



Jay David Straus

August 10, 2021

Jay Straus died August 10, 2021, age 107. He was survived by his dear friend and companion of 12 years, Alice R. Goodman; son Jay Straus, Jr. and daughter-in-law Ileana Straus; granddaughters Shira Straus, Arielle Straus, and Claire Straus; sister-in-law Susan Gram; cousin Steven (Rochelle Weiss) Loeb; and his nephews Richard (Rita) Gram, Tom (Janice) Gram, Allan (Susan) Barker, John (Suzanne St. Thomas) Gram, Andrew Kurtz, Robert Barker, and close family friends Ann Ross, Frank and Maureen Londy, Kathy Danneger, and many others.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Miriam G. Straus; daughter Carol A. Straus; brothers and sister-in-law Herman Gram, Symard and Barbara G. Kurtz; and parents Ethel P. and Eugene J. Straus.

Jay was born in St. Louis in 1914 and a lifelong St. Louis resident. During WWII he was a pilot trainer in the U.S. Army Air Force. After a 35 year career with Wohl Shoe Co. he became an entrepreneur and franchise consultant, remaining active in business into his late 90s, and was a board member of local business Alfa-Pet until his death. He had a 92 year love affair with golf, first as a caddy, varsity golfer at Soldan HS (1932), and competitive club player at Triple A in Forest Park and Westwood CC until 2019.

You may send contributions to St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired (www.slsbvi.org) or St. Luke's Hospital Faith Fund Hospice Services (www.stlukes-stl.com/development/faith-fund.html).

Please join Alice, Ileana, Arielle, Claire, Shira and me for a memorial get together for Dad.

Sunday, October 24 at 2:00 to 4:00, at Westwood Country Club.

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Cemetery Details

Valhalla Indoor Mausoleum

7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Westwood Country Club
11801 Conway Road
St Louis, MO 63131

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I got to know Jay on my visits back home to see my father, Hanford Sher. I knew him back in the 60's golfing at Westwood but just as an acquaintance. Being allowed to join the daily lunch crowd on my trips home I got to know what a great guy Jay was. Humorous, intelligent and treated me as real friend. We shared a love for Jack Reacher mysteries and he was always recommending something new to read. Those lunch gatherings were always the highlight of coming home. My Dad, Jay, David Lacks, Uncle Sylvan Fry, Mel Medicow, Jules Jablonow were part of the entertaining crowd of regulars. I miss them all.

James Sher - August 30, 2021 at 09:37 PM

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Skip Straus - August 29, 2021 at 09:33 PM

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Frank Cusumano with Jay making the KSDK broadcast right before Jay's 100th birthday.

Skip Straus - August 29, 2021 at 08:51 PM

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Skip Straus - August 29, 2021 at 08:04 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Jay Straus



randy singer - August 27, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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Skip Straus - August 27, 2021 at 02:56 PM

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Miriam and Jay, 1941

Skip Straus - August 29, 2021 at 07:50 PM

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“ *Historic July 1914 events included:*

- Robert Goddard's patent grant for liquid-fueled rockets*
- Boston Red Sox purchase Babe Ruth's contract from minor league Baltimore Orioles.*
- Mahatma Gandhi left South Africa after leading Passive Resistance campaigns.*
- Austria-Hungary decides against mediation and declares war on Serbia - first declaration of war of WWI*

Skip Straus - August 27, 2021 at 02:54 PM

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Skip Straus - August 27, 2021 at 02:31 PM

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Dad sent this to friends in May this year.

Skip Straus - August 29, 2021 at 07:52 PM

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Fond memories of Jay. Always a gentleman. Loved his calm unruffled mannerism. A nice friend to my centenarian mother. Thanks for sharing the videos. I plan on getting wheat germ.

Allan Barker - August 30, 2021 at 06:28 AM