



Ricky Alan Covitz

July 25, 1949 - March 24, 2011

Ricky Alan Covitz, 61, of Overland Park, KS, passed away Thursday, March 24, 2011 at his home. Funeral services will be at 11:00am Friday, March 25, at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue, Kansas City, MO. Burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Lung Association, 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20004 (<http://www.lungsusa.org>). Ricky was the owner of "Rick's Tailoring & Menswear" in Overland Park for the past 33 years. He was born in St. Louis, MO, the son of Irvin and Sylvia (Shamsky) Covitz. Ricky received his BA in Recreation Therapy from the University of Missouri, was a huge Tigers fan and loved to play handball. He moved to Kansas City in 1973 where he met his future wife Mary. After meeting Mary, he learned tailoring from her father "Leo the Tailor", who had a shop for 45 years and mentored Ricky. Ricky was a member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue. He lived for his store, working 60 hours a week. Ricky loved his family, children and grandchildren. Ricky loved traveling with Mary and his children, all over the world. He rarely went anywhere without running into customers and friends. His humorous and often sarcastic nature entertained friends and customers alike. He stayed in touch over the years with friends from grade school and high school in St. Louis. He was preceded in death by his father, Irvin Covitz and in-laws: Rose and Leo Zelman. Ricky is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary Covitz, of the home; son and daughter-in-law: Jeffrey and Amy Covitz, Lenexa, KS; daughter and son-in-law: Lesley Covitz Fulton and Matthew Fulton, Brooklyn, NY; mother: Sylvia Covitz, St. Louis, MO; sister and brother-in-law: Risa and Elliot Enger, St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Suzy and Robbie Katz, Overland Park, KS; grandchildren: Leo Covitz and one on the way. Nieces and nephews also survive.

Comments



“ Mary,
Please accept our heartfelt wishes for comfort during this difficult time. Just as your father's name is living in your grandson, we know that Rick's memory will be ongoing. May the many memories you made sustain you at this time.
Sonny and Max Singer

Sonny and Max Singer - April 05, 2011 at 08:59 AM



“ Mary,
So sorry for your loss. May Rick's memory be a blessing for you.

Sybil Kaplan - April 02, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ They don't make 'em like Rick Covitz any more, and we are all the poorer for it! My condolences to his family.

Rick Hellman - March 31, 2011 at 01:31 AM



“ Mary and family,
Len and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Bonnie

Bonnie & Len Friedman - March 28, 2011 at 10:23 PM



“ Mary, Zandy and I were so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. He was always so much fun to be around. Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family.
Love, Peggy & Zandy

Peggy Davis - March 28, 2011 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Mary,
I'm so very sorry to hear of Ricky's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Gail

Gail Greenberg Levinson - March 27, 2011 at 10:28 PM



“ I was a customer of both Rick and Leo. I was sad to hear about Rick's passing. I didn't know he was sick until a couple of months ago when I happened to pop into the store with one of my daughters. Rick told me of his illness and his ongoing battle. My prayers are with his family. Rick was special and I am better for knowing him. God Bless.

Ross Passantino - March 26, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear of Rick's passing, and offer my condolences to the family. I got to know Rick years ago when I helped him coach our respective sons' youth basketball team. Thereafter, I became a regular customer in his shop, and enjoyed the comraderie and conversations about Mizzou sports. Jeff, I hope you will keep up the tradition of the business.

Nick Auer - March 26, 2011 at 01:01 PM



“ I was sad to see to that Ricky had passed away this week. I have known him since we were in the Army Reserve unit in Columbia, MO in the late 1960s. We both obviously did not want to be there but knew that we would have to endure the six years and get by. I later ran into him at his store on Mission Road which was just down the street from my home. When I stopped in the store we would comiserate about those times and be glad that we had moved on. My sympathy to the family. He was a good man and loved his business and I'm sure his family.

Larry Brady - March 26, 2011 at 09:57 AM



“ Mary, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time.

Rochelle Barash - March 25, 2011 at 02:30 PM



“ Ricky was an exceptional man: smart, loving, charming, witty. I feel honored to have been a part of his life. He leaves a wonderful legacy ... his incredible family

susan gordon - March 25, 2011 at 01:47 PM



“ I had known of Rick's illness since he had told me some time ago. But I was saddened to hear of his passing. I hadn't heard from him for a while and he was always good at calling when he had new clothes. He knew what i liked and I appreciated that. My condolences to his family. Bob Moore

bob moore - March 25, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ Ricky its been so many years--but I remember them so well--playing handball and racquetball early mornings--laughing and joking afterwards--regardless who won, usually you at HB, me at RQB Rest in Peace my friend.

Mary, embrace the wonderful moments you had and allow those memories to embrace you in comfort, smiles and love.

Larry Oliver - March 25, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ Covitz family: I am deeply saddened by your loss. Although I did not see him often, I greatly enjoyed my friendship with Rick, on the handball court and through the store. Your family is in my prayers. Rick Enna

Rick Enna - March 25, 2011 at 09:54 AM



“ Our very deepest condolences to the beloved family of Ricky. We are so blessed to have known him.

From Jack and Carol

Jack and Carol Axelrod - March 25, 2011 at 09:48 AM



“ Rick will be sorely missed by the entire Gershon family. We loved visting him at the store. My Dad loved joking around with him so much You will be missed by all.

Susie Gershon Shatz - March 25, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prays are with you. May Rick's memory be a blessing for his family.

Jody Ervin & Family

Jody Gottlieb Ervin - March 25, 2011 at 09:39 AM



“ Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. May Ricky's memory be a blessing to you and your family.

