



## RICHARD GERALD GREENBERG

June 12, 1933 - October 9, 2015

Richard Gerald “Dick” Greenberg, age 82, passed away peacefully Friday, October 9, 2015, surrounded by his family, after fighting lung disease for 16 years. Funeral services will be 1:30 pm Friday, October 16, at Congregation Beth Torah, 6100 W. 127th St., Overland Park, KS followed by burial at Rose Hill Cemetery.

He grew up in St. Louis, MO, the only son of Harold and Bertha Greenberg. His four sisters served as his loving court and adored him. Dick graduated Clayton High School after a stint at Wentworth Military Academy. He attended the University of Missouri-Columbia as an undergraduate and stayed to earn a law degree.

When he was 21, he met the love of his life: Margery Goldstein. They had a fairy tale love affair for the next 49 years and set an example for their children and grandchildren for what marriage and family could be at their very best. They moved to Kansas City, along with many of their St. Louis friends, who they considered family.

As a young man, Dick was president of Pioneer Bag Company. An astute entrepreneur and businessman, Dick was instrumental in starting or working with companies including: Diversified Industries, Synthetic Industries, Imperial Carpet, Sof’Floor, Handy Andy, Shop and Go, and Tama Corporation.

Dick’s experience in the carpet industry took he and Margie to Atlanta, where they lived, worked, and met friends for life. They moved back to Kansas City to be closer to their treasured granddaughters, Samantha and Jessica, who gave him the nickname that stuck for everyone that came to know him: Sir.

Dick served on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City and Oakwood Country Club. His service to others continued throughout his life.

He collected many friends throughout the years, from the golf course to his regular breakfasts and lunches. Dick was an athlete who played semi-pro baseball and was an avid sports fan, particularly of any Mizzou team, the St. Louis Browns, the KC Royals and

Chiefs.

Later in life, Dick moved to Village Shalom. Though he never wanted to outlive Margie, he found renewed purpose in life through a class he created and taught for his fellow residents. S'Up, What's Up, was named by his grandchildren and born out of his desire to help a fellow resident who was having trouble seeing and hearing. Dick who loved conversation and debate on current events, brought his iPad to dinner and read part of a news story. The desired conversation followed. Soon others came to sit at the table. Dinner conversation turned into a formal class where dozens of residents came together twice a week. The class earned Dick an award for excellence in aging from the State of Kansas. Though literally a lifeline to many of his peers, Dick would only say that he received more than he gave to others.

Dick is survived by his son and sometime business partner, Steve Greenberg, daughter Lisa Greenberg Klein, and son-in-law Jim Klein. He was a loving grandfather to Samantha and Jessica Klein. He will be greatly missed by his sisters and brother in laws and their families: Cissy and Jerry Feldman, Barbara and Armin Sadoff, Iris and Dick Kite, Linda and Roger Howard.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to either Village Shalom or KU Medical Center.

# Events

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<b>OCT</b>	<b>Funeral</b>	01:30PM
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	Congregation Beth Torah	
	6100 W. 127th Street, Overland Park, KS, US	

# Comments

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“ I hadn't realized that Dick had passed but happened upon the obituary. So terribly sad to hear this news. I so enjoyed talking baseball with Dick on my visits to Village Shalom. He always had a great smile and wonderful attitude....attributes that I really appreciated. He was so generous with his time and always maintained a desire to help others. We've lost a good one here.

**Jason Gladstone** - December 29, 2015 at 08:24 PM

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“ Lisa, Steve and the Greenberg family,

I hope it goes without saying how much we loved the opportunity to care for Dick. He forever changed the atmosphere of Village Shalom. Our hallways will not be the same without his presence. Our hearts go out to you all as you deal with your loss. Please know that we are missing him deeply as well.

Much love,

Jill, Christine, Judith, Kim, Ayalnesh "Dimples", and the rest of the AL team.

**Jill Craft** - October 15, 2015 at 03:17 PM

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“ Lisa and Steve, please accept Lisa and my sincerest condolences on the passing of Dick. He was a wonderful man and I know was a great father and husband to Margery. Our most heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family on your loss.

**kenneth block** - October 15, 2015 at 11:48 AM

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**Eleanor Choden** - October 15, 2015 at 11:06 AM

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**Eleanor Choden** - October 15, 2015 at 10:59 AM

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“ This makes my heart sad. I was a Caregiver at Village Shalom for Dick. He was very educated and knowledgeable man. I would like to sit in once in awhile and listen to Sup with Dick Greenberg. Prayers and hugs for the family, Ashley Enslinger

**Ashley Enslinger** - October 14, 2015 at 06:15 PM

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“ I really liked Dick. He was just a nice guy with a friendly smile who looked out for other people. May his memory be for a blessing.

Joel Goldman

**Joel Goldman** - October 14, 2015 at 03:38 PM

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“ Stephanie Goldberg lit a candle in memory of RICHARD GERALD GREENBERG





“ Dick was a lovely man. Full of life and respect for everyone around him. He was always smiling from ear to ear. I worked in the Spa and Wellness area. Dick was a constant. He loved to exercise and talk about his family and sports. I was sad too hear about Dick's passing, but will always keep his memory in my heart. He was a blessing and a gift. Caryn Carl

caryn carl - October 12, 2015 at 06:58 PM

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“ Dick Greenberg's mantle was of intelligence, wit, sincerity, generosity, integrity, goodness as a husband, a father and a friend. Dick's life in word, deed and influence are a part of so many lives that he touched and certainly part of mine. And how much more so, Dick, I will never forget how every time you greeted me with, "How are you doing Reb." My deepest condolences to all knew him, loved him and sadly for us who will miss him.  
Rabbi Stuart Davis

