



Saul Charles Cornell

July 27, 1936 - June 12, 2018

Saul Charles Cornell, 81, has passed away at his home in Maitland, Florida. He was born in the Bronx, New York, to parents Aron and Mollie Cornell.

Mr. Cornell will be greatly missed by his wife Linda Cornell, daughter Molly (Scott) White, step-sons William Moon and Jeffrey Moon, sisters Esther Levinson, Sophie Itchkow, and Rachel Cornell, brother Albert Cornell, and grand-daughter Ophelia Moon.

Services will be private.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Saul's string shop was the end of my search for a new violin. I had not played since high school when I was concertmistress and 1st violinist with the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra. Thankfully, Saul Cornell was highly recommended by a fellow musician in Ormond Beach. I cherish my lovely violin and bow he personally crafted for me. So sad to see he is gone from us. Dr. Becki Sanford, Organist, Christ Presbyterian Church (Lighthouse), Ormond Beach. FL.*



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Dr. Becki Sanford - October 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM

TB

“ *I only met Saul one time in his later years. He was kind enough to give me tour of his wonderful shop. Loosing a man with his great old world skill and knowledge base is a loss to the whole world ! You are missed !*

tim bandy - June 13, 2025 at 04:57 PM

DV

“ I first met Saul when I was 15 yr. old violinist living in Maitland. For the next 20 yrs., I saw him at the FSO Concerts, and then had him rehair bows, etc. In 1992 I moved to Maryland and in 1995, when my father died, I called Saul. I told Saul that I would be flying home to attend my father's funeral. In addition, I expressed to Saul my desire to play at my Dad's service, but would not be able to bring my violin with me. Saul loaned me a great violin, bow for the funeral and said return whenever you can. This unexpected act of kindness and selfless generosity on Saul's part, allowed me to pay tribute to my Dad and I have never forgotten how much that meant to me and still means to me. Saul was truly a wonderful human being and loved by many!!!!
Deborah Trigg Varga

Deborah Trigg Varga - January 01, 2019 at 03:34 PM

MR

“ I was so touched when I took my five-year-old daughter to meet Saul. She got to see her tiny violin get a new bridge, but more important was the human touch; he took the time to talk to her and show her different tools he used and how they worked. Now she is 17, still plays violin, and remembers how awestruck she felt. Both she and her cellist sister were very saddened when I told them that yesterday I learned Saul passed away.

I went to Saul several times and part of the joy of the visit were our conversations and part was his unique and fascinating workshop.

Saul put together and sold a bass to my late husband; it has been my personal monument to my husband, who used to do business with Saul and sometimes stopped by to visit and just to talk. Now that bass is also a monument to Saul as well. Both were men of character, authenticity, and ingenuity; though I'm so sad about Saul's passing, I'm grateful mine is among so many lives enriched by having known him.

May it be a measure of comfort to your family that my daughters and I are among the many who treasure the memory of Saul and his cozy little luthier shop.

Milena Rivera - December 09, 2018 at 07:44 PM

JA

“ I am so sad to hear the news about Saul. I always enjoyed visiting him. He fixed many violins for me and rehaired many a bow. I will think of him when I use my most favorite violin bow that I purchased from him. I always enjoyed his knowledge and his smile and we also shared a love for ballroom dancing, so I enjoyed when he talked about it because he would really light up. Saul will be missed. He was one of a kind. :)

Jonita Aadland - July 05, 2018 at 05:38 PM

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Molly (Cornell) White - June 26, 2018 at 06:26 AM

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Molly (Cornell) White - June 26, 2018 at 06:25 AM

JF

“ *He always met me with a smile and would ask how I was doing. He explained the difference in mare or stallion hair for my bow, in very clear terms. I always looked forward to our meetings and will miss his kindness. There are just not enough people like Saul Cornell.*

Jeff Flowers - June 19, 2018 at 05:03 PM

ME

“ Saul was a beautiful soul. When my family first moved here 27 yrs ago, one of the first things I needed was a new "Florida bridge" for my cello, and I was referred to Saul. We had a long conversation about our backgrounds, and as it turned out, my teacher, Einar Holm and Saul were in the Army together. I can't imagine either of them in the service, but they were. Saul was a wealth of information on all things strings and much more, so that was my first of many long conversations. I sent so many of my students to see Saul and he took care of them all, often throwing in little lessons on tuning or bowing. I will miss him tremendously as will my students. Molly, I've only met you a couple of times, but watching him as he watched you work was beautiful. His eyes were full of love and pride for you. RIP, Saul.

--Marcie Ewasko

Marcie Ewasko - June 19, 2018 at 09:26 AM

CG

“ We are going to miss Saul so very much, not only was he a wealth of information, he was always inspiring and uplifting to be around. He was always so curious about our careers, what we thought about certain composers, and which Orchestras we enjoyed, and he always had me try a few bows or violins that he had recently repaired or acquired in his shop. He was a true master, he taught us Latin and Italian, history, and was meticulous ! He had a beautiful & sharing heart. He loved flute, string instruments & animals, too. He told me never to quit piano (true!) Thank you Saul for taking time to educate all of us, and taking care of our instruments and our souls. Love, the Hunting and Gant families

Christina Gant - June 17, 2018 at 10:51 PM

NB

“ I will miss Saul a lot. I have known him for years and he was always wonderful to me. A fine gentleman... he will be missed. Nancy Blue

Nancy Blue - June 16, 2018 at 07:34 PM

LS

“ On behalf of the staff at DeGusipe Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family.



Luke Spalding - June 13, 2018 at 01:39 PM