

IRWIN ROBBINS

November 30, 2020

Irwin Robbins, 91 years young, Loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, and Best Friend, died on November 30, 2020. He was a Veteran, Builder, Pilot, Sailor, Skier and Entrepreneur.

Irv is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beth Susan Robbins, his five children: Andy, Nancy, Lisa, Chris, and Jenn. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robbins pursued a variety of hobbies. He was an avid sailor, skier and art collector. He enjoyed traveling the world. He sailed with his family throughout the Bahamian Islands, the Florida Keys, the Virgin Island, and the eastern Seaboard. He also spent 39 years living in Steamboat Springs, where he built several homes and skied until he was 86 years old. Most recently, he perfected his baking skills.

He was a very charitable and giving man. His favorite charity is JAFCO, where memorial contributions may be made. Those who knew him felt his warmth, love, generosity and kindness.

Irv Robbins' was quick with a joke, light-hearted, and devoted to family and friends for which he will forever be remembered. We will all miss him very much!

Comments



“ WHEN YOUR HEART BREAKS, IT EVENTUALLY HEALS.
WE LOST IRV...OUR BROTHER, OUR FRIEND
WE WILL ALWAYS BE MISSING A PIECE OF OUR HEARTS.

CHRIS & LEE

CHRIS & LEE - December 18, 2020 at 08:46 AM



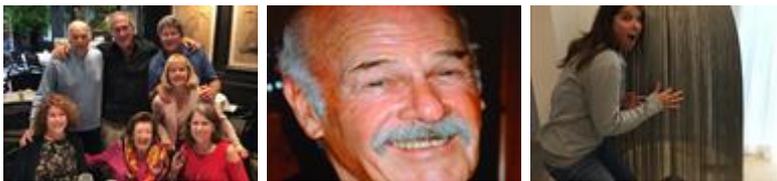
“ Dear Irv,

We already miss you dearly. Before writing this to you, we were reminiscing about all the time we've spent together over the years, and for Angela, a lot in recent years once you and Beth bought a home in Florida. Every time we saw you, we could not wait to hear your past stories of traveling and sailing. Our conversations were always vibrant and enthusiastic as we talked about expeditions aboard our research vessel, the islands, the mountains, house design, art and much more.

A favorite Robbins memory of ours takes place during one of our many visits to your home in Gladwyne. Your house was always full of friends and family, but to our enjoyment, it was also full of some of the most interesting artwork we had ever seen. To two kids it was an amusement park! We remember running around and playing in all of your installations, especially the one that looked like Cousin It, or maybe it was a weeping willow? We'd hide underneath it whenever you came into the room, so you wouldn't know we were in there touching something we definitely weren't supposed to be touching!

But even if you caught us, we're sure we wouldn't have gotten in any trouble. You were the most kindhearted, generous and lovable uncle. You were an absolutely wonderful human with a big heart and a great sense of humor. You lived the fullest life, and we will continue to think about the joy you brought to our world every single day. Just know that you touched so many lives, and we feel so lucky to be two of them. We love you and miss you and will forever be grateful that we got to share so much time together.

Love always,
Angela & Kari



Angela & Kari Rosenberg - December 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM



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Much love,
Jean and Jay Herz

jean and jay herz - December 07, 2020 at 02:02 PM



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Jean and Jay Herz



jean & jay herz - December 07, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ Probably the most special man I have ever met in my life. I was so lucky that Irv was such a significant part of my life for many years. He was giving, loving, funny, smart, clever and kind. I cannot believe he moved on to his next building project, as i just always assumed he would live forever. He had that kind of spirit and endless strength that i just thought would never end. I did not get to see him or connect much over the last number of years but I don't think there was a day when I didn't think of him, or remember something important that he taught me. I hope he takes as good care of everyone in heaven as he did here for 91 years.

Rick Lapine - December 06, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ The first time I met Uncle Irwin was at a family Bar Mitzvah, a man with an impending frame, a bright smile, and a warm hug. He appeared at every occasion like this — open arms and a smile. You sensed when you were with him that there would always be stories of adventure, misadventure, followed by laughter.

This is the way I will always remember him. He was the man that connected us with the past and the happy memories we all shared. During one our last meetings to celebrate his 90th birthday he pulled up hot in his black sports car and then regaled us with stories for a good two hours. Later that evening there were martinis and dancing, more jokes and laughter. Irwin appeared like he was part of the famous Brat Pack of the sixties with a drink in hand, a song in his heart, and a certain joie de vivre that was infectious. May we all learn to live like Irwin, may we all set our sails for the sun, fly off to new horizons and celebrate living. In a life full of ordinary, be like Irv.



Jacki Robbins - December 05, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ Irwin (Irvington) Robbins was our friend. ALthough he lived 91 years, he was never and old man. Passionate, decent, fun-loving, highly intelligent, great friend, are barely descriptive of Irv’s many attributes. With he and Beth, their friendship and camaraderie was always a joy. We miss him! - John and Susan Wendkos

Stacy Wendkos - December 05, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ Remembering my Uncle Irwin...hard to write this as he has been a part of my entire life. I will always miss him. As my late father Jerry's twin, his connection to my father was unique. My father's life was intricately intertwined with Irwin's,experiencing so much together, born together, enjoying the secret world of childhood twins, growing up through teen age years,shedding boyhood becoming men together serving in the Army as WW2 ended,the young ages of 17.

To me, Irwin seemed larger than life...never forget him flying into Sarasota Airport from Philadelphia with my cousins on board, how it was so exciting to see that tiny speedy plane descend from the sky. The twin they used to call "Bubbles" (high school) could really fly! Wow.

Even though we moved over a thousand miles away, my father and Irwin spoke daily. After school, I usually would head to my Dad's and Mom's business to work. If you went into my father's office guess who he was usually on the phone with...of course, Irwin.

When my father Jerry passed in 1998, Irwin reached out to me in a very special kind of way...the only way a twin Uncle could. Irwin understood the grief, he was there for me, stayed there for me... in return I hope I was able to help him with his. So much more to say.

I will always miss Irwin, grateful for having this amazing man as part of my life. I learned so much from him and cannot imagine life without.

David Robbins

David Robbins - December 04, 2020 at 09:40 AM



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Lisa Robbins Kaplan - December 03, 2020 at 04:26 PM



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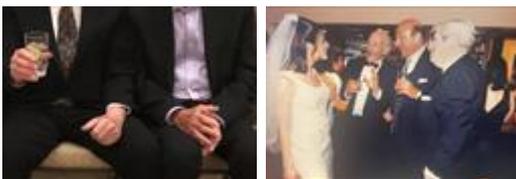
“ I will miss my best favorite Uncle with all my heart. He was the greatest! I wish I could be with all of you to give hugs and share memories. Uncle Irv's positive, practical wisdom was a gift and he will always be in my heart. Love to Beth and all my best cousins. Ruthie and Rick Shapiro



Ruthie Shapiro - December 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM



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Jennifer Talbert - December 03, 2020 at 11:21 AM



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Jennifer Talbert - December 02, 2020 at 10:53 PM



“ Irv was as fine a man as you will ever meet. The old expression was "a stand up guy". A gentleman, good husband, fine father and a good friend. My deepest sympathies to Beth, Jen and Christopher. Warmest wishes and regards.

Philip Banks

Philip Banks - December 05, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ So much comes to mind as we have shared a lifetime together. I was 12 years old when Irv came into our lives and family. He was always there for me with love, kind words and sometimes advice as I was so young. I knew he would always be there if I needed him. As a family we shared vacations, dinners, memories, laughter and so much more. Irv always said the most important thing is family and you must always preserve that at all costs....and he is absolutely correct! Thank you for being part of my life! I love you and will always love you and cherish the memories. You may not be here physically but you will always be part of our family. I will miss you.

xo

Kim (Kimmie)

Kim Vernick - December 02, 2020 at 07:33 PM



“ Trying to get my thoughts together, and, there are many over the last 40 years— we all knew that one day it would happen and as you said “ we now are living in G-Ds waiting room”— and so the one thing I can tell you for sure is that when you open up the YIDDISH dictionary and look up the definition of MENTCH there is a picture of IRV staring right back at you— need I say more— so, so, sorry

With Love

Gary

Gary Vernick - December 02, 2020 at 07:20 PM



“ Dear "Poppy." What a wonderful grandfather for Helen and Miriam. I see Irv with a book in his hand, or with twinkle in his very blue eyes, saying "hey, Babe!" to Beth and giving her a warm side-hug in their Steamboat house. Such happy times there for everyone. L'dor v'dor, Irv is warmly remembered.



