



Allen Herbert Levine

November 28, 1930 - September 29, 2020

Our father, Allen Levine, passed away peacefully on September 29 at Kansas City Hospice House. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on November 28, 1930 to Manuel and Sylvia Levine as the second of four children. He attended Paseo High School where he played basketball, loved Spanish class, and met the love of his life, Donna Aaron. He and Donna shared 47 years of marriage, complete with extreme devotion for one another. Allen took care of Donna's every wish, including grocery shopping and cooking. When she became ill in 1992, Allen cared for her dutifully until she passed away in 1998.

Over the years, he was involved in B'nai Brith and enjoyed the ROMEO's weekly gatherings. He was a member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. He loved to play golf, go bowling, play in his weekly poker and pitch nights, and, of course, watch every Chiefs and Royals game for over 40 years. He was often found with his characteristic cigar hanging out of his mouth, even to the end.

Allen's father died at an early age and he had to be the "breadwinner" for his mom and three siblings for many years while growing up. He was a furrier and then a successful life and health insurance salesman. As the top salesman for National Health Insurance Agency several years, he traveled to Europe and throughout the United States as a company representative. He was even invited to the White House to meet with President Nixon as a consultant on Medicare/insurance related issues.

Allen and Donna had three children, Rochelle, Mitchell, and Stuart. He attended all of their events, drove them wherever they needed to go, and never missed an opportunity to take them out to dinner. The kids would ride around with him after school while he made his insurance calls and then out to dinner the family would go. Some of his favorite spots were Allen's Drive In, Arthur Bryants, Blenders, Wishbone, and Winsteads.

Allen is survived by three children, Rochelle Kanter (Ed), Mitch Levine (Mitch Bronson), and Stuart A. Levine and his dog, Harvey. All of his grandchildren and great grandchildren called him "Pa". He adored and shined his love on his grandchildren: Jessica Kalender-

Rich (Adam Rich), Jennifer Fletcher (Lowell), Shane Kanter (Julia), Jillian Maynard (Bryan), Sean Levine, and Amanda Harper (Matt). He also was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren who loved to climb up on his knee while he sat in his recliner chair. Their names are Yonatan, Eliezer, Shua and Devora Hannah Rich, Kaitlyn and Brady Coulis, Hadley and Easton Harper, Dov and Elon Fletcher, and Mayer Kanter who shared our dad's Hebrew name. He is survived by his sister, Linda Hyken, and his sister-in-law, Loretta Levine. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Manuel and Sylvia Levine, brothers Jerry Levine and Harvey Levine, brother-in-law Harvey Hyken, sister-in-law Linda Levine, and his beloved wife Donna Levine.

The family wants to extend a special thank you to Dr. Don Cohen for always picking up the phone when Dad called and always taking care of him, no matter how grumpy he was. Thank you also to his caregivers Sean (his nephew), Emma, Renika, and Robert. A special thank you to Stuart (his son) for managing the care team and helping him through many rough nights.

In his memory, Big Al would want you to kick back and enjoy a cigar on his behalf. A private funeral will be held graveside at Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

Events

OCT **Zoom Graveside Service** 12:00PM

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Please call funeral home for Zoom information.
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OCT **Private family service**

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Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery
1901 S. Blue Ridge Blvd., Independence, MO, US

Comments



“ #1 My heartfelt condolences go out to Rochelle, Mitchell , Stuart and all the grandchildren .From the Day I was born, it has always been ... Uncle Al and truly he and Donna were like Aunts and Uncles to myself, my sister, and Aunt Barbara and Uncle Mikes 3 children . He was a man of impressions as once you Met Al Levine you never forgot him.. A provider, good husband and devoted father, a good friend to many and part time comic. I will always cherish my younger years with Uncle Al and his family .

A man of character and devotion. Rest in Peace Uncle Al , you were a major part of my life as a child and young man and I am proud and fortunate to say so .

Mitch Gale

Mitch Gale - October 14, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Allen and I went to Paseo high school together and played basketball together and smoked cigars together and played poker together. He was one of the nicest guys I've ever known and when he gave you his word that he was going to perform a special task, he never went back on his promise. Though I hadn't seen Allen in many years, I do remember the last time I saw him when he offered me a cigar and always asked about my family.

