



## **LOUIS LERER**

May 17, 1950 - December 3, 2011

Louis Lerer, 61, died unexpectedly Saturday, Dec. 3, 2011.

He was born May 17, 1950, to Abram and Anna Klopot Lerer, both of whom were Holocaust survivors.

Louis was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War. On May 4, 1980, he married Linda M. Salerno, his wife of 31 years.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; sons, Jason and Matthew; daughter, Kaitlyn; mother, Anna; sister, Lee; and brother, Harry.

He was preceded in death by his father; and his brother, Morry.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, at Monreal Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, where visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be at Mentor Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Lou was one of the kindest people I have ever met. Not only was he a great friend to so many, he was a wonderful husband and father. I hope that I too have a family as great as the Lerer family someonday.

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**Jaime Germany** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Linda and family &#226;&#128;&#147; You had the honor of having him be part of your family. We have the honor of saying we knew him and feel blessed that we did.

*I met Lou in the spring of 2007. Little did I know at the time what an impact he would have not only on me but many others as well. He touched everyone he met, whether in person or on the phone. He was a very special man.*

*I have so many wonderful memories of Lou, but what I remember most is his big smile, his positive attitude, his love for his family, and no matter how bad your day was, he could always turn it around. Whenever he talked about his kids, he always beamed with joy. He was so proud of them. He had pictures all over his office and loved to share stories about them. Of course, little Max was his 4th child and he had his own stories!*

*Many times he told me &#226;&#128;&#156;Let go and let God&#226;&#128;&#157;. I strive to make him proud and be able to not only say this, but to believe it as well*

*Dear Sweet Lou&#226;&#128;&#166;your footprint will forever be on my heart.*

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**Diane Hughes** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Lerer family, as a colleague of Lou's in Engelhard I have many memories of a friendly team player who believed in the power of people. When I joined Engelhard in 1997 I challenged a number of folks to step up to a new level of performance and Lou was a fervent supporter and motivator for the rest of our worldwide purchasing team.

*His enthusiasm was a true virtue and he positively influenced all around him.*

*We have all lost a dear friend.*

*Danny Hughes*

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**Daniel Hughes** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Linda, Kaitlyn and Family Members, it is with a sad heart that I write this memory. I had the pleasure of meeting Lou during May 2007 when he was working on an acquisition team project between Engelehard and BASF Corporation. He actually joined the BASF Geismar Procurement Department during 2007. Lou was always willing to assist and support his team members anyway possible. I have never met a more pleasure person and he had an ear and heart for everyone. Lou was loved by all that met and worked with him.

I also met Linda, Kaitlyn and Max family dog during the years that I worked with Lou. The Lerer's were my family away from home. I will always cherish the chats that Lou and I had and I will miss the phone calls and eMails that I continued to received after I retired from BASF. I learned a lot from Lou and the way that he handle situations and problems, he always had a way to get issues resolved whether it related to work or outside of work.

There was never a day that passed that Lou did not mention the family, he loved his family dearly.

Lou will be missed by all. What a loss but God has a plan for Lou as he watches over us today. Lou was a true friend that I will never forget.

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**Shirley Alexander** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Dear Lerer Family,  
I had worked with Lou for "many" years in Ohio. We saw many changes together...he remained a loyal friend and co-worker. We always chatted about Cleveland Heights, Buckeyes, Indians and, of course, our beloved Browns. He stopped by my office to check the newspaper. You all were the love of his life. May God wrap His arms around you at this difficult time.

