



# **Sheldon W. Wigod, Ph.D.**

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**S**heldon W. Wigod, Ph.D., 81 of Lakewood died April 20, 2016. He is survived by his brother Gerald E. (Fran) of Detroit, MI and by good friends Keith Joseph, Len Ferrante, Damon Raub, Louis Giannetti, Charles Haddad, Narsina Jones, Jan Bruml, Tim, Carrie and Ethan Bodzioney, BJ Jones, Cindy de Petris, Louise Foise, Mike Stephenson, Howard and Rhenee, Mark D'Alessio, David Simmons, Patrick Herzog, and Keith Engleburt.. U. S. Army veteran. English professor at Tri-C West and Artistic Director of The New Mayfield Repertory Cinema (1975-1985). Memorial donations suggested to The Humane Society. Memorial service details will be announced at a later date.



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**Kathleen Szabo** posted:

I spent many a night at the New Mayfield watching all those wonderful movies. I loved Sheldon's introductions. He was so obviously in love with the medium he passed on all that enthusiasm to the audience. Those were very happy times and I still miss being able to see movies on a big screen as they should be. RIP, Sheldon.

July 3 at 8:19 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Colorado Spruce Tree to the Wigod family.



June 8 at 7:27 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Colorado Spruce Tree to the Wigod family.



June 8 at 7:23 PM



**Chris Leonard** posted:

I met Sheldon when he was a prof at Baldwin Wallace, went to the New Mayfield all the time, and before I moved to CA in 1984 would lunch with him at Its It deli in Lakewood. He encouraged my move with a quote from Tennessee Williams' Camino Real: Make voyages, attempt them: there is nothing else. I am sad he will never read my first novel in which he has a walk on.

May 28 at 7:19 PM



**Tony Whitehouse** posted:

Many of the movies that Sheldon showed at the New Mayfield I had only seen on TV. It was a great experience to see them on a big screen as they were meant to be shown; and a double treat to hear Sheldon's wonderful introductions. Thank you Sheldon. I was always pleased and honored when he came into my Lee Road video store – I doubt that he really thought much of video but he came anyway. That wonderful smile and the laugh that he had... On a weekend night a few years ago there was nothing better to do in Cleveland than gather a few friends and go to see Sheldon and his movies. 'Mildred Pierce' and Sheldon Wigod are synonymous to me.

May 11 at 5:50 AM



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**John Matuszak** posted:

A pizza in Little Italy and a double feature at the New Mayfield Theater with Sheldon's insightful and humorous commentary was the perfect evening. Thanks for the memories.

May 5 at 11:01 AM



**Melissa A. Ford** posted:

I met Sheldon while taking English 101 at Tri-C. In the initial class he mentioned both Bette Davis and Bob Dylan in the same sentence. As soon as the class ended I ran to the scheduling department to see if there were any other classes that Sheldon was teaching. It turned out that he was also teaching film appreciation at 7:00 PM that exact day. My last class concluded at 3:00, leaving me 4 hours to kill, as I lived so far away to drive home and return. It also made my day that started at 8:00 AM pretty lengthy. The decision to sign up for the film class changed my life. When I look at the books on my shelf, Sylvia Plath, Flannery O'Connor, Raymond Carver, and of course, *The Sound and the Fury*, or when I view the films *Duck Soup*, *Ali: Fear Eats the Soul*, *Modern Times*, or *A Streetcar Named Desire*, just to name a few, I realize what an indelible impression he made on me, my tastes, my interests, and my life in general. Sheldon loved to laugh. He taught me that laughter is one of the most intimate experiences that you can share. Like everyone who knew him, whittling down the slew of memorable moments to one anecdote is nearly impossible but here it goes...Early on in our friendship I bought tickets to a charity auction held at the Rocky River Yacht Club. There were no seats available except at the center table that had Reserved prominently marked on a card. Sheldon directed me to sit there. There was a woman whom Sheldon later described as a Ruth Gordon wannabe holding court at the table and did not appreciate the both of us sitting there. She passively aggressively played with the Reserved Card and shot unfriendly looks our way. I whispered to Sheldon that maybe we should move. "Did you pay for your tickets like everyone else?" "Yes." I replied. "Is there any other place to sit?" "No." "Then we're staying right here." The auction began and Sheldon, being Sheldon, was quickly bored. "Do you think any of those paintings have microfilm in them like North by Northwest?" My laughter must have angered Ruth because she looked directly at us and commanded/requested in a loud voice, "Pardon me but I didn't hear you." Without missing a beat he repeated the question and Ruth Gordon, for the first time, laughed and smiled. "Oh, I love that movie." In under a minute Sheldon was holding court and charmed every person at that table. Mr. Chips: I thought I heard you say 'twas a pity, a pity I never had children. But you're wrong...I have...thousands of them...thousands of them...and all boys! Good-bye Mr. Chips. You will always be loved and missed. The Last Protégé from Tri-C

