



## Esther Kort

May 30, 1920 - October 30, 2013

Esther Kort was born 30 May 1920 c.e. in Antwerp Belgium the daughter of Manya and Yitzchak Sibul (Cebularz), both deceased. At the age of 9 months, she immigrated with her Mother, brother Hymen and sister Rose to New York to join her Father. She married Harris Boone Kort, deceased, of New York, living primarily in Dobbs Ferry NY where she raised three children, Ellen K. Price now of San Francisco CA married to Richard W. Price MD, Stephen D. Kort, DMA, JD, now of Leawood, KS married to Ellen L. Kort, and Laurie Harkavy, now of Monsey, NY married to Yitzchak Harkavy, deceased. Esther also leaves behind eleven grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren. After her children left the home, Esther worked as an administrative assistant at, among other companies, Union Carbide and attended Westchester County Community College. In 1996, Esther moved to Overland Park KS where she continued her greatest passions – her relationships with her children and especially her grandchildren with whom she developed a special bond based on mutual love, respect and trust, her education and her artwork. On Wednesday morning the 30th of October 2013 c.e. while a resident of Village Shalom, the Compassionate One compassionately ended her life. Esther was a non-traditional person – not your regular mother or grandmother. Her memory is embedded in those close to her. May her soul be bound in the bonds of life. Shiva/Memorial Service Wednesday 6 November 2013 c.e., 6:00 pm at Village Shalom. The family thanks the staff of Village Shalom for their unparalleled care and commitment to Esther's wellbeing during the last three years. Donations to the Staff Appreciation Fund, Village Shalom, 5500 West 123rd Street, Overland Park, KS 66209, telephone number (913) 317-2600.

# Comments

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“ I am not sure if this message will still reach the family, but I was on Louis Memorial's site today and was saddened to learn of your mother's passing. I remember the day she and I went to her apartment in the pouring rain, only to be locked out. I remember the struggle she felt when she had to give up that apartment and make Shalom her home. She was always so proud of her children, grandchildren and their beautiful children. She also knew how to make my day by telling me how I should be doing my hair. And being a New Yorker, I remember her priceless reaction when I brought my newborn son in to meet her and let her know his name was Hudson. She had the best sense of humor. She was one of my favorite residents at Village Shalom and it always made my day to see her. I feel very lucky to have met her and worked with her in my 3 years as a Village Shalom social worker.  
Julia Karas Parker

Julia Karas Parker - May 16, 2014 at 07:30 PM

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“ Stephen and family,  
We really loved your mother and hope she is at peace now. We are sorry for your loss .  
Donna & Joel

Donna Krichiver - November 11, 2013 at 08:49 AM

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“ I will miss Esther very much. I am the program coordinator in Health Center 1. Even though she did not attend as many programs as I would have liked, I made sure she had volunteers that would visit her. Ron Einbender was one of them. When I would send volunteers to her, I would comment that she was a wonderful lady. After the volunteers would visit her, they would come back to me and mentioned how much they enjoyed visiting with her. I miss going to her room everyday and talking to her and telling her what had gone on for the day. I will continue to keep her and the family in my prayers. God Bless. Love Adela Estrada

Adela Estrada - November 04, 2013 at 06:37 PM

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“ Dear Ellen and Stephen:

We are so sorry about your loss. She was a great lady who we always liked very much.

Sincerely, Nora and Sol Dubin

**nora and sol dubin** - November 01, 2013 at 12:45 PM

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“ Kort family,  
AS a part time nurse at Village Shalom, I got to know Esther pretty well. I will miss her wonderful dry sense of humor. Prayers to your family!

**Kathy Sobba** - November 01, 2013 at 03:53 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear about Esther. She was an amazing lady and I always enjoyed our visits when she would come to the office at the JCC. Our sincere condolences.  
Ellen and Eddie

**Ellen Rose** - October 31, 2013 at 10:44 PM

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“ Kort Family, We extend our deepest condolences to all of you. Please know we are thinking of you at this sad time. Marlene and Mike

**Marlene Fishman** - October 31, 2013 at 04:14 PM

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“ To All of The "Extensive" Kort Family members, especially Esther's children: Steve, Ellen and Laurie,

Village Shalom was kind to inform me of Esther's death yesterday morning. To all of you I extend my heartfelt condolences and pray for her eternal rest and peace.

As a visitor volunteer for nearly 2 years, I got to know Esther as a Mother, Grandmother and Great grandmother whose family meant everything to her! I would enjoy the updated photos that were kept on her bulletin board. We would constantly talk about her loved ones both living and deceased. She was a terrific story teller of family events.

You all enriched her life.

I will recite Kaddish and think of Esther and all of you.

Sincerely,

Ron Einbender

**Ron Einbender** - October 31, 2013 at 12:33 PM