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Harris Rosen, a beloved father, grandfather, and pillar of the Central Florida community, passed away peacefully at the age of 85, surrounded by family and loved ones.

A man of extraordinary determination, humility, and compassion, Harris lived a life of purpose, leaving an indelible mark on the world through his unwavering dedication to giving back. While he will never be forgotten for his American Dream story - one that saw him grow from a young boy in New York's inner city, through Cornell and the Army, to Florida's largest independent hotelier - nor the magnificent Rosen Hotels & Resorts brand he created and nurtured over the course of 50 years, his true legacy shines through the countless lives he touched with his boundless generosity and steadfast commitment to helping underserved communities, advancing the fight against cancer, as well as supporting a multitude of health & education initiatives.

An angel to so many here on earth, he now takes his place among the angels in heaven, reuniting with his parents, Jack and Lee Rosen; his brother, Ron; his beloved son, Adam; in addition to a lifetime of treasured family dogs. He is carried forward in the hearts of his other children who he cherished beyond

measure; his eldest son, Jack; second-eldest son, Joshua, along with his fiancée, Ariel; as well as his daughter Shayna, son-in-law Trey, granddaughter Riley, eagerly-anticipated second grandbaby, and granddogs, Dolce & Gabby. He also leaves behind the mother of his children, Trish; sister-in-law, Arlene; nieces & nephew, Nicole, Elise, and Glenn; and a circle of dear friends, including his Rosen Hotels & Resorts family, many of whom he worked alongside for decades.

Though the family asks for time and space to grieve this monumental loss, details of both a private Celebration of Life and public memorial will be shared in the near future. For now, they ask that you honor Harris's memory by striving to always "do the right thing" as was his lifelong credo, to love fiercely, live passionately, and savor every sunset. In lieu of flowers, donations to charities closest to his heart will be accepted with gratitude.

He will be profoundly missed, but never forgotten.

Adam Michael Rosen Foundation

<https://amr-foundation.com/donate/>

Stemming from his deepest pain and enduring love following his son's valiant fight against brain cancer, the Adam Michael Rosen Foundation offers critical funding to advancing research as well as supporting others battling the disease.

Rosen Aquatic & Fitness Center

<https://www.rosenaquatic.com/support/donate/>

As a former competitive swimmer who was far more often found in a swimsuit than a suit and tie, the RAFC served as Harris's daily escape into the calm of the water, while reflecting his lifelong passion for community, health &

wellness.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I worked with Harris in the late 60s at the Hilton Hotel in Pittsburgh. I was a young aspiring hotelier and he was my boss and mentor. He was gifted, enthusiastic and compassionate. It was not a surprise to those who knew him then that this special man would go on to do great things....

Eddie Smith

Eddie Smith - August 28, 2025 at 02:18 AM

JL

“ Julie Lavoie lit a candle in memory of Harris Rosen



Julie Lavoie - May 29, 2025 at 11:35 PM

KG

“ What a wonderful father to the OCPS Community, especially, School Board District 5 where Mr. Harris Rosen changed the lives of so many families! You are missed in our lives but your love will remain in our hearts forever!

“Kat” Gordon



Kathleen “Kat” Gordon - January 17, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *my wife and I were very saddened by the passing of a great and humble person. We feel like we lost a family member. May he rest in peace. Mark and maryann greenberg, Wintrhaven fl,*

Maryann Greenberg - December 13, 2024 at 06:22 PM



“ *He built and decorated my vacation homes. He also created so much fun while I visited them. They are named Rosen Plaza and Rosen Inn at Pointe. He'll always be waiting there for us in spirit.*
Tom Muller

Tom Muller - December 11, 2024 at 07:28 AM

BP

“ To the family of Harris Rosen:

IIBEC is an association of building enclosure engineers and architects. With that said, our first visit to the Rosen Shingle Creek was in 2007 shortly after the hotel opened. Mr. Rosen spoke at a luncheon sharing the moving story of his life, how inspiring, and such a unique individual. We have since returned to Shingle Creek eight times, largely due to how he valued his convention partners, staff, colleagues and the positive impact he has made in our industry.

We were so saddened by the news of the passing of Harris Rosen. Our prayers go out to the family and hope that they find strength in knowing his caring for and giving to others who were less fortunate help them through the days ahead.

