



## TERRY SUSAN GOLDBERG

August 28, 1948 - February 19, 2015

\*\*\*NOTE - SERVICE LOCATION HAS CHANGED\*\*\*

Terry Susan (Russell) Goldberg demonstrated the same grace, courage and determination she brought to living life as she endured, then ended, her battle with Multiple System Atrophy on February 19th, 2015. Until a few months ago, Terry insisted on getting down on the floor to play with her grandbabies; opting to challenge her disease and enjoy each possible moment to the fullest extent. Terry showed love and kindness to everyone around her, embracing their positive qualities only and befriending each individual she met. In addition to her abundance of friends, Terry was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister; to husband Lance, daughters Leigh, Lauren and son-in-law Gavin, granddaughters Sophie Blake, Emilie Austen, Eliza Blakely and Lucy Tovah, sisters Barbara Jo Russell and Ellen Renee Rogers, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Kerry and Ed Hollander, and sister-friend, Marlene Fishman. Terry was preceded in death by her parents, Larry and Ida Pearl Russell, Abe and Edna Goldberg, and beloved niece, Blakely Russell Kay.

Terry was a talented cook, loved Native American culture, music, history, hummingbirds and her labelmaker. A talented former kindergarten teacher, Terry connected with children and was committed to furthering their curiosity, intellect and creativity. She attended high school graduation for years to honor her former students' success. She derived energy and joy from family and friendships – selflessly driven to celebrate milestones in the lives of her endless network.

Terry was an advocate, gifting her brain to assist with Multiple System Atrophy research and speaking out in support of Death-With-Dignity. She worked with the organization Compassion and Choices in their efforts to improve care and expand end-of-life choices. To this end, she courageously shared her story as a way to educate others about living with a terminal illness. In lieu of flowers, the family requests you continue Terry's efforts by supporting Compassion and Choices:

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Monday, February 23rd at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, followed by burial at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Donate by mail to Compassion & Choices Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 485, Etna, NH, 03750-0485, or by calling 800.247.7421. Your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward supporting

terminally ill clients and their families, and educating physicians, lawmakers, the media and the public.

# Events

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**FEB**   **Funeral**                      11:00AM

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Louis Memorial Chapel

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

**FEB**   **Shiva**                              04:00PM

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Village Shalom

5500 W. 123rd St., Overland Park, KS 66209, KS, US

# Comments

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“ I must be the last to know and here I am in Las Vegas with tears running down my face.

Maybe I'll stop crying if I write this. Center High School's Homecoming Queen has left the building ! Our beautiful friend left us too soon. When I think of Terry, I picture her with that deeply interested look she always had on her face whenever you were talking to her like whatever you were telling her was the most important thing in the world. She always made you feel important, The sound of her laughter was musical and contagious. Even though I hadn't seen or talked to her since 2006 at the last high school reunion; I feel like we would pick up where we left off as though we had seen each other the day before.

To Lance I don't know if you'll see this but if you do I'm so happy you had all these years with Terry and I hope you are doing better now that some time has passed although I know it hasn't been easy. I was widowed from my first husband and I was only married a year. I'm sending you and Terry's family love.

The tears are still flowing but i'm signing off now.

Love,  
Kristen Hansen  
7-21-16

**Kristen Hansen** - July 21, 2016 at 08:28 PM

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“ WHEN TERRY'S PARENTS, IDA PEARL AND LARRY, BROUGHT THEIR BABY GIRL TO NY TO MEET THE EAST COAST RELATIVES, WE ALL WENT GAGA OVER HER, AND THOSE FEELINGS AND LOVE NEVER CHANGED.

SHE WAS ALWAYS THE EPITOME OF BEAUTY, SWEETNESS, AND SO MANY SPECIAL QUALITIES, NONE OF WHICH THOSE LUCKY ENOUGH TO KNOW HER WILL EVER FORGET.

THERE'S A NEW SPECIALLY BRIGHT STAR SHINING DOWN ON ALL OF US -WE LOVE YOU, TERRY.

