



Jack Sokolov

April 25, 1915 - August 5, 2019

Jack Sokolov, 104, passed away peacefully in his favorite chair on Monday, August 5th at Village Shalom, in Overland Park, Kansas.

Jack was born April 25, 1915 at home to Hyman and Bess Sokolov, who were both immigrants from Russia. He was the middle child of 2 sisters, Frances and Rose, and grew up attending KC schools. He was an outstanding student and an accomplished violinist. He was on the Debate Team, the Tennis Team and graduated Manual High School in 1932 as salutatorian. Unfortunately, the Great Depression interrupted his plans to go away to college. Instead, Jack found odd jobs during the day and attended K.C. Junior College and Rockhurst where he took courses in accounting and commercial law. His first full-time job was with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Several years later, he began working as an accountant at Ready Mix Concrete Company. It was during this time that he met and married Bessie (Medov) a medical technician. They were married in 1940 and within a short time they had 3 daughters, Carole, Linda and Hedda. Having been shaped by his Depression experience, Jack was bound and determined to be in control of his financial future so that his children would never have to set aside their educational goals.

In 1944, Jack and his father-in-law, Louis Medov, bought an auto parts and salvage business in Leavenworth, Kansas, and Jack and Bess' family moved to Leavenworth. For almost 5 decades Jack grew the business into a successful enterprise, finally retiring in 1987, turning the business over to his son-in-law, Bernard Ellis, and moving back to K.C. During their 43 years in Leavenworth, Bess and Jack built a rich and fulfilling life in the community. They loved to travel, play golf and participate in the activities of their children. Jack was on the zoning commission, the Board of Leavenworth Country Club, a member of the Lion's Club, a Mason and a Shriner. He also served as President of the Kansas Chapter of B'nai Brith and was a founding member of Meadowbrook Country Club in Overland Park, KS. One of Bess and Jack's most satisfying opportunities was to serve as the civilian sponsors to over 24 Israeli officers and their families who, over the years

attended the Leavenworth Command and Staff College.

Jack and Bess' retirement years back in KC were satisfying as well- filled with golf, carpentry, cooking, family and handling his own finances on the computer to the very end. His time was only marred by the death of his wife of 73 years, Bess in 2013.

He is preceded in death by his wife Bess, sisters: Frances Schlozman and Rose Alisky.

He is survived by his daughters: Carole (Bernard) Ellis, Linda (Kalman) Kaplan and Hedda Winetroub; grandchildren: Bailee (Ryan) Greenhaw, Mark Ellis, Heather (Ty) Weatherly, Jared Kaplan, Stacy (Steve) Brown; great-grandchildren: Jaxton Weatherly, Miller and Hunter Brown, Elia and Riley Ellis and Laila and Ivy Greenhaw; sister-in-law: Rheatha Winnick and brother-in-law: Morton Mann.

A special thanks to caregivers: Kim, Virginia, Robert, Christine, Natasha and Tereza, who made Jack's life more comfortable in his last years.

Funeral services will be 9:30 am Thursday, August 8, 2019 at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64131. Burial to follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Children's Mercy Hospital or a charity of one's choice.

Cemetery Events

**Mt. Carmel
Cemetery**
5529 Ditzler
Avenue
Raytown, MO,

AUG 8 Funeral 09:30AM
The Louis Memorial Chapel
6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

AUG 8 Shiva 06:30PM
at the home of Carole and Bernard Ellis. Please call the funeral home for further information.
8814 W. 142nd Court, Overland Park, KS, US, 66221

AUG 10 Receiving 06:30PM
at the home of Carole and Bernard Ellis. Please call the funeral home for further information.
KS, US

AUG 11 Shiva 06:30PM
Village Shalom
5500 W. 123rd Street, Overland Park, KS, US, 66209

Comments



“ Helen Apple Farbman lit a candle in memory of Jack Sokolov



Helen Apple Farbman - August 19 at 12:09 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to you Carole, Bernard and your entire family.

Jeanie & Gene Dolginoff

Gene Dolginoff - August 09 at 09:44 AM



“ Carole thinking of you and Benard and family in this time. Julie Osadchey

Julie Osadchey - August 08 at 11:22 PM



“ Wonderful memories of Bess & Jack at Meadowbrook CC. You are so fortunate to have had them in your lives for so many years. May you find comfort in your many happy memories at this difficult time.

Barbara and Skip Rein

Barbara and Skip Rein - August 08 at 08:14 PM



“ Barbara And Skip Rein lit a candle in memory of Jack Sokolov



Barbara and Skip Rein - August 08 at 07:58 PM



“ My condolences to his family. I always loved hearing about Jack and Bess from my friends the Kaplans. May his memory be for a blessing.

Paula Boyer-Moore - August 08 at 12:30 PM



“ Just saw that Jack was 104. That's amazing. He and Bess were friends with my parents Abbott and Jackie Yukon and I was at their Deer Creek apartments when my folks lived there too. Lovely people. Connie

Connie Yukon - August 07 at 07:36 PM



“ Ruthann And Don Zurovsky lit a candle in memory of Jack Sokolov



Ruthann and Don Zurovsky - August 07 at 02:33 PM



“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. Thinking of you. Shirley Pener
marsha johnston - August 07 at 05:49 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you Carole and Bernard and your entire family

Jeanie and Gene Dolginoff

Gene Dolginoff - August 08 at 11:36 PM



“ To the Family of Jack Sokolov
Jack was always special with his knowledge and wit. I so enjoyed having him in classes at Village Shalom and especially when he came with Frances, his sister. He will be missed but his memory will always be a blessing to many family and friends.
Marlene Katz

marlene katz - August 06 at 06:17 PM



“ We shared happy times in Leavenworth with Bess and Jack and many Israeli officers and their families.

Michele & Harvey Kaplan

Michele Kaplan - August 06 at 05:44 PM



“ Condolences family.

Russel Mann - August 06 at 04:06 PM



“ Clara And Norman Levine lit a candle in memory of Jack Sokolov



Clara and Norman Levine - August 06 at 03:31 PM



“ I did not know Mr Sokolov that well but after my wife passed away his daughter Carole asked if he could borrow my wife wheelchair. Of course I gave it to him but Jack was such a special man that he wrote me a very special thank you note and also made a contribution to Children's Mercy Hospital in my wifes name. That show of kindness will stay with me for the rest of my life.



Sandy Sherman - August 06 at 02:55 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Reading his obituary made me see a live well lived. May his memory be for a blessing.

Leslee Gottlieb Price - August 06 at 02:45 PM



“ Hedda-

My sympathies to you on the loss of your father. How fortunate you are to have had him for such a long time.
fondly-
janet zwillenberg

Janet Zwillenberg - August 06 at 02:43 PM



“ I met Jack at Beth Shalom. My husband was there until he passed away in October at 98. He always introduced Jack & he's 103! I believe they ate lunch together. It's a very difficult time but you have happy memories. Best to your family. Charles Weinstein & family

Pat Weinstein - August 09 at 03:12 PM