

James R. Klein

September 5, 1930 - December 2, 2020

James "Jimmy" R. Klein

Age 90, of Point Breeze on Wed. December 2, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Barbara M. Klein; loving father of Robert C. Klein, Faye (Leo) Kennedy, Jeanne Tomanio and Alisa (Bruce) Johnson; grandfather of William Drischler and four others; great grandfather of Isabella, Scott and Troy James Drischler; brother of the late Herschel Klein; uncle of Kim (Greg) Eddy; son of the late Isador J. and Goldie Klein. Jimmy is well known and well loved in the Bridge world as a player, educator and director. He will also be missed by his high school students at Westinghouse and Brashear where he taught computer science and math. Everybody loved Jimmy, you would never see him without Barbara. His burial was held at Homewood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in their name to the Angel Ridge Animal Rescue, www.angelridgeanimalrescue.org

Cemetery Details

Homewood Cemetery

Dallas & Aylesboro Avenues
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Tribute Wall



“ *James R. Klein*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *How to sum up my dad Jimmy. We were told my brother's first words were "double" and "no-trump." When my dad visited my grandparents the conversation would always include bridge hands and bidding with my grandmother Goldie. My Grandfather would always end it with "bridge, bridge, why don't you go jump off a bridge." Lol :)*

As my parents got older, I got to know them better. My mother always thought Jimmy was "so cute." I would respond to that comment with "I just don't see it." And she would just smile that smile while gazing at him. She adored him, and he was well taken care of by her. They were really one entity. He told me she was his favorite person, and he definately was hers. Anyone who knew them, knew that. They were a great love story that I'm sure is still current. It's hard for me to lose them; but they had a great life, lived it their way and were very lucky to have each other and all those that loved them. They will be missed...

Jeanne Klein Tomanio - December 04, 2020 at 07:40 PM

GS

“ Condolences to Jimmy’s family. Had I met him earlier in his life I may have known him better but I first played club bridge at his game at Temple Sinai in 2005. I learned to play gradually at the Friday night Unit game where Jimmy was a regular. He was getting older, crustier, and a bit intimidating, and not as patient as he may have been was when he was younger. I could see through that. He was a great model of bridge playing. I will take up the game seriously again when I have more time to pursue it in a more organized fashion, but I did learn by watching Jimmy for many years and I am grateful for it. His marriage seemed like the bond between two arm wrestlers but it was clear he and his wife were devoted to one another in the old fashioned manner the has escaped the current young and not so young spoiled culture. Rest in peace, you and your wife-

George Small

George Small - December 04, 2020 at 12:50 AM

RC

“ I have not seen Jimmy in the four years since I primarily live in Florida , but his patience and guidance and explaining bridge to me is what has kept me today so happily still playing on line during this covid crisis ! We talked a lot on the phone and he told me about each of his kids and one learned how he lived his wife and family and another side of him besides bridge. He also spoke of his old teaching days I think it was at Westinghouse. He was a fabulous friend and mentor and so sad I never got to tell him. Ruthie cohen in Florida

Ruth K Cohen - December 03, 2020 at 04:40 PM

BK

“ Dear, dear Jimmy and Barbara. Everyone has a moment they will remember thinking about them. Mine is one of my last visits at Schenley Gardens. They lived on the first floor where their window faced the courtyard . Barbara was resting on the couch and Jimmy was in his chair facing the television and the window . A bird feeder was only a few yards away. Yes, there he was intently watching the birds fly back and forth and we talked about the types of birds and which ones were regulars . A different side of the bridge playing Jimmy Klein .
I will miss them.
Bunny Kerr

Bunny Kerr - December 03, 2020 at 12:26 PM

NE

“ On first impression (and reputation) he appeared like a "tough guy", but once you knew him he was really a softie and good hearted. We remember him diligently running the shrinking Temple Sinai Tuesday night game with Barbara on his side, refusing help schlepping the equipment to his car. A fantastic bridge players (oh these squeezes!) yet willing to mentor new players patiently and with love. And while sometimes getting into BRIDGE arguments with Barbara, she was the love of his life, always walking hand in hand.

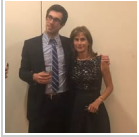
We love you Jimmy and will sorely miss you
Nurit and Ami

Nurit and Ami Elis - December 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MD

“ I will indeed miss Jimmy! He welcomed me into the bridge world with congeniality and humor. He and Barbara taught me much about the game. I really enjoyed our friendship.

Mary Lou D'Altorio - December 03, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ Jimmy will truly be missed. He had a unique personality, his antidotes and antics could make me chuckle for days, I am still smiling as I write this. He truly loved Barbara, they had a wonderful marriage. He was a mentor and a friend.



Arlene Cullen - December 03, 2020 at 06:29 AM