



Herman Markowitz

February 11, 2025

Markowitz, Herman S. a native of Minneapolis passed away in St. Louis Park peacefully, of natural causes on February 11, 2025. He was 97 years old. Herman, the youngest of 8 children of Sarah (Bonder) and Harry Markowitz, was predeceased by all his siblings and parents. Nancy (Natalie Stein), to whom he was married for 69 years, passed away in 2020. He is survived by 3 daughters, Joy Markowitz (Rick Eisen) of Takoma Park, MD, Lauri Markowitz (Nathan Shaffer) of Atlanta, GA & Diane Markowitz (Mark Reaman) of Crested Butte, CO: grandchildren, Elana-Eisen-Markowitz, (Amanda Torres), Jack Eisen-Markowitz (Nora Toiv), Rachel Shaffer, Jeremy Shaffer, Ben Reaman (Taylor) & Sam Reaman, and 4 great grandchildren. Herman dedicated his professional life to Jewish communities at the local, national and international levels. With a master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota, Herman embarked on a multi-city career in St. Louis, MO, Denver, CO, Oakland, Phoenix, AZ, Minneapolis, MN and New York City. He is fondly remembered by many as Director of the JCC Ranch Camp in Elbert, Colorado, by many staff and campers alike. His last professional position was Vice Chair of the United Israel Appeal. In this role he made numerous trips to Israel, and worked on a variety of international efforts including the airlift of Ethiopian Jews to Israel. After Herman's retirement he continued his work, consulting and volunteering with many Jewish organizations. Herman and his wife Nancy had a commitment to family and developed a strong connection to their children and grandchildren, although they were scattered across the

country. He had a wide range of interests outside of his professional life, including gardening, woodworking, cooking, and he was the original DIY guy! As he got older, he enjoyed experimenting with new recipes and cooked for himself into his 90's. Donations may be sent to Minnesota Jewish Community Center or Minneapolis Jewish Federation. Funeral service Thursday, 2/13 at 2PM at the Adath Jeshurun Congregation 10500 Hillside Lane Minnetonka. Interment United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery. Shiva Thursday, 2/13 7PM at Adath Jeshurun Congregation. Arrangements by Adath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet and www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996