



Lester Stanley Goldblatt

January 5, 1928 - October 14, 2021

Lester Stanley Goldblatt passed away on 10/14/21 at the age of 93 due to natural causes.

He left a wake of humor and joy everywhere he went throughout his life. He treated everyone with kindness, respect and dignity, no matter their position or circumstances. Les never found a person he didn't like. Everyone he met left with a smile on their face and a laugh; he was always an optimist, persistently seeing the lighter side of life. As a family, we thought he was famous because every place we went he would run into someone he knew. "Hey, Les!"

He lost his brother (Daniel) during World War II, and felt that loss his whole life. He graduated with a business degree from the University of Minnesota but he truly learned business "on the job". He had a limitless work ethic mixed with honesty, fairness, creative thinking, and some risk taking. It never seemed like "work" to him; he enjoyed every minute of it, literally up until his passing.

As a very young kid, he started delivering newspapers and sold many odd things to make money. He then ran his own lightbulb business, sold matchbook advertising, co-owned a "premium" business, formed an ownership group investing in a number of nursing homes, and then he went on to rent warehouses to businesses, and owned two federally subsidized apartment complexes.

His North Minneapolis community stayed tight thru the years, and he carried with him a plethora of wonderful memories from that period of his life. He had many lifetime friends and met with his ROMEO (Real Old Men Eat Out) group every Friday for many years.

His biggest joys and "investments" were to his loving wife Bonnie, his 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and great grandchild. As a dedicated family man, there were numerous family cross country adventures in a travel trailer and many winters spent with family and friends in Coronado, California. He also encouraged his children to be independent and was a great role model in how to treat people. He was always there for advice with a great

perspective and great thought.

He loved golf, even as he struggled with his putting. He loved to read about business, politics and current events and discuss his opinions at the dinner table. He was a Vikings fan during the Bud Grant Super Bowl years and a Twins fan during the excitement of 2 world championships.

He was a well-loved husband, father, grandfather, friend and business associate. There is no doubt that he will be missed by many, and that their memories of him will always leave a smile on their faces and laughter in their hearts.

Les is survived by his wife Bonnie Goldblatt, his children Daniel (wife Kris Paul), Robert, Terri, Jon and Kim; grandchildren Carly, Emma, Ethan, Andrew, Kelsey, Alison, John Paul (Angelika), Matt Paul, and great-grandchild Alden, sister Harriet Levy and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Jewish Family Children's Services (jfcsmpls.org) or to the charity of your choice.

A private memorial will be held on October 22, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Others may attend by Zoom, email zoom2@hodroffepstein.com for the link.

Events

OCT **Zoom Service**01:00PM

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Comments



“ I'm so sorry about Lester. I love the whole family and have many many shared memories that were wonderful. My family loves your family. He will be sorely missed.
Love Beth Shapiro

Beth Shapiro - October 23, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to each one of you. Lester was one in a million. May your precious memories bring you comfort.
Sending our love, Mary Jane & Skip

Mary Jane Shapiro - October 22, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ Please accept my condolences. My father knew Lester for many years, from the 1960s when Lester rented an office at 1421 Park Avenue.

Steve Press - October 20, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Steve Press lit a candle in memory of Lester Stanley Goldblatt



Steve Press - October 20, 2021 at 04:22 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Lester's wonderful family. Lester was a delight to be with, he made us happy to be in his company . He is greatly missed. Eva

EVA Kieffer. - October 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ Kim: I remember your dad exactly as you have described him here: warm, friendly, and funny. It is gift to make people feel that way. May his memory be for a blessing.

Erica Strohl - October 16, 2021 at 10:29 PM



“ I am very sorry..good memories of Lester and you .
Sandy Okinow

Sandra Okinow - October 17, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ Thank you so much, Erica!

Kim Rexford - October 17, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ Dear Bonnie and family,
I am so sad to hear of Lester's passing! I have such wonderful memories of being with my parents and your family in Coronado. To me, Lester seemed like he would live forever, with his warm sparkle that never dimmed.

His life and his memory are a blessing and I send my love to you all.-Rachel Ratner

Rachel Ratner - October 18, 2021 at 12:31 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the whole Goldblatt family. He was a good and kind man who will be missed. Greta Pratt and family

Greta Pratt - October 18, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ Thanks Rachel, your dad was so special to my dad and was greatly missed by him. Those memories will last with us all xo

Terri Goldblatt - October 18, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ So many wonderful memories with Uncle Les.Channukah parties at the Goldblatt home were the best. It was always joyful being with our cousins. Uncle Les always had a happy countenance and quick wit!

Gayle Dorshow - October 18, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ So sorry about Les. His phone message was the best ever and really represented his philosophy. He always said Have a WONDERFUL day with such joy that have everyone pure joy!!! Renee Soskin

Renee Soskin - October 18, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ Thank you so much Gayle yes those parties are great memories!

Terri - October 20, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ Thank you Renee, Yes, He was full of joy...and that message is memorable...

Terri - October 20, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ My love to everyone who Lester so truly inspired with his joy, lovingness, sparkling eyes, and deep fondness for people who surrounded him. i am one of those individuals - a relative and friend - he'll hold always in my heart and soul. Love, Evie.

Evelyn Howard - October 21, 2021 at 12:51 PM