Truly a legend of his time. He will forever be remembered for his philanthropic endeavors, as we understand, will continue through the many foundations he created. May our memories bring peace and solace in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

*Brian Pallasch, CEO/EVP
Karen McElroy, Meetings & Events Advisor*

Brian Pallasch - December 10, 2024 at 03:24 PM

KO

“ We have been guests at the Rosen inn at pointe Orlando, so sad to hear of his passing. Deepest sympathy to his immediate family and the Rosen family of employees who I know are devastated. Heaven is richer for the presence of such a beautiful and generous soul, nay he rest in eternal peace.
Kathy and Joe Osborn. Uk

Kathleen Osborn - December 06, 2024 at 11:05 AM

PM

“ Paul Milliken lit a candle in memory of Harris Rosen



Paul Milliken - December 03, 2024 at 04:12 PM

AR

“ In my current role with the Rosen Hotels, I was lucky enough to speak to Mr. Rosen on weekly phone calls. How lucky was I to have the chance to find out the man was just like his Legend, a true inspiration.

Any anxiety I might have had at first about speaking to the owner of the company, faded away almost immediately with his kindness, graciousness and genuine interest and respect he had for the people who worked for him.

Before I knew it, I started looking forward to those weekly calls. His charm & kind heart shined through.

He quickly named me "my shalom lady", always found time for a quick chat about the news, the world. No matter how busy his day was, how exhausted he may have been, or how much he had on his plate, no matter if the reports were not as he wished, he was always so grateful, never ever forgetting to thank us, never was too busy to say "you are wonderful!", "you are amazing!", "thank you so much for all you do!".

Incredibly humble, asking our permission to have the calls later or earlier. Always starting the call with - "is this a good time for you?". Taking the time to ask me - "do you enjoy your job?", "is your family doing ok?", "do you guys need any help?".

Insisting to long addition long numbers in long reports in his head, not relaying on excel or calculators, being so hard on himself for the slightest mistake he made, expecting the most, but first from his own self.

Doing great things for the community but never too much in a rush to tell us a little funny story from his past, about "the time he worked for Disney", or teach a quick life lesson, or just make sure we're ok.

Dear Mr. Rosen, I didn't know our last phone call will be the last.

The very day before you went out on surgery you were still working, still had your weekly call with us that very day. I thought you will be right back, you were so determined & invincible.

You worked until you no longer could, as we always knew you would. Refusing to leave your baby's side, the Rosen Hotels, that you have birthed & built up with your own two hands.

You've built a company that made people proud to work for, a

*company in your image and with your heart in its core.
I didn't get a chance to thank you for everything. You were truly one of a kind. Thank you for showing us all what it means to simply be a good, authentically compassionate human being.
I will greatly miss our weekly phone calls Mr. Rosen ❤️ I will miss hearing you ask - "is my shalom lady there?" & saying "you are amazing! Have a good weekend!"
May you rest in peace, and may your family have comfort knowing all you have done in your great journey.
Goodbye Mr. Rosen,
"Your shalom lady".*

Ayelet Ron - December 03, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RF

“ *i worked for Mr. Rosen for many years worked on Tangelo project were Mr. Rosen and Mr. Santos always treated me with great respect and said do the right thing and give back because of that I adopted a new born baby she is 20 now and I will always remember that great company and aim sure Mr. Santos will continue the great work.RIP Mr.Rosen your friend Bob Frantz*

robert frantz - December 02, 2024 at 05:38 PM

RF

“ *Robert Frantz lit a candle in memory of Harris Rosen*



robert frantz - December 02, 2024 at 05:26 PM

MM

“ Dear Rosen Family,

We are saddened with news of the passing of Harris Rosen, an icon and visionary in the hospitality industry and here in Orlando.

For those fortunate enough to know him in the Orlando community and the hospitality industry at large, this is a profound loss. For decades, Mr. Rosen was more than just a hotelier and philanthropist—he was a mentor, a role model, and a friend whose life’s work continues to inspire us at Paramount Hospitality and beyond. His unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation transformed the hospitality landscape, but it was his extraordinary ethics, integrity, humility, kindness, and generosity that truly set him apart. He embodied the values of hard work, compassion, and dedication to the betterment of others, touching countless lives through his steadfast belief in the power of community.

