



David C. Kobrin

October 22, 1941 - July 6, 2022

David Culman Kobrin died peacefully on July 6 after a courageous battle against Parkinson's Disease. He was 80 years old. Ambitious, adventurous, and playful; David inspired those around him to laugh, be silly, and embrace challenges.

Born to Louis and Ida Kobrin in Lynn, Massachusetts in 1941, he began his life as a Red Sox fan. David attended Norwich University and then Boston University School of Law. It was there that he met Marjorie, the love of his life and wife of 55 years. They married and moved to Oklahoma and then South Korea to fulfill David's duties as a captain in the US Army. Upon returning to the states, David and Marjorie settled in Mt. Kisco, New York, where David became a practicing attorney and a Yankees fan. It was in NY where he and Marjorie began their family. David and Marjorie had three daughters. Each one was a "daddy's girl" in her own special way. A kind, caring husband and father, David instilled the same hope for his daughters: "for if you have what I have, then you have everything". David maintained strong connections with many members of his extended family, and he cherished playing a significant role in the lives of his nieces and nephews.

David led an active life. He loved to travel, speak other languages, and try new things. He picked up guitar during middle age and re-engaged in sailing as a retiree. A skier, golfer, and squash player, he utilized his love of activity to fight Parkinson's in the only way he knew how: by dedicating himself to exercise. David stayed active until the very end, never giving up, for "falling apart is not an option," he would say in reflection of his circumstances.

David was a writer, a poet active in the Rehoboth Writers Guild. He tutored Hebrew to students training for their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs in Westchester, NY, the Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth, including his two granddaughters.

David taught many significant things to those around him. He showed us how to make mistakes and grow from them. He showed us what love looks like and how to maintain a loving relationship. He helped us to stop and appreciate the world; whether from the top of

a chairlift or the shore of an ocean: “One, two, three, ahhhhh” we would say, to take in the beauty of the world.

David is survived by his wife Marjorie; their three daughters and their partners: Jennifer and David, Lauren and Chris, Shoshana and Ethan; and his grandchildren: Kiley, Emerson, and Ryder. His love, humor, and spirit will remain strong in all of them. A man of many words, there are no words to describe this loss for his family. David, may you be at peace; may the four winds blow you safely home.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022, at 12:00 noon, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. Interment will follow the service at St. Peter’s Cemetery, Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE.

All are invited to join the service via live-stream by visiting <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/10578274/LTWebcast>.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Sussex Parkinson’s, PO Box 56, Lewes, DE 19958 or sussdeparkinsons.com/donate, or Seaside Jewish Community, 18970 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or seasidejewishcommunity.com/payment.php.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Burial

JUL 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter's Cemetery - Pilottown
Pilottown Road
Lewes , DE 19958

Tribute Wall



“ *Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium created a Webcast in memory of David C. Kobrin*



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium - July 07 at 01:35 PM

DD

What a great loss to our Parkinson's community. I remember always seeing Dave at the gym whenever I came in. Marjorie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May Dave Rest In Peace. Chuck & Denise Demback

Denise Demback - July 08 at 07:08 AM

JL

David was a fellow fighter on the PD journey and a friend to Russ. Marjorie was such a dedicated wife and such an important contributor to our caregiver group. Our heartfelt sympathies to Marjorie and family. We will watch the webcast from California and be with you in spirit. Our thoughts and prayers. Russ and Jane Luhrs

Jane Luhrs - July 08 at 10:49 AM

CF

David brought so much light to our lives. Our hearts are heavy and our thoughts are with his wonderful family. Carolyn and Kevin

Carolyn and Kevin Fidgeon - July 09 at 07:23 AM

SL

May you all find peace in your memories, strength in one another and allow grief to flow. With love to each of you from Idaho. 💕

Sarah Lott - July 09 at 11:58 AM

EY

David will be missed beyond words...his dear personality, intelligence and wit; his kindness and caring; his poetry and so much more. Always a supportive dear friend and neighbor, I will treasure memories of meaningful and enjoyable times with him. Hugs and deepest condolences to Marjorie and the rest of his loving and lovely family.

Emily Yeager - July 10 at 07:27 AM

CF

We are filled with loving memories of David, his zest for life, and how he always embraced us as family. We will miss him so much. We send so much love to Marjorie and our deepest condolences to his family.

Carol and Jamie Fishman - July 10 at 12:57 PM

GK

We were roommates at Norwich and heaven will be a better place with him .A great guy and human being.

Gerald Kocak - July 12 at 05:20 PM

HH

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Kobrin Family. Uncle David will be missed terribly. We will never forget his smile and his zest for life. David and I feel blessed to have had him in our lives. Love you forever Uncle David.

