



## Dr. Francisco Ferrer Levinson

February 22, 1910 - October 28, 2008

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Dr. Francisco Ferrer Levinson

Geraldine Levinson

Doc and Geri celebrated 75 years of marriage together and perished on the same day, October 28, 2008, one day before Geri's 97th birthday. They shared many successes in life; in an age when the man was out front and the wife his support. The following is an abbreviated list of their accomplishments. Dr. Francisco Ferrer Levinson, "Doc", age 98, and Geraldine (Nee Schaff) Levinson, age 96, both of Merrillville, IN, formerly of Gary passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Doc was a graduate of Froebel High School, Northwestern University and Northwestern University School of Dentistry, Class of 1932. He was a founding member of Club Sar and Club Vida, was in the Exchange Club and was a community activist. He was a veteran of the US Army and served in WW II. He was stationed in Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, and headed the Dental Prosthetics Clinic, where he introduced the use of plastic in dentures. After the war, Doc returned to Gary and resumed his dental practice where Geri assisted him and held his patients' hands. Doc served on the Gary Board of Health and the State Board of Health for 20 years. He served as President of the local Dental Association. He served on the Redevelopment Commission "Doc" was President of B'Nai Brith and was active in civic and Jewish organizations. He was a state winner in Doubles Tennis and promoted tennis in the schools and

community. He honored by the Governor of the State of Indiana by being awarded the Sagamor of the Wabash. After retirement, Doc and Geri continued playing tennis regularly. Doc was a volunteer assistant tennis coach at Merrillville High School and Geri went to every game to watch and care for the students and parents alike. They loved their friends and family with all their hearts. They were preceded in death by their parents, their brothers, Daniel Levinson, Maurie Schaff, Jack Schaff, their sister, Helen Furdo, and their grandson Jeffrey Samuelson.

They are survived by their sister-in-law, June Schaff, 2 children, Don (Rosalie) Levinson and Eileen (Cliff Rainey) Levinson; 3 grandchildren, Miriam Samuelson, Tamar (Rachmiel Drizin) Levinson and Shana (Eric Stiener) Levinson, and 8 great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Dr. and Mrs. Levinson will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN Rabbi Stanley Halpern officiating. Interment at Temple Beth El Cemetery in Portage, IN

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (time of service)

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