



## Alan Roger Orenberg August 27, 1939 – May 10, 2023

Madison

Alan Roger Orenberg passed away peacefully in his sleep early morning on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at his home in Madison, WI. He was 83 years old. Alan is survived by his loving life partner of 39 years, Marilyn Graves, his two devoted daughters Kathryn Orenberg and Rachel Charlan, his beloved grandchildren Cecelia and Wyatt Charlan, and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Hyman and Cecile Orenberg, and his siblings Paul Orenberg and Joy Sparr.

Alan was born on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1939 in Boston Massachusetts into a tightknit and loving family. As the youngest of three, he was doted upon by his older brother and sister. After graduating from military school and becoming a Brown alumnus, he met his first wife Cynthia Laitman and became the proud father of Kathryn. They later moved from New England to Madison and added to their family with the adoption of their daughter, Rachel.

He was intensely proud of his years spent as the director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Dane county in addition to being a “big brother” himself to several “little brothers”. He continued to be an avid supporter of the organization as well as the United Way throughout his entire life. He was a long-standing member of the Rotary Clubs of both Boston and Madison along with many other local organizations. He prided himself on his deep community ties, advocacy for equality and social justice for all.

After an amicable separation from his first wife, he met his perfect match in Marilyn. They enjoyed many decades of love, friendship, and an overall passion for life together. He loved baseball, poker, theater, and adventure.

Alan had a natural talent for relationships as evidenced by many long-standing friendships with family and friends that spanned his entire life. He maintained the importance of family and always put us first. He had a particularly deep affinity for his two grandchildren Cecelia and Wyatt. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held at Temple Beth El in Madison, WI, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-5pm. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to [Big Brothers and Sisters of Dane County](#) or to [UNICEF USA](#)