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**Lorraine Cole** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *My sincere and heartfelt condolences at this most difficult of times. Lou will be greatly missed and we here are all saddened by his passing and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

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**Virginia Whitlock** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Lou was a great guy and I am better for having known him. I feel privileged when he shared his pictures of the old-timer's baseball game at Cleveland Stadium or swapping Browns stories, or when he shared his father's adventures or his life story.*

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**Chris Dorow** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *Lou was a great person to be around, always positive, always upbeat. He was friendly, kind and caring. He genuinely cared about people, and his generous and selfless nature had an impact on me. He talked about his family often and beamed with pride when talking about his children. I will miss him.*

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**Alicia Edwards** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Sweet Lou,

*Always with a smile on your face, a song in your heart, and a joke to be told. Thank you for your funny e-mails and adding to my emoticons. To the Lerer family my sincere condolences. Please know that Lou was loved by all. Even if you would get upset with him it wouldn't last because he'd make sure of it. He loved his family so much and was very proud of you all. And little Max we will miss hearing about you. I'm glad I took the time to "hug a vet" on veterans day when Lou wrote it on the board; ha! I think he was a bit surprised that I took him literally but what a smile he had. He always made sure to never let us forget to respect the men and women who have served and are serving our country. All I know is that God must have needed a "Special Angel" so he called Lou home.*

*Luv Ya Sweet Lou,  
Sherri*

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**Sherri Pourciau** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Lerer Family,

*Lou was a good friend and will be missed dearly. I hope you can find comfort in the amount of pride and love that Lou had for his entire family. He would literally light up when talking about you. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Geaux Buckeyes!*

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**Jordan Guidry** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Lerer Family,

*I'm new to BASF and only had the pleasure of knowing Lou for a very short time, but I saw in him what everyone else saw: an extremely thoughtful man with a heart of gold and an unmatched wit! There were many stories that were recently shared in the department about Lou, stories of his selflessness and contagious enthusiasm, that have encourage me to live a little more like Lou each day. There's an angel smiling down on us from heaven today, and that angel is Lou.*

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**Jess Gardner** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Great memories of Lou both professionally in dealing with him on Procurement issues as well as the way he treated my daughter, Bethany, who worked within the procurement group with him for about a year. Despite the fact that he was an Ohio State fan and I a Florida fan, he was always greeting me with a smile and kind word. We will miss you, Lou.

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**David Mihalik** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Linda, Jason, Matt, Kaitlyn and Lerer family,

*Lou always took care of us in the office. Providing food that was "good" for us. He was a dear friend not just a co-worker. I was looking forward to taking him to the airport at Christmas. May God bless you all with the good memories of "Sweet Lou." He was so proud of all of you and loved you so.*

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**Janie Balderas** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Linda, I pray for comfort, healing, courage, and strength for you and your family, during this difficult time.

*I had the pleasure of meeting Lou this past August, through work. What a pleasant, kind hearted person! I'm thankful for having had the chance to know him. He was truly a blessing.*

*Lou gave me the nickname "Sunshine." I believe he was gifted with seeing that in me, because he was such a light to others himself. I also remember him telling me one of his favorite quotes, "we're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time."*

*Please know - Lou always said that his BEST times were with his family. He dearly loved each of you so much. May those same precious memories bring joy to you in the midst of your grief.*

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**Jo Burns** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Lou was a great guy. We have great memories of Lou and the family that we will always treasure. Watching Lou with Kaitlyn was always so entertaining. He really loved her. No matter how many times she left the house without telling him, or would call him to come pick her up from our house just because she didn't want to walk home. Sitting with Lou as the girls had softball , knowing full well he'd rather be at a wrestling match with Matt, When he took care of things for Linda around the house and for her when she was sick. I can honestly say I have never met another man or father give the way Lou did for his family. Lou was just a wonderful, funny , great guy who loved his family and loved life. It was a pleasure to have crossed paths with Lou and his family. He will truly be missed.

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**The Mazzocco Family** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ What a tragic loss. Lou was a true friend. You could share anything with Lou and we often did. I will miss him terribly. I am in total shock. To Lou's family I can only give you all my most sincere condolences. He and I spoke about you all many times. He loved you all deeply.

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**Reggie Gremillion** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ It was with heartfelt sadness that I learned of Lou's passing. Although sympathy is only a small consolation, even from the hearts of us who share your sorrow, I want you to know how deeply your loss is felt at BASF-Attapulgus, Georgia. Lou was well respected and admired by many employees who worked with him. He will be greatly missed and no one who knew him will ever forget him. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lerer Family.

