



## Seymour Roth

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Seymour (“Sy”) Roth passed away on December 29th at the age of 94, just shy of his 95th birthday, in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Born in 1930 in Brooklyn, New York, Sy attended Erasmus High School and enjoyed telling stories of working summers as a teenager at Ebbets Field in the heyday of the Brooklyn Dodgers and horseback riding along Ocean Parkway. He attended Brooklyn College and served in the U.S. Army prior to marrying and attaining his law degree. Following years in private practice, he joined Westchester Legal Aid Society as a public defense attorney. Before retiring, he served for many years as an Assistant District Attorney in Queens, New York.

Dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle, Sy practiced Tai Chi and enjoyed long daily walks around his Kew Gardens neighborhood. He was a favorite neighbor in his longtime apartment building, where his own apartment was filled with books and photographs of his children and grandchildren. He was a devotee of noted psychologist Albert Ellis, whose work greatly influenced his relationships and worldview. He found great comfort and joy in these teachings which shaped his life.

Sy loved to sing and tell stories, and was known to burst into a Frank Sinatra song or Broadway show tune when the mood struck. He was known for his

friendly nature, his sense of humor, and loved nothing more than sharing a joke and a laugh with friends and strangers alike. He always encouraged his children to chase their dreams and pursue whatever made them happy in life. His love of laughter, song, and positive thinking will be remembered by all who knew him.

Sy is survived by his two children, Larry Roth (Kimberly Wertz), and Shelley Roth, his former wife, Anita (Schnur) Chakin, and his five grandchildren, Spencer Roth-Rose (Lydia Roberts), Jeremy Roth-Rose, Lilian Roth, Benjamin Roth, and Eliza Roth.

As Sy said on more than one occasion throughout his life, regarding his own eventual passing, "Remember, it's only an inconvenience!" (We'll still miss him.)