



Frederick M. Luper

January 12, 1940 - June 4, 2020

Frederick M. Luper, age 80, passed away on June 4, 2020. Fred Luper graduated from the Columbus Academy where he lettered in football and was a National Merit Finalist. He served on the Alumni Board for many years. He went to Cornell University where he majored in English and minored in theater. Acting was his joy and he shared his passion for theater with the love of his life. Fred met Carol Perlmutter at Cornell and it was love at first sight. He graduated and came home to go to The Ohio State College of Law. Carol transferred and enrolled at Ohio State University. They married and had Steven, Douglas and Betsy. He was so proud of his three children. Fred performed in community theater from the 1960's on . In 1986 He played the role of Ben Franklin in the Columbus Bar Association's performance of 1776. It remained one of his favorite roles! Through the years he became a supporter and Board member of Gallery Players at The Columbus Jewish Center. He also had a lifetime appointment as a member of the Jewish Center Board of Trustees. He created and produced the show "Legends of Gallery Players". He performed in many shows at Gallery Players, most recently in Funny Girl. He also performed at Actors Summer Theater, Weathervane Playhouse, and Hilliard Arts Council. For many years Fred and Carol spent several weekends in New York City, enjoying theater, restaurants and spending time with friends. Fred was a well-known and highly respected bankruptcy and reorganization lawyer, and a founding partner of the firm Luper Neidenthal and Logan. He was one of the longest serving Bankruptcy trustees in the United States. He served as President of The Commercial Law League of America in 1994 and spent several years on the organizations' Board of Trustees. His eight grandchildren brought him so much joy, and he loved attending their sporting events and concerts. He will be remembered for his sense of humor and his love of telling jokes. Preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Eva Luper. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carol Luper; sons, Steven (Brenda) Luper and Douglas Luper; daughter, Betsy (Mark) Luper Schuster; grandchildren, Nathan (Ruth), Jessica, Abigail, Lainey, Michael, Ally and Eric; sister-in-law, Barbara (Wayne) Freid; niece, Cathryn (Kamryn Eddy) Freid; nephew, Matthew (Reanna OrRico) Freid; cousins and friends. Private graveside will be held on Sunday, June 7th at New Agudas Achim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to The Columbus Jewish Community Center

www.columbusjcc.org or charity of donor's choice. Online guestbook at
www.epsteinmemorial.com

Cemetery

New Agudas Achim Cemetery

2565 Performance Parkway

Columbus, OH,

Comments



“ I first met Fred back when I was teaching at The Ohio State University College of Law, and we became fast friends then and stayed in touch thereafter. I will always remember his many kindnesses, his delightful sense of humor, and gentle demeanor. All of you are in my thoughts. May his memory be as a blessing.

Nancy Rapoport - June 18 at 03:29 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Carol, Steve (who was in my high school class), his wife Brenda (with whom I worked at COTA, now many years ago), Doug (who has done appraisals for me), Judge Betsy (whom I used to practice law with and now practice before), Betsy's husband Mark, and all the grandchildren and extended family. I worked in the summer of 1990 for Fred and his law firm. He was very kind to me. I learned a lot from Fred and the other lawyers at the firm at the time. I had watched him perform as Ben Franklin in the 1986 production of 1776. Fred mentored many lawyers in central Ohio. He will be missed, and our heart goes out to the family. Frank (and Frances) Reed.

Frank Reed - June 18 at 12:36 PM



“ Dear Carol, Jodi and I were saddened to read of Fred's passing. Fred and I have known each other since 1952, when I was enrolled in the Bexley schools. In our freshman and sophomore years, we had a fierce competition to be the first man on the golf teams second string. Golf was a sport neither of us had any great ability in. As we both became lawyers we had many contacts with each other through the years, and Fred was a great credit to the profession. Condolences to you and your family. Stan and Jodi Ross

stanley ross - June 17 at 11:22 AM



“ Dear Carol,
I was so sorry to hear of your loss of Fred. You and your family have my prayers and many thoughts during this difficult time and beyond.

Sincerely,
Carol Tyler

Carol Tyler - June 16 at 03:29 PM



“ Our condolences to the Luper family. Many fond memories of Fred during our formative years. Baruch Dayan Emet - His memory will live on through his deeds.

