



Warren Stern

January 21, 1954 - February 17, 2015

Warren Ira Stern, a beloved husband and brother, passed away on Tuesday, February 17, 2015. He was 61 years old. Warren was born on January 21, 1954, in New York City. He was the oldest son of Ruth and Gerhard Stern. In December 1977, he joined the US Army and after his basic training, asked to be stationed in Germany. He was very proud of his Jewish heritage and wanted to visit the country of his ancestors. He studied diligently the history of Jews in Europe. He left the army in August 1980 and settled in San Francisco, California. He worked for a moving company and eventually created his own. Pursuing his love for the cinema, he opened a video store and attended several college courses focusing on photography and the history of movie making. At the same time he continued studying the history of Jewish people, World Wars, and military. He traveled to Europe and Middle East to visit important historical sites. In the late 1980s, Warren also participated in the Volunteers for Israel Program, and for the period of three weeks worked on an Israel Defense Force base. At that time he visited his uncle, Arthur, who lives in Kiriyat-Ata, Israel. On the 50th Anniversary of D-Day in 1994, he went to Normandy to participate in peace celebrations. In 1998, he received a teaching certificate in the British Institute, and moved to Szczecin, Poland where he taught English as a Second Language. There, he met Jolanta, his future wife. Both of them moved to Houston, Texas in 2002. They got married on September 21st of that same year. He briefly worked for the Jewish Herald Voice, and eventually became a Land man. Warren and Jolanta did not have

any children. However, Warren had a daughter - Shannon, who resides in Albany, New York, and a son - Maximilian, who lives in Poland, from previous relationships. Warren was very passionate about history and became a Holocaust scholar. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He loved people, especially children, and animals. Warren had a strong personality, valued integrity, honesty, and kindness. He was reality based, but also sensitive to human misfortune and injustice. He knew how to make people laugh and was a great story teller. He was an independent thinker and free spirit. Warren was laid to rest with Military Honors on Friday, February 20, 2015, at the Houston National Cemetery. He will be missed greatly.