



Dorris *Fagelson* Lipinsky



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BIRTH	27 Sep 1921
DEATH	14 Feb 1998 (aged 76) San Diego County, California, USA
BURIAL	Greenwood Memorial Park San Diego, San Diego County, California, USA
PLOT	Sholom Mausoleum - East Sholom Corridor
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San Diego Union-Tribune, The (CA) - Sunday, February 15, 1998
Dorris Lipinsky, a benefactor of San Diego State University and other local arts and education organizations, died yesterday at a local hospital. She was 76.

Mrs. Lipinsky, with her husband Bernard Lipinsky, funded the establishment of the Lipinsky Institute of Judaic Studies at SDSU in 1985. It has since become a leading institute devoted to the study of modern Jewish history and contemporary Israeli affairs, while supporting two full professorships and a continuing lecture series.

The couple's contributions also established a scholarship endowment at SDSU, "generosity that has made it possible for students who would not otherwise be able to attend the university," said Lawrence Baron, director of the Lipinsky Institute.

Some 300 students have attended SDSU because of the scholarships.

The philanthropic efforts to found the institute "came at a time when state budget cuts were eroding what had existed," said Baron.

Another donation from the couple to SDSU endowed the Thomas B. Day Freshman Success program, named after the retired university president. It offers additional faculty to spend time one-on-one with incoming freshmen, helping to orient them to the university and its expectations.

"Mrs. Lipinsky was wonderful in giving of her time and treasure," Day said yesterday, adding that she showed "concern and continuing interest" for the scholarships recipients.

"She wanted to know how her students were doing. She really followed up on them. When she received reports back or letters from them, she was always very touched," he said.

The university honored the Lipinskys by dedicating a clock tower on campus in their name in 1993.

"She was a wonderful mother to her children and her sister's children," Bernard Lipinsky said yesterday of his wife of 44 years, noting that Mrs. Lipinsky's twin sister, Muriel Gootkin, died in 1992.

"She truly loved all the children like her own," he said.

The couple, former owners of the Kona Kai Club resort on Shelter Island, also have been supporters of the San Diego Zoological Society and season sponsors of the Old Globe Theatre and the San Diego Jewish Film Festival. The latest film festival opens Tuesday in La Jolla.

The Lipinskys' contributions funded an administrative building at the Seacrest Hebrew Home in Encinitas, where a wing made possible by their philanthropy is in the final phases of construction.

Mrs. Lipinsky was a supporter of the Agency for Jewish Education. "She was a quiet force -- she never wanted any public attention -- for Jewish education and learning in our community," said her rabbi at Temple Emanu-El, Martin Lawson.

Contributions to the temple have funded its Jewish Family Life education programs, as well as internationally renowned stained-glass windows, known as Jacob's Dream, the rabbi said.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Lipinsky is survived by a brother, Charles Fagelson of Los Angeles; a son, Jeffrey Lipinsky, and a daughter, Elaine Segal; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private service will be held today at 2:30 p.m. at Greenwood

Memorial Park at Interstate 5 and Imperial Avenue.

The family suggests donations to the Lipinsky Scholarship Program, the Lipinsky Institute of Judaic Studies or the Seacrest Hebrew Home in Encinitas.

Family Members

Spouse



Bernard Lipinsky
1914–2001

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