



Kate Lebovitz

August 5, 1926 - April 20, 2020

Kate Lebovitz, 93, of Prairie Village, passed away peacefully at Village Shalom in Leawood KS April 20th. Kate was born August 5th, 1926, to Hannah and Joseph Stern in Budapest, Hungary. She survived War War II in the Budapest Ghetto where she met the love of her life, Eugene Lebovitz. They married in the ghetto in 1944 and remained a loving couple until Eugene's death in 2013. Kate learned the art of millinery as a young girl, and made her wedding hat. Kate loved her American citizenship and all the freedoms and privileges that went with it.

Her house was a gathering place for family and friends. She was famous for her cooking and hospitality. If her loving husband Gene was the life of the party, Kate was the glue. No matter the time of day, she always offered a sweet or fruit to whomever visited. She "worked" at home raising four children. Over the many years of child rearing, she met with teachers, made lunches, arranged carpools, drove children to activities, oversaw homework, and cooked supper seven days a week and prepared wonderful holiday dinners. Her table wasn't complete without her entire family present. She insisted on cooking and baking everything. She loved when one of her children, daughters in law, or grandchildren asked her for a recipe, or better yet, watched her make a dish. If you sat at her table more than once, you heard her say, "You'd better eat because I'm going to tell people you ate here." If someone replied they were too full, she responded, "This you don't eat from hunger!" Eugene often brought home guests for dinner without warning and Kate always welcomed the stranger to her table. In the early 80's when responsibilities at home lessened, she opened Abe's Tailor Shop.

Kate is survived by four children: George (Aviva) Lebovitz, Israel; Allen (Susan) Lebovitz, Prairie Village; Shari Baellow, Karen (David) Berger, all of Overland Park. She was the proud grandmother of Yaron (Tzippy) Lebovitz, Israel; Dahlia Lebovitz of blessed memory; Sara (Derek) Meklir, CA; Aaron (Melinda) Lebovitz, VA; Rachel (Shawn) Muller, Ben (Sarah) Baellow, Daniel Berger, and Dahlia Berger all of Overland Park; Rebecca Berger, Dallas; Michael (Emilia) Lebovitz, FL; great grandchildren Akiva (Jehudit) Lebovitz, Shalom, Dahlia, Shira, Adina and Netanel Lebovitz, all of Israel; Maya and Noah Muller

Overland Park; Allie DeBruin, Joseph and Zachary Baellow, Overland Park; Adam and Diane Lebovitz VA; Micah and Lennon Meklir, CA; Henry Lebovitz, FL; great-great grandchildren Yitzhak and Yair Lebovitz, Israel.

Family members sincerely appreciate each of Village Shalom's wonderful staff members who cared for Kate, in addition to Dr. Donald Cohen, and Connie Coll, her afternoon caregiver who in these last few extraordinary weeks of isolation facilitated face timing for Kate with family members. Graveside services will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education, Beth Shalom synagogue, or charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

5529 Ditzler Avenue

Raytown, MO,

Comments



“ So sorry for your loss of your Mother, Karen! I remember both your parents, as so warm and kind and they taught you so many things!

Sandie Pasik - June 06 at 05:36 PM



“ I interviewed Kate and Eugene back in about 2003 for a book I was writing about Raoul Wallenberg. She was so gracious and generous in sharing her story. She was an extraordinary woman, and I consider myself blessed to have made her acquaintance. Their story was breathtaking and still moves me whenever I think of it. Please accept my sincere condolences in your time of loss.

