



## JOHN BERKOWITZ

August 11, 1955 - October 27, 2015

John Berkowitz, 60, of Leawood, KS, passed away Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at his home. Memorial services will be held at 3:00pm Monday, November 2, 2015 at Club 1000, 1000 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64105. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to ABC2 – Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure, 1717 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036 ([abc2.org](http://abc2.org)) or Jewish Family Services, 5801 W. 115th St., #103, Overland Park, KS 66211.

John was born August 11, 1955, in Kansas City, MO, the son of Jerry and Lennie Berkowitz, and was a lifelong area resident.

He was a spirited entrepreneur, who created Club 1000, Kansas City's first and finest, legal, 6 floor multi-event hall.

John always put his family first. Everything he accomplished was for them.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Berkowitz and is survived by his wife of 25 years, Debbie, of the home; daughter: Sarah Berkowitz; son: Aaron Berkowitz; mother: Lennie Berkowitz; brother: Lee Berkowitz; sister: Gail Berkowitz and her husband, Robin Gifford and his sister-in-law: Beth Droskin.

John will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends. Expressed by John, "Veni, Vidi, Vici".

# Events

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	Club 1000	
	1000 Broadway, Kansas City, MO, US	

# Comments

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“ Aww.. Makes me so sad. I enjoyed him so much. I knew him for years. He was so lovable and fun natured. I just heard of his passing from a friend and was so sad. I saw him out a couple of years back and just wanted to hug him. He was a one of a kind very special guy. I knew him when he worked at Mr. Guy for years. I don't know if you will get this but just wanted you to know how special he was to so many. I enjoyed him so much. Liza Ashner.

**Liza Ashner** - February 25, 2016 at 10:58 AM

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“ Dear Lennie:  
I was so terribly saddened to read about your son in the paper. Although I did not know John, I know he was a very creative, exceptional person having you and Jerry as parents and role models. His founding of Club 1000 is proof.  
I've always felt privileged to have known you and Jerry, Lennie, and what you have done for this community, inspiring the knowledge and appreciation of art in all its forms. Am sure your children have followed in your footsteps.  
Please know I am thinking of you and of John's wife, daughter and son.  
Love to you, Lennie.  
Laura Hockaday

**Laura Hockaday** - November 02, 2015 at 03:37 PM

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“ To John's family, I am an old friend and saddened by your loss. I got to know John both socially and thru business in the years before he married. I owned a printing company at 9th and Central. He was an understanding and generous man with great sense of humor. I will miss him. Bill Hughes

**WILLIAM HUGHES** - November 02, 2015 at 11:36 AM

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“ Debra Jo,

My heart just aches for you and the kids. I remember when you and John first met and how much fun we had both in Arizona and in KC. Your wedding was amazing! My prayer is that you find peace and comfort in all that you and John created together - from your memories to your children. It's been a wonderful life and I can't tell you how sorry I am that John was taken from you way too early.

Love you and see you soon,  
Linda Pauley

**Linda** - November 01, 2015 at 11:39 PM

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“ Deeply saddened to hear of this loss. I was fortunate enough to have worked for John for several years when my children were little. He was a kind and generous boss, and always offered me a flexible schedule to accommodate raising small children. I had many wonderful experiences coordinating weddings at his venue, Club 1000. You will be missed, John! Rest in peace.



**Rebecca Murphy Whitfill** - November 01, 2015 at 05:25 AM

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“ Debbie,  
Mike and i are so sorry for your loss of John. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.  
Much love,  
Patty and Mike Boyce

**Patty Boyce** - October 31, 2015 at 11:39 PM

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“ Words seem so inadequate to express the sadness I feel about the passing of John. He is going to be missed by a lot of friends and family. Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. Lori Simon Siegel

Lori Siegel - October 30, 2015 at 06:25 PM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. I became friends with John when we both lived in San Francisco in the late 80's. We had always known who each other were, but our paths never really crossed until San Francisco, We saw each other on the street one day near the marina and became good friends instantly. He was a fantastic guy, so kind hearted and very very bright, We had some great times together. I will really miss him and feel very fortunate to have known him.

Bruce Baraban

Bruce Baraban - October 29, 2015 at 02:38 PM

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“ Terribly sorry for your loss. John was such a fun loving guy. He made many people happy by producing beautiful events at his party venue, and he was so successful at it. He was so great to work with for Jesse's BM party, and he did whatever he had to to accommodate. We will always have memories of John at Club 1000 for Shelby's birthday party, Jesse's BM, Sam & Sam's wedding, and other events we attended there. Mostly I will remember how proud he was of his children. May G-d comfort you among the mourners of Zion.



Cara - October 28, 2015 at 08:58 PM

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Debbie and family

Please accept my sincere condolences for the passing of your John. He was fun, sincere, ambitious and a wonderful husband and father. He will be an angel for your children in days ahead. May his memory be for a blessing.

Leslee and Marc Price

**Leslee Price** - October 28, 2015 at 03:21 PM