



## Allen Jay Sever

June 26, 1929 - September 29, 2020

Sever, Allen Jay age 91, passed away peacefully of natural causes in Minneapolis on September 29, 2020. Born in Kansas City, Kansas, Allen graduated from the conservatory at Northwestern University in 1951 with a double major in piano and organ. After serving in the Air Force, completing a Master's Degree in Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary, and studying on a Fulbright Scholarship at the Royal School of Church Music in England, Allen played the organ and directed the choir at West End Collegiate Church in New York City for more than fifty years. He also played at Stephen Wise Free Synagogue for more than forty years and taught at the Manhattan School of Music and at Hebrew Union College. Preceded in death by wife Kathryn Cozine Sever. Survived by children Alicia (Eric Johnson) Cozine and Kirk (Elizabeth Short) Cozine of Minneapolis, grandchildren Owen and McLean, cousins Richard and Donna Childs of Fairway, KS and many family and friends. A celebration of Allen's life will be held in Minneapolis in September 2021. Washburn-McReavy.com Davies Chapel 612-377-2203

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“ I am so sorry to hear that Allen has passed away.  
Allen came into my life when he came to England on a Fulbright Scholarship at the Royal School of Church, along with Morgan Simmons whom I still correspond with.  
Allen was a very jolly and dapper young man, I always remember he wore a very smart tan suede jacket which impressed me.  
Allen, Morgan and his wife Mary introduced me to the game of Scrabble, then very new in England, and we all used to play well into the night; it was very competitive, we all had great fun together in many ways.  
I'm pleased he lived to enjoy many music-fulfilled years. Shelagh O'Connell.

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