



## Louis Jerome Mirjanich

May 11, 1927 - February 11, 2021

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Louis Mirjanich's parents, Ljubomir and Katica immigrated from Serbia and Croatia in the early 1900's, were processed through Ellis Island and settled in St. Louis, Missouri. Lou's father was a tavern and restaurant owner, on Clark Avenue, and his mother was the cook. Through their hard work ethic, they provided for their three daughters and young son Louis. Lou was born in St. Louis, attended McKinley High School playing water polo, and then advanced his education at Washington University in St. Louis. He obtained a degree in Business Administration in 1949. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity where he made lifelong friends. Every summer during college, Lou and some of his fraternity brothers would hitchhike to Laguna Beach California, during its prime or Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful Lodge where they worked bussing tables.

A dapper, well dressed, handsome and confident young man, Lou met and started dating "the most beautiful girl" at Lindenwood Girls College in St. Charles Missouri, Sarah Kathryn Hilliard, from Miami, Oklahoma. They married in Miami on June 22, 1951. As newlyweds they lived in St. Louis where Lou worked for Saint Louis Envelope Company. After two years, the couple moved to Miami. At that time Lou purchased Del-Mar Laundry and Dry cleaners. He built a very successful business focusing on residential laundry service and commercial linen supply. In the 80's, Del-Mar laundry and Miami

laundry merged, and Lou and Jack Renegar became business partners. Lou's other business endeavors included KGLC radio station, Plannet fur cold storage, and Wright's printing. His exceptional business sense made possible an incredible life for his family where all needs, and desires were provided.

Lou was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church, active in the Lions club, and a member of Miami Golf and Country Club. Besides work and family, Lou was an avid golfer, racket ball player, swimmer, walker, gin player and planted large summer gardens. He also spent countless hours trying to help find ways to beautify yards in Miami neighborhoods.

Lou's great interest in travel resulted in numerous family vacations and in later years World Travels with his wife. Those travels included Russia, China, Denmark, mailboat beyond the Artic Circle, Australia, India, Egypt, transatlantic crossing on the QE II, "rounding the Horn", and numerous trips to Europe.

Lou is survived by his wife Sarah of 69 years, daughter Rebecca Davis and husband Rod, son Dr. John Mirjanich, MD, granddaughter Lauren Dooley, husband Chris and great grandson Jack, Sister Kathy Pohle and husband Charles, and numerous nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Lou was preceded in death by his parents Ljubomir and Katica, sisters Rose Dillberger-Bey and Patricia Edmundson, and his father and mother in-law Carl and Elizabeth Hilliard of Miami.

Lou and his family were fortunate that he had many, many good years! He would often say, "when I lay my head down on the pillow for the last time, don't cry for me, I had a great life". And that, he did. He was the most beloved husband and father one could ask for. Keep your eye on the ball, swing slow and follow through.

Mr. Mirjanich's Celebration of Life Services will be 1:00 PM, Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at First Presbyterian Church in Miami with Reverend Ray Vandegiesen officiating. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

The family has asked that for the health and safety of everyone attending to please wear a mask.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Lou's Tribute Page at [www.brown-winters.com](http://www.brown-winters.com).

\*\*\*\*For anyone who can not make it to Miami, please log onto the funeral homes facebook page. We will go live at service time on facebook live.\*\*\*\*

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street  
Miami, OK 74354

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church-Miami  
1410 NE Veterans BLVD  
Miami, OK 74354

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Louis Jerome Mirjanich*



**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 24, 2021 at 09:14 AM

SL

“ *I was reminded of Lou and Sarah today as I finally got around to watching a movie they watched decades ago. What great racquetball games Lou and I used to play and how many miles the three of us walked around the gym. Great memories of a great man. Lou always entered the room smiling and left it with everyone else doing the same.*

**Scott Lawson** - August 07, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MN

“ *All honor to his name.*

**Mark Neisler** - February 01, 2022 at 05:44 PM

VW

“ *John, I'm so very sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. Vicki (Choate) Washburn*

**Vicki Washburn** - March 18, 2021 at 12:01 PM



“ Sarah and family, I am sad to hear of Mr. Mirjanich's death but am glad that I was privileged to know him in this life. He always had a ready smile and word of encouragement for everyone. He really loved life!

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**Kathryn Wenzel** - March 01, 2021 at 12:12 PM

RV

“ John,  
We are saddened to hear of your fathers passing.  
You guys mean the world to us and we are here for support.  
Thinking of you and your family. Love you guys, Julie and Ricardo

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**Ricardo Villarreal** - February 25, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service** - February 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

DC

“ Dear Sarah, Rebecca and John,  
So sorry to hear about Lou. He will be missed by so many. I tried to find you all last summer when I came to Miami to visit my family. I always love to go by the old neighborhood and think about all the good times we had growing up. I guess my favorite was coming over to your house and John would let us play “Let’s make a junk”. We always had so much fun playing that game. Flashlight tag at night on the golf course was another childhood memory and so many more! And thank you for always buying my Girl Scout cookies! Great neighbors and great times. Your family is in our prayers. Hope to get by and see you this next summer.  
Love to all,  
Debbie (Jackson) Creel

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Debbie ( Jackson) Creel - February 21, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis Jerome Mirjanich.



