

# Mae (Usem) Averbook

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Mae Averbook was the youngest of six children. Her parents were originally from, Kiev, Ukraine. Her four brothers, one of whom was Ed Usem, founder of Usem Chevrolet, and her sister preceded her in death. Thomas Sherman, Ed Usem's grandson, still operates Usem Chevrolet. She still has over 50 nieces, nephews, and cousins with whom she remained in regular contact.

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One of Mae's favorite charities was the International Essential Tremor Foundation, PO Box 14005, Lenexa, KS 66285. (Phone 888-387-3667). [www.essentialtremor.org](http://www.essentialtremor.org).

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**Eternal Light, North Miami, Florida, will be handling the arrangements.**

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