



# **Gary Allen Hershdorfer**

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**H**ERSHDORFER, Gary Allen

It is with sadness that the family of Gary Allen Hershdorfer announces his sudden passing due to heart attack at age 81 on October 28, 2020 in Aventura, Florida.

Gary was born in New York City on November 30, 1938 to Symie and Benjamin Hershdorfer. He grew up in Syracuse, NY and graduated from Nottingham High in 1956. He earned a BA in history from Columbia University in 1960, then spent several years as an officer in the Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin D Roosevelt. He obtained his Master's in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, where he met his former wife Marilyn Hershdorfer. They lived in Berkeley for 30 years, while Gary worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco as Chief Economist. He transferred to the Corp's New York office in 1996, where he retired as the Chief Economist of the North Atlantic Division. In 2002, he moved to Florida with his partner Phyllis Salzman.

Gary was an avid skier, and not even knee and hip surgeries got in the way of his annual trips to Vail. He played tennis in college and beyond, practiced yoga for decades and most recently threw himself into golf. Friends and family will miss his wit, his dapper style, and his annual holiday newsletters, which were often accompanied by political commentary and hand drawn illustrations. Some of his paintings can be found framed in his daughter's homes.

Gary is survived by his daughter Alexandra Colacito, who resides in North Attleboro, MA with her husband Mark and son Milo; his daughter Mary Hershdorfer, who resides in Bishop, CA with her husband John Hays Jr. and their daughters Amaya and Hazel; and his brother Victor Hershdorfer, who resides in Syracuse, NY with his wife Celaine.

Donations can be made to The Columbia College Fund (<https://www.college.columbia.edu/alumni/columbia-college-fund>) or the Metropolitan Museum of Art (<https://rsecure.metmuseum.org/donate>)



## Obituary

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A service will be held in North Miami Beach, Florida on Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm EST. To attend via Zoom, please contact [alexandra@colacito.com](mailto:alexandra@colacito.com).

Arrangement by Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert (305) 932-2700



# Events


**Gary Allen Hershdorfer**

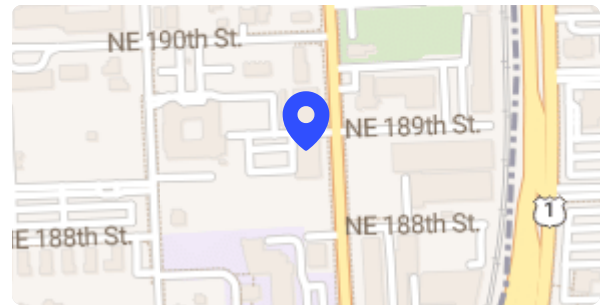
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## Chapel Service

 **Sunday**, November 15, 2020

 2:00 PM ET

 **Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg, Rubin-Zilbert Memorial Chapels**  
18840 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach FL 33180





# Tribute Wall

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**Alice L.** sent a sympathy card to the Hershdorfer family.

December 19 at 1:05 PM



**Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbertmemorial Chapel** shared an album called **Memories Album**.

November 15 at 7:24 AM



**Alexandra** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

November 15 at 6:48 AM



**Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbertmemorial Chapel** shared an album called **Memories Album**.


November 14 at 6:59 AM





Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert Memorial Chapel shared 2 photos to the Memories Album album.


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*Gary at Columbia University*



*Brothers Gary and Victor*



*Alexandra, Gary, Mary and Shylla*



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*In Loving Memory of*



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*Memorial Service  
Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert  
Memorial Chapel  
North Miami Beach, Florida  
Sunday, November 15, 2020  
2:00 pm  
Officiating  
Rabbi Jack Sparks*

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*The family requests donations  
in memory of Gary Allen Hershendorfer  
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or the  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
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*Gary's Grandkids*

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# Media

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Alexandra shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

November 15 at 6:48 AM





# Media

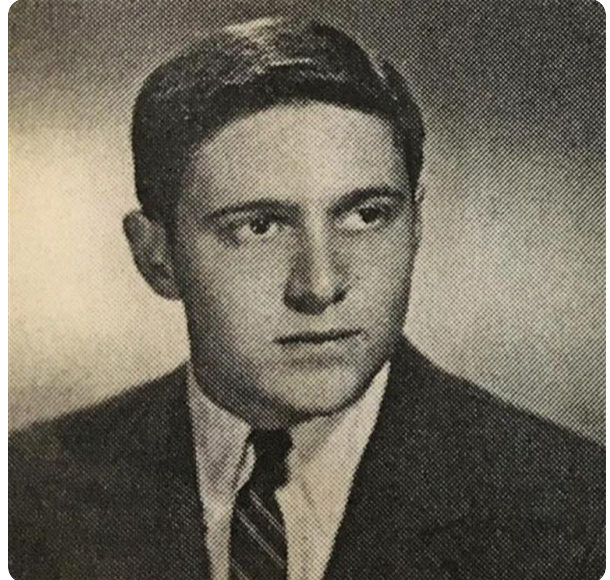
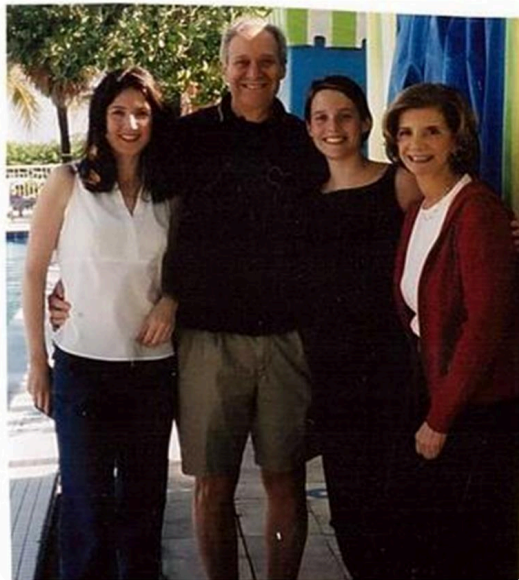
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