



Mimi Maslan

January 22, 2020

Mimi Maslan of Kansas City, Missouri passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Sheffield Cemetery, 6100 Wilson Rd., Kansas City, MO 64123. In lieu of flowers you may make a donation to the Jewish Community Center or the charity of your choice.

Born in Tunis, Tunisia, Mimi was the third daughter of Solomon and Eugenie Cohen. Growing up there during World War II, she served as an interpreter for British and U.S. Forces. At age 18, she met the love of her life, Leon, while he was stationed there as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Mimi fell in love, and despite having to leave her Tunisian family, married Leon. She came to this country by herself in 1945 on a trans-Atlantic ship for war brides. Leon met her at the port in Charleston, South Carolina, with flowers and candy. She and Leon settled in Kansas City and started their family. She was a loving mother who put her family before everything else.

She was very active in her children's lives and became a fierce supporter of all their endeavors. Rather than coming to watch Mark swim, Mark's friends would come to watch Mimi cheer him on while pacing up and down the sidelines. She always pushed her children to excel and to do their best and brought her fabulous energy with her everywhere.

She tutored and taught French to people of all ages, from pre-school to adult education. She was known by many as Madame Mimi, and beloved by her students. Even recently people would recall Mimi as their teacher and how much they enjoyed her class.

Coming from North Africa, she brought with her a variety of special customs, cuisine, superstitions, and a culture of Tunisian hospitality. She always had a variety of homemade cakes and cookies for all of her welcomed visitors. She remained a voracious reader throughout her life, often reading 2-3 books a week. She was so well known at the library at 75th and Main that she no longer needed a card.

She adored her husband. Mimi took great care of him throughout his health struggles and provided tremendous love and support especially in his last 8 years of life. Mimi's drive, inner strength, and tenacity were never blunted and defined her life. Her fearsome spirit and joie de vivre will be so missed by all who knew her.

She leaves behind her children Sandy (Joel) Leibsohn, Claudia Mahan, and Mark (Cathy) Maslan, grandchildren Kim (Jonathan) Klein, Juli (Jonathan) Klinger, Lauren (Devin) Talbott, Adam (Jennifer) Leibsohn, Chloe Mahan, Danielle Maslan, Andrew (Jacqueline) Maslan, Derek (Alison) McGrath, Hunter (Gloria) McGrath, along with 13 precious great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her husband Leon Maslan and granddaughter Brooke McGrath.

Events

JAN **Graveside** 11:00AM

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Sheffield Cemetery

6200 Wilson Road, Kansas City, MO, US

JAN **Shiva** 06:00PM

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at the home of Sandy and Joel Leibsohn. Please call funeral home for further information.

6440 Verona Road, Shawnee Mission, KS, US, 66208

Comments



“ Mimi was a great parent of Mark Maslan, a swimmer that I competed with for several years. She was an inspiration and parental participant for all the swimmers on the Jewish Community Club's team. I will always remember her passion for her family.

Clare Thorn Galle

Clare Galle - March 01 at 06:51 PM



“ Mimi was always came into Yoga Patch with such bright and sweet energy. She always made me smile. I am sending lots of love and light to all of Mimi's family!



Monica Vireksenny - February 17, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ We. want. to express. our. deepest sympathy. to you. on. the. loss. of. your. mother.

Ann. Stern. and. Leonard. Glass

leonard. glass - February 06, 2020 at 08:30 PM



“ i can't believe she is gone.. My heart is broken but i know she went happy because she told me she was ready to go .. ill miss Mimi forever when i think about all the love she had in her heart i want to cry .. she was one special person and ill miss her forever .. Thank you Mimi for everything you say and done ..love Gi



Gislaine self - January 31, 2020 at 11:54 PM



“ I had the pleasure of learning French from Madame Mimi when she taught at the Hebrew Academy. Although it was a very long time ago, I only have good memories of her charming accent and personality and her enthusiasm in teaching us! And - I can't remember where it was now - but I ran into her last year some time and said hello and it was wonderful to see her and to let her know I remembered her with fondness. She obviously touched SO many people's lives, so I am one of the many fortunate ones!
I am so sorry for your loss. May her memory be for a blessing.
My best,
Mirra Klausner

Mirra Klausner - January 25, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ Please accept our condolences and best wishes during this difficult time. She was a remarkable person. Best wishes
Ann and Tom Isenberg

Tom & Ann Isenberg - January 25, 2020 at 04:22 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to Mimi’s family. I had the pleasure and good fortune to spend 30 minutes per week with Mimi at the preschool at the old Jewish Community Center on Holmes. Madam Mimi taught French to my 5 year olds. She brought energy and excitement to her teaching. Her beautiful blue eyes would twinkle when she taught the kids to count from “un” to “dix”. Her enthusiasm as she sang “Le Petite Marionette “ was contagious! Mimi had such a loving, caring and positive attitude and spirit! Mimi was a light to the world. May her family find comfort and support from friends and family at this sad time, and may Mimi’s memory and good name always be for a blessing.

