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Sidney APPLEBAUM

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BORN 1924

DIED 2016

FUNERAL HOME Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel - Minneapolis
126 E Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN

SIDNEY APPLEBAUM OBITUARY

died peacefully at home on August 6, 2016 at the age of 92. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He was a visionary grocer, entrepreneur,

mentor and role model. He loved his work and loved his family more. Sidney was born to Oscar and Bertha Applebaum on February 28, 1924. He grew up on the west side of St. Paul, graduating from Humboldt High School. In 1946 he married the apple of his eye, Lorraine Smith; they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary next month. Together they raised three children, Nancy, Jay and Ellen. He was selfless and incredibly generous. His greatest pleasure was seeing his family together, happy and growing. He loved to play golf, especially with his children or grandchildren. He spent time in the winter in Palm Springs, California, enjoying family and friends in the sunshine. He was a terrific storyteller and loved to share memories of his childhood, business career and the remarkable people who touched his life. One of nine siblings, he grew up in the grocery business. His father owned a corner grocery stand in downtown St. Paul where Sidney spent his childhood bundling soap and bagging rice. By the 1970's, Applebaum's Food Markets, which Sidney operated with his brothers and brothers-in-law, grew to over 30 stores in Minnesota. After selling Applebaum's, Sidney co-founded Rainbow Foods in 1983, serving as CEO until 1996. Sidney's professional contributions in the grocery industry led to his being awarded "Grocer of the Century" by the Minnesota Grocers Association in 1997. Together with his children, Sidney started a chain of retail liquor stores in 1978, Big Top Liquors and Sid's Discount Liquors. Upon retiring from the grocery business, he shifted his focus to the liquor stores, allowing him to continue doing what he loved most – working and spending time with family. His strong work ethic defined Sidney's character and life. He started his work day at 4 am and worked every day, going to his office at Midway Big Top Liquors until last week. Sidney was recently recognized as a 2014 Market Watch Leader for the success of Big Top Liquors. Sidney was deeply committed to giving back to the community that he felt had given him, his family and businesses so much. He served on a number of boards including United Hospital, University of Minnesota Children's Cancer Research Fund, The Highland Bank, Twin Cities US Olympic Festival, Oak Ridge Country Club and was a member of the St. Paul Rotary and the Shriners. He was proud to be honored by United Hospital with the Service to Humanity Award in 1994 and was named Trustee of the Year in 2005 for his dedicated service. Sidney is preceded in death by his parents and 8 siblings, Hy, Meyer, Abe, Arthur, Roy, Harry, Rose Singer and Ethel Specktor. He is survived by his wife Lorraine; children Nancy (Marc) Rosenberg, Jay and Ellen (Robert) Saffron; grandchildren Betsy (James) Schwartz, Anne (Michael) Stanfield, William (Sheryl) Rosenberg, Jonathan (Kate), Jill, Thomas, Molly Saffron and Katie Saffron (Jordan Wolf); great-grandchildren, Lucy and June Schwartz, Alexa and Jonah Rosenberg and Benjamin Stanfield; and many loving nieces and nephews. Funeral service at 1pm TUESDAY, August 9 at ADATH JESHURUN CONGREGATION, 10500 Hillside Lane W., Mtka. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Lorraine and Sidney Applebaum Family Fund at Jewish Family and Children's Service or the donor's favorite charity. SHIVA, Tuesday, August 9 and Wednesday, August 10 at 7pm at 3429 Oakton Drive, Mtka. Hodroff-Epstein 612 871-1234 www.hodroffepstein.com

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Sid was a great guy and one that I admired a lot. I designed his stores for many years and his liquor store as well. I always enjoyed being with him. I miss him very much

gordon robert peterson

Work

August 1, 2021

Sid was a great guy and he and I worked together for years as I designed his stores. we had our differences but still were good friends and business partners- so to speak. I admired him a great deal.

gordon peterson

Friend

August 1, 2019

Loved caddying for him and the Applebaum family at Hillcrest. My grandma recalled working at the first grocery store and remembering his kindness towards employeess

Scott Jungmann

February 3, 2019

May God give you the power beyond what is normal to help you enduring. Sincere sympathies - 2Cor 4:7

May 26, 2017

Shalom Lekha Sid.

You made a difference and helped our community shine brighter by your example. You are deeply missed and we will all remember by your life lessons what it means to do more for others.

Nathan

August 9, 2016

It is truly a jolt for me to hear about the passing of Sid who I actually hadn't seen since the 70's. He was such an important part of my life in my twenties. I (along with Judy Lovold) was secretary to Sid, Sam, Hy, Hash, Abe, Meyer and Steve both on Vandalia and then on Plato. Sid put up with my taking off on adventures & then hiring me back again. I loved being around all of the family and was honored to have Sid & his wife at my wedding in 1972 when I married the "guy" in their advertising dept.

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss & know I have been very honored to be a part of Sid's life. CHRIS GRANT

I first met Sid in the early 1970's at his store on Jefferson Ave. in St. Paul. Later when I was working in the Midway shopping center he remembered me and let me buy banana boxes of unlabeled canned goods for \$2.00 because he remembered me. He knew I was struggling financially to feed my family. He didn't charge me because he needed the money, rather it was to let me keep my pride.

He was a generous person, sweet and kind. I'll always remember that about him.

Therese V

August 8, 2016

I caddied for Sid and his wife almost 50 years ago. After the round he and his wife came to the caddie master and advocated for me to be promoted to A caddie status. I was stunned that a successful business man like him would take the time and effort to help a poor East Side kid. Thank you for your kindness and God bless you.

Pat McGee

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August 8, 2016

Very sorry for your loss. My father had a produce farm & used to sell produce to your Applebaum stores. Please accept my condolences.

Jacqueline Heintz

August 8, 2016

Applebaum Family,

I have known Sid for so many years and have seen him in the stores so many times over that span. I got my first job at Applebaums on Western off of Hwy 94 and have gotten to know so many customers over the years. I started out in 1973 and I am still in the grocery business thanks to all that I have learned. Sid sure was a great person and I am so sure he will be missed by many people who lives he has touched.

I pray that the memories you all have will keep you strong.

The love of God grant you peace.

And the love of friends bring you comfort.
Today and Forever.
With deepest sympathy on your loss of dear Sid.

Bonnie Forga

August 8, 2016

dear Lorraine and kids, I worked with Sid for many years designing stores and the liquor stores. He was always a great guy . we did have some set to's at times but it was all in fun.I had so much respect for him and I think he did me also. He was a very great man.

gordon peterson

August 7, 2016

I've only had the chance to meet Sid a handful of times, but he always seemed to brighten everyone's day when he came cruising around! So here's a candle for ya Sid! Rest easy..

Mike W

August 7, 2016

Sherie Bremseth

August 7, 2016

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