



# Ethan Fred Roberts

JAN 2, 1946 - OCT 14, 2016



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## Ethan Fred Roberts

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**E**than F. Roberts was born Jan. 2, 1946 to Barney and Mollie Roberts (both deceased). He was 70 years old. Ethan died peacefully on October 14, 2016 after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Ethan is survived by his wife Judith Anne (nee Meyer) and son Max (partner Tiffany). He is also survived by his mother-in-law Hilda Kate Meyer. He is survived by brother Richard (wife Estelle), niece Melissa and nephew Hal.

Ethan's major passion was teaching when he taught biology at a community college in Western Massachusetts and at a four year college in Brooklyn New York. He also taught biology at the State University of New York, in Purchase, New York. He began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Montrose New York in 1980. In 1986 he was promoted and moved to Cleveland Ohio where he spent the next 28 years. He taught non-clinical employees. Ethan retired after 33-1/2 years of service in the federal government on January 2, 2014 which was his 68th birthday.

Ethan, Judith and Max joined Temple Israel on Lander Road in 1986. Ethan served as the vice president for religious practices for several years.

Max became a Bar Mitzvah on June 17, 1995. He wore the tallis that belonged to Ethan's grandfather Max Katzowitz for the first portion of the service. Then before reciting his Haftorah portion, Max was presented with the tallis which he wove himself the prior summer. In 1995 Ethan and his family, including his father Barney Roberts and mother in law Hilda Kate Meyer, were featured in a special section on Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in the Cleveland Jewish News.

In September 2003, Ethan and Judith joined Temple Emanu El. Ethan became an usher and a regular attendee of the Saturday morning Torah Study group. He also participated in several Purim shows by writing song lyrics, narrating the show, and writing original scripts.



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In addition to teaching, Ethan was an avid collector of comic books, original comic strip art, original comic book art as well as original illustrations. Ethan was featured in the Cleveland Jewish News on March 17, 2000 in an article entitled "Enduring Love Affair with Comic Books." Over the course of 50 years of collecting, Ethan was able to identify the artist, penciller, and inker of original art. Ethan was once asked if he had to dispose of his entire collection was there one piece he would not part with. His ready answer was "The Prince Valiant panel that hangs over my side of the bed. My wife gave that to me as an engagement present in 1975."

Ethan loved his immediate family and his brother Richard's extended family. Ethan had a wide circle of acquaintances and good friends who he consider family. Ethan was buried in a private service in NY. The celebration of Ethan's life will take place on Sunday April 23rd, 2017. It will be held at Temple Emanu El at 2:30 PM.




# Events

**Ethan Fred Roberts**

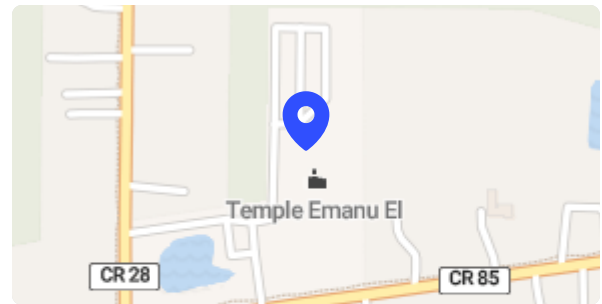
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## Celebration of Life


 **Sunday**, April 23, 2017

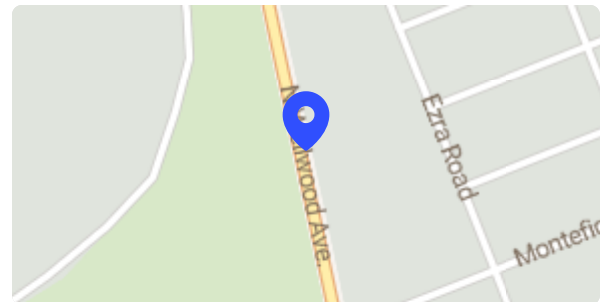
 2:30 PM ET

 **Temple Emanu El**  
4545 Brainard Road, Orange Village OH 44022



## Cemetery Details

 **New Montefiore Cemetery**  
1180 Wellwood Avenue, West Babylon NY 11704





## Tribute Wall

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NH

**Nancy Haile** posted:

Judith and Max, I don't know if you will see this but I hope you will. We lost track of you and I have been searching on the internet trying to find you every so often. George and Ethan were college buddies and good friends for a long time. The last time we saw you was at Max's Bar Mitzvah. That was many years ago. We often thought of you both and of Ethan. We are so sorry that we just found that Ethan had died in October of 2016. We are saddened by this news and the world has lost a wonderful, talented, witty person. I see he retired in 2014 and hope he had some relaxing times with family. If you do see this we would love to hear from you. My email is nanhaile@comcast.net. Our deepest sympathy and love to you and Max. George and Nancy Haile

December 25 at 8:54 PM

AC

**Art And Alice Cloos** posted:

I am so sorry to hear this. Comic fandom has lost a real treasure. I will never forget the afternoon I spent with him at Eternal Con with Art Tripp talking about his life in the hobby and their work on the first comic convention ever held which was in NYC in 1964. Alice's and my deepest sympathies go out to his family and Judith who was so nice to Allie and I that day.

January 26 at 1:01 PM

MM

**Marcia Mauter** posted:

Dear Judith and Max: My belated sympathies on the loss of your dear husband and father, and my dear colleague and friend. Ever since we first crossed professional paths years ago, Ethan has been a pillar of support for advancing ICL's work in the community. And being the natural born leader and team player he was, he inspired our board and staff and clients to simply want to be better at being human. It is with a tear in my eye that I say goodbye. He was a joy and blessing, and my life has been enriched by having him in it. Marcia

November 10 at 8:31 AM

MC

**Melva Cole** posted:

May the God of comfort be with you and your family in the time of your loss He is closer than a falling tear He is ever present and always near God is with you every moment along with all the thoughts and prayers of everyone who cares about. May his promise of eternal life be a comfort to you

November 9 at 3:31 AM



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**Michael L Wilson** posted:

My name is Michael L Wilson Sr, I want extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to the Roberts family. I was a patient in Hillcrest Hospital, and I shared a room with Ethan for few days. I was able to meet his wonderful wife Judith and family. Ethan was not a complainer, but a expression hospitality. I enjoyed our conversations and friendship that he and his wife showed my family.

November 4 at 4:12 PM



**Diane Kromke** posted:

My sympathies to Judith and Max. Ethan was one of the first people I met when I moved to Cleveland to work for the VA. He was always available to help, no matter how small or large the request. Even after retirement, he would still stop by to see me and tell me about his work at the museum.

October 28 at 6:09 AM



**Herbert Sams** posted:

Judith and Max I'm very sorry for your lost He did a lot of thing for me most important to me was to help me better myself with me writing. he will sorely be missed .Herbert Sams

October 27 at 1:36 AM



**Gene Sturley** posted:

My sympathy and love go out to the Roberts family.

October 26 at 4:04 PM



**Marian Yowler** posted:

Judith and Max, I am so sorry for your loss. I first met Ethan when I came on board to the VA in 1999 and he was such a great person. I really enjoyed working with him on committees and sharing stories about Mas and my son AJ. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Marian Yowler and family

October 25 at 6:06 AM

**MY** **Marian Yowler** October 25 at 6:07 AM  
Sorry that was Max and AJ.



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SF

**Susan Fuehrer** posted:

Ethan will long be remembered for his legacy of continued learning and pursuit of excellence at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. His wisdom and commitment to quality of care and excellent customer service for our Nation's Heroes will live on for decades through those he taught, mentored and lived by example. Judith and Max, blessings for peace at this difficult time.Sue Fuehrer

October 23 at 9:03 AM

WH

**Ward L. Howard Jr.** posted:

MY MEMORY OF ETHAN IS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE CLASS AT BRECKSVILLE V.A. YEAR 2006. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, HAVE FAITH AND CONTINUE TO PRAYWARD L. HOWARD JR.!

October 20 at 6:00 PM

TR

**Tonja Rogers** posted:

I am truly saddened to hear of the great loss of Mr. Roberts. He was an awesome teacher. I was pleased to have met with him in his final year teaching the CLE LEAD program at LSVAMC. He was witty and insightful. In separate project meetings with me, he gave me some useful tools that I still use today. Teachers are the great leaders of the world and he was indeed a great teacher. Tonja Rogers

October 20 at 6:54 AM

AG

**A.M. Graves** posted:

Mr. Roberts had a plethora of knowledge and wisdom, which I often observed and had the privilege/pleasure to receive from him - and it was a pleasure for him to share these attributes with people. You could learn something new from him or he would enhance your thinking, even from general conversations. Thank you Mr. Roberts your presence was appreciated by all! Condolences to the family.

October 20 at 4:30 AM

MR

**Maria Rufener** posted:

Ethan aka "Dr. Roberts" had such a positive presence at the VA with all of the employees he would interact with. He was very intelligent, quick witted, and just fun to be around. He will certainly be missed and many condolences go out to his family.Maria Rufener

October 19 at 4:37 AM



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RG

**R. Goldberg** posted:

Ethan and I shared Committee and educational activities at the Cleveland VA for over 25 years. We met accidentally at the first meeting of a new committee and discovered that we had gone to the same high school in Queens (Martin Van Buren H.S.). although we had never met each other among the 4,500 students. We proceeded to burst into a loud and lusty rendition of the school song and, when the other folks came into the meeting, they were shocked! Ethan was always good for a warm welcome, great advice, and a corny pun. My wife Cindy and I send our heartfelt condolences to his wife and family. BOB GOLDBERG, (Retired) Psychologist, Cleveland VA

October 18 at 1:19 PM

MK

**Marty Kilbane** lit a candle in honor of Ethan.

To the Roberts family, I had the pleasure of knowing Ethan from early on in my VA career, and I will always remember him as a true gentleman and consummate professional. He always had kind words of encouragement, and he was instrumental in helping me pursue an advanced degree. You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time. Marty Kilbane

October 18 at 8:43 AM



RT

**Rochelle Thorpe** lit a candle in honor of Ethan.

To the family, I too am deeply saddened that Ethan has passed on. I didn't even know he was ill. I really got to know Ethan when I signed up the EISP program in 2009 at the Cleveland VA. Ethan walked very patiently with me during that process until he retired. I miss his smile and persistence for me to graduate. I finally did. I hope he knew that. God bless him and I send up prayers for the family. Rochelle Thorpe

October 18 at 7:40 AM



RF

**Ronald Fradkin** posted:

In the short time that I knew Ethan, I found him to be enthusiastic and determined. He was invaluable as one of the organizers of the 1964 New York Comicon. When he wanted to get as many Comicon attendees as possible for his 50th anniversary panel discussion Survivors of the First Comicon at the 2014 New York Comic Con, he got it done. When he found out I couldn't attend, he came to my house with a tape recorder so he could play my comments on the panel. He always got the job done. In 2014, I had the privilege of having dinner with him and Judith and Max. All of us who knew him will miss him. Ron Fradkin

October 18 at 4:03 AM



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JR

**Judith Rosen** posted:

Judith, I am thinking about you. Please accept my sincere condolences. Judy Rosen

October 18 at 3:05 AM

DN

**Don And Donna Newbill** posted:

Judith, Ethan was one the most genuine of all the people I have met in my lifetime. He was intelligent in so many areas. He treated everyone the way he wanted to be treated. Ethan loved and was so proud his comic book collection. I wish I had been able to see them. The world has lost a very special person. Judith, Donna and I will keep you and Max in our prayers. Ethan, you will be missed.

October 17 at 12:31 PM

PP

**Pam Pendleton** posted:

Judith, I have so many fond memories of Ethan. I am saddened by his passing. I will always remember how he answered the phone when you called. He would say "Hello beautiful!" I told him I wanted to meet someone that greeted me like that every time he saw me. You were loved and adored by Ethan. Keeping you, Max and family in my thoughts and prayers.

October 17 at 11:18 AM

GH

**Gary Houlehan** posted:

Ethan was well educated, sincere and down to earth. He always had a warm smile and a hearty handshake for everyone he met and talked with. I know that Judith and Max will have a large void in their lives now, but at the same time they will have gained a special guardian angel looking over them daily.....RIP Ethan !

October 17 at 11:09 AM

DF

**Dan Ferreira** posted:

I remember years ago when Ethan, Judith and Max were visiting Hilda in Bethlehem, NH. Ethan, Max, my boys and I went to Fenway Park for a ballgame. Ethan was lamenting his Cleveland Indians. I hope he can see them now. Dan Ferreira

October 17 at 8:39 AM



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GM

**Gayle McGowan** posted:

Judith and Max, my prayers are with you. I am so glad there is no more pain. Maybe he will hold the baby before it comes...

October 17 at 8:29 AM

GM

**Gayle McGowan** posted:

I remember every year I would wish Ethan a Merry Christmas, and every year he would remind me that he celebrated Hanukah instead. It took me four years to get the hang of not wishing him a Merry Christmas. He would just laugh with me. Gayle McGowan

October 17 at 8:27 AM

AY

**Aaron Yoder** October 20 at 10:59 AM

Judith, I really enjoyed Ethan and the knowledge he brought to a discussion. I wish Max and you the best and would like to send my most sincere condolences.

MB

**Monica Brittan** October 20 at 3:57 AM

Judith and Max, my sincere condolences for the passing of Ethan. I have many fond memories of us at work together. At his retirement celebration, I remember telling the story of being the recipient of one of those "hello beautiful" phone calls (he thought it was you). That was a beautiful express of his love for you and we all knew it. I know he will be missed.

TS

**Tim And Tracie Stoner** October 19 at 6:20 AM

Judith: Our thoughts and prayers are sent to you with love.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Ethan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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