



Gerald J Levy

March 31, 1932 - June 6, 2020

Jerry passed away on Saturday, June 6, 2020, after a short battle with an aggressive form of kidney cancer. Loving husband of Ellin Levy (nee Saffro). Cherished father of Jill (Steve Aschkenase) Belconis and Doug (Patti) Levy. Adorning grandfather of Alex (Emma), Belconis, Sam (Emily Dineen) Belconis, and Rachel (Jonathan Watrach) Belconis; Michelle (Jim Panella) Levy, Jeffrey (Jessica Kendzor) Levy, and Max Levy. Treasured great-grandfather of Henry Belconis. Devoted brother of Jim (Jane) Levy. Further survived by other relatives and dear friends.

Jerry was born and grew up in Chicago. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and a law degree from Northwestern University. While in law school, he was set up on a blind date with his future wife, Ellin. Their loving relationship lasted 65 wonderful years.

Following service in the Air Force, Jerry and Ellin settled in Milwaukee. He joined Guaranty, the savings and loan his wife's grandfather founded. The S&L had one office, 3 employees, a few hundred customers and a mission of assisting immigrants and underserved families in the city of Milwaukee. Under Jerry's leadership, Guaranty grew to serve over 250,000 customers nationwide while continuing its mission of assisting the underserved with their financial needs.

Jerry embraced life to the fullest. Professionally, in addition to his accomplishments at Guaranty, he was the Chairman of the US Savings League, served on numerous nonprofit and for profit boards including Fiserv for 25 years. Personally, he was an avid golfer (often shooting his age), runner, skier, wine collector, jazz enthusiast and a Packer fan despite growing up in Chicago. Jerry and Ellin enjoyed exploring restaurants and cultural events in their community and were also adventurous travelers around the world.

Jerry loved spending time with his family and friends. He made a meaningful and lasting impact with so many people and will be missed by all.

Private graveside services. Celebration of Life virtual memorial service on Friday, June 12 at 3:00 PM CDT. Please contact Jerrylevymemorial@gmail.com for more information. Memorials to Milwaukee Art Museum, ACTS Housing, or Diverse & Resilient.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gerald J Levy*

October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald J Levy.*



June 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Our condolences to the Levy family. Our thoughts are with you. From my childhood to my senior years my connection to the Saffro's and Levy's through Guaranty allowed me to know a trusting connection. I speak for all of my family and fiancée. We hope our thoughts give you some comfort.*

*Howard Berliant
Anne Wright*

Howard Berliant - June 11, 2020 at 08:47 AM

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“ I was sad to see Jerry had passed. He and Elin are extraordinary. My ex, Leon Arciszewski, now deceased, was CEO of Lincoln Svgs. and Loan during Jerry's time with Guaranty. We would see them at Savings and Loan League conferences and conventions. Stunning couple always kind and delightful.



How sad to reflect on a better time for everyone. God bless him and help Ellin at this time of grief and change. I am unable to attend the Memorial Service on Friday so I am sending his family blessings and peace.

Kathy Arciszewski

Kathleen Arciszewski - June 10, 2020 at 12:27 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn of Jerry's passing and offer our condolences to the entire Levy family. Jerry was a wonderful source of energy. About 55 years ago, we were two anxious kids who needed help purchasing our first home. Jerry was terrific. We hope the memories you created with Jerry help you take some comfort in easing your loss. Most sincerely, Joy & Steve Appel

steven appel - June 09, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ For years Jerry and Ellin walked daily past our house each morning. We could set our watch. It feels like yesterday. Hard to believe that will be no longer. Both Ellin and Jerry were models of "forever young". Jerry was fit and enthusiastic with an infectious smile. So much positive energy.

As couples we also shared many wonderful art trips to various cities with our Contemporary Art Collectors group at the Art Museum. Guided tours through Museums, and personal collections inspired us all. Ellin was often in charge of restaurants and menus for the group meals.
So many good memories.

Ellen and Jim Flesch

Ellen and Jim Flesch - June 09, 2020 at 11:40 AM