



Leon E. Bloch, Jr.

February 7, 1921 - November 6, 2012

Leon E. Bloch, Jr., an attorney, died on November 6, 2012, at age 91. Leon had lifelong ties to Kansas City. He grew up in a loving family in midtown with his parents, Hortense and Leon Bloch Sr., and his two younger brothers, Henry and Richard. After graduating from Southwest High School, Leon received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri. A gifted orator in law school, he became known as “Senator” to his close friends and family, a nickname that stuck throughout his long life. A veteran of World War II, Leon served as a sergeant from 1942 to 1946 in the 1520th Air Transport Command in Hawaii and then in Guam, where he won a Bronze Star. While stationed in Guam, Leon, Henry, and Richard wrote lengthy letters to each other about the prospect of starting a business together after the War. Their mother had long encouraged her three sons to go into business together. Then in 1947, Leon quit law school to launch United Business Company with Henry. But shortly after the founding of their fledgling enterprise, which aimed to serve the bookkeeping needs of the smallest of small business, Leon decided to finish law school and become a lawyer. Richard later teamed with Henry in building a stable foundation for United Business Company, which in 1955 was transformed and renamed H&R Block. For many years, Leon provided legal services to the thriving tax preparation firm. Leon is survived by his brother Henry and seven nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, at the New Reform Temple, 7100 Main St., Kansas City, MO 64114. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the New Reform Temple.

Comments



“ It's very hard to bear the loss of someone as dear as Leon. And although there is little that one can say or do to take away all your pain, please know that you are in the thoughts and prayers of many. May every loving memory be like the warming rays of sun which help to bring some comfort when the pain and sorrow comes. And may you continue to assure your heart that Leon is safe in God's memory. Malachi 3:16; Micah 4:4. May God grant you comfort and peace. With heartfelt condolences.

S. Elaine - November 08, 2012 at 06:17 PM



“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Bloch. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

Bob in Grandview, Missouri - November 08, 2012 at 10:02 AM



“ I have lost a friend and he will be missed.

Bud weneck

Bud Weneck - November 07, 2012 at 08:52 AM



“ Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your dear Leon Bloch. We knew Leon through social bridge and always enjoyed his warm smile and lovely manner. He was also an excellent bridge player! He will surely be missed. May his memory always be for a blessing.

Sincerely, Joyce and Stan Zeldin

Joyce/Stan Zeldin - November 06, 2012 at 05:59 PM



“ Leon Bloch - A Gentle Man and A Gentleman. May his name always be for a blessing. My heartfelt condolences to Leon's family and dear one's.

Rabbi Stuart E. Davis - November 06, 2012 at 05:44 PM



“ Our condolences to the the entire family. May his memory be for a blessing!

Joe Pfefer - November 06, 2012 at 05:31 PM