



Mr. Hyman Dave

October 27, 1910 - May 6, 2011

Asheville – At the age of 100 and a resident of Crowfields, Hyman passed away peacefully at Mission Hospital on May 6. He was born in Durham, NC on October 27, 1910, the son of the late Philip Dave and Ethel Levin Dave. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Evalyn Lewis Dave, second wife, Dorothy Sellinger Dave, brother, Joseph Dave, sisters, Ann Moss, Sara Rosenblatt, Lily Schulper and Rosalie Schrier.

Hyman attended North Carolina State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, played a clarinet in the band and graduated with a degree in civil engineering. He started his career as an engineer and salesman for his brother, Joseph, the founder of Dave Steel Company, a structural steel fabricating firm in Asheville. He became a licensed engineer, and was especially instrumental in the war effort by fabricating steel for numerous military structures during World War II. When Joseph Dave opened a steel fabricating plant in Cincinnati in 1950, Hyman became president of Dave Steel in Asheville, a position he held until his retirement in 1976. While he called it retirement, he pursued other interests. Having always been interested in food, he put his business skills to the test and became manager of the Asheville Downtown City Club, a businessman's club on the top floor of what is now the BB&T Building. He retired from that activity in 1986 and served as interim manager of the Country Club of Asheville for six months, whereupon he retired completely, except for assisting his grandson, Jeffrey

Slosman, start up his textile business in Asheville. Throughout his career, Hyman was involved in numerous business and civic and social activities in Asheville. He was especially active in all of the functions of the Kiwanis Club of Asheville, where he had a perfect attendance record of 63 years and was instrumental in the running of their fund-raising pancake breakfast for many years. As an avid golfer and member of the Grove Park Club, Hyman quite often shot better than his age. He was a member of the Temple Beth HaTephila, having served as president, was on the Board of Directors of The Northwestern Bank before it merged with First Union, and served several terms on the Personnel Advisory Board of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department. In his latter years Hyman especially enjoyed family gatherings where he could spend time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who fondly knew him as "Grandy".

Hyman is survived by his daughter, Ellen Knoefel and her husband, Gene, of Weaverville, NC; sons: Steven and his wife, Mai, of Hamilton, OH and Kenneth of Tucson, AZ; stepsons: Howard Sellinger and his wife, Cynthia, of Candler, NC, David Sellinger of Houston, TX, Steve Sellinger and his wife, Nancy, of Atlanta, GA; thirteen grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a special friend, Diana Steiner, and a large and loving extended family.

A funeral service will be held at Temple Beth HaTephila on Monday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m. with Rabbi Batsheva Meiri officiating. A private burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Kiwanis Club of Asheville, PO Box 8344, Asheville, NC 28814, the Temple Beth HaTephila Building Fund, 43 N. Liberty Street, Asheville, NC 28801, or a charity of one's choice.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent through the website www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Hyman Dave*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *I just learned of Hyman's passing. I sned my love & condolences to the entire family! I have fond memories of Hyman & Asheville!!!*

Love, Ginger Lerner

Ginger Lerner - July 04, 2011 at 05:37 PM



“ *Even though, I did not know Mr. Dave he left a lasting gift of support in what his daughter and her husband gave to my wife Angie and me during the last two years of her life. A very precious gift was his Service and Evening Prayer service that I left full of love and support,. Even in his passing from this life he gave me love and support thru his beloved family, Rabbi and friends. Pat Vest*

L. Patrick Vest - May 11, 2011 at 05:16 PM



“ *I worked with Mr. Dave at the Asheville Downtown City Club during its last days. His zest for life was contagious. He was always such a gentleman, and a joy to work for. He will certainly be missed in our community. A truly good man!*

Susan D. Hoglen, Asheville

SUSAN D. HOGLEN - May 11, 2011 at 06:21 AM

KW

“ *What a joy to have know my friend, Mr. Dave. Even though in the last few years, you could see him slowing physically, his mind was ever so clear and sharp . He would always make our day with a joyous smile, as he called us all by name. He will be sorely missed. I am just so sorry I didnt know he passed until after his funeral. May he rest in peace and bring the smiles to the angels, as he did to those of us that are living here on earth.*

Karen Whitford - May 09, 2011 at 07:15 PM

WJ

“ *Hyman Dave was one of the finest men that I have ever known in my life, and a gentleman of the first order. Since I joined the Asheville Kiwanis Club over ten years ago, Hyman taught me so much about what was important in life and how to give unselfishly to others. He was a true example of how to make a real difference in the lives of others. Hyman always put himself before others and loved so many people. He will be so missed by many people. I am truly blessed to have known Hyman, and there are very few people in life who achieve his level of character and integrity. May God comfort his family at this difficult time. I was truly miss him. Gregg Stamey*

William Gregg Stamey, Jr. - May 09, 2011 at 09:39 AM

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“ *Hyman Dave was a great man to the last, selflessly assisting an invalid friend with visits, meals and company with multiple trips daily for many years. Throughout this service, he was cheerful, friendly and modest; asking for help rarely and giving great gratitude for small favors. He will be missed by myself and many of my neighbors, who were touched and inspired by his compassionate dedication and warm smile.*

Sabra Hammond - May 08, 2011 at 12:22 PM

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“ *18 files added to the album Forever Young*



Lauren Dave - May 07, 2011 at 09:06 PM