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BERNARD BORISLOW, Ph.D, Psychologist

Dr. Bernard Borislow, affectionately known as Bernie, passed away on Friday, October

20, 2023, at the age of 91. He was a beloved figure in both Dunedin, FL, and his hometown of Philadelphia, PA.

Bernie was born in 1931 in Philadelphia to Nathan and Thelma Borislow, the eldest of four children. He grew up in West Philadelphia and graduated from West Philadelphia

High School. His academic journey took him to the University of Pennsylvania, where

he earned his B.A. in Psychology in 1954, followed by an M.A. in Psychology in 1955, and a Ph.D. in Psychology in 1961.

Throughout his career, Bernie achieved remarkable success in various professional roles serving the mental health community. After obtaining his Ph.D., he was the Extension Director of B'nai B'rith Vocational Services of Philadelphia, then in 1961 started as the Supervisor of Rehabilitation Psychology at Norristown State Hospital.

In

1963, he took on the role of Consulting Psychologist for General Electric's Missile and Space Division, contributing to manned space flight programs and astronaut testing.

In

1966, he joined Temple University Health Science Center as Assistant Director for Administration, eventually becoming the Director of the Social Adjustments and Rehabilitation Unit. His career journey led him to the position of Director of the Community Mental Health Center at Albert Einstein Medical Center from 1970 to 1974.

From 1974 to 1980 he was the Director of Research and Training at Eastern



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Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute. In 1980 he joined the Office of Mental Health in the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, culminating in 1988 as Area Director for Southeastern Pennsylvania. He served on the faculties of Drexel University and Temple University School of Medicine. He was the Past President of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. Prior to his retirement in 2014, he served as Executive Director of the non-profit Philadelphia Mental Health Care Corporation for 17 years. Even after attempting retirement, Bernie continued to make a difference as a Consulting Psychologist, working with the City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, New York State Offices of Mental Health, and various organizations dedicated to enhancing mental health services. In addition to his professional accomplishments, Bernie was a loving father to four children, a doting grandfather to nine grandchildren, and a proud great-grandfather to two. When he was not working, he cherished his time with his wife Judee and his family, took solace in his home, purchased innumerable gadgets, and enjoyed reading and staying informed about current events. He had a passion for sports, particularly the Philadelphia Phillies and E-A-G-L-E-S, and was a founding supporter of the Philadelphia Union MLS Soccer team. Bernie noted that his answer to the epitaph, "What was that all about?" was pride, not just in his own achievements and contributions, but, more importantly, for the accomplishments of his wife, Judee, his sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and all their loving partners. Bernie is survived by his cherished wife and dearest companion, Judee M. Bavaria, and three loving sons: David Borislow MD, with his wife Mary Lee (Stoehr) and their children Jaimie (Patrick Hooper), Jeffrey, and Jared (Leah Sweet); Michael Borislow,



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alongside his wife Jennifer (Kurth) and their children Jessica and Lauren (Josh Dollinger); Andrew Borislow and Meridith Consor, and his children Alec and Everett, and their mother Alyssa (Brody) Borislow. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Michele (Luff) Borislow and her children Daniel and Kylie, as well as his former wife, Roberta Ritchie, his siblings Dr. Alan (Susan), Seymour (Lynn), and Arlene Monroe Freedman, along with many nieces and nephews. Bernie held a special place in his heart for his great-grandchildren, Thomas Hooper and Asher Dollinger. He was excited and looked forward to welcoming Rex Messing and Alexa Reinfeld to the family next year.

In addition to his parents Nathan and Thelma (Kuperstein), Bernie was preceded in death by his son, Daniel Borislow.

Dr. Bernard Borislow's enduring impact on the field of psychology, his dedication to his family, and his love for his community will be remembered and cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His warmth and wisdom will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In memory of Bernie, contributions can be made to charity of your choice, or the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at www.nami.org. Your support will help advance the important work NAMI does for mental health awareness and advocacy.



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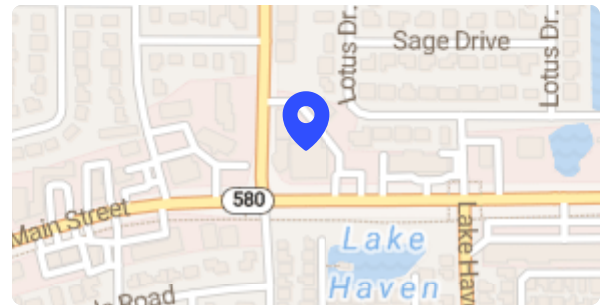
Visitation

 **Monday**, October 23, 2023

 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET

 **Moss Feaster Funeral Home and Cremation -
Dunedin**

1320 Main Street, Dunedin FL 34698





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Donald Brown posted:

This great man was a mentor, friend and father figure for me and Tamara. I am deeply saddened but will always treasure his smile and wisdom. Donald Brown

August 3 at 6:08 AM



Maryellen Luff posted:

Just a Beautiful Person in Every Way

October 25 at 10:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bernard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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