



## Esther Abend

April 23, 1912 - April 13, 2014

Esther Abend, age 101, died on April 13, 2014, after a life well lived. Born in Dubienka, Poland, on April 23, 1912, to Yehoshua and Nahama Greenfeld, she was educated in Lublin, Poland. She married her childhood sweetheart, Joseph Abend, in Dubienka in 1936 upon his return from Israel and just days before he left for the United States. She immigrated to join him two years later in 1938. They enjoyed a loving marriage of forty-one years until Joseph's death in 1977.

Esther was devoted to creating a good life for her family. She observed Jewish rituals and kept a kosher home. She took special pleasure in the accomplishments of her family.

Esther worked in several family businesses and received recognition for her many years of volunteer service at Menorah Hospital gift shop. She was a volunteer for Hadassah and Women's American ORT, and she supported organizations in Israel.

Esther was blessed with two sons: Stephen and the late William Abend, and their wives Barbara and Phyllis Abend; grandchildren Nicholas Abend and his wife Gayle Chesley, Katherine Abend and her husband Kevin Wallace, Sarah Abend, Lynda Freshman and her husband Benjamin Freshman; and great grandchildren Jack and Alexander Abend and Anna Wallace. She is also survived by two nephews and their wives in Israel, Moshe and Mira Greenfeld and Noham and Rinat Greenfeld, as well as many relatives in Kansas City and throughout the United States.

May her memory forever be a blessing. Funeral services will be held at Louis Memorial Chapel on Monday, April 14 at 10:30am with burial to follow at Sheffield Cemetery. Due to Passover, the family will not have Shiva but will receive family and friends at the home of Stephen and Barbara Abend from 2:00pm to 5:00pm following the funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Allen Abend Scholarship Fund at the Jewish Community Foundation, or to Hadassah or to Congregation Beth Torah.

# Cemetery

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## **Sheffield Cemetery**

6200 Wilson Road

Kansas City, MO,

# Comments

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“ My sincere condolences to the Abend family on the loss of such a sweet and dear lady who was so proud of each and every one of you. I have had the privilege of over 8 years to bring Shabbat to the residents of Sunrise of Leawood. Esther frequently attended and enjoyed the spirit of Shabbat. She was always so worried that she was not dressed up enough for services. We would visit afterwards and she would share with such pride her family pictures and stories. I am so glad we had the opportunity to share many Shabbats together. She will be missed. May her memory be for a blessing.

With sympathy,  
Harryette Cooperman

Harryette Cooperman - April 19, 2014 at 10:43 PM

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“ Dear Steve Barbara, Lynda and Sarah

Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother. While I did not have the privilege of meeting Esther, I am privileged to count among my friends the Abend family and I have always treasured this friendship.

It is never easy to lose our mother -- even at a remarkable 101 years of age, but may your loving memories through the years give you peace and comfort at this sad time.

I find it rather touching that her passing was during the Passover/Easter period. Today, I am fondly recalling the astute observance of a little girl named Sarah that my husband's shoes were identical to the Crestwood Easter Bunny's ..... after he had just performed the "bunny costume gig" for the annual Crestwood easter egg hunt.....from the mouths of babes, we find joy.

May God bless you and the entire Abend family.

Carol and David Sindelar

Carol Sindelar (friend) - April 18, 2014 at 03:03 PM

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“ Dear Steve, Barbara, Heather, Lynda and Phyllis,

I'm so sorry to have missed Esther's memorial service. You've faced a lot in the past short time, and I know that it is now and will take time to process your memories and sense of loss. I'll share one paraphrase that helped me from C. S. Lewis' A Grief Observed:

I can't believe that the departed one does not also suffer the pain of separation.

God's blessing be and abide with you through this time of weeping and into your futures, remembering our sweet Esther and the joy and guidance she brought to us all.

Kite

**Kite Singleton** - April 15, 2014 at 10:29 AM