Hedy Hartley - July 14 at 07:07 PM

ES

Dave mentored me when I met him in 1973. He was someone I could hang out with and rely on. Although I haven't seen him in decades I am decimated. He was a mensch. I can't believe he's gone.

Elliot Skydel - August 28 at 07:45 PM

SK

“ Rest in peace, dear friend.

Sandra Ginn Keeney - August 07 at 02:02 PM

RS

“ We all lost a fine Norwich man. He lived our Norwich values of serving his family, his country and his fellow man. Our thoughts are with his family, friends and Norwich buddies. May he now Rest In Peace. NORWICH FOREVER. RADM Rich Schneider, Norwich President Emeritus.

Rich Schneider - July 14 at 08:14 PM

C'

“ David was a handsome, personable friend at Norwich. In reading his obituary I can tell that he had a good and energetic life, and a great family. He was a real asset to his school, profession, and to those who loved him.

Charlie Hall Walpole, Ma.

Charles Hall '63 - July 12 at 12:50 PM

LA

“ We were blessed to know David - his memory, charm, wit and sense of humor will forever live in our hearts. Our condolences to Marjorie and family and all those who loved David.

Leslie & Henry Alter

Leslie Alter - July 10 at 04:18 PM

MA

“ David fought the good battle armed with his wonderfully devoted wife and best friend, Marjorie. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew him

Marsha M Davis

Marsha - July 10 at 03:19 PM

CK

“ David had a capacity for intimacy that he shared not just with family but with friends as well. He established it in a conversation we had one Passover 30+ years ago. That is a memory I still treasure. He was a prince of a man.

Carol Kornheiser

Carol Kornheiser - July 10 at 02:26 PM

JB

“ I was very sad to learn of David's passing. He helped our son Ryan prepare for his bar mitzvah years ago. He was always a friendly face at services and functions at our synagogue. He was always happy to help wherever needed and did so with great enthusiasm. The Cobrin family is in our prayers as they deal with this tremendous loss. I'm certain that his memory will be a blessing for us all.

Jason & Melanie Bradley - July 10 at 10:06 AM

KS

“ I can't believe we met over 55 years ago at B.U. David brightened my world significantly not to mention my adorable red-headed barrel of energy friend. I believe that the two of you may have just needed that little push to find a lifetime of love, laughter and cherished memories. My excitement at your wedding and then the gremlins to follow. My children loved Uncle David and he was so wonderful with Darren especially. Thanks for sharing your love, laughter and joy with me.

Karen Stone - July 09 at 07:13 PM

JG

“ David helped our son with his Bar Mitzvah lessons and was GREAT at it. He was a friend and a mensch. Marjorie, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I don't think we will ever forget his smile, he always seemed to wear it!

Jeffrey Hawtof & Nancy Gideon - July 09 at 04:13 PM

MF

“ Marjorie and David, both active in the Rehoboth Beach Writers Guild, you two were a walking love story. I know I speak for all of us who heard David read his poems at our various events that it was a gift to hear his thoughts--about you, Marjorie, about your daughters, about his life, which he loved--so carefully and compellingly voiced in his work. I am so glad the words live on--as he will in our memories.

Maribeth Fischer

Maribeth Fischer - July 09 at 01:00 PM

HV

“ David was a one of those rare fellas, a genuinely nice guy, always a cheerful greeting and a great handshake, always a kind word, a good poet. Best to Marjorie.

Stuart Vining

Harrison Vining - July 09 at 12:56 PM

CB

“ David was a wonderful person and a good friend. I knew him for about 50 years. He was an amazing guy and a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He fought Parkinson's to the end. You will be missed my friend.

RIP DAVID

Carole Bernocco

Carole Bernocco - July 09 at 08:16 AM

ST

“ David was such a kind man, funny and well read, a loving husband, parent and grandparent and friend. We will miss you. Susan Towers

Susan Towers - July 09 at 06:58 AM

TM

“ Tomeka Mapp lit a candle in memory of David C. Kobrin



Tomeka Mapp - July 08 at 03:04 PM

TM

Mr. David it was a pleasure in getting to know you. I enjoyed the talks that we shared together. I will never forget the first walk that we shared, when you literally had me running to keep up with you. I'm going to miss you, but your in a better place so rest in peace. 😊😊😊😊

Tomeka Mapp - July 08 at 03:10 PM

TK

“ Peace to you David. And sincerest sympathies to your lovely wife and family. God bless your memory and our grief.

Thomas F. Kelly - July 07 at 09:24 PM

MS

“ Dear Marjorie and Family, Bill and I agree David is one of the nicest guys we ever met. We are soo very glad you came into our lives during this challenging, complex Parkinson's Journey. Love You Both, Marge and Bill

Marge Fleming Smith - July 07 at 03:38 PM