



## Norman Kaplan

March 27, 1924 - May 6, 2013

Norman Kaplan, 89, of Overland Park, KS, passed away Monday, May 6, 2013 at ManorCare of Overland Park. Graveside services will be 10:00am Wednesday, May 8, at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Beth Shalom Synagogue, Jewish Community Center or Jewish War Veterans. Mr. Kaplan was born in Brooklyn, NY and moved to Kansas City in the late 1950's, after graduating from New York University with a BA degree in Marketing. Here, he met and married his wife of 53 years, Ruth Apple. Together, they raised a family of 4 children. He was an executive sales representative in wholesale furniture before his retirement. Mr. Kaplan was an Army Air Corp Veteran of WWII and was a former member of Congregation Beth Shalom. He loved horses, was an avid rider and loved to travel. He also enjoyed model railroading and model building. Mr. Kaplan was a member of ROMEO's, which he enjoyed, and volunteered with the Jewish War Veterans. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ike and Eva Kaplan; his brothers, Abe, Bernie and Alexander Kaplan and his sisters, Fannie Makransky and Dorothy Kusinitz. Mr. Kaplan is survived by his wife, Ruth Kaplan, of the home; sons and daughters-in-law: Robert and Janet Bloom, Overland Park, KS; Jerold and Robin Kaplan, Orlando, FL; daughters: Lezlie Ellard, Boise, ID and Rhonda Goff, Boston, MA; grandchildren: Elissa and Tim Rondeau, Carly and Joseph Giraldo, Stacy and Dirk Foxworthy, Jacqueline Ellard, Barbara and Doug Mead, Erin Bloom, Michael Kaplan and Samantha Kaplan; great-grandchildren: Madeline, CoCo, Alex, Lauren, Lexi and Nathan. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. The family would like to thank the staffs of ManorCare and Kansas City Hospice for their wonderful care of Norman during the past year.

# Comments

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“ ruthie and family, our sincere sympathies on the loss of norman. he was always a gentleman and had a great sense of humor.

marie and phil koffman - May 11, 2013 at 09:58 PM

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“ It was my distinct priveledge to run model trains with Norm for the past 20+ years in the Kansas City area. We belonged to the same club. he was generous of his time and resources. I tried to reciprocate, but will always be in his debt. I received more wisdom and had more fun from him than I could give in return. My generation needs to pause and remember this great man of the greatest generation, to whom we all owe more than we can ever repay. I'll remember him every time i use his MRC throttle or have an event which will inevitably remind me of him while running trains or see a show about WWII bombers and airmen or New York City and Brooklyn. Shalom, and high green for sure!

Dave Dwyer  
Kansas City

David Dwyer - May 10, 2013 at 02:06 PM

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“ Robert, Janet. My condolences and thoughts go out to to you and your family at this time of sorrow. May your dads memory be for blessing.

Walter Rosel - May 09, 2013 at 11:20 PM

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“ Ruth, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My condolences to you and your family. Love, Mark (formerly of Crossmark)

Mark Allen - May 09, 2013 at 11:02 PM

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“ Ruth, I'm so sorry to hear about your husband. I know he will always live in your heart. Take care. Joe (from Crossmark)

**Joe Jekel** - May 09, 2013 at 06:45 PM

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“ Ruth, your friends at Sams/Crossmark send condolences to you and your family. Our hearts go out to you in your loss. God bless and keep you.

**Mary Morgan** - May 09, 2013 at 07:57 AM

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“ Sorry for the loss of your dear husband. May happy memories comfort you.

**Erika-Crossmark** - May 08, 2013 at 08:45 PM

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“ I attended Border Star Elementary with Lezlie and have fond memories of Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan over on Walnut St. So sorry to read of your loss!

**Pam Stansbarger Courson** - May 08, 2013 at 06:21 PM

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“ Dear Gerald & Robin:  
My sincere condolences to you and your family on the loss of your father.

**Bobbie Bograd**

**Bobbie Bograd** - May 08, 2013 at 12:27 PM

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“ I got to know Norm from the Weekend N'Gineers model railroad club, when I first joined in 2010. He and i would have great conversations about model railroading, as well as other subjects.

Each week, i would see Norm setting up a train, either a Norfolk Southern, or his Norfolk & Western steam train, or his cherrished Barnum & Bailey Circus train. When he had issues with our control system, he would ask me for assistance, with this he and I would discuss what needed to be done so he could run his train.

Norm knew I too liked the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and its predecessors, and one day after assisting him with an issue, he went to his drawer, grabbed a box which had a Southern Railway locomotive and handed it to me, saying "this is for you." When I said that he did not have to do that, he looked me straight in the eye and said, "Nathan, take it. I know that you will appreciate and cherish it, as much as I have."

In the past year, Norm has been missed at the club. He was at every club meeting, and he assisted where he was needed. He will be missed!

Nathan Chidester  
Weekend N'Gineers Treasurer

**Nathan Chidester** - May 08, 2013 at 01:51 AM

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“ I am grateful for the life of Mr. Kaplan. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.

**Bob in Grandview, Missouri** - May 07, 2013 at 10:40 PM

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“ Ruth,

Penny and I were members of one of Norm's train clubs. It was always fun to talk with him especially about subjects having nothing to do with model trains. He was such an interesting, vital and good man. He will be missed.

Ray Groves

**Ray and Penny Groves** - May 07, 2013 at 08:46 PM

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“ Dear Ruthis, Robert, Lezlie, Gerald & Rhonda,  
I was sorry to read of Norman's passing and pray that the trauma of the last few months will soon fade leaving only beautiful memories.  
Unfortunately my walking is not good enough to attend a cemetery funeral but my thoughts will be with you.  
In sincere sympathy,  
Patsy (Dunn Shanberg)

**patsy dunn shanberg** - May 07, 2013 at 05:05 PM

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“ We are very sorry about your loss. Leonard enjoyed visiting with Norman at the Romeo luncheons.

**ann stern and leonard glass** - May 07, 2013 at 03:39 PM

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“ Norm, you will be missed by many. I'm glad to have had the chance to meet you and to get to know you. Our hearts are with your family now. God Speed

The Stones

**Brian Stone** - May 07, 2013 at 01:50 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of the loss, thinking of you all during this time.

**Ally Dubrov** - May 07, 2013 at 08:48 AM

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“ Dear Ruthie, Robert, Janet, Lezlie, Ronnie, Jerold and grandchildren,  
I was sorry to learn of Norman's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

Love to all,

Hanna

**Hanna Apple** - May 07, 2013 at 01:24 AM

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Dear Ruthie and family

Our sincere condolences to you and the family. Norman was a fighter on anything he did and he fought until the end. May he rest in peace. WE wish you and family strong ties together.

Marlene and Stan Katz

**stanley and marlene kayz** - May 06, 2013 at 04:48 PM

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My heartfelt condolences over the loss of Mr. Kaplan. Love never dies. It's tied with the strings of beautiful memories. Norman has left a legacy of love and memories that will never be forgotten... Hold tight to those memories...Lean on family and friends for support...And look to the Holy Words for comfort and strength. May you have peace.

**Sharon Elaine** - May 06, 2013 at 02:22 PM