

Maury Kravitz, 82, dies

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Maurice (Maury) Kravitz, 82, champion of the Laguna Woods Village's bus patrons, died Dec. 12 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Estelle; four children, Carol, Kenneth, Steven and Jeffrey; and six grandchildren. Kravitz had a fourth son Norman who died in 1984.

A remembrance was held Sunday, Dec. 14. More than 100 people attended to celebrate his life and achievements in the community.

Maurice and Estelle moved to Laguna Woods Village in 1991.

Kravitz blazed a trail on both the Third and Golden Rain Foundation Boards and was an active member of nearly a score of Village clubs and organizations and a school outreach volunteer for the National Association of the Mentally Ill (for the families of persons with mental illnesses) all factors which earned him Leisure Worlder of the Month honors in September, 2002.

Kravitz took over the chairmanship of the bus utilization committee at a time when the group had little status and a new bus routing system was being rolled out for implementation. Although the plan was more than seven years in the making and had already been implemented for several days it had a fatal flaw – a 30 minute route turn around that was virtually impossible to achieve.

Rather than continue on with an unworkable plan, Kravitz made the decision to go back to the old bus routing system as soon as possible. The deed was accomplished in less than a week to the great relief of bus patrons.

Kravitz was born in New York, re-



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ceived his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from New York University's School of Commerce. He also attended NYU's graduate school of retailing. After service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he went into executive training for senior management positions and worked for major retail and specialty manufacturing apparel organizations including Highlander (sportswear), M'lady of California and Ko Ko Knits.

(See more on Maury Kravitz at our web site, www.ocregister.com/laguna-woods)