



Dr. Leonard A. Shaw

February 2, 2026

Dr. Leonard A. Shaw, 96, of Norwood, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 2, 2026, surrounded by love.

Leonard was the beloved husband of Nejhla (née Kelamoff), a devoted and loving father to Charles and his wife Mia, and to Darren, and a proud, adoring grandfather to Lea, Ryan, and Tessa. He was also a cherished brother to Harvey Schwartz and his wife Judith, and a deeply loved uncle to Michael, Jill, and Mark, as well as a beloved brother-in-law, cousin, and friend to many.

Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Leonard carried with him the values of his upbringing throughout his life—hard work, loyalty, generosity, and a deep appreciation for family and community. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War, an experience that shaped his lifelong sense of duty, humility, and integrity.

After his military service, Leonard pursued his calling in dentistry, graduating from the prestigious New York University College of Dentistry. He went on to practice for many years in Englewood, New Jersey, where he was known not only for his clinical skill and professionalism, but for his warmth, compassion, and gentle humor. He had an extraordinary ability to put people at ease and to make everyone feel genuinely cared for.

Leonard was also an accomplished athlete. A gifted baseball player in his younger years, he was so exceptional in the outfield that he earned the nickname “King of the Wall,” a testament to his remarkable skill, athleticism, and determination. Baseball remained a lifelong passion. Raised a devoted Brooklyn Dodgers fan, he eventually embraced the New York Yankees, though he always retained a soft spot for the Dodgers despite their relocation—a loyalty rooted in memory and hometown pride.

His love of the game extended beyond fandom. Leonard shared his passion by coaching Little League baseball, where he taught young players not only how to play, but how to be teammates, competitors, and good sports. For him, the game was always about connection, joy, and character.

Above all else, Leonard was a family man. He was the kind of father and grandfather who showed up—without hesitation—at every event, big and small, rain or shine, cold or heat. His presence was constant, reassuring, and full of love. He gave freely of himself, generous to a fault, always wanting those around him to experience the very best life had to offer.

Leonard found sincere joy in seeing others happy. He was a planner of memorable moments—family gatherings, celebrations, shared experiences—thoughtfully created so that everyone felt included and cared for. He delighted in introducing people to new places, new ideas, and new experiences, and there was nothing that made him happier than watching others laugh, connect, and enjoy themselves.

He had a unique and unmistakable sense of humor, a joyful spirit, and a quiet confidence that allowed him to always be himself—unafraid, authentic, and deeply kind. His home and his heart were always open, and he had a rare gift for making people feel welcome, valued, and special. To many, he was not only a friend, but a mentor and a father figure.

Those who knew Leonard will remember his warmth, his quick wit, his generosity of spirit, and the way he made life richer simply by being present. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched, the values he instilled, and the love he shared so freely with his family and everyone fortunate enough to know him.

Dr. Leonard A. Shaw will be deeply missed and forever remembered. Visiting hours will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Pizzi Funeral Home, 120 Paris Avenue, Northvale, New Jersey.