Celia & Bruce Solomon - March 25, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ Rick was a special person. He got along with everyone (including Ira) and never do I remember seeing him get mad. It is said that clothes make the man, but in his case the man made the clothes. SO sorry for your loss. (I was the pharmacist from 95th and Nall store Treasury Drug)

Herb Simon - March 25, 2011 at 07:36 AM



“ Dear Covitz family, we are saddened by your loss. When we think or talk about Ricky it always brings a smile to our faces. Who else could dress 3 men in suits and have them tailored 24 hours before you needed them? Take care, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Terri and Brian Jacobs

Terri, Brian, Aaron, and Ryan Jacobs - March 25, 2011 at 02:11 AM



“ Mary and Family- so very sorry to hear the sad news. Ricky was a great guy! Very easy to be with. My years of sewing at his shop at 95th and Nall are remembered as really fun times. What a nice person to let me invade his "space" like that, when I think about it now! Please take care.
Love, Rhonda and Mark Swade

Mark and Rhonda Swade - March 25, 2011 at 01:08 AM



“ So sad about Ricky's passing. I'll always remember the good times we had. He was a good son, husband, father, grandfather & friend.

Cheryl Ostrow - March 25, 2011 at 12:38 AM



“ We'll all miss you Rick.

Tom Kezlan - March 25, 2011 at 12:07 AM



“ Mary. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Take comfort in remembering the wonderful memories Rick left with everyone.

Walter Rosel - March 24, 2011 at 11:58 PM



“ To rick's family i really had a great time playing handball with him.I so sorry for your loss and will pray for your family

thomas bembynista - March 24, 2011 at 11:43 PM



“ Rick was a dear friend. He used to pick me up to play handball on the weekends when I was a new player. I will miss his gentle nature and true gentleman personality. He had the best "natural" I have ever seen.

Paul Pfannenstiel - March 24, 2011 at 11:43 PM



“ So very sorry to read this sad news. My condolences, Mary.

karin lichterman - March 24, 2011 at 11:33 PM



“ We have memories of David shopping for suits and always going to Ricky for the best deals. He really knew how to relate well to his customers. Mary, you are blessed with a wonderful support system of family and friends during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you.

David and Linda Cooper - March 24, 2011 at 11:07 PM



“ Our condolences and thoughts are with you.

Kathryn and Ron Zack - March 24, 2011 at 10:38 PM



“ Rick was blessed to witness the marriage of his children to those they will love for a lifetime, and he will be missed by those of use who have loved him for a lifetime. our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this sad time.

ileene and steven simon - March 24, 2011 at 10:30 PM



“ Rick truly was a class act a great man. He will be missed by all of us in the handball community.

Matt McLaughlin - March 24, 2011 at 10:29 PM



“ Dear Covitz Family - We are thinking of you at this time and remembering Ricky fondly. Love, Laura and Josh

Laura and Josh Mitchell - March 24, 2011 at 10:22 PM



“ mary and family, phil and i are so saddened to hear of your great loss. we are still in arizona, but send our sincere condolences to all of you. we'll see you when we return. love to all.

marie koffman - March 24, 2011 at 09:38 PM



“ Mary and Family,

Words cannot express my feelings at this time, it benefits me more than the family to express to you how sorry to have lost a 40 + year friend and handball partner and opponent. Carol and I feel very good that we spent a nice evening with both Mary and Rick a few weeks ago and we will visit on our return to KC next week. G_d Bless you all. Love and respect. ed lapin

ED Lapin - March 24, 2011 at 08:28 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your lost.
May you find your smile again in memories that live forever deep inside your heart.

Gale Shultz - March 24, 2011 at 08:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Eddie and I send our condolences to you and your family. Our prayers are with you. Lynda and Eddie Caviar

Lynda Caviar - March 24, 2011 at 08:07 PM



“ Oh Mary, we're so sorry to hear this. Heard he put up a great fight. I didn't know him well but knew he was funny.I'll tell Debbie Dollinger

Alison & Norman Heisler - March 24, 2011 at 08:02 PM



“ I left my maiden name out of my note. I thought I'd make myself more familiar this way.

Stacy Steinzeig Smith - March 24, 2011 at 07:00 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to Mary, Jeffrey, Lesley and the entire family. Rick gave me and my brother our first jobs when we were just kids (literally) and I even babysat the kids a few times. He was a good guy and will be missed. I think of him so often... every time I sew a button or cut a tag out of my clothes w/out ripping the fabric (he taught me how to do that stuff) - really mundane things, but he always comes to mind. I guess I'll carry him with me in that way.

Stacy Smith - March 24, 2011 at 06:58 PM



“ Loving, generous, funny, intelligent, self-effacing. Always a kind word; sincere interest in others.

Craig Salvay - March 24, 2011 at 05:59 PM



“ Mary & Family,
My heart is heavy learning about Rick today. It seems like we were just kids growing up in St Louis. I am so deeply sorry for your loss.

Wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time. Ricky was one of a kind!
Strength to all of you,
Salli

Salli Katzman Katz - March 24, 2011 at 05:47 PM



“ Rick was a good friend for 50 years! He will be greatly missed by me. Someday a book will be written about Rick and his adventures with his family ,friends and associates. He is impossible to replace.

Gary Schanzer - March 24, 2011 at 04:54 PM



“ Rick: I'm going to miss you. You always would have the right suit for me and the time to discuss MU, KU, or what was going on in the world.

Lou Wexler - March 24, 2011 at 03:28 PM



“ Ricky-Going to miss you like crazy. I remember going to Mizzou together & your wife at A. Louis Ruhl grade school. It will be very tough with you not here anymore.

Roger G. Krantz - March 24, 2011 at 02:46 PM