



## Lawrence A. Weiner

September 10, 1940 - November 12, 2020

Lawrence Armand Weiner was born September 10, 1940, in Kansas City, Missouri to Ethel and Nathan Weiner. 3 siblings survive Larry. Sandy Tobias (Dallas, Texas), Terri (Zuckerman) Feldman ( White Plains, NY) and Stanford Weiner (Minneapolis, Min). Larry is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joni Weiner of Leawood, Ks. and their children Mitch Weiner (NKC,MO.), Brad Weiner ( died 1985),Todd Weiner (KCMO) and Samantha Weiner

Hammontree (Leawood, Ks.) and their grandkids Vincent Freeman (30), Destiny Freeman (27), Braxton Hammontree (19), Ethan Weiner (17), Mackenzie Hammontree (16), Nathan Weiner (11), Sasha Weiner (9).

Larry Weiner Grew up in the heart of Kansas City Mo., Brookside. He attended Border Star Elementary school, and was a graduate of the 1958 class at Southwest High school. After graduating High School Larry went straight to work with his father Nathan Weiner. Filling gum ball machines around the city and sporting a bowtie while being the “soda jerk” at

the infamous Katz Drug at 63rd and Brookside would serve to open up his world as his father and mother would prepare him for greatness. But before that could happen he would live out a fairytale and marry his sweetheart, Joni Diester also of Brookside. She would be the angelic divine rod to help keep him on path and give him true support for his difficult journey that would await them both. They were a team. Ying and Yang. It was a beautiful thing to see and watch. She was the apple of his eye!!!! and likewise! They would frequent Winstead’s on the Plaza as youths and always have that burger and fry craving. He would request it usually for his first meal back from his Orient trips. Larry would love to travel nationally and eventually internationally throughout the year. They loved to travel to the Ozarks when the kids were younger and then to places like Las Vegas and Miami, Florida. Larry and Joni loved to travel with friends and family and even took annual sibling vacations starting in their 40’s.

Larry believed in Philanthropy. He gave generously to places like the JFC’s Brookside Food Pantry or, BV CAPS, or the expansion of the “The J” AKA Jewish Community Center and even the Weiner Religious School at Temple Beth Torah.

Raising 3 boys born in the span 35 months and then finally getting his Princess 6 years

later would be all the motivation Larry Weiner would need as a young man to eventually become one

of the most respected leaders in his industry. Larry partnered with Nate and later with Stanford from his return from Vietnam to set things in motion to become the largest Manufacturers Representative of Christmas decorations in the Midwest. The firm would be called, "Nathan Weiner and Assoc." and would birth an import company out of necessity called "Sterling Supply", (later Sterling, Inc.) This specialty now 3rd generation business would grow to expansion levels where in its zenith it would employ well over 100 people, have impressive large corporate showrooms in places like 5Th Ave NYC, Atlanta Merchandise Mart, Dallas World Trade Center, Kansas City, Mo., Minneapolis, Minn. and would be presented in National Rep showrooms in another 15 cities across America. Nathan Weiner and Assoc. and Sterling would go on to supply small specialty companies and also accommodate large retail discount entities.

The Rep side grew to 40-50 lines of product and Sterling Inc would eventually have approximately 5000 SKU's , 2000 customers, 5 catalogs, 5 Cooperate showrooms and around 15 Rep groups and a Warehouse you could play frisbee in! These customers were far and wide. Basically anyone who sold Christmas Decorations which would become most of the retail public. He got lucky!!! These companies would include the likes of Target, Costco, Sky mall, Menards, Garden Ridge, Michaels and other national store chains. Larry loved talking on his phone in the car while smoking a cigar( almost as much as a midnight scoop of peanut butter). If a call came in from (816) 591-4600 you know Larry had you in his sights!!! That cell number still sends shivers!! LOL. He always dressed for success and carried himself with a first class Esprit de Corps. Larry was also a pioneer in the growth of Southeast Asia. Larry Weiner's name was very respected by factories in places like Taiwan, Hong Kong and Shenzhen and in the growing providence of Guangdong China. 40 years of carving relationships, touring trading companies and their factories, literally over the years by the thousands. This would round out his understanding and ability to source product, sample it, display it, sell it, ship it, bill it and even

insure the customer how to sell it so that the order would increase the following year. It worked. Larry would have all 4 children work in the business and 3 would make career out of it benefiting from every small detail. The journey was grinding, long and arduous and so fruitful in so many fulfilling human ways. Larry Weiner had the quintessential golden American life. Larry had family, business, friends, community and love and in a time and a place in what could be considered so, so special. We already miss that hard charge that came so softly. Thank you Dad. Your family loves you and will miss you.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Torah, Attn: The Weiner Family Building Project, 6100 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS 66209.

