



Harry Silver

January 19, 1922 - April 8, 2022

Funeral services for Harry Bernard Silver, of Alexandria, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Alexandria City Hall with Rabbi Carol Davidson and Rabbi Raina Sirotky officiating. Interment will follow in the Jewish Cemetery, Main Street, Pineville, under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Alexandria City Hall.

Harry Bernard Silver, age 100, passed away on Friday, April 8, 2022, at home, surrounded by his family.

A dedicated family man, local businessman, and community leader, Silver was born and raised in New Jersey and permanently moved to Central Louisiana in 1948 after having served here during World War II and meeting his wife, Marilyn. He served in various capacities at the family-owned Weiss & Goldring before stepping back from day-to-day operations as Chairman at age 99. At the age of 83, he began his political career as Alexandria City Council Representative for District 4, a position he held for 16 years until age 99. Throughout his life, he served as board member and chairman/president of Alexandria Credit Bureau, Alexandria Mental Health Board, Alexandria Retail Merchants Association, Central Cities Development Corporation, Jewish Temple, Rapides Regional Hospital Board, Rapides Foundation, & United Way. He also served as a board member of Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Louisiana Retailers Association, Rapides Symphony Orchestra, and YMCA. He won numerous business and civic awards throughout his lifetime. Silver was truly unique and always the best-dressed person in the room. Over the years, he influenced many lives and promoted the betterment of Central Louisiana; while we are saddened by our loss, his legacy and contributions continue to inspire us.

He was recently most proud of reaching his 100th birthday, but always most proud of his family and the family business having worked alongside his father-in-law at first and then culminating with turning the business over to his son, Ted.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 73 years, Marilyn Levy Silver; children: Kathy Silver Hussey (David), William Roy Silver, Ted Michael Silver (Ann Brame) all from Alexandria, and Amy Helene Silver of Baton Rouge; three grandchildren: Emily

Silver Weeks (Robert), Michael Louis Silver, and Kate Silver Laborde (Matthew); five great-grandchildren: Weiss Kirkland Weeks, Wells Kristopher Weeks, Wick Kelley Weeks, Mary Miller Weeks, and Levy Robert Laborde; brother Roy Silver (Sandy) and sister Joan Silver. He is preceded in death by his parents, David and Rose Silver, and brother and sister-in-law, Mort and Marsha Silver.

Pallbearers honored to serve will be Michael Louis Silver, Robert Cleveland Weeks, Matthew Clark Laborde, Zebulon Marcus Winstead, Patrick Andrew Sowell, and Azar Kayal.

Honorary Pallbearers include Michael Bindursky, Charlie DeWitt, Trey Gist, Martin Heyman, Dr. P. K. Kaimal, Judge F.A. Little, Greg O'Quin, William B. Owens, and Ralph Sisco.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Harry B. Silver Fund at the Central LA Community Foundation, P.O. Box 7432, Alexandria, LA 71306; or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery

Jewish Cemetery

Main Street

Pineville, LA, 71360

Events

APR **First Visitation** 03:30PM - 07:30PM

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Convention Hall at Alexandria City Hall

915 3rd Street, Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

APR **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Hi Kathy,

As with so many coincidences with our crossings in life, I mentioned you and your brother, Bill, in a post in the "I Grew Up in Deal" Facebook page today. I thought I'd look you up and landed on your father's obituary. Wow! What a read! He lived a long time and had an incredibly productive life. It was wonderful to see all that he accomplished. But, as Billy Crystal said in some movie he was in when he was delivering a eulogy at his mother's funeral, "No matter how long they live, it is always too soon to go." I send you heartfelt condolences and the knowledge that I thought of you today.

Robin Schultz - June 12 at 09:45 PM



“ Mrs. Silver and Family,

Was so very sorry to hear of Mr. Silver's passing. I saw him in a local coffee shop several years ago and we had such a nice chat.

Working at Weiss & Goldring at the downtown store and

later at the mall store while in high school and college vacations was my first real job. I learned so much and have so many happy

memories from those special days.

Will always be so thankful such a brilliant, professional gentleman was my first employer.

I am thinking about you, Mrs. Silver, and all your family. And I will always remember the remarkable Mr. Harry Silver and his wonderful life.

May his memory be a blessing.

