



Melvin A Lichtenfeld

June 13, 1927 - February 8, 2021

Melvin (Mel)Allen Lichtenfeld, age 93, of Crown Point, Indiana, passed away peacefully at home on February 8, 2021. He was born June 13, 1927 to Albert and Sidell Lichtenfeld. He was predeceased by his parents, first wife Elaine, daughter Michelle (Paul) Reis, and stepson Scott Rzepka.

Mel grew up in the Glen Park section of Gary, Indiana and graduated from Lew Wallace High School in 1945.

Shortly after high school, he was drafted into the Army, but instead enlisted in the Air Force where he served proudly during World War II in the Philippine Islands until 1947.

After he completed his military service, he attended Purdue University where he studied Pharmacy and graduated in 1951. He went on to practice Pharmacy for over 60 years. During that time, he worked at Main Street Drugs, Hobart, Indiana; owned Mel's Pharmacy, Gary, Indiana; Chief Pharmacist and Manager, Ross Medical Pharmacy in the Ross Clinic, Merrillville, Indiana; and was Administrator and Pharmaceutical Consultant, BroadWest Surgery Center, Merrillville, Indiana until his retirement in 2004. Other notable professional achievements include: President, Lake County Pharmacists Association, President, Indiana Pharmacist Association, and Consultant for continuing education to the American Academy of Pharmacy Education. He also was a Clinical Preceptor for Senior Pharmacy students for both Purdue and Butler Universities.

In recognition of his work in Pharmacy, he received the Bowl of Hygeia for

outstanding services to his community while actively practicing Pharmacy and the Indiana Pharmacist of the year award for outstanding leadership from the National Association of Community Pharmacists.

He also served as a Regional Director for the Bank of Indiana and was an active member for many years of the Lions Club, B'Nai B'rith International, the Masonic Order (32nd Degree Mason), Temple Israel, Gary, Indiana, Lakes of the Four Seasons Men's Golf Association, Hunkee Hollow Athletic Club, and Honor Flight Chicago.

Mel is survived by his wife, Joyce (Nespital-Rzepka), sons Dean (Terri), Bruce (Lori), daughter Jan (Ira) Chemerinsky, brother Seymour, sister Betty Schoenberg. Sisters-in-law Joan Kaplan Silverman and Carol Bolin. .

Grandchildren Matthew (Kimberly), Adam (Jennifer), Rachael (Barry) Footlick, Ashley, Joshua (Jessica), Erin (David) Kujawa, and David Reis. Great Grandchildren Kailey, Thomas, Madalyn, Grace, Liam, Molly, Joelle, Ashton. Stepchildren Tammy (David) Young and Jody (Greg) Gruel; Step grandchildren Andy and Chris Young, Scott Gruel, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mel loved his family, especially all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was also an avid golfer and bowler and coached in many youth sports.

In Lieu of flowers, you may send a donation to Honor Flight Chicago, 9701 W. Higgins Rd, Suite 310, Rosemont, Illinois, Purdue University School of Pharmacy, West Lafayette, Indiana or the Center for Possibilities- Cerebral Palsy of NWI.

Visitation at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana from 9:00 am until 11:30 am prior to the Funeral Service at 12 pm on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, mask and social distancing will be required. Funeral service to be conducted by Rabbi Stanley Halpern will be live streamed on Facebook. To view the service, go to Burns Funeral Facebook page, like the page and service will come up when it starts. Interment to follow at Elmwood Cemetery, Hammond, IN with immediate family members only. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

1413 169th St.
Hammond, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Mel was always a joy to be around. His quick witted sense of humor combined with his compassion made him such an incredible person. He will always be in my heart.*

Rob Kaplan - February 11, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Mel was a mentor, friend and fellow Boilermaker! He was a leader and strong voice for the profession of pharmacy. He was a great teacher, preceptor and yet a student of pharmacy practices over the years. Mel was a former Chairman of the Board of the Indiana Pharmaceutical Association and a leader in his community. Most of all, he was a very thoughtful and fine man, dad, brother, neighbor and friend whom we loved, valued very much and will miss. Our sympathies to Joyce and the entire Lichtenfeld family. Randy and Linda Shields*

Randy Shields - February 11, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Uncle Mel was sweet, funny, kind and mischievous. He will be missed and always remembered with love.*

Bonnie Barr Schoenberg - February 11, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ *Loved my Uncle Mel like a father!
He was always there for me.
Truly a great man
I will miss him very much!*

Neil Kaplan - February 11, 2021 at 12:09 PM

TW

“ Bruce and the Lichtenfeld family. We are very sorry for the loss of Mel. Even though we didn't know him, he sounds like he was a great man. You have our deepest sympathy.

Tom and June Wolf - February 11, 2021 at 09:27 AM

AV

“ Mel was one of a kind I knew him well he will be missed Alex Vlassopoulos

Alex Vlassopoulos - February 11, 2021 at 06:19 AM



Richard
Biancotti

“ What a great loss to the world
He will be missed by so many...

Richard Biancotti - February 10, 2021 at 11:54 PM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mel. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by all who knew him. Mary and Jerry Sibincic

mary and jerry sibincic - February 10, 2021 at 06:37 PM

JK

“ Sorry for the loss. Faye and I will miss the time we met him from the east side and the golf course. Stay strong. Faye & Jim Kittle

James Kittle - February 10, 2021 at 05:11 PM

DS

“ We would like to share our condolences with Joyce and her family during these saddened times. Dale and I didn't know Mel well, but he always seemed so nice and in love with life when we did meet.

Please know that our prayers are with you always.

Love and hugs,

Dale and Tricia Sullivan

Dale Sullivan - February 10, 2021 at 09:04 AM