

# STANLEY ASHER WINIKOFF

May 31, 1942 - December 3, 2024

Dear husband of Miriam Gross Winikoff; beloved father of Allison Winikoff Ziefert and Cara Winikoff Hirsch (Jeremy); son of Sydney Winikoff (deceased) and Ida Schein Winikoff (deceased); brother of Harriet Winikoff Segal (deceased) and Arnold Winikoff (Barbara Hollander Winikoff); brother-in-law of Ellen Gross (Alan Weiskopf) and Benjamin Gross; adored grandfather of William, Nathaniel, and Sylvie Ziefert and Anna and Samuel Hirsch; and cherished by many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. Stan died at home of pancreatic cancer in the tender care of his family.

Born and raised in Squirrel Hill, where he was a lifelong resident, Stan led a very committed Jewish life. He and his family were members of the Tree of Life Congregation and later Temple Sinai where he participated in the rabbi's weekly study group. He was a past president of the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Jewish Committee.

An attorney for more than 50 years, he specialized in civil rights law, civil litigation, insurance defense and product liability. He attended Taylor Allderdice High School and graduated from Penn State University and Duquesne University School of Law.

His first appointment was as a law clerk for the Pennsylvania Attorney General. He became Assistant Attorney General and was then appointed General Counsel to the state Human Relations Commission. In that role, he oversaw issues such as school desegregation, gender discrimination in help wanted ads, prisoners' rights and the protection of religious liberties. He was a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association and Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Stan was a ceaseless learner and an avid reader, particularly of books on history and politics. He enjoyed many hobbies including cycling, sailing, and photography and did nothing in half measures.

In his retirement, Stan found the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, of which he was a board member, to be a resource for his intellectual interests. He took courses in history, literature, and politics and co-taught a series of classes in both film and history. There he made many wonderful new friends.

His family and friends will remember him as a funny, generous, kind and loyal man who loved culture, technology and adventures of all sorts. His goal was to make the world a better place. His wife and children are indebted to the friends and medical professionals who helped him to savor every moment of his life, even while facing a terminal illness.

Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Thursday, December 5, 2024, at 1 PM. Visitation one hour prior to service (12 noon - 1 PM). Interment PRIVATE. Stan requested that contributions in his memory be made to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University ([cmu.edu/osher](http://cmu.edu/osher)) or The Hartman Learning Group at Temple Sinai ([templesinaipgh.org](http://templesinaipgh.org)).

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