

## Remembering Marcel Farago



My uncle was a man of strong beliefs. His "formal education" was limited, but he was one of the smartest people I knew. He was extremely well-read, knew many different languages and was always seeking more knowledge. He thought things through. He was extremely opinionated. I personally LOVED to "argue" with him on a large variety of subjects. Sometimes we could sway the other; other times, we agreed to disagree on subjects.

Marcel was extremely thoughtful. He ALWAYS asked about people and their families. He loved to hear stories about how others are doing and kept up with about 50 different friends, regularly/routinely spoke with them.

Marcel was a very loyal man. He was generous, as well. He was caring. I lived with him the last 5 months of his life and really got to know him. There were NO subjects "off limits". We talked, fixed global problems, debated...

As I put my life on hold, Marcel knew and appreciated my efforts. He always made sure 100% of my wants and needs were met. He took me out to meals as best as he could (an enjoyment for both of us!). Occasionally, he had food delivered to his home. A big compliment to me was he LOVED my cooking!!! He was a vegetarian and I learned how to substitute meat for other proteins (i.e. Seafood, beans, etc). One of his favorite meals was homemade French onion soup, vegetarian. We had lobster, halibut, jumbo shrimp, scallops, salmon, etc, regularly. I made meal-sized salads that he loved (with homemade dressings).

Marcel's biggest fear in the end was dying alone. I assured him that would not happen... I would be with him, by his side, through his last breath. When death

was imminent, my husband (Bob) flew in from TX to help and join the family efforts. Marcel loved Bob! Bob loved Marcel.

Marcel never asked me to help him. It was clear that he NEEDED help. I could handle the situation and meet all of his needs. He was as happy as his situation allowed. He clearly loved me; as I loved him. We discussed end-of-life, death, his funeral and wishes. Without hesitation, he left this world a better place. He lived an amazing life and was a happy, successful man!!! □

### **Priscilla Daly**

Niece of Marcel Farago

Marcel Farago tells his life-story at his 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary (from minute 20)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQYNahx6QpM>

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### **Farago Marcel**

(1924, Timisoara – 2016, New Jersey, Statele Unite)

Studii la Bucureşti, iar după război, la profesori celebri, ca Gaspar Cassado în Siena, Italia si Pierre Fournier şi Paul Tortelier la Conservatoriul din Paris. În primul rând violoncelist, dar era de asemenea un pianist şi un dirijor apreciat. Înainte de război, fraţii Farago, Ernest, Marcel, si Frank, împreună cu tatăl lor, Ludovic, au format Quartetul Farago la Timişoara (1936-1940).

În anii războiului, în urma măsurilor antievreieşti, a fost trimis în diferite detaşamente de muncă obligatorie.

A fost violoncelist la Cape Town Orchestra, Africa de Sud, solist în Porto Alegre, Brazilia, iar în 1955 a fost angajat de dirijorul Eugene Ormandy la Philadelphia Orchestra (1956-1994). Compoziţii publicate şi înregistrate pe discuri si prezentate şi de Philadelphia Orchestra.

Marcel Farago la aniversarea de 90 de ani (de la minutul 20)

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Marcel Farago, 92, longtime cellist with Phila. Orchestra

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