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February 21, 2021 at 02:46 PM

BM

“ We all come from somewhere. Our history guides us to who we are. With that in mind, I'm saddened that one of my best friend's father has passed.

*John, you have been a mentor, friend, and with me during many of my life's poignant moments. I am so sorry for your loss. I'm so sorry I never got to meet your dad. Misty and I are here for anything you or your family requires. I so wish I had the ability to lessen the loss for you and your family. I wish and want to be there for you as you've been there for us! I have a heavy heart - and, just hope you know how much you are loved!*

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**Brad Merrill** - February 20, 2021 at 11:23 PM

DR

“ John, what an accomplished man. You are blessed to have had him as your father. We are so sorry for your loss and know he will be missed by many. We are thinking of you.  
Dianne and Steve

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**Dianne K Rasmussen** - February 20, 2021 at 05:25 PM

LT

“ Lexia Tice purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Louis Jerome Mirjanich.



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**Lexia Tice** - February 20, 2021 at 05:24 PM

YV

“ Dr. John, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your father was an amazing person and I regret that I didn't get the opportunity to make his acquaintance.

Please remember how blessed you were to call him your father.

He will always be with you....now in his new home with God in heaven.

May God bless the entire Mirjanich family.

You will be in my prayers.



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**Yvette** - February 20, 2021 at 05:05 PM

BH

“ I was saddened to hear of Lou's passing. I enjoyed our visits a great deal and was truly a pleasure to work for him and Sarah. Our prayers are with Sarah and the entire family.

Buff and Bonnie Highland

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**Buff Highland** - February 19, 2021 at 04:31 PM

LW

“ Dear Sarah, Rebecca, and Jon, I am so sorry to ready this news. How do i say, how grand a life he lived. His love of people touched each of us growing up with your family. I will always hear Lou's laughter in my head. Blessings and smiles to a life well lived. As he said, "Keep your eye on the ball, head down, and follow through."

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**Letty Watt** - February 17, 2021 at 12:15 PM

AL

“ DR. John, praying our Heavenly Father gives you peace and comfort as you celebrate your father's life. Coach Loehr

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**Archie Loehr** - February 17, 2021 at 11:51 AM

KP

“ Sarah, Larry and I have a smile on our faces when we think of Lou and so many of the exciting moments with the two of you, especially on our travels, he was the best "travel guide" ever! Lou will be missed and we will be keeping you in our loving thoughts and prayers.

Larry and Karen Pyne

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**Karen & Larry Pyne** - February 15, 2021 at 07:13 PM

ES

“ I remember the many times we met out at Highwinds on senior day to eat and play. Lou always had to have soup with his sandwich and Shiner Bock and a large container of soup to go. Lonnie and I spent several evenings with them and a glass of wine. He always had a story to tell about their "adventures", and would ask Sarah to fill in the things he forgot. One of the last true "Gentlemen". Eve and Lonnie Schnakenberg

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**EVELYN SCHNAKENBERG** - February 14, 2021 at 06:52 PM

DM

“ I enjoyed talking to him over the years. I've played a lot of golf and told everybody I played with the fastest person walking to his ball was Lou Mirjanich of Miami, Oklahoma. He was faster than people in the carts. I'll miss visiting with him. Rest In Peace.

Dan Mailath-Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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**Dan Mailath** - February 14, 2021 at 10:16 AM

DM

“ Dan and Sharon Mailath purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Louis Jerome Mirjanich.



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**Dan and Sharon Mailath** - February 14, 2021 at 10:07 AM



“ My Dad, Joe Wilson, was Mr. Mirjanich's mechanic. I met him several times at the garage and he was always very nice to me. I know Dad thought highly of him.

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**Mona Wilson Poole** - February 13, 2021 at 10:35 PM

JW

“ He was always so encouraging to me. Will miss the banter. Deepest Sympathy.

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**Jessica Williams** - February 13, 2021 at 04:34 PM

JJ

“ Lou and Sarah always sat in the last pew at church but they always were first in the hearts of our congregation. We miss him walking in our neighborhood carrying his staff.  
They never missed a church dinner and were always present for coffee hour after church.  
Rest in peace Lou.

*Janice Johnson  
Dave Foster*

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**Janice F Johnson** - February 13, 2021 at 02:03 PM

YK

“ I just opened my computer and saw this and am heartbroken. There was only one Lou - and Sarah too. Kent and I enjoyed our many times out with them - loved them both. Lou was a fighter and was always swimming and walking. Loved his stories and our conversations with each other. We made many good memories together which I will always cherish.. My deepest sympathy to the family. RIP dear friend.



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**Yvonne Ketcher** - February 12, 2021 at 09:03 PM