



Charles Megerman

March 22, 1947 - July 14, 2014

Charles Megerman, 67, of Overland Park, KS, passed away Monday, July 14, 2014 at his home. Funeral services will be at 1:00pm Tuesday, July 15, at The Louis Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Sheffield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Beth Israel Abraham & Voliner Synagogue or the Jewish National Fund. Charles was born March 22, 1947 in Paris, France, the son of Joseph and Sarah (Winerib) Megerman and moved with his family to New York in 1951 at the age of four. His mother survived Auschwitz and was liberated by the Russian Army. His father was in a prisoner of war camp in Germany and was liberated by the United States. They then met in France. Charles received his BA in English Literature from Park University in 1968. Charles then received his Master's Degrees in English Literature, Counseling and Guidance and Public Administration from UMKC. He was a licensed Psychologist in the State of Missouri. After graduating college, Charles served as a Vista Volunteer in Chicago for two years. He worked for the Jackson County Department of Corrections for twenty-three years and eventually became Executive Director of the Jackson County Jail for thirteen of the twenty three years. After leaving the Jackson County Jail, he went to work for the Kansas City Community Center (substance abuse & offender reintegration), for fifteen and a half years. Charles was a proud liberal Democrat and a diehard Yankee's fan.

He was a member of Beth Israel Abraham & Voliner Synagogue.

He loved jogging and exercise in general, loved to fish, vegetable gardening, chess, was an avid reader, enjoyed movies, and loved cruises and other travel, particularly to Hawaii and Israel.

Charles was a dedicated blood donor, donating nearly eleven gallons, because, in his words, "it was easy to do and helped a lot of people."

He was a good griller of hamburgers, steak, chicken, hot dogs and vegetables.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Esther Megerman; daughters and sons-in-law: Rachel and Michael Coleman, Kansas City, KS; Eliana Megerman and Michael Merdinger, Modiin, Israel; Shira Megerman, Gainesville, FL; son and daughter-in-law: Joseph and Alice Megerman, Overland Park, KS; brother and sister-in-law: Jacques and Susan Szaluta, Westbury, NY; grandchildren: Mikey, Aaron and Allen Coleman; Nehemiah, Lital and Ariella Merdinger; Golda

Megerman and his mother-in-law: Taisa Simon.

Events

JUL **Chapel** 01:00PM

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Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

JUL **Shiva** 06:40PM

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at home of Esther Megerman. Please call funeral home for additional information

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JUL **Shiva** 07:00AM

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Comments



“ Esther,
The Talmud teaches us that there are two components th the healing process. The first is it cry,grieve, and mourn. The second is to move on, let go and look forward with hope streng, and optimism. May you be blessed with the ability to move on and move into a world of action to help create a brighter tomorrow.
Sonny & Max Singer

Sonny Singer - August 17, 2014 at 09:09 PM



“ Esther, Shira, Joseph and family,

Learning of Charles' passing came as such a shock. I can't express how sorry I am for your loss. Some of my fondest childhood memories were spent in your warm home and I will always remember Charles' sense of humor, kind demeanor and nice smile. I'm truly grateful to have known him. Wishing you strength and sending love from CA.



Tovah Simon - July 29, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ Esther and family, I was sadden to hear of Chuck's passing recently. It's been said that if you wish to live long, serve. Chuck's life of devotion lives on in us all. He was a fine man and servant-leader of the highest caliber. My condolences to you and your family, Scott Halter

Scott Halter - July 27, 2014 at 11:02 PM



“ Esther and family,
I just learned of Chuck's passing and wanted to say how deeply sorry I am. I always enjoyed talking to him at Park and know what a good man he was.....
God Bless and keep him and you.
Jay Flaherty

Jay Flaherty - July 27, 2014 at 09:25 AM



“ I just learned of Charles' death. I am so sorry! I worked with Charles at Jackson County when I worked for Jackson Co Prosecutor Albert Riederer. Jail overcrowding was a constant topic involving the jail, our office, the courts, public defender, etc. When I married a Jewish man, Charles gave informal advice to me on converting to Judaism. I would occasionally see him at Hen House, and loved catching up with him. What a good, good man--I am so glad I got to know him, and send his beloved family my sincerest condolences. Cynthia Wendt

Cynthia Wendt - July 25, 2014 at 07:55 PM



“ Charles was a friend from long ago- and he was always a Mensch!
R.I.P.
Condolences to Esther and the Megerman family.

Gary and Jan Glauberman

Gary Glauberman - July 20, 2014 at 05:55 PM



“ We have been out of the city and I just heard of the passing of Charles. Please accept my deepest sympathy on your great loss. I enjoyed working with Charles in the early restoration of Sheffield Cemetery. He was truly a caring and thoughtful gentleman. May his memory be for a blessing.
Rickie Haith, President, Friends of Sheffield Cemetery

Rickie Haith - July 17, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ Dear Megerman Family...I was deeply saddened to hear of Charles' passing. I met and worked with him in 1974-75 and remember him well by his humor, compassion, dedication to helping others and of course his rich and wonderful New York City Bronx brogue.

