



Carmi Rapport

August 10, 1931 - November 8, 2022

Carmi Rapport, beloved member of the Columbia County community, passed away on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. He was 91 years old. Carmi was born in New York City on August 10, 1931, to Albert and Sara Rapport. After a short sojourn in Palestine, now Israel, Albert's home country, the young family moved to Hudson in 1937. Albert opened a legal office at 711 Warren Street and Sara worked in a dress shop. A few years later, the family moved to Great Barrington, into the home where Carmi grew up, on Mahaiwe Street. Carmi had a wonderful childhood. Though an only child, cousin Daniel Deykin lived around the corner and in later years, the two described themselves as brothers. Carmi graduated from Searles High School, and then Yale College, Class of 1953. At Yale, Carmi made close friends whom he cherished for life. After college, Carmi served in Korea, then returned home in the spring of 1955. Carmi then earned his law degree from Columbia Law School. In January 1956, while in law school, he met Marilyn Levitt, a beautiful Queens College graduate, who was working as an elementary school teacher in New York City. They dated that year and married on December 23, 1956.

Upon graduation from law school, Carmi and Marilyn moved to Hudson, New York. Albert had lost Sara, Carmi's mother, to a sudden illness in 1955. Carmi brought life, love, and a keen intellect to Albert's law practice and the community. In January 1959, Carmi and Marilyn welcomed Sara, named for her grandmother, then Seth (1962), and then Daniel (1967). They built a lovely

home on Riverview Boulevard, with views of the Hudson River, where friends and family gathered often for holidays, cookouts, anniversaries, birthdays, and graduations.

Carmi had a long and successful law career, retiring in his mid 80's. His practice was varied – and gratifying. He did different kinds of legal work when that was still feasible, building an expansive network of clients and friends. He practiced with his father Albert as Rapport and Rapport, and then later, with Victor Meyers, Carl G. Whitbeck, and Thomas Griffen as Rapport, Meyers, Griffen and Whitbeck. Throughout his career, Teresa Slempp was his devoted assistant and friend. Carmi was a member and officer of the Columbia County Bar Association, member and officer of the Hudson Lion's Club, Board member of the Columbia Memorial Hospital, Board member of Columbia-Greene Community College, Trustee of Congregation Anshe Emeth, and in more recent years, Chair of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and Board member of WAMC. For many years, he served as attorney to the Town of Greenport. In addition, Carmi gave of himself in innumerable unofficial ways, offering his time, wisdom, legal and practical advice to persons too numerous to count.

In September 1996, Carmi and Marilyn moved to their beautiful new home in Churchtown. In addition to his regular projects around the house and town, Carmi was an avid golfer and opera enthusiast. He loved NYC plays and shows and attended Tanglewood all summer. He played sharp-eyed bridge. Carmi produced a robust tomato crop every summer and most recently was intrigued by orchid tending. Above all, Carmi was devoted to his family.

Carmi leaves his wife, Marilyn, and children Sara, Seth and husband Marc, and Daniel and wife Anne. He also leaves four grandchildren, Alexander, Jesse, Benjamin, and Eli, brother in-law Henry Levitt and wife Deborah, and niece Sarah.

Carmi will be so missed by so many. Memorial service on Friday, November 11 at 12 noon at Congregation Anshe Emeth, interment to follow at Ahavath Sholom Cemetery in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

Congregation Anshe Emeth
Joslen Blvd.
Hudson, NY 12534

Tribute Wall

BW

“ Seth (Marc), Sarah, Marilyn and Family...I am sending you my deepest heartfelt sympathy...Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Betsy Wirth

Betsy Wirth - November 14, 2022 at 03:00 PM

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“ Sending sympathy from the Clark family

Susan Clark - November 10, 2022 at 07:32 PM

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“ Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Carmi Rapport



Susan Clark - November 10, 2022 at 07:31 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your families loss. I only knew him a short time, but I will always remember him. (I work at the dialysis center). Thank you Carmi. My thoughts are with you. Heather Casey

Heather Casey - November 09, 2022 at 04:43 PM