



## Harold Ivan Steinberg

January 2, 1935 - October 25, 2021

Harold Ivan (“Hal”) Steinberg, 86, of Arlington, VA and Boca Raton, FL, died peacefully on October 25, 2021 with his wife at his side after a short battle with cancer.

Hal was born to Benjamin Steinberg and Beatrice Rottenberg Steinberg in 1935. As a young boy in New York City, Hal never dreamed he would become one of the nation's leading experts in Government Financial Management and Performance, and would work in the White House serving three presidents, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and Bill Clinton.

Hal's mother's German background and work ethic would resonate with him all of his life. One of his colleagues once joked “If Hal Steinberg agreed to take on an assignment, you could be assured it would be completed. However, you may not enjoy the trip”. Hal's love of country, desire to contribute, and never-ending curiosity about the world continued to be his driving forces. As a young boy in New York City, he joined the Boy Scouts where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow. There he enjoyed camping and rope tying, which he loved sharing with his grandsons, and outdoor cooking. Cooking thereafter became a lifelong passion of his.

Hal's curiosity about the world and love of travel further motivated him to join the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant, graduating from Advanced Flight

School where he became one of its youngest pilots. Hal flew single engine jets, including his beloved T-33, and instructed pilots, most of whom were senior to him, on transitioning to jets.

After graduating in 1951 at the age of 16 from New York City's famed Stuyvesant High School, Hal went on to Syracuse University majoring in marketing, with the intention of joining the family men's shirt manufacturing business. Syracuse was also where he met Rosalie Bomze, who he would later marry and with whom he would have three wonderful children. They remained happily married for 29 years until her death.

After his discharge in 1959 from the Air Force, Hal, ever the dutiful son, went on to work at the family shirt business. It soon became apparent to him, however, that he had absolutely no interest in men's fashion. Thus, he decided to follow the passion for accounting he discovered while in college.

In 1961, he earned his MBA at NYU, scored second place in the CPA exam for all of New York state and joined Peat, Marwick & Mitchell (now KPMG) specializing in government financial management, and he loved it. He rose to the top of his profession, becoming the head of KPMG's state and local government practice and then head of its federal government practice.

In 1981, much to his surprise, Hal was asked to join President Reagan's administration and was appointed Associate Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget. While at OMB, he established the Inspector General Program as well as many other programs such as implementing the CFO Act of 1990, and the single audit program. He was a driving force in the government audit peer review program and in performance measurement, the process by which government reports accomplishments. Hal was the first Deputy Controller/Acting Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management (OFFM). Hal also served 10 years on the Federal

Accounting Standards Advisory Board, reviewing, commenting, and shaping proposals in accounting. He was one of the few people in the country who was an expert in both state and local as well as federal accounting. He was a prolific writer, always willing to share his insights and views and a frequent contributor to accounting publications.

In more recent years, Hal was a key contributor to the Association of Government Accountants, developing a program that became known as the Certified Government Financial Management program (CGFM), which established a certification program in the field of government management. Even in his “retirement”, he continued reading and critiquing each and every agency’s annual report, often reading them poolside in sunny Florida.

In addition to spending winters in Florida in retirement, Hal and his wife Lana traveled extensively. He loved skiing in Europe and traveling to South and Central America, Kenya, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Japan. He prided himself on having visited every state with the exception of North Dakota, until his son Peter took him there on his 70th birthday. He loved talking with people, particularly young people, and would often inquire where they were from and was usually familiar with their reply.

In spite of a busy career, Hal always made time for family events, including holidays, camping with his grandsons, and going on cruises and beach vacations with his family. He even took time to arrive in New York City to surprise a grandson at a pajama party, wearing pajamas and holding a teddy bear.

Whenever the opportunity arose, Hal would proudly tell people about his family and their accomplishments. Survivors include his beloved wife of 25 years, Lana Goad Steinberg, daughter Karen Kennedy (Alan), son Peter

Steinberg (Dr. Sarah Steinberg), son Daniel Steinberg (Capt. US Navy Physician Marlene Sanchez), his sister Rosalind Rosenbluth (Herbert), and his five adoring grandsons Devon Kennedy, Ross Kennedy, Charlie Steinberg, Henry Steinberg, and Benjamin Steinberg.