COUSIN BARBARA HELLER

**Barbara Heller** - February 26, 2015 at 04:48 PM

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“ She always greeted me with a smile. Always asking about my family. Such sweetness and kindness. Sending my heartfelt condolences to Lance and the family.  
Pola Firestone

**Pola Firestone** - February 23, 2015 at 09:13 PM

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“ Lance, I am always at a loss at these times. Please accept our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Phil and Karen Lyman

**Phil Lyman** - February 23, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ Lance, Leigh, and Lauren

Terry was a wonderful educator, friend, and role model for the children, staff, and parents at Mission Trail Elementary school. I felt very fortunate, as the principal, to work alongside a person of such strong character.

I never saw a child walk in her room that she did not greet and treat as they were her very own.

Thank you for sharing her with all of us for a number of years. She truly made a difference.

Shirley Pinnick

**Shirley Pinnick** - February 25, 2015 at 09:35 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you in your loss. Although I didn't know Terry that well I know that she was a beautiful and wonderful lady.

**Rene Gerdes** - February 23, 2015 at 02:10 PM

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“ Terry and I were thrown together into a playpen by our mothers as toddlers and told to "be friends." And who wouldn't cherish that? Terry holds a special place in my early memories of Kansas City, and although there were many years between our occasional meetings, I am so glad that we had the chance to get reacquainted recently here in Arizona. Lance, Amy joins me in expressing our deepest condolences on losing such a kind, giving, special loved one; May Terry's memory be an inspiration to us all. Best wishes, Paul and Amy Schwartz

**Paul Schwartz** - February 23, 2015 at 01:38 PM

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“ What a devastating loss for all who were lucky enough to have known her....  
Rest in peace sweet lady.

Marleen Gold



Marleen Gold - February 23, 2015 at 09:00 AM

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“ I met Terry when her sister, Ellen, and I attended the same college classes in the mid-1970's. Though I haven't seen her for decades, I wanted to write a memory of how she influenced my life. Ellen and I would visit her often when Leigh Michelle and Lauren were very small, under age 3. I fell in love with the family. Terry, knowing that I was on my own in the midwest at age 18 would invite me to special occasions at her home. Most importantly, I was interested in writing and Terry would read my stories and encourage me at a time when I needed it. I'm still writing, Terry, and have even had New York Times bestsellers. Thank you for that early encouragement. I have reconnected with Ellen and Leigh Michelle on Facebook. As I knew would be true, Leigh Michelle, has become a lovely, interesting, involved woman like her mother. Sending thoughts of peace to Lance, Barbara, Ellen, Lauren and Leigh Michelle. I am so grateful to have known Terry. Her kindness lives on.

Marcia Wilkie - February 22, 2015 at 10:25 PM

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“ Every memory I have of beautiful Terry is her incredible smile and that twinkle in her eyes. That was from way back Lance when you and Terry were high school sweethearts. She never changed from the beautiful person she was inside and out. My deepest sympathies to you and the entire family.

Susie Gershon Shatz

Susie Gershon Shatz - February 22, 2015 at 09:01 PM

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“ My heart is broken...

Howie Heller (Terry's cousin)

Howie Heller - February 22, 2015 at 07:18 PM

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“ Terry was such a special person to me and so many people. She leaves an amazing legacy as a friend, wife, mother and family member. She was exceptional in every way. The world would be a better place if there were more Terry Goldbergs. She will be missed but will always hold a special place in my memories.

Carter Shelton - February 22, 2015 at 04:49 PM

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“ Terry was one of the kindest, most dear souls I've ever encountered. During good health and even in more recent years, Terry always asked about you and the loved ones in your life. I felt her calming sense each and every time I spoke with her. Although taken way too early, she left her mark on this earth and I am so grateful to have known her and shared in her life as I did. Sending love and sincere condolences to Lance and the girls especially and to extended family and friends who will dearly miss her.

Lenise Ward - February 22, 2015 at 04:07 PM

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“ I first met Terry when her beautiful daughter Lauren chose my brother, Gavin, to be her husband. We spent time together during the wedding festivities and I thoroughly enjoyed watching her relish in the celebrations at that time and in her precious family and friends who honored her in many ways. My heart goes out to Terry's family and friends as we all mourn her passing. You are all in my thoughts as you learn to navigate life without your precious mom, wife, grandmother, sister and friend. Much love to each of you!

