



## Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann

April 6, 1959 - December 10, 2019

Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann was born the eldest of four children on April 6, 1959 in Tallahassee, Florida to Anne Hoffmann Strickland and John Aubra Strickland. Later, stepfather Raymond Dobbs became “Dad.”

As a young child, Uri was a lover of books- his mom would give him the Sears catalog and Encyclopedias to read. That began his desire to read anything and everything he could get his hands on. He had a beautiful voice - a rare baritone - and sang in a variety of choruses. He also spoke many languages and as a young adult worked as an interpreter.

After graduating from Lyman High School, Uri lived in Downtown Orlando and then moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Of true southern roots, he was a Coca Cola lover and delved into the food scene where he worked for the Pleasant Peasant, a casual fine dining chain across Atlanta. He moved on to manage the Bridgetown Grill in the Little Five Points area.

His true love of food came to light when cooking for family and friends- he especially loved French cuisine. Well, French anything. He was that person that could go into any kitchen and whip up a torte with whatever ingredients on hand for a party that very evening.

Uri moved back to Florida to be near family, living in New Smyrna Beach and Winter Park before settling in Longwood. Once “home”, he worked a variety of jobs. He never met a stranger- and made friends everywhere he went.

Literally everywhere.

As a young man, Uri converted to Judaism and was devout in his faith. But he

joined his Lutheran family in attending services and celebrating holidays- whether they were 'his' holiday or not.

He was unequivocally loved by his family. One of his (and his parents) fondest memories was marching in the Atlanta Gay Pride Parade together. A photo of them during the event hung on the walls until their house sold.

He was nothing if not an intellectual and could carry many conversations, whether they be about politics or Oprah Winfrey. And whether he was right or wrong, you always came away thinking he was right.

Once his dad passed, Uri moved in with his mother and the two lived many years together- traveling, shopping, dining out, attending family events. They were always there for everyone: No ask or task was too big or small for them. They took their camaraderie on the road and traveled to far away destinations together, making lots of memories. He never failed to take his beloved 'Basil' (a stuffed rabbit) on their adventures- and photographed Basil in many countries and cities.

He was a true kind and gentle soul. His siblings will be forever indebted to him for the care he took of their parents in their final years. Their comfort was his comfort.

Uri passed away on December 10. He is surely in heaven with mom and dad, dancing, singing and sending "gobs of love" to all of us. If you like to make a memorial donation please do so to St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen Lutheran Church  
2140 W. State Rd. 434  
Longwood, FL 32779

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Love and prayers to Candace, Carlann and Mike. Uri was a devoted son and brother and he is missed by all who knew him.

*I loved seeing him with Ann at Veterans Day and Grandparents Day events!*

*May God's love and comfort envelope Uri's family and friends.*

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**Susan Clayton** - December 31, 2019 at 03:38 PM

SC

“ Susan And Freddy Clayton lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann



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**Susan and Freddy Clayton** - December 31, 2019 at 03:30 PM

FC

“ I had a chance to work with URI for a few months, He was always caring and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed.



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**F Cook** - December 30, 2019 at 10:16 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann.



December 29, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ The Grimes Family in Arkansas purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann.



**The Grimes Family in Arkansas** - December 22, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ Grimes Family lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann



**Grimes Family** - December 22, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann.



December 20, 2019 at 05:49 PM

CV

“ *Candice Vega lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann*



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**Candice Vega** - December 20, 2019 at 05:01 PM

JR

“ *Joni Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann*



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**Joni Rhoades** - December 20, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann.*



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December 20, 2019 at 03:41 PM

AH

“ I have lots of fond memories of Uri, and he was always a pleasure to see. So kind and easy-going. I know he was a big part of Candace, Carlann, and Mike's lives, and that he is greatly missed. Even though it had been several years since I last saw Uri, I would often ask Candace how he was doing. He was so smart, and I admired how well-read he was. I know he is in heaven taking care of his Mom and Dad! Praying for and thinking of all of the family of Uri.

*Amy Huggins*

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**Amy Huggins** - December 20, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Amy Huggins lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann*



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**Amy Huggins** - December 20, 2019 at 02:49 PM

TL

“ *Tammy Lindley lit a candle in memory of Uriel Yaacov Hoffmann*



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**tammy lindley** - December 20, 2019 at 09:51 AM

AV

“ As I get older, memories seem to fade and become grey but my fondest memory of URI was at a birthday celebration at Madison de Crepes in Winter Park in a beautiful garden setting for his lovely sister, Candace. URI was so interesting and kind. We talked about of all things “food”. It was clear to see and feel what a kind and loving soul he was. No doubt he’s with Ann and Ray dancing and cooking for eternity. My love and best wishes to Candace and the family. Be comforted to know he’s in a much better place and now an angel to guide you. God bless. Allie

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**Almirinda Vintilla** - December 20, 2019 at 08:13 AM