Bruce & Frayda Topolosky
Madison, CT

Bruce Topolosky - June 11 at 04:58 PM



“ My condolences for the Luper family. I worked for Mr. Luper many years ago at his firm. I started there as a young girl at the age of 22. He was a great mentor and a man that I always respected. He taught me many things during the 10 years that I worked there. He was a true professional but always had a great sense of humor. The profession has lost a great lawyer and the world has lost a good man. Prayers for the family. My deepest sympathy - Kelly Cahill D'Ippolito

Kelly D'Ippolito - June 10 at 09:37 AM



“ Dear Carol, We are so saddened by the loss of the love of your life. Fred was a wonderful man, with a great personality and dry sense of humor. I personally have many great memories of you and Fred together from our days at WBNS-AM and then TV. Please know that Penny and I wish you healing and peace. May our condolences bring you, your children, and grandchildren comfort, and may our prayers ease the pain of your loss. With our deepest sympathy, Bob Grossi, Penny Tipps & family now living in TN

Bob Grossi - June 09 at 04:03 PM



“ Dear Carol and Family,
So sorry for your loss. I know how well respected and loved Fred was in Columbus. Please accept my sincere sympathies.

Warmly, Sue Pliskin, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sue Pliskin - June 08 at 03:30 PM



“ Steve, your work family wishes to share condolences to you and the rest of the Luper family. You are such a good human and I'm sure your father was a big part of that.



Scott Emigh - June 08 at 02:53 PM



“ To the Luper family, It was a pleasure and an honor knowing Mr. Luper. I will keep your family in my prayers.



Aimee Mitchell - June 08 at 12:48 PM



“ My condolences to the Luper family, Mr. Luper was always very kind to us growing up and I always held a certain element of respect for him as a man. I am sure his family and friends will miss him and think of him often.

Shawn E Straub - June 08 at 09:47 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to the whole Luper family. Our families go way back together and Fred and Carol have always treated me as family. I always loved seeing Fred. So intelligent and funny. I will miss him

Rick Rosenthal - June 08 at 07:01 AM



“ So much love to you and your family, Carol!

Amanda Sage - June 07 at 09:31 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Carol and family with the loss of Fred. My thoughts and prayers are with you as I know that life will not be the same without him.
Dorothy Teater

Dorothy Teater - June 07 at 04:22 PM



“ Fred was a very special guy and a good friend. We would enjoy trading donations for our pet projects, solving the worlds problems in the Health Club, and enjoying a good laugh. I will always remember Fred for his love of family first, and then JCC, theater, and cooking. Howard Schottenstein

Howard Schottenstein - June 07 at 01:22 PM



“ Carol, Steve, Doug and Betsy,
A beautiful service for a beautiful guy. Fred was always a guiding star for me at the JCC. His voice was respected and his counsel much needed. Fred was often our conscience as well as a leader and a doer. He never stood back and waited for others to do. He stepped up and did what needed to be done. He loved the theater and Gallery Players at the JCC but also the Gala, the Men's Health Club and the pool and camp for the grandkids and and and. Fred attended JCC Pre School as did his children and grandchildren! He leaves us saddened and with a hole in our hearts but with an inspiring legacy for sure.
My deepest heartfelt condolences on your loss.
Carol Folkerth

carol folkerth - June 07 at 01:16 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to the Luper family. Many years ago, when I was a young lawyer, Fred took a chance and hired me into the firm. The opportunity he extended me truly changed my life and I am forever grateful for his kindness and generosity. Over the years Fred morphed from my employer and mentor into my friend and I will truly miss him.

Bruce and Sherri Lazear

Bruce Lazear - June 07 at 01:06 PM



“ Carol....Lisa & I Love you and Fred! I really got to him in Guys and Dolls at Gallery...what an incredible sense of humor...the jokes in the dressing room kept us all in stitches! The Love he had for you always shined through when you were both together! We will miss Fred and pray for your Hope and Peace during this time. Love Always...Todd & Lisa Covert



Todd Covert - June 07 at 11:20 AM



“ Carol and family,

Although Fred will properly be remembered by his fellow lawyers as a fine attorney, my favorite memory is of Fred driving Carol to the airport late at night so that she could get an exclusive interview.

Kevin Durkin

Kevin Durkin - June 07 at 10:05 AM



“ So sorry for your loss, Carol. Although I didn't know him, I remember his smile at HarmonyProject rehearsals and metropolitan club luncheons.



marian harris - June 07 at 09:42 AM



“ Marjie and I will miss Fred and his dedication to his family and the JCC. Forever the actor and joke teller, he was a great poker partner in our monthly games. He will be long remembered for what he has done for the community and as a good friend.
Marjie & Jeff



“ Carol: I know there is nothing I can do to ease your pain but I wanted you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. As you know I had breakfast with Fred virtually every Saturday for the past 3 years and I really enjoyed his company. I will miss him dearly

Hal Leiner - June 06 at 05:46 PM



“ When I, as a child, met my cousin Freddy for the first time, while his family was traveling through Minneapolis, I knew he was much loved by my grandma and mom . How could I not be delighted to meet him, too? He showed me something I had never heard of--Silly Putty. Decades later I met him again. What a great pleasure that was.