Debra McArthur

Debra L McArthur - May 08 at 03:11 PM



“ I hold sweet memories of the Lebovitz family from early BBYO days. They were always lovely and welcoming. I send most sincere condolences on your loss.
Teri Margolis Cohn

Teri Cohn - May 03 at 12:10 PM



“ Every Wednesday myself and Ramona my therapy dog would visit Kate. Ramona loved Kate and knew exactly where her room was. Kate was always smiles even when I asked how she was doing. Her reply was SSDD with a smile. She called Ramona and I her shayna punims. She was an honorary Bubby to me. I enjoyed learning about her family history. My love and prayers to her family



Melynn Serkes - May 02 at 04:06 PM



“ Kate was beautiful, inside and out. She and Eugene were a wonderful couple. I remember when I first met them at my parent's home. Eugene brought his accordion to entertain his friends. They were both warm and generous. It was always good to

see Kate at VS when my family and I would join the residents for a service in the chapel. I will miss her.

Steve Rothstein



Steve Rothstein - April 30 at 06:28 PM



“ Dear Family Lebovitz,

Our deepest condolences.

She was indeed a very special person and we had many good times when visiting our mother at the Geriatric center and Kate would drop by often. She was always up, happy, and cheerful.

May her memory be for a blessing.

Family Nussbaum

Larry Nussbaum - April 30 at 04:28 PM



“ I first met Kate a few years ago when she was living at Village Shalom. At the time, her room was next to my bubbe's. Whenever my husband and I were in town to see my bubbe, we always made sure to visit Kate. She talked about her incredible life, her family, and always asked how we were. (She even gave us snacks!) We've always remembered Kate's energy, verve, and kindness. She was a lovely woman. My condolences to the entire family. May Kate's memory be a blessing.

Adina Solomon - April 29 at 03:51 PM



“ To Allen and Susie, and all the Lebovitz family, Jim and I send our condolences to you. We were privileged to know Kate and Gene for more than 40 years and always delighted in time spent with them in the tailor shop and in our home. They were such loving, caring and giving friends who shared themselves, their love and pride in their family and their country, and many stories of their life which always brought laughter and sometimes tears. (Kate never failed to encourage Gene's stories, which she doubtless had heard many times before!) Their earnest passion for life and affirming

attitude were contagious. We think of them often and they both will remain in our hearts.

Judy Heeter - April 25 at 02:46 PM



“ Marie Koffman lit a candle in memory of Kate Lebovitz



marie koffman - April 25 at 02:13 AM



“ I met Kate four years ago when I knocked on her apartment door with my 3 poodles. I had heard through the grapevine that she had one of her own at one time. It was the beginning of a special friendship and I would often bring them in to see her on my days off and catch up. I will always have a special place in my heart for dear Kate.

Bobbi Jo Archer - April 24 at 11:31 PM



“ What I remember most about Kate is her son, Allan, with whom I always shared a great rapport. In point of fact, that is exactly what Kate was always about, her children, their lives, and all succeeding generations. We needed that, and we got that from her. She, and Gene will be missed, greatly missed.

Stanley Kreis - April 24 at 06:39 PM



“ George, Allan, Shari, and Karen
We are so sorry to learn of your Mother's passing. Great memories of being neighbors on 82nd Street. May her memory be for a blessing.
Jeff and Deanna Cooper Rudd



Deanna Rudd - April 24 at 05:11 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. I pray that when you think of her, a smile falls upon your face and may an outpouring of wonderful memories come to mind. She was a beautiful lady.

Andrea Stras - April 24 at 04:02 AM



“ We look at this beautiful woman and know that no matter the time of life, the same outer and inner beauty was always there in her smile and her caring for people. We will miss her so much. Our condolences to all of you on the passing of your beautiful mother and may her memory be a blessing for all generations, those here and those to come
Sandi and Ken Lerner

Sandi and Ken Lerner - April 23 at 04:29 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of Kate Lebovitz



Sandi Lerner - April 23 at 04:26 PM



“ I remember all the days that I spent at the Lebovitz's during my BBYO days. Mrs. Lebovit'z always made me me feel welcome. She loved to make me laugh and always offered me a meal even if I just ate! She was a blessing!

