

Autobiography of Sy Widoff

Born in Feb. 1920 to Harry and Luba Widoff, Stanley Widoff was called "Seymour" by his mother and in later years was affectionately called, "Sy."

Hi mother and sister died when he was a young boy leaving the family as an all male clan. His birth order was middle child, younger than Al and older than Bob.

When he was old enough, he joined the Coast Guard. His training took place in Louisiana and VA Beach, but he was stationed in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. This service lasted for 5 years. His mission upon return was to meet the woman of his dreams and settle down with her to raise a family.

Through his cousin, Millie, he met Rosalie Leib. It took only 6 months for them to tie the knot, which bore three children: Marc, Howard and Lauren.

The harmony in their marriage came from their joy of dancing and singing together.

For most of Sy's career, he was in sales. Give him men's suits, salon products, yellow pages, awnings and he sold them. His outgoing personality and gregarious nature was most likely at the heart of his success.

Fair Lawn, N. J. was where he and Rosalie called home for about 35 years. Retirement took them to FL, AZ and VA. During their retirement, Sy and Rosalie devoted much time to visiting their children and 6 grandchildren who were living in VA, OR and AZ.

They also enjoyed traveling. They visited China where they marched with the students in Tienamin Square. Among their long list of places visited were Russia, Israel, Eastern and western Europe, South and Central America. They toured the US extensively, too, visiting Alaska and Hawaii.

While at home, Sy discovered his passion for painting. He took several lessons and felt rewarded with the results of his strokes on canvass.

Together with Rosalie, he was also active in his FL synagogue and gave tours of the Kravitz Center for the Performing Arts.

Sadly, in June of 2004, Rosalie died after a long courageous battle with cancer. Sy has since been living with his children, but has recently bought his own condo in AZ.

He continues to love the surroundings of company and occasionally, you might hear him still belt out a tune.