



Fred A Hirsch

April 16, 1933 - March 1, 2019

Abraham Frederick Hirsch was born April 16, 1933 in New York City to Elsie Kolk and Aaron Hirsch. He was called 'Fred' by his parents, the name he used throughout his 85 years.

Fred was an only child and enjoyed his own company. His keen intellect surfaced early. He remembered studying the calendar when he was just 5, and amazing adults by telling them what day of the week any future date would fall. He received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Arizona, and Master's Degree and PhD from the University of Washington where he majored in Geography.

Upon graduation in 1971 Fred was hired by the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth (now Western) as a Professor of Geography.

After Fred's mother died, his father came to live with Fred in Monmouth. Upon his father's death, Fred moved to Corvallis, became a CPA, and worked as an accountant for many years. He felt his work at H&R Block to be most meaningful.

Fred was fortunate to purchase a house next door to Angela and Vince Schwindt and the "Schwindlings." He became part of their family and always knew where he would have his Thanksgiving dinner.

Fred had many interests throughout his life including baseball (he was a Yankees fan), stamp collecting, and gardening. Fred often showed his appreciation to people by gifting them with stems of daffodils, roses, and peonies from his garden.

Fred never married or had children but found much satisfaction in the friendships he created primarily through the organizations he joined. He was the Treasurer of Beit Am Synagogue for many years, and this community became a surrogate family. Fred was proud to be a member of the Lions, and was also very active in the Sierra Club and Toastmasters. Fred won a national award for the Most Humorous Speech in the 90's; but in his modest way he never mentioned it.

Fred was fiercely independent. When he could no longer drive, he would walk miles every day, usually refusing rides in spite of rain or snow. It was rumored the city had to resurface parts of the 9th St. sidewalk because of Fred.

Fred moved to Timberhill Place four years ago, and was soon named "Resident of the Month." He was appreciative of the respect and excellent care he received there.

Fred was known for his intelligence, wit, integrity, modesty, and sincere interest in people he met. He planted many seeds in his life through his gentle kindnesses and generosity. He will be missed by many.

A graveside service will be held at 3 pm on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Waverly Jewish Cemetery in Albany, Oregon.

Cemetery Details

Waverly Jewish Cemetery

Albany, OR 97321

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Fred taught me a great deal about handling taxes for people with investments. After he retired, I was honored that he trusted me to handle the computer entry of his taxes -- I don't think I could ever claim to truly have prepared them! And he brought me flowers at least a couple of times during the tax season. Sweet, cheerful, patient, and very, very precise and careful with numbers. A fantastic example of how to do a job well and with love.

*Patricia Parcels
H&R Block*

Patricia Parcels - March 04, 2019 at 07:45 PM

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“ Lion Fred gave me the greatest compliment, honor I have ever received. He said I was a "Human Being". Only a great "Human Being" can confer such a compliment. May our best thoughts and memories of Lion Fred carry us forward in times of grief. May we continue to honor him and his contributions every day.

*Lion Steve Pilkerton
Corvallis Lions Club*

Steve Pilkerton - March 04, 2019 at 03:25 PM