



## Leonard Ira Koenig

April 18, 1937 - November 21, 2014

Leonard Ira Koenig, 77, deeply beloved husband for 51 yrs to wife Lise Koenig, passed away November 21, 2014. Leonard was a Professor of Art at UMKC. He is survived by his wife: Lise; brother and sister-in-law: Mark Koenig and Ruth Burton; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Alice and Arne Kalfod. No service planned at this time.

# Comments

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“ Lise,

I don't know if you remember me. My wife Judy and I met you and Leonard when we were all graduate students at UW Madison. I want to offer our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Leonard gave us one of his mixed media works which I recently had properly framed. It is signed by him, titled American Vision II, and dated 1970. I remember you both fondly.

Warmly,

Peter Smith.  
(Plstenor43@msn.com)

**Petet Smith** - August 31 at 08:39 PM

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“ Dear Lise,

I was greatly saddened to hear of Leonard's death. He was a wonderful and talented colleague who meant a lot to many people - including me. My thoughts are with you.  
Susan Adler

**Susan Adler** - February 25, 2015 at 02:55 PM

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“ Lise,

Occasionally in life, you meet that very exceptional person who it is a privilege to call a friend. Leonard was an extraordinary man, a brilliant teacher and a cherished friend.

The enchanting dinners & stimulating conversations we shared with you both will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts are with you at this time of grief.

We hope that you will find the strength & comfort you need during your darkest hours.

With love, Patty & Albert Moskowitz

**Patricia Moskowitz** - December 29, 2014 at 11:04 PM

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“ Dear Lise:

I just learned of your loss and wanted to extend my very sincere sympathies. I was his student at UMKC and later very briefly his colleague when he taught with me at Park University. There are so many artists and art educators in this region who art in his debt. A whole generation of art teachers learned their craft from him. He was an artist's artist with a superb sense of design and color. He had a wonderful wry wit. A good man.

Donna Bachmann

**Donna Bachmann** - December 10, 2014 at 05:16 PM

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“ Lise,

I was so sorry just now to learn of Leonard's passing. As you know, Leonard was for a long time my doubles raquetball partner, usually the two of us against superior opponents, who would typically (but not always) give us a paddling. More than the games – which were certainly fun, as Leonard had such a playful yet intense and determined style of playing – it was our locker room conversations that we shared afterwards that were so rich and engaging to me. Physically exhausted and sweaty, we would talk about such a wide range of topics from art and writing to the nature of perception and memory, to the challenges of getting students engaged (since both of us were deeply involved in education– he in art education, and me in English education). I loved Leonard's modesty and intellectual expansiveness and generosity. He was always open to exploring ideas, however far they ranged, and made those around him, including myself, feel comfortable and affirmed in such explorations, even when we ranged into speculative topics way outside our own areas of expertise.

I will miss Leonard greatly, and I wish you, Lise, strength and comfort as you grieve his loss.

With love,  
Dan Mahala

Daniel Mahala - December 02, 2014 at 04:29 PM

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“ Lise, I have the most wonderful memories, especially warm ones, of the many hours around dinner tables in the Koenig, Spatz, and Berets homes. I learned so much from all of you. And I am deeply grateful. In lively conversations about art, film, and literature my world was filled with ideas and endless reading lists. In the living room of our home hangs two Koenigs, posted here, and they have always reminded me of those special times with you and close friends in Kansas City. When I learned from Lois of Leonard's death, I gazed at those paintings for a long time and thanked him for bringing the pleasure of those Copenhagen images into our home over these many years. Warm regards, Jeff Longhofer



Jeffrey Longhofer - December 01, 2014 at 08:37 PM

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lois spatz - November 26, 2014 at 03:36 PM

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“ Dear Lise,  
We are so sorry to learn of Leonard's death. We have many fond memories of sharing meals and fun together. You were so much a part of our best times in Kansas City.  
Love, Jonas and Lois



lois and jonas spatz - November 26, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ So sorry, Lise. I opened the wrong photo, and a bad one to boot. I meant to send two of you and Len and Jonas. I will try to add the right ones. I was always the photographer, but will never be a techie.

Lois Spatz - November 26, 2014 at 06:23 PM

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“ Rita Shapiro lit a candle in memory of Leonard Ira Koenig



Rita Shapiro - November 25, 2014 at 12:30 PM

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“ Lise, my deepest sympathy. Leonard was an amazing man, teacher, and artist. Love,  
Ann Stern

**ann Stern** - November 24, 2014 at 04:10 PM