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JERROLD LOCKSHIN

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Jerrold "Jerry" Leon Lockshin, who held many leadership positions in Canton's Jewish and general communities, died July 2. He was 81. Mr. Lockshin and his brother managed their father's business, the Golden Age Beverage Company, which later became Fame Beverage Company. They also founded A-1 Truck Service and Ohio Bus Sales, where he worked until his retirement.

A Boy Scout since youth, Mr. Lockshin continued to volunteer with the Scouts throughout his adulthood, including serving as president of Buckeye Council in Canton; vice president of Area 5, Central Region; and chairman of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting from 1998-2003. He was a recipient of the Silver Beaver, Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo Awards, the highest volunteer Scouting awards for service on the local, regional and national levels, respectively.

Inducted as a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, Mr. Lockshin also received the Shofar Award for service to Jewish Scouting. At the time of his death, he was serving on the relationships and religious relationships committees of the community alliances division of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Lockshin served the Canton Jaycees as president in addition to being a state, national and international officer and JCI senator. He was one of several key figures who petitioned the National Football League to establish its professional hall of fame in Canton. A member of Shaaray Torah Synagogue for 70 years, he received several awards from the congregation and the Jewish community for his service.

A 55-year member of McKinley Masonic Lodge # 712, Mr. Lockshin was a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Canton, and the Al Koran Temple Shrine. He served as president of the Canton Urban League, the Canton Chapter of the City of Hope, the Stark County Mental Health Association and the State of Ohio Mental Health Federation. He was a life member of the NAACP.

Born in Youngstown, Mr. Lockshin earned his bachelor's degree from the Ohio State University, and he was a lifelong Buckeyes fan. Following graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and ended his service as a first lieutenant during the Korean War. He retired a captain in the U.S. Army Reserves. A member of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV), he was a co-chairman of its National Scouting Committee.

Mr. Lockshin is survived by his wife of 58 years, Phyllis (née Oster); sons Larry (Janet Henrie) of Sydney, Australia, and Thomas (Beth); daughter Cathy (Mark) Baer of Akron; brother James; and six grandchildren. Contributions are suggested to Shaaray Torah Synagogue or to the National Jewish Committee on Scouting.



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