



Norman Sterneck Giddan

October 17, 1933 - February 21, 2024

Norman Sterneck Giddan, age 90, passed away February 21, 2024. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family after suffering from primary progressive aphasia and frontotemporal dementia.

Born in St. Louis to Joseph H. and Dorothy Sterneck Giddan. Norman grew up in Peoria, Illinois. He attended the University of Michigan, the University of Illinois, and received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Stanford University in 1962. He also served in the Army National Guard while in graduate school in California.

As a psychologist, he counseled generations of students with compassion, wisdom and skill at counseling centers at Stanford University, Florida State University and the University of Toledo. There as director, he mentored colleagues and graduate students, while creating innovative mental health programs across campus. He also won the senior doubles racquetball championship.

A prolific author, Norman wrote academic books, an academic behavioral inventory, children's books and plays with his wife Jane and edgy mystery novels.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jane Jaffe Giddan, children Roger and

Gabrielle, grandchildren Ian, Jessica and Rachel, and his brother Stephen.

He will be loved and remembered well by all for his generosity, creativity, wise advice and ability to intuit the needs of others.

The family thanks his kind and compassionate caregivers, Keta, Irene, Kim, Jacklyn, Roy and Margaret.

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Kol Ami in Flower Mound, Texas, April 7th at 2:00 pm.

Contributions in his name can be made to our family's favorite charity for autism, bittersweetfarms.org or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Congregation Kol Ami
1887 Timber Creek Rd
Flower Mound, TX 75028
<https://kolami-tx.org/wp/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Dr. Giddan when I was a Stanford student back in the 1960's. He was such a warm, empathetic, and caring brand new Ph.D, long before all of his other accomplishments. So good that he shared his knowledge and wisdom about college students and their families as well as many other things in his later writings. I'm so happy that he had such a rich and full life, the knowledge of which I hope will be of comfort to his family. Ingrid Tiegel

Ingrid Tiegel - April 05, 2024 at 11:06 AM

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“ I was a colleague of Norm's at the Medical College of Ohio and the University of Toledo. He was a very well respected faculty member and psychologist. He also was the living definition of a "Mensch." R.I.P. Norm, you had a life well-lived.

John McSweeny - March 10, 2024 at 06:25 PM

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“ Norman gave me a great gift. I have a vivid memory of Norman raising my awareness about the war in Vietnam. Until he brought the reality to my attention, I was simply unaware. The information he gave me and the way he shared it with me have stayed with me for decades. Thank you, Norman.

Dorothy Fadiman - February 27, 2024 at 11:05 PM