Serri Miller - December 02, 2020 at 05:32 PM



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Alan Rudolph - December 02, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ Irv taught us so much about Steamboat and Family - Love you!

Alan - December 03, 2020 at 08:59 AM



“ Beth, you and Irv were wonderful hosts! Endless delicious food and drink and an atmosphere of fun set the tone for reconnecting with family we didn't see often enough. One of my favorite memories was at Marla's wedding (I think), Irv asked me to dance -he must have seen me bouncing in my seat! There we were cutting a rug when Beth, you came up to get him to sit out the high energy dance. Apparently, he was due for heart surgery the next day or so! I was in shock, but Irv just laughed it off and kept on dancing like he was immortal. He sure seemed it!

My heart goes out to you as you mourn the loss of Irv. He was a very special guy.

All my love,
Kay Gering

Kay Gering - December 02, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of IRWIN ROBBINS.



December 02, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ Irv always said he had lived a charmed life. I am privileged to have been a part of it for more than four decades. He and Beth and the kids have been my family for years. My fondest memories were just sitting and talking to Irv at cocktail hour with a glass in one hand and the wisdom of the world being learned at his side. He was my friend. I am not alone. He was friend to so many. More than a year ago we danced at his 90th birthday party...and he danced too. He embraced life and when he didn't, Beth made sure she pushed him the extra mile. It kept him alive in mind and spirit. I know he did things on his terms, but it doesn't stop me from missing him. When I grow up I want to be just like him. I grieve his families loss with them. Love you Irvington. Kitty

Kitty Hailey Roth - December 02, 2020 at 01:08 PM



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David Crane - December 02, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Thank you David

Beth - December 03, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Jennifer Talbert is following this tribute.

Jennifer Talbert - December 02, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ I believe myself one of the luckiest woman alive to have had been raised by the most wonderful person. My dad was wise, loving, funny and witty. He provided me with the guidance and the love I needed to live a happy and successful life. Every one he came in contact with felt his warmth and kind soul. My friends called him their "guru" and I was lucky to call him my dad. He introduced me to the world and really showed it to me too through the travel and experiences we shared.



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Jennifer Talbert - December 02, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ 1929 – 2020

A father. My best friend. The best teacher. Who taught me life skills right out a boy's adventure novel. Here are just a few Irv shared:

Avoiding coral reefs while sailing through Caribbean waters; at night.

Planning and making a cross country flight in a propeller plane and landing safely at a snowy mountain airport.

How to catch, clean, and cook your own fish, often caught in a crystal clear Bahamian sea. Tie a bowline. Sail off an anchor without starting the diesel engine.

Navigate a sailboat or airplane by compass, dead-reckoning, satellite or stars.

How to do real estate and construction work from a Colorado ski lift chair on a bluebird day. That a good round of golf is heaven (and a bad one ruins a pleasant walk).

How to be a good friend. To hold on to your dreams. To fight for your deals.

To never let the bastards get you down. To be proud of the two steps forward but prepared for the one step backward that might come next. To think big. If you can dream it you might be able to do it.

That what you need to be more successful is in a book; find it. That it is tough to be a Jew. That you are what you eat. That exercise is the most important thing you will do today. That if you care you call.

That the maintenance man knows more than his Ivy League boss. There is always time for a joke or a story. That the only good thing about the Jewish experience in Russia was Vodka. That someone else always has a bigger yacht, a faster airplane, fancier house, or a prettier spouse, and to be grateful for the ones you have. I could go on.

Irv is not gone. He is alive in all of us who had the joy and privilege of knowing him. Heaven needed a good builder. A man always ready with a good joke (and a few bad ones).

Dad, you will be there with me for every perfect and imperfect landing, every full spinnaker and following sea, every perfect turn on the ski mountain, every closing and every deal, every shooting star, every zero visibility instrument approach. You were the best father a man could have. Your memory is already a blessing.



Jennifer Talbert - December 02, 2020 at 10:59 AM



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Beth Israel Memorial Chapel - December 02, 2020 at 08:08 AM