



## EDWIN MILFORD KRIGEL

August 8, 1924 - January 19, 2018

Edwin Krigel, 93, lifelong resident of Kansas City, died on January 19, 2018 at Village Shalom, Overland Park, KS. He was born Aug. 8, 1924 in K.C., MO, to Ruth Milgram Krigel & Solomon Krigel. The 2nd of four children (Geraldine Salvay, Richard Krigel, Phyllis Rips), he grew up during the Great Depression, and learned from his parents the importance of working hard, being charitable, and helping others. He graduated from Paseo High School and U. of Illinois (1945; mechanical engineering). After college, he served in the U.S. Army for several months until World War II ended. Stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, he interviewed new recruits about their skills & work experience. Because his father died from diabetes while Ed was in college, he chose after the war to help his mother operate the family's jewelry business, Krigel's Diamond Shop, a vocation he enjoyed. He & his brother Richard later purchased the store from their family. Ed continued to own & operate a jewelry store on the corner of 10th & Main in K.C., MO, Krigel's Diamonds & Jewels, until the early 1980s. Subsequently, he became a commercial realtor, broker, & developer until his 80s.

He was married in 1956 to Barbara Rosenfeld, & had a daughter, Joanne "Jody" Cosner. In 1960 he was re-married to Barbara Oppenheimer, "the love of his life." They had two children, Stuart & Sheila, whom they raised in Leawood, KS. Ed & Barbara both worked in their jewelry store, and the children helped out on weekends from a young age. Ed particularly enjoyed helping young couples select and design engagement & wedding rings, while Barbara ran the office. The children fondly remember the multi-ethnic staff and clientele at the jewelry store, in a Kansas City that was mostly segregated at the time. Ed's mechanical engineering education left him with a love of making and repairing things. In his basement workshop he helped his children make wooden bookends, an award-winning Pinewood Derby car, and creative Indian Guides & scouting projects. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing, playing his violin, & attending musical concerts. In 1978, with his children still in high school, Ed was heartbroken when his wife Barbara died of lung cancer. During her illness, Ed was truly devoted, accompanied her to doctors & hospitals, & worked to keep the family optimistic. After her death, he continued raising his two children while running the family business and his home.

Ed's Judaism was important to him. He and his family regularly attended Congregation Beth Shalom, where he had his bar mitzvah, attended religious school, had an adult bar mitzvah at age 83, & was a lifelong member. He served as president of Hatikvah B'nai Brith lodge and supported many local charities in KC, including the Jewish Federation of Greater KC, the Jewish Community Center, & several secular organizations. After moving to Village Shalom in 2009, he participated regularly in religious services there, occasionally led them, and attended courses about current events and Jewish issues. He loved celebrating Jewish & secular holidays with his children's families and his large extended family. He traveled to California several times a year to be with his children & grandchildren, and to attend important milestone events and celebrations.

In his later years, as his health declined, he enjoyed visits from friends & family, and simple pleasures including eating a good meal, spending time with his longtime girlfriend Joan Willcox, and discussing childhood memories with his older sister Geraldine Salvay, both of whom reside at Village Shalom.

Survivors include his children Stuart & Julie Krigel, San Jose, CA, and Sheila & David Matz, Lafayette, CA. His grandchildren Benjamin Krigel, Raphael Krigel, Juliana Matz, and Joshua Matz, were his greatest pleasure. He will also be sorely missed by his longtime girlfriend Joan Willcox, his sister Geraldine Salvay, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Village Shalom for their kind & attentive care, as well as his physicians, caregivers, & the staff of Crossroads Hospice. Memorial gifts may be made to the Guardian Society of the Jewish Federation of Greater KC.

Funeral services and interment will be held at 1:00pm Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Yukon Chapel at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, 5529 Ditzler, Raytown, MO 64133.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Mt. Carmel Cemetery

5529 Ditzler Avenue  
Raytown, MO,

**JAN**   **Funeral**                      01:00PM

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Yukon Chapel at Mt. Carmel Cemetery  
5529 Ditzler, Raytown, MO, US, 64133

**JAN**   **Shiva**                              06:00PM

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Village Shalom  
5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS 66209, KS, US

**JAN**   **Shiva**                              06:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Sheila and Stuart,  
Cara just advised me of the passing Ed. It is a great loss to you both and many others. I saw him at Village when we spent Rosh Hashanah YomKippur and Succoth during worship in the Chapel. He was always such a gentleman and so attentive. Wish I could have seen you and Spent a little time chatting. May you be Comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.  
Fannie Krashin

**Fannie Krashin** - January 26, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ Thank you Fannie. Your family was always special to us. Loved seeing Cara. Love, Stuart  
**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ Stuart and Sheila - I just saw this and I am so very sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of your dad from the jewelry days. Your father respected everyone, no matter what their background, and in a very competitive market, was one of the most trusted jewelers. Stuart, it is not too late to start our Hurgel's store. May his memory be a blessing to you both

**Ricky Hurst** - January 24, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Thank you so much for your comforting words, Ricky. Hope you and your family are well.  
Stuart  
**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ Stuart and Sheila and your families - mom and dad passed his announcement on my way. We may not be in touch but I remember all the good times we had growing up and your dad helping to get us places. I'm sorry for your loss and think it is so wonderful that he lived so long to see his family grow! Sending you hugs! I'm with my family in Santiago Chile. I'd love to get back in touch if you have a moment -  
mwhiteman1813@gmail.com  
All my love, Marci (Beitchman)



**Marci Whiteman** - January 22, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ Thank you Marci.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:39 PM

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“ Stuart and Sheila - So very sorry for your loss. Please know I am thinking of you both and remembering our carpooling days fondly.  
Lorraine Esrig Hirsch

**Lorraine Esrig Hirsch** - January 22, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ Thank you Lorraine. I well remember all the days carpooling to Beth Shalom with you and Jerry.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:40 PM

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“ my father's first-cousin's husband, Ed, was a terrific man! Our extended family in Kansas City often got together for holidays and celebrations, and Cousin Ed was just like an uncle to me. Always interested in how I was doing, and interested in seeing me play the drums or show him any magic tricks I learned, he was so fun to see when we all got together! He and Barbara even had me work at their store, at 10th and Main, one Saturday, when I was probably only 10 years old. I've never forgot that, or how I cleaned jewelry, and how they took me to lunch...it was so much fun! And, he even gave me a violin lesson, one night, at their house. Stuart and family, and Sheila and family...I'm sorry I was unable to drive in, today, for your father's funeral. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to attend his 90th birthday party, in 2014, and speak, during the tributes, and tell him how much I appreciated him! I'm very sorry for your loss! His memory will indeed be a blessing! Safe travels to you all as you return to your homes, and I hope to see you all when you'll return to KC for your father's headstone unveiling. Love, Cousin Mike Agron

**Mike Agron** - January 21, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ Thank you, Mike.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:41 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Ed at the Wellness Center at Village Shalom. He was always a kind and considerate man with a kind word for everyone. He will be missed by all. May his memory be for a blessing. Sincerely, Madeline Silver

**Madeline Silver** - January 20, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ Thank you Madeline. My dad was fortunate to have such wonderful care providers at VS.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:42 PM

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“ to my dear friends - the Krigel family - I am so very sorry for your loss. Ed was such a great guy - i've known him all my life and he always had a big smile and something pleasant to say about everyone - a real mensch indeed! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family - Love, Howard Shalinsky and family

**Howard Shalinsky** - January 19, 2018 at 07:05 PM



“ Howard,  
Thanks for your kind words, Howard. You know how my family feels about the Shalinskys.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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“ To the family of Ed, sending my condolences on the loss of your dear father, grandfather and brother. He was a pleasure to be around while my father, Morris Rogozenski, was a resident . I always said Ed and my Daddy were true gentleman at Village Shalom. My father and I enjoyed spending time with Ed discussing jewelry and the good old days. May your memories bring you comfort. With my love, Pam Rosenberg

**Pamela Rogozenski Rosenberg** - January 19, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ Thank you Pam.  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:45 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear about Ed my folks were very good friends with he and Barbara!!  
Leslie Levitch

**Leslie Levitch** - January 19, 2018 at 03:08 PM



“ To Stuart and Sheila - and all the Krigel family. Our hearts go out to you all on the loss of your wonderful father. We were friends of Barbara and Ed's for over 60 years and their memories are dear to our hearts. Ed was truly a mensch - a kind, thoughtful person - never saying a bad word about anyone. It was our privilege to be his friends. Beryl & Richard Silberg

**Beryl Silberg** - January 22, 2018 at 11:25 AM



“ Hi Leslie,  
I well remember your folks Betty and Morris. Thank you for your kind words.  
Sincerely,  
Stuart

**Stuart Krigel** - January 28, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ I visited Ed last Sunday aft. He was sitting on the sofa with Joan next to him. As always he said "Hi Arlene" shutting his eyes again.

My very deepest, heartfelt sympathy to Stuart and Sheila who I know were always there for him.

He seemed to enjoy Village Shalom and take advantage of all the activities.  
arlene shalinsky

**arlene shalinsky** - January 19, 2018 at 03:04 PM



“ Stuart and Sheila, I am so very sorry for your loss. May your dad's memory forever be a blessing to you and all those fortunate enough to have crossed his path. You are in my thoughts. —Jeff Mann

**Jeff Mann** - January 19, 2018 at 02:38 PM