



## GERALD ROSENTHAL

June 29, 1937 - October 24, 2020

FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE: SUNDAY 10/25/2020

Age 83, of Oak Park, died October 24, 2020.

Beloved husband to the late Beverly Rosenthal.

Devoted father of Mark Rosenthal, Debbie (Frank) Cummings and Lynn (George Hunter) Rosenthal.

Loving grandfather of Jessie Rosenthal and Jamie Rosenthal.

Cherished brother to Burt (Ann) Rosenthal, Joyce (the late Bill) Nadler and the late Barbara (Herbert) Goodwin.

### INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery

### SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva privately

### CONTRIBUTIONS:

Leader Dogs for the Blind

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# Comments

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“ Lynn Rosenthal is following this tribute.

**Lynn Rosenthal** - November 20, 2020 at 09:37 AM

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“ It will be three weeks tomorrow since I held my dad's hand and watched him take his final breath. Not a day goes by that I don't think of him...from the second I wake up until the minute I go to sleep. Even though I know he's with his beloved bride, the pain is almost unbearable. The emptiness and loneliness I feel without him (and my precious mom) is too hard to put into words. My entire world has fallen apart. The only comfort I have is that they are together again...at last. I love you my "daddy" and momma...so, so much. Rest in peace for eternity...hand-in-hand. Your daughter, Lynn

**Lynn Rosenthal** - November 13, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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“ It's been almost 3 weeks since Jerry died, but if anyone should come back to this page, please know that he is not forgotten. Every day I think of something he did or said that lightened the mood, or made a bad situation a little better. I hope he and Bev are smiling down on us right now, together again.

**George Hunter** - November 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Both Bev and Jerry were family from the moment I met them. I mention them both because in my mind they were a pair, and while it saddens me to think that with Jerry's passing I'll never get to see either of them on this earth again, in my heart I know they're together in heaven, and that makes me smile a little. I hope I'll see them again someday -- if I'm headed up that way! :)

Thinking of them together and as individuals makes me smile for different reasons. Bev for her love of animals, the poems she'd write "just because," and seeing her get genuine joy out of doing things for others; and Jerry for his zany sense of humor, and for being an honorable man whose handshake was stronger than any contract.

And they both had something very important in common with me: They loved Lynn with all their hearts.

I've been crying the past few days, but I've also done some smiling. Both Jerry and Bev were the kind of people whose memories evoke a smile.

That's the best legacy anyone can hope to leave behind.

**George Hunter** - October 29, 2020 at 09:37 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Jerry's passing. My contact with your father was limited to twice a year when I cleaned his teeth, but I looked forward to his Saturday morning appointments filled with jokes and smiles.  
Robin Greenberg, RDH (from Avery's office)

**Robin Greenberg** - October 27, 2020 at 04:46 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear about Jerry's passing. Jerry was a favorite of mine and of all the he ladies at the South Oakland YMCA. When Bev passed Jerry's twinkle dimmed a bit. He returned to swim with us and he joked and we laughed but we were all aware of how much he missed his wife and partner. The virus has kept everyone from being together and even from being able to grieve and celebrate our friends and family who have passed. My thoughts are with the entire Rosenthal family. Just a thought... Jerry knew we would be sad when he left but he wouldn't want us to stay parked in our sadness. Every time we smile and laugh and even cuss we are honoring Jerry. Jerry and Bev are not gone they are just hidden from sight for a time. I will miss him but I have faith I will see him again. Cathleen Roger

**Cathleen Roger** - October 27, 2020 at 12:52 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Lynn Rosenthal - October 27, 2020 at 04:19 AM

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“ As I held my dad's hand, sang a song to him, told him not be afraid (but knew he wasn't as he was not afraid of anything), told him we would be fine and it was okay to go, assured him his bride of almost 60 years was waiting for him, I witnessed him take his final breath about 30 seconds later. I cannot describe the emptiness I feel without my "daddy". He was my world. He was THE most incredible man...selfless, caring, sensitive, kind, humorous, generous and I could go on and on.

Ever since my mom passed away (on Christmas day, 2018) my dad has never been the same. All he wanted was to be with his "Bev". He would tell me how much he missed her and that all he wanted was to be with her. My family tried to comfort him and be with him but it wasn't enough. He needed...he yearned for his bride.

I take comfort knowing that even though I cannot explain how much I miss my parents and having them here, that they are finally together again, laughing, playing and living the rest of their lives together in eternity, side by side.

I love you "my daddy" and please give mom a huge hug for me. I will see you two again one day.



