



Wayne Ira Haskell

April 28, 1942 - April 16, 2020

Wayne Ira Haskell, 77, of Saint Louis Park, passed away on April 15, due to complications of Covid-19. Preceded in death by parents, Art and Bella Haskell, and brothers, Neil and Stuart Haskell. Survived by cousins, nephews and old and dear friends, his “brothers” of Hazakim AZA (1960), who cared for and supported him over the years.

Wayne was an intelligent, passionate and gregarious person who was tragically robbed of his potential by health issues that affected him for most of his adult life. From an early age, Wayne was fascinated by anything having to do with politics and government. As an honor student at Minneapolis North High, he participated in almost every kind of activity and was voted the “most ambitious” in a class of over 600 and was elected president of the senior class. Wayne will be missed by the many friends he gathered from all walks of life.

Special thanks to the many compassionate caregivers and staff of Sholom Home West, where Wayne resided for the past thirteen years, and to the doctors and nurses in the I.C.U. unit at Methodist Hospital, who cared for him at the end of his life.

Due to the pandemic, both the funeral service and Shiva gathering will be virtual. The funeral Zoom service will be 11:30 a.m. MONDAY, April 20th Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/97684854232> . Memorials preferred to the Sholom Foundation or donor’s favorite charity. SHIVA service and gathering 7:00 p.m. Monday, Zoom Link <http://zoom.us/j/97684854232> . Please call Hodroff-Epstein for the password needed to join the virtual services. Hodroff-Epstein 612 871-1234

Events

APR 20 **Zoom Service** 11:30AM
Wayne Haskell Zoom Funeral and Shiva
MN, US

APR 20 **Zoom Shiva** 07:00PM
Wayne Haskell Zoom Funeral and Shiva
MN, US

Comments



“ Connie Otterdahl lit a candle in memory of Wayne Ira Haskell



Connie Otterdahl - April 19 at 06:48 AM



“ We honor Wayne - beloved classmate - infused with verve, ambition, promise, character, inclusiveness; warmly welcoming to the classmate and stranger alike, eager to engage us in verbal sparring leading often to healthy political "combat" always respectful of the opposing POV.

The mind's eye will forever recall Wayne's eager, full-toothed smiles and effusive spirit.

May you rest in peace, Wayne.

Manny and family

Manny Kopstein - April 18 at 05:21 PM



“ "Growing up in the place I did, I never was aware of any other options but to question everything." Such are the words of Noam Chomsky, social critic, political commentator, philosopher.. Likewise, these words, speak to the persona of Wayne Haskell.

Wayne was a complex individual, intense, introspective and deep. Wayne was a listener like none other and compassionate to the extreme. He may have been the smartest guy in the room but never acted as if it were so. Humble, non assuming, he never tooted his own horn.

Name the subject! Wayne was up for debate on a wide range of topics: Politics, law, literature, foreign film, philosophy, public policy, social equity, peace and justice, Italian cuisine, Donald Trump.

Like Noam Chomsky, Wayne questioned! Everything!

To some he was a thorn in the side, surly, combative, a guy with a third eye, a whistle-blower. Wayne was passionate about his 'causes', always digging to the

depths of an issue, defending his position with vigor.

Wayne was an advocate. During his many years at Shalom, he took under his wing and advocated on behalf of those vulnerable residents unable to speak for themselves. Never reticent to deliver a full critique, he was loved by some and feared by others. He never tired of taking on a new challenge. Families of residents for whom Wayne provided support bestowed accolades and appreciation for his help of their loved ones.

A few days prior to his hospitalization, I phoned Wayne. He shared that he was feeling unwell. That was not unusual for him in these later years. Eager to cheer him up, I brought up a favorite current event topic. Suddenly Wayne's demeanor altered; his old feistiness emerged in contesting Bernie Sanders' choice of opting out of the presidential race. Regardless of how he was feeling, true to form, Wayne rose to the occasion with an dissenting opinion!

How fortunate I am to have had Wayne Haskell, a true mensch, a person of integrity and honor, as a close friend for many years.

Rest in peace, dear Wayne. You will be forever cherished.

Louise Kantrowich Yim

Louise Yim - April 17 at 03:17 PM



“ Wayne and my mom, Pearl Weiss, became good buddies over the years sharing the hall of Sholom's 2N. Somehow he was never feisty with her. They shared a wonderful love for all subjects and their discussions were very deep and meaningful. During my mom's 7 years at Sholom I got to know Wayne quite well. He could be tough but was kind and very special. He deserved better and will be missed. But the memories will remain.

Wendy Weiss Ackerman - April 19 at 03:17 AM



“ I used to shop at target for him last year every wednesday



bruno nisi - April 16 at 02:36 PM



“ He was our best customer! He was such a great man!

Katie - April 20 at 10:22 PM



“ Bruno Nisi lit a candle in memory of Wayne Ira Haskell



bruno nisi - April 16 at 02:35 PM



“ Peggy Kane lit a candle in memory of Wayne Ira Haskell



Peggy Kane - April 16 at 12:59 PM



“ Sue Friedman lit a candle in memory of Wayne Ira Haskell



Sue Friedman - April 16 at 12:58 PM