Services will be held at Temple Rodef Shalom (2100 Westmoreland Street) on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10:00AM with a graveside service to follow at King David Memorial Gardens (Hollywood Road, Falls Church) at 11AM. Immediately following the burial, people are invited to pay their respects at the residence of Lana Goald Steinberg, Turnery Tower, 1881 North Nash Street, Arlington, Virginia, at the building's outdoor terrace. Valets are available to assist with parking. The family requests that those attending, be vaccinated, wear masks, and observe social distancing. Zoom Shiva service will be held on Saturday, October 30th at 7:30pm

Donations in memory of Hal Steinberg may be made to:

Hal Steinberg Memorial Fund  
C/o Association of Government Accountants  
2208 Mt Vernon Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22301-1314

Or to further research in Merkel Cell Carcinoma payable to University  
Foundation  
C/o Dr. Paul Nghiem  
University of Washington  
Merkel Cell Carcinoma Research Lab  
Brotman Building  
850 Republican Street  
Seattle, Washington 98109

Or at Merkelcell.org. ( identify contribution in memory of Hal Steinberg)

Zoom Link for Service: <https://track.robly.com/30a4e5f6-b4e0-49d1-8840-b9e0a0dd57fa851a2bc15d6aa77b840d534322397764>

Password: 556387

Zoom Link for Shiva: <https://track.robly.com/30a4e5f6-b4e0-49d1-8840-b9e0a0dd57faf6ca51046e47d3a4e8b69c0bbfaeb883>

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# Cemetery Details

## King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway  
Falls Church, VA 22046

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Temple Rodef Shalom  
2100 Westmoreland St.  
Falls Church, VA 22043

## Graveside Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King David Memorial Gardens  
7400 Lee Highway  
Falls Church, VA 22046

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harold Ivan Steinberg*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *Mr. Steinberg was my instructor for the one-week course I took in preparation for the Association of Government Accountants CGFM exam. I was exhausted at the end of each day and took reams of notes! But each morning, there he was ready to drill further into our brains and insert government accounting, occasionally sprinkled with examples from his vast experience.*

*He was one of the developers of the exams, but did much more than teach to the exam, he showed the context and need for all parts of municipal, state and federal budgets. It was a thorough and very rigorous week. It was too much for some in the class, but his approach was if you can't make it through this instruction, then you'll definitely fail the exams. There were quite a few dropouts, but I'll bet the survivors had a high pass rate. I did - passed all three exams the first time I took them.*

*Thank you Mr. Steinberg!*

Michael Hardiman - November 01, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ *Lana and Family - Mel and I were so sorry to hear about Hal. We always will have wonderful memories of our dinners together. He was so bright and a delight to be with. Mel especially loved their conversations. We wish you many happy memories. Much love, Francine*

Francine Levinson - October 29, 2021 at 07:14 AM

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“ Dear Lana: Deanna and I are vacationing in Key West FL until nov 5. We are both shocked to hear about Hals passing. We of course, cannot, be there for the services. We want to wish you and all of Hal's children our deepest condolences. I met him in 1957 at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery Alabama where I was a new DDS in the Air Force and he was a young instructor pilot. We were friends for the two years. Hal was my "pilot" took me to NYC often where my future wife lived. He was an usher at our wedding. We were so pleased to see him again in the last few years and enjoyed being with you in Florida and in the DC area.

I will always remember Hal as a good friend, a good pilot who taught me much about flying the T-33. We will both miss his upbeat personality and his friendship, even though we did not see each other for many years. Our thoughts go with you and your family. I give us your address or a way to contact you, we would be appreciate. May your sorrow be assuaged by Hal and his memories. Wde will surely remember his for a long time. Sincerely Deanna and Norman Alpher

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**norman and deanna alpher** - October 28, 2021 at 05:45 PM

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“ I got to know Hal in 2006, when we stood next to each other as we were inducted as Fellows of the National Academy of Public Administration. I enjoyed interacting with him at NAPA and later, when we were both selected as citizen members of a newly formed Audit Committee for Arlington County. I was very impressed by how knowledgeable he was, and how many different activities he had where he shared that expertise with others. He was an invaluable asset wherever he went. I will miss him.

Nancy Tate

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**Nancy Tate** - October 28, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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“ *I always remember the trip to the treasury department with my son Zach and my parents. We loved seeing the \$\$\$\$ printed!*

*Dr. mark Edelman*

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**mark edelman** - October 28, 2021 at 09:31 AM