



MORTON LEON HURST

December 7, 1927 - July 15, 2017

Morton L. Hurst, 89, of Overland Park, KS, passed away peacefully, Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the Kansas City Hospice House. Funeral services will be at 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO 64131, with burial to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kansas City Hospice House, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Shriner's Children's Hospital or a charity of one's choice.

Morton was born December 7, 1927 in Kansas City, MO, the son of Benjamin and Sarah (Krashin) Hurst, and was a lifelong area resident. He attended Kansas City, MO schools and graduated from Central High School.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Korean Conflict. After the service, he joined the family jewelry business, Hurst's Diamond Shop, in downtown Kansas City, MO.

Morton met the love of his life, Shirley Levine, on a blind date and they enjoyed 63 wonderful years together.

He was a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Shalom and B'nai B'rith. Morton especially enjoyed his role as an Ararat Shrine member. He enjoyed golfing at the Meadowbrook Country Club and also loved his longtime card playing group that was together for over 40 years.

Morton was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers: Darwin Hurst and Alvin Hurst and his sisters: Freda Ruback and Betty Betanski.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Hurst, of the home; sons and daughters-in-law: Michael Hurst (Debi), Belton, MO and Richard Hurst (Lisa), Leawood, KS; daughter and son-in-law: Deanna Levine (Steven), Manhattan Beach, CA; his grandchildren: Marcus (Brant), Joshua, Jillian and Halle Hurst; brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Arthur Levine (Linda), Overland Park, KS; sister-in-law: Bernadyne Hurst, Prairie Village, KS and his

nieces and nephews.

Morton's natural sense of humor and zest for life will be carried on by his loving family.

Events

JUL Shiva 07:00PM

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At the home of Art and Linda Levine. Please call funeral home for more information.
KS, US

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Comments



“ Dear Shirley, Thinking of you at this difficult time and hope you find comfort in your memories of happier moments. Miss you at the Brookdale dinner table.
My sincere sympathy.
Fondly, Patsy Dunn Shanberg

patsy dunn shanberg - July 31, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ The Morton Hurst Family would like to thank you all for your beautiful and kind words about Mort. It means so much and is very appreciated at this difficult time.

Deanna Hurst-Levine - July 30, 2017 at 12:07 PM



“ Mike, Rick and family,

Our sincere condolences to the entire family.

Larry & Randi Haith



larry haith - July 23, 2017 at 02:13 PM



“ To Shirley and family, I was sincerely sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband, father, grandfather and family member. There was only one Morton Hurst, his sense of humor, light hearted personality was quite unique and made him endeared by many. Stories that were created between Jerry and Mort were priceless. May his memory bring you peace. Rest in peace Mort. Loretta Levine

LORETTA LEVINE - July 21, 2017 at 09:18 PM



“ To the Hurst family, I send my most sincere condolences. Our friendship with your Mother and Father go back about 50 plus years. May he rest in peace.

Hanna Apple

Hanna Apple - July 21, 2017 at 10:21 AM



“ Hi Shirley

Will always fondly remember his dry sense of humor and his take on all things of a materialist value

Without a doubt the best of memories I will never forget had the dinner we all had together one night over at Jack Stacks several years ago you & Mort kindly kept inviting to do with you both & also included Shirley Stein with us that evening.

It was there did I learn how you met, & what the social behaviors in that moment in time were like which had some very funny stories from Mort that which made for such a great evening.

Will conclude only to say what a great run of life he certainly made the most of ...Bravo

John Francis

John Francis - July 20, 2017 at 09:59 AM



“ Rick, Mike, Deanne- so sorry about your dad- he was good, good man... now I'll for sure will always remember your dad because he died 10 years to the day my dad died. I wish I would have known earlier, I would have come to the funeral. Frank and I send you our condolences.... John Baccala

John Baccala - July 19, 2017 at 12:11 AM



“ Shirley and Family.
Susan and I were so sorry to hear of Mort's passing. Mort was a really good guy and I will always have a spot in my heart for him. He gave me my first jewelers job at the Indian Springs store when it first opened 35 plus years ago. Thanks for believing in me Mort. You will be missed.
Rob and Susan Pittell

Rob Pittell - July 18, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ From Anthony & Sharon Manzella, So sorry for your loss, your father was always very kind and gracious to me. I remember as a kid the funny stories he would tell. Rick, when you feel right please reach out

Anthony Manzella - July 18, 2017 at 04:57 PM



“ Dear Hurst Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Ruthann and Don Zurovsky - July 18, 2017 at 04:15 PM



“ To The wonderful Hurst Family, I am so truly sorry to learn of Mort's passing. I truly adored this "Gem" of a gentleman. He always made me laugh, and was such an amazing person to work for. I ran into him a few years back in OP, we had the most pleasant visit, and I will treasure that last visit forever. My sweet young daughter Brooke was with me at that visit, his eyes just lit up when I introduced him to her. It was such an amazing visit. Mort treated everyone with such respect and was such an honest business person. I have always been proud to say I worked for your family business. I send you all love and many hugs from my family to yours in this sad time. May you find comfort in the words you will read of how much people loved your Mort! All my love, Yvette Murphy Koehler

Yvette Murphy Koehler - July 17, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ Etta Brenner lit a candle in memory of MORTON LEON HURST



Etta Brenner - July 17, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.
May his memory be for a blessing.
Patty Novorr Traub

patty novorr traub - July 17, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Hurst Family:
I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I so enjoyed our time at the AEPi weekends with you.

