



MARSHALL PAUL GALE

September 27, 1944 - May 19, 2016

Marshall Paul Gale, 71, died Thursday, May 19 at St. Luke's Hospital. Funeral services will be at 10:00am Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO. Interment will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Born and raised in Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Gale spent his life selling furniture—from mattresses to sofas and from recliners to solid wood dining or bedroom sets.

After getting his start selling Sealy mattresses, he went on to travel throughout the Midwest as a sales representative for a variety of furniture lines, calling on mom-and-pop dealers as well as superstores such as Nebraska Furniture Mart. After nearly 50 years in the business, Mr. Gale retired one year ago.

Even before retirement, Mr. Gale was an active volunteer, restocking supplies at Children's Mercy South Hospital, and then stocking the shelves and assisting clients with shopping at the Jewish Family Services food pantry in Missouri.

Mr. Gale's home away from home was the Jewish Community Center, where he spent many early mornings running, walking, spinning and lifting, and also where he played many years of basketball and softball. His active lifestyle included completing the Chicago Marathon at age 54.

A lifelong member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Mr. Gale was a former Men's Club member and later became a dedicated morning minyan attendee.

Mr. Gale was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Bessie Gale, his older brother, Elliot, and his wife of 30 years, Pam. A devoted father, grandfather, brother and companion, he is survived by his two children, Dawn (Doug McNay) and Derek (Amy) Gale, of Prairie Village and Leawood, Kan., respectively; grandchildren Nina (9), Logan (5) and Eli (9 months); his younger brother, Carl (Sue), of Overland Park, Kan.; and his second wife, Lynne Miller, of Overland Park, KS and additional family members include Kim Miller, Kristen Jones (Scott) and their children, Brayden and Emerson Jones.

The family asks that any contributions in his memory be made to the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Federation, Congregation Beth Shalom or Children's Mercy Hospital.

Comments



“ Dawn,
I just found out about your Dad. I'm so sorry for your family's loss.
Anna Page

anna page - May 25, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ I have known Marshall from Sunday School, Southwest, a long time and most of my life, he was always the "Mensch" and my prayers go out to his family.
Ron Meyers

Ron Meyers - May 24, 2016 at 09:12 PM



“ I have known Marshall & the entire Gale family for a long time. I have never heard Rabbi Glickman give such a meaningful eulogy. I thought of him as a real "Mensch" before Rabbi Glickman used the word.
My heart goes out to all of you including Carl, our "Maybeline" guy who must be so devastated.
What an unexpected shock.
Arlene Shalinsky

arlene shalinsky - May 22, 2016 at 12:38 PM



“ To Marshall's entire family, the Bassin's extend our sincere sympathy on hearing of Marshall's passing. May memories of him bring peace to all.

Leah & Lenny Bassin

leah bassin - May 22, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ Bob and I were so saddened to learn about Marshall's death. My good memories of Marshall go back to our elementary school and early teen years. I always knew that Marshall was a special person. Whether it was the years I had a crush on him or went out on dates a few times, I cherish the happy memories we made together. Life sort of went on and we met again when he was with Pam, Bob and I enjoyed many a Melton class together with Marshall through the years. Then we also saw each other a lot at the synagogue and I always got a big hug from him. We met Dawn and then Derek, although he probably doesn't remember us. I was thrilled to learn that Derek

was marrying our dear Amy Kealter. who was in my 4th grade class and who had a special friendship with our daughter Stephanie Boresow.

He will be missed by many friends and family.

Bob and Carol (Gladstone) Yarmo

Carol Yarmo - May 21, 2016 at 11:32 PM



“ Derek, I was very sad to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers will be with you, and your family.

David Leibson - May 21, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ Dawn and Derek...

I can't come up with the right words for you at this time, except that our thoughts and prayers are for you. When the time is right, "we'll talk" and remember together! Your Dad (and your Mom) were such close friends for the past 30 years. May his memory be for a blessing.

Ted & Jill Goldstein

Ted Goldstein - May 21, 2016 at 08:26 AM



“ Carl and Family,

So very sorry to hear of Marshall's passing. I have strong memories of our childhood years spending time together with the Family. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories and may Marshall's memory be for a blessing.

Carla(Cohen)Lieberman

CarlaLieberman - May 21, 2016 at 08:18 AM



“ May Marshall's memory be a blessing to all who knew him. My condolences to his entire family. Marshall had that special "personality", that separated him from all the others. For years, he & his brother Carl competed with me in the Jewish Community Center's men's softball program. Marshall always knew how to say just the right words to keep you on your toes. He was a tremendous competitor on the field of battle, and a true gentleman off the field. He had a unique laugh, that you could

identify with immediately. The world lost a great man, a true competitor, and a wonderful person. Rest in peace my friend.