Kimberly Telford - February 22, 2015 at 11:27 AM

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“ Barbara, Ellen, and the rest of Terry's family,  
I have not seen Terry in many years, but have fond memories from childhood. My father (of blessed memory) worked for Terry's father (of blessed memory) and our families were friendly. In reading her obituary, I am not surprised to learn of her legacy and what she did on this earth. May her memory be for a blessing.  
Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes and Hanorah Goldenberg

Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes - February 22, 2015 at 11:14 AM

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“ Terry leaves a legacy of loving kindness and strength. She was a friend to everyone and touched so many hearts in a positive way. My condolences and wishes for peace to the family.  
Lisa Lefkovitz

Lisa Lefkovitz - February 22, 2015 at 07:39 AM

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“ As someone who lost my father to MSA in 2012, I want to extend my deepest sympathies to Terry's family. I was fortunate enough to meet her cousins Davi and Richard Cohen last summer during my fundraising bicycle tour to support MSA research. May Terry rest in peace and may her memory be an inspiration.

-- Neil Versel, Chicago, IL

Neil Versel - February 22, 2015 at 12:46 AM

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“ Lance, just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Terry was such a special person, she will be missed by many. Our deepest condolences.  
Denise and Ron Coppaken

denise coppaken - February 21, 2015 at 05:21 PM

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“ I couldn't agree with my sister more. Terry was always so warm and loving. My thoughts are with your family.

Samantha Swade - February 21, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to you, Lance, Kerry and all family members and dear friends.

Judy Bisman

**Judy Bisman** - February 21, 2015 at 11:41 AM

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“ Lance and family, I have loved you and your family most of my life.. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts, prayers, and heart. The loss of Terry is much for everyone, but her strength ,courage and dignity during this time, the caring for her from all of you sets a model for all of us during times of loss and sorrow. Janet Price

**Janet Price** - February 21, 2015 at 11:27 AM

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“ Dear Barbara, Ellen, Lance and Family: I am sorry to learn about Terry. Our condolences to you. Rhonda and Mark Brown

**Rhonda Brown** - February 21, 2015 at 09:22 AM

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“ I will always remember Terry as the kindest person I've ever met. She and her family have meant a lot in my life. Her thoughtfulness knew no bounds, she was there for me at a time when my family couldn't be. Lauren and Lance, my thoughts are with you.

**Shanna Swade-Brewer** - February 20, 2015 at 11:30 PM

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“ For years and years, in the middle of the night on the night before a holiday, Terry and I would call each other from our respective kitchens to tell each other what we were cooking, how many we were having, whose family recipe we were using this year, and to just generally waste time. Now, of course, that precious time seems anything other than wasted.

Brenda Kanter Stern



Cousin Brenda - February 20, 2015 at 10:37 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My dad worked for Terry's dad when I was a child, and our families were friendly. Barbara and Ellen, our prayers go out to you and the rest of her family. May she rest in peace. Annette and Hanorah Goldenberg

Annette Goldenberg Haynes - February 22, 2015 at 10:50 AM



“ Dear Lance, Leigh and Lauren,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I was privileged to teach with Terry at MTE- what a wonderful, kind and patient teacher she was. Though always soft spoken, she was strong in advocating for the needs of young children. I have so many wonderful memories of Terry- always so positive and sweet. My deepest condolences on your loss.



Theresa Lohmann - February 20, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ What a wonderful human being. Terry was the kindest, most gentle person I have ever known. Whenever I talked to her on the phone she always begin the conversation with "Rhonda I just wanted to hear your voice." Which, of course made you feel so special, She will be forever missed.if there is a place out there for special people she is surely out in front.

Rhonda swade

Rhonda Swade - February 20, 2015 at 06:05 PM

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“ To the Family of Terry Goldberg  
Terry was without a doubt one of the most caring, sweetest, kindest person I have ever known. Not knowing that she was ill made this announcement all the more surprising. However she will always be looking down on all those she loved. May her memory be for a blessing. Leslee Gottlieb Price

Leslee Gottlieb Price - February 20, 2015 at 05:32 PM

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“ Terry.Marlene and I were in Israel together on a tour with Amy Katz. What a lovely lady and it was my pleasure to tour with her. it was also my pleasure to take Hebrew lessons with her and Marlene. What fun we had. i am indeed saddened by her passing. She will always remain in my thoughts and my sincere sympathy to the family

Marlene Katz

marlene katz - February 20, 2015 at 05:15 PM

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“ We knew Terry as a teen the gershon family and the Russell family lived in the same neighbor hood Terry was a sweet and beautiful women our heart breaks for you and your family

jackie and bob gershon - February 20, 2015 at 05:14 PM

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“ We will all miss such a special person and our condolences to the entire Family. Gail & Harry Himmelstein

Harry Himmelstein - February 20, 2015 at 04:54 PM



“ Lance and family. My sincere condolences to you on the loss of Terry. Terry was always a warm and engaging person who would greet you with a beautiful smile - a true lady in all aspects.

**Jerry Bressel** - February 20, 2015 at 04:46 PM

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“ Barb- my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your in my thoughts and prayers.

Kristy (Miller) Blackman



**kristy Blackman** - February 20, 2015 at 03:10 PM

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“ Lance, my sincere condolences.

Michael Berlau

**michael Berlau** - February 20, 2015 at 01:44 PM

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“ Mine is a general memory. My interactions were always tangential as we passed at the synagogue or oakwood or some other event where our paths crossed. Always, always it was an enjoyable exchange because she was so sweet and bright and full of energy and, mostly, interest. She was interested in you and what you were doing. It was genuine interest that really came through. I will miss her interest and mourn your loss.

Paul Himmelstein

**Paul Himmelstein** - February 20, 2015 at 01:27 PM

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“ Dear Lance Leigh and Lauren

I was saddened to learn of Terry's passing and wanted to share my deepest condolence for the loss of a wonderful person, a great wife and mother. Although I had not seen Terry for a number of years her warmth and grace remained in my memory for the past 40 years. I am very sorry for your loss.

Jerry Greenstein

**Jerry Greenstein** - February 20, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ Dear Cousins -

We were so saddened to hear of Terry's death. Her obituary described her so well. Very few people in this world are as energetic, interested/interesting and sweet as Terry. She 'oozed' those qualities. No wonder our family has always embraced her. Love, Paul & Andi Plotsky

**Andi Plotsky** - February 20, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ May you all cherish those special and wonderful memories. I will always remember what a sweet person and the cutest smile.

**Jim Jacob** - February 22, 2015 at 12:15 AM



“ I have fond memories of Terry as a fabulous dental patient as well as my son Mitch's wonderful kindergarten teacher at Mission Trail Elementary. She was a gift in his life and mine and I will always recall her energetic, positive, soft spoken and loving personality. We will miss her and send sympathies to her family. Warmly, Lynne Schutte DDS

**Lynne Schutte** - February 22, 2015 at 12:11 PM



“ I had the pleasure of teaching school with Terry for a short time. A beautiful and caring lady. May her memory be a comfort to the family. Diane Rozenberg

**diane Rozenberg** - February 22, 2015 at 02:41 PM



“ Dear Lance and Family, Lenny and I were shocked and saddened to hear about Terry. We are SO sorry! She was sweet, beautiful, and always a joy to talk to. We are thinking of you. Love, Lisa Cohen

**lisa** - February 22, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ Terry will be dearly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. What a kindred soul.

Love, Jeff and Hanie langner

**hanie langner** - February 22, 2015 at 10:05 PM



“ My wife and I were fortunate enough to meet Terry in the last several years and spend some time with her. She was delightful to be around and we will miss her very much. It was, indeed, a priviledge to know her.

Tommy Fagan & Dr. Carla Pearman

**Tommy Fagan** - February 23, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ A devastating loss for all who were lucky enough to have known her...Rest in peace sweet lady.

**Marleen Gold** - February 23, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ Dear family,

I am so sorry to hear of Terry's passing in recent days. Although our times together were limited to some family reunion times, it was a treat to be with you and your beautiful children. All of the loving words written about Terry describe the beautiful, sweet woman I had the privilege of meeting. My prayers and love are sent to you from cousin Mimi Allenberg Wachsman (now of St. Louis and formerly Memphis)(Rose (Myers) and Joe Allenberg's daughter)

**Mimi Allenberg Wachsman** - March 01, 2015 at 10:14 PM