Debbie - April 23 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear family of Kate:

I am sorry there is no traditional shiva.
But online I want to express my condolences to all the family on the loss of such a

beautiful, loving, intelligent and caring individual that Kate was.
It was a true pleasure knowing her and learning from her.
Her memory will be for a blessing.
Sincerely,
Donald Cohen, D.O.

Donald Cohen, D.O. - April 23 at 10:40 AM



“ Walter Fink lit a candle in memory of Kate Lebovitz



Walter Fink - April 23 at 08:36 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. May her memory forever be a blessing. What a truly remarkable, giving and loving person! Such a wonderful and amazing family legacy to carry on.

Janice Scharf - April 23 at 01:05 AM



“ Dear Lebovitz family,
I was so blessed to have met Kate and Eugene at Village Shalom. I will always remember how he would always say, "Honey, you are so beautiful" to all of the ladies. Kate was such a good sport! They were such lovely people and will remain in my heart. I was just thinking of Kate the other day. You all will be in my heart and prayers. Rest well, my friend.

Erin Kling - April 22 at 09:36 PM



“ Katie & I have been friends thru Hadassah and the synagogue, for lo these many years. It was always a pleasure to be in hers and Eugene's company. It's our pleasure to have known such exemplary parents, and to know the marvelous Lebovitz family. Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of Katie.
Beryl & Richard Silberg

Beryl & Richard Silberg - April 22 at 06:12 PM



“ Kate led a wonderful life. Sorry we cannot be there with you in person.

Steve Fehr - April 22 at 05:25 PM



“ Great picture! Wasn't she lovely! Allen and Susan, Karen, and family, we send our condolences to you at this sad time.

Mark Edelman and karin lichterman - April 22 at 04:47 PM



“ My condolences to all of Kate's family. My mom, DD Wedlan, and I would sit with Kate for meals in HC1, when I came to visit from out-of-town. She was always so warm and welcoming to us and delighted in sharing all her stories of her life with us. She had such a beautiful soul.

Susan Wedlan - April 22 at 03:42 PM



“ Kate and Gene were always like family to me. We had an easy rapport and a friendship that lasted from 1979 until today. If I had a new girlfriend I would bring her over to Mrs Lebovitz, as I always respectfully called her. I would always get an honest opinion and a wise recommendation of how to proceed. A great lady, part of a wonderful family. My love and sympathies to the entire Lebovitz family. garry scharf

Garry Jay - April 22 at 03:25 PM



“ Allen, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I am thinking of you. May her memory be for a blessing.

Nancy H Wolff - April 22 at 03:16 PM



“ Susan Zale lit a candle in memory of Kate Lebovitz





Susan Zale - April 22 at 03:04 PM



“ What an amazing life Kate lived and a remarkable legacy she leaves. Unimaginable to survive the horrors of the Holocaust and live to see your own child become a great-grandparent!

I had many lovely conversations with Kate at Village Shalom. She was always positive and had such joy when talking about the many generations of her family. May you all find comfort in loving memories of Kate.

Rachel Krantz - April 22 at 01:53 PM



“ Elena Goldstein lit a candle in memory of Kate Lebovitz



Elena Goldstein - April 22 at 11:29 AM



“ My deepest condolences for a lovely lady!!

Valerie Gaines - April 22 at 11:13 AM



“ Sending condolences to Shari, Rachel and Ben and family in the loss of your mother and grandmother.

Becky and Ron Sandhaus

Rebecca Sandhaus - April 22 at 10:31 AM

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“ Baruch Dayan HaEmet. We are so sorry for your loss. May her name and memory always be a blessing to you and your families.

Ellen and Jay Portnoy - April 22 at 10:18 AM



“ Oh this news makes my heart very sad. Kate was an amazing woman. I loved talking with her and listening to her - not just her stories but her accent and giggle too! I know you all will miss her greatly. She left an imprint on my life. I will not forget her!!

-Jill Craft

Jill Craft - April 22 at 10:11 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss.
Lenny and Lisa Cohen

lisa - April 22 at 10:11 AM