



Arthur Kotlen

September 17, 1921 - August 10, 2022

Arthur Kotlen passed away peacefully on August 10th, just one month shy of his 101st birthday. He was born to Joseph and Molly Kotlen on September 17, 1921 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Art grew up in Providence along with his brother and four sisters all of whom predeceased him. As part of the Greatest Generation, Art enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a lieutenant, flying on B17s as a navigator. He was credited with flying 50 missions and received the Army Air Medal with 2 oak clusters as well as the Purple Heart. After his deployment in Europe and North Africa, Art was stationed at Ellington Field. On one of his visits to Houston, he stopped in to eat at Schwartzberg's Delicatessen. He immediately spotted a young woman sitting in a booth doing her homework and asked the cashier who that cute blonde was. The cashier indignantly replied "That's my daughter!"

Surprisingly, she allowed her daughter to date him. Art and Gertrude (Dukey) Schwartzberg were married May 1, 1946 and subsequently had three children. Sadly, they only shared 19 years together before Dukey passed away from breast cancer in 1965. Art, with the help of Dukey's mother Julia and Eura Darrett, raised their children. Nine years later he married Anita Krakower, and they shared 38 years of love, caring, and adventure while traveling the world. Unfortunately, Anita passed away in 2012. Art spent the majority of his professional career in management at Oshman's Sporting Goods. He later became a commercial real estate broker. Art leaves behind a legacy of hard work, honesty, and love. He was a true gentleman who could always be

counted on by family and friends. Art is survived by his children Melanie and Les Schwartzberg, Michael Kotlen, and Risa and David Streusand; grandchildren Gail Cervantes, Louis and Caryn Schwartzberg, Lauren Kotlen and Joseph Kitch, Molly and Joel Rabinovitz, Evan and Jackie Streusand, Abby Streusand and Gabe Greenberg, and Jenna and Elan Kahalnik; and 14 great grandchildren Graiden, Mia, Lila, William, Alex, Siena, Chiara, Isabel, Adra, Raziel, Rayna, Ezi, Asa, and Shai. The family is forever grateful to Sharon Weber, Nell Young, Oby Oyeka, and Cashuna Anthony for their love and devotion to Art over the last six years of his life. Services were held on Monday, August 15 at 11:00AM at Emanu El Memorial Park 8341 Bissonnet with Rabbi Gabe Greenberg officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the cancer research fund at MD Anderson, the Houston Food Bank, Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, or the charity of your choice. Please click link to view the service: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1660271700982344>

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Love, Mitzi & Nelson - August 23, 2022 at 11:21 AM

SB

“ Dear Melanie, Mike, Risa, Leslie, and David,
I was so sorry to learn your father passed away. My husband, Stu, worked for your dad at Oshman's downtown from 1971-1973. Stu always said he was such a nice and kind man. I remember your sweet mother, as well. My parents, Bebe and Carl Hess, were so devastated when Dukey passed away so young. We all were truly lucky to have the Greatest Generation as our parents. Sending love and comfort to you, your children, and grandchildren. They spoke beautifully at his service.
Fondly,
Sue and Stu Baum

Sue Baum - August 16, 2022 at 04:02 PM

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Andrea Boyles - August 15, 2022 at 06:37 PM

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EK

“ *Melanie and Les, I was very sad to hear of your wonderful Dad's death. He was a very sweet man, and your family was very fortunate to have him for so many years.*

*My heartfelt condolences,
Eddie and Susan Kahn*

Edward and Susan Kahn - August 15, 2022 at 02:06 PM

LR

“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Arthur. We miss you.*

Love, Robin - August 12, 2022 at 01:34 PM