

Obituary for Maxim Icaak Kovel

Maxim I. Kovel was born in Brooklyn, NY on November 2, 1934. On Dec 24th, 2019 at 10:52 pm he passed peacefully at Inova Fairfax Hospital. He is survived by his wife Bernice, the love of his life for 66 years, and his 5 children. Jacob Kovel (m. Shari, children Daniel, Joshua, Hannah), Sarah Kovel (m. Al, children Jessica and Zack), Ruth Lenk (m. Arthur, children, Margalit, Ilana, Aiden), Rachel Kovel and Rebecca Gibson (m. Mark, children Elias, Miriam).

Max attended West Point, USMA and proudly graduated with the Class of '57. He served in the U.S. Army for an additional 29 years, retiring honorably in 1986. Along the way he had many accomplishments and earned many awards. These include a MS from North Carolina State College and a PhD from the University of California-Davis. While in the Army, he was posted to numerous duty stations throughout the U.S. and overseas, to include two tours in Vietnam. Among the awards he received from the Army were the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Medal. For many years he also provided religious support to the Jewish military community as a lay leader.

Throughout his life he supported his family, his faith in Judaism and his Country unconditionally. He lived by the words "Duty, Honor, Country". He always found time to support others through kindness, generosity and his willingness to participate. His loss is mourned by his family, his friends and classmates.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Assoc, alz.org