

FRED S. MARKS, MD.



Born January 12, 1928, passed away peacefully, from natural causes, in his home in Boca Raton, Florida on Sunday, August 6, 2023. He is survived by his loving family, daughters, Yedda Marks (Edina, MN), Betsy (Marks) Darivoff; son-in-law, Philip Darivoff (Short Hills, NJ); and three beautiful grandchildren, Rachel Marks Darivoff and Jordan Malter (Brooklyn, NY); Zachary Gorman and Malika Cantor (Brooklyn, NY) and

Sarah Marks Darivoff (NY, NY). Fred was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA to Morris and Rebecca Marks. He graduated from the University of Michigan where he studied pre-med and Anthropology prior to attending medical school at the University of Pittsburgh. Fred met and married his beloved wife, Esther Santner, while completing an internship in Pediatric Medicine in Philadelphia. They had a deeply loving marriage until Esther's death in 2003. Fred was known by family, friends, and multiple generations of pediatric patients (and their parents) as a gentle, kind, respectful, (and smart), humanitarian, always finding the good in people. He was passionate about all types of music and played classical guitar for over 50 years, even taking lessons via Skype until a couple months prior to his passing. He was a lifelong learner, attending adult education courses in music, art, short stories, and history. He was an avid reader, competitive swimmer (in his youth), kayaked into his early 90s, loved films and theater and baked a variety of artisanal breads to the delight of his family and friends who were the lucky beneficiaries. He took a genuine interest and was a hands-on-participant in every endeavor (academic and otherwise) of his daughters and grandchildren who, in addition to Esther, he was supremely proud of and loved more than life itself. Finally, since Esther's passing, he enjoyed the companionship of two loyal dogs, Shayna and Lilah, who never left his side (or his lap). Services and Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh would be welcomed, <https://www.givetochildrens.org/>. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated. www.schugar.com

Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb