



Mr. Myron Israel Kaplan

March 17, 1941 - October 27, 2023

For the countless people who love him, the world became a darker, sadder place in the early hours of October 27, when Myron Kaplan, 82, of Chagrin Falls left us. A modest person who lived a humble life, Myron's inherent kindness, warmth and compassion caused anyone he met to feel an instant connection. Whether it was a waitress at his much-loved Corky and Lenny's or a random customer looking for a hubcap at Pearl Road Auto Wrecking, the multi-generation family business he ran for many decades, no one was a stranger for long.

Born March 17, 1941—St. Patrick's Day—to Sylvia and Joseph Kaplan, Myron grew up in Cleveland Heights on Lalemant Road along with his younger sister Rennie. Surrounded by a tight network of friends and cousins, Myron graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in 1959 and attended New York University briefly before settling back in Cleveland to run the business founded by his grandmother, Rose Kaplan, and her children in 1927.

Under his management, Pearl Road Auto Wrecking—AKA “the junkyard with class”—became a welcoming Brooklyn neighborhood institution.

In collaboration with his second wife, artist Zena Zipporah, and poet Daniel Thompson, Myron ran Junkstock for many years. Starting as a poetry reading in a junkyard in 1980, over the next decade, the free, semi-underground event would grow to tackle themes such as anti-book banning and encompass bands, art installations, and general revelry.

Always sensitive, Myron was easily moved to tears by beauty or sadness,

and always there to lend a sympathetic ear to whomever he could help.

Settling in Chagrin Falls with life partner Bambi Koslen, he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family. Myron is survived by his three children, Jonathan (Rachel), Michael, and Kevin - as well as his step-children Sarah (Rick) Schwartz, Amanda, and Chloe. He was beloved by his grandchildren Emma, Maurice, Sophie, and his step-grandchildren Veronica and Gavin. They are all proud descendents of the "Head Shlegal."

Services will be held Monday October 30th at 1:30 pm at Cleveland Jewish Funerals (26801 Miles Road) followed by burial at Chesterland Memorial Park (11521 Chillicothe Rd, Chesterland, OH 44026).

A memorial gathering will be held on Sunday November 5th at 2:30 PM at: Reithoffer's Art, Spirit, and Entertainment - 17711 Ravenna Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fromovitz Chabad Center in Beachwood, or Magen David Adom.

Cemetery Details

Chesterland Memorial Park

11521 Chillicothe Road
Cleveland, OH 44026

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **30**. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Cleveland Jewish Funerals
26801 Miles Rd
Cleveland, OH 44128
(216) 340-1400
<http://www.clevelandjewishfunerals.com>

After the funeral at Cleveland Jewish Funerals, burial will take place at Chesterland Memorial Park (11521 Chillicothe Rd, Chesterland, OH 44026). Section B / Lot 5-D / Grave 1.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Very sorry for your families loss. He was a great person*

Doug Spott - November 01, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JS

“ *It was a privilege to know myron for over 50 years so many fun times and memories
My condolences to his family
Kevin Michael and John your dad may be gone but those of us that had the pleasure of knowing him will never forget him
Jim Stuber*

james stuber - November 01, 2023 at 01:05 PM

DC

“ *Thanks Myron for being such a Great Friend and Yes we did share a tear or two along the journey!!
YOUR FRIEND AND BARBER Deb(send a star)~~~*



deb cazares - October 31, 2023 at 07:26 PM

LS

“ *Myron is such an amazing person. He will always remain close and dear to my heart and soul. My many condolences to his family and friends XXOO*

Loren Schuh - October 30, 2023 at 01:29 PM

BL

“ *One of the very best ever.*

Bob Lambert - October 30, 2023 at 08:30 AM

JW

One of a kind. Will be missed.

james weiss - October 30, 2023 at 07:53 PM

RB

*In my younger days I was a frequent customer of Pearl Rd and I became good friends with Myron and Jon and the whole crew there. Myron was always a very insightful and wise man and I enjoyed all of our conversations.
I am really sorry to hear of his passing.
My sincere condolences go to his family and his uncountable number of friends!*

Rich Bailey - November 02, 2023 at 01:39 PM

MC

Myron you are remembered by many. You were/are a kind person, highly intelligent and interesting too. You always were helpful and good to everyone in your path as you went out of your way all the time to do for others. You appreciated life, poetry and art. I will always remember when you came to our house for dinner and the wonderful time we shared. Love, always, Marjorie Clark

Marjorie Clark - November 02, 2023 at 09:57 PM

BP

“ *Myron is dear to the Honey Hut ice cream family. My dad, Frank, loved the guy. Condolences sent from Bruce M. Page.*

Bruce Page - October 29, 2023 at 11:03 PM