



David F. Kaplan

April 15, 1945 - April 27, 2020

David Kaplan, 75, passed away on April 27, 2020 after a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Alfred and Bessie Kaplan of Woodridge, New York. David had a long career as an educator with the Spackenkill School District in Poughkeepsie, New York. Throughout his teaching career, he also shared his skills as a soccer and golf coach as well as directing middle school plays in the years before his retirement.

David moved to The Villages in 2003 with the love of his life, Francine. They were married for 48 years, raising two sons of whom he was incredibly proud. Along with his wife and sons, the other lights in his life were his three precious grandsons.

David was a man of compassion. He was an advocate for families affected by drunk drivers, serving as the President of his local chapter of RID (Remove Intoxicated Drivers), he was President of his synagogue and a member of the Dutchess County Interfaith Council. While here in The Villages, David helped families with children with cancer as part of his involvement with The Optimist Club.

David was a man of self-discipline. His love of exercise and keeping fit was evident in his daily exercise regimens and in his training for, and running in, three marathons in New York State.

David was a man who loved sports. In his younger days, David played basketball, baseball, soccer and softball, being inducted into the Dutchess County Softball Hall of Fame. After moving to The Villages, his dream was to

play golf every day. He also worked for golf management as a sales associate in the Legacy Golf shop.

David was a fighter. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2017 and never let it stop him from getting the exercise he so truly loved.

David was a man of devotion. He was devoted to his family, his work and his community.

In addition to his wife Francine, David leaves behind his sons Sean (Amy) and Brian; his three grandchildren Angus, Walter and Felix; his sisters Jewell Kirwin and Doreen I'Hara and nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother Paul Kaplan.

There will be a private celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: the Parkinson's Foundation at www.parkinson.org or the National Down Syndrome Society at www.ndss.org or to Temple Shalom of Central Florida 748-1800.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“*David and his wife, Francine, were among the first to welcome us to our neighborhood almost 17 years ago. He was our friend and neighbor for all of this time, and a fine gentleman, a loving husband, and a great father. He contributed a great deal to the community through his work with the Optimist Club as well as many other charitable activities. David will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. Harry & Suzanne Miller, The Villages, Florida.*

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