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Phillip Evans, 91, was born May 16, 1928 in Grand Rapids, Michigan and died September 20, 2019 in Boynton Beach, Florida. He is remembered with love by his wife of 38 years, Roberta Rust Evans, daughter Elizabeth Julie Evans and husband, Didier Karolinski, grandson Aidan Hallinan, numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews, their spouses and descendants. Preceding him in death are his daughter Emily Evans Kline, his parents, siblings and their spouses. Evans enjoyed an extensive career as a classical pianist and inspired educator, serving on the faculties of the Manhattan School of Music, the Juilliard School, and Lynn University. He was a Fulbright scholar, recipient of two Ford Foundation grants, and the Loeb Award winner upon graduation from Juilliard. Evans's special affinity for the music of Bela Bartok was acknowledged by the late Pulitzer prize-winning critic Harold C. Schonberg in his book, *The Great Pianists*. His deeply musical soul and great humor will be sorely missed. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 11 am at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel at 11115 Jog Road, Boynton Beach, Florida 33437. www.bethisraelchapel.com.



RE

Roberta Rust Evans And Elizabeth Evans posted:

Phillip Evans (May 16, 1928 – Sept. 20, 2019) was born and raised in Michigan and lived forty years in New York before coming to Florida in 1988. He was a great musician, classical pianist, composer and a revered and greatly loved and respected teacher, professor, and mentor to generations of musicians. His true religion was music and his holy trinity was Bach, Mozart and Beethoven. Father of two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily, and grandfather to Aidan. Husband to Roberta for 38 years (married Nov 30, 1980). Youngest child of a family of four children born to Russian – Jewish immigrants Lazar Evenchik (later named Louis Evans after passing through Ellis Island in 1913) and Rochel Dziencielski. He descends from a long line of distinguished musicians. His father was a cellist and grandfather a cantor, from whom he received his Jewish name Feivel. From his mother he inherited his warm sociability and sharp instinct for real estate. He is the last member of that immediate family to pass away. He had an extraordinarily spontaneous sense of humor, strong intellect and loving personality. He was avidly interested in politics and world affairs from a very young age and read two daily newspapers his entire life. He was a fanatic New York Giants fan and loved all sports. He also loved gambling, including harness racing, poker and blackjack. He was an excellent chess player and once lasted 12 moves against Bobby Fischer.

September 24 at 9:06 AM

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Alice Wolfson posted:

I'm so sorry about Uncle Phil. My condolences to everybody, but especially Roberta and Liz. I'll always remember him for his humor and musical talent. I'm trying to find a copy of a 2008 photo of him and me. I also want to find a wonderful picture of him, mom, Uncle's Joe and Dick taken at a family reunion. I will upload as soon as I find them. There is a nice collection of photos in this guest book. So sad that the last of Grandma and Grandpa's kids is gone. I know Uncle Phil had a long and productive life, even though the last few years were no doubt rough, especially with losing Emily. Sorry I'm unable to attend the memorial, but I'll be there in spirit. I won't send thoughts and prayers – I'm not a prayer person, plus that expression is so trite and overused by Trump. However, I do send my thoughts. I am lucky I had Phil as an uncle. Love, Alice

September 23 at 7:21 AM

AW

Alice Wolfson posted:

I will always remember Uncle Phil's sense of humor and his musical prowess. My condolences to the entire family, but especially Liz and Roberta. I last saw him in 2008 when I was able to make it to Florida to visit Dad. It was a too short, but enjoyable visit. I'm trying to find a photo of Uncle Phil and me from that day. It's a hard copy, not on phone. I will scan it and send a copy when I find it.

September 23 at 7:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Phillip by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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