His actions reminded us all that success is not measured solely by achievements, but by the lives we uplift along the way. We are deeply grateful for his example, which has profoundly influenced our own mission and values at Paramount Hospitality. His life’s work serves as a beacon, challenging us to strive for the same generosity of spirit and dedication to making a difference.

Today, we mourn the loss of a true icon and express our heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. While we will miss his leadership and presence, his legacy will continue to guide and inspire us in all that we do. Harris Rosen’s kindness, vision, and dedication to service leave an indelible mark on Orlando, and we are honored to have witnessed his extraordinary contributions to our community. Rest in peace, Mr. Rosen—you will always be remembered with gratitude and admiration.

Our condolences to the entire Rosen Family!

With Sympathy & Admiration,

Marco Manzie and the entire Paramount Hospitality Family

Marco Manzie - November 28, 2024 at 11:40 AM

RF

Marco, thank you for taking the time to share these kind words, for recognizing many of the amazing traits that made him so unique, and for helping us carry his legacy, spirit, and memory forward always.

Rosen Family - November 30, 2024 at 10:11 AM

JO

My heart and prayers go out to the family and hope god gives them strength during this difficult time 🙏 , so blessed to be apart of the extended Rosen family for 37 years at Rosen lake buena vista as I share with our guest about all he does for us employees from medical center, s o s , the gala , Christmas showcase , how he gets on stage at our events and says We couldn't have all of this if it wasn't for all of you !! Always ending with God bless you . I talk about our benefits , affordable health care , his scholarship program as my daughter Erica graduated U F with an animal science degree paid for through this program . One of my personal moments was Mr Rosen read and had a copy made of my one step further that was featured in our weekly buzz and wrote Wow!!! Jil you are amazing !! With his signature, I have it framed on my coffee table ❤️ when I tell our guest all of this they respond with now that I know this we will always stay at a Rosen hotel . What a remarkable man !! I will continue to tell his story to our guests and I thank you Mr Rosen for all you do . God bless you 🙏

jill osborne - December 02, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JJ

“ Reflecting on my professional journey, one person stands out as a transformative mentor whose guidance and wisdom profoundly shaped my path. Harris Rosen exemplifies what it means to be a leader, a teacher, and an inspiration. Working for him for over 9 years he not only teach me and others of all that is needed to be successful professional but also teach you values, kindness, generosity and humanity. He knew all his employees by name, call them personally on their birthdays, assist them in times of hardship and always respect them. He took time to care for each one of his employees and to listen to them. Dear Mr. Rosen, I can't be more proud to have the chance to meet you, know you, work for you and learn from you. I will never forget the moments when you took time to talk to me in Hungarian, share your knowledge of my home country, provide advice and always show what it means to be human for so many people in this community. your legacy will stay with us forever, we will continue to carry your memory with us and we will miss your wisdom, love and care. Thank you for every shared moment and memory! With respect! Janos Jasko



Janos Jasko - November 28, 2024 at 11:02 AM

RF

Janos, thank you for sharing these memories with us, for being a part of his beloved RH&R family, and for helping us honor him by keeping his spirit & legacy alive.

