

# Services for Lowenstein Recall Activism of 1960's

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Members of the White House staff, the Cabinet and Congress joined Governor Carey, Mayor Koch and other New Yorkers yesterday in paying tribute to former Representative Allard K. Lowenstein.

A crowd of 2,000, many of them veterans of the civil rights and antiwar movements, attended a memorial service at Central Synagogue, Lexington Avenue at 55th Street.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Representative Paul N. McCloskey Jr. of California, Representative Andrew Jacobs Jr. of Indiana, Andrew Young, William F. Buckley Jr. and Douglas Lowenstein, nephew of Mr. Lowenstein were among those who eulogized the 1969-71 Democratic Representative from the South Shore of Long Island.

Mr. Lowenstein, who was 51 years old, died of gunshot wounds Friday night after seven shots were fired at him in his Manhattan office by Dennis Sweeney, one of his early associates in the civil rights campaigns. Mr. Sweeney, who had later differed with other activists including Mr. Lowenstein and had a history of mental illness, then put down his gun and waited for the police to arrest him.

## 'He Was a Brother'

Mr. Sweeney was indicted by a Manhattan grand jury yesterday on a second-degree murder charge, punishable by 15 years' to life imprisonment.

As a United States Representative, Mr. Lowenstein was entitled to interment in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, and he will be buried there today.

Senator Kennedy, describing Mr. Lowenstein as a "draftee to his own conscience," said: "I always thought that, somehow, he was too good for this world — and, in the end, the world broke him because he was the last friend left of a man scorned by everyone else."

Calling Mr. Lowenstein "more than a friend and counselor," Senator Kennedy said, "For me and so many others, he was a brother."

Attending from President Carter's administration were the Secretary of Transportation, Neil Goldschmidt; Anne Wexler, a Presidential assistant; Rick Herzberg, senior Presidential speechwriter; Sam Brown, a former antiwar colleague of Mr. Lowenstein who now heads the Peace Corps, and Marge Tobankin, head of Vista.

## 'A Gentle Tornado'

Representative Jacobs, who was associated with Mr. Lowenstein in the antiwar movement and received 1972 campaign backing from the antiwar Congressional Action Fund, described the late Congressman as "a gentle tornado" in political activism and the lives of his friends.

"He knew any demonstration for peace that was not peaceful was a public hypocrisy," Representative Jacobs said. "He lost a lot of elections but he won a lot of

hearts and, in the process, helped our country save its soul."

The memorial service was, in part, a sort of reunion of activists of the 1960's as well as of liberal Democrats with whom Mr. Lowenstein's affiliation went back to his early personal and political devotion to the late Eleanor Roosevelt.

Along with hundreds of veterans of the movements for voting rights for blacks and for American withdrawal from the Vietnam War, there were members of the Kennedy clan and Administration — including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and half a dozen sons and daughters of the late President John F. Kennedy and his brother, Robert. Mr. Lowenstein had been in the forefront of the 1968 movement to block the renomination of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

## Some Nostalgia and Humor

Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sat in a front pew across from Mr. Lowenstein's former wife and their three young children. And there was at least one Roosevelt — Franklin D. Roosevelt 3d, one of the ushers.

Nearly 500 of those who overflowed the synagogue's capacity, joined by lunchtime strollers, listened to the service over a sound system outside on East 55th Street, which was closed to traffic from Park Avenue to Third Avenue. They included Gloria Steinem, Borough President Andrew J. Stein of Manhattan and Carter Burden, who defeated Mr. Lowenstein for the 1978 Democratic nomination to the House from Manhattan's East Side.

There were many moments of humor, nostalgic recollection and gently leashed sentiment as the decade-older students of the 1960's and other participants in the protest movements, North and South, sang their songs and welcomed their political heroes as well as each other.

In an echo from the past, Peter Yarrow and Mary Travers — of the former politically conscious trio of Peter, Paul and Mary — sang "Amazing Grace," joined by Harry Chapin, who had worked and sung in Mr. Lowenstein's political campaigns and said of him, "He gave himself to you in chunks and bunches."

Mr. Young, the early Southern civil rights activist who more recently headed the United States delegation to the United Nations, said, "Al exemplified what the prophets of the Old Testament might have done if they had lived in our time."

Mr. Buckley, the Conservative writer and editor, was among those attending in the "representative spectrum" described by Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.