



Peyton Sher

July 30, 1924 - August 17, 2014

Peyton Sher, international boxing matchmaker and promoter, of Leawood, KS, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at the Kansas City Hospice House. Funeral services will take place at 11:00am Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Burial will follow at Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery. Kindly omit flowers. The family suggests contributions to Kehilath Israel Synagogue or Kansas City Hospice House and Palliative Care, 12000 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, MO 64145.

Peyton was born to Libbie Holzberg Sher and Samuel Jack Sher on July 30, 1924 in Duluth, MN. Graduating high school at 16, he attended junior college before enlisting in the U.S. Army Paratroopers in 1943. Following his discharge in 1946, he finished his studies at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1948 with a business degree. After living in Duluth, MN and Florida, he moved to Kansas City, joining his brothers Abbott and Sylvester and their families.

Working in the insurance industry, he traveled regularly, including stops in Great Bend, KS where he met his wife, Carole, the love of his life. Married in 1973, they had a second ceremony at Kehilath Israel Synagogue in 1974, after Carole converted to Judaism, and enjoyed a long, loving and happy marriage.

Peyton had a lifelong love of boxing, including a short professional career when fought under the name Bobby Regan. He explained his pseudonym saying, "At that time there weren't too many Jewish kids that were boxing anyplace." He didn't hide his religion, wearing a Star of David on one leg of his boxing shorts and a four-leaf clover on the other. He gave up the ring saying "I got beat up pretty bad in one of my fights so I decided I was better off staying in school and getting a degree."

Peyton loved boxing too much to stay away and when local fighters began asking him to help them with their careers, he didn't hesitate, training them and setting up their matches. As he put on more and more shows, he began managing well-known local boxers including Tracy Morrison, Leroy Green, Jr., and Tony Chiaverini. He set up the debut professional fight of Tommy Morrison at Madison Square Garden. Always working independently, Peyton made matches for numerous national and international promoters, including Aaron Bronstein of

Israel, and Hedy Mohammad of Germany. He was associated with Don King Productions for thirty-two years, working with all the major boxers of that era including Mohammad Ali, Mike Tyson, Julio Cesar Chaves, Evander Holyfield, and James "Buster" Douglas. One of the highlights of Peyton's career was working the corner of Buster Douglas when he was a 42-1 underdog against heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, knocking Tyson out at the Tokyo Dome in Tokyo, Japan, a fight considered one of the biggest upsets in sports history.

He enjoyed a wonderful reputation in a rough and tumble profession and was known as a most honest and honorable gentleman respected and loved by all.

Peyton was a Kansas City Chiefs season ticket holder for more than 50 years and enjoyed season tickets to the Kansas City Kings basketball team and other sports.

Throughout his career, Peyton was honored many times, including being named Matchmaker of the Year by the International Boxing Federation in 1995 in Toronto, Canada. The City of Kansas City, MO declared Peyton Sher Day on November 14, 1990. He belonged to many organizations including Masons and Shriners. He was a member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue for more than 45 years and a former member of its Board of Directors.

Peyton's parents, sister, Ruth Abramson of Duluth, MN and brothers, Abbott, Sylvester and Ralph, predeceased him. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Carole; sisters-in-law, Celia Sher, Overland Park and Gaye Horn, Wichita; brother-in-law, Terry L. Fronterhouse, Phoenix.

Having no children of his own, he doted on his nieces and nephews, Nancy and Robert N. Cohen, Los Angeles, CA; Richard and Linda Sher, St. Louis, MO; Allison and Alan Myers, Overland Park, KS; Susan and Dr. Samuel Gutovitz, Overland Park, KS and Dr. Scott I. Sher, Leawood, KS, and their families.

Previous Events

Shiva

AUG **19**. 7:00 PM (CT)

at home of Allison and Scott Sher. Please call funeral home for additional information

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AUG **20**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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AUG **21**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RE

“ *peyton has helped alot of people over his many years of life he will be missed greatly signed reggie strickland*

reginald - January 08, 2017 at 03:09 PM

BM

“ *I am grateful for the life of Mr. Sher. 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 - August 19, 2014 at 01:58 PM

MH

“ *Carole and family,
What a wonderful MAN !
You know how much Marsha and I loved him.
He was very special*

All our love

Marsha and Eddie Herman

marsha and ed herman - August 19, 2014 at 10:01 AM

CB

“ *My husband Rick and I sat next to Peyton at the Chiefs games for the last several years and so enjoyed spending time with him. He was always telling us Chief's stories and letting my kids try on his boxing ring. We looked forward to seeing him each week and had a great fondness of each other. We will miss him so. Peyton was such a treasure.
Our deepest condolences to Carole
Rick and Cathy Baier*

Cathy Baier - August 19, 2014 at 08:03 AM

HS

“ *Carole, getting to know both you and Peyton, has been one of the best benefits of working in pharmacy. I will always consider it an honor to have made friends with you both. May Peyton's name be for a blessing.*

Herb Simon - August 19, 2014 at 12:50 AM

MS

“ Carole, I am so very sorry to learn of Peyton's passing. I had such great fondness for the two of you, and because of my longtime association with Syl, I, too, regarded Peyton as a 'brother'. He was funny, interesting and always very concerned about me and my family when we would meet. I know his memory and your vivid life experiences will sustain you through this tough time, as well as the future. Fondly, Marian Shear

Marian Shear - August 18, 2014 at 12:03 PM