



Zolan D. Gilgus

February 27, 1941 - November 29, 2020

Zolan David Gilgus, age 79, passed away Sunday, Nov 29th, 2020 from Covid 19.

Zolie was born to Molly and Meyer Gilgus on February 27, 1941 in Kansas City, MO. Zolie attended Paseo High School where he played football and went on to graduate from Shawnee Mission East High School.

Zolie met his loving wife, Doris Plessner, at a B'nai Brith Youth Convention in St. Louis when they were 13 and 14 years old. They quickly became a couple and married in 1961. They both remained very active in the BBG and AZA community and loved that their children and grandchildren had the chance to involve themselves in BBYO. Zolie was a member of AZA #2's and was Aleph Gadol of the Missouri Kansas Region.

Zolie was a life-long member of Kehilath Israel Synagogue where he was a member of the board, President of the Men's Club and involved with the Youth Mitzvah auctions. He loved coaching baseball and had many trophies and awards that he proudly displayed.

After Zolie was born, proud father Meyer, changed the name of his company to Meyer Gilgus and Son Meat Provisions. In his twenties, Zolie joined his father at Kay Gee Sales where they purchased and sold salvage items from train derailments. They went on to form Kay Gee Foods, a local wholesale food distributor.

Zolie was recruited to work for Kraft Foods in 1981. He also worked for Lady Baltimore Foods. Zolie worked for the IRS for ten years as a tax examiner and retired in 2015. In addition, Zolie operated The Calendar Club at Oak Park Mall for 15 years. During this time Zolie received numerous company awards including Highest Sales in the Country several years in a row. Zolie's admirable work ethic was instilled in his children and grandchildren.

Zolie was fortunate to have many lifelong friendships, including Marc Slotnick and Larry Levinson. He remained close friends with many from his high school days and others from his professional career.

Zolie was a great cook and together with his friend and business partner Bob Zaban, created Mr. Z's BBQ. On two separate occasions they were awarded Kansas Grand Champions at the Great Lenexa BBQ Battle. They participated and won recognition at the Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational in Lynchburg, Tennessee. They also won Best BBQ Rub on the Planet at the American Royal World Series of Barbeque. Throughout the years they won hundreds of other awards and were highly sought after for Kosher BBQ catering throughout the Kansas City area.

Zolie was a kind, soft spoken, easy going man. He loved his Royals and Chiefs. We are so thankful that he was able to revel in both the 2015 World Series and the 2020 Super Bowl win. He could strike up a conversation with anyone about sports and could proudly recite stats verbatim. Zolie had a great sense of humor and never had a mean thing to say about anyone.

Preceded in death are parents Molly and Meyer Gilgus, niece Robin Brown, nephew Philip Kushner, son in law, Tim Peavler and granddaughter, Tori Peavler.

Zolie leaves his loving wife Doris, of 59 1/2 years, children Stephanie Gatewood (Richard), Susan Peavler, Steve Gilgus (Jill) and Sherry Worth (David). Zolie's grandchildren meant the world to him and loved living vicariously through Danielle Gatewood, Alyssa Gatewood, Alex Worth, Rebecca Worth, Trey Peavler, Brett Gilgus, Jeff Gilgus and Kelli Gilgus.

He leaves his sisters Deanie (Arnold) Vogel and Cinde Gilgus. Zolie also leaves behind numerous cousins and extended family who he loved dearly.

Covid 19 has changed our world. Zolie is not just a statistic-he was loved by many, a friend to all and lived a full life. He left this world knowing how much his family loved him and that his grandchildren were making their mark in the world.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to contribute to either B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Harvesters-The Community Food Network or another organization that is close to your heart.

Private graveside services will be on Tuesday, Dec 1st at 1pm. Please contact Louis Memorial Chapel for further information to the link for the Zoom funeral and shiva service.

Cemetery

Kehilath Israel Blue Ridge Cemetery

1901 S. Blue Ridge Blvd.
Independence, MO,

Events

DEC **Zoom graveside** 01:00PM

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Please call funeral home for Zoom
information.

MO, US

Comments



“ Cindy Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Cindy Schwartz - December 04, 2020 at 10:18 AM



“ Marsha And Gene Naron lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Marsha and Gene Naron - December 04, 2020 at 12:36 AM



“ Dear Doris and family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy at this sad and difficult time. May Zollie's memory remain as a blessing. Love, Alice and Tom Lewinsohn

Alice Lewinsohn - December 03, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ We are so very sorry to hear about Zollie. Sweet man and loved by many!
Our thoughts are with you all!

