



Seneca Lawrence Erman MD

December 24, 1928 - September 29, 2021

Seneca Lawrence Erman M.D. passed away peacefully on September 29, 2021, at the age of 92.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Dorothy. He is survived by their 3 children and their spouses, Cantor Janece Cohen, Dr. Spencer Erman (Nancy), and Dr. Russ Erman (Anat); 6 grand-children, and 4 great-grandchildren.

He was born in The Bronx, NY, and after medical school came to Arizona (4 days after getting married) to begin his Public Health Service commitment. He has been living in Arizona since 1958.

Seneca was a surgeon and emergency room physician for more than 50 years, first with the US Public Health Service, and then in private practice in Tucson and Benson AZ. He was committed to serving his community through participation and leadership positions in many service organizations, including terms as District Governor of the Lions Club, and Potentate of the Shriners in Tucson. He also served on many Boards, including the International Board of Directors for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Dr. Seneca Erman won the Inaugural Jefferson Award for Public Service in the State of Arizona in 1973.

Seneca was actively involved in the Tucson Jewish community, with membership and participation in various synagogues, terms as President of Congregations, and as leader of services for many years. He loved participating in the Choir at Congregation Or Chadash, under the baton of the Cantor, his daughter Janece.

Seneca was an important influence on the lives of many. He will be greatly missed for his energy, his sense of commitment, his sense of humor, his generosity, his love of sushi and dim-sum, his love of cruising and travel, and his love for his family. He left a little piece of himself in everyone who knew him.

In Lieu of flowers, we are requesting donations in his name to:

The Dr. Seneca and Dorothy Erman Concert Fund at Congregation Or Chadash

The Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Shriner's Hospitals for Children

Services will be held at 10:00AM on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Temple Emanuel on Country Club in Tucson. Please call the office to attend, or register online at TEtucson.org. Graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery to follow, 11:30 AM.

Comments



“ Although distance kept us apart , I’ve known since I was little about my father’s cousin Seneca as his name would come up often. It was especially profound as so many of their family hadn’t survived the Holocaust. The few times we did meet it was delightful. He and my dad were the last of their generation and my dad sends his condolences. What a legacy Seneca leaves behind. I will never forget him.

Judy Arpadi - October 09 at 10:10 PM



“ Seneca and Dotty were like my uncle and aunt growing up as my mom was an only child. When we moved to Arizona we visited with them often. It was a blessing to me to have them attend our wedding in the Bahamas in 2000 and especially for Sen to act as witness. One of my fondest memories of my time with them both was when I studied law in Nice during the Summer '95. Always the travelers and adventurers, Sen was on the Windsong in the South of France as the ship's doctor. We were able to meet up every weekend in Cannes for lunch/dinner. Always full of life and the warmest of smiles, he will be missed.

Jullianne Jaffe - October 09 at 09:55 PM



“ We first met when my cousin Dotty brought him to our house to introduce us to the man she was going to marry. He won over my younger brother and me immediately by showing us rope knotting. My brother especially was delighted as he was a boy scout.

Thus he became a member of our family immediately

It has been awe inspiring to witness that his knowledge and devotion to his religious practices have inspired those around him...a beautiful legacy to pass on.

With love and appreciation for knowing a great man, Phyllis Parente

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