Estelle Edelbaum - January 24, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ I took French classes with Mimi at the old Jewish Community Center on Holmes. She made learning a delight. These were informal adult classes and we talked about all sorts of things, but the main focus was studying the language and Mimi made sure we did and instructed us well. She was a great and interesting storyteller, a talent and skill that few people have, and I admired and respected her very much.

Ann McFerrin

Ann McFerrin - January 24, 2020 at 03:53 PM



“ Mimi was always supportive all of the swimmers that Mark swam with. My foundess memory of her is cheering us on to win the Medley Relay at state our Senior year. Mark, you were very blessed to have a mom like this and she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers.

John Comstock

John Comstock - January 24, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of your mother's death. You have my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on your great loss.

Elinor Eisemann

Elinor Eisemann - January 24, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Mimi was very active at the Pool at Brookside Pavilion. Everybody adored her. She will be missed. She was a Jewel.
May G-d Bless you and Mimi will be missed.

Rachelle Hyder



Rachelle Hyder - January 23, 2020 at 08:35 PM



“ Mark, Cathy and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May she rest in peace.

Michael and Nanci Myer

michael myer - January 23, 2020 at 11:32 AM



“ Dear Sandy & family. Please know our morning swims will never be the same at Baptist pool without our beloved Mimi. Her tenacity & perseverance are an inspiration to us all. I will personally miss her phone calls if I didn't show up one morning; her lemon cakes; & bossy reprimands to get to my workout instead of all the chatting we would do. She never failed to ask about my family, nor how I was doing. She was a real treasure & like a true lady, knew when to take her leave. G-d bless & peace to her now. Please know that Mimi touched many lives. All the best to you & yours. Katy

Katy Morris - January 23, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Dr Maslan & Family,

My condolences to you and your entire family. Mimi made me smile every time I saw her. Hugs and love to you all !!!

Stacy Bennett

Stacy Bennett - January 23, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family.
Randi and Larry



Larry and Randi Haith - January 22, 2020 at 07:46 PM



“ I knew Mimi and Leon for many, many years. Mimi was a most unique person - full of life!
She was indeed a true "Aisheht Chayil - may her memory be for a blessing!
Beryl & Richard Silberg

Beryl Silberg - January 22, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ Dear Cathy, Mark, Sandy, Joel and families,
Lenny and I are sending you our love and heartfelt sadness. Mimi was an amazing, beautiful, charismatic woman. We will miss her too.
Lisa and Lenny Cohen

Lisa Cohen - January 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Mimi made the best toll house cookies ever! She was a great wife and mother and it is nice that she will be reunited with Leon. My thoughts are with her wonderful and caring family.

Hal Koffman - January 22, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Sandy, Joel, Claudia, Mark and Cathy,
I was sad to hear of Mimi's passing. Your descriptions of her brought back so many childhood memories. I'd add that I loved the individual jello parfaits Claudia and Mimi always offered me! Through the years, Mimi would always greet me with a smile, hug and such enthusiasm. Know that if I were in KC now, I would be at services to honor her life. My heart and thoughts are with you. May Mimi's memory be a blessing and comfort you in the years ahead.
With love,
Nyda Tilzer

Nyda Tilzer - January 22, 2020 at 05:39 PM



“ I was sad to hear of Mimi's passing. Your d

Nyda Tilzer - January 22, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ I know this is difficult. Be strong. Ralph Hartwich.

Ralph Hartwich - January 22, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ Sandy, Joel, Claudia, Mark and Cathy,

I am so sad to hear about Mimi's passing. Your descriptions of her bring back so many memories. In addition to her treats for guests, I'd add her individual jellos she and Claudia always offered me! Your mom was a special person who, through the years, continued to greet me with a smile, hug and enthusiasm. Please know that although I'm not in KC right now to attend the services, that my heart and thoughts are with you. May her memory be a blessing and comfort you in the days ahead.
With love,
Nyda Tilzer

Nyda Tilzer - January 22, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss her smiles, hugs, and stories. Her light will shine bright for a long time. May her memory be for a blessing. Leslee and Marc Price

Marc and Leslee Price - January 22, 2020 at 04:22 PM