Allan and Jackie Rosenstock

jackie rosenstock - December 02, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ May his memory live forever in our hearts. Ellyn Jacobs, Burt Jacobs, and Kim Jacobs



Ellyn Jacobs - December 02, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Stephanie and family, I had the pleasure of working with your dad at the calendar club. He was always so kind to me. May your memories be a blessing.
Denise Kranzberg

Denise Kranzberg - December 01, 2020 at 08:57 PM



“ Doris and family,
Sending condolences on the passing of Zolan. May his memories be a blessing.
Leonard and Nedra Rosen

Nedra Rosen - December 01, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ Doris and family, we are so sorry to hear of Zollie's passing. He always had a warm smile and greeting for my family whenever we saw him at services, your home, the mall...he was a sweet man with so many talents and interests! He won't be forgotten, but will be missed.

Debbie Hennecke - December 01, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ Doris,

So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Dolly Latorre - December 01, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Dear Doris and Family, please accept my deepest condolences on the death of your dear husband and father. May his memory be a blessing. Barbara Bayer

Barbara Bayer - December 01, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Doris, and family,

I am so sad to hear of your loss. May his memories be a blessing for you and your family.

Much love,

Cathy Shopmaker Newman

Cathy Shopmaker Newman - December 01, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ Doris,

I am so glad that I had the opportunity to meet and spend time with Zolie and you. You are in my prayers for comfort and peace at this time.

Stevie Shuchart

Stevie Shuchart - December 01, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ Doris and family,
So sad to hear of your loss. May you find comfort from your memories.
Linda and Les Cohn

Linda Cohn - December 01, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Carole And Bernard Ellis lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



carole and bernard ellis - December 01, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Gilgus Family
I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Zolie. A very long time dear friend of the Shultz family and a very nice person
Mickey and Diane Shultz

Michael R. Shultz - December 01, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ Gilgus family, Zolie was one of a kind! At first he wS my customer then he became my co-worker then the became my employer and through it all he was my friend. I will miss him and the fun times we had.

clem battnett - December 01, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Dear Doris, Susan, Stephanie, and Sherrie,
Very sorry to hear the sad news. He was such a great person and very close with my parents. It was a privilege to have known him.

Rob and Lenna Levitch - December 01, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Robert and I are so very sorry for your loss. Janet & Robert Bloom

janet bloom - December 01, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Barbara Bograd lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Barbara Bograd - December 01, 2020 at 11:48 AM



“ Doris and family:
I am so saddened to learn of Zolie's passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family
Bobbie Bograd

Barbara Bograd - December 01, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Dear Doris and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Zolies passing. May his memory be for a blessing. Wishing you all strength and healing during this difficult time



Mindy Hayungs-Goldstein - December 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Phyllis Arenson lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



phyllis arenson - December 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Doris, Stephanie, and Family,

I am saddened by Zolie's passing. One of my favorite lessons from him that I learned from working with Stephanie is how to get people to follow through on their promises with a very personal but firm approach. I enjoyed hearing stories about Zolie and his life over the years. Thanks for sharing him with me.

Charlie Hyland

Charlie Hyland - December 01, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ Doris and Family,

I am saddened to hear of Zollie's passing. May his memory be for a blessing.

Ellen Magariel - December 01, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Dear Doris and family,

We were so sorry to hear of Zollie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you . We are family although the years have passed not seeing each other since we are no longer in KC. Don remembers their days together at Paseo high school.

Ruthann and Don

ruthann and Don Zurovsky - December 01, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ Dear Doris and family, so sorry for your loss. We have so many memories of our friendship thru the years. From KI, Kay Gee, baseball, drive in movies and all the get togethers thru the years. We will always keep Zolie in our hearts and memories. All our love, Clara and Norman

clara and Norman Levine - December 01, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ Doris,
Marty and I were saddened to hear of Zollie's passing. We remember the good old days when we were in our teens. I know you have many wonderful memories from over the years. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

Love you,

Judi and Marty

Judi Chaitman - December 01, 2020 at 08:45 AM



“ Dear Doris,

We were so saddened to learn of Zolie's passing. Sending prayers to you and your family. May your many loving memories comfort you.

