



## LABE ASNER

May 5, 1923 - January 18, 2017

Labe Asner, 93, of Leawood, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 18, 2017.

Labe was a force to be reckoned with. He was simultaneously a master of charm and biting wit. He was born in Kansas City, Kansas on May 5, 1923, the fourth of five children to Morris and Lizzie Asner. He graduated from Wyandotte High School. Labe proudly served in the Army in World War II. The Army sent him to the University of California at Berkeley to attend classes to prepare him for his duties as a codebreaker. Following the war, he returned home to Kansas City and joined the family business, Asner Iron & Metal, which he had continued to operate with his son-in-law Buzzah Feingold.

Labe met Gloria Anisman, the love of his life, at Ohev Sholom during High Holiday services in 1946 while she was attending William Jewell College. They married in 1948 and remained married for 61 years, until her death in 2009. Labe's unrelenting love was focused on his Gloria, his three children and being a very proud "Papa" to seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. It is said that the greatest gift a father can give to his children is to love their mother, and Labe did that unconditionally.

Labe was also a gifted card player and was known as the best gin rummy player in Kansas City. He was a sports fanatic and was a Royals season ticket holder, attending over 3,000 games. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball and would challenge anyone who tried to rival him. Labe was a good athlete and took up tennis later in life, making up for his late start with his ambidexterity. He was a staunch supporter of Congregation Ohev Sholom and the State of Israel.

Labe was preceded in death by his wife Gloria Anisman Asner; his parents, Morris and Lizzie Asner; and his siblings Ben Asner, Eve Asner, and Esther Edelman. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Susan Asner; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Buzzah Feingold; daughter Marci Asner; brother Ed Asner; grandchildren, Lindsay Asner, Darby Asner, Zachary and Jessica Feingold, Emily Feingold, Carly Feingold and Marc

Hustvedt; and great-grandchildren, Luke, Lily, Sadie, Leo, Tessa, Maverick (aka Little Labe) and Edie; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family wishes to express its loving thanks to Labe's many caregivers over the past year.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Sunday, January 22, at Congregation Ohev Sholom, 5211 West 75th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208. Burial at Sheffield Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers and food; the family suggests contributions to Ohev Sholom Synagogue or a charity of your choice.

In celebration of Labe's long and wonderful life, please feel free to wear Royals gear to the funeral.

Labe was one of a kind and will be missed by all.

**FAMILY REQUESTS NO FOOD ANYWHERE**

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Sheffield  
Cemetery**  
6200 Wilson Road  
Kansas City, MO,

**JAN Shiva 04:30PM**

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Ohev Shalom Synagogue  
5311 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, KS, US, 66208

**JAN Shiva 07:00PM**

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at the Sulgrave Ballroom, 200 W. 49th St., Kansas City, MO  
64112  
MO, US

# Comments

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“ Labe and I were in the Army together, Signal Intelligence Service. Sorry to hear about his passing. Love to the family!

Herman Slotoroff and family

**Herman Slotoroff** - February 21, 2017 at 05:01 PM

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“ I first met Labe and Gloria at a Royal's game, we had season tickets in front of them. I had the audacity to call Labe on some Royal's fact and he forgave me and we became fast friends. He was a wonderful, dear man. I was pleased to see him several times recently at First Watch and I was lucky enough to have him "approve" of the man in my life. I will always see him and his beautiful Gloria sitting in my big chair enjoying gumbo and regaling all of us with great stories at the Gumbo-rama. We have all lost a beautiful, beautiful man.  
My heartfelt sympathies to you all.  
Jane Olson

**Jane Olson** - January 29, 2017 at 11:01 PM

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“ My sincerest condolences on your loss.  
Steve Burke  
Brookside

**Steve Burke** - January 25, 2017 at 06:28 PM

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“ Labe was a special man, a good soul who lived well and loved well. Our synagogue got to share his generous soul and his kind heart. He did so much for us...and for me personally.

I know you in his family have wonderful memories which will bring you many smiles in the years to come.

Rabbi Danny Horwitz  
Houston

**Rabbi Danny Horwitz** - January 24, 2017 at 10:02 PM

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“ I will always have such fond memories of Labe and Gloria.  
The two of them and my parents were very good friends  
I loved going to their house.  
Labe always had a great sense of humor  
Gloria was so warm and inviting  
My condolences to the Asner family  
Holly Hurwitz

**holly hurwitz** - January 24, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“ Thank you to all for your memories and words of support. I've always felt my family has added so much color in my life. The light is dimmer right now, because Papa was a Rainbow!

