



## Lon Rosenfield

June 4, 1948 - January 18, 2025

Lon Rosenfield died on January 18th, 2025 at age 76. He attended Dartmouth College and earned a PhD in Medieval Literature from Columbia University. He returned to Minneapolis to help his parents run Drug Specialties, the family business. He was a natural teacher and lifelong learner who nurtured this calling later in life. Lon led services and was a beloved teacher to children and adults. He embodied and shared the love and meaning of Judaism through his courses in Jewish studies and Biblical Hebrew as a member of the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue. Lon was hilarious. He entertained his children and siblings by creating stories and songs. He loved sharing humor and banter with his family, friends, havurah, and running group, "The Windbreakers." In retirement, he was passionate about cooking and creating craft cocktails. He is preceded in death by his first wife Elaine, mother Phyllis, and father Arnold. He is survived by his wife Barbara Friedman, children Michelle (Olivia), Philip (Hayley), and Sari (Andrew). He was a loving grandfather to Elliot, Milo, and Ari, brother to Bruce (Bonnie Brier) and Deb Bodin (Byron). He will also be missed dearly by his numerous beloved nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, friends and students.

Memorials preferred to Adath Jeshurun Education Fund or M Health Fairview Greatest Needs Fund.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Tuesday, Jan 21 at United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery Chapel, 2605 W 70 ½ St (at Thomas), Richfield, (please see [www.washburn-mcreavy.com](http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com) for livestream link). Shiva Tuesday through Thursday

at 7:00 PM at Adath Jeshurun Congregation, 10500 Hillside Lane West,  
Minnetonka (please see [www.adathjeshurun.org](http://www.adathjeshurun.org) for livestream link).

Arrangements with Adath Jesurun Chevra Kavod Hamet and

[www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com)

Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

# Cemetery Details

## United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery

2605 West 70 1/2 Street  
Richfield, MN 55423

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Richfield, MN 55423

# Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for Lon Rosenfield in memory of Lon Rosenfield



Washburn-McReavy - January 19, 2025 at 05:07 PM

SL

Condolences to siblings Bruce and Debbie from the Chamberlain family. My sister Ann and I are out of the country together but send you our sincere sympathies. — Sue Lundquist

Sue Lundquist - January 19, 2025 at 05:24 PM

BL

Lon was a wonderfully gifted teacher as well as student of advanced Biblical Hebrew. He was incredibly generous: volunteering to serve as tutor for beginning students, making himself available, always with the calmest and warm demeanor. He was a great companion, offering suggestions about textbooks and providing generous feedback. I will miss his humor and friendship.  
Bernie Levinson

Bernard Levinson - January 20, 2025 at 05:54 PM

CJ

There is a vacuum in Minnesota with the loss of Lon. He was a caring, intelligent, positive source of light to all who met him. He was soft spoken, yet had a sharp wit. He made connection to people so easily and made everyone feel comfortable. He taught me the dreidel game yearly with his soft spoken, easy manner. (I'm sure he hoped I'd remember one day on my own, but never indicated that wish.) Rest now Lon, I told Jack to look out for you. Chris Jaglo

Chris Jaglo - January 21, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JM

*Lon and I were in the same elementary school classroom at Kenwood, 2nd grade? One day Lon gave a great presentation on his religion and the extensive extracurricular education he was receiving or teaching himself in Hebrew and related topics. I was much impressed and realized then that he was a standout among his peers and would go far. Lon I'm very sorry you've left us. John L. Morris*

john morris - January 22, 2025 at 03:47 PM

LH

“ Dear Family and Friends,  
It was our pleasure to care for Lon at this important time.  
With Sympathies,  
Nurses and Staff at NC Little Hospice

Little Hospice - January 29, 2025 at 12:17 PM

GR

“ Lon was always so kind and was great to speak too. Every time I would return Jasper you could tell how much Jasper loved Lon. I believe that animals are a great judge of character and it reflected how great Lon was.

greg - January 25, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Lon Rosenfield.



January 21, 2025 at 02:25 PM

MS

“ So sorry for your loss. Lon was a wonderful kind man. May his memory always be a blessing.