My condolences to all of his family.

Ellen Lipschultz

Ellen Lipschultz - June 06 at 03:36 PM



“ Dear Carol and all of Freddy's loving family:

In my minds eye, I see the cutest little wavy-haired, chubby-cheeked, smiling little boy, a first grandchild. He was so compelling; everybody joined Sam and Eva, his loving parents, in adoring him. His kind of personalty made being with him a pleasure, one that engendered trust.

Throughout this life, Freddy was an alive, warm, active, interested and interesting, a welcoming and capable person. It's probably why he was so successful in so many facets of life.

It is with pleasure and gratitude that I can look back at our times together in person or by correspondence.

I'm so sorry that he had such tough medical problems the past many years. He handled them with equanimity.

Please know that all of you have my deep and sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather.

Love,
Dorothy Lipschultz

Dorothy Lipschultz - June 06 at 03:12 PM



“ Our family has lost our oldest member bearing the Luper name. Fred had a lot of family knowledge about our ancestors and family history. May his immediate family and those of us who are cousins, have good memories of our times together. I'm so glad that we had a family reunion in 2018 and that Fred and some of his family were there.

Paula and Mark Weinstein

Paula Weinstein - June 06 at 12:39 PM



“ As an inveterate theater buff, I greatly enjoyed Fred's last performance in Funny Girl at Gallery Players. I wish I'd seen many more of what must have been memorable performances! Condolences, thoughts and prayers to Carol and family.

Bill Taylor, CPD (ret.)

Bill Taylor - June 06 at 12:19 PM



“ My condolences to Carol and the Luper family. Fred was a fellow member of the Columbus Bar, a good man and a great member of the community.

David Selcer

David Selcer - June 06 at 10:17 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers for peace to Mrs Luper and the family. I only recently joined the LNL family (two years ago). Mr. Luper's office was just steps from my desk. I always looked forward to his arrival each morning. He never passed by my desk without saying good morning. He frequently shared stories of his family and his love of the theater. We even got a song once in a while! Mr. Luper was a smart, kind soul and sharp as a tack. He will be sorely missed.

Erin Henson - June 06 at 10:12 AM



“ My first memory of Fred was when i was child accompanying my two much older brothers to his home after his father's passing. Ronnie and Fred were friends and he,as an only child, considered himself "the 5th Blank brother". I think once removed. Through the years he remained very close to our family and will be missed by all of the brothers. Carol, my sympathy to you at this time and may you find comfort in your memories in this time of sorrow. My heart goes out to all of your family.

Barry S Blank

Barry S Blank - June 06 at 09:23 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the members of the Luper family. Fred was a friend of mine for nearly 40 years. He was bright, creative, fun and supportive. I will miss knowing he is only a phone call away. Judge Nodine Miller, ret.

Judge Nodine Miller, ret. - June 06 at 08:24 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Having worked closely with Betsy it was always evident in stories the passion Mr. and Mrs. Luper had for their kids and grandkids. He was a giant in the Columbus legal community and community at large. His leadership will be remembered and respected but, also greatly missed. Prayers for the family in this time of sadness.

-Jon and Kim Allison

Jon Allison - June 06 at 07:49 AM



“ I will always cherish my memories of Fred thru my own association with Gallery Players as a performer, and as producer for Columbus Light Opera during the seasons we performed at the JCC, something which Fred helped to bring about. It was fun to see Fred and Carol at the Columbus Metropolitan Club or other places in the community. I know Ben Franklin was a role Fred especially loved. I'd like to think right now he's in a celestial production, being directed by Roger Stephens. It's a cliché, but in Fred's case, it's true - they broke the mold when they made him. Condolences and best wishes to you, Carol, and all your family and Fred's many friends.

David Weaver

David Weaver - June 05 at 08:14 PM



“ A more fierce advocate for the JCC, and more specifically Gallery Players you will never find. I was always at my best at the theatre when I was working on one of Fred’s crazy projects. My condolences to Carol and the whole family. Fred will be missed.