He was undoubtedly a righteous person...a good man and after 40 years very hard to forget for his kindness and compassion. My thoughts and prayers to Esther and his family.

Dan Willig
Kansas City

Daniel Willig - July 16, 2014 at 06:40 PM



“ Dear Esther and Family,
We have such fond and happy memories of Charles. His sense of humor and gentle smile were gifts that always made us feel special. I often sat with Charles on Shabbos – where we would speak Yiddish to each other and discuss the world's problems (always with a tilt to the left). We will always cherish these precious memories. He was special in so many ways, including his ability to say candidly say whatever was on his mind. We will miss him dearly. Please know, that although far away... our thoughts and prayers are with you. May his memory be for a blessing and may you be comforted among the mourners of Tziyon and Jerusalem.
“HaMakom yenachem et'chem b'toch shar avay'lay Tzion vee'Yerushalayim”

Les and Linda Cohn
Boynton Beach, Florida

Les & Linda Cohn - July 16, 2014 at 02:08 PM



“ Esther, Rachel, Eliana, Joseph and Shira, please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of your husband and father. Charles was unlike any other, a man who could make anyone feel comfortable around him and put a smile on anyone's face. May his memory be a blessing to everyone who knew him.

- Shira Newman



Shira Newman - July 16, 2014 at 12:17 PM



“ Dear Esther and Family - I just heard that Charles had passed and I as others will miss him. You two were constant companions in college and thru life. This is another reminder that life is short and full of twists and turns. I am thinking of you. G-d bless - Herbert Siegel

Herbert Siegel - July 16, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ Dear Esther and family
We are so sorry for your loss. May his name always be for a blessing.
Sam and Dana Nachum

Dana Nachum - July 16, 2014 at 08:22 AM



“ Please accept our condolences on a loss of a wonderful man. May his soul rest in peace.

Ella Mullokandova - July 15, 2014 at 10:46 PM



“ Our condolences to the whole family. My memory of Charles will always be his commitment to his family, his community, and all of klal yisrael, especially erez yisrael. May you be comforted among the mourners of Tziyon.
From the Howleys

Rivka Howley - July 15, 2014 at 09:37 PM



“ Esther, Joe, Shira, and family-
We are very sorry to hear about Charles' passing. We are thinking of your family during this tough time.
Love,
Jeremy, Julie, & Goldie Krashin

Jeremy Krashin - July 15, 2014 at 05:55 PM



“ Dear Esther and extended family,

I want to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of a husband, brother, and grandpa.
He fought the hardest battle a person could, and he did it with his head held high, rolling with all the punches. May his name be a blessing. Time will heal.
Best,
Janet R. Shaw

Janet R. Shaw - July 15, 2014 at 05:17 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Esther and the entire Megerman family. It was a beautiful service filled with so much love and humor. So many family and friends coming together to say goodbye and share wonderful memories of such a kind, compassionate and genuine individual. Wishing you all comfort during this difficult time... Diana Newman

Diana Newman - July 15, 2014 at 03:29 PM



“ Dear Esther and family,
We are very sorry to hear that Charles has passed away. I followed your facebook posts and realized he had not been well. Please know that our thoughts are with you at this sad time.
Your old camp friends,
Marilyn Steinzeig and Pam
Cindy Cohen and Ashley
Steve Steinzeig and family

Cindy Cohen - July 15, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ I am incredibly grateful to have known Charles though my work. He could always be counted on as an ally and we worked together on several shared issues. As we got to know each other, he once paid me an incredible compliment. He said that if we had been the same age (I am 51) and had known each other then, we would have gotten into a lot of trouble together! Many, many people are blessed for having known Charles. Peace and blessings to your family. Bruce Eddy



Bruce Eddy - July 15, 2014 at 01:26 PM



“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Love to all, Deborah Mellicker

deborah mellicker - July 15, 2014 at 12:35 PM



“ There are people who come into your life and you feel so blessed to have had a chance to know them. Charles was such a person. He will be very missed. May his emory be for a blessing. Esther, Rachel, Eliana, Joseph, and Shira you are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all so very much.
Dana Horesh

David Horesh - July 15, 2014 at 11:42 AM



“ When a man like Charle dies, it calls for the words, "Baruch Dayan Emet". During his illness, he fought the good fight. Esther, take comfort from the 44 years you had with Charlie. As well as being a good husband, Charlie was a good father and a good friend. The most lasting memory for us is the year when gardener Charlie brought late season green tomatoes. Jackye pickled them and split the finished product with him. The deal satisfied them both.

May his memory be for a blessing.

