



Wilbert Needleman

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Wilbert Needleman, who was born August 21, 1923 has now joined his beloved wife Mildred when he passed away on June 25, 2023.

He was a Veteran of the United States Army and Purple Heart recipient who served during World War II.

After completing Pharmacy School in Gainesville, Florida, he resided in Fort Myers, Florida where he successfully owned and operated several local pharmacies.

Mr. Needleman leaves behind his two children Marsha and Michael, his three grandsons Ethan, Joshua and Adam and also leaves behind his two great granddaughters Maya and Jessica.

He will be remembered for his love of family, golf, reading, fishing and his quick wit.

A Graveside Service for Mr. Needleman will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 inside the Gan Shalom Section of Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, (239) 936-0555. Rabbi Bruce Diamond will officiate the service and Honors for Mr. Needleman will be provided by the United States Army.,

To share a story or photo, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Mr. Needleman's memorial website and sign his guestbook.



Events

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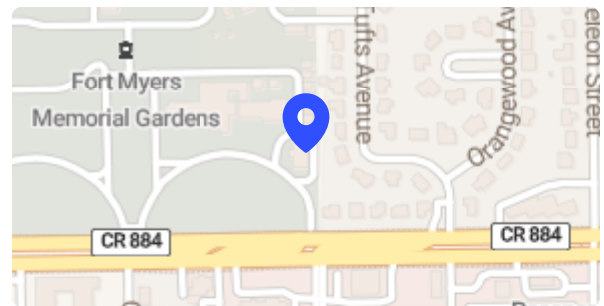
Military Honors

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

11:30 AM ET

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907

Military Honors offered by members of the U.S. Army Honor Guard.



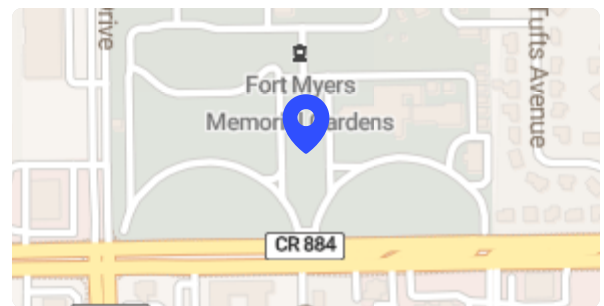
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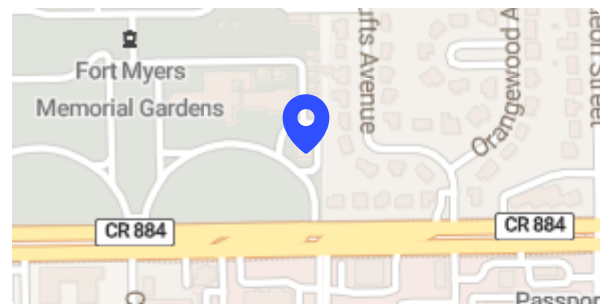
Graveside Funeral Service officiated by Rabbi Bruce Diamlond .



Cemetery Details

Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home & Cemetery
1589 Colonial Blvd, Fort Myers FL 33907

(239) 243-0014





Tribute Wall

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Judy Delancy posted:

Sadly, we somehow missed seeing Will's obituary, and I just learned of his passing yesterday while visiting with a neighbor in Crystal Cove. I truly hope this message is passed on to their daughter, Marsha. We were next door neighbors to Will and Mil for as long as they resided here. We thought the world of them, and so enjoyed their friendship. We even once visited with them when they were vacationing in Clarksville, TN, and we were visiting friends in Knoxville, TN. They indeed were soul mates, and loved each other like few people experience. It didn't matter that they were so different, they LOVED EACH OTHER.....after Mildred passed and then Will had moved to Cypress Cove Pointe, Jack and I had the good fortune to find him sitting in the main hall meeting and greeting visitors when Jack and I came to visit another friend. They were such good friends to us, and we'll always remember them with fondness. Sincerely, Jack and Judy DeLancy,

October 10 at 10:10 AM



Marsha J Needleman lit a candle in honor of Wilbert.

MARSHA NEEDLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Wilbert Needleman

July 1 at 4:05 PM





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Colleen Pappas posted:

From the day, I met Mr. Needleman almost 10 years ago I knew that he was quite a character. He fiercely loved his wife Mildred, and he was looking for someone to help care for her while on her journey with Alzheimer's. 💜 I think he knew pretty early on that I would treat Mildred as if she were a family member of mine. So the journey began. Everyone that knew him knows that he was very intelligent, had a quick wit, and a feisty personality at times. There's no doubt I grew an attachment to him and the whole Needleman family. I was concerned that he was not going to go on when he lost Mildred a second time, but he fought on like he did most of his life! Somehow I was able to get him to share parts of his life that he didn't really want to talk about. I respected his service in the military, and I begged him to go on an Honor Flight. He fought Marsha and I at first, but he eventually gave in and went. 🇺🇸 I think he was really glad he did. I'm sure he was deep down proud of his service to our country, his family, and his successful career as a pharmacist, and a hypnotist. He really loved his family and the town of Fort Myers and he often told me stories. He had a nickname for me. He called me walkie-talkie and he told me one day years ago that I was an honorary member of his family. He will be missed by all of us, but I hope and pray he and Mildred are dancing in the heavens! 🍷👨👩👧👦💬 Sincerely, Colleen Pappas

June 27 at 6:56 PM



Annette Felicianozavalaga July 2 at 1:55 PM

My sincerest condolences to the family. I met Mr and Mrs Needleman when I worked with Marsha many years ago. Marsha always spoke of her parents with high regards. Their marriage was such a loving one that could be seen between their Interactions and even I, as a stranger to them, could instantly see this when they came to see Marsha at work. May they continue their dance in the heavens. Many hugs Marsha! ❤️ Annette "Net" Zavalaga



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Marsha J Needleman posted:

Daddy you were my Hero, now you are on a new journey and are with Mom, you will be in my heart as long as I am on this earth and then when my time comes I will be with you and Mom. Love Marsha Joy

June 27 at 3:15 AM



Stu Rutkin June 27 at 3:46 PM

Major Needleman, you'll always be a hero to me. Thank you for your Service to our country. But, more importantly.....Thank you for responding to me about the Family Tree 35 years or so ago, and giving me the chance to meet and get to know my cousins, your children. Platinum. Pure platinum. I'll keep that little note forever. Priceless!!!!Very Respectfully, stu rutkin[That's how the Navy ends a message, from a junior to a senior. I am Norman Rutkin's 2nd son, and was a Navy Lieutenant {O-3}. You were the only 1st cousin of his that I got to meet.]



Memories only last if you share them

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



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