Anita and Sam Chaplick

Anita Chaplick - December 01, 2020 at 01:12 AM



“ Karyn Weiner lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Karyn Weiner - December 01, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ My mother, Gertrude Lapides, always loved your family. On behalf of her, and myself, my deepest sympathy for you and your family.
Myra Lapides Tenzer

myra tenzer - November 30, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ My mother, Gertrude Lapides, loved you all. On behalf of her and myself, my deepest condolences to you and yours.
Myra Lapides Tenzer

myra tenzer - November 30, 2020 at 11:40 PM



“ Madeline Silver lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Madeline Silver - November 30, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Our dear dear Doris and loving family. When I saw the "kids" post on FB yesterday I worried that Zolie's death was imminent. He hung on for so long knowing his family was not ready to let go yet. The post yesterday was so beautiful and signaled that it was time. Now, Doris, our friend of so many years, zol zein mit treystn for remembering your wonderful lives together. We send our love.

Felicia & Seymour Weiner - November 30, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Doris and Family, Mark and I are so very sorry to hear this awful news. I remember seeing Zolie at Hanger all the time, and Mark remembers spending Friday nights with him and Chuck Levey!! Always such a sweet guy!!! Our deepest condolences. Mark and Marci Klein

Marci Klein - November 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Doris and Family,
Stan and I are deeply sorrowed to learn of Zolie's passing. I knew him from the 2nd grade in Sunday School. He was always a warm and friendly personality. May his dear memory always be for a blessing! He will be missed!
Sincerely, Joyce Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - November 30, 2020 at 05:26 PM



“ Dear Doris and family. We sure go back a lot of years. We all met at kl through our children. Such good memories over the years. Zollie always had a smile. He was a friend a good husband and a wonderful grandfather. My heart is heavy for all of you.
Love Ann



Ann Tannenbaum - November 30, 2020 at 04:51 PM



“ Ken And Sandi Lerner lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Ken and Sandi Lerner - November 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ Pamela Rogozenski Rosenberg lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Pamela Rogozenski Rosenberg - November 30, 2020 at 04:23 PM



“ Doris
So sorry to hear of Zollie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Marcia and Steve

Marcia Schorr - November 30, 2020 at 04:10 PM



“ Walter J And Sharon Fink lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Walter J and Sharon Fink - November 30, 2020 at 04:01 PM



“ Doris, Phillip and I were so very sorry to hear about the passing of Zollie. Sending prayers to you and your family. May his memory be for a blessing. Love, Barbara and Phillip

Barbara Goodbinder - November 30, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Doris and family, Jeff and I are so sorry for your loss. Zolie was such a wonderful person. May his memory be for a blessing.
Jeff and Deanna



Deanna Rudd - November 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Dear Doris and family,
Sending you love and hugs as you mourn the loss of Zolie. I will always remember his big smile and warm heart.

Love
Sharon and Geoff Friedman

sharon friedman - November 30, 2020 at 12:22 PM



“ The world has lost another of the good guys. May all your good memories be of consolation to you in this difficult time & May his memory be for a blessing.
Barbara & Skip Rein

Barbara and Skip Rein - November 30, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ What a wonderful friend Zolie was. My warmest thoughts and prayers to Doris and the Gilgus family. May Zolie rest in peace!



Sandy Sherman - November 30, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Barbara And Skip Rein lit a candle in memory of Zolan D. Gilgus



Barbara and Skip Rein - November 30, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ May you be blessed with good memories. Doris, you have developed many, many friendships thru the years. Know we are all thinking of you.

arlene shalinsky

arlene shalinsky - November 30, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ Just remember all the love and good times. By doing this he will live on in our hearts and thoughts forever.

Richard Zaban

richard zaban - December 01, 2020 at 11:08 AM



“ We were saddened to learn of the passing of Zolie. I go way back to our days in AZA and can only think of good memories of Zolie. He was a good baseball and football player, but I don't remember if he had any skills in basketball, at least not to my level. We will miss him dearly. May his memory be for a blessing.

Stan and Jenny Madlof

Stan Madlof - December 01, 2020 at 11:10 AM



“ Thinking of you and sending my love prayers to you and your family at this difficult time.

Barbara Kusnetzky - December 01, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ Doris, Sherry and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We know it is such a difficult time. May his memory be a blessing.

Rod and Wendy David

wendy david - December 01, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Doris & family, Deanie and Cinde:

Very sorry to learn of Zollie's passing. I guess I knew him since he was about 10 years old, when I would visit the Gilgus home at 41st and Chestnut. He had a smile and good word for everyone.

Bob DeWitt

Robert DeWitt - December 01, 2020 at 02:43 PM