

Hyman "Hy" Applebaum

BIRTH 9 Sep 1905
Minnesota, USA

DEATH 25 Oct 1997 (aged 92)
Saint Paul, Ramsey County, Minnesota, USA

BURIAL Minneapolis Jewish Cemetery
Richfield, Hennepin County, Minnesota, USA

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Hy Applebaum, 92, who along with his brothers ran a successful chain of grocery stores known as Applebaum Markets, died Thursday at Sholom Home in St. Paul. The eldest of the nine Applebaum children, Hy was the boss, the planner, the mentor. "He was like a father to all of us" said Sid Applebaum of Minnetonka, the only brother still in the grocery business. "We all looked up to him."

The business grew from a fruit and vegetable stand on the streets of St. Paul to a national grocery store chain. Hy Applebaum had wanted to go to medical school but he put aside his personal dreams to help with the family business, said his daughter Barbara Portnoy. "He had this huge family and he felt this incredible need to care for his family," she said. "He felt it to the day he died."

Friends said that you only had to meet Applebaum once to earn his appreciation. "When you knew Hy, you knew him well. He made sure of it," said Irwin Jacobs, a Twin Cities financier and a longtime friend. "He was so warm and passionate." Another good friend, U.S. District Judge James Rosenbaum, agreed. "If you were good to his family, you were just in the game. That was sort of the way he was."

Applebaum was one of a small band of St. Paul men who lived a short of rags-to-riches dream, Rosenbaum said. "They had nothing. They built together. And they shared together. They were the St. Paul gang", he said. "It really is a passing of a generation."

Applebaum retired in 1979 when the company was sold to National Tea Co. He was also on the board of directors for many community organizations:

American National Bank, St. John's University, the Board on Judicial Standards, Miller Hospital and the Ramsey County Charter Commission. He also received the Ramsey County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award. In addition to his brother Sid Applebaum, Hy Applebaum is survived by his wife, Janice, of St. Paul; daughters Barbara Portnoy of St. Paul and Susan Eisenberg of Minneapolis; brother Arthur Applebaum of St. Paul; sisters Rose Singer of Minnetonka and Attie Spector of St. Paul, and four grandchildren.

Family Members

Parents



Oscar Applebaum
1885–1957



Bertha Applebaum
1881–1972

Spouse



Janice *Greenberg* Applebaum
1915–2010

Siblings



Meyer Applebaum
1907–1971



Abe Applebaum
1909–1980



Arthur Applebaum
1911–2001



Roy Applebaum
1914–1977



Harry Hash Applebaum
1916–1993



Rose *Applebaum* Singer
1918–2008



Sidney Applebaum
1924–2016



Ethel Attie *Applebaum* Spektor
1926–2010

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