



## Herschel Bornstein M. D.

October 10, 1926 - May 7, 2014

Dr. Herschel Bornstein died on Wednesday, May 7, after a long illness. He most recently was a resident of Evanston and previously lived for more than 60 years in Gary, Indiana.

Herschel Bornstein was born to Aaron and Ida Jenny Bornstein on October 10, 1926 in Gary, Indiana, the fifth of six children. He graduated from Gary's Horace Mann High School in 1943 at the age of 16, attended the University of Illinois and served in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps during World War II. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Indiana University, and served his residency with the US Public Health Service in Staten Island, N.Y. In 1953 he returned to Gary where he practiced family medicine for more than 30 years. In 1969-70 he took a sabbatical from his medical practice to attend Harvard University where he earned a Masters degree in Public Health.

Herschel's family and friends knew him as an outspoken supporter of civil rights (a long time member of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union and a life member of the NAACP) and Jewish community causes (a life member of the Zionist Organization of America, supporter of Hadassah Medical Organization, Youth Aliyah, Northwest Indiana Jewish Federation and a Board member of Temple Beth-El in Gary). He traveled to Israel many times, and served as a physician in Israel during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War. He was a patron of the arts, a great storyteller and chess player, and always relished a good meal

and a great bottle of wine with family and friends..

Dr. Bornstein is remembered as a concerned and dedicated physician who served the community regardless of race or income; he initiated improvements in environmental preservation and occupational standards, and instituted public health initiatives as Gary's Health Commissioner (1971-75) and Coroner (1975-1979).

Dr. Bornstein was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Morris Bornstein, his sisters Anne Liberman and Shirley Shaevel, and his wife, Ruth Bornstein. He is survived by his wife, Eva Masur Bornstein, sisters Dorothy Swartz and Bluma (Jack) Herman, daughters Rebecca (Ronald) Lipton, Deborah Bornstein (Steven Sklare), and Judith (Keith) Upton; grandchildren Clara (Charles) Duffield, Eve Lipton, Donald (Rachel) Upton, Saul (Lucy) Lipton, David Upton, Sarah Sklare, Amelia Upton and Charles Sklare; great-granddaughters Alana and Sophia Duffield and eighteen nieces and nephews. Funeral service Friday, May 9, 2014 at 2 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN with Rabbi Mordecai Levin officiating. Interment in Temple Beth-El Cemetery, Portage, IN. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Council for Jewish Elderly, 3003 W. Touhy Ave., Chicago, IL 60645  
[www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

## Cemetery Details

### Temple Beth El

Portage, IN

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To The Bornstein Family: I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Bornstein. He was a fine man and a great doctor!!! My father served with him as a fellow physician in the Gary community and within the context of work at the Gary Health Department. Dr. Bornstein was always nice, encouraging and inspiring to me and my brothers whenever our paths crossed and he always reminded us of the responsibility of service to the community. My father thought the world of him and always spoke highly of his humane, rational and practical approaches to healthcare delivery and his ability to work well with people from all stations and backgrounds in life!!! He will be missed but his good work lives on. Godspeed to you all. Love and peace, William Mott Jr.

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**William Mott Jr.** - May 09, 2014 at 05:28 PM

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“ Dr. Herschel Bornstein was a wonderful family doctor to my mom and dad for so many years there in Gary, IN. He and my dad had such a wonderful friendship besides being his family doctor. My mom always said there was no one like Dr. Bornstein. We moved away from Indiana back in 1976, but they kept in contact and whenever they went back to visit friends and family in Gary, they always made an appt to be able to go in and talk to Dr. Bornstein. I remember my mom and dad always talking about Dr. Bornstein to whomever they met wherever they went. This is the reason that I feel like I also knew him or even remember him. I was around 7-10 years old when they were doctoring with him.  
Please accept my deepest sympathy, he will be greatly missed.  
Juanita Ramirez (Arreola-maiden name) Norfolk, NE.

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**Juanita Ramirez** - May 09, 2014 at 07:48 AM