



## David Alexander Berman

April 10, 1934 - February 10, 2023

Dr. David Alexander Berman, of Edina, MN, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 10, 2023. He was born to Dr. Reuben Berman and Isabel Berman (nee Roston), on April 10, 1934 in International Falls, Minnesota. The oldest of six siblings, David graduated from University High School in 1951, received his B.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1954 (Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa), and his M.D. in 1958. Board certified in both cardiology and internal medicine, he practiced for 55 years at Mt. Sinai Hospital, MMC, Aspen Clinic, and Allina Hospital, all in Minneapolis.

Among his academic and professional accolades, he was most proud of his contributions to cardiology as a principal investigator on NIH's ALLHAT study, chief of staff at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and teacher to generations of medical interns and residents as a Clinical Professor for the University of Minnesota. His amazing professional legacy lives on in the lives of his patients and their loved ones, and the happy memories those families continue to make together thanks to Dr. Berman's interventions.

In his personal life, David was a talented clarinetist in the JCC Orchestra, the Health Sciences Orchestra at the University of Minnesota, and various community orchestras. He also enjoyed downhill skiing, biking, and sailing, and was a master of trivia and crossword puzzles. His favorite travel destinations included Naples, Florida, Martha's Vineyard, and the North

Shore.

David was preceded in death by parents, Reuben and Isabel; brother, Theodore; and sons, Jonathan and Daniel. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Maggie Meagher; siblings, Betsy Appelbaum, Sam (Mary Ellen), Ruth, and Jean (David) Sogin; children, Joseph (Druh), Peter (Amy), Michael Meagher (Johnna), and Meghan (Evan); five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom will miss him greatly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to N.C. Little Memorial Hospice and the Allina Hospice Foundation. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. David was the rare person who was both brilliant and kind. His superior talent in medicine saved the lives of thousands of patients, while his sweet nature and generous spirit touched the souls of everyone who knew him.

# Tribute Wall

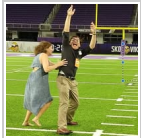


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**Joe Berman** - February 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM



“ Here are some family photos



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“ Marilyn Hartman lit a candle in memory of David Alexander Berman



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**Marilyn Hartman** - February 13, 2023 at 05:00 PM

ME

“Dad was a genial, humble, brilliant person with a zest for life.

*I admired his dedication to his work as a doctor, and his legacy of saving lives and mentoring the next generation of doctors as a teacher. With his compassionate nature and exceptional intelligence, he was perfectly suited to being a doctor.*

*Outside of work, Dad had a array of talents and interests. He was a wonderful clarinetist. He was a trivia and crossword puzzle savant.*

*One of his sweetest attributes was his gift for enjoying the simple pleasures in life. He would be sitting outside with a scoop of ice cream or a glass of wine, and he would smile and say, "this is the best ever!"*

*Some of my favorite memories with him include visiting the Minneapolis Art Institute, enjoying the fall colors at the arboretum, attending classical music and theatre performances together, savoring one of his favorite desserts- cheesecake- in New York City, celebrating his birthday in Maui in 2013, walking around the quaint towns of Martha's Vineyard, and losing to him at mini golf at the Walker Art Center and Can Can Wonderland (I never stood a chance- he was great at mini golf!).*

*I was so lucky to have him as my dad. He was unfailingly good-natured and supportive, always there to cheer me on at my cello performances and my graduations over the years.*

*Thank you for the time we had together, Dad. Whenever I'm sitting outside in my backyard in Oakland, enjoying a sweet treat or a sweet moment, I'll be thinking "best ever!" and wishing you were there to enjoy it too.*



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**Meghan** - February 12, 2023 at 12:43 AM

DF

*Hi Meghan,  
I somehow just stumbled on this and am sad to see that your dad has passed away. He was such a sweet, kind, intelligent man and was such a great dad for you. Please give Maggie a hug for me.  
Doreen Frankel*

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**Doreen Frankel** - February 04, 2024 at 04:19 PM