

Obituaries

Sydney Nathan

Sydney Nathan, 63, president of King Records Inc., passed away Tuesday, March 5, at the Miami Heart Institute in Florida. His home here was at 6325 Elm View Place.

A native Cincinnati, Mr. Nathan began his career in the record business in 1938. When he opened Syd's Record Shop on Fifth Street, and sold used "hillbilly" records. During the early '40's, he went into the record-making business on his own, using second-hand equipment.

Although hampered by poor eyesight, Mr. Nathan built King Records into the nation's largest country and western recording firm, with annual production of six million records.

His greatest satisfaction came from his songwriting. Using a pseudonym, he created a number of songs which have become standards in the trade. These were published by one of King's 30 subsidiaries, Lois Publishing Co.

Mr. Nathan was active in numerous institutions and organizations, including Bob Hope House, American Field Service, Good Samaritan and St. Mary Hospitals, Girls Town of Covington, and Cincinnati Association of Parents and Teachers of Deaf Children.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Zella Nathan; a daughter, Mrs. Beverly Cook; a son, Nathaniel; a sister, Mrs. Saul (Dorothy) Halper, all of Cincinnati; a brother, Dr. David A. Nathan of Miami Beach; and one grandchild.

Rabbi Albert A. Goldman officiated at services at the Weil Funeral Home Thursday, March 7th. Interment was in Judah Touro Cemetery.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Heart Fund.

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