Jackye and Alan Goldberg

Jackye and Alan Goldberg - July 15, 2014 at 11:33 AM



“ When a man like Charlie dies, the words, "Boruch Dayan Emet " cover the why behind this event. During his illness, he fought the good fight. Esther, you can take comfort from the 44 years you and Charlie had together. Charlie was not only a good husband, he was also a good father and a good friend. For us, aside from shul, the most lasting memory is the year gardener Charlie brought late season green tomatoes for Jackye to pickle. He supplied the tomatoes and in exchange, Jackye gave him half of the pickled tomatoes. That deal satified both of them.

May his memory be for a blessing,

Alan and Jackye Goldberg

Jacky and Alan Goldberg - July 15, 2014 at 11:16 AM



“ I met Charles during his time of working at KCCC and served with him on committees. He was always kind and considerate of others thoughts and views, a true gentleman. His thoughts were always of the group and not of himself or just his view. I enjoyed working with him and visiting with him. He helped to make lasting positive changes for the people he served through dedicated measured and timed methods. Comforting thoughts for his family in their loss.....

Catie Alexander - July 15, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ Dear Esther & family,

Our deepest condolences to you and your family.

Ed & Irene Blend

Irene Blend - July 15, 2014 at 10:04 AM



“ Esther--By chance I picked up the Star this morning and saw Charles' obituary. I did not know he had been ill. I am very ashamed that I was not aware and very sad that that he is gone, though not from heart and memory. I will see if I can quickly make arrangements to come, but may not be able to. If not, please know that Karen and I enjoyed him very much and you and he and the kids are in our thoughts and prayers.

Dennis Taylor

Dennis Taylor - July 15, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ Rachel lit a candle in memory of Charles Megerman



rachel - July 15, 2014 at 08:53 AM



“ Dear Esther and family,
My deep condolences to you and the family on the passing of Charles! I was always so glad to see and visit with the two of you. Charles was a very sweet and dear person who will be missed by so many. It was a pleasure getting to know him, even though it was late in his life. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Evy Tilzer

Evy Tilzer - July 15, 2014 at 12:07 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Janie Epstein - July 14, 2014 at 10:34 PM



“ May his memory be a blessing

Barb and Ron Bronstein

Barb and Ron Bronstein - July 14, 2014 at 08:43 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of the passing of Charles. Our thoughts and prays to your family.

Sara Yukon - July 14, 2014 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Megermans,
I'm so sorry for your loss and for the pain Charles endured for the last 18 months. He was a wonderful caring person.
Steve & Karen Rothstein

Steve Rothstein - July 14, 2014 at 05:43 PM



“ My greatest memory of Charles was Sitting on a outdoor bench and sharing stories back and forth as we watch our children play sports at the J pass 25 yrs. My heart is heavy by this very sad news. May Charles memory be for many blessings. G-d bless all of his family and loved ones.
Michele Magariel and family.

Michele Magariel - July 14, 2014 at 05:14 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the entire family. Meat his memory be for a blessing.

Randi and Larry Haith.

Larry Haith - July 14, 2014 at 04:45 PM



“ Much affection for Charles leaves us with much sorrow for his illness and passing. We never thought of him in any way but kindly. Sending condolences to Esther and all the family, and wishing comfort of happy memories to all who feel his loss.

Mark Edelman and karin lichterman - July 14, 2014 at 04:42 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of the death of Charles. We are in Michigan so will not be with you but will send you positive healing thoughts and prayers.

donna and joel krichiver - July 14, 2014 at 04:17 PM



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Louis Memorial Chapel - July 14, 2014 at 03:51 PM



“ Baruch Dayan haEmet. Our hearts are with you and the family. We will always be thankful for our visit in Yerushalayim.

Shlomo Fisherowitz - July 14, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you Esther and Aliyana and the rest of your family. You are in our prayers!.

George and Molly Varghese.

molly varghese - July 14, 2014 at 03:18 PM



“ Over the literal decades of our relationship, the very fondest memory is the smile he could create on each person's face in his company.
This memory is a blessing that most of us would only hope for.

Frank Loeffler - July 14, 2014 at 03:14 PM



“ Deepest sympathies to you, Esther and your wonderful children and grandchildren. You are in our prayers!

Lana R. Barnett - July 14, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ Esther and family, My heart is saddened by the passing of your beloved Charles. He fought so hard to try to beat the battle of this treasured disease. My love is with you. May his memory be for a blessing.

Marlene

Marlene Krakow - July 14, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ To the Megerman family, Charles was a True Mensch. My family will always remember him fondly. His memory will be for a blessing. Mary Covitz & family

mary covitz - July 14, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ Esther and family: No greater tribute can be said other than Charles was a kind man who truly was a mensch. We shall miss his gentle ways and sincerity in his interest in others. May you soon remember only the happiest of times.

Felicia and Seymour Weiner - July 14, 2014 at 03:26 PM