Rosen Family - November 30, 2024 at 10:06 AM

SP

The heart, mind, and soul of Mr. Rosen, where do we begin with his beautiful heart and soul. We were so honored to be gifted the opportunity to meet Mr. Rosen and know him for about 8 years now after a 4th-grade project my now 17 year had, am so filled with so many emotions as the role model Mr. Rosen is to many but to my son who has made it through many challenges with academic and health conditions both Mr. Rosen and his music teacher well known as well passed away over a year ago. With my family and son, we are so sad about the loss of Mr. Rosen, we are hoping to learn of a memorial service we can have Jonathan attend to have closure of his loss. As the Rosen family, all the employees, and the family of Mr. Rosen please accept our deepest condolences you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Today was a difficult morning for Jonathan to get up and go to school, but I told him you're a Lion, and Lions den is waiting at school, you have come a long way and the best tribute you can give your superheroes is to follow that dream of yours and know their light is shining down on you. He was so respectful, so kind, so gentle, and has done so much, I remember the first time meeting him. In 2017 there was a fall project, to interview your role model, Jonathan said Flager, Arnold Palmer, or Harris Rosen mom, I said well that is easy Mr. Rosen, he said you can't get Mr. Rosen to talk to us. I said why not, I said I can only ask and he was to say yes or no. Though it was the holiday season, he agreed and asked his secretary Alberta to please have Jonathan's mom send an e-mail of the questions so I could be prepared to answer them and help Jonathan, we set up a phone conference as Jonathan was asking the question the exciting of my 9-year-old if I had a video just priceless as he heard Mr. Rosen's voice he was like OMG Mr. Rosen. When surprising him Mr. Rosen said what are all these cameras, where is the celebrity. I said oh Mr. Rosen to Jonathan you are his celebrity and superhero as my NY Yankees were to me growing up in NY. I know this is getting long, am so grateful for the years of love, understanding care, and support you have given to my Jonathan. Though it was hard for him to get up to begin the week after the fall break and your loss, I told him their light is shining on you, get up Lion, and make your dreams come true, he said yes they would want me to make my dreams come true. Thank you and God Bless you all.

Shallamar Persaud - December 02, 2024 at 08:50 AM

AL

“ I had the honor of working for Mr Rosen since the Shingle Creek opening in 2006 He always told me when in doubt do the right thing, but try not to lose money while you're doing it!
His commitment to the community was ever lasting and his sense of humor unforgettable.
Mr Rosen left this world a better place for all of of us and I will miss him always.
Rest in Peace Mr Rosen !
Amy Leniz

amy Leniz - November 28, 2024 at 09:48 AM

RF

Amy, thank you for the kind words and for being a part of his beloved RH&R family

Rosen Family - November 30, 2024 at 10:02 AM

FK

*Inspired by Harris Rosens pursuit in health and wellness. I was blessed to see how committed and dedicated to fitness he was through his last energies. Continue and honor his legacy in health and wellness as he cared so much for the wellness of people. His Resorts are the tunnel of happiness when zincon conventions visited 4days each year. Mr. Rosen is truly missed. I cried, drenched in tears when I too heard. I only know him from his dedication to people, communities, his vivacious fitness swims, humble smiles, flautntless style and greetings. His voice continues to echo.
With Respect and Condolences to his family.*

*Francine Kelly
Member of RAFC*

Francine Y Kelly - December 04, 2024 at 06:48 PM

LS

“ *Mr. Rosen was in a class all by himself. A loving giving human being who will be missed by hundreds if not thousands of people. I worked with Mr. Rosen for almost 25 yrs. One day I greeted him as usual by addressing him as Mr Rosen. He said please call me Harris. I couldn't do it. Why? Because he deserved the highest respect that I could give him. Rest in Peace Mr. Rosen.*

Lyn Santos - November 27, 2024 at 10:03 AM

TF

Thank you for your kind words, Lyn

The Rosen Family - November 30, 2024 at 09:58 AM

SP

A true legend, our deepest condolences to Mr. Rosen's family and all during this difficult time. We admire Mr. Rosen and are so grateful for the positive impact he has had on our son's life and all he has touched on this earth. A very unique, special, kind, respectful, loving human being I have come to be blessed to have met. Our family is forever grateful and the loss of such a beautiful leader and role model thank you, Mr. Rosen, God Bless you sleep in peace beautiful soul. We love you and will miss you dearly.

Shallamar Persaud - December 02, 2024 at 10:38 AM

TB

Dear Rosen Family,

Please accept my deepest sympathies. Mr. Rosen was such an extraordinary person and will be missed immensely. He left a vibrant mark in the lives of everyone he met. I am honored that I had the chance to know him and to learn from him. We will continue his legacy, each in our way. The loss to many is immeasurable, so is the love he left behind, may our memories bring peace and solace in this difficult time. My prayers and condolences to all.

Tresie Benoit and the World2Meet team

Tresie Benoit - December 02, 2024 at 12:49 PM

PJ

It was a pleasure to talk with Kathy. I am Pam Jones, Community Relations Representative for Congressman Daniel Webster. The Congressman cherished the friendship of Harris Rosen and would like to know when the Celebration of Life to honor Mr. Rosen will take place.

352-275-1900- Thank you, Pam Jones

A wonderful man who loved the community will be greatly missed.

Pam Jones - December 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM