



Alfred A. Tibor

February 10, 1920 - March 18, 2017

Alfred Arthur Tibor, age 97, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Sunrise Living Center of Bexley, surrounded by his family. Alfred was born in Konyar, Hungary. He lived through World War II and survived the Holocaust, three years as a Hungarian forced laborer and four years as a prisoner-of-war in the Soviet Gulag. In 1956, he emigrated to the U.S. during the Hungarian revolution, with his wife, two children and brother, Andrew. He settled in Miami, Florida, where he spent fifteen years as a commercial artist. In 1972, he moved to Columbus, Ohio, where he worked as a commercial artist and an advertising director for the Schottenstein family and Value City Corporation. In 1973, Alfred began a second career as a sculptor, which he continued successfully for over four decades. His name will be continually remembered through his public and private sculptures. His works can be seen throughout Columbus, in other cities across the country, and at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. Alfred was a dedicated artist and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Susan; daughter Eva and son-in-law Jay; son Thomas and daughter-in law Marie; grandchildren Simone and husband Josh, Michelle, Ari, Elliott, and Julia; and great grandson Jack Summer. A funeral service will be held Monday, March 20th, at 1:30 PM, at Congregation Agudas Achim, 2767 E. Broad St. Shiva will be observed at the Tibor home Monday following the service and Tuesday through Thursday at 7 PM.

Cemetery Details

New Agudas Achim Cemetery

2565 Performance Parkway
Columbus, OH

Tribute Wall

MD

“ *A gifted artist, a real mensch and, above all, a good Jew-that is how I remember Tibor from my days in Columbus. He survived the horrors of the past century to become a beacon to the Jewish people. His art is an eternal testimony to his greatness. May his memory be blessed and may his family be comforted amongst all the mourners of Israel. "jehi zichro baruch"*
Rabbi Michael (Moshe) Dick

Michael Dick - March 28, 2017 at 10:32 AM

SA

“ *Thank you for being such an inspiration! I work at the Columbus VA Clinic and I never pass your Soldier of Humanity sculpture without thinking of the cost of freedom and the privledge of serving those who fought for it. May you rest in the presence the Father and be reunited with those you've long lost. Prayers for your loving family as they navigate this difficult time.*

Susan Stewart, SSG(R) US Army - March 20, 2017 at 04:45 PM



“ *We will continue to pray for Eva, Jay, and the entire Tibor Family during this time. I remember him being a gentle man with a warm smile.*

*Your Neighbors,
The Bakers*

Jonathan Baker - March 20, 2017 at 10:13 AM

LS

“ *Dear Susan, it has been a privilege to have been to your home and to see much of Tibor's work. My heart goes out to you in this difficult time. I am sorry for your loss. Lajos and Willy Szabo*



Lajos and Wlhelmina Szabo - March 20, 2017 at 09:54 AM

PF

“ *A great man and a true treasure to know him. Phillip Feldmeier*

Phillip Feldmeier - March 20, 2017 at 09:16 AM

JC

“ Dublin Arts Council was so honored to work with Alfred and Susan in 2015 to present an exhibition of Alfred's sculpture maquettes (small scale models) titled "Hatred Doesn't Work." Alfred's inspiring messages were shared through videos of Alfred telling his story, delivered to gallery guests by Augmented Reality and by Alfred visiting in person numerous times to share his message with school students. He and Susan joined us for a special wine tasting event, during which Alfred was given a lifetime achievement award by Dublin Arts Council.

We'd like to share a variety of photos from 2015 in memory and tribute: Alfred at the gallery entrance with Executive Director David Guion, Alfred seeing himself on an iPad via augmented reality (with author Judy Kurimai), an entry from the "Hatred Doesn't Work" poster contest, a photo of Alfred in the gallery talking with students, and two photos of Alfred and Susan -- one from a book signing at Dublin Arts Council and the other from the Dublin Arts Council wine tasting event, as they watch a dance performance around his sculpture, "Freedom."

Alfred Tibor was an amazing human being and his legacy of artistic excellence and humanity are a gift to generations to come.



Janet Cooper - March 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM

AR

“ Alfred Tibor's work 'Promise for Life" has inspired many Capital University and Trinity Lutheran students. Condolences to the family on behalf of all the members of the Capital Jewish Student Association.

