



Dr. Irwin Kaplan

May 31, 2021

Kaplan, Irwin Dr., 93, of Kingston, RI, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2021. (Memorial Day). He was born in Providence, RI, the son of the late James and Ida (Levine) Kaplan and the brother of the late Ruth (Kaplan) Bertman. He was the husband of the late Beverly (Benjamin) Kaplan. He is survived by three loving children, Dr. Lane Kaplan (Joy) of Cumberland, Maine, Keith Kaplan (Dilseia) of Millbury, MA and Kimberly Kaplan of Cumberland, Maine. He proudly leaves ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He leaves a close friend Mary C. Rice of Peacedale, RI. Dr. Kaplan served in the United States Army in the latter part of 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1947. He completed his education at Providence College in 1950 and went on to receive his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree in 1954 at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. While in Philadelphia, Dr. Kaplan, who was also an accomplished musician, could be seen on television every Saturday morning playing drums for the prestigious Paul Whiteman Orchestra. After graduation Dr. Kaplan did his residency under his mentor, Dr. Marvin Steinberg, at Einstein Medical Center in New York. Dr. Kaplan opened his office practice in Warwick, RI. While in practice he served a term as President of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Association. He was appointed to the RI Board of Examiners by Governor John Chaffee. He was also chosen as one of four podiatrists by the US Government to travel abroad to countries such as: China, Japan, Costa Rica, France Australia and Brazil to exchange medical knowledge and lecture on the latest surgical

techniques. After enjoying many years in practice, he retired in the year 2000. Dr. Kaplan also enjoyed swimming and was the captain of his swim team in college. He could be found golfing, fishing and swimming on his days off from the office. He enjoyed taking his family to the beach, camping, boating, waterskiing and downhill skiing. He was an active and highly regarded member of the South Kingstown/Narragansett community in his later years. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A Committal Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held Saturday July 17th at 11:30 a.m. at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 S. County Trail, Exeter. (Please plan to gather at the administrative parking lot no later than 11:15 a.m.) In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider donating to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery

301 South County Trail
Exeter, RI 02822

Previous Events

Committal Service

JUL 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked for “Dr” Kaplan for the last year he practiced podiatry. He always had me bill Medicare for 4 feet on each patient because they paid so little. He also propositioned me countless times.

Lyn - April 16, 2025 at 07:04 PM

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“ I met Irwin through a mutual friend Mary. He loved wearing his WWII hat and I had my Vietnam vet hat on when we met. We immediately struck up a conversation and over time he shared some incredible stories with me. It wasn't until Mary got hurt that I found out he was a doctor. He always greeted me with a big smile anticipating my teasing him about his visits to the VA hospital. A true gentleman and enjoyable man. I will miss him.

God bless Irwin and thanks for your service.

John

john - July 16, 2021 at 11:58 AM

CA

“ Carol Andrew lit a candle in memory of Dr. Irwin Kaplan



Carol Andrew - July 11, 2021 at 01:40 AM

CA

“ I met Irwin at a restaurant in Narragansett. He was eating breakfast alone and I was eating with a friend. I noticed his WW 2 hat and decided to go over to thank him for his service and to buy his breakfast. We chatted for a few minutes and I felt an instant connection to this man. When I arrived home I told my husband Ken what had transpired and he looked at me and said , "you're kidding, Irwin is one of people I play cribbage with!!"

So, we decided to invite Irwin to dinner. We enjoyed his company so much that he shared meals with us often. We also met him for breakfast weekly and it was something we all looked forward to. Irwin had an enormous appetite for such a slight man and when he came over for clam cakes & chowda (Kens speciality) we tried not to stare as he ate three bowls of chowda and six clam cakes!!!

We absolutely loved Irwin!! He came into our lives late in his life, 90 years old. He was kind, generous, and the most humble hero we ever met!!

Due to Covid we hadn't seen him very much. We called and talked to him but it wasn't the same. I spoke to Irwin a week before he died and we made plans to go out for breakfast with him and Mary Rice. We were looking forward to big hugs too!

We cried when we got the news of his death. We will miss the twinkle in his eyes and the way he made us feel special. There is a place in our hearts that will always be for Irwin.

Rest in Peace, Irwin

Love, The Andrew Family
(Ken, Carol, Sharon and Doug)

Carol Andrew - July 11, 2021 at 01:38 AM