Donna Potter - April 13 at 03:48 PM



“ I’ve shopped at Weiss & Goldring for a couple of decades and have grown to know the Silver family. Mr. Harry Silver was a consummate salesman and the epitome of a successful businessman whose opinion was invaluable. On many occasions while having a night out at restaurants he would venture over to speak with me and my family. Shopping at Weiss was always a reminiscent event with Mr Silver where he ensured that you left feeling better than when you arrived . I’m as confident as he was that his son Ted will carry on that legacy. Nothing but the highest respect for Mr. Harry Silver

Stacey Floyd - April 12 at 07:52 PM



“ I will always remember Harry as the best dressed man in town. I enjoyed my visits to his home. His beautiful wife always would have something cool to drink. He had a great sense of humor and we exchanged military memories. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

kirk Key - April 12 at 06:02 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Harry Silver.



April 12 at 05:31 PM



“ I very much enjoyed knowing Harry. He had a marvelous sense of humor. I saw him at the downtown store one day and said "Hi Mr. Silver, how are you doing?". He pinched me on the cheek and said "Why do you want to know?". I laughed and laughed. A year later I returned the favor when he asked me how I was doing. I know a couple other funny stories but they will just stay quietly in my memory. I am sorry for your loss. I will miss him too.

Robert Clark - April 12 at 04:18 PM



“ Niki and David Rubenstein send their love to the entire family. We loved him when we saw him in the market and we missed him when he stopped coming, but we never stopped thinking about him.

David Rubenstein - April 12 at 04:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Harry Silver.



April 12 at 11:32 AM



“ I grew up in Alexandria and my parents and I shopped at Weiss & Goldring since I was a child. The last time I saw Mr. Silver was at a Veterans Day Memorial on the steps of the Alexandria Convention Center. I can't begin to imagine all of the lives he touched over his 100-year lifetime!

Allen Roark
Saint Gabriel, LA

Allen Roark - April 11 at 09:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harry Silver.



April 11 at 03:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harry Silver.



April 11 at 11:27 AM



“ The Luxe Group purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harry Silver.



The Luxe Group - April 11 at 10:08 AM



“ Gail and Bob Green purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Harry Silver.



Gail Green - April 11 at 08:19 AM



“ Shelley Faulk And Edward Atwood lit a candle in memory of Harry Silver



Shelley Faulk and Edward Atwood - April 10 at 11:58 AM



“ Jim Jenkins worked for him many years at W&G. He admired him as a working man and as a friend, never called him by anything except "Mr. Silver". I remember stories told about trips to market in Dallas and laughed with them. Jim always said he would make 100! You will be missed by those left behind Mr. Silver but a lot met you as those Heavenly Gates opened. Ted, Kathy and Bill, and rest of family- God bless.
Glenda Jenkins

Glenda Jenkins - April 10 at 09:16 AM



“ Harry Silver’s passing is a great loss for all who knew him. His leadership, his commitment, his contributions to our community are legendary - a life well lived - a wonderful example and memory for all of us. We will miss you Harry - God bless. Ed
Caplan

Ed Caplan - April 10 at 09:06 AM



“ This wonderful man gave me my first job and was the most honest and giving leader I have ever known. He always remembered me when we would see each other even though it had been 50 years since we had worked together and he would always tell me he knew I would go far! Rest In Peace my dear “boss” and friend. You have truly left your influence on our city and all the people you have met along the way. I hope they learned from you so they can also pass it along. Praying for your sweet family.

Bonnie Lemoine

Bonnie Lemoine - April 10 at 09:03 AM



“ rest in peace mr silver !thank you for all your help !!

Ernest Randall Chenevert - April 09 at 02:03 PM



“ Heal your hearts to Harry's family. Karlyn Painter Greenberg

karlyn painter greenberg - April 09 at 04:15 PM



“ Mr. Silver was a one-of-a-kind man. And he was a kind man. Smart, smart-looking. Caring. He has a wife and children to be proud of. God bless you, Mr. Silver. You did a grand spin on this earth. I hope that now you are resting in the bosom of Abraham.

Ann Vanderslice - April 09 at 05:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the family.

Rochelle Lee - April 10 at 12:21 AM



“ At Weiss & Goldring, Harry Silver always greeted my mother, Patricia, and me with mints, sharp wit, and a gentle touch. He was the embodiment of customer care. So many citizens of Alexandria benefited from his wise leadership on the City Council. We all will miss you greatly, Mr. Silver, and send sincere condolences to your family. -- James E. Deegan

James E. Deegan - April 13 at 09:06 PM