April 23 at 5:30 AM



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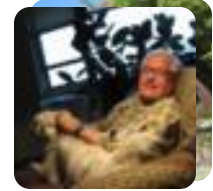
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MF

**Melissa A. Ford** shared an album called **New Album Name.**

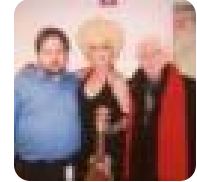
May 1 at 3:46 PM



MS

**Mike Stephenson** shared an album called **New Album Name.**

April 28 at 5:22 AM



WD

**William Deibel** posted:

Other than my parents, Sheldon had the greatest influence on my life. From bringing donuts to the 8 A.M. Faulkner class to strutting his stuff on the Marting Hall Stage teaching Shakespeare. He was the best. William Deibel Berea, Ohio

April 26 at 9:13 AM

MS

**Mike Stephenson** posted:

Dr. Sheldon Wigod (Sheldeen), Loyal friend to so many, Rabbi (Consummate teacher), surrogate father to my wife Barbara who profited from his unique insight and wisdom for over 45 years, and caring to all in need. He became a close family member soon after I first met Barbara, sharing holiday's together, dinners out trying new and different places, sitting poolside at the Berkshire sharing stories and experiences. Best of all, he introduced us to a whole new family of friends who are truly beautiful people. I'm already missing his curious nature, infectious humor and wonderful, boisterous laugh (HAH!). As hard as this is for us, I am relieved to know that he and Barbara will be together again along with other friends that have passed. May God bless you Sheldeen, and protect you (Those who know Barbara know what I mean). I love you and miss you. Mike (Mikita)

April 24 at 8:06 AM



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**Narsina Jones** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Where do I start, Sheldon was one of the smartest, most informative, funniest, loving, caring and humorous persons that I have ever met. I enjoyed caring for him, and being there for him when he needed someone to talk to and listen to about all of his traveling days with his closest friends. He was always educating me on the stock market as well as other topics. Sheldon had a very special place in my ❤️ And always will. I will never forget the conversations and outings we shared! Although he may be gone from this life, never from my heart! Sheldon you are another one of my very own special 🧠. I will always love and cherish love we had for one another, I love you to the 🌟 And back, RIP as you would always say angel ❤️ I will never forget your last Thursday here on earth you spent with me 🙏

April 24 at 5:01 AM



**Daniel A Romano** posted:

Although I did not know Sheldon well, he made quite an impression as Artistic Director of the New Mayfield Repertory Cinema. I found him to be friendly, erudite, with a sharp sense of humor. I will fondly recall our conversations and have cherished memories of time spent at the New Mayfield.

April 23 at 1:34 PM



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**Lee Melius** posted:

I was fresh out of Lou Giannetti's film program at CWRU; my husband and I were young, broke, and hungry to continue our film education. And then there was Sheldon and the New Mayfield! Thanks and blessings for cherished memories of a very special time in our lives. Lee Walkey Melius

April 23 at 5:30 AM



**Christina Giannetti** April 24 at 1:04 PM

Two stories (how do I chose from a library of funny): First-picture "Broadway Danny Rose". Next, picture a 10-year-old Sheldon, cutting Hebrew School to go see "Rebecca". On occasion, Sheldon would feel guilty, then make a guest appearance at Hebrew School; To which, the Rabbi would announce, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a guest in our midst today....Mr. Sheldon Wigod has decided to grace us with his presence."Next story-Sheldon and his childhood friend, Eugene, chuckling about one thing or another. His loquacious Bubby, Ava, has had all she can stand. Suddenly, frustrated with Sheldon's naughty caprice, she blurts out a statement that would be Sheldon's calling card; "Laugh, Laugh, Laugh....you think everything is funny! That's why you're a nothing-and you'll always be a nothing!" To Uncle Sheldon, a funny something, who touched many lives during his time on earth.XXXX. OOOOO's Christy



**Cydney Weingart** April 24 at 5:22 AM

When I'd suggest a novel to Sheldon and he Read it, I'd be over the moon. cw



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Sugar, Sheldeen & Music Director



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