

Dr. Irving Allen Borkon

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Obituary for Dr. Irving Allen Borkon

Dr. Irving Allen Borkon

age 88, of Edina, passed away at home with loved ones at his side on May 10, 2016. Born December 17, 1927. Preceded in death by parents, Lea and Ben Borkon; sister, Marilyn Borkon and granddaughter, Rachel Lieber. Survived by wife, Sherrill Lewis Borkon; daughter, Lauren Lieber (Dan Lieber, Mike and Taylor); son, Bard Borkon (Julie Silverman, Josh and Jack Borkon); and brother, Edward Borkon. Raised in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin, Dr. Borkon was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He graduated as valedictorian from his high school and then came to Minneapolis in 1945 to attend the University of Minnesota, where he received his undergraduate and dental degrees.

Dr. Borkon served as a dental officer in the U.S. Navy from 1954 to 1957 aboard the U.S.S. Hector. He then returned to Minneapolis to establish his dental practice in Bloomington and at that time met Sherrill Lewis, the love of his life and wife 57 1/2 years. Most of his 45 years in practice was at the Oxboro Dental Building that he established with three others in 1963—one of the first self-contained dental practice facilities of its kind. Dr. Borkon also taught at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry for many years and was inducted as a Fellow in the International College of Dentists in 1985. He was beloved by his patients, many of whom were also close friends.

Dr. Borkon was a member of the Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge and the Minneapolis Scottish Rite. He and his wife Sherrill were active members at Temple Israel, where they shared many wonderful family events. They were also patrons of the Twin Cities' arts and regularly supported and attended performances at the Guthrie, Orchestra Hall, and other venues.

Dr. Borkon also loved the outdoors and passed his love of fishing to his son and grandchildren. He was a strong man in every way and fought cancer with the same spirit and intensity with which he approached all of his life's challenges. Dr. Borkon dearly loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and brother and he will be greatly missed. We are grateful to Emily Schroeder, his personal trainer of many years who gave him the physical strength to fight cancer for as long as

he did.

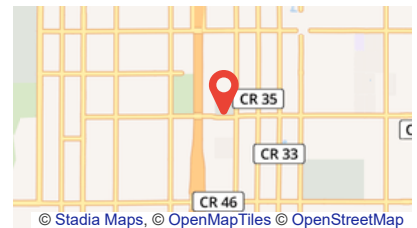
Funeral Thursday, 3 PM at Temple Israel, 2324 Emerson Ave. S., Minneapolis 55405. In honor of his 60+ years as a Mason, donations preferred to: Masonic Children's Hospital, Children's Cancer Research Fund; or Temple Israel.

SHIVA Thursday, 7 p.m. at Oak Ridge Country Club, 700 Oak Ridge Rd., Hopkins 55305; Sunday, 7 p.m. at 5913 Sun Rd., Edina 55436.

Cemetery Details

Temple Israel Memorial Park

4200 3rd Ave. So.
Minneapolis, MN



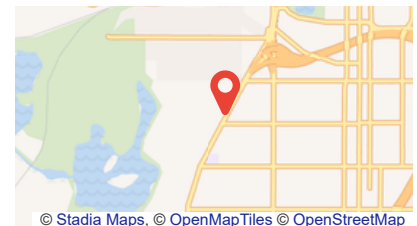
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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 3:00 PM (CDT)

Temple Israel
2323 Fremont Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55405

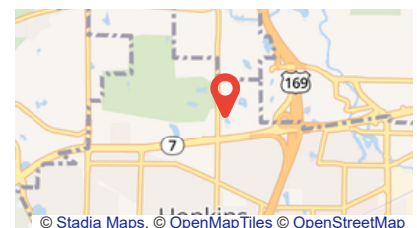


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MAY 12. 7:00 PM (CDT)

Oak Ridge Country Club
700 Oak Ridge Road
Hopkins, MN

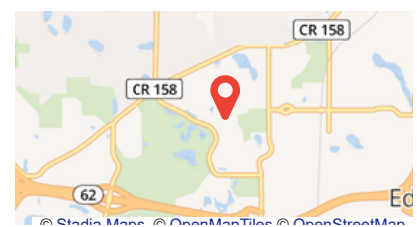


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MAY 15. 7:00 PM (CDT)

Borkon Residence
5913 Sun Road
Edina, MN 55436



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