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Remembering Erving Goffman

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Mark Piliavin, son of Irving Piliavin, Erving Goffman's colleague and friend, offered this memoir and approved its posting in the Goffman Archives.

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The only thing I remember and Neal does also, is going to the movies with Neal, Dad and Erving Goffman. We are in this ridiculously long line, and Erv says, "I can't believe we're standing in line with all these pricks." Pretty funny when you only 15 or so. The times I remember seeing him, he never smiled, and always had a scowl on his face. I remember being somewhat afraid of him. Now, I'd tell him to kiss my ***.

Sincerely,

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