Bruce Greenbaum

Bruce Greenbaum - May 21, 2016 at 03:53 AM



“ Derek,
My heart breaks for your loss. I can only imagine how you are feeling right now. If you need anything, I'm here for you.
-Breanne Olson

Breanne Olson - May 20, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ Miss you already on the golf course. You will always be in our Hearts FOREever.
Donald Fazio/Kyle Goodwin

Kyle Goodwin - May 20, 2016 at 09:11 PM



“ I remember Marshall from Southwest High School on. I always remember his smile and courteous nature, and care for others. What a loss, may his name be for a blessing.

Herb Simon - May 20, 2016 at 05:48 PM



“ Carl and family, Marshall and I grew up together on 70th Terr. I have known him most of my life. I was so very sorry to hear about his passing. May your memories be for a blessing. Barbara House Goodbinder

Barbara House Goodbinder - May 20, 2016 at 05:33 PM



“ So sorry for your loss, I have known Marshall for a long time. Went to Sunday school together, JC Nickols and Southwest.
Phyllis Oliver Arenson

phyllis Arenson - May 20, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ I have known Marshall since I moved to Overland Park and Joined the JCC. I heard the new this morning of his passing and wished to extend my deepest condolences to your entire family. He was my "kibitzing" friend from the "J" and always brought joy into my life.

With deepest sympathies

Aaron Silver



Aaron Silver - May 20, 2016 at 03:29 PM



“ To Marshall's entire family,

I spent nearly every day of my childhood with Marshall and Carshal. The memories are cherished. He had wonderful parents who treated me very well. We shared sneaking smoking together and many lovely events. I moved to California in 1970 but would see him regularly at the Center. I owe Marshall much more including my wife and 3 children. He introduced me to my wife more than 50 years ago.

He was a wonderful man very devoted to his work and family. I will miss him
WHSoltz

William Soltz - May 20, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ Marshall was always a wonderful person and I was privileged to know him and enjoy a hug and kiss when we met. Janet Price

JanetPrice - May 20, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ Dear Pam,
Our thoughts are with you and your family.
Fondly,
The Fedotins

Ruth Fedotin - May 20, 2016 at 02:13 PM



“ Marshall was a long time friend. We played sports together at the J since we were young men. In addition he called on our furniture store for nearly forty years. He was always attentive and helpful. He made an impact in friendship and business. Deb and I will certainly miss him. Steve Beyer

Steven Beyer - May 20, 2016 at 01:05 PM



“ I spent many Monday mornings over the last ten years at minyan with Marshall. He was a kind, gentle and gentlemanly soul. We will miss him.

Joel Goldman

Joel Goldman - May 20, 2016 at 12:47 PM



“ Dawn, Derek, Carl, Lynne and families--
Marshall was a good friend and running and coffee companion. I will miss him at our running/walking/coffee meetings at Dean and Deluca on Saturday mornings. I admire Marshall's perseverance in life and his strong faith. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Glee Peters

Glee Peters - May 20, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ Dawn & Derek, So shocked & very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Such a good man. So many good memories. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Mary Covitz

Mary Covitz - May 20, 2016 at 12:12 PM



“ I have known Marshall most of my life. We even went to J. C. Nichols elementary school together. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.
Bev (Beverly Levine) Newmn

Bev Newman - May 20, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ I will miss my dear friend spinning on the bike next to me. He was a wonderful friend -- sending my cards when I was sick. He told me all about his kids, grand-kids, and Lynne. He loved going to "grand-parents day" at the school. You were all so dear to him. We had so many laughs together at the JCC. I started all my days with, "How

are you, Marshall?" Every day, he replied, "I'm here." Well, my friend is still here... but now, it is in my heart. Every time I hear, "Jack & Diane" by John Cougar Mellencamp, I will feel his smile and do an imaginary fist-bump.

Shana Williams - May 20, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ Marshall was a true and devoted friend for most of our lives. We got together at least every couple of weeks. We talked about our children, our grandchildren, and our lives. He always came out my direction because he knew I didn't go south of 75th street and we would always joke about who would buy lunch. My thoughts are with Dawn, Derek, Carl, Lynne and their families. I will always miss you, Marshall. Steve and Judy Weinberg

Steve Weinberg - May 20, 2016 at 11:33 AM



“ Derek is excellent reflection on the kind of person Marshall was to everyone. So sorry for your loss.

Myron Haith - May 20, 2016 at 11:25 AM



“ Carl, I share your sorrow in Marshall's loss. Much love to you and the family.

Judy Bisman - May 20, 2016 at 11:21 AM



“ Dawn and Derek, Marshall was not only a cousin but a dear friend even though distance and time separated us. We grew up together. Our mothers were close cousins and best friends. My condolences to you all. He will be sorely missed.

Judy Bisman - May 20, 2016 at 11:16 AM



“ He was a very special father, husband, grandfather and friend.

Alan Edelman - May 20, 2016 at 10:44 AM