

Milestones




Sigmund N. Auerbach, longtime Ellenville resident, passed away on Wednesday, June 2nd, 2004, in *Ellenville Regional Hospital* at the age of 87.

Sig was born in San Antonio, Texas on July 21, 1916, the son of the late Harry and Bessie Auerbach. He spent the greater part of his youth growing up in New York City. He was a graduate of James Madison High School and went on to serve under General George Patton in the Fourth Armored Division. He was a decorated war hero having spent considerable time in the European Theater and retired from the US Army with the rank of Master Sergeant.

Sig married Rose Weiss on May 5, 1942, in New York City and moved to Ellenville after being honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Along with his wife Rose, Sig owned and operated *Ace Hardware Co.* from 1948 until 1999. He was a fixture in the community for the past fifty years and served on many civic and fraternal organizations. He was the Chairman of the *Ellenville Zoning Board of Appeals* for over three decades. He was a director of *Congregation Anshe Tzaydik* and a member of *Congregation Ezrath Israel*. Sig was a director in the *Ellenville Credit Union*, a member of the *Gotham Lodge F & AM* and the Royal Arch Masons in Ellenville. Sig was a past Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, and a member of the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife of over sixty-two years Rose; his two sons Dr. Jeffrey Auerbach and his wife Chana of Port Jervis and Elliott Auerbach and his wife Judi of Ellenville; his six grandchildren: Andrew and his wife Lauren, Evan, Gregory, Corey, Karen, and Kim; and his two great-grandchildren, Brooke and Brian.

Funeral Services were held on June 4th in **Congregation Anshe Tzaydik Synagogue**. Rabbi Moshe Frank officiated at an overflow crowd of nearly 200; a Masonic service and veterans honor guard, and eulogies by family and associates were included. Burial was in **Congregation Anshe Tzaydik Cemetery, Rte. 209**, Wawarsing. Funeral arrangements were by *Joseph N. Garlick Funeral Home Inc.*, Ellenville. 

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