



## Jerome C. Knight

August 7, 1928 - December 16, 2018

Jerome “Jerry” C. Knight, age 90, passed away on December 16, 2018. Preceded in death by his wife, Anita Knight; parents, Harry and Edith Knight; brother, Julius Knight; sisters, Evelyn Solomon and June Rieger; brother-in-law, Sidney Gelman. He is survived by his daughters, Joni (Randy) Rosen and Elana Knight; grandchildren, Sari (Brady) Glick and Mara (Jordan) Meyers; great grandson, Ayven; sister-in-law, Rhoda Gelman. Jerry was the previous owner of the Drexel Theater and Swensen’s Ice Cream. He volunteered at The James Cancer Hospital, has been a member of Tifereth Israel for his entire life, and was the recipient of numerous awards including, Showman of the Year, Bexley Citizen of the Year and a Will Rogers Motion Picture Pioneer. Funeral services will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday, December 19 at Epstein Memorial Chapel, 3232 E. Main St. Burial will follow at New Tifereth Israel Cemetery. Shiva will be observed at the home of Joni and Randy Rosen on Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7pm and Sunday and Monday from 5-7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations are preferred to Congregation Tifereth Israel [www.tiferethisrael.org](http://www.tiferethisrael.org) or Zusman Hospice [www.whv.org](http://www.whv.org)

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**New Tifereth Israel Cemetery DEC**

2565 Performance Pkwy  
Columbus, OH, OH, 43207

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**Funeral Service**

10:30AM

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Epstein Memorial Chapel

3232 East Main Street, Columbus, OH, US, 43213

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Epstein Memorial Chapel** - December 19, 2018 at 10:25 AM

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“ Jerry and Anita were the first people my future in-laws introduced me to in 1971. As you can imagine my first impression was these are two very nice people. Without exception every time I saw Jerry I broke into a huge smile. He was such a nice person. He lived a life that had tremendous impact on mine. We'll miss him. Dick and Sharon Son Sorensen

**Dick Sorensen** - December 19, 2018 at 03:41 PM

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“ Joni, Randy, Lani & family,

It's been years since I've seen any of you, but I wanted to express how sorry I am to hear of Jerry's passing. He was such a good person and will be truly missed. My thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Marcia Bloomstien Luce

**Marcia Luce** - December 19, 2018 at 02:43 PM

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“ Loni, Joni, Randy and Family

Paul and I were saddened to hear of your beloved father's passing. A tremendous loss as he was the most kind and giving man. You were blessed with such wonderful parents.

Paul and I are unable to attend the funeral but wanted you to know how much his warm greeting, hug and sweet smile meant to us and will be so missed.

Paul, Bette, Tracy Katz

Joel Lebowitz

**Paul & Bette Katz** - December 19, 2018 at 11:51 AM



“ Dearest Ohio Cousins, Joni Randy, Lani, And All the Children-My how the Family has Grown, Poo Poo Poo, since we last saw some of you at Sharon and Asher’s wedding, 13 years ago, in New York, and before that, at Sari’s Bat Mitzvah- and then shortly after, Anita’s passing!

Sending Deepest Regrets for not being there at this new time of Sadness-But how Wonderful you have this Amazing WEBCAST, It’s almost like being there-to hear the good words spoken over your BELOVED Faher, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather,and our Sweet, Dear Cousin, Jerome Knight: A True Shem Tov, and Lev Tov, who will be sooo sorely missed by All!

Sending Heartfelt Condolences, And Many, Many Hugs and Kisses from New York, until we can next give them in person....

With Much Love,

Cousin Carol and The Schlacter Family, Guy & Susie, Hannah, Jamie and Zachary, Maryn & John, Brianna, and, Ean, Jace

**Carol Schlacter** - December 21, 2018 at 10:25 AM

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“ That was a lovely memorial service. We should all endeavor to live our lives in a way that will evoke such gracious memories as those afforded Mr. Knight. My thoughts and prayers are with his Family.

Carol Mahoner

**Carie Mahoner** - December 19, 2018 at 11:18 AM

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“ Joni, Lani, Randy and Family,

We are saddened to hear of Jerry's passing but warm memories fill our hearts of his love for family and wonderful, colorful ties! May you be comforted by family and friends at this time as Jerry was always there for you.

Shirley & Chuck Sherman



**Shirley Sherman** - December 19, 2018 at 09:39 AM



“ Joni, Lani, Randy and family, I am so sorry we are not with you at this sad time. May the sadness and grief we feel soon be replaced by all the wonderful memories of our time with this most loving and gracious human being. He is now with his beautiful Anita and we all vividly remember the love they share. Our hearts are with you.

Janice Weber &  
Bob Lieberman

**janice Weber** - December 19, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ Dearest Joni, Randy, and Lani,

May all his good deeds comfort you during this difficult time. Your dad has been a sweet figure to me for most of my life. One of my favorite (and pretty old!) memories is of your dad driving me to THE theater the day I got my braces on I was embarrassed and wouldn't smile. He told me braces looked cute! His kind words brought back my smile immediately! As usual, he dropped us off in front of THE theater, and I walked in to see another wonderful person - your mom. Of course, she was in her permanent place behind the counter. Sure kept me smiling. (The movie was South Pacific!) In my mind, your dad never changed. Always warm, interested in me, and welcoming to all. His name is a blessing.

Love from both of us.  
Larry and Laurie Katz

**Laurie** - December 22, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ To Joni, Randy and Family

Mr. Knight, I didn't know him very well ... But when I met him in Columbus he was always a very kind and gentle man.

Roland Latscha, Switzerland

**Roland Latscha** - December 19, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ Roland Latscha lit a candle in memory of Jerome C. Knight



**Roland Latscha** - December 19, 2018 at 09:27 AM



“ Joni, Randy and Family,  
Everyone loved Jerry Knight. A kind and gentle man.  
He would greet you like you were his best friend.  
May your happy memories of him always comfort  
and make you smile.  
Our thoughts are with you.  
Gary and Margey Cheses

**Gary Cheses** - December 18, 2018 at 12:51 PM

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“ Jerry was such a beautiful human being! Always so kind and lovely to talk to. No words. Except that his memory will always be for a blessing!

**ruth sternberg** - December 18, 2018 at 10:38 AM

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“ We want to express our heartfelt feelings at this time.He was quite a guy,former neighbor at Bexley House,but we've known and liked Jerry seemingly forever..  
Sincerely,  
Benny and Debbie Eisenstein

**D.Eisenstein** - December 18, 2018 at 09:27 AM

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“ I will always remember Jerry greeting us at Swenson's. He was as sweet as the ice cream he sold. An important part of Columbus and Tifereth Israel history has passed with him. Rest In Peace, Jerry.

**Judy and Jerry Liepack** - December 18, 2018 at 08:58 AM

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“ I remember Jerry Knight when we'd go to the Drexel. He was a kind and loving family man. My deepest sympathies to Joni, Randy, and the entire family. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him. - Jeri Feinstein Kerns

**Jeri Kerns** - December 18, 2018 at 06:04 AM

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“ Randy and Family -

Don, Jennifer and I have wonderful, warm memories of your Father. We especially recall his broad smile and good humor when he greeted us at Swensen's. And, of course, the pride he had as we delighted in watching the train pass on the track along the top of the ceiling.

May the memories you shared and created together bring you peace and comfort now and in the future. May your Father's memory be for a blessing. You are in our thoughts at this most difficult time.



Eydie, Don and Garlikov - December 17, 2018 at 08:58 PM

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“ Jerry always sent my parents a crate of oranges whenever he went to Florida. and also returned with a household gadget my mom always proudly used and told us "Look what Jerry brought us", We loved him and will miss him.  
danny

danny rothschild - December 17, 2018 at 07:50 PM

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“ Our condolences to the family of Jerry Knight. Anywhere, anyplace, The Drexel, Swensens, Tifereth Israel Jerry always greeted me with a warm genuine smile. A simple shake of the hand and you knew this was a special person. What a great man. We will miss Jerry. Donna and Rodney Wasserstrom.

rodney and Donna Wasserstrom - December 17, 2018 at 07:17 PM

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“ Jerry Knight was a man I loved. In many ways he was the person who helped me get through the death of my mother and then, again, when I lost my father. He was a kind, patient person with whom I shared many a conversation at shul most mornings. How I wish I could be back in town to attend the funeral service with his family and friends. Please know he will be in my heart forever. May his memory be a blessing.  
Jeff Grossman

jeff Grossman - December 17, 2018 at 04:33 PM



“ So very sorry to learn of Jerry’s passing. Thinking of you all. What a loss of a true original. Joyce & Chuck Shenk

**joyce shenk** - December 17, 2018 at 04:17 PM