



Manuel S. Nowick

June 4, 1920 - July 18, 2020

Manuel S. Nowick, 100, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2020 in Louisville, NE. Private family services will be held on Monday, July 20, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Loft Community Theater, 15841 Manley Road, Manley, NE 68403 or to a charity of one's choice.

Born to George Nowick and Esther Sedalnick Nowick June 4, 1920, in Kansas City, Missouri, the youngest of three children, brother Willie and sister Elaine being older. His Dad owned a pawn shop at 18th and Vine and when Manuel was still in grade school he met Count Basie, famous jazz musician who used to trade there and would leave his fancy suit to be cleaned and send Manuel in a taxi to pick it up for him every week while in KC. At his Dad's second pawn shop on 27th and Prospect, in the 40's he met Satchel Paige, famous pitcher for the Monarchs, an all black baseball team, in KC, and also played with other major league teams all over the country, but every time he came home he would contact Manuel to take him to Gate's for BBQ.

Also at that same pawn shop he met Bubbles Klice, a Golden Gloves coach. While at a national G.G. tournament in KC, Bubbles spotted Manuel and took him up to ringside to watch the fights. Some 20 years later he was still there as timekeeper and also served as Vice President for a short time. Manuel loved volunteering and was also instrumental in introducing padded head gear worn for boxers.

He was very interested in acting, so while only 8 or 9 years of age, on Sundays, his mother would take him to read religious readings at "WOK" radio for Unity on 9th St. Then on "WDAF" he took parts for children such as "Danny Dodge" on symphony programs to influence kids to listen to symphonies and buy Dodge cars. As a freshman in high school he was featured at "KMBC" in "The Tom Mix Show" which starred "The Sons of the Pioneers," a famous group of musicians. Then one summer he was the son of a farmer in "The Randall Family" in Omaha, which was recorded in Chicago and went out to all states and Australia.

But his most loved and famous role while still in high school was “Scrappy,” a juvenile lead in a show called “Uncle Bob & Scrappy,” for Holsum Bread Company, which was owned by the Mayor of KC, Brice B. Smith. He was chosen over 20 boys to play the part by Dr. Harry Strandhagen, Uncle Bob, which turned into a lifelong friendship. It was renewed seven times and ran two years, and took the bread company from being in the red to #1 in KC.

He took the lead in his high school plays and also in college, where he enrolled in pre-law at Northwestern, in Evanston, Illinois. He acted and directed in many plays there and was president of the National Service Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. He graduated with a BA in 1941, but decided to enlist in the Navy before continuing his education. He received orders to report to Chicago, close to where he was attending law school to become a naval ensign, called a “90 day wonder.” In 1943 after graduating from midshipman training, he was ordered to go to San Diego to train to lead a fleet of LCVP’s (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel) boats for the invasion of Guam in the Marianna Islands.

His duties also included being in charge of constructing living quarters, but even though he just had one year of law, he was also to provide all legal duties necessary.

After completing his service in 1946 he returned to finish law school and in several years he was practicing law with the Koenigsdorf office in KC, most of his partners being from the same Boy Scout Troop as he.

Besides acting his other two hobbies were playing duplicate bridge and dancing. He attained the honor of receiving a Gold Life Master award in bridge and it was in dancing that he met his wife, Barbara, and they were married August 31, 1996, at a family reunion near Ashland, Nebraska.

Manuel had been married briefly before, and never had any children, but upon marrying Barbara he received six step children, 14 grandchildren and as of July 2020 – 21 great grandchildren.

As a couple they traveled to Europe several times and to visit the children all over the states, and it also didn’t hurt that one of those step children worked for American Airlines. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, William Nowick, his sister Elaine Nowick Lewin and his nephew, Mickey Lewin. Those left to mourn are his wife, Barbara, his step children; Richard (Glenda) Laune, Jeanne Laune, Kay (Carlos) Henry, Jim (Annette) Loofe, Bill (Kim) Loofe and Dee (Pedro) Arias. Nieces: Marcia Berlau, Jackie Kamin and Stevie Pessin. Great nieces: Neily Schoegler, Jodi Kaplan and Nancy Batdorf.

Great nephews: John Berlau, Joel Lewin and Gregory Pessin. Plus all the sweet grands and greats he acquired.

Cemetery

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

5529 Ditzler Avenue

Raytown, MO,

Events

JUL Zoom Graveside Service

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Please call funeral home for Zoom information.

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Comments



“ So sorry to hear of Manuel passing. He was such a delight . We especially liked when he would scold Keith (for not bidding correctly)

Betty Louise conlan - July 24 at 02:20 PM



“ Helen Apple Farbman lit a candle in memory of Manuel S. Nowick



Helen Apple Farbman - July 20 at 08:45 PM



“ A great man that we enjoyed getting to know. Best remember his great sense of humor and terrific laugh.

Jim and Cherie Dougherty

James E Dougherty - July 20 at 04:43 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Manny.
Marsha and I have only known Barbara and Manny for a few years, but feel we have known them them for many years.
We enjoyed playing bridge with them.
Manny played well. He helped us learn how wonderful the game is... especially when you can enjoy playing with people like them
(Barb, do u need any coffee nips?)

ed and marsha herman - July 19 at 11:23 PM



“ My memories of Manny are numerous and filled with joy and laughter. He was a unique individual who lit up a room with his personality. His many family members will have many memories by which to remember him. Our thoughts especially to Stevie Pessin and family as well as all of the others.

Rabbi Alan Cohen

Rabbi Alan Cohen - July 19 at 09:57 PM



“ I'll always remember Manuel's laugh. It was loud ...and he laughed a lot! Sometimes he would laugh even though he hadn't heard the punchline to the joke or comment. In his later years he didn't hear so good. I always enjoyed playing bridge with and against Manuel. He was an excellent player (although sometimes a bit slow). He was a gregarious guy, filled with mirth. A real delight to be around! Larry Schaffer

Larry Schaffer - July 19 at 07:02 PM



“ Marie Koffman lit a candle in memory of Manuel S. Nowick



marie koffman - July 19 at 01:38 PM



“ Walter Fink lit a candle in memory of Manuel S. Nowick



Walter Fink - July 19 at 12:09 PM



“ I have known Manny for several years. He was such a delightful person with such a beautiful smile . My condolences go out to his extended family.

Esther Pearlmutter - July 19 at 11:59 AM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,
I am sincerely sorrowed to learn of Manuel's passing. He lived a wonderful and long life, and that is a blessing in itself. I am a lifelong dear friend of his niece Marcia Berlau and knew Manuel from the time I was 7. He was "Uncle Manuel" to me. Although I saw him often as a child, I later was able to visit with him frequently at the bridge studio where he was always a kind opponent and excellent bridge player. I read his obituary with much interest as I didn't know so many things about his younger years. He was a special gentleman!
May the dear memory of Manuel Nowick always be for a blessing. He will be missed!
Most Sincerely, Joyce Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - July 19 at 11:49 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.
Phyllis and Leonard Arenson



phyllis arenson - July 19 at 11:29 AM



“ Barbara, I remember you bringing 100 doughnuts to celebrate Manny's birthday!!
I enjoyed playing bridge with him at the studio— always a pleasant personality!
You have wonderful memories to help you!
Maggie Frick

Maggie - July 19 at 02:53 PM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,

I came to know Manuel just a few years ago, during which I became part of a small group that gathered for breakfast on Wednesdays.

Now, I am very tall. And Manuel was...diminutive. But as many of his friends and relatives know, in all other matters, Manuel towered head and shoulders above us all.

Manuel was loved and will be missed by us all. Barbara, we are deeply sorry and extend our condolences to you and your family.

--Martyn and Woodie Howgill

Martyn Howgill - July 20 at 01:00 PM



“ Barbara, Both Rick and I were so sorry to hear of Manny's passing. We so enjoyed playing bridge with both of you. And we always enjoyed hearing Manny's wonderfully humorous stories. So sorry for your loss. Hope you enjoy all of those wonderful memories.

Jane and Richard Holzman, - July 20 at 01:48 PM