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**Loretta Harris-Harrell** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Lou was one of the first people I met when I joined Engelhard Corporation in 1999. We found a quick connection in our wrestling stories and I always enjoyed listening to the stories of his son Matt. I am proud to say I knew Lou from a working and a personal relationship. A GREAT GUY!!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Darren

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**Darren Mylie** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ My heartfelt prayers and condolences to the Lerer family during this difficult time! I had the privilege of working with Lou for about 10 years in Elyria! He was a great guy and will forever be remembered.

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**Vicki Helms** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear Lerer Family and Friends,  
Lou was such a kind person with a warm heart - we will truly miss him and his witty Sametime messages. May the treasured memories you have of him help comfort you in the days and weeks ahead.

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**Jennifer Ryman** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ My deepest sympathies to Lou's family at this time of sorrow. Lou and I didn't know each other very well but he was always willing to help me with any procurement questions. I loved his wit and kindness, and every call always ended with a laugh. He was a great access to his department he will be greatly missed.

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**Brenda Mayard** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Lerer family, Lou was a great person and will be missed. I have enjoyed working with him and knowing him through the years. He always kept us up to date on his family and how proud he was of them. Lou was special and will always have a special place in my heart. He will be missed greatly.

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**Deborah Fleming** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Lou will be truly missed, one of the kindest, gentle sounding person I have ever spoken with as I was never privileged to meet him. His voice was unique, one I will never forget. My heart goes out to you all. Lou and I, born the same year, spoke of retirement often.

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**Patricia Byrd** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Dear Friends,

*Lou Lerer was a special man and a great father. He wanted the best for his family and their friends. Early in my life Lou greeted me into his home and allowed me to be a mentor to his son Matt. This was one of the most profound memories of my life.*

*Lou.....you raised a wonderful family.*

*My thoughts and love are with the entire Lerer family.*

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**Allan Hoon** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Lou was a great addition to the BASF Family. I remember the day I met him in Elyria just like it was yesterday. We will miss him.

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**Bill Bailey** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *Lerer Family, I had the pleasure of knowing Lou for the last four years. He was always quick with a smile and something witty to say. He always made me laugh and was a real pleasure to be around. He was a great man and I am proud to say I knew him.*

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**Wally Gregory** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. I worked with Lou on several occasions, he was such a friendly person and always willing to help out. He was a good friend, our prayers are with you and the family.*

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**Timmy Kleinpeter** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dear Leher Family, My sincere condolence on your loss. Lou was a work colleague of mine and in the very next office. I will miss the morning chats with him on the topics of the day. He will be sorely missed in the department. I will keep you all in my prayers in this time of sorrow.*

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**Michael Catalano** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We are so sad to learn of Lou's passing. He was always a kind and likeable person. He will be missed, and fondly remembered.*

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**Tim & Renita Flannagin** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Dear Lerer Family- I have worked with Lou for several years and although we were in distant locations I always felt a friendship in Lou's voice and attitude. I wish I knew him better but was certainly saddened to hear of his passing. He will not be forgotten.*

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**John Perillo** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I met Lou 5 years ago, and have to say that there was never a man who had a more positive attitude than he did. Lou could always find the bright side to something, had a smile on his face, and treated you as if you were the most important person in the world. He will definitely be missed.

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**Kelly Brooks** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *Lerer Family,*

*I am very sorry for your loss. Lou was such a special person and a very good friend of mine. He was a joy to work with and touched the hearts of everyone he worked with. I will never forget his humility, his spirit and great sense of humor. I will keep all of you in my prayers during this difficult time.*

*Adam Kalmbach*

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**Adam Kalmbach** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Bill & I send our sincere condolences to the family. His memory is burned into our hearts forever. He will be missed by all who knew him. Bill will miss all of those funny emails. I will miss his kind & gentle voice. We Love you My Lou*

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**Renee & Bill Cook** - October 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM