



## Florence Esther Shurin

July 17, 1915 - October 10, 2009

Florence Esther Shurin, 94, died peacefully in her sleep at her home Saturday morning, October 10, 2009. Graveside services will be 10:30am Monday, October 12 at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers, the family suggests contributions to Police Care Team, Attn: Col. Rachel Whipple, Kansas City, MO Police Headquarters, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106 or Jewish Vocational Services, 1608 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64108. The youngest of five children, she was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on July 17, 1915 and moved with her family to Kansas City, Kansas as a young girl. After graduating from high school, she attended the University of Missouri, Columbia. She met Nate Shurin and they were happily married for nearly 60 years, until his death in 1999. She and her husband owned and operated Snyder's Market, a grocery store at 31st and Woodland for many years. After they sold the store in the late 1950's, Florence worked with her sister, Edith Kornbleet, at the Jewish Community Center. Later, she became the Director of Volunteer's at the Jewish Geriatric Center, where she put her skills as an innovator to use. Florence organized trips, brought in entertainers and educational speakers, and started an annual craft fair where residents sold their handmade and hand sewn items. In 1972, Florence and Nate started a flea market called Nate's Swap Shop, located at the 63rd Street Drive-In, which became the largest flea market in the metropolitan area. Over the years, she befriended police officers, sellers and buyers, many of whom could be found around Florence's kitchen table throughout the week. At age 88, she decided to retire and sold the flea market, which continues to thrive. Throughout her life, Florence was renowned for her skills in the kitchen and her tireless enthusiasm for entertaining guests in her home well into her nineties. Her generosity and her company will be dearly missed by all. She leaves a daughter, Stephanie Cummings; a son and daughter, Leland and Jill Shurin; grandchildren, Howard Barewin and Jennifer Neill, Mark and Leslie Schuenemeyer, Autumn Shurin and Chrys Balis, and Jared and Anne Shurin, and three great-grandchildren, Nathan, Joseph and Owen Barewin.

# Comments

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“ Dear Leland,

Penny and I just heard about your mother and wanted to convey our condolences. We're sorry we did not hear in time to attend the service.

Howard and Penny Gilbert

**Howard and Penny Gilbert** - October 20, 2009 at 11:50 PM

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“ Dear Leland and Family, We remember your family and send our sincerest condolences on your loss.

May her memory ever be for a blessing.

Mary and Joe Zenitsky

**Mary and Joe Zenitsly** - October 17, 2009 at 11:40 AM

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“ DEAR STEPHANIE AND FAMILY,  
SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR MOMS DEATH.  
MICKEY AND I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF  
SEEING MOM AT THE DRIVE INN MANY SATURDAYS.  
OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.

FONDLY,  
BARBARA AND MICKEY

**BARBARA AND MICKEY GOLDSTEIN** - October 14, 2009 at 11:45 PM

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“ Mickey told me. We are both J.C. Nichols graduates ... that's how far back we go. Take my word for it, you will never stop missing her. May she rest in peace. God Bless you and yours.

Bill

**Bill Alden** - October 14, 2009 at 04:56 PM



“ I have wonderful memories of Florence and may your memories be blessings to all of you.

She was a very special lady and I'm glad I had the honor to know her.

Jackie Silberg

**Jackie Silberg** - October 13, 2009 at 01:39 PM

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“ Leland and Jill,  
My deepest condolences to you and your family at the great loss of your Mother. It seems her greatest joy was making others happy, and her legacy will live long after her passing. She had so much to be proud of in all of your accomplishments which we all can owe in part to our Mom's and Dad's. You have our deepest sympathy at this time and know you have made her proud which is the most of all your accomplishments. You and your family remain in our prayers at this time.  
Respectfully, Jim and Vicki

**Jim and Vicki Mirabile** - October 12, 2009 at 10:25 PM

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“ I worked with your mom (such a lady!) at JGCC years ago and with Marvin and Mel. I spent many enjoyable hours visiting with your grandmother, Minnie Simon, too and so enjoyed listening to her life stories. I have so many fond memories of our times together. I remember how hard she worked putting together the craft fairs and how much that meant to the residents. I remember all the great, funny stories your dad, Nate, would share as well. A year rarely went by that I didn't receive a birthday card from your mom even after I left as her birthday was the day after mine and we always celebrated together. I can't even begin to express how fond I was of her. My deepest sympathies to you all. You are so blessed to have had such wonderful parents.  
Fondly, Ann Spellman Sylvester

**Ann Spellman Sylvester** - October 12, 2009 at 04:20 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerest condolences, Sophia & Kyle Lakin

**Kyle Lakin** - October 12, 2009 at 03:57 PM

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“ Leland and Family, I was so sorry to read of your mother's passing this morning. I still recall as a child, your Mother and Aunt Ada coming by our home every time your aunt was in town, laughing, drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes around the kitchen table. I know that you will always recall wonderful moments with your mom and dad that will help ease the pain at this time.

**Bill Schifman** - October 12, 2009 at 12:02 PM

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“ Leland: Aliana and I send our love and prayers to you. Florence leaves a wonderful story behind for us.

**Jack Ronai** - October 12, 2009 at 11:10 AM

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“ Leland and Jill,  
Please accept our deepest sympathies for your loss. My mother (who is 92) called me to make sure I knew read about your mother. She brought back so many memories by talking about my best friends from the old days, you, Larry Rothman, Gary Ravis, Ronnie Ruback and the rest. Our parents did a good job of raising their children and my parents always thought of you guys as being members of our family. God bless.

**Mickey and Sherry Anderson** - October 12, 2009 at 11:06 AM

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“ Leland,  
  
I am very sorry to have learned of the passing of your mother. You have my deepest sympathies.

**Josh Garry** - October 12, 2009 at 10:21 AM

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“ Leland, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Shalom.

**Nancy Nevins** - October 12, 2009 at 09:56 AM

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“ Leland and Jill...my condolences.

**Michael V. Berlau** - October 12, 2009 at 08:40 AM