Bobbie Bograd



Bobbie Bograd - July 17, 2017 at 03:35 PM



“ Mike and family. We are truly saddened by Mort's passing. So many memories, so many good times when we were younger. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.

Michael and Nanci Myer

Michael Myer - July 17, 2017 at 12:22 PM



“ Dear Shirley and Family --- I send my deepest condolences on your loss of Mort . I have wonderful memories of you all so many years ago . .Many prayers are with you all. Fondly --- Jody Granoff Weiner

Jody Weiner - July 17, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ I will forever picture Mort with in dark glasses, sitting on the couch in Art and Linda's basement during our annual Christmas day get together. He would sit back, watching us run around, and he would amuse himself by picking on any and everyone he could. It still makes me smile to think about it.

Dayna Gershon - July 17, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ Dear Hurst Family, we were so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm sure you all have so many great memories. May your memories comfort you at this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brian and Terri Jacobs

Terri Jacobs - July 17, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Mort's passing. He was a great neighbor of ours in Bridlespur and was always there with a pleasant hello. To his entire family please know he is in our thoughts.

Josh Garry

Josh Garry - July 17, 2017 at 08:49 AM



“ Mike sending our love to you and your family. Your father was definitely an icon during his time in the jewelry business. Continue his legacy. Frank and Cheryl Holifield

Cheryl Holifield - July 17, 2017 at 07:20 AM



“ Dear Shirley and Family,
We were sorry to hear of Mort's passing and wanted you to know our thoughts were with you. We send our condolences to all of you and hope you will find comfort in memories of happy times.

Sylvia and Marshall LaVine

Sylvia and Marshall LaVine - July 17, 2017 at 01:55 AM



“ It is always sad to loose a good friend. Mort was always up beat and good for a good laugh and also a good bet on any thing.Our condolence to Shirley and the family. Barbi & StanBodker

Stan Bodker - July 17, 2017 at 11:26 AM



“ Lots of hugs to all the family. Sending our sincere condolences,

Mark Edelman and Karin Lichterman - July 16, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ I have such fond memories of Mort from our many years at Beth Shalom. He was a wonderful man with a great heart and an equally great sense of humor. We shared a number of good times together during my 20 years at Beth Shalom and he was often so very helpful to me and my family. Our love and thoughts are with Shirley and the entire Hurst family.

Rabbi Alan & Linda Cohen

Rabbi Alan Cohen - July 16, 2017 at 04:42 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family,
Stanley and I are so sorry to learn of the passing of Mort. We will always remember his humor and his love for you and his family. Sharing memories with our children and yours have always been something we all cherish. May his memory always be a blessing and may he rest in peace

Marlene and Stan Katz

marlene katz - July 16, 2017 at 03:05 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful father and grandfather. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Debbie Shapiro - July 16, 2017 at 01:58 PM



“ Dear Shirley, kids and families. We were so saddened to learn of Mort' s passing. Too many years pass by without seeing treasured friends and ex-neighbors. Those past years will remain in our hearts. His humor will certainly be a memory you will treasure and may it always be for a blessing.

Felicia and Seymour Weiner - July 16, 2017 at 01:34 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss.

Barbara & Skip Rein - July 16, 2017 at 01:33 PM



“ Barbara & Skip Rein lit a candle in memory of MORTON LEON HURST



Barbara & Skip Rein - July 16, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ Dear Shirley and Family, Robert and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time Love, Janet & Robert Bloom

janet bloom - July 16, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Shirley and Family,
My memories of Mort, Darwin and Al go back many years to the time of "Honest Ben" Hurst and the store at 9th & Main. Mort was always pleasant to be around with a remark that made us all laugh. His humor and smile will be missed. May he rest in peace and may the good memories comfort you and your entire family. With love to all.
Paul Wacknov

Paul Wacknov - July 17, 2017 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Shirley,
Knowing you these past years has been the best part of going to Stacie for what seems like a very long time! Unfortunately, I never knew Mort, but I feel like I did. He must have been a real treasure to "catch" such a darling lady to marry as you!

With heartfelt condolences, Sherry Seligson

sherry seligson - July 18, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ Dear Hurst Family --

I know that I must have been a real challenge for Mort – I think we disagreed from the day I came to the downtown store to the day I left. I know I certainly wasn't aware at the time of how influential and important Mort would be in my life. Not a day goes by that I don't think of some quip, experience, or word of wisdom shared by Mort. He indelibly marked my life in just a couple of very short, fast years. And for that I am very grateful. May he rest in peace, and may you all find comfort in good memories.

John Oyler - July 18, 2017 at 11:14 AM