



## **RICHARD B. RUBENSTEIN**

November 2, 1924 - November 24, 2017

Captain Richard B. Rubenstein, U.S. Navy Retired, passed away on November 24th at his home in Kansas City, Missouri. He was 93 years old and he died of natural causes. Born November 2, 1924, he was a lifelong resident of Kansas City and the son of Frances and Leo Rubenstein.

Richard Rubenstein attended Southwest High School and graduated in June of 1942. He briefly attended the University of Minnesota while awaiting an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. The appointment came from Missouri Congressman Roger Slaughter of the 5th district. Rubenstein entered the USNA as a midshipman in June of 1944 and graduated in June of 1948 with a degree in electrical engineering. Upon graduation Rubenstein was assigned duty aboard the U.S.S. New Hampshire, stationed in Newport, Rhode Island.

On September 15, 1949 Richard Rubenstein married the former Jean Lewis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis also of Kansas City. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on West 57th Street.

In 1950 Rubenstein was transferred to the Atlantic Fleet on the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Oriskany stationed in the Atlantic out of Newport, Rhode Island where he served during the Korean War for two years. Rubenstein was released to the Naval Reserve in Kansas City in February of 1952 where he served until his retirement as Captain in 1984.

In 1952 he assumed a position at the Lewis Investment Company in Kansas City. In 1965 he purchased the Blue Ridge Finance Company in Independence, Missouri and operated that firm until 1981.

Richard Rubenstein was an enthusiastic participant in several local organizations. He was an active alumni of Southwest High School involved in newsletters, reunions, and other alumni events. And he was inducted into the Southwest Hall of Fame in 2013. Rubenstein served on the Liberty Memorial Committee to restore the monument. He was involved with

Harvesters; the Community Food Network which addresses poverty through providing food to those in need. He also set up a small film library at the New Reform Temple, following the death of his wife in 2007.

Richard's sister Mrs. Audrey Manne of Miami passed away in April of 2015. He is survived by his four children, Jane Rubenstein, John Rubenstein and his wife Arlene Rubenstein, Jim Rubenstein all of Kansas City and Ann Rubenstein Tisch and her husband Andrew Tisch of New York City. Also surviving him are five grandchildren, Michelle Kosoglad, Adam and Stacy Rubenstein, Sarah and Charlotte Tisch, and two great grandchildren. Richard leaves behind a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis Jr, cousins Jenard Gross of Houston, and Marge Lipsky of Kansas City, nieces Suzanne Block, Karen Morris, and nephew George Lewis III.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Monday, November 27, 2017 at 11am at the New Reform Temple at Gregory and Main Street.

Contributions in Richard's memory can be made to Harvesters, the Community Food Network ([www.harvesters.org](http://www.harvesters.org).) or The National World War I Museum and Memorial ([www.theworldwar.org](http://www.theworldwar.org)).

# Events

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**NOV** **Memorial service** 11:00AM

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The New Reform Temple

7100 Main Street, Kansas City, MO, US, 64114

**NOV** **Shiva** 07:00PM

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at the home of John Rubenstein. Please call funeral home for instructions.

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# Comments

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“ We send you our sincere condolences on the loss of your father. All of you have been so gracious and friendly since we arrived in Kansas City and we shall always remember that with fondness.

Sol and Beth Koenigsberg

**Sol Koenigsberg** - December 01, 2017 at 03:12 PM

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“ John, Arlene, and family,  
We are wish you comfort during this difficult time.  
Your memories are many and may your father's inspiration continue in your hearts and actions.

Sonny and Max Singer

**Sonny & Max Singer** - December 01, 2017 at 08:49 AM

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“ Sending sympathies to John, Arlene, all the Rubenstein family.

**Mark Edelman and Karin Lichterman** - November 29, 2017 at 11:39 AM

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“ Beautiful services and tribute to Mr. Rubenstein today; what a beautiful and fulfilling life he led! We are very sorry for your loss.

With Love, The Medbery Family

**Dwight Medbery** - November 27, 2017 at 05:59 PM

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“ Mr. Rubenstein was one of a kind, an officer and a gentleman at all times. I'll miss his terrific smile, his wit and our weekly visits but most of all...the stories! My life is richer for having known him.

**Sharon Pace** - November 27, 2017 at 04:55 PM

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“ The celebration of his life this morning was a very special tribute to a very special man. He is an inspiration to all who care about family and making a difference in the world. Truly a part of the Greatest Generation. His memory will be a blessing. May his family find comfort in all of the sweet memories.

**Alan Edelman** - November 27, 2017 at 04:51 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Rubenstein family. Although words fail to express the pain of losing Richard, please know that he was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. The precious memories you shared will be for a blessing and the greatest treasures of your heart. Loving thoughts are with you during your time of sorrow. Isaiah 41:10.

**Sharon Allen** - November 27, 2017 at 01:30 PM

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“ John and Arlene,

Our sincere condolences to you.

Although we did not know your father well, Leonard did know your grandfather, Leo, quite well and considered him a very fine gentleman.

Sincerely,  
Ann Stern and Leonard Glass

**Leonard Glass** - November 25, 2017 at 11:15 AM

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“ I will always remember all the time we spent at the Rubenstein home as teenagers. Dick always made us feel welcome and took a great interest in what we all were doing. He always seemed to be having a bowl of cereal during our visits. I can remember playing basketball with him. He rarely shot the ball because he wanted us to. He was a fine man and had a great life. Sympathies to the family. Best, Jack Brozman

**Jack Brozman** - November 25, 2017 at 10:47 AM

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“ Johnny and sisters. Sorry about your dad.

Roger G. Krantz

**Roger G. Krantz** - November 24, 2017 at 11:51 PM

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“ Dear Ann, Jane, John, Jimbo and family,  
Lenny and I are thinking of you fondly during this sad time.  
Lenny and Lisa Cohen

**Lisa Cohen** - November 24, 2017 at 05:00 PM