**lindsay asner** - January 23, 2017 at 10:35 PM

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“ Lisa and Buzzah and Family,  
Scott and Susan and Family,

Lisa and I want to express our sincerest condolences on the loss of your father Lisa and Scott. It is always hard to lose a loved one and I know he will be in your prayers as you are in ours.

Ken and Lisa Block

**kenneth block** - January 23, 2017 at 06:47 AM

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“ Labe enjoyed a long and beautiful life with a wonderful family and a host of friends who will miss him dearly. I am sorry for your loss. Long life to all of you.  
Steve Rothstein

**Steve Rothstein** - January 22, 2017 at 06:36 PM

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“ To Labe's family,

We got to know Labe at Longhorn Steakhouse in Leawood. The regulars all looked forward to seeing him each week. He was always quick with a joke or a jab. We will miss him. We hope the family will take comfort in their memories of Labe.

## The Regulars at Longhorn Steakhouse Leawood



**Bill Mick** - January 22, 2017 at 04:41 PM

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“ I first met Labe in 1973 when I moved here from the University of Arkansas. We have stayed friends of which I am truly grateful. His sense of humor always brought a smile regardless of the setting. He was the best and will be missed by all. Rick Fleenor

**Rick Fleenor** - January 22, 2017 at 03:52 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We enjoyed many dinners with Labe at Carrabba's-Always a grand time!

Michael and Jacque Kijowski

**Michael & Jacque Kijowski** - January 22, 2017 at 03:07 PM

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“ Very sad to hear of Labe's passing. He and my dad Al Richman were lifetime friends. My deepest condolences go to the Asner family.

Rhonda Elkins

**Rhonda Elkins** - January 22, 2017 at 11:13 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to your family. Labe was one of a kind. He was a sweet, funny, gruff, charming man. Whenever I was with he and Gloria I felt like one of the family - so much love in two wonderful people. They made an impression on my heart that will always be there.

**Francesca Carozza** - January 22, 2017 at 09:09 AM

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“ Dear Scott, Lisa, Marci, and Ed,  
Our hearts are with you at this very sad time. We have so many memories of our fun filled times with your parents and all of you. It is hard for us to believe that when we left Kansas City, Sonny and I, and your folks, were younger then you kids are now. But we will never forget and always hold dear the times we spent with the whole Asner family.

Sonny has his own particular memories of Labe, ""The Yard", Gene, and all the characters that wandered in and out of that very unique place. Many came to beat "the fastest gun in town" in Gin. Others, like Sonny, just came to just be part of laughter. Sonny was absolutely awestruck by Labe's prowess in Gin and was smart enough to stay out of the competition. He absolutely idollized Labe. He was the older brother that he never had. They both spent many an evening, in the car, listening to the Los Angeles Dodgers. They would park the car at a higher elevation so they could get reception. Sonny would never experience that kind of camaraderie again.

May you all find consolation in loving memories of your dad and brother. He was certainly a man that created great memories for all of us.

Much love to you all,

Deanna and Sonny Pearl

**Deanna and Norman Pearl** - January 21, 2017 at 02:27 PM

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“ Lisa & Buzzah,  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father & father- in-law. My thoughts & prayers go to you, your family and the Asner family.  
Much love, Morgan & Larry

**Morgan Pfeiffer** - January 21, 2017 at 10:46 AM

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“ I'll miss you Labe! My old buddy ! I'll never forget the way you and Arnie were always playing practical jokes on each other. Hilarious!

Condolences to the entire family.

Bev Rose

**Bev Rose** - January 20, 2017 at 11:04 PM

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“ Lisa & Buzzah & Family  
Scott & Susan Asner & Family  
Marci Asner

My condolences to each and every one of you for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Labe was very special to me and will be always have a place in my heart.