Rabbi Stuart Davis - October 12, 2015 at 12:06 AM

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“ Lisa, Jim, Steven, Samatha 'n Jessica,

How can I begin to thank you all for 'sharing' "Sir" with one of the faithful followers on "S UP...I would literally schedule my appts around Dick's class. He let me know no question was to ignorant to ask. We would sit @ lunch 'n laugh about our limited knowledge of our iPad's.

we had this pre-bar mitzvah boy came to help us 'n we both became exhausted, he said, Jimmy loaded a lot of books 'n showed him how to save articles . WE decided it was for the 'young' 'n we were dangerous just knowing what little knowledge we had. . Dick 'taught' me how to listen to both sides of an article before I made up my bias answer. He was so humble in accepting the Senior Award last year in getting people interested in looking 'outside the box' in Assisted Living Centers. This year, he will be awarded the Stephen Schoenfield awarded in honor of Stephen's dedication of volunteering. I had the privilege of knowing 'n going to school with both Marcia 'n Stephen. WOW, what an honor! Dick was a brilliant man! He would grin from from ear 2 ear like the picture above, when he spoke of margie z"l, Lisa 'n her love of early childhood education but the twinkle of his eyes began dancing when he spoke of his 2 granddaughters, they were his life!

I feel 'blessed' in knowing n attending a class that he taught! May his memory be for a blessing. My heart goes out to the entire family. G-d bless



janet shaw - October 11, 2015 at 10:47 PM

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“ Lisa, Jim & Steve,  
It is with great sorrow that Betty & I extend our warmest sympathy to you and your Family. Although we haven't the pleasure of your company in recent years, we happily draw on so many wonderful memories of both your Mom & Dad during our days in KC. They were so welcoming and inclusive, along with the whole gang, to us. But my thoughts go back much further-- to the picture of Margie and I at my Bar Mitzvah, and to Meadowbrook's early days around the swimming pool, where my unrelenting goal was to beat Dick at ping pong.....but never did. Later in his life, in a sea of Khaki's & blue button-downs, I will always remember your Dad for his sartorial splendor. It was a flair that he never lost. We've always kept abreast through Elaine, so we also know how wonderfully caring you all were to Dick throughout his final years. So we share your loss and will miss him.  
Fondly,  
Betty & Uncle Bud

Betty & Bud Rosenbaum - October 11, 2015 at 07:49 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Dick in my capacity as an exercise instructor at the Spa and Wellness Center at Village Shalom. He will be missed by everyone. He always had a smile and a pleasant word for all. May his memory be for a blessing.  
Sincerely, Madeline Silver

Madeline Silver - October 11, 2015 at 07:36 PM

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“ Juli Choden lit a candle in memory of RICHARD GERALD GREENBERG





“ Ellie Choden lit a candle in memory of RICHARD GERALD GREENBERG



Ellie Choden - October 11, 2015 at 12:56 PM

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“ I am Dick's first cousin nd was shocked to hear of his death. I had been corresponding with him thru email and had written him to express my concern of not hearing from him in quite awhile. He was like a brother to me and I love him very much.

<http://www.louismemorialchapel.com/obituaries/Richard-Greenberg-3/#!/FamilyTreePage>

Ellie Choden

Ellie Choden - October 11, 2015 at 12:55 PM

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“ I just wrote a note to Dick giving him Mazal Tov on his honor. I had no knowledge he had passed on. Please dear family accept this note and my deepest feelings for your loss and ours. Dick always had a smile for everyone. Such a gentle man.

Marna Dolginoff

Marna Dolginoff - October 11, 2015 at 02:00 AM

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“ Dick was one of the nicest guys I met in my lifetime. He was one great human being. We were so sorry to hear about his passing. Our thoughts are with the whole family. Susan and Irwin Levine.

irwin levine - October 10, 2015 at 05:44 PM

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“ Dick was a dynamic chairman of the Jewish Federation campaign in the aftermath of the Yom Kipper War. His loss will be felt by the entire Jewish Community. Sol Koenigsberg, Executive Director Emeritus of the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City

Sol Koenigsberg - October 10, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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“ Robert and I are so very sorry for your loss. Margie and Dick were both such wonderful people .and we want to send you our heartfelt sympathy at this difficult time. Janet Bloom

Janet Bloom - October 10, 2015 at 02:15 PM

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“ To the Family of Dick Greenberg, my father, Morris Rogozenski, moved to Village Shalom a few months ago. He never missed one of Dicks S'up meetings. He loved to share the information with me! Daddy so enjoyed his insight into the news, especially the Royals and golf. His wit and bright smile will be missed every Tuesday and Thursday morning. May he continue his morning meetings in heaven. May his memory be a true blessing.

Pam Rosenberg - October 10, 2015 at 12:41 PM

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“ What a lovely, kind and brilliant man Dick was. (And he was a fellow Clayton High alum, so we were "landsmen" of a sort! ) He will be sorely missed by everyone who had the good fortune to know him. May his memory be for a blessing.

Condolences to the entire family. May you find comfort in your fond memories of Sir.  
Linda Salvay

Linda Salvay - October 10, 2015 at 12:39 PM

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“ Dick "Sir" was a gentle soul who always was smiling. He fought many huge battles: his health issues and the loss of his beloved Marge. I know how much everyone in his family will miss this loving man. Xoxoxo to all of you. Shelley Davidson

Shelley Davidson - October 10, 2015 at 12:06 PM