



Samuel Siegel

September 22, 1926 - October 10, 2023

Samuel Siegel, age 97, passed away on Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 in his Golden Valley home of 66 years. Born on September 22, 1926 in Virginia, Minnesota, Sam was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 62 years, Ione DuChamp Siegel; his parents, Carl and Bessie Siegel; brother and sister-in-law Sheldon and Priscilla Siegel; and brother, Palmer Siegel. He is survived by his children, Susan (Dale) Berns, David (Julie Selbst) Siegel, Jennifer (Thatcher) Root, and Lisa (Bruce Stasch) Siegel; and grandchildren, Joseph and Ellery Berns, Elie and Lilah Siegel, Frederick and Ethan Root, and Abigale Peterson. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Sandra Siegel; brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Diane Siegel; his devoted best friend, Gary Christianson; as well as many beloved family nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and caregivers.

Sam was drafted into the army after graduating from Lincoln High School in Virginia, Minnesota in 1944. He served as a radio signal instructor at Fort Bliss, just outside of El Paso, Texas. He recalled being awakened by the first atomic blast that took place 150 miles away in New Mexico, though the people at Fort Bliss were told at the time it was a munitions dump explosion. Sam took advantage of the GI Bill to attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where he studied business, nearly completing a Master's degree. His early career was at Bruce Publishing, producing advertising and trade publications in the then-active Twin Cities' garment industry. He did fashion photography, sometimes using his children and friends as models.

Sam married Ione DuChamp in 1954 at Temple Israel. The couple resided in Golden Valley in the home Ione's father Joe built in 1956, where they raised their four children. In the 1960s, Sam became partner at Schochet Press and was instrumental in the founding of Insty-Prints, one of the nation's first consumer printing franchise chains. By 1971, Sam and Ione felt ready to become entrepreneurs. They grew as true and equal partners that complemented each other's efforts in two separate businesses: graphics/printing and real estate management. Sam's expertise in high-end printing and four-color reproduction led him, supported by Ione's organizational and financial skills, to establish Siegel Associates in 1971. The couple managed the soon-thriving independent printing consultant and brokerage business on the kitchen and dining tables while raising four teenagers. Starting in 1977, Ione and Sam became partners in three family-owned Minneapolis apartment

buildings, at the suggestion of Sam's brother Sheldon. Lone took the lead in managing the properties, with help from daughter Lisa and brother Arden DuChamp, and Sam's support. Sam contributed his photography and printing expertise to aid Lone with her extensive volunteer activities restoring Loring Park and improving the Loring Neighborhood. Both continued to be active professionally into their eighties. Each felt they could not have achieved what they did without the other. Sam frequently described his own father by saying, "His word was his bond," and that's the way he led his life as well.

Sam and Lone cherished family and friends, holidays, and special occasions, and were never happier than welcoming a full table of loving faces. They had close and supportive relationships with their parents, aunts and uncles, siblings, cousins, nieces, and nephews. They were delighted to visit and to be visited by both sides of the family. Sam enjoyed kids and loved to amuse them with his wiggling ears, hollow head, collapsing lap, and separating finger tricks. In later years, he was proud of retaining his strong grip and challenged all to see if they could out-squeeze his hand. Usually not.

Sam and Lone were fascinated by other cultures, interested in history, art and music, and collectors of curiosities. In later years, the couple travelled with children, family and friends to New Orleans, New York City, Boston, Washington, D.C., Ottawa, Oregon, Canada, Norway, Scotland, England, Austria, Israel, and China. The Siegels enjoyed travelling to visit relatives DuChamps and Engelstads in Thief River Falls, Pedersons in St. Cloud, DuChamps in Detroit, Ostrovs and Steigers in Florida, and Siegel relations in Detroit, California, Canada, and Virginia, Minnesota many times over the years. Memorable early camping vacations were to the North Shore of Lake Superior in 1964, the Expo '67 World's Fair in Montreal, and Newfoundland in 1971, and were highlighted by time with the Duane DuChamp and Marvin Siegel families. Sam's last big adventure at the age of 92 was to bring nearly all his descendants to visit his beloved brother Marvin's family in St. John's, Newfoundland in 2018, 47 years after our initial visit.

Sam was an excellent portrait and travel photographer, and in his eighties, learned to use computers and Photoshop to develop photo albums for special people and occasions. In his nineties, his son David and bestie Gary Christianson helped him continue to scan, improve, and archive a lifetime of photos. Sam began his passions for automobiles and fishing in childhood and never stopped. His last fishing expeditions were in 2022 and just weeks ago with the Eden Prairie chapter of Let's Go Fishing, a volunteer group that helps seniors, veterans, disabled people, and their guests enjoy the water. In 2022, the volunteer captain told him that at 95, Sam was the oldest fisherman he had hosted. Sam caught some, too.

The Siegel family is forever grateful to "Team Sam" members, who helped Sam remain happily, safely, and comfortably in his home from the time Lone was no longer with him until his final breath. Each shared their families, talents, and interests with the Siegels and became part of our family and celebrations. We cherish the steady, kind presence and

support of caregivers Mary Martin, Jane Burns, Lisa Siegel, Ellery Berns, Takairi Hill, Colleen Hill, and Lisa Gross, who helped until Sam's last days, as well as earlier caregiver Alex Link. All helped Sam participate in so many special days with the Siegel family and we hope they will continue to create new memories with us. The memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM SUNDAY, October 29, 2023 at TEMPLE ISRAEL, 2323 Fremont Ave. South, Minneapolis. Service is available livestreamed at www.hodroffs.com/SamSiegelTI Shiva 5:30 PM Sunday at Temple Israel. The family suggests donations be made to the Colon Cancer Coalition in Edina: <https://coloncancercoalition.org/> or Let's Go Fishing, Eden Prairie Chapter: <https://edenprairie.lgfws.com/donate/>.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

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