



Murray A. Simon

February 4, 1936 - February 22, 2023

Murray was a Florida boy. He grew up in Orlando when it was a “small town” and graduated from Orlando High School. From there he attended the University of Florida in Gainesville.

After college, Murray eventually moved to Miami Beach where he lived for a while on a houseboat in front of the Fountain-Bleu Hotel. It was during this time that he helped his mother purchase and run a small “south beach” hotel. In 1968, he met “the love of his life”, Leslie, with whom he has spent the past 55 years. In that same year, Murray offered to help Leslie start a small nursery school on Normandy Isle....they did it with their wedding money.

The Normandy School grew, as did their family, with the births of Keith and Robert.

As the boys and the school grew, the family relocated to Coral Springs and Murray and Leslie started the larger and very popular Western School and Western Camp, which they operated until their retirement.

One of the joys of retirement was living in Asheville. Murray loved his many new friends, the mountains, and the golf. He also loved being close to his grandkids: Didi, Paloma, Louis, Margot, and Shay.

Murray had a smile that “warmed hearts”. It has been said that in his 87 years, he never met a stranger.

There will be a memorial service on Sunday, March 5th, at 1:00 p.m. at Temple Beth HaTelphila followed by a graveside service at Riverside Cemetery, Asheville, NC.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

53 Birch Street
Asheville, NC 28801

Tribute Wall



“ *Murray A. Simon*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Such a loving person and a sweet father*

Robert - March 09, 2023 at 09:50 AM