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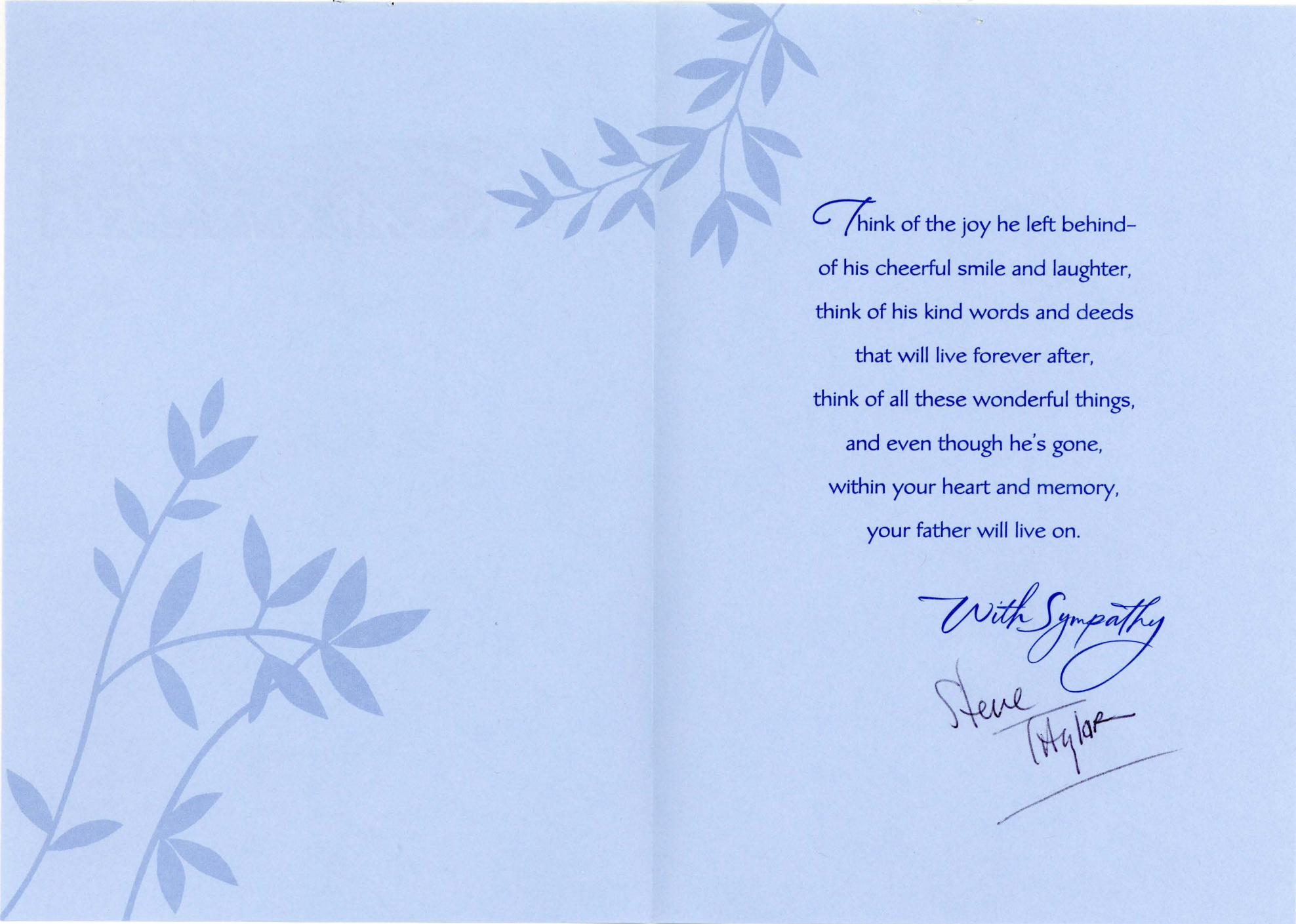
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In the Loss
of Your

Father

MAY MEMORIES
COMFORT YOU

"Time takes even the small
and simple memories
and turns them into gold."



Think of the joy he left behind-
of his cheerful smile and laughter,
think of his kind words and deeds
that will live forever after,
think of all these wonderful things,
and even though he's gone,
within your heart and memory,
your father will live on.

With Sympathy
Steve
Taylor

STEVEN TAYLOR

RETIRE FROM SYMS
11/28/08

DEPT. MANAGER - MEN'S
TRINITY PL. STORE N.C.Y.

TO THE Syms Family:

Words cannot express our deep
saddness for the loss of your
father. Management and staff at
Store #20 send their condolences.

STORE #020
Jan Tereida
Manager

The Father of compassion...
comforts us in all our troubles.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4 (NIV)

Though we try to prepare,
we are never prepared enough,
but there's a compassionate
God in heaven
Who sees, Who cares, Who comforts.
May you feel His presence
as you grieve
the loss of your father.

In the Loss Of Your Father



OUR FATHERS DEPART,
BUT NEVER THEIR LOVE
AND NEVER THE LESSONS
THEY'VE TAUGHT US,
NEVER THEIR GUIDANCE,
NEVER THEIR BLESSINGS,
NEVER THE JOYS
THEY'VE BROUGHT US.

A vertical rectangular panel with a purple background. On the left side, there is a yellow daffodil flower with long, thin green leaves. The text is written in a cursive script in the center of the panel.

To You
And
Your Family
With
Deepest
Sympathy

Marcy & Family

*May your memories
be a precious source
of peace, strength,
and comfort
in the days ahead.*

VERY SORRY FOR
YOUR LOSS
GEORGE & DAXSI TOPKIN



Our
memories
keep us
forever
close
to the
ones
we love



Nov 25, 2009

Marcy, Bob, + Miles,

With
Sympathy

You've all been much
in mