



LEE SHULKIND

June 1, 1922 - July 3, 2016

Lee Shulkind, 94, passed away peacefully at Village Shalom on July 3, 2016. She lived her long life as a passionate, dedicated and spirited volunteer in the Kansas City Community. Funeral services will be 10:00am Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Village Shalom, Jewish Federation or a charity of the donor's choice.

Lee (Leona) was born in Staten Island on June 1, 1922. She was the daughter of loving parents, Jenny and George Katzman. She moved with her parents to Southern California in 1943. On a fortuitous blind date, Lee met 1st Lieutenant Maurice Shulkind on leave from tour of duty in the South Pacific. They married in 1945. They had three children, Lauren, Steven and Garry. This is where Lee began her volunteer life starting with Pioneer Women in Long Beach, CA, as a founding member, helping bring women and children of the Holocaust to Israel.

A golden opportunity brought the Shulkinds to the Kansas City area in 1964. Lee continued her volunteer career here at Menorah Medical Center (including volunteering in the outpatient and emergency wards), Jewish Geriatric and Convalescent Center (President of the Women's Auxiliary, as well as board member), Jewish Federation (President of the Women's Division and many other positions) and the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy. She was awarded many honors for her volunteer work, including Kansas City Star volunteer of the year, United Way All Star Volunteer. She also served on the boards of Jewish Community Relations Bureau and, Menorah Medical Center. She was an enthusiastic fund raiser for the many causes she believed in. She was instrumental in helping establish the Alzheimers unit at the Geriatric Center as well as being very involved in the newer Village Shalom in fundraising and design of the state of the art facility where she resided. Her involvement at the Geriatric Center was best explained by her when she said "I saw the need was so great. There was no caring in this community, at that time it was obvious, for the elderly."

She especially enjoyed making personal connections with geriatric center residents who had no family members to visit them. She made transforming the gift shop there a focus for a profitable place for residents, visitors and employees.

After many years of service in Kansas City, Lee moved to Lexington, Mo, with her son Garry, to start a new chapter of her life. That included volunteering in her new town. She became active with the Whiteman Airforce Base Community Council. She was the coordinator for correspondence and gifts and they made care packages for servicemen deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. She also joined the Lexington Garden Club and enrolled in Wentworth Military Academy, taking history classes, a long time interest. At 85 she was Wentworth's oldest student.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice and son, Garry. She is survived by her children Lauren and Tony Dow, Topanga, CA and Steve and Jan Shulkind Overland Park, KS., grandchildren, Andy and Sarah Shulkind, Los Angeles, CA and Jamie Shulkind, Tel Aviv, Israel and four great-grandchildren.

Events

JUL **Shiva** 07:00PM

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Village Shalom

5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS, US

Comments



“ She was an elegant warm lovely woman. We are so fortunate to have known her. She was ageless!

Sharon and Al Cohen - July 08, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ Saw the announcement of the funeral after it was over. So sorry I wasn't able to be there. Lori... Would love to have seen you. We have lots of great memories of our families getting together many years ago.

Your mom was one-of-a-kind and she will be missed by many.

Irene Goodman - July 06, 2016 at 05:01 PM



“ I am so sadden by the news of the passing of such an amazing person. Lee was generous with every fiber of her being. As she volunteered to help others, she was also the teacher of many by her example. She was my mentor and a role model in the Federation for a number of years. She was filled with grace, love and strength. May her memory always be for a blessing.

With love and friendship,
Karen Pack

karen pack - July 06, 2016 at 02:23 PM



“ Dear Lauren and family. I will definitely miss Lee in Pod One at Village Shalom . Every night i would serve her black coffee and offer to cut her meat. Her reply would be why do you think I need help to cut my food? I will fondly look at the tree in the court yard and think of your mom. You are right one word that decribes your mom is Strong. The community lost a good one. Love Ann



Ann Tannenbaum - July 05, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ She was such a lovely and caring woman! Pat Robinson

Patricia Robinson - July 04, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ Grandma, you were such an inspiration to me, and countless others. You had so much love in your heart, and were not selfish about keeping it to yourself, as evidenced by the impact you've had on all of the communities you've touched.

You will always be in my heart as one of my key mentors.

I love you!



James Shulkind - July 04, 2016 at 03:13 PM



“ James Shulkind lit a candle in memory of LEE SHULKIND



James Shulkind - July 04, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ I met Lee many years ago when Maury and my mother were both at the Jewish Geriatric Center in the Alzheimer unit. We became very close friends and traveled to Egypt, Israel and Europe with her. We visited her when she lived in Lexington as often as we could.

She was a beautiful, loving friend and a most remarkable lady. She gave so much of her time to our Jewish Community, to Lexington and to so many organizations and people in need. It was our privilege to know her, love her and have her friendship.
Janet and Harold Price

Janet Price - July 03, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ I did not personally know Lee, but admired her voluntarism and community involvement. This is one time that truly her memory should be for a blessing and an example to follow for everyone.

Felicia Weiner - July 03, 2016 at 02:51 PM



“ Dear Family,
I adored Lee in her prime when I knew her best. I met her through Women's Federation volunteering and admired her from the first. She was a "first-class lady" whom I hoped to follow in kind. When she moved to Lexington, I more or less lost contact with her. I will remember her as I knew her, and know how she will be missed. Her work with Village Shalom and its predecessor were legendary. May her dear memory always be for a blessing. Most sincerely, and with sincere sympathy,
Joyce Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - July 03, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ Lee was a beloved friend, role Model and mentor to me and so many many people who were lucky enough to know and love her! May her beloved memory be a comfort to her family and her memory always be a blessing!
Tricia Uhlmann

patricia uhlmann - July 03, 2016 at 01:22 PM



“ A sincere message of condolence to Steve, Jan, and family.

Mark Edelman and karin lichterman - July 03, 2016 at 12:45 PM