Marvin Fremerman - October 10, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ Gary and I were so sorry to hear about you loss. Our thoughts are with all of you.

Lynn Singer - October 10, 2020 at 01:59 PM



“ Mitch, Rochelle & Ed and Stuart: We were so saddened to learn of your dad's passing. WE hope the memories you hold of him will serve to comfort you. May his memory be blessing.



Ruth Bigus - October 03, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ Rochelle, Stuart and fami

Our sincere condolences to you and the entire family.. Including Harvey,, vthe dog.



Larry and Randi Haith - October 01, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ Phyllis Arenson lit a candle in memory of Allen Herbert Levine



Phyllis Arenson - October 01, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ Our condolences to the entire family. May Al's memory be for a blessing. His legacy will be an inspiration for generations. Bev and Joel Levine

Joel Levine - October 01, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Donna and Al were a big part of my growing up years in KCMO, as my parents best friends. We shared family vacations together, Sunday night dinners at Allen's or Putsch's, and many other family events. Of course, the cigar was always a fixture, I never saw him without. In later years, he gave my son Seth a nickname of "Starkey" and it stuck. It is a tribute to the loving care of his family that he was not alone in his later years. Big Al will be missed, our sympathy to all of the family.

sherri rojhani - October 01, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Our sincerest sympathy for your loss
Leah and Lenny Bassin



Leonard Bassin - October 01, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ To the family: So sorry for your loss. Barbara Jones

Barbara Jones - September 30, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Dear dear family. We send our heartfelt condolences to all of you we have known virtually as extended family or dear long- time friends. Seymour remembers him from school as math genius. Al was larger than life and we cannot think of him without that big cigar in his mouth. May only happiest of times be those memories you cherish.

Felicia Weiner - September 30, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Our Pa



Julia - September 30, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Donna,al and barbara and I were friends for 60 plus years. We ate together,we vacationed together,we stayed up till 3 am playing canasta. Al use to bring lunch,Dixons chili mostly, to my office and we would sit in my office and eat. Then the 4 of us would have dinner at Blenders or Johnny Loos, Italian gardens and etc. The four of us were inseparable for many years. AL WAS A DEVOTED FAMILY guy and a loyal friend. He will always be in my thoughts an d memories. There is only one close friend like him in life and will always be cherished. We have lost a very true and wonderful couple as they were. Our hearts will be saddened forever. He will be missed by his family. Goodbye to our friend. Mike and Barbara levine

mike levine - September 30, 2020 at 08:21 PM



“ To Al's Family: My sincere condolences on Al's passing. He was truly a one of a kind person who had deep love for his family and will be missed.

Bruce Baker

Bruce Baker - September 30, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ Sweet memories of a magnanimous man who loved family, chewed cigars, and live life fully and always with a smile.



ileene and steven simon - September 30, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ We have such great memories of Allen (and Donna). He always greeted us with a big smile and his great sense of humor. Sending prayers for strength and love as you remember him. Zichrono Livracha, we know his memory will always be a blessing and a comfort. With great fondness from your cousins in NM, David & Barbara Finn

Barbara R Finn - September 30, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Dear Rochelle, Mitch, Sean, Jillian, Amanda and family,

We hope that good memories of Al will help you at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lee and Sunie Levin

Sunie Levin - September 30, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ To Al's Family: We know you've lost your father, and we have lost a friend of many, many years. We've socialized with your parents for over 60 years. May his memory be for a blessing! Beryl & Richard Silberg

Beryl Silberg - September 30, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Rochelle, Jessica & Adam, sending our condolences to you all upon the death of your dad & grandfather Sorry we didn't have the opportunity to meet such a wonderful person.
Donna & Steve Hess

Donna & Steve - September 30, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Phyllis and Leonard Arenson

Phyllis Arenson - October 01, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss. May he RIP.

Davida Singer Pessen

Davida Singer Pessen - October 06, 2020 at 10:25 PM