# Cemetery

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## Rose Hill Cemetery

6900 Troost Avenue  
Kansas City, MO,

# Events

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**NOV** **Zoom Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Please call funeral home for Zoom information.  
MO, US

# Comments

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“ Our deepest condolences on the loss of Larry. My his memory be a blessing.  
Family of Sonny Saltzman  
Zelma, Staci and Todd



**Staci Allan** - November 26, 2020 at 02:46 PM

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“ Joni and family -- Susan and I were saddened to learn of Larry's passing. While it has been many years since our paths crossed, I have fond memories of happy times together at Oakwood and elsewhere. Larry was a kind, thoughtful person and I always appreciated his caring style. May his memory be a blessing.  
Don & Susan Kastle -- Mission Viejo, CA

**Don Kastle** - November 19, 2020 at 07:29 PM

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“ Weiner family,

I was sad to read about Larry's passing. He was such a great guy with whom I enjoyed working with many years ago. The annual holiday party at Oakwood was always a highlight.

Larry will be missed and remembered. My prayers are with you.

John Wagner, Jr.

**John Wagner** - November 17, 2020 at 01:25 PM

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“ Dearest Joni -

I was so sorry to hear that Larry has passed away. As you may recall, I've known both of you since before you were married, as was actually at your wedding. You were absolutely the apple of his eye, even before you were married. He was a good friend and a real gentleman. He will be missed by many.

In deepest sympathy,  
David Fisher

**David Fisher** - November 16, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ Sending lots of love to the whole Weiner family. Samantha, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. Lots of love,  
Tracy Lighstone Jacobson and Family

**Tracy Jacobson** - November 15, 2020 at 07:15 PM

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“ Joni- so sorry for your loss- you and Larry were great neighbors. My prayers are with you and your family.

**Gary Kilkenny** - November 15, 2020 at 12:58 PM

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“ Wish we could have been there to give you all hugs!  
Beautiful service!  
So glad the sun came out to shine on you this day!

Love to you and your family

Marsha and Eddie

**Marsha Herman** - November 15, 2020 at 11:55 AM

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“ In all my time in KC, it was a wonderful tonic for heart and spirit to be in Larry's (and Joanie's) company. A grand and good man.  
Rabbi Michael Zedek

Michael Zedek - November 15, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ Joni,  
We are so sorry for your loss - we have such good memories from when we were neighbors in Longwood. Our love and thoughts are with all of you  
Jan & Ed Barash

Jan Barash - November 15, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ Helen Apple Farbman lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Weiner



Helen Apple Farbman - November 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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“ To our family by choice,  
We adored Poppy. May his memory always be a blessing.  
Jen, Molly, and Kate Levinson

jennifer levinson - November 15, 2020 at 08:13 AM

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“ Dear Joni and family,  
I am so very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I was just a baby when my mother, Betty, began working for Nate, and later for the Weiner family. Over the course of her employment, which was most of her adult life, the entire Weiner family were always so kind and generous to my mother (and me) in ways too numerous and extraordinary to recount here. My heart felt sorrow goes out to you Joni, the kids, and the entire Weiner family. Larry, like his father, was a kind and decent man. The World will miss him greatly. Peace to you all.

Larry Benton - November 14, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Joni.....So sorry for your loss! Thinking of you and your family.  
Ronna and Josh Garry

Ronna Garry - November 14, 2020 at 09:09 PM

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“ Lisa And Ken Schifman lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Weiner



Lisa and Ken Schifman - November 14, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ Barbara And Skip Rein lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Weiner



Barbara and Skip Rein - November 14, 2020 at 07:51 PM

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“ Joni, Mitch, Todd, and Sam its so hard to lose a parent. It leaves a hole in your heart Joni words can't say enough. Many found memories of your family. Love from the Yukon's.

**Sara & David Yukon** - November 14, 2020 at 07:36 PM

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“ Dear Joni and family,

Sam and I are so saddened so learn of Larry's passing. We all go back a long way. He always had such a great welcoming smile and a zest for life. In reading the obituary, you realize what an incredible life he had. May his memory truly be a blessing - there aren't many good guys like Larry Weiner out there. Our loving thoughts to all of you at this difficult time.

Anita and Sam Chaplick

**Anita Chaplick** - November 14, 2020 at 07:12 PM

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“ Joni and family,  
I'm sorry for your loss. Joni took excellent care of Larry when he needed it most. I recall times in California receiving Larry's energy and smiles, when entertaining the Kansas City crowd, at their seasonal condo. There were more than a few times I passed him in the grocery parking lot while he enjoyed his cigar. I know you're surrounded with love by many for this one brother, husband, father and grandfather.

**Lisa Lefkovitz** - November 14, 2020 at 06:09 PM

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“ Joni and all the Weiner family, sorry to hear about Larry. He was a good man and my thoughts are with you. Lou Bordman

**Lou Bordman** - November 14, 2020 at 02:57 PM

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“ Joni, we are so sorry for your loss.  
Teri and Steve Cohn

**Teri Cohn** - November 14, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ Sherry & I were so saddened learning of Larry's passing. Larry & I went back to 1955 at Southwest HS. We had many great times together at school & fraternity parties. Our friendship was rekindled playing golf at Oakwood, having children the same ages, getting together with Larry & Nate in the early days of their business, crossing paths in the Far East when we were both there on business, having lunch together & so many more fun occasions. We will miss him. Our sympathies to all the Weiner family. I know they'll miss him. Mike & Sherry Blumenthal

**Mike Blumenthal** - November 14, 2020 at 10:28 AM

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“ Joni and family, Jack and I send our thoughts and prayers.  
Jack and Cindy Weiner Garfinkle

**Cindy and Jack Garfinkle** - November 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

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“ Joni, Samantha and Family,  
We were so sad to learn of Larry's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. May the care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead and may his memory be a blessing to all he loved and to all who loved him.  
Barbara Bayer and Norman Baellow

**Barbara Bayer** - November 14, 2020 at 09:56 AM

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“ MADELINE SILVER lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Weiner



**MADLINE SILVER** - November 13, 2020 at 11:07 PM

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“ I’m sorry to hear of Larry’s passing, and my thoughts reach out to Joni and the family. You wouldn’t believe, but Larry was great at taking advantage of a poor young Car Dealer on Metcalf, he was great to deal with, and if he only knew, he did take advantage of me. Larry will be missed.

**Tom Sight** - November 13, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ Dear Joni and family,

I am saddened to learn of Larry's passing. I remember when we had young children and we were friends. I have been out of touch with Kansas City for the last 22 years but my heart is still there. I remember his parents and I am related to the Weiner family. Larry Weiner (Gert and Norman) lives here in Vegas and we see each other often. I wish you well with your happy memories of your amazing funny and nice husband.

Love from Hanna Apple

**HANNA APPLE** - November 13, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ Marieandphil Koffman lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Weiner



**marieandphil koffman** - November 13, 2020 at 05:41 PM

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“ Joni, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jerry & Susie Klinock

**Jerry Klinock** - November 13, 2020 at 05:27 PM

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“ I have never written one of these before. I knew Larry as a person and as a businessman. I particularly remember his infectious laugh. Larry's time on earth leaves the world a better place. God bless Larry, Joni, and the Weiner family.

Steve Katz

Steve Katz - November 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM

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“ My heart hurts losing my friend of over 60 years. When my mother died, she left me with a little bit of money. Being not too smart with money, I asked Larry , What do you do with your money? With his guidance & knowledge he directed me to the right people to help me invest. I probably wouldn't have a dime without his support today. Larry & Joni took me to the airport to report to basic training for the Air Force & picked me up when I came Home.  
I was bowling one night & Larry told me he was going to ask Joni to marry him. Later on that evening here comes Larry. Why are you here I asked, She turned me down. Why I asked, She wanted to play a little longer & go on a trip with some friends before settling down. We all know how that turned out.  
We lost a wonderful man today & will never be forgotten.  
God bless the Weiner family.

Mickey Levey - November 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ I have many memories of Larry, but what stands out the most is his big smile, his ready laugh, and his interest in what was going on with everyone around him. I remember his jokes and joyful way, but I also remember how serious he would get when imparting some piece of important advice to us kids (way back in the day). All of it demonstrated just how much he cared about his family and friends. May Larry's memory be for a blessing.

Jane Martin - November 13, 2020 at 08:32 AM

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“ Larry brought so much joy in our hearts in Village Shalom. He was one of the remarkable Karaoke singers I've known. He was a great guy and it was a privilege to care for him. I will miss him dearly. My heart and prayers go out to you -Joni, Samantha and for the rest of the family and friends.

Lani Juan LPN  
Village Shalom



**Lani Juan** - November 12, 2020 at 11:39 PM

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“ We lost a truly great friend. Our time together was always filled with fun and laughter. We send our love and prayers to Joni and all his family. Barbara and David

**barbara fromm, david hausen** - November 12, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ It is very hard to put into words how much Larry has met to my family. I remember Larry coming to my mothers house for Friday night coffee and desert . Not sure Larry ever made it to the desert before he fell asleep in the chair. I have videos of Larry at my rehearsal dinner 52 years ago. I remember Larry getting my wife drunk on Champagne at my brothers engagement party . More recently Larry brought me into his family business and taught me so much about selling and understanding my customers needs.

One of my most fond memories was that every December for 15 years Larry would call and say "let's take a road trip". So on that Sunday we would drive to Omaha and back , and along the way visit every retailer that sold Christmas merchandise. Those many hours driving with Larry were certainly a great learning experience and a memory I will never forget. Larry had a great understanding of his customers needs and knew each and everyone personally. He had the same effect on his suppliers in the orient. I was lucky enough to work with Larry in China and I know every supplier had great respect and love for Larry.

Marsha and I would like to offer our condolences to : Joni, Sam, Mich, Todd and the entire family.

May he rest in peace.

**Chuck Levey** - November 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM

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“ My thoughts are with all of you Joni,Sam,Mitch, and Todd and all the rest of your family. I have lost a friend of 60 years.

**Susan and Irwin Levine** - November 12, 2020 at 04:59 PM

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“ I lost a very close friend today. Susan and I are very sad today. I have so many memories with Larry I would not be able to list them here.

**Susan and Irwin Levinr** - November 12, 2020 at 04:53 PM

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“ Dear Joanie and Family,  
Stan and I are so very sorrowed to learn of Larry's passing. He had a wonderful life with you and family until his physical setback a few years ago. He seemed to deal with it well and with strength. We didn't see you regularly but occasionally, and we always enjoyed a visit with you both. May his dear memory be for a blessing always!  
Most sincerely and with much sympathy, Joyce and Stan Zeldin

**Joyce Zeldin** - November 12, 2020 at 04:52 PM

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“ Joanie and family. I was so sorry to read about Larry. I will always remember him sitting at the table next to my mom at Village Shalom. I so enjoyed talking with you. My deepest condolences to you.



**Ann Tannenbaum** - November 12, 2020 at 04:32 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of Larry's passing! He was always so chipper and upbeat and always greeted us warmly!  
Our sympathy to his family,  
Marilyn and Stephen Koshland

**Marilyn Koshland** - November 12, 2020 at 04:25 PM

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“ I can't tell you how sad I was to hear of Larry's passing this morning. My heart just breaks for all of the Weiner family. Larry, and all of you, have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. To many fun filled days at Oakwood, to our family trips in Hilton Head. Larry will always hold a special place in my heart, as he was one of my favorites of my parent's friends. Sending lots of love and many hugs to you all during this difficult time. Love you, Robin

**Robin Levine** - November 12, 2020 at 04:18 PM