Austin Reid - March 20, 2017 at 08:37 AM



“ *Mr. Tibor, you will be missed. I am so blessed to have been graced by your presence. You bestowed upon me the gift of knowledge, courage, and faith. Our meeting was an accident as you put it. You welcomed me with open arms and shared your many stories and walked me around your home and showed me a world beyond my eyes through your eyes. I Love You , my teacher and friend always.*

Kalice Smith-Mock

Kalice Mock - March 20, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Beth McCullough lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor*



Beth McCullough - March 20, 2017 at 06:29 AM



“ *Susan, I am so sorry for your loss. Alfred was a gifted artist in so many ways and a fascinating man. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Beth McCullough - March 20, 2017 at 06:29 AM



“ *My husband and I were so blessed to have gotten to know you, Susan, and Alfred over the last few years. Visiting from Texas I had found out that a famous sculptor had bought the house my father built and I grew up in. We decided to just knock on the door, and you both invited us in like we were family. What a thrill! You both appreciated all the details and thought that my father had put into the house. My parents would have been so happy to have known you and Alfred had loved it. They were passionate zionists, my grandfather was Cantor Gellman from Agudas Achim, and I am an artist. It was like it was meant to be--you living in our family home. And meeting you. I only wish I had met you and Alfred sooner. And we had more time.*



My heart breaks for you, I wish I could be there tomorrow. I cherish the few hours we had together, my brief friendship with Alfred was a gift and a treasure.

Susan Muncaster - March 19, 2017 at 09:49 PM

MZ

Dear Susan. I am so sorry to learn of Alfred's passing. It felt like when I lost my dad. But I am very lucky to meet both of you and share some stories from Hungary. I am happy that Walter and I were able to have you for a real Hungarian dinner at our house, bringing back good memories of your childhood food. We did have a great time together. And that will always be with me. Love, MARIANNE and Walter Zinn

marianne zinn - March 20, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Susan Muncaster - March 19, 2017 at 09:29 PM

VE

“ Vicki Eberle lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor



Vicki Eberle - March 19, 2017 at 08:32 PM

VN

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Shalom Victoria, Diane, & Romi



Victoria, Diane, & Romi Navarro - March 19, 2017 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Jane L Beathard lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor



Jane L Beathard - March 19, 2017 at 03:14 PM

JB

“ Alfred was my boss at Value City Furniture. He was the most unique personality I have ever known or had the privilege of working for. His life story defies description. It would make a wonderful movie. Actually, he once told me that Robert DeNiro would be a good choice to play the title role in a movie about his life. That was Alfred!

He survived an ordeal that would have killed an ordinary man. But his gift for art and an unbendable spirit helped him survive all.

He encouraged me to pursue my interest in writing. Since those days at Value City, I have enjoyed a very successful career as a journalist. All thanks to Alfred.

I will always remember him fondly. He was one of a kind.

Jane L Beathard - March 19, 2017 at 02:59 PM

MB

“ *The world is a better place because Alfred Tibor passed through it. We feel so fortunate to have known Mr. and Mrs. Tibor and so proud to have one of his works in our home. His is the ultimate example of the power of the human spirit. Despite his achievements and the fame they brought him, he was basically a humble and considerate man. We hope that the fond memories of your years together will be of comfort to all of the family in the difficult days ahead.*

Connie and Marvin Brown

Marvin Brown - March 19, 2017 at 02:19 PM

LH

“ *Lynne Hanhिलammi lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor*



Lynne Hanhिलammi - March 19, 2017 at 01:37 PM

GF

“ *Dear Eva,
Your father was an incredible man with a remarkable life who will always be remembered by our community. Sam and I send you iur heartfelt condolences.*

gigi fried - March 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ *My sympathy, respect and admiration to the Tibor family. Mr. Tibor's extradinary life and accomplishment wil be remembered.*

*Sincerely,
Lenore Schottenstein*

lenore schottenstein - March 19, 2017 at 10:51 AM

DE

“ *Debbie Elam lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor*



Debbie Elam - March 19, 2017 at 09:39 AM

VB

Alfred left a big imprint on the world as a man and as an artist. His legacy will live on for eternity I feel lucky to have known him. Valerie Brown

valerie brown - March 19, 2017 at 11:10 AM

DB

Eva & Family - my sincere & heartfelt condolences in the loss of your amazing father. Saw so much of his artwork over the decades, but am in awe at so much of it they showed on the news. The artwork lives on as do your precious memories of & w/him. Prayers & hugs for all of you. ♡

*Diane Barrow
Retired TI Security*

Diane Barrow - March 19, 2017 at 11:21 PM

MQ

May His Name be Forever Remembered as a Blessing <3 Condolences from Mellissa Q.Kennedy and Children

Mellissa Quicke-Kennedy - March 20, 2017 at 01:53 AM



“ *RuthAnn D'Angelo lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor*



RuthAnn D'Angelo - March 19, 2017 at 09:21 AM

PS

“ *Pam Spence lit a candle in memory of Alfred A. Tibor*



Pam Spence - March 19, 2017 at 08:17 AM

JS

“ Dearest Susan, Eva and family,
I am so sorry to hear of our beloved Alfred's passing. I will cherish the memories of visiting his home many times and hearing the stories behind each beautiful sculpture. I will miss him in shul where we always shared a smile, hug and kiss. He was so strong, brilliant, funny and kind. I fell blessed to have known him. Sending much love your way. I am out of town and regrettably will miss the funeral and shiva but please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Joy Soll - March 19, 2017 at 08:07 AM

KB

“ His life and his life's work give us pause to remember that we, the human race, must be ever vigilant, always kind, and unfailingly compassionate. His sculptures inspire me, and his spirit will live through his art.



Kevin Barnes - March 19, 2017 at 07:13 AM

RW

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great artist and I am sure a wonderful Dad and husband. I always admire the sculptures he has done in front of CTA, Agudas Achim and more. Hope your good memories are a comfort to you.
Rochell and David Weisfogel



Rochell Weisfogel - March 18, 2017 at 11:02 PM

MB

“ Many blessings upon the family of this talented and storied man.

michele brannock - March 18, 2017 at 03:48 PM

BZ

“ His light and work will live as he did committed to enlightenment and may his memory always be a blessing.

Deepest condolences.

The Zacks Family

Ben & Mary Beth

Randy

Sally & Marc

Arinn & Lee

Benjamin S. Zacks - March 18, 2017 at 02:58 PM

BM

Albert was a warm and talented man who was giving to everyone. He will definitely be missed by all

Babs Miller - March 19, 2017 at 07:18 AM



So sorry to hear the passing of Alfred. What a wonderful, inspirational man. Our entire family loved his artwork. May memories bring you comfort at this difficult time. Much Love, Ruth D'Angelo

RuthAnn D'Angelo - March 19, 2017 at 09:25 AM

GF

*Dear Eva,
Your father was an incredible man who led a remarkable life. Sam and I send you our deepest condolences.*

gigi fried - March 19, 2017 at 10:58 AM

LM

What a wonderful and inspiring man your father was. He spoke on more than one occasion to my middle school classes. I will never forget him.

Liz Morris - March 19, 2017 at 07:13 PM

DB

Dear Eva - My sincere & heartfelt condolences in the loss of your dear father. I have seen a lot of his art over the last several decades, but was amazed at all they showed on the news. It will live on as will your memories of & with him. Prayers & hugs for all of you. ♡

Diane Barrow - March 19, 2017 at 11:28 PM

BT

I got to interview your father several times and attended a speech he gave to Whitehall students. He made sure they attentively listened and got his message about love over hate.

Barbara A. Topolosky

Barbara Topolosky - March 20, 2017 at 01:44 AM

SN

Our world was much richer by Alfred Tibor's presence and we suffer from his loss. Our love and sympathy to Susan and their entire family. Alfred taught me so much and I will be forever grateful for his courage and his spirit.

Sam & Lori Nahem

Sam Nahem - March 20, 2017 at 03:56 AM

TS

Alfred was my first boss after I graduated from Columbus College of Art and Design. He was my most unforgettable character, mentor and friend. A truly gifted and kind man. My condolences to Susan, Eva, Tommy and the family. He was so proud of you all.

Trina Marsh Simpson - March 20, 2017 at 08:48 AM

JH

My condolences on the loss of this inspirational man. May you find comfort in your memories at this difficult time. Alfred's legacy and memory will be a blessing to all who knew him and knew of him.

Jeni Harris Hirschorn

Jeni Harris Hirschorn - March 20, 2017 at 01:06 PM