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**Mary Jane & Skip Shapiro** - January 21, 2025 at 01:21 PM

AS

“ Barb, Michelle, Phil, and Sari: Lon was a light to everyone who knew him, even though he was in the role of “my Dad’s friend”. His zeal for learning was infectious. We are sending love and healing to all of you.

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**Alisha and Jesse Simon** - January 21, 2025 at 11:49 AM

PA

“ I had Lon in several Classical Hebrew courses at UMN. He was so wonderful in the classroom, and such a kind colleague to undergraduate and graduate students. What a loss to the world. I am grateful to have met him.  
*Pat Ahearne-Kroll*

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**Pat Ahearne-Kroll** - January 20, 2025 at 05:20 PM

SW

“ It is with sadness try learn that Lon has passed away. Our family store [Eagle Drug in Rochester,MN] was a customer of MDS for many years. Lon came down and wrote up orders for us and we had many great conversations. He truly was a great person. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. May God be with you in these coming days.

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**STEVE WILLIAMS** - January 20, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JG

“ Our condolences on the Lon's passing. I have memories going back to when he was first dating Elaine and throughout all his life. Barb, Michele, Phil, and Sari - we are truly thankful to be part of the extended family. May his memory continue to be a blessing to the community and all who knew him. - Jon and Stacy Garon

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**Jon Garon** - January 20, 2025 at 09:34 AM

MG

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Ron. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Marsha and Richard Gould

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**Marsha Gould** - January 20, 2025 at 07:27 AM

DB

“ Barb and all your family, We are so sad to hear of Lon's passing. We spent many wonderful moments with the two of you and feel very lucky to have known Lon. You had such love for one another. He was truly a beautiful person and will be greatly missed. Much love, Deborah and Nessim

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**Deborah and Nessim Bohbot** - January 19, 2025 at 09:03 PM



“ Barb, I am so sad to hear of Lon's passing. I feel so fortunate to have met him and experienced his wonderful craft cocktails and warm sense of humor. It was clear your love was deep and true and that you had a wonderful marriage together. He will be greatly missed.

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**Diana van Deusen** - January 19, 2025 at 08:49 PM

SL

“ *Barb and kids— I am so sorry to hear of Lon’s death. I have many warm memories of him. We shared reading lists and he recommended many great books. I always came away from our talks feeling smarter and better educated.*

*He will be missed.*

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**Sam Levine** - January 19, 2025 at 07:17 PM



*Barb, I’m so sad to hear this news. I’m so glad I got to meet Lon, experience his wonderful craft cocktails and warm humor. It was clear yours was a deep and true love, and wonderful marriage. I’m holding you in my heart.*

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**Diana van Deusen** - January 19, 2025 at 08:42 PM

CN

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Lon’s Passing . He was a deeply caring person who touched many people. We will miss him leading the evening services and yahrzeits at Adath Jeshurun Synagogue. He was always positive and engaging. May his memory always be a blessing for Barbara and family.*

*With heartfelt sincerity; Cindy Neff and Lee Cohen*

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**Cindy Neff** - January 19, 2025 at 07:07 PM

MB

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Lon’s passing. He was a passionate and devoted educator who clearly loved to learn and to teach. Lon was a role model for so many,*  
*May Lon’s memory be for a blessing.*

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**mary baumgarten** - January 19, 2025 at 05:41 PM

EM

“ Lon Z"L was a generous and enjoyable teacher at the synagogue. I benefitted from 2 (now was in my third) of his classes; along no doubt with the numerous others; and I visited his home with an invited class for Hanukkah. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Ella Meyerson** - January 19, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DS

“ Lon was always such a kind and joyful person. I do not think he realized how much he meant to so many people. He will be greatly missed.

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**DeDe Scanlon** - January 19, 2025 at 03:26 PM

MH

“ Lon tutored my son Morgan before his Bar Mitzvah .... always willing to help ...Morgan is now 32.  
Mark Hampel

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**Mark Hampel** - January 19, 2025 at 03:05 PM

JR

“ One of my best friends at West - smart, clever, generous, a fantastic musician (drummer), all around wonderful human being. What a loss. He will be greatly missed.

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**Jim Rolland** - January 19, 2025 at 12:20 PM

CK

“ I remember when Lon confessed (pledged) that he would always be our class president. He will surely be missed.

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**Chuck Kernler** - January 19, 2025 at 12:00 PM