

# Bernard Eissenstat

December 9, 1927 – July 20, 2024

Bernard (Bernie) Eissenstat, 96, was born on December 9, 1927, in Rochester, NY, to Harry and Nellie Eissenstat and passed away in Alexandria, VA, on July 20, 2024. Bernie grew up in Rochester, along with his older brother, Paul Eissenstat, and two sisters, Lillian Pies and Sylvia Vicker. His most cherished legacy is the raising of his four sons, Eric, Edmund, Everett, and Ebert, as a single father. He served in the U.S. Army infantry from 1946-1948 when he was honorably discharged. In 1957, he received his bachelor's degree (with honors) in History from the University of Rochester, an M.A. in History from the University of Iowa, and a Ph.D. in 1967 in History and Political Science from the University of Kansas. He enjoyed teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in Western Civilization and Political Science at the University of Kansas, Northern Arizona University, and Oklahoma State University until his retirement in 1986. His specialties were Slavic and Soviet studies. He was the author of numerous articles and books, including a three-volume book on *Western Civilization* in 1962, *Lenin and Leninism: State, Law, and Society* (1971), and *The Soviet Union: The Seventies and Beyond* (1975). He was a member of Phi Alpha Theta (an American Honor Society) and the National Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha. He was an outstanding teacher and father. Bernie is survived by long-time friend and companion, Pat Davis, Alamo, TX; and by three sons: Eric, (Sandy), Oklahoma City; Edwin (Margo), Everett (Janet), and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Ebert, his parents, and his siblings. Following retirement, he moved to Rio Grande Valley .