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Our sweet mother, grandmother, bubbie, aunt, sister and friend, Betty Wacknov Price, passed away on Friday morning, November 28, 2014, two days after her 89th birthday. Funeral services will be held on Sunday morning, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. at Louis Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Carmel Cemetery with lunch following at the home of Betty's daughter and son-in-law, hosted by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Betty was the third of six children and was born on Thanksgiving day, November 26, 1925, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Sadie and Alex Wacknov. She attended Kansas City Missouri public schools and graduated from Central High School in 1942. Betty attended Kansas City Junior College and worked in her family's business, American Wiper and Waste Mills, now American Textile. She was a whiz with numbers and continued to balance her checkbook down to the last penny without using a calculator last month!

In 1946, Betty's cousin, a matchmaker extraordinaire, Madeline Koenigsdorf, introduced her to a dashing young Sooner from Miami, Oklahoma. Elmer Price was Bob Koenigsdorf's fraternity brother, a Phi Beta Delta at OU, and Betty was smitten! On their first date, they went to the Plaza Theatre for a movie but left shortly after the show started and spent the entire evening at Putch's 210, getting acquainted. Betty and Elmer married in 1948 at her parents' home on 56th Street. They enjoyed a lifelong friendship with the Koenigsdorf family, the Leskys, the Bells and the Dorfmans, and together, they celebrated many New Years' Eves and lifecycle events.

Elmer started a textile distribution business, American White Goods Company, and Betty was a stay-at-home mom with their three children, Gayle, Marc and Louis. She loved cooking and participating in their children's activities including Cub and Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts and PTA.

Betty had a lifelong love of learning and rediscovered her Jewish heritage, which was ingrained by her parents, in the early 60's. She returned to college and graduated from UMKC with a degree in Judaic Studies. She was a proud Hebrew and Sunday School teacher at several area congregations, including Kehilath Israel Synagogue, where her father, Alex, was a founding member. She loved Judaism with a passion, kept a kosher home and let her faith be her guide through every decision, big and small. She was loyal to a fault, a kind and sweet soul, and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy! Betty hosted many memorable family gatherings at her home, which was always full of love.

After Elmer passed away in 2010, Betty moved to The Atriums where she was treated like royalty by Lucille and her marvelous staff. She loved the yummy mealtimes, the ice cream parlor treats, Shabbat Services and movies. She was a true-blue Royal fan and watched every game, this and every season. She treasured her Friday afternoons with Edith, her friend and hairdresser. Her family is extremely grateful to Dr. Harish Ponnuru, who cared for her like she was his family and to Randy Bloch and the wonderful caregivers at Enhanced Health Care.

Betty was predeceased by her parents, Alex and Sadie, her husband, Elmer, and her brother and sister-in-law, Natalie Wacknov and Leonard Wacknov. She is survived by her beloved brothers and sister and their spouses and partners: Paul Wacknov and Marilyn Hoffman, Donna and Sam Zavelo, Myrna and Jerry Wacknov and Chris and David Wacknov. She leaves her children and their partners: Gayle and Bruce Krigel, Marc Price and Leslee Gottlieb, and Louis Price and Durwin Rice; her grandchildren: Shanti and Eliyahu Krigel, Emily and Todd Spector, Ashley Jonas, Evan Price and Jenny Rubin, Alex Price, Stephanie and Jeffrey Krigel and Aaron Price; and her great-grandchildren: Isaiah Kavod Moshe Krigel, Kaela Grace Krigel, Jack Fox Jonas, Arlena Price Jonas, Amelia Rose Krigel and Zoey Lillian-Kaye Spector; along with many wonderful and precious nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty was a kind and gentle person. She always accepted what life presented her without complaint. Betty was never demanding and never said a cross or unkind word about anyone. She was always the peacemaker in the family, a trait that she learned from her mother, Sadie.

