



# Leon Abraham Szyller

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Leon Abraham Szyller made his transition on Wednesday April 27, 2016 at the age of 88 in Covington, LA where he lived with his wife Bobette Rothenberg Szyller. Born in Bedzin, Poland on October 14th, 1927 to parents Chana and Solomon Szyller, he grew up in Paris, France with siblings Marcel, Maurice, and Rene Szyller. He left France during WWII, and lived in Philadelphia where he studied at Temple University. After serving in the US Army, he then settled in New Orleans with his then wife Emma Campbell Szyller. A graduate of Tulane University, he founded LAS Enterprises in 1957, a successful home improvement company of which he was President and CEO for over 30 years. He retired from LAS, returning to school to earn a PhD in psychotherapy. He began his own private practice, New Horizons Institute, treating clients as a therapist and practitioner of body-based therapy. Dr. Szyller was an active member of the Northshore Jewish Congregation serving a term as president. He was named Peoples Health Champion in 2013 in recognition of his numerous talks about his experience as a holocaust survivor. He was an avid reader, marathon runner, loved travelling the world, and was an advocate of holistic living, organic gardening, and country living. He is survived by wife Bobette; father to Anna Arshad, Marcel (Jane) and Rene Szyller (Mabel); stepfather to Donald Harwood (Charlotte), Dorothy Connell, Dwight Harwood (Kathryn), Dudley Harwood, Robin Graubarth, Jonathan Graubarth, and Heidi Vizelberg (Igor); grandfather to Nicole Szyller (Keshia), Leah Kahn, Kirk Kahn, James and John Zambon, Ella Graubarth (Miles), and Maxbetter Vizelberg; great grandfather to three, and great-great grandfather to one.

Services will be held at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Ave, Covington, LA 70433, Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 2:30pm with visitation from 1:30pm-2:30pm.



## Obituary

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In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Northshore Jewish Congregation and/or Congregation Gates of Prayer in Metairie.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Thursday**, April 28, 2016

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM CT

**E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**  
2260 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

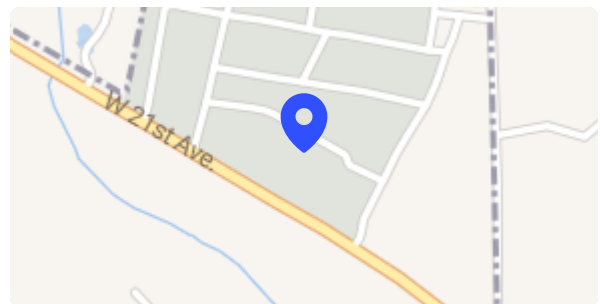


## Service

**Thursday**, April 28, 2016

2:30 PM CT

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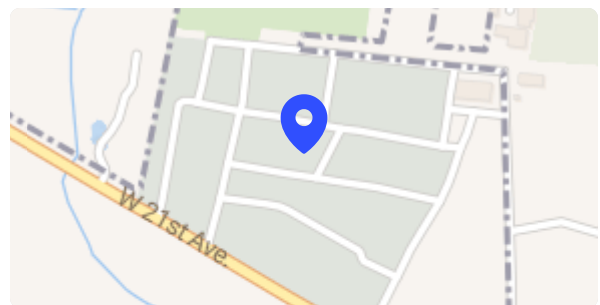


## Interment

**Thursday**, April 28, 2016

3:00 PM CT

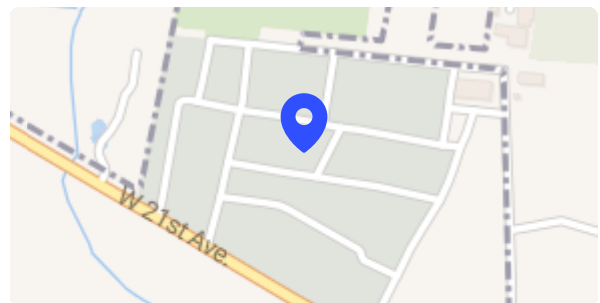
**Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory**  
2280 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433



## Cemetery Details

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**(985) 892-5007**





## Tribute Wall

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SZ

**Szyller** posted:

C était le frère de mon grand pèreJe suis Estelle szyller petite fille de Marcel Szyller

December 30 at 11:09 AM

SA

**S. Adams** posted:

You have my deepest condolences. May the God of all comfort give you the strength to carry on during this difficult time. Rev. 21:3-5

May 2 at 7:15 AM

LF

**Leza Frazee** posted:

I never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Szyller in person, however in what I know from Nicole, he was an incredible person. My thoughts are with the Szyller family during this time.

April 28 at 3:42 PM

AS

**Alain Szyller** lit a candle in honor of Leon.



April 28 at 2:34 PM



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AS

**Alain Szyller** posted:

So many memories I have a hard time selecting one. When I talk to people about Leon Abraham, I present him as my Guru and "role model" as you say in America. But he was and he is still forever more than that. He was first degree cousin of my late father and they were very close together. Leon Abraham is between a guru and a second father for me. I remember one thing, about so many others; we were together at the Cafe du Monde in New Orleans, it was in spring 2001, a jazz musician talk with us, he found that we looked so much alike that we were father and son. Abraham said that we were only cousins, to which the musician answered : " then you might have very strong genes!" Leon and I shared so many topics of interests, and he had been often guiding me, trying to transmit some of his rich and so valuable experience. I listen to him almost everyday, in a recorded tape for guided meditation. he is always with me. But both of us knew that nothing had to be taken too seriously, philosophy, spirituality were important, but also music, vodka , we had so much fun together. I also love so much his children, grand children, Bobette and her wonderful family. And yes, I need to thank especially Nicole , his so sweet grand daughter, who allowed me to talk (in french) with Abraham one last time, last Saturday, A qui vais-je pouvoir poser toutes mes questions, maintenant que tu es parti, mon Leon ? J'espere qu on parviendra encore a se parler .i apologize for that long text, but there is more than one book to write about such an amazing and exceptional, huge human being, a mensch . All my love to you and to your sweet, smart, funny and loving family. Alain Szyller

April 28 at 2:34 PM

JL

**Jan Lloyd** posted:

A beautiful tribute to a remarkable man. What a miraculous and fulfilling life he experienced. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Nicole and Rene, and the entire Szyller family. May God be with you during this difficult time and in the days to come.

April 28 at 4:45 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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