, Amy, Marga, and Melissa.*

*When we returned home after the war we resumed our lives with school, neighborhood friends, and family get-togethers. Vernon was complicated. He made lifelong friends on the one hand and delighted in teasing me until I cried.*

*When I was about 13, Vernon brought a friend from college to join us for dinner. Vernon told us he was a foreign student. Thank you, Vernon! It turned out this "foreign" student was my late husband, Irving Rayman.*

*The most emotional and touching time for me was at a Creighton Alumni dinner. He made a point of coming over to me and very emotionally apologized to me for his behavior in our young years. That sincere apology led to a wonderful relationship over the next 50 years.*

*I am so happy and grateful that he met his wonderful Jacquie. They had such a loving life together for over 40 years.*

*I will miss him forever, Elaine.*

**Elaine Rayman** - November 23, 2024 at 10:01 PM

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*Oh Aunt Elaine! Learned so much here❤️🔥. Thank you so much for sharing! I'm going to need more of these stories! Love you! And I'll miss Dad forevermore as well. Our family seemed complicated to me, a lot of learning & a lot of love💕*

**Melissa Sternhill** - November 24, 2024 at 09:35 PM

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*“ May "Vernie Bernie Sternie's" memory be for a blessing and may you all be comforted amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

**Steve Lipman** - November 20, 2024 at 10:47 AM



*“ Vernon was gracious and welcoming to me at a time when I lacked grace myself. Namaste, Vernon, and blessed be. --Kurt Wall*

**Kurt Wall** - November 19, 2024 at 07:54 PM