



I.I. Izzy Ozar

September 23, 1926 - July 30, 2020

I.I. (Izzy) Ozar, 93. Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away peacefully on July 30 in his home in Overland Park, Kansas. He was born to Simon and Sadie Ozar in Kansas City, Missouri, and raised by Sarah “Auntie” Ozar. He graduated from Paseo High School.

Izzy enlisted in the United States Army during WWII. He was stationed in the Philippines and served under General MacArthur. Upon his return from the war, Izzy graduated with a Law degree from UMKC.

Izzy met the love of his life Lesly Klein, of Omaha Nebraska, in 1957 and they were married soon after. They spent years raising their three children, golfing, and traveling the world together.

Izzy’s career spanned many decades as an attorney and businessman in the greater Kansas City area. As an attorney, Izzy practiced bankruptcy and real estate law and also sat on the bench as a city judge. Izzy was very active in the democratic political scene. He was President Jimmy Carter’s local campaign manager for the state of Missouri, as well as involved in many other local political campaigns. Izzy became involved in banking and real estate, helping to revitalize the downtown Kansas City Community.

A common thread throughout Izzy’s life was helping others. He was an advocate for the Jewish community and his selfless personality was always giving – giving time, attention, and resources to children associations, Jewish charities, veteran associations, numerous shelters, and anyone else who needed help. He had a love for music, rhymes, and family. He was an avid sports enthusiast, supporting all the local KC teams. Izzy’s trademark was to always have a cigar in his jacket pocket, and more recently a scratch ticket or two.

He is survived by his wife of over 61 years Lesly, children, Leonard Ozar, Stephanie and Adam Elyachar, Lisa and Nicolas Hughes, as well as grandchildren, Jared Ozar and Chaleena Urban, Jonah Elyachar, Sarah Elyachar, and great-grandson Kingsley Ozar.

Izzy was a family man. He was preceded in death by his sister Dorothea and Nathan Jagoda, his brother Dr. Milton Ozar, and brother-in-law Lewis Bratt. He is survived by his sister Edith Bratt, sister-in-law Marilyn Ozar and many countless nieces, nephews, and many close friends.

The family gives special thanks to Dr. Donald Cohen and his staff, and all of the loving care from his caregivers.

Izzy was an unforgettable man, he was caring, generous, and kind. I.I. truly stood for intelligent and irresistible. He will be forever loved and missed. May his memory forever be a blessing.

A private family service will be held Sunday, August 2nd. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Jewish Federation Service, or the charity of one's choosing.

Cemetery

Sheffield Cemetery

6200 Wilson Road
Kansas City, MO,

Events

AUG Zoom Graveside Service

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Please call funeral home for Zoom information.
MO, US

Comments



“ Lesly.

Not sure if you remember me but I wanted to send you my condolences for I certainly remember your family as did my late mother (z"l).

May your memories be a blessing for you.

Sybil Kaplan

Jerusalem

Sybil Kaplan - August 21 at 01:50 PM



“ Lesly, Stephanie, Lenny and Lisa

My thoughts and prayers are with you over the loss of my good friend Izzy. May the wonderful memories you have help comfort you. He was so kind and genuinely interested in listening to and helping everyone he knew. His infectious smile and can do attitude was an inspiration for all who knew him. He was my mentor. Our families started vacationing together at Tan-Tar-A over 50 years ago. May his memories be a blessing for everyone.

Maynard Small - August 10 at 12:51 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to your family. I will never forget your dad. He was a friend and contributor to my dad, Bill Waris. Izzy would always bring our family delicious food from the New York Bakery and Delicatessen. He got me a job working at the bank during the summers in college. He was a terrific man. Kathleen Waris Cuddy

Kathleen Cuddy - August 10 at 12:03 PM



“ Lesly, Steph, Lenny and Lisa - I am really sad to read of Izzy's passing. As you know, I met Izzy as a small child - he was Mr. Ozar, then he was Double I, and after Joe Serviss dubbed him "The Leader," he was Leader for all time. Many things can be said about the Leader but that he was the kindest man I ever knew is the thing I will remember the most. As kids he spoiled us rotten with trips to the French Market, food every Sunday at our house and many other occasions. The other thing that has to be said was how loyal he was to his friends. He took on caring for me after my Mom and Dad died and was again generous and caring. I know you will never forget him nor will I. Take comfort in your great memories of him! Lisa Morris

Lisa Morris - August 03 at 04:44 PM



“ I do now know the family well. I can only say for years I have seen Stephanie taking Izzy out to eat on a regular basis. I have always admired her dedication and love for him. HE was blessed to have her in his life. The stories I have heard reckon to days gone by when things were more persona. May his memory be a blessing to all. Bob Cutler

Robert S Cutler - August 03 at 10:37 AM



“ Lisa, our family has such fond memories of Izzy. Billy loved your father and his service to his country. He was so proud of that and the two of them had nice quiet conversations. He was a champion for all your girlfriends with his snappy advice and easy hair tug. The work looks different today. The Iiams Family has you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. There will never be another Izzy. Love, Julie, Billy, Noble, Ellie, and Cora

Julie iiams - August 02 at 10:24 AM



“ Lesly, the Kids and the Extended Family.

When my sister Felicia said she had known Lesly and the Judge (Izzy) for over 66 years, so do I. I used to deliver Cigars from my Dad's store downtown to Izzy's office in the old Commerce Bank Building and when you got off the elevator, you didn't have to look for his suite number, just follow the smell of cigars. As I remember, Izzy was part of the 3 Amigos (Izzy, Jerry Rosenbloom and Bill Lowenstein) known to me as Nikky Hokey that would bring me small gifts at our house on Holmes when they would come over to visit my Sister and always sign the note from Nikky Hokey. Izzy always had a smile on his face and I know will be missed by all. RIP The Judge

Gary Friedman

GARY EDWIN E FRIEDMAN - August 02 at 09:13 AM



“ Deanna Rudd lit a candle in memory of I.I. Izzy Ozar



Deanna Rudd - August 01 at 07:56 PM



“ Stephanie, Jeff and I are thinking of you, your beautiful Mother, and the rest of your family,. Your Father was such a special, wonderful gentleman. May his memory be for a blessing.

Deanna and Jeff Rudd

Deanna Rudd - August 01 at 07:56 PM



“ Lesley, Stephanie and family, Lots of great memories with Izzy, and lots of laughs. We spent a lot of time together at the bank. He will always be in my thoughts! The end of an Era!

Prayers to the entire family!

Gene and Ellen

Gene Pereira - August 01 at 07:29 PM



“ Izzy Ozar was one of the nicest guys. He and his wife Lesly were friends of my in-laws, Maryon and Joe Jacobs. May he rest in peace.

Keith Klein - August 01 at 05:10 PM



“ Dear sweet Lisa and family,
We're so sorry to hear of your loss of your Father, Izzy. We remember meeting your parents several time during your high school years. They were very kind to us. We send our love with prayers for strength and comfort,
Ed and Charlene Schwaneke

Charlene Schwaneke - August 01 at 02:07 PM



“ Dear Lesly and family,

You are in our prayers and thoughts. Izzy was a special kind man. May your happy memories give you comfort.

love, Lee and Sunie Levin

Sunie Levin - August 01 at 01:17 PM



“ Dear Lesly, Stepanie, Adam, Jonah, Sarah and Ozar family,

We were so saddened to learn about Izzy's passing. We will miss his adorable smile, loving kindnesses and kind heart.

We wish you lasting memories to fill your heart now and always.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Tracy & Mike McHugh and family.

Tracy Mandel McHugh - August 01 at 11:08 AM



“ Dear Lesly and kids. To say that we were so sorry to hear this news today is understated.

My friendship with Izzy goes back over 66 years, then introducing Izzy to my dear friend and ex college roommate, Lesly, and standing up as maid of honor at their wedding. In this pandemic personal condolences are not allowed but please know you're in our thoughts and prayers. With our love.

Felicia and Seymour Weiner - August 01 at 12:31 AM



“ It is with warm memories of a dear friend that I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Izzy Ozar.

Warmly,
Carol Glickman

Carol Glickman - July 31 at 08:36 PM



“ Izzy was such a loving person. He always had a smile and loved his family and friends.

My sincere condolences to the family.. He will be missed by all . May his memory always be a blessing to those who knew him

Marlene Katz

Marlene Katz - July 31 at 05:02 PM

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“ Extending heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. May your strength come from G-d. Adelle Matzdorff

Natalie Knox - July 31 at 04:29 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of Izzy. I will be keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Robin Levine - July 31 at 03:59 PM



“ My heartfelt sadness for your loss of such a kind compassionate human being. I know my family loved him dearly.

Pamela Shults - July 31 at 03:21 PM



“ Susan and I were so sad to learn of the passing of Izzy. Are love and thoughts are with your whole family.

Susan and Irwin Levine - July 31 at 12:58 PM