



## Richard Ketover

June 2, 1935 - June 16, 2025

Richard Ketover, age 90, of Boca Raton, Florida, passed away peacefully on June 16, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Cele and Jack Ketover, and his brother, Lawrence Ketover. Richard is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol; his children Scott (Linda) Ketover, Lisa Peraza, Caron Rockman (Steven Dennis), and David Rosalsky; and his cherished grandchildren, Jason Ketover, Aly (Andrew) Rothschild, Jarod (Andrea) Peraza, Lindsay Rockman, Emily Peraza, and Cydney Rockman.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Richard was a lifelong baseball fan whose loyalty began with the Brooklyn Dodgers and shifted to the New York Mets after the Dodgers' move to Los Angeles. As a child, he enjoyed family vacations to the Borscht Belt and Lake George—memories that blossomed into a lifelong love of the Adirondacks, which he later shared with his children through many visits and homes in the region.

Richard was a proud graduate of Brooklyn Technical High School and New York University, where he earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees in industrial engineering. He served honorably in the U.S. Army Reserves and the Army Corps of Engineers. Professionally, he began his career as a systems analyst for Macy's at Herald Square and became an early innovator in the emerging field of computer-based data processing. Later in life, he transitioned into swimming pool manufacturing and residential real estate, running several successful businesses. He was known as a

compassionate and principled boss, remarking that he would never let someone go on a Friday, understanding the emotional impact it could have on their weekend and job search.

Richard was a licensed private pilot and found great joy in flying and owning single-engine Cessnas, meticulously planning every flight with the precision and logic of an engineer. Once retired to FL, he transitioned from flying to boating and again put his engineering skills to use planning his seafaring adventures. His friendships, many of which began in his Zeta Beta Tau fraternity at NYU, endured for decades. He continued to support ZBT and many Jewish philanthropic causes throughout his life.

After retiring in 1992, Richard and Carol moved to Boca Raton, where in addition to boating he rekindled his love of golf. He took great pride in watching his grandchildren grow and flourish. Together, he and Carol traveled the world, often bringing their mothers along to share in their adventures.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM on Thursday June 19 at The Gardens of Boca Raton, 4103 N Military Trail, Boca Raton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the ZBT Foundation Ketover Family Scholarship or donor's favorite charity.

Shiva will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday at the Ketover home in Boca Raton. A gathering of family and friends will take place on Friday from 2-5 PM and Saturday 6-8 PM also at the Ketover home.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Gardens Memorial Park  
4103 N. Military Trail  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

# Tribute Wall

PK

“ And, just like that, I am thrust into the role of being the eldest male Ketover in our immediate family. In my youth, filled with activity in sports and adventure, I was often compared to my uncle Dick, my father Larry's only brother. Indeed, our mutual love of sports led him to attend my friend Ernie Banks' Hall of Fame induction and training sessions of boxer Emile Griffith. From golfing with him as a pre-teen, on those early foggy mornings in NY, to fishing in the Hamptons or Lake George ... sports and recreation were our common bond. With a large dose of humor and practical jokes, which were greatly silenced with the passing of his brother at the age of 60 in 1990. Working with wildlife, I long ago realized that this stage is but a necessary part of life. The memories of my uncle shall always remain. From the cloud forest of Costa Rica .... wishing all a similar memory filled memorial. Peace for ALL Species.

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**Philip Ketover** - June 18, 2025 at 09:27 AM

DP

“ Reaching back and remembering the love and laughter of our family - May sweet memories comfort all and may my uncle's name be a blessing.

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**Dr Pearl Ketover Prilik** - June 17, 2025 at 09:44 AM

DS

“ Donna S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ketover.

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**Donna S.** - June 17, 2025 at 07:40 AM

DS

“ Sending heartfelt condolences on the loss of Dick to Carol, and the Ketover and Rockman families.

*I first met Dick as a teenager when he married my dear friend Caron’s mom, and I’ve had the privilege of knowing him for over 40 years. I always truly enjoyed our conversations—his kindness, calm demeanor, and great intellect were consistently refreshing. Dick struck me as someone who could be a mentor to anyone: thoughtful, ethical, and deeply grounded.*

*We spent many family holidays and simchas together, and he always brought with him a wealth of knowledge and gentle wisdom. I even remember asking Carol to have Dick comfort me once when I was afraid to fly—and he did, kindly and generously. He probably also laughed at my nervousness, which was totally ok with me.*

*We will deeply miss seeing Dick and feeling his loving, steady presence. May his memory be a blessing, and may he rest in peace. You will always be remembered fondly.*



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**Debbie Naroff Scott** - June 16, 2025 at 10:41 PM

OD

“ Olga Diaz purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard Ketover.



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**Olga Diaz** - June 16, 2025 at 09:09 PM

SM

“ Senada and Marcus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ketover.

Senada and Marcus - June 16, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SM

“ Senada and Marcus purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard Ketover.



Senada and Marcus - June 16, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SA

“ Susan A. planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ketover.

Susan A. - June 16, 2025 at 06:17 PM

MD

“ Maty and David purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Richard Ketover.



Maty and David - June 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MD

“ Maty and David planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ketover.

Maty and David - June 16, 2025 at 06:15 PM

SR

“ Steven R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Ketover.

Steven R. - June 16, 2025 at 06:04 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Ketover.



June 16, 2025 at 05:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard Ketover.

June 16, 2025 at 05:38 PM

SA

“ Suzie & Fred Anton purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Richard Ketover.



Suzie & Fred Anton - June 16, 2025 at 05:03 PM