



Sidney Fagin

October 27, 2016

Sidney Fagin, 94, passed away peacefully on October 27, 2016 in Sarasota, FL. Beloved husband of 68 years to Helen; wonderful father to Judith and Gary; delightful grandfather to Cora; cherished father-in-law, brother-in-law and uncle; he was admired and treasured by all who knew him.

Born in New Haven, CT in 1922, Sidney attended Samuel J. Tilden High School in Brooklyn and graduated from The City College of New York with a degree in accounting. After serving as a cryptographer in the Army Air Force during World War II, he joined his father's construction business.

Sidney and Helen married in 1948. In 1951 they moved to Miami, FL where Sidney worked as a building contractor, erecting office and apartment buildings, hotels and hospitals, and was actively involved in building Temple Beth Am, of which he was a member. Sidney was president of Miami's chapter of Recording for the Blind, and provided braille texts for University of Miami's blind students.

Upon retirement, Sidney became a sculptor, producing a number of fine pieces in alabaster, hydrocal, marble, wood and bronze. His nine-foot sculpture, Benediction, graces the courtyard of the Kendall Jewish Community Center in Miami; miniature versions of Benediction are awarded to honorees at the annual "Eight Over Eighty" event at Kobernick House in Sarasota, FL.

Also in Sarasota, Sidney's bronze sculpture, Butterfly Boy, stands sentinel at the Fagin Holocaust Collection in New College's Jane Bancroft-Cook Library.

After arriving in Sarasota in 1993, Sidney served as president of the Palm Aire Arts Association and supervised its yearly Art Exhibit. Together with his wife, Helen, he promoted Holocaust education in Sarasota, established the Fagin Holocaust Scholarship for students at New College of Florida, and provided constant support for the Fagin Holocaust, Genocide and Humanitarian Studies Collection at New College's Jane Bancroft-Cook Library.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 12:30 pm at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota. Interment will follow at Temple Beth Shalom Cemetery.

The family will sit shiva at home on Monday and Tuesday from 2-5 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Sidney can be directed to the Fagin Holocaust Education Endowment Fund of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Checks should be made payable to USHMM with a notation on the check

"Fagin Holocaust Education Endowment Fund" and mailed to:

Fagin Holocaust Education Endowment Fund

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW

Washington, D.C. 20024-2126

Attn.: Sara Eigenberg

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *It was with great sadness that I heard of the passing of your father. Please accept our condolences. Manny and Janet*

Manny Sosinsky - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To Helen and Judy: I send my heartfelt condolences. I admire Sidney's wonderful, expressive sculptures and am surprised to learn from the obituary that sculpting was a late-acquired skill. I will be arriving at Kobernick Wednesday night for 10 days and look forward to seeing you during that time. --Lee Cranberg*

Lee Cranberg - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *A long life, well lived, with many gifts to others.*

Bradley Booke - October 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *We love you all - our hearts break for the passing of Sid - Helen you are the best my friend Wendy & Bonnie*

Wendy LaChaunce / Bonnie Alberti - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *So sorry for your loss of this extraordinary man.*

Linda and Patrick Lewis-Moors - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ All of my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time for the whole family. How blessed we have been to have had a man like Sidney Fagin. All my love, in peace, Kathy

Katharine A Mockett - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Please accept my sincere condolences in this time of grief. My wish is that the words of Christ Jesus be of comfort, when he stated that "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" (John 5: 28, 29). We find this promise again at Acts 24:15, so we are reassured that the day will come when we are reunited with our loved ones who have fallen asleep in death.

Emilio S. - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Judy, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Please express our condolences to your mother. May his memory be a blessing. Love Janet and Scott

Janet and Scott nykaza - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Sending love and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers as you say goodbye to a very special man and human being, Rita, Tom and Berrie

Rita Shaw Rothrock - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Aunt Helen, Cousins Judy and Gary, Nancy and Cora, I am so sorry to lose my Uncle Sidney. I know you have wonderful memories. I am so grateful that we were all together a few years ago, when the cousins visited. The Fagin Brothers and Sister are gone but as they say will never be forgotten. Please know that Uncle Sidney was a giving person and a gifted artist. and I feel so fortunate that I am a member of his family. Please express my condolences to all who knew him and will miss him. Rest in peace my dear uncle. Love Audrey and Glenn

Audrey Fagin Pheffer - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Judith, my heart is heavy for your loss. Your dad lived an amazing long and accomplished life, with so much to be proud of and cherished by all who loved him. His memory will live on in the stories you tell; may they be long and many. Our love and condolences to your entire family. Ellin & Lew

Ellin and Lewis Blumenthal - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ A wonderful, kind, talented, caring man who enriched the lives of those enough lucky to have known him. A beautiful piece of his work graces our home and serves as a constant reminder of his warmth, devotion to family and a life well led.

Spencer & Hazel Wolf - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear Judith and Helen, I am so glad we got to know each other these past months. I am sorry I did not get to know your father/husband but he sounds like an amazing man. I am sorry for your loss but glad he is at peace. I will try to stop by this week. Love to all of your family. Arlene

Arlene and Paul Skversky - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ With great sadness and sincere condolences to the family.

Stefanie Seltzer - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Dear Judy and Family, so sorry to hear of the loss of this wonderful man. But as you say, he is at peace now. But it is so difficult to lose a parent. My thoughts are with you. Love Evy

Evy - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ I am so sorry for your loss and that I cannot be there to tell you in person. Thank you for allowing me to go back to those days when your family was in Miami--many fond memories.

Kathy Freeman - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Sending so much love to Helen and Judith, from our family to yours. Dear Sidney lives forever in our hearts. Sincerely, Cat Mihos

Cat Mihos - October 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM