

Obituary of John S. Fine, MA, PhD:

John Samuel Fine, MA, PhD, educator and community volunteer died on October 25, 2010, due to respiratory failure from the post-polio syndrome. Although he was totally wheelchair bound from polio since his eighth year, he lived a distinguished and productive life. After recovered from being in an iron lung, he was rehabilitated at the National Polio Foundation at Warm Springs, GA. With only full use of one arm and partial use of his left arm after several painful surgeries, he graduated from Cincinnati Woodward High School in 1957. John Fine received his BA with honors from the University of Illinois in June, 1961. The University of Michigan granted him the MA in Sociology in 1963. Dr. Fine earned the PhD in Sociology in 1970 at the University of Texas-Austin. After a career in teaching sociology at several colleges and universities, he returned to Cincinnati where he worked as a consultant and later volunteer for organizations related to health care and amelioration of the lives of disabled persons.

He relentlessly pursued social justice and promoted legislation to support wheelchair accessibility and transportation for people with disabilities. He volunteered for over a decade at United Way using his skills and knowledge of social work and sociology in the Outcome and Community Solutions Division to improve the welfare of handicapped citizens in the Greater Cincinnati community. He received the highest community service award for his work at United Way in 2008. His associates respected him for his keen intellect, knowledge and his independence. John will be remembered for his volunteer work at the American Jewish Archives at The Hebrew Union College, and the United Way.

John S. Fine and Frederic J. Krome, wrote *Images of America- Jews of Cincinnati*, published by Arcadia Publishing from material at the American Jewish Archives.

A graveside ceremony was held at the United Jewish Cemeteries, Walnut Hills on October 25, 2010.

He is survived by two brothers, Drs. Edward J. of East Amherst, NY, Robert L. Fine of Columbus, OH, and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made in his honor to the United Way of Greater Cincinnati, Sierra Club, ACLU and the Beckwith Fund of the University of Illinois. The Beckwith Fund provides support for aides to assist handicapped students attending University of Illinois at Champaign.

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