



Roy T Kalish

April 5, 1947 - May 17, 2026

Roy T. Kalish 79, of Apopka, Florida passed away on May 17, 2026, and the Universe lost one of its twinkling stars. Our kind and caring Roy was born in Teaneck, New Jersey on April 5, 1947, to loving parents Henry and Natalie Kalish. He was an integral part of the beloved pack of rascal cousins who frequently got together for special occasions at their grandparents' apartment in the Bronx, New York.

Roy grew up in New Jersey and graduated from High School in Fort Lee. He was a leader in the High School Debating Club and a member of the photography club, but his real passion was music, especially contemporary classical music and rock. As a radio deejay Roy shared his love and thoughts about music.

Roy moved with his parents to the Bahamas and then to Florida where he worked for a time as a telemarketer. Florida transplants from New Jersey will seek out good NY style deli, and Roy

found his: he loved TooJays deli.

In later years, Roy worked for former Orange County, Florida District 2 County Commissioner Christine Moore. As a part-time aide in her office, he communicated with constituents inviting them to events, meetings, and neighborhood gatherings. Roy mostly used the phone for his work and residents were always eager to hear his cheerful voice. Roy continued his love of music throughout his life and enjoyed discussing his hobby with co-workers. He resided in Apopka, FL in an apartment building where residents would often comment on his friendly demeanor. He was known to engage in lively conversations about politics and was always up to listen to all points of view.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Natalie, his half-brothers Johnny and Joel, and his cousins Robert, Stephen, and Margery. He is survived by his cousins Dorianne (Ron,) Daniel, and Wendy (Jeff).

Roy will be missed by all who knew him. We remember his spirit, intense intellect, resilience, and his genuinely caring outlook. He will always be in our hearts.

The family is grateful to the health care and Hospice teams at AdventHealth in Orlando and especially to devoted friends Kathy Marsh and Christine Moore.

There will be a private memorial for Roy. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in memory of Roy Kalish to Jewish Social Services in Madison, WI.

Tribute Wall

DV

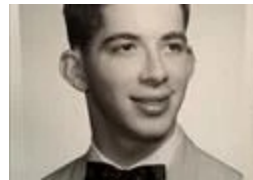
“ During campaigns & special events; Roy spend his time calling people to remind them to VOTE or attend the special event. He was personal, soft spoken & kind. After a a few calls, the person on the other side of the phone call got know Roy. Many times the phone call was about sharing life stories. He will be missed. May God Bless his spirit in eternity.
In admiration & friendship, Diane Velazquez



Diane Velazquez - June 05 at 05:27 AM

DK

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dori Kalish - June 03 at 12:26 PM

LV

“ I worked with Roy through the District 2 office here in Orange County. He became a friend and we spoke often. He liked to talk about politics and world issues. I will miss him and our talks.

Linda Voll - June 02 at 12:32 PM

DK

Linda- I think he listed you as a contact person when he was in the Winter Park rehab center. It is so good to know that he had friends who cared about him.

Dori Kalish - June 04 at 08:08 AM

CM

“ In Roy’s later years he spent much of his time listening to modern classical music. My family enjoyed time with him as he worked hard making thousands of phone calls for many successful campaigns. He will be sorely missed.

Christine Moore - June 01 at 11:10 PM

DK

“ The picture of Roy was taken on about November 10, 1962 at my 13th birthday / Bar Mitzvah party.

Daniel Kalish - June 01 at 11:30 AM

DK

“ It was wonderful spending time with Roy at family gatherings and at our homes in Queens and New Jersey. Unfortunately, we lost touch when his family moved to Florida.

Cousin Robert Kalish passed away about a year ago.

By the way, his cousin Dorianne Kalish was known as Dori, not Rom.

Daniel Kalish - June 01 at 11:18 AM

KM

It was my pleasure to interact with Roy. We spoke about so many topics! We were friends. I miss him dearly.

Kathy Marsh - June 01 at 11:55 PM