



Melvin Magilow

May 29, 1919 - September 21, 2009

Melvin Magilow, age 90, passed away September 21, 2009. Funeral services will be held at 10:30am Thursday, September 24, at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are welcome at Douglas County VNA Hospice, Lawrence Jewish Community Center, or the charity of your choice. Mel was born May 29, 1919, and grew up in Kansas City, MO. He was married to Esther Kleinman for 36 years until her death in 1983. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Malkah Magilow; his stepmother Chana Magilow; his brother, Allan Magilow; and his nephew, Mark Magilow. Mel is survived by his wife, Audrey Leban, with whom he lived in Lawrence, KS, and shared much joy over the last 23 years of his life. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Marian Magilow; brother-in-law, Daniel Kleinman, and wife, Marjorie; and sister-in-law Lois Tzur and husband, Yakov. Surviving children include Lee Magilow and wife, Hilda; Molly Proffer and husband, Don; Roger Magilow; stepson Bruce Leban and wife, Kelly; and stepson Roy Leban and wife, Emily. He will be missed by his eleven grandchildren, his devoted nieces Beverly Marcus and Michele Freed, and many friends. Mel attended Central High School and Kansas City Junior College, completing a B.S. in chemical engineering at the University of Illinois. He served as a meteorologist and Captain in the Army Air Corps in WWII and gave the forecast at D Day, an experience he recalled many times in his life. Mel worked as a fire protection engineer — first for the Missouri Inspection Bureau (later ISO) and Schirmer Engineering. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Temple B'nai Jehudah, where he became a parashmin. In Lawrence, he was a member of the Jewish Community Center, where he ran the blintz brunch fundraiser for many years. He also volunteered at Audio Reader in Lawrence, reading publications on-air for the visually impaired. Mel had the kind of smile that made others smile, too. His clear, blue eyes said it all — that this was a person who enjoyed life and the people around him. He loved his family and made everybody laugh — even in his final days. We smile at his memory.

Comments



“ Dear Roger & Molly,

You were my former neighbors when you lived on Brookside...I lived on West 70th. I've been gone since 1976 from Kansas City, and have been living in Amsterdam for the past 25 years. I hope that you will take condolence, as your parents were truly very special people.

Michael Mandelbaum, Amsterdam
(formerly 222 W. 70th St., KCMO)

Michael Mandelbaum - November 18, 2009 at 08:39 AM



“ Dear Lee and Hilda,
I was saddened to hear of your father's passing, and wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Marcia Kritzer-Egeland - October 04, 2009 at 05:02 PM



“ To the families of Molly, Lee, and Roger: My parents, Anita and I, would like to offer our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. Both of your parents were exceptional people. Those qualities still live on through the three of you and your families.

Jan Fichman - September 28, 2009 at 10:37 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss Roger. I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers. debbie

debbie long - September 24, 2009 at 01:32 PM



“ Dear Roger and family - having read your father's bio I can only imagine what a wonderful father and friend he was to you. I hope the good memories of your father stay with you always.

Darlene Davila - September 24, 2009 at 02:35 AM



“ Dear Audrey,

We share our deepest sympathy with you on the loss of Mel. He was a marvel of a man. We're also very sorry that we'll be out of town and unable to attend the service and shiva, but we'll be holding you in our hearts. Much love!
Caryn & Ken

Caryn Goldberg & Ken Lassman - September 23, 2009 at 03:29 PM



“ Molly and Don,

So sorry to hear about your father's death. He sounded like a person who really made the world a better place. I'm sure you will miss him. May his memory always be a blessing to you and your family. Jackie

Jackie Hermanson - September 23, 2009 at 11:51 AM