Glenda Yates - January 20, 2017 at 06:47 PM

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“ mary jo and i would like to express our sincere sympathy to all the family. we know he was the rock of your family and will be deeply missed. our love and our thoughts are with you all.

mary jo and bob brown - January 20, 2017 at 05:47 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers for the family. I remember when Labelle and Gloria used to come in to Veco's restaurant. He always had something funny to say about the owner, Victor Fontana. He was the best Royals fan, ever. I'm sure that when they won the Word Series, he was ready to leave this earth with a smile on his face. He was a force of nature. I'll close with how he always said goodbye to me, Go Royals!  
Jim Brostrom

Jim Brostrom - January 20, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ Yes Labe was a master of charm and biting wit. I love him for it and will miss him. I am glad god shared him with us for so many years.

John "J.R." Meinders former plant superintendent Quindaro Power Station.

John "J.R." Meinders - January 22, 2017 at 10:50 AM

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“ My father n law, Irv Fulton and Labe were close friends. One day Irv handed me an old single shot shotgun and a .22 rifle that Labe had given him to give to me. He told Irv he had grown up using them on their farm in Kansas as a kid. Just 2 old guns. But 2 of my favorite



“ Ed, Scott, Susan, Lisa, Buzzah, Marci, Lindsay, Darby, Zachary, Jessica, Emily, Carly, Marc, and the entire family.

Our sincere condolences on loss of Labe, the "gentle tiger"..  
We have all lost a great one.

Love,  
Randi and Larry Haith



Larry Haith - January 20, 2017 at 09:50 AM

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“ The Fagan Family sends our sincerest condolences to the Asner Family. Labe was a significant part of our success through the years. He will be missed.

The Fagan Family Mechanical Contractors - January 20, 2017 at 08:38 AM

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“ Labe was a kind man with a colorful personality. He also liked to be in the know about the relatives outside of his immediate family! We always enjoyed talking with him. He will be greatly missed!

Ed and Bari Pollyea

Bari and Ed Pollyea - January 20, 2017 at 07:04 AM

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“ We met a long time ago, he had a great sense of humor.  
Ben his late brother was a dear friend of ours, our condolences to all that survive you Labe.

Richard Sheldrake

Richard Sheldrake - January 20, 2017 at 06:32 AM

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“ Dear Asner Family, we all send you our deepest condolences on Labe's passing. It's been a lifetime friendship with your family, and know our thoughts are with you at this time.  
Love, the Zoglins

Janet Zoglin - January 20, 2017 at 05:19 AM

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“ My condolences to the Asner and Feingold family's. Your father was truly a wonderful man. When seeing him one could always expect to hear something interesting or a good joke, always with a big smile. May his memory be for blessing.

Walter Rosel - January 19, 2017 at 11:10 PM

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“ Lisa, Buzzah and family. Our prayers are with you. He was a wonderful man. May he rest in peace.

Michael and Nanci Max Myer

michael myer - January 19, 2017 at 07:52 PM

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“ Labe was our next door neighbor for 23 years. We always kept an eye on each others houses when one of us was away. He always had a kind word or a joke for us. When we moved a year ago, Labe took us out for dinner. He was a kind, gentle man with a rough exterior that he wanted to present to the world. We will miss him, but we will always have very fond memories. Love, Alice and Tom Lewinsohn

Alice and Tom Lewinsohn - January 19, 2017 at 06:51 PM

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“ Dear Lisa, Buzzah, and family,  
Lenny and I will miss seeing Labe at First Watch  
On Sunday mornings. He was always so nice to us and always wickedly funny. We are thinking of you all with love.  
Lisa and Lenny Cohen

Lisa Cohen - January 19, 2017 at 02:16 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Labe, He was a great guy

**steve greenberg** - January 19, 2017 at 01:11 PM

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“ I was sorry to learn of the passing of Labe. I had just seen and talked to him a few weeks ago at the J his caretaker had brought him to the Monday Bridge class. He was for sure the best gin rummy player I ever knew. My thoughts are with the whole family.

Irwin Levine

**Irwin Levine** - January 19, 2017 at 11:40 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Asner family. Precious memories live on forever. May Labe's memory be for a blessing. Although there are no words that can take away the pain of your loss, may it be comforting to know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of many. May the Holy One grant you peace and give you comfort during this grievous time. Job 14:14,15.

**Sharon Elaine** - January 19, 2017 at 11:25 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Labe was one of a kind great man. May his soul rest in peace of blessed memories.

**Myron Haith** - January 19, 2017 at 11:17 AM