



David Kaplan

May 30, 1928 - May 23, 2024

David Kaplan, 96, former resident of Leesburg, Florida died of natural causes on May 23rd, 2024.

David was born in Liberty, New York in 1928 to the parents of Sam and Fannie Kaplan. On December 29th, 1954, he was married to Shirley Mae Kaplan, daughter of Charles Alva Beach and Janet Rachel Jefferson. David and Shirley had one Son, Stuart Kaplan.

In 1949, David moved from Liberty to Monroe NY and opened the new Monroe Diner with his Brother-in-law Irving. The Monroe Diner was very successful.

A proud veteran, David served two years of service from 1951-1953 in the Army, attaining the rank of Corporal, along with his twin brother Smily before their retirement. During that time, they served in the First Army together in the Korean War and Japan. While serving his country, he earned the Army of Occupation Medal Japan, the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, and the United Nations Services Medal. David was proud to have done his duty to help defend the freedom of citizens across this country.

In 1957, David and his two brothers, Irving, and twin brother Smily, bought the Midway Market in New Windsor and rapidly grew the business until selling it.

In 1979, David worked at the Military Academy at West Point as a butcher and retired in 1994 and relocated to Leesburg, Florida with his wife Shirley.

David was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 3 brothers, and is survived by his son Stuart Kaplan, grandchildren Zachary and Emily, and many nieces and nephews, and grandnieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in David's name to the American Lung Association

Tribute Wall

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“ Looking to contact the family. I bought David's house and have several items that the family may want. Example military certificate, HS diploma, pictures. Email me at Pattyr2001@aol.com

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