



## MORTIMER BENJAMIN ZARR

January 2, 1924 - August 8, 2017

Ben Zarr, 93, of Overland Park, died Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 PM Friday, August 11 at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers; the family suggests contributions to Kansas City Hospice House or Children's Mercy Hospital.

He is survived by his son: Raymond Zarr; son and daughter-in-law: Louis and Nancy Zarr; grandchildren: Arielle and John Zarr.

# Events

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**AUG** **Shiva**

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at the home of Louis and Nancy Zarr. Please call funeral home for more information.

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# Comments

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“ Ray, Lou and Family--After my husband passed away, I moved to Florida a couple months ago to be closer to my Dad who just turned 90. Dad just gave me The Chronicle with your Dad's obituary. To me he was so much more than Mr. Zarr and your father. He was like a father to me, as well, a consistent presence of kindness, and unbelievable patience with all of us. I used to tease him about his white hair, knowing well that we were responsible. Whenever I came in the house, he always had a smile and a hug for me. It was a mile that filled people with a sense of ease and warmth. He was sincere and made everyone feel that they were important. Your Dad was extremely articulate, intelligent and, oh yes, did I mention patient? He was my hero and set the bar very high for the men I met throughout my life. Though he is gone, your Dad is definitely not forgotten and never will be. May he rest in peace and may you be surrounded by family and friends to comfort you in your time of loss. My heart is filled with happy memories of those days, love for you both and family and sadness that he is gone.

**Sharon Mandelbaum Barber** - August 31, 2017 at 01:07 PM

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“ Ben was simply the best! His generosity and humor was infectious . What a gift to be part of his life. Will always cherish the memories of Ben, Ralph, and Geneva. Quite the trio! Big arms around the wonderful Zarr Family!

**Marilyn Strayer Durwood** - August 18, 2017 at 07:06 PM

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“ To Ray and the Zarr family, I am so glad we got to know Ben a little better in his later years. What a sweet and lovely man--a true gentleman, in every sense of the word! May his memory be a blessing to all who knew & loved him!

Nancy & Allan Reichman

**Nancy Reichman** - August 14, 2017 at 11:55 AM

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“ I have fond memories of Ben.He was a gentleman with a capital G. You will be missed.

Claudia Butler



Claudia Butler - August 12, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“ To Ron Zarr & Louis Zarr & entire Zarr Mish-pacha: I'm sure you have been told by others that your Dad, Ben Zarr was a MENCH !!! Benny was a Sunday School classmate of my late sister, Dee Rosenbloom Benjamin, who would also have been 93 had she lived.

So, thru Dee and thru the Shule, I have known Ben since 1940. That summer, thru the efforts of Rabbi Hadas, a "summer camp" was established, and it was held right there on the site of Beth Shalom, 3400 Paseo, here in KC. There was ample space on the south & west sides of the original Shule Bldg to stake out a baseball diamond. Even though I was only 10, and Ben was 16, we became friends, as I did w/ his older brother, Ralph. The 1st thing that caught my eye then was, Bennie was a good hitter. Frequently, his line drives went over the chain link fence at the south side of the rather small diamond.

Later in the 1950's & 60's, I recall that Ben was a championship golfer, although he was modest about being in that bracket. Most of the low handicap golfers at the club where we belonged, were not at all modest. But, that was not Ben's way. He was friendly, respectful, and gentle to all that he came in contact with. I am honored to have known Ben.

Ha-makom y'neichem etchem b'toch sh'ar avelei Tziyon V'rushalayim! May G-d bring comfort to all those who mourn the loss of a loved one, and may his memory be a blessing to his family and to the world!

Kol Tuv,

M J Rosenbloom (aka Maynard Rosenbloom)

M J Rosenbloom - August 11, 2017 at 05:44 PM

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“ We feel very lucky to have had Ben in our lives. A gentle man and a gentleman, kind and affirming, warm and funny - Ben was a gift to us all. From welcoming our boys as toddlers to the umpteenth Seder at Oakwood, to his steadfast "Cool, man!" greetings to me as a disaffected teen, to his epic and brilliant "Senator of Brotherhood" birthday roast of Ralph — Ben was the man, as only he could be. My wife was struck by his genuine interest in other people and his delight in listening. Our thoughts are with the family today at his service. If there is a heaven, the Zarr troika has reassembled there, survivors of a time unglimped by any of us, again enjoying the sly, laconic humor they all shared.

With much love and gratitude,  
Peter, Margit, Axel and Augie

**Peter Durwood** - August 11, 2017 at 11:30 AM

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“ I remember his kindness to me and his wonderful smile. May his memory ever be for blessing.  
Sharon Kohn

**Cantor Sharon Kohn** - August 10, 2017 at 08:58 PM

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“ I remember Uncle Ben as a veery kind and humorous guy. I think that between him, Uncle Ralph, and my mom Geneva, they formed their version of the Marx Brothers with their zany sense of humor. Ben was always kidding around with me when I was a kid, and I loved it. I think I get my love of jokes from him, Ralph and Neve. He also was a great tennis player as a kid, according to my mom, and you could see that that was true in the athletic gracefulness with which he moved. He was modest, truly kind, and was always fun to be with. He will be missed.

**Woody Durwood** - August 10, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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“ To the Zarr Family, We send you our deepest condolences on the loss of sweet Benny. He was a wonderful lifelong friend to our family. Much love, The Zoglins

**Janet Zoglin** - August 09, 2017 at 11:10 AM

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**Steve Reiter** - August 09, 2017 at 09:49 AM

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“ I recall Ben as an incredibly gentle person and a wonderful uncle. He always had time for his numerous nieces and nephews. The world is dimmer for his passing.  
With Respect, Brian Durwood

**Brian Durwood** - August 09, 2017 at 08:35 AM

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“ Ben was the probably the kindest, gentlest man I ever knew. He was full of grace, intelligence, and humor. How lucky we were to have him in our lives for so many years.

Elissa & Charles Grodin & Family

**Elissa Grodin** - August 09, 2017 at 08:26 AM

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“ We send our condolences to the whole family. Seymour fondly remembers Ben for being such a fine and ethical gentlemen with whom he shared many interactions in their garment manufacturing days.

**Felicia and Seymour Weiner** - August 08, 2017 at 03:39 PM