



## Dr. Aaron M Leavitt

November 25, 1930 - May 22, 2020

Lenox –

Aaron M. Leavitt MD, 89, of Lenox died peacefully on Friday, May 22nd from natural causes with his loving family by his side.

Born on November 25, 1930 in Springfield, MA., to the late Morris and Sophie Metz Leavitt, he attended Springfield schools, graduating from Classical High School. After high school, Aaron attended Chicago Medical School where he earned his Doctorate in Medicine. He earned his law degree, later in life, from Western New England College.

Aaron joined the United States Navy in 1963 and was honorably discharged in 1965.

Aaron was the proud founder in 1965 of Valley Psychiatric Services in Springfield, MA until his retirement in 2015. He devoted his life to helping those with mental illness, and particularly those who fell through the governmental safety net. He enjoyed cooking, was a Red Sox and Patriots fan, and an avid reader. He doted on his wife, children, grandchildren, and his dogs.

Dr. Leavitt married Elinor “Lynne” Stein in 1953 in Springfield.

Besides his loving wife of 67 years, he is survived by his children; Mark Leavitt (Taryn) of New York, NY., Robert Leavitt MD (Donna Fisher MD) of Longmeadow, MA., Joyce Leavitt (Grant Fine) of Orinda, CA., and Peter Leavitt (Marie) of Falmouth, ME., thirteen grandchildren; Alec and Perry Leavitt, Samuel, Benjamin, and Lucille Leavitt, Breton Boudreaux (Samantha),

Eric Boudreaux (Jennifer), Todd Boudreaux, Nicolette (Shaun Willkenfield), Coleman and Isabel Fine, Jacob and James Leavitt, three great-grandchildren; Beatrix, Sabine, and Rae Boudreaux, and one brother; Stanley Leavitt and his wife Cynthia of Connecticut.

Services for Dr. Aaron M. Leavitt will be private. Burial will be held in Sinai Temple Memorial Park in Springfield, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations in Aaron's memory may be made to the National Alliance of Mental Illness in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ To the family I am blessed to have had Dr Leavitt as a mentor. He was a wonderful man and will always be a inspiration. He had faith in me as a therapist and always pushed me to achieve. I will miss him. It was a pleasure working with him for 12 years at Valley Psych. From Jackie Robinson MSW

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**Jackie Robinson** - July 13, 2020 at 10:37 AM

RG

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dr Leavitt. I worked at Valley Psychiatric for almost 15 years. I owe my nursing career to Dr Leavitt. He always believed in me and pushed me to go to nursing school while working for Dr Leavitt. Everyone always said I was his “right hand man”. I have many, many memories. He always treated me like family. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Rachel (Johnson) Garfi*

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**Rachel (Johnson) Garfi** - June 09, 2020 at 04:25 PM

SM

“ Dear Mrs. Leavitt and family, I just found out today of the passing of Dr. Leavitt. I was overcome with tears and sadness. I truly admired and respected this man and I have thought of him often. He was absolutely wonderful to work for and I could not have been more proud to be a part of the Valley Psychiatric Service family for many, many years. I will never forget all he had done for his VPSI family, community and for myself personally. He will be remembered in my prayers daily. Mrs. Leavitt, my condolences to you and your family for your loss of this wonderful man.

*Shirleen L. Gallerani, MSW, LADC-1*

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**Shirleen L. Gallerani, MSW,LADC-1** - June 09, 2020 at 02:01 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Leavitt’s passing. He was a friend of mine since 1981. He was a gentleman, a comfort, and loved to brag about his children. We loved talking cars, skiing, and family. He always had a smile and a comfortable way about him that left you the better after a conversation. My last conversation with him was the day he was released from rehab and he was cracking wise even then. He was a good man. I will miss him.  
Steve Chandler

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**Steven Chandler** - May 26, 2020 at 12:33 PM

MH

“ Dear Lynne and the Leavitt family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of Aaron on Friday. He was a wonderful Gentleman with a great sense of humor. His warmth and kindness always made you feel welcomed and comfortable. My condolences to the entire Leavitt family for your loss of a wonderful husband, father and friend. Mary Hurley

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**Mary Hurley** - May 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MA

“ Condolences to the Leavitt family. I’ve known Dr. Leavitt since I was a teenager, and when I returned to Longmeadow to work in Springfield, he was always cordial to me. My thoughts and sympathies go to you. Mark G. Auerbach

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**Mark G. Auerbach** - May 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM

JL

“ Dear Lynne,

*We were so sorry to hear about Aaron. We just want to send you our deepest sympathies to help comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Our thought are with you,  
Judy and Marvin Lieberman*

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**Judy Lieberman** - May 24, 2020 at 12:59 PM

FS

“ *Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your father. He was a true gentleman and raised a loving and caring family.*

*Fran and Al Stalker  
Custom Classics Repair  
Sheffield, MA*

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**Frances & Allen Stalker** - May 23, 2020 at 12:20 PM

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*Our deep sympathy to Lynne and the family. Arnie & Ellen Offner*

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**Ellen Offner** - March 15, 2022 at 12:12 PM