



Simeon Grater

March 13, 1946 - November 8, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Simeon Grater

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – MURPHYSBORO

1421 Walnut Street, Murphysboro, Illinois

Simeon Jacob Elias Grater, of Carbondale, Illinois, passed away on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

He was born on March 13, 1946 to Louis and Fanny (Braun) Grater in New York City, New York. On January 18, 1970, he married Ruth Matluck.

Simeon was a graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He was a Board Certified, licensed Psychiatrist and practiced in Carbondale, and previously in Champaign-Urbana Illinois for over 40 years. Over the years he helped countless patients, friends and family with warmth and understanding. He was always willing and available to provide the support they needed.

He was a wonderful, devoted husband for 55 years. He was an avid fisherman, especially recently exploring Tenkara fly fishing. He enjoyed reading and biking, loved shopping, barbecuing, and was a sailing enthusiast for many years. He was the best Papa and adored his five grandchildren. He was a member of Congregation Beth Jacob since 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; children, Amy (Lance) Anders and Louis (Trina) Grater; and five grandchildren, Ayden Anders, Aubrey Anders, Hugo Grater, George Grater, and Roger Grater.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 10:00AM until 12:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home Murphysboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Good Samaritan Food Bank (Ministries) in Carbondale.

Crain Funeral Home in Murphysboro is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Crain Funeral Home - Downtown Murphysboro

1421 Walnut St

Murphysboro, IL 62966

(618) 684-2131

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I had the honor of being Simeon and Ruth's hairstylist for many years after Sharon Purcell moved away. It has been a grand experience and a great honor to know them both. There will be many things that he said to me that I will remember forever. He was a very amazing person and will be so missed by many! Blessings and love sent to the family. Jill Rogers

jill Rogers - November 13, 2025 at 08:22 AM

RF

“ Simeon will be greatly missed. His commitment to his patients and his family served as an inspiration to all of us. He lived life to the fullest. He and Ruth shared a special love for each other over more than 55 years. He always spoke so lovingly about her and their many adventures together. You have left quite a legacy! Our sincerest condolences to Ruth and the entire Grater family. Vicky & Ron Franks

Ron Franks - November 12, 2025 at 12:56 PM

JM

Dear Ruth,

I am so sorry about the loss of your Dear Simeon. Simeon was one of the best people I ever knew. He was my first cousin once removed. Both of us were psychiatrists and as you know, he was a Resident at The University of Rochester and I was an undergraduate there at the same time. We played tennis and recently I jokingly said he cheated. He said that was the only way he could beat me. He was better than me.

I remember going to your house off of Schnackel Drive.

When I had a kidney transplant in NJ 7 years ago, Simeon visited me in the hospital. Only a rare person does that. He also was very assertive with my incompetent doctor.

If I had a problem, Simeon was the first person I called.

Simeon was bright, humble, kind and so giving.

Ruthie, I will miss Simeon forever. I never thought he would pass. My thoughts are with you and you were both fortunate to have found each other.

Love,

Jeffrey Kargman MD

Jeffrey Kargman MD - January 08 at 11:04 PM

DR

“*Amy, I hope you and your family can find peace and comfort in his passing. Jeff and I are holding you in our hearts.*”

Donna Reedy - November 11, 2025 at 03:41 PM

MK

“*So sorry for your loss. I remember Dr. Grater when I worked at Carle Hospital 1981-1990. He was always kind and pleasant when seeing the hospitalized patients. May he rest in peace with his loved ones.*”

Maureen Klemme - November 11, 2025 at 12:15 PM