
Dr. Joseph E. Lifschutz(1924 - 2017)

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April 30, 1924 - April 15, 2017

Resident of Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Berkeley

Joseph E. Lifschutz died peacefully at the Bruns Hospice House on April 15, 2017 at the age of 92.

Joseph is survived by his sister Rita Wroblewski, three children, Yolanda (Yolanda) and her six grandchildren, Josh Lifschutz, Duncan Gamble, Andy Lifschutz, Lil Sam Gamble, five great-grandchildren and former wives Barbara Lifschutz and time companion Jean Neihaus. He is preceded in death by his son Mark.

Joseph was born on April 30th, 1924 in Brooklyn, New York to Oscar and Miriam. He graduated from High School and went on to graduate from the University of California Berkeley and University of San Francisco with a Doctor of Medicine degree with a Psychiatry specialty. Joseph was drafted and had army medical training in Eugene, Oregon at the University of Oregon. He served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954 with the rank of Captain. He began a private psychiatric practice in 1954. He went on to be a founding teacher in the University of San Francisco Social Welfare department. In addition he was past president of the San Francisco Psychiatric Society. Joseph was an accomplished timpanist and an overall musical scholar with a special love for an avid San Francisco symphony and opera patron and often performed in community or shared his musical enthusiasm all his family and provided his children with classical music lessons. He was a dedicated Freudian Psychoanalyst. And is renowned for his stalwart defense of confidential patients as documented in the court case, *In re: Lifschutz*. Joseph was a passionate collector of literary writings. He loved the works of Shakespeare and traveled many times to Oregon to enjoy the Willamette Valley festival.

There will be no funeral. His ashes will be interred at the Willamette National Cemetery in Hillsdale, Oregon with his son and fellow military veteran Mark. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hospice of the East Bay, 1000 Buskirk Avenue, Pleasant Hill, and Ca 94523. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of Hospice of the East Bay for the wonderful care he received from all their staff.

Go Bears!

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