



Dr. Leonard. M. Lechan D.D.S

January 14, 2019

Leonard M. Lechan D.D.S., 94, of Fall River passed away on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Sarah S. Brayton Nursing Center. He was the husband of seventy years to Eleanor R. (Morganstein) Lechan.

He was born in Fall River the son of the late Samuel and Fannie (Segal) Lechan. Leonard graduated from BMC Durfee High School Class of 1941. Dr. Lechan then attended Providence College and then graduated from the Georgetown University Dental School as a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1947. Dr. Lechan returned to Fall River and opened his Dental Practice which he owned and operated for sixty years.

Dr. Lechan was a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Fall River Dental Society, Massachusetts Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He was the past president of the Massachusetts section of the New England Dental Society. Leonard also served on the Board of the Fall River Jewish Home and Temple Beth El. Dr. Lechan taught at Tufts Dental School in Boston as a visiting professor for several years. Leonard was the past master of the Watuppa Lodge AF & AM in Fall River and a former member of the Alegro Glee Club. He was a HAM radio operator with the handle WA1AVS. He was a former Scout Master for Troop #5 and #24 in Fall River. Dr Lechan enjoyed woodworking and being with his family and friends.

Survivors besides his wife are a daughter: Robin B. Fielding and her husband Alan of Fall River; a daughter in law: Christine (O'Connell) Lechan of Dartmouth; four grandchildren: Jocelyn, Morgan, Brian and Chad; great grandchildren: Caylee and Ezra; brother of Dr. Harry M. Lechan of Fall River; along with several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Sidney S. Lechan.

His Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 11am in Temple Beth El, 385 High Street, Fall River. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, burial to follow in Temple Beth El Cemetery.

Memorial Observance will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 7-9pm at 1388 Robeson Street, Fall River.

All arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Hathaway Home for Funerals, 1813 Robeson Street, Fall River.

Events

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Temple Beth El

385 High Street, Fall River, MA, US

JAN **Memorial Observance** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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Family Home

1388 Robeson Street, Fall River, MA, US

JAN **Burial**

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Temple Beth El Cemetery

4620 North Main Street, Fall River, MA, US

Comments



“ Though I was not his nephew by blood, Uncle Len, like all the Lechans, always made me feel like I was part of the family. I truly loved Lenny, and I enjoyed seeing him and talking to him every time we would visit Fall River. The things I loved about Lenny was his intelligence and his sense of humor, but what impressed me most was his attitude, he was always smiling, quick with a joke, and just seemed to epitomize “joy of life.” He loved everyone, and was truly loved by everyone around him, and he will be missed. Robin, Alan, David and Christine, I am so sorry for you loss, as you know Cynthia and I are still reeling from each of us recently losing a parent and we know your pain, and wish you all the sympathy we can give. I am sorry we could not be there in person to express our most deep and heartfelt sorrows.

Steven Goodman - January 17, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ Dear Ellie, Robin, David, Alan, Chris, I am not there because I caught some awful fever flu bug going around..but all day I am with you in my thoughts--thinking about Uncle Lenny...all the too many times I sat in his office chair..but they were made sweet by his humming and singing. Thinking about visting Uncle Lenny and Auntie Ellie in Lakeville where even though my father was scared and skeptical of the lake and enjoying the surroundings..Uncle Lenny made it OK to relax and enjoy and just get into the Lakeville experience. Uncle Lenny knew how to make me feel things were OK, and enjoyment was worthwhile and it was great to laugh. Thinking of all the times he brought his dog to our house and I learned from him about each dog's special personality and love and companionship. My father loved his brothers, always talked about his baby brother Lenny growing up and how important it was to him to make sure his baby brother got the best of life. My father, now, is sadly suffering from dimentia, delusions and alzheimers that has prevented him from being the attentive big brother his love would have been able to express if his cognition was still normal. But at least I can say that I loved Uncle Lenny and my father would want me to try to also express his pain and grief in missing his youngest brother and his love for the sweetest, most loving, creative, fun, thoughtful, and inspirational man.

Cynthia Goodman - January 17, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Dr. Lechan was my dentist from the time I was a child until he retired. While I did not get to really know him well until I was much older, Dr. Lechan (and his lovely wife) were people I always admired for what they did for the community, how they genuinely cared for others and the dignified way they lived their lives. They were shining examples of a loving couple, good parents and true friends. Robin, Alan and their whole family were blessed to have had him and his first mate to guide their family ship. My sincere condolences to the entire family.



“ Heavy heartfelt condolences to the wonder Lechan Family. Lenny's memory is a blessing.

Dan Kravitz - January 17, 2019 at 08:40 AM



“ Even though we're not related, Leonard and Eleanor will always be Uncle Lenny and Auntie Ellie to my sister Marjorie and me. Lenny was such an important part of our family life, took care of 3 generations of our family as a skilled dentist, was my scout master at troop 24, and most importantly was close friends with my parents of blessed memory. When my mother was quite ill at a young age, Ellie and Lenny took care of us in their home (a 7 day sleepover) so my mother could go on her dream trip to Israel. There are many other great memories too numerous to share. He cared deeply about his family and friends. A true mensc, Uncle Lenny will be sorely missed by the Chebot family. We send our love and best wishes to Ellie, Robin, and the entire family.

Alan Chebot
Boston, MA.

Alan Chebot - January 15, 2019 at 11:11 PM



“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Eleanor (who I always cherish in my heart) and Robin and family. Lenny was my dentist from childhood until college. I saw him a lot in grade school and junior high because I ate a lot of candy and had a lot of cavities. He always made me feel at ease. My parents loved Lenny and Eleanor. When Lenny would come to Chicago for the ADA Meetings, I would meet them for lunch at the Wrigley Restaurant. We had some great meals. The last time I saw them in Fall River, I visited them on Harvard Street. I told them what good role models they were to me. They always seemed genuinely glad to see me. I am profoundly sad today. May Lenny Leachan's memory be a blessing. Stephen Weiser, Wonewoc, Wisconsin.

Stephen Weiser - January 15, 2019 at 05:18 PM



“ I loved him like a brother.. A fellow charter member and treasurer of the exclusive AKC Club (not the American Kennel Club). Whenever I visited him and I had to leave because it was getting dark, he insisted that I called him when I got home to assure him that I arrived safely, and when I once neglected to call him, he chastised me for not letting him know that I arrived safely. My dear late wife and I sailed on many

cruises with him and his wife, Eleanor. I'll always cherish his friendship and the many wonderful times we had together. So long, dear friend. I'll never forget you.

Bill Chebot - January 15, 2019 at 01:08 PM