



## LOUIS ASHNER

January 16, 1934 - July 28, 2015

Louis Ashner, 81, of Mission, KS, the son of Bessie Penner and Charles (Charlie) Ashner, Jewish immigrants from Poland and Russia, was born and grew up with his seven brothers and sisters on a dairy farm in Johnson County, Kansas, the site of which he would call his home for life. He graduated from Shawnee Mission Rural High School and attended the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. Working alongside his wife, Sonie, he established one of the most successful agencies in the history of the American Family Insurance Company.

He was an avid student of history and politics and traveled extensively in retirement. A favorite destination was anything Disney and he was a frequent cruise line passenger on many ocean and river itineraries. He never threw out a National Geographic magazine. He adored Johnny Carson, physical fitness, yard work, a good deal and Fox News. He was a lover of animals and shared his life with some of the luckiest rescue cats.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters: Fern Ruth “Eva” Ashner and Anna Mae Rice.

Lou is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sandra “Sonie” Ashner; son: Stuart Ashner, Oak Park, IL; daughter and son-in-law: Lisa Ashner Adkins and husband David, Lexington, KY; brothers and sisters-in-law: Leo and Dottye Ashner, Leawood, KS; Barney and Marlene Ashner and Herb Ashner, all of Overland Park, KS; sisters: Dorothy Parness, Overland Park, KS and Frances Feldman, N. Plainfield, NJ; granddaughters: Nell Adkins; Jane Wilkie-Ashner and Anne Wilkie-Ashner. He adored his granddaughters who knew him as Poppy and Poppa Lou.

Lou passed away Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Services will be Thursday morning, July 30, 2015 at 10:30am, at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue, with burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Wayside Waifs, University of Kansas Medical Center or a charity of one’s choice.



# Comments

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“ Hello Sonie,  
So sorry to hear about your loss. May your memories be a comfort to you,  
Sybil and Barry Kaplan, Jerusalem

Sybil Kaplan - August 07, 2015 at 12:09 PM

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Kylie - July 30, 2015 at 09:07 PM

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Stuart Ashner - July 30, 2015 at 05:26 PM

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“ So sorry to have lost such a special man. As the father of my best friend from childhood, Miss Lisa, there are many fond memories but these are the standouts.... sneaking a peak into the parents bedroom to watch Johnny Carson, not sure how much he watched but he did let us watch wrestling on Friday night sleepovers, and the best of all, hitting those golf balls on the hill in the back yard. I feel truly blessed that I have had the pleasure of seeing, and of course conversing with Louis at least once a week for the past five months at the community center in Mission. He will be dearly missed.

Diann (McCallum) Vickers - July 30, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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“ I have known Lou since 1981 when I first started a relationship with him while he was at American Family Ins. Lou was very dedicated to his company and more importantly to his clients. There was never a time I called him that he didn't have time to answer a question. When my kids came of age to drive a car he even advised me on what the safest and cheapest car to insure was. Sonie, his beloved wife and constant companion was always there as well to help me. The two worked together so well and often one would finish the others sentences. I will miss Lou greatly.

Steve and Debby Freidell



**Steve Freidell** - July 29, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ As a fellow agent with Lou for over 35 years, I considered Lou to be one of the best examples of how agents should operate an agency. In all the years with Lou I always admired his consistency throughout the agency experience. I can recall some very good moments when traveling on our All American trips with Lou. I'm fortunate to have had the opportunity to know and work with Lou.

Sonie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this time.

Phil & Carol Noah

**Phil Noah** - July 29, 2015 at 06:37 PM



“ We have known Lou at our office for several years and he has always been gracious and kind. We will miss him and send our prayers and thoughts to Sonie and his family. God bless.

Sincerely,

Craig Barbieri, MD and staff

The Vein Clinic of Greater Kansas City

**Craig Barbieri** - July 30, 2015 at 10:45 AM



“ Sonie, I was very sorry to learn that Lou passed in late July. I had surgery at KU apparently the day before he died. I will greatly miss our conversations at Sylvester Powell. What a kind and gentle soul Lou has been. Our prayers continue to be with you.

**RC Masonbrink** - August 16, 2015 at 09:31 AM