



SHERRILL FRIEDMAN

December 29, 1921 - May 1, 2018

With gratitude for a long life well-lived, the family of Sherrill Friedman announces his passing on May 1, 2018, at age 96. Sherrill was a dedicated son, husband, father and grandfather. Funeral services will be at 11:00AM, Friday, May 4, 2018, at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave., Kansas City, Mo. with burial to follow at Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Kehilath Israel Synagogue.

Sherrill was born December 29, 1921. He attended Washington University at the age of 16 and by his fourth year was in Washington University Law School. Sherrill graduated in 2 years so that he could enroll in the Navy and specifically the Midshipman School at Notre Dame. Like so many other selfless young men who literally saved the world, he spent D-day at Omaha and Utah beach taking troops to shore. Subsequently, he sailed for North Africa and ultimately was a part of the Invasion of Southern France. He concluded his service time in Iwo Jima and came home in June 1946.

Rather than going into law, Sherrill joined his brother-in-law in the hardware business. In 1959 they decided to go into the fireplace business exclusively and Troost Fireplace and BBQ Center was born at 55th and Troost. He retired under the store mandatory retirement age of 80!

In 1956 Sherrill and Elinor Kessler married and remained life-long partners for nearly 61 years until Elinor's death in 2017. Throughout his life he was dedicated to his Jewish religion and to Kehilath Israel Synagogue where he and his family were founding members. His singing voice was beautiful and he loved leading the High Holiday Services and often Sabbath services for so many years. Post his retirement he attended as many religious classes as he could and became well known for his deep knowledge, thoughtful expression and conviction of opinion.

Sherrill was preceded in death by his wife, Elinor, his parents, Morris and Frieda Friedman and a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Phillip Sweet. Sherrill is survived by sons:

Frank Friedman (Sondra) of Leawood; David Friedman (Diane) of St. Louis; and daughter Marsha Friedman of Overland Park; five grandchildren: Adam, Micah, Jeremy, Lily and Rachel. We want to especially thank and express our gratitude for his wonderful caregivers: Mary, Nikki, Clifford, Janice and Toni.

Sherrill was a kind and gentle person with a wonderful smile, a big laugh, and a warm and meaningful handshake. We will miss him.

Events

MAY **Funeral** 11:00AM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US, 64131

MAY **Shiva** 07:30PM

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Village Shalom

5500 W. 123rd St, Overland Park, KS, US

Comments



“ What a delightful human being. In this day & age we need more people like him. He will be missed. He used to come in on Sunday when we had music and he loved to sing along and we enjoyed listening to him.

Pat

Weekend Receptionist at VS

Pat Bradley, Receptionist - May 05, 2018 at 11:55 AM



“ Frank and Family, Out deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. May his memory be a blessing. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
Sam Gottlieb & Jody Gottlieb Ervin

jody Gottlieb Ervin - May 04, 2018 at 12:05 AM



“ Dear Family,

I loved studying Talmud with him. So Smart. A great guy. Sherrill was a tremendous joy to have known.

My sincere condolences to the family. May his memory be for a blessing.



Larry Haith - May 03, 2018 at 10:28 PM



“ Dear Frank, Sondra, David, Diane and Marsha,

This is a sad day.

It was many years until I realized that "Uncle" Sherrill wasn't actually MY uncle; that he was my Sweet cousins' uncle. A good part of my confusion stemmed from the fact that he treated me like his very own niece! Such an outgoing, easygoing personality, friendly, talkative and interesting.

Speaking of interesting, I was mesmerized by his obituary. So many accomplishments, academic, secular and religious. Kudos to the team who wrote that wonderful memoir.

All of us Greenberg siblings will surely miss our Uncle Sherrill!

HaMakom y'nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar aveilei tziyon viyrushalayim. May you know no more sorrow.

Sending love,
Terry (Greenberg) Krause and Family

Terry Krause - May 03, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Marsha, Frank, David and the whole family. Sherrill and Eleanor have been such a significant part of our lives it's hard to think they are gone. What incredible role models they were for all of you and their pride in each of you was always obvious by the look on their faces when you were near. I never knew the tremendous education and military accomplishments of your dad but will always remember that he typified the word Mensch. I will miss his beautiful voice in shul.

Felicia and Seymour Weiner - May 02, 2018 at 11:35 PM



“ The obituary you (family) wrote so beautifully honors the humble man known as father, grandfather, friend, and role model. What a great tribute and aren't we all the fortunate to have known him. His smile was infectious. May you smile and be comforted with the memories you shared.

Sonny & Max Singer

Max Singer - May 02, 2018 at 08:29 PM



“ Dear Frank, Sondra, David, Diane and Marsha,
So many happy memories of both your parents. I always looked forward to seeing your Dad and hearing his jovial voice as he'd greet and show interest in our lives. I know he'll be dearly missed. Take Care. Love, Roz and Tim Dwyer

Roz Dwyer - May 02, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ To the entire Friedman family. Sherrill will long be remembered by his KI family for his beautiful voice, his wonderful smile and his kind and gentle sense of humor. May his memory be for a blessing.

Marlene Krakow

Marlene Krakow - May 02, 2018 at 06:30 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to all of Sherrill's family. He was a good friend of my brother Simon Kraft, and they shared many happy times together in post WWII years. Sherrill exemplified all the qualities you stated in the brief review of his his long life. May he rest in peace z"l.
Sarah Kraft Small
Deerfield, IL

Sarah Kraft Small - May 02, 2018 at 06:27 PM



“ What beautiful memories for a wonderful man. My condolences.

Hanna Apple - May 02, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ My deepest condolences to all of your family. Fondly Jody Granoff Weiner

Jody Granoff Weiner - May 02, 2018 at 02:48 PM



“ Such a loss of a man so devoted to his family and his religion. Heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends.

Barbara and David Isaacson

Barbara Isaacson - May 02, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Mr. Friedman - he was such a nice man and the true definition of a Mensch. My sincere condolences to all of the Friedman family - i have great memories of Mr. and Mrs. Friedman from going over to hang out with David on El Monte street - just a few blocks away from my house at 81st & Roe. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Friedman Family - Sincerely Howard & Sarah & Ariana Shalinsky

Howard Shalinsky - May 02, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ Sherrill was such a joy to talk to and be around. I always was happy when he was around, as I could get a smile and a snarl at the same time. What a wonderful person he was and may his name be for a blessing.

Herbert - May 02, 2018 at 08:17 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Friedman Family, may his memory be a blessing to all. Carol and Marvin Goldstein

Carol Goldstein - May 03, 2018 at 04:43 AM