

Fred Feldman
1926 - 2019

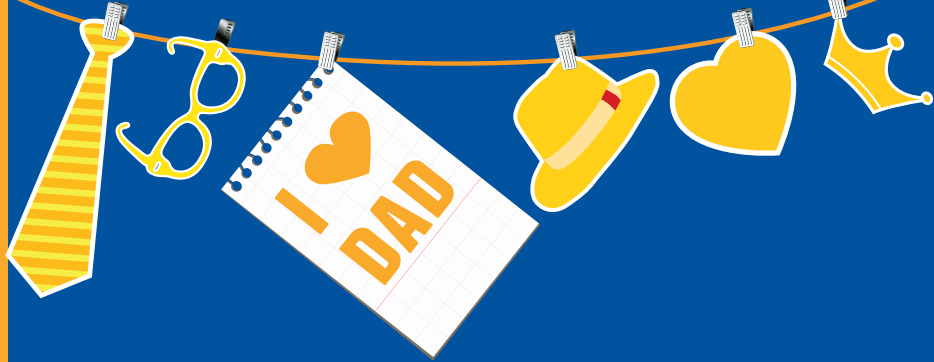
Husband, father, sailor, New York City firefighter, tireless community advocate, and a long-time president of the Friends of the Key Largo Library, Fred Feldman died on Saturday, May 11th at age 93, at the home of his daughter, Nina Smiley.

In 1977, Fred retired to Key Largo to sail with his beloved wife Frieda.

His love of books led him to facilitate the development of the Key Largo Library, from three small rooms of donated paperbacks to a large and world-class community institution.

A founding member of the Latitude 25 Writer's Group Fred was a prolific writer of short stories and author of "Tales from Engine 281."

A Little Father's Day History



Sonora Louise Smart Dodd first brought up the idea of a father's day in 1909. She wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart.

When Sonora's mother died in childbirth with her sixth child, William was left to raise the newborn and five other children by himself on a farm in Washington state. As an adult, Sonora realized how strong and unselfish her dad had been raising his kids as a single parent.

Sonora wanted Father's

Day to be celebrated on the first Sunday in June, because it was close to her dad's birthday. Instead, the first Father's Day celebration took place on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington.

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson made the third Sunday of June Father's Day.

It wasn't until 1972 that President Richard Nixon made Father's Day a national holiday - about 60 years after Mother's Day had been made a national holiday.



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