Harvey Lewis Raisner

March 6, 1937 - May 27, 2025

Harvey Lewis Raisner, 88, died on May 27th, in Boynton Beach, Florida. Born on March
6, 1937, in Providence, RI, he was the son of Abraham and Mildred (Mendelowitz)
Raisner. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1959, and received a
Master's in Education from Yeshiva University in 1960. Also in 1960, he married Elaine
(Richman), his wife of 65 years.
Harvey began his career teaching at Rhode Island College and at Scituate High
School, RI.
He served as vice president of the Providence, RI ACLU chapter. He proudly participated in the March on Washington in 1963, where he witnessed Martin Luther
King's "I have a dream" speech.
In 1966, he moved his young family to Bloomfield and then West Hartford, CT where he
taught U.S. History and the social sciences at Hall High and Conard High Schools for 30
years. He also taught at the University of Hartford.
He was a member of Beth El Temple and head of its Board of Education for

several
years.
He and Elaine retired to Boynton Beach, FL in 1997. He was president of the men's club
for 8 years, managed the Banyan Springs tennis group, served on the house, pool, and
sports complex committees and was a trombone-playing band member. Harvey
volunteered at the Boynton Beach Soup Kitchen for over 20 years. He was a tennis
player, avid reader and American Civil War historian.
Harvey is survived by his beloved wife, Elaine; adored children: Bruce Raisner (Carolyn)
of Marblehead, MA; Beth Glass (Michael) of San Diego, CA; and Lisa Schwarzwald
(Sam) of Sudbury, MA, and Anne Raisner (daughter-in law) of Newport, RI. He is
predeceased by his son, Dr. Adam Raisner. He leaves behind 9 grandchildren: Liv,
Andrew, Jonah, Nate, Will (Gaby), Luke, Zachary, Spencer and Adena. Also surviving
him are brothers, Myron Raisner (Joanne) and Fred Raisner; brother-in-law Sid
Richman; and nine nieces and nephews.
Donations in Harvey's memory may be made to the ACLU, Southern Poverty Law
Center, Simon Wiesenthal's Tolerance Museum in Los Angeles, or a charity of your
choice. A celebration of life will be held for local friends and family on May 28th at
the Banyan Springs Café, Boynton Beach FL at 3:30 PM. A New England

Celebration of Life will be
held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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My sincere condolences to the Raisner family for the passing of Harvey. The mere thought of seeing my cousins Harvey, Myron and Fred together would have been the biggest academy award in history for intelligence, good looks and humor Handsome, smart and funnier than hell is a staple in the Raisner family that I remember. Bless you. Cousin Rochelle Lovett Asheroff

Rochelle Lovett Asheroff - May 28, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DL

Sending condolences & support as you navigate this heartbreaking loss. Love to family. David Lovett, cousin

David Lovett - May 28, 2025 at 07:17 PM

LD

Harvey was a wonderful teacher and role model. I was a newly hired teacher in the Conard social studies department in the late 70's and he mentored me. He had a terrific sense of humor and understood that stories of individuals was important to teaching history. I am very sorry for your loss. Keeping him and your family in my thoughts thoughts.

Liz Devine - May 27, 2025 at 09:32 PM

EB

Fond memories at Conard and Butterfly on Farmington AV. W Hartford on Fridays after school. Sending condolences to the family. Enzo Boscarino

Enzo Boscarino - May 27, 2025 at 08:59 PM

FD

So sorry to hear of his passing. I really enjoyed talking and especially listening to him in the lunchroom at Conard high school. He was always friendly and personable.

Florence Rosolowski Dickie - May 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM