



# HAROLD BRUCE GREENBAUM

November 22, 1950 - February 23, 2018

Harold Bruce Greenbaum, 67, died at his home on Friday, February 23, 2018.

Graveside services and interment will be 1:00pm Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Rose Hill Cemetery, 6900 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Sylvia Greenbaum. He attended Southwest High School graduating in 1969. He leaves behind his long-time companion, Dina Giesler, and his loyal dog, Harper, Bruce never met a stranger; he could engage in conversation with anyone. It was impossible not to like Bruce as he was as sincere and genuine as he was warm and giving. The world will be a colder and emptier place without his presence. Donations may be made to Wayside Waifs or the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy.

# Events

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**FEB** **Graveside** 01:00PM

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Rose Hill Cemetery

6900 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO, US

# Comments

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“ I was deeply saddened when I read about Bruce's passing. I met Bruce at Bingham Junior High School. We became friends in our first weeks, as we were on a bowling team together, which gave us much time to talk and hang-out together. Those are very delicate years and Bruce helped me build confidence in myself; something he probably never truly knew. After graduating from Southwest, I would see Bruce from time to time, but as I moved to New York it seems that the passing of days and distance slowed our communication. One thing that can never be taken away are the wonderful memories that I have carried with me and that will continue onward. There is one big change: we will not run into one another. At some point I hope that I join him in Heaven.

Bruce was a gentleman and gentle soul. Bruce was kind and friendly; he possessed all the qualities one seeks when making a friend. I was lucky enough to be able to call Bruce a friend.

I truly wish that Bruce could have seen all the wonderful qualities that made him a very special person. Dina, you will be in my prayers, for like Bruce, you, too, have those same special qualities that I will always remember. You were always kind to me and you smiled when you said, "hello." I am very thankful that Bruce touched my life; I am very thankful that you, Dina, touched my life, too.

Andrew R. Sackin

Andrew R Sackin - March 04, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ Andy, thank you for your kind words and your prayers.

Dina Giesler - March 06, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ I was Bruce's catcher he was my picture at Jewish Community Center baseball league. Had a wicked curveball that I could not handle. Sorry for your loss

Ron cline - March 09, 2018 at 05:53 PM



“ Ron, thank you for sharing your memories of Bruce ... Dina Giesler

Dina Giesler - March 27, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ Bruce and I had a great time as kids bowling on the JCC league at King Louie on 79th and Troost. He was really into it and was very good. I was too and it was something we both had a passion for, which led to us becoming friends. Bruce was good at all sports. I Played baseball with him and aerial darts at the JCC. Always very competitive, yet equally mellow and a really nice guy. We talked a couple of times over the past few years, last when he learned I had moved back to KC. in Oct. I have really fond memories of Bruce. I am saddened to learn of what he had gone through and how much pain he was in. Rest in Peace Bruce.

**Morrie Goodman** - February 27, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ Morrie, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:06 PM

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“ For quite some time now, I have noticed a pronounced, almost palpable absence of comments and other miscellaneous posts by Bruce on Facebook. It would now seem obvious why, but seeing word of my dear friend's passing on our high school page has just floored me. I could not be more shocked and saddened. I had always remembered Bruce from our school days, but it wasn't until our class reunion in 2009, that he and I really bonded. Since then, we talked quite often by phone and, oh, how we verbally sparred with each other when we communicated. That was so much fun. In early 2017, I visited with Bruce at his home during my brother's stay at Kansas City Hospice House.

Dina, I can't begin to tell you how very sorry I am. You were, indeed, you are an angel for all you did for Bruce throughout the years. We know that you endured a lot, yet you always stood strong when it mattered most. From all of us who knew the two of you, you are owed our most heartfelt debt of gratitude and appreciation. For me, knowing that I will not see Bruce at our upcoming 50th class reunion is almost too much to bear right now. I actually question whether I shall even attend.

Bruce, to you I would say thank you, thank you for returning to the circle of my life. You and I had such a good go of it these last many years. Yes, I knew about the "issues." We talked around them most of the time, but every so often our heart-to-heart chats went straight to the point. I'm so terribly sorry, though, I wasn't there for you and with you at the end. I would have done anything possible if I'd known. Still, I'm so grateful for those great in-between times. Bruce, you were a good mensch, and my life was enriched by your presence in it. You cannot begin to know how much your absence from it will be sorrowfully felt for many, many years to come.

Walk well, my Brother.

**Donnie Bowerman** - February 27, 2018 at 12:36 PM



“ Donnie, thank you for your kind words. As I mentioned on Jim B's post, it's comforting to know that you and Jim are there for me.

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:03 PM

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“ Bob Gold lit a candle in memory of HAROLD BRUCE GREENBAUM



**Bob Gold** - February 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM



“ Oh Bruce, how you must have suffered to get to this point. It is not for us to question but to remember, to celebrate life, to give thanks for our blessings and to support the family and closest to you. We went to school ALL schools, Bingham, Southwest, Sunday, Hebrew and like that... We reconnected a couple of years or so back over FB and he helped me with a need I had at the time. As I search through the many comments here today I thank you all for them as I now know he was in pain and only wished I could have been there for him. RIP my Lantzmen :-)

**Bob Gold** - February 27, 2018 at 12:37 PM



“ Bob, thank you for your kind words. Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:05 PM

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“ Pamela Rogozenski Rosenberg lit a candle in memory of HAROLD BRUCE GREENBAUM



**Pamela Rogozenski Rosenberg** - February 27, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ Pam, thank you for taking time to light a candle in Bruce's memory. Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:05 PM

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“ Even though it has been close to 50 years since we were in high school & JCC together, I still vividly remember Bruce as true competitor and a friend with his unique humor. You will missed. Lenny Bassin



“ Lenny, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ Sheila Wortham lit a candle in memory of HAROLD BRUCE GREENBAUM



**Sheila Wortham** - February 27, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ Sheila, thank you for taking time to light a candle in Bruce's memory. Dina

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:04 PM

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“ In life, all good things must come to an end. Bruce was a dear friend. We knew each other from Bingham and then onto Southwest High School. After graduation we lost touch with each other. I renewed our friendship as I moved my Mother into the same condos where Bruce and Dina lived. We would often talk of our days at Bingham and Southwest. He often told me the high school years were the best time of his life.

When I got the phone call from Dina on Saturday morning I must say I was not shocked but saddened. Dina and I saw that Bruce suffered with life. Bruce fought a "Gallant Battle" against his enemy " Depression." I could always see the pain he was in. We talked many hours and I hope I was of some comfort to him over these many years! Bruce was. kind, gentle, and a very caring soul! Just when one could see some hope for him, that demon "Depression" would pull him back in. I now know that Bruce's mind is at peace.

I have thought about him many many times this weekend. Maybe one more conversation, maybe one more phone call, maybe one more visit to see him and Dina could have stopped Bruce's mind from spinning out of control. In spending time with Dina today we remembered Bruce not on his high and lows of his life and time here on earth, but the times when Bruce was victorious over his demon "Depression".

My friend be at peace, enjoy yourself! The pain and suffering and torment are gone! You were a good man, gentle spirit, and a good friend. May eternity give you peace. I will miss you.

Peace

Jim Buzalas

**Jim Buzalas** - February 27, 2018 at 12:33 AM



“ Thanks, Buzz, for being there for Bruce and Dina. She will need you to help her now. You call me, too, and I will also be there.

**Donnie Bowerman** - February 27, 2018 at 12:43 PM



“ Jim, thank you for your kind words. It's comforting to know that you and Donnie are there for me.

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 02:02 PM

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“ Bruce and I have been friends for 19 years, he was like a "big brother" to me, I will really miss him!!

Leslie Levitch

**Leslie Levitch** - February 26, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ Leslie, so sorry for the loss of your "big brother." All of us will miss him greatly. Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:59 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Always like Bruce and his honesty. Dina, I hope the memories of the good times will help you through this.

**Ellen Gladstone Magariel** - February 26, 2018 at 05:39 PM



“ Ellen, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:56 PM

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“ I was sorry to hear about your passing Bruce. I can remember when Bruce and my father flew to Dallas for an Aerial Tennis National Tournament and my dad won the National Tournament I had known Bruce for many long years and his dad Joe was the sweetest person ever. May God watch over you as you did for everyone.



**Karen Temple Mendelsohn** - February 26, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ Karen, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:55 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Bruce. He was warm and compassionate person. I remember playing baseball and football with Bruce. He will be missed.

Ralph Turec

**Ralph Turec** - February 26, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ Ralph, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:54 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear about this! Bruce was always a warm, caring person that was always there to talk with you. He will be missed!

**Mike Boresow** - February 26, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ Mike, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ Dina,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Bruce as such a funny guy. What a big personality! Just shocked to read about this. In my thoughts....Karel Kerschenbaum~

**Karel Kerschenbaum** - February 26, 2018 at 02:40 PM



“ Karel, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:53 PM

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“ Bruce was one of a kind--Always bringing light to any group of folks. As I mentioned to a mutual friend, Bruce was a true breath of fresh air and a ray of sunshine combined. He will be deeply missed. Rest in peace, old friend.

Larry Oliver

**Larry Oliver** - February 26, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ Larry, thank you for your kind words ... Dina Giesler

**Dina Giesler** - March 06, 2018 at 01:52 PM