



## Richard Lee Katz

July 28, 1949 - September 29, 2024

KATZ, Richard Lee, age 75, passed away September 29, 2024, beloved husband of Diane Katz, loving father of Scott (Carrie) Katz and Stephanie (Matt) Fries, caring grandfather of Benjamin and Carson Katz, and Shayne and Eli Fries, and dear brother of the late Joyce Spritzer. Services will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 12:00PM with visitation beginning at 11:30AM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. A gathering will be held at Stephanie and Matt's Residence following services at 1:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Save the Animals Foundation, online at [www.staf.org](http://www.staf.org) or by mail, 4011 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

## Gathering

OCT 2. 1:00 PM.

Stephanie and Matt Fries Residence

# Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear of Richie’s passing. I met Richie while playing softball at the JCC and then he represented me in a legal case many years ago. Any time I would see Richie after all those years, he would still greet me with that big smile. My condolences to his family

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**steven maltz** - October 08, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear the passing of Richie Katz. He was such a great man and a great friend to my father Stan Better and our family. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**Michelle Better Weinfeld** - October 06, 2024 at 12:57 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Richard Lee Katz.



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October 04, 2024 at 06:58 PM

BG

“ My deepest Condolences to Diane, Scott, Steph, and Family. Rich was a real Mentor to me as a young kid, and then as a young sports attorney and baseball agent. We shared office space for almost 20 years. And shared great times on the JCC softball field. You will be greatly missed by many!  
- Brian Goldberg

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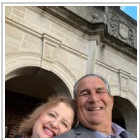
**Brian Goldberg** - October 02, 2024 at 12:16 PM

HS

“ Richie and I practiced law together in Ron Grinker's Roselawn law office through the seventies. We were on the Board of the JCC together for about thirty-five years and we both served terms as president of that agency. We had fun entertaining many of the athletes Ron represented. He was a brilliant attorney and was a successful and noted professional sports agent. As the years went by we did not see each other much, but when we did it was always a warm greeting. Condolences to Diane, his children and grandchildren.

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**Harry Sudman** - October 02, 2024 at 12:58 AM



“ Richie was very competitive and positive to be part of as a young teenager playing softball with adults at the JCC. Quite enjoyable to play in the same team or against. Later on he represented me in my first ever citation and sent the deputy sheriff away with a sour face. He played a major role getting our fraternity back at UC and always had interest when we ran into each other over the year. A true gent to say the least. He will be missed. Gordy

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**Mark Gordon** - October 01, 2024 at 11:50 PM

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“*Richie and I grew up together playing softball at the Jewish Community Center. We attended many UC Basketball games together and traveled to Arizona for the 1996 Superbowl. He was well respected and a true professional. He will be missed. RIP.*



*Gig*

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**Partrica and Gig Franklin** - September 30, 2024 at 09:17 PM

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“*To the Katz Family,*

*No words that I can offer will ease your pain. So please accept, "I am sorry."*

*The smile tells it all. Richard Katz was a mans man. The ever present smile. The kind words and the helping hand. Always with a positive attitude. I met Richard several years ago and he helped me settle a small dispute. When I asked him what I owed him, he told me he "wrote it in the book" and we would even up one day.*

*Years later I was still in the book. In 2004 there was a SABR National Convention in Cincinnati and I asked him to be one of the guest speakers. Top Agents from all over the US would be there to address the group. But more important they were there to learn from the best. Richard was at the top of the Agents list.*

*If you are lucky in life you get to meet a Richard Katz. I was one of the lucky ones. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Stuart Hodesh*

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**Stuart Hodesh** - September 30, 2024 at 05:01 PM

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“ I send my sincere condolences. Herb Weiss

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**Herb Weiss** - September 30, 2024 at 03:11 PM

DK

“ Richie and I were in quite a few classes together at WHHS, starting with eighth grade. Since we were seated alphabetically, I always sat in front of either Lenny or Richie Katz, sometimes both. We went golfing a few times in high school as well but I was such a klutz when it came to golf and Richie was quite accomplished. May his memories be a blessing.

*Denny Kato Lutz, FL WHHS '67*

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**Denny Kato** - September 30, 2024 at 01:23 PM

MC

“ I met Richie during our first year of law school at the University of Cincinnati. We were in the same Legal Research and Writing class. So, we shared the same classes throughout that year. I spent many hours with him in and out of class. While we came from different backgrounds, we thought the same about virtually everything. Our friendship continued for the next 52 years. We lived in different states, but we spoke often.

*I will miss him. He was a fine man. I will admire him always.*

*Michael Cheek  
Belleair Florida*

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**Michael Cheek** - September 29, 2024 at 10:26 PM

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*I don't know how to sum up all the thoughts that have been swirling through my head these past 15 months. Richard was my go-to person when I had questions or comments about the Bengals. He was the person seated to my left at big family dinners. I never met another man who was as passionate about his plants as was Richard. He was Steve's favorite pipe-smoking friend. They were the mathematician and the attorney solving the problems of the world. Richard was my favorite brother-in-law. But above all and most importantly, he was a fantastic dad to you, Stephanie and Scott; a proud granddad, and a doting, crazy in love husband. In your quiet moments, you will find Richard deep in the recesses of your hearts.*

*Paula*

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**Paula Ott** - October 01, 2024 at 09:33 PM

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*My condolences to the Katz family, while i haven't had any contact with Richie for over 50 years because i live in Indianapolis , i have fond memories of my days at the JCC playing softball with Richie.. always competitive..*

*Arnie Hanish*

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**Arnold Hanish** - October 02, 2024 at 12:28 PM

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*To the extended Katz family our sincere condolences. Richie was one of the 711 law group which I was lucky to join in 1978. Richie or "RLee" as we called him mentored me and befriended me . He was a brilliant Attorney and a wonderful friend. We played JCC softball together and had all those nites at Lefties. He had such a kind and caring demeanor. I could go on and on. His memory will always be a blessing. Lou and Chris Rubenstein*

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**lou rubenstein** - October 02, 2024 at 01:54 PM