

Obituary for Joseph H. Holzberg

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Joseph H. Holzberg, known affectionately as Joey by relatives and friends, was born on March 26, 1930 in Brooklyn, New York. As a teenager growing up in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, Joey excelled in sports, especially baseball. Although a knee injury ended his prospects for a career as a baseball player, he remained an avid baseball fan, and sports fan in general, for the rest of his life. His favorite baseball team was the New York Yankees.

Joey was also a successful businessman. After graduating high school he went to work for his father in his father's retail carpet store located in Paramus, New Jersey. After his father's death, Joey, along with his brother Marty, took over the store, which under their joint management became a major retail carpet outlet in the northern New Jersey and New York City area.

In 1954 Joey married Barbara Weiss, also from Brooklyn, and shortly after moved to Fairlawn, New Jersey where they raised three sons: twins Alan and Howard, and a younger son, Robert. Shortly after he retired in 1992, Joey and Barbara moved to Florida and eventually settled in Boynton Beach. Known for his affable personality, Joey soon became a popular figure in the community. He was an excellent card player, an avid golfer, and an expert horse racing handicapper. Joey and Barbara remained happily married for almost 60 years. Although his final years were marked by serious medical problems, Joey throughout maintained a positive and outgoing attitude. On May 19, 2014, after a short illness, Joey passed away. He was 84.

A loving husband, devoted father, successful businessman, and generous friend, Joey will be missed. In addition to Barbara, Alan, Howard, Robert and Marty, Joey is also survived by another brother, Louis, a grandson Sam, two brother-in-laws Arthur Weiss and Phillip W. Weiss, and several nieces and nephews.

