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## Leonard Forman (1921 - 2000)

Born **13 Nov 1921** in **Baltimore, Maryland, United States**

Son of [Morris Robert Forman](#) and [Sarah \(Katzen\) Forman](#)

Husband of **[Rosalind Anna \(Michelson\) Forman](#)** — married 4 Jan 1942 in Florida, United States

Died **11 Jul 2000** at age 78 [location unknown]

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## Biography

### Birth

Leonard Forman's birth and death dates are given on his 'U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007', with the former as 13 November 1921 in Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter on 11 July 2000<sup>[1][2]</sup>. His parents were father Morris R Forman and mother Sarah Katzen. His SSN was 220015749.

## Residences and education

The 1930 United States Federal Census enumerated on 10 April 1930 has Leonard Forman's age as 8 years and that he had attended school. The family was resident at House No. 3709, Towanda Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, with his father Morris R Forman (34) the Head, born in Russia of Russian parents, married age 24, language Yiddish, a Salesman in the Paper Bag Co. Industry. His wife Sarah Forman (31), born in Maryland but also of Russian parents, married age 21. Their 2nd child was Elaine Forman aged 1 year and 11 mths. Also staying with them was Morris' Sister-in-Law Mary Katzen (38) single and a Tailor<sup>[3]</sup>.

An obituary in the Baltimore Sun has that he "graduated from City College in 1938"<sup>[4]</sup>.

By the time of the 1940 United States Federal Census when the family was living at the same location, Leonard Forman (18) had completed 1st yr College, and his sister Elaine (11) had completed 5th Grade at Elementary School. Leonard's father Morris R Forman (43) had the same occupation as a Salesman in the Paper Bag Industry and mother Sarah gave her age as 41 yrs<sup>[5][6]</sup>.

The 'U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016' for 1940 has a class photo when Leonard was 'abt. 20 yrs' and at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, USA<sup>[7]</sup>. It does not indicate which of the 28 males in the photo is Leonard Forman. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1941 (see ref.4).

## Marriage

On 4 January 1942, Leonard Forman married Rosalind A[nna] Michelson in Florida, USA<sup>[8]</sup>.

## Military Service

The 'U.S., World War II Draft Cards Young Men, 1940-1947' of 16 February 1942 has 20 yr old Leonard Forman born 13 Nov 1921 born and resident in Baltimore, Maryland, USA; Employer: Self Forman Sales Co and Next of Kin: M R Forman<sup>[9]</sup>. The U.S., Department of Veterans Affairs BIRLS Death File, 1850-2010' has that Leonard Forman (SSN 220015749) enlisted for service on 19 February 1943 and was discharged on 28 March 1946. It also has his birth date as 13 November 1921 and death date 11 July 2000<sup>[10]</sup>. He apparently went overseas during his military service as the Baltimore Sun has that he "commanded an Army distribution and transportation center in Paris ... [and] left the Army with the rank of second lieutenant" (see ref.4)

## Father & Son joint venture

After WWII, when he was discharged from the military, Leonard joined his father in founding 'M. R. Forman and Son Inc.' "buying grocery bags in bulk from manufacturers and selling them to

local wholesalers" from his father's home, then into a warehouse in 1951 having expanded the product range (ref.4).

## Residence and occupation

The 1950 United States Federal Census of 10 April 1950 has Leonard Forman (28) a Proprietor in the Papers Manufacturer Industry with wife Rosalind Forman (29), daughter Francis Forman (4) born Maryland and son Robert Forman (2) born Missouri<sup>[11]</sup>. The family was resident at house no. 5721 Baltimore, Maryland<sup>[12]</sup>.

His father Morris passed away in 1963 but Leonard carried on with the business until 1976 when he retired, when according to his son, Robert Kraus-Conrad Forman of Hastings, N.Y., "the company was selling thousands of products and doing more than \$12 million in annual sales" (ref.4). It's history, which is indicated to have begun in 1945 rather than 1946, is described under Forman, Inc.<sup>[13]</sup>. When Robert came back from a 9 months Transcendental Meditation (TM) course led by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi<sup>[14]</sup>, it's founder, which had been held in Mallorca, Spain in 1972, and attended by 2,500 people, he helped his father in the business until 1975, when his shift in consciousness made it too difficult to continue<sup>[15]</sup>.

In the early 1980s Leonard received a 2nd degree, a Master of Liberal Arts, at John Hopkins University (op.cit.).

The 'U.S., Public Records Index, 1950-1993, Volume 1' has that in 1984 Leonard Forman was resident at 7929 Long Meadow Rd, Baltimore, Maryland, and in 1993 at 7121 Park Heights Ave Unit 903<sup>[16]</sup>. Between those dates his wife Rosalind died in 1988 and in 1994 he had a 2nd marriage, to Evelyn Lutzky, who outlived him (see ref.4).

His last residence is indicated to have been at 21215, Baltimore, Baltimore City, Maryland, USA in the 'U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014'<sup>[17]</sup>, though the Baltimore Sun obituary has that his last residence was at Park Heights Avenue (ref.4).

## Death and burial

As indicated above, from official government records, Leonard Forman died on 11 July 2000, of a heart attack (see ref.4), which is also found in the 'U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current' record with his father as Morris Robert Forman, mother Sarah Forman, spouse Rosalind M Forman, with burial or cremation in the Oheb Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery at Reisterstown, Baltimore County, Maryland, United States of America<sup>[18]</sup>. His tombstone plaque has "Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather - Leonard Forman - November 13, 1921 - July 11, 2000".

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