Betty was very practical, and although she thought flowers were beautiful, she did not think they were a wise expense. If you would like to make a donation in her memory, Kehilath Israel Synagogue was very important to her along with the Jewish Community Center, where she was recently recognized as 2014's longest standing member, or please

feel free to make a contribution to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Events

**Mt. Carmel
Cemetery**
5529 Ditzler
Avenue
Raytown, MO,

NOV 30 Funeral 10:00AM

Louis Memorial Chapel
6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

NOV 30 Shiva 04:30PM

The Atriums, 7300 W. 107th St, Overland Park, KS 66212
KS, US

DEC 1 Shiva 07:00PM

at the home of Gayle and Bruce Krigel. Please call the funeral
home for more information.
MO, US

Comments



“ Betty and K.I. We're one and the same. My daughters gained much in their love of Judaism from her. We shall all truly miss her.

Felicia and Seymour Weiner - December 03, 2014 at 05:27 PM



“ She helped teach so many of us at K.I. the aleph bet. Whenever any of us say a prayer in Hebrew, the voice that comes out of us is partly hers.

Allison Bell - December 01, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ I remember playing with their St Bernard many times and Betty would always ask about and liked hearing how I loved the Hebrew Academy. Her brothers, Paul, Jerry and David, These are people of the highest caliber. I'm so sorry because the world lost a good person, but I am happy when I think of the rich meaningful life that Betty had. Betty's kindness to all the people she came in contact with, will have lasting effects for many more generations to come of that I am sure.

Allan Cohen

My other claim to fame:) Ester and Dave's Soloff's grandson, Sally Cohens son, Gene Soloff's nephew

allan cohen - December 01, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Betty at the Atriums where she was a regular participant at our modified yoga classes and balance classes. Her attendance at Atriums Shabbat Services always added to our community energy. She was a sweet person and will surely be missed by all her friends and family.

Madeline Silver - November 30, 2014 at 09:04 PM



“ Gayle and family, My mother and I send our condolences on the passing of your mother. May she rest in peace.

Annette Haynes and Hanorah Goldenberg

Annette Haynes - November 30, 2014 at 05:39 PM



“ Dear Gayle, Bruce, and family,
Lenny and I are in Memphis, and won't be back in time to attend the service or Shiva. We are so sorry for your loss! Please know that we are thinking of you during this very difficult time. Love, Lisa and Lenny Cohen

Lisa Cohen - November 30, 2014 at 04:35 PM



“ Gayle, Louis and Marc

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. I still come back to the old neighborhood and smile thinking of the fond memories of our childhood together. And then our families came together and that bond continued. I am so glad I got to see you all and your mom on one of my recent trips home. Know that I have you in my thoughts at this time. So many memories. So many blessings.

Maxine

Maxine Brand - November 30, 2014 at 04:24 PM



“ I Met Betty many years ago when we were taking courses in Hebrew to enrich our knowledge. We talked and studied together for a number of years. I also knew her and her sweet husband Elmer from all the good times my Aunt Betty and Uncle Lou Lesky spent with them. I am so very sorry about you loss and remember her so very fondly.
Janet Price

Janet Price - November 30, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ Gayle, I think of how nice your mother was to me when I was a little girl and know you must miss her terribly. It is so hard to lose your mom. With deepest sympathy,
Joanie

Joan Langworthy Tomek - November 29, 2014 at 05:59 PM



“ Marc and family, Phil and I send our condolences on the loss of your mother. She sounded like a very special woman.

marie koffman - November 29, 2014 at 03:35 PM



“ Gayle and family - Hildy and I are so sorry for your loss. May Betty's memory be for a blessing.

Joel Goldman - November 28, 2014 at 10:42 PM



“ Thinking about you at this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Debra & Stu Goldstein and Family

Debra Goldstein - November 28, 2014 at 10:14 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Betty in the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Auxiliary for many years. She was a bright and caring woman. Betty was dedicated to perpetation of the school and all that is stood for. She will be sorely missed.
Rickie Haith

Rickie Haith - November 28, 2014 at 09:06 PM



“ I am so going to miss Betty. She and I had a sweet bond. We could talk about so many things. We shared a passion for the Kansas City Royals, musicals on TV and kosher. May her memory be for a blessing.

Leslee Gottlieb - November 28, 2014 at 06:26 PM