
Irving Fisher**1938 - 2017**

Irving Fisher suddenly passed away on November 9, 2017 at the age of 79 after a brief illness. He was cremated as per his wishes.

"I is not getting younger"- Irving would phrase exactly when it came to deciding not to delay doing the things he most loved, not to postpone joy. This would describe his motto for life - to follow his heart and passions for travel, photography and most of all OPERA.

His other repeated refrain was that "retirement left me with limited income....while old age left me with limited energy." Despite these perceived limits, he was able to live his life to the fullest till his final days.

Irving was born on June 25, 1938 in Philadelphia to Sylvia Fisher and Louis Fisher. Irving was blessed at the age of three with a younger brother, Michael, with whom he maintained a very close relationship until Michael's death in 2010.

Irving graduated from Central High School (Class of 206, 1956), Philadelphia and then attended Temple University, Philadelphia, studying Pharmacy. He was an [Army](#) veteran of the [Vietnam War](#), stationed in Georgia from 1962 to 1964 and was honorably discharged.

Irving lived in Philadelphia until moving to New York in 1970 where he embarked on a successful career as a Travel Agent and worked for AAA for more than 30 years.

Irving was a passionate lover of Opera, Ballet and Classical Music - especially the Philadelphia Orchestra (led by his favorite conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin) and the NY Philharmonic Orchestra. He would travel everywhere possible, including Europe, to see performances by his beloved Renata Tebaldi, Franco Correlli and dear friend Montserrat Caballé. He appreciated great performances of all genres, and spent innumerable evenings attending Broadway shows and Operas.

Irving was also passionate about traveling and photography. He was a great train enthusiast. His travel interest includes Old Trains, Buses, Trolleys/Trams and Light Rails. He loved that hobby so much. And he loved traveling in general....He always said he was traveling to so many places so that he could cross each one off his list and take photos of those places. It helped that he got excellent deals working for AAA. He was a member of The Metropolitan New York Bus Association (MNYBA), Electric Railroaders' Association (ERA) and the British Light Rail Transit Association(LRTA).

He is survived by his loving and devoted husband Vijay Kumar whom he married in 2016 after finding love late in life. They shared more than 6 beautiful years together.

To all his friends, either you knew Irving for a very long time or you just met him in last few years...he knew that he was loved by all of you and that brought much happiness and joy to his final years.

Irving was a proud member of world's largest LGBT synagogue - CBST (Congregation Beit Simchat Torah). To the CBST community that created such a supportive home for him, and to Vijay, his dear soulmate, Irving Fisher's memory, his legacy, his light will live on forever.

Contributions in Irving's memory may be sent to CBST.ORG or METOPERA.ORG

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