-Jared Saltman

Jared Saltman - June 05 at 07:16 PM



“ The piece of advice that Fred gave me as a very young lawyer that always served me well. "If you do nothing else keep your client informed." Fred and others at that firm were great mentors and I will never forget what they did for me.

Mark S. Miller

Mark Miller - June 05 at 07:00 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. As the aquatic director at the JCC Fred was always one of my favorite members.

dave holstein - June 05 at 06:06 PM



“ We are so very sad to learn of Fred’s passing. Send love and thinking of you all.
Love, Joyce & Chuck Shenk

jJoyce Shenk - June 05 at 05:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Fred's passing. May his memory be for a blessing.

Sima Gellman

Sima Gellman - June 05 at 04:29 PM



“ Dear Carol and family,

We were so saddened to hear of Fred's passing. He was such a kind, generous, witty and bright person who contributed so much to the Columbus community

through the decades.

I remember he and I discussed many medical cases of dubious distinction. I recall him saying that his ears perked up when his consultant expert medical witness said in response to hearing the case, "He did WHAT?"

You and he were truly a power couple.

It is never easy, but we hope you and your family can take some solace in his magnificent legacy.

Shalom chaver.

Joel and Dana Gorfinkel
Potomac, MD

Joel Gorfinkel - June 05 at 04:25 PM



“ We send our sincere thoughts of condolence to your family, Carol...I knew Fred before you were in the picture, having known his parents (my Mother played cards with Eve). Anyway, that being said, the plays Fred graced the stage in were really something, and we are saddened by this loss.
Fondly, Benny and Debbie Eisenstein

Debbie Eisenstein - June 05 at 04:14 PM



“ It was with great sadness that I learned of Fred's passing. The fellows of the health club will miss chatting with him, and always learning from him. Sheila and I wish the family only wonderful memories

lou chodosh - June 05 at 04:06 PM



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We are so saddened to hear of Fred's passing. He was such a kind, generous, witty and bright person who contributed so much to the Columbus community for so many decades.

I remember he and I discussed many medical cases of dubious distinction, and I recall him saying that his ears perked up whenever his consulting expert witness said in response to hearing the case "He did, WHAT?"

It is never easy, but we hope you can take some solace in his magnificent legacy.

Dana and Joel Gorfinkel



Joel Gorfinkel - June 05 at 04:00 PM



“ Steve, words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel for the passing of your Father. Please accept my condolences.



Michael Kalbe - June 05 at 03:22 PM



“ MR JCC
Fred never told a joke he didn't like.
We will miss him and his jokes.
Our thoughts are with you Carol and family.
Gary and Margey Cheses

Gary Cheses - June 05 at 03:02 PM



“ Throughout my professional life I've had nothing but wonderful thoughts about Fred. He always treated me well and with respect. On a personal level, Anita and I always enjoyed seeing Fred whether it was seeing him with Carol at dinner or watching one of his many performances.

As a father, nothing tickled me more than him calling me to tell me that he heard I presented a case in court and that his daughter was on the panel of Appellate Judges before whom I appeared. Being lawyers went out the window and we just talked about parental pride!

Fred will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of being his friend or colleague. May his memory be a blessing.



“ Our deepest condolences to you Carol and your family. Fred was a wonderful man and the world was a better place because of him. May his memory be for a blessing.

Stacey, Josh, Romi and Nolan

Stacey Gaines - June 05 at 02:08 PM



“ Carol, it's hard to think of you without Fred. 55 years together, lots of children and grandchildren, such a blessing. But still too young. I am thinking of you.

Teri Silver Jordan - June 05 at 01:49 PM



“ Carol and Family -

Don and I are saddened to learn of your loss. Fred was a larger than life personality and shared his stage presence with all who had the pleasure of seeing him on stage. Carol, only recently we saw each other at Giant Eagle where you were en route to meet Fred for lunch. He was fortunate to have such a loving and supportive spouse and caring family. May the many memories and laughter you created together provide comfort and strength during this difficult time and in the years to come. May his memory be for a blessing.



Eydie and Don Garlikov - June 05 at 12:57 PM



“ Our condolences for losing a lifelong friend and a community icon. He will be missed.
Love,
Kathy and Larry Shkolnik

larry shkolnik - June 05 at 12:40 PM



“ A man of many talents besides the stage .Always a mench .MAN OF HONOR.

Steve And Bobbie Shkolnik

Steve Shkolnik - June 05 at 12:34 PM



“ You will be missed at the JCC pool!

Sandy Wylie - June 05 at 12:21 PM