Lynn Rosenthal - October 27, 2020 at 03:54 AM

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“ Growing up, I had a plethora of amazing role models. I don't know how I got so lucky, but I was able to grow up with such beautiful examples of love, marriage and family. It wasn't just how much my mom and dad or my aunts and uncles loved each other, but it was about how deeply they loved and respected family. Nobody was a better example of that than my Uncle Jerry. My mom's big brother. I don't think it's possible to put into words the void we now feel. Whether it was the funny tshirts he always wore, or the way he would order at a restaurant, his humor was contagious. Veggie omelet, no red pepper, no green pepper, no toilet pepper. I can hear my Uncle Jerry say that every Sunday when our families would meet for brunch. If we met for dinner, he would order a half coke, half diet coke and then ask the server which one was on top. We would wait for the bill only to realize he secretly paid it way before anyone else could. If we had a family party, there would always be spearmint leaves in a dish because they were his favorite. When someone asked him for a picture of his wife, he proudly took out his wallet and showed a picture of a sumo wrestler as my Aunt Bev would roll her eyes. The first thing he would do no matter what, was give you a hug. There was nothing better. He was a boxer, an Army vet, a son, a brother, a father, a grandfather and a husband for life. He brought Kasi her favorite cookies from the bakery (the ones with the red candy in the middle) after my dad died because he heard her mention they were her favorite. We had an original Atari Tempest full size arcade in our basement because he was the coolest Uncle and gave it to Kasi for her Bat Mitzvah. We played the original Pong game in his basement and it was the best. We played cards all the time, but never for more than a nickel a game. His wedding ring was always loose, and he loved to show us like it was a new phenomenon. When my mom brought my dad to my Uncle's house early in their relationship for dinner and he asked for mashed potatoes, my Uncle grabbed them with his hand and put them on the plate. He talked to my mom all the time and the usual conversation would begin with my mom asking what was up and he would say 'not a damn thing'. He would go on service calls no matter what time it was or how far away he was needed. He was always happy to see you, always. He would talk about his children with such pride that there was never a question as to how they were his greatest gifts. Thinking back through my life, he was simply always there. He is a part of every memory of family and of every tradition. He was our hero. He was my mom's protector and my Uncle Burt's best friend. He was our everything. This loss has shattered many of us, but his life will be celebrated because that's what he deserves. He has earned his rest, but it sure feels unfair. We will miss him forever. I know my dad was waiting for him after he reunited with my Aunt Bev. I know my Aunt Barbara is so happy to see her brother again and I know my Grandpa Ervin and Grandma Julia missed him so. Hug them all for us and please know how much you are loved. Our lives will never be the same, but that's how it should be. That's a sign of a life well lived.



“ This is the hardest thing I have to do say goodbye to my friend Jerry. My late husband Stuart Katz, My children and myself Have known Bev/Jerry for more than 45 years. We shared very very fond memories. Jerry and Bev were the kindest, sweetest most loving couple that you could ever imagined. I will miss them dearly!!  
RIP

**Lenore Katz-Averbuch** - October 26, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing. Although we did not see or talk to him or Bev until we had a family “gathering” for whatever the reason, he and Bev were always one of our favorite cousins. We have many, many wonderful memories of being together growing up when he and family lived above Grandmom Rosenthal on Richton in Detroit. His father and my mother were Brother and sister. Sorry to say it is like another generation lost to “time and age.” But, at least we know that he and Bev are together again. Our Prayers and condolences to the entire family. Our love Sheila and Larry Trepeck. Also sending special thoughts: Peter, Steven, Norman.

**Larry Trepeck** - October 26, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Dear Rosenthals, We were greatly saddened when we heard of Jerry's death. He and Bev are fond memories to everyone who knew them. I hope you all are in good health and able to overcome your grief. Our warmest thoughts and condolences to all of you.  
Arnold, Cindy, Sara, and Jon

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**Arnold Leemon** - October 26, 2020 at 04:27 PM

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“ With deepest sympathy to your entire family. May you be blessed and comforted knowing that your wonderful parents are finally together again.

As I told our son, George, and his beautiful wife, Lynn, that as soon as I heard that Ger passed, I pictured his beloved, Bev, sitting by his side waiting. The minute he closed his eyes and took his last breath, I envisioned Bev taking his hand and pulling him to her side as they both went skipping along through the clouds, looking as they did when they first met...never to feel pain or to be separated from each other again.

Ger was such a wonderful, kind, caring and funny...very funny man. We loved him, and, of course, Bev, right from the first time we met and I received one of his great big "squeezey" bear hugs. He was a very special, dear man. There was never any awkwardness that one sometimes feels when first meeting future in-laws. They loved and accepted our son immediately (as well as our whole family). We all loved each other lots and had many fun times together. Although we really weren't able to see each other recently, Ger was always in our thoughts and prayers.

With much love always, Roz & Charles

Charles & Roz Turner - October 25, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ Jerry has been my friend for many years thru our swim class at YMCA. I always loved seeing his happy face. Our spouses were both in the hospital at the same time and we lost them both soon after. He got me to go to his grief group he helped me so much. I will remember him for his wit and humor. I miss him. Sending love and hugs to his family we were all blessed to have him in our lives.

April Ratekin - October 25, 2020 at 09:34 PM



“ So sorry to hear. Our sincere & deep sympathy to the family. Sorry we had lost touch over the years.

Florence & Dick Abel

**Florence S Abel** - October 26, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ I do not know this family, but reading the obituary and comments brought tears to my eyes. I've never had this happen before. All of the comments drew a picture of an exceptional family man and good friend. My deepest condolences to all who knew and loved him.

**Leslye Rosenbaum** - October 29, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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“ I only got to know Mr. Rosenthal over the past few years and my life has been greatly blessed from the experience. A truly genuine gentleman, whose love & pride for his family overflowed during our conversations. I will miss our visits & your gentle soul  
Kimberly Saville & The Saville Family

**Kimberly Saville** - October 25, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Graveside Service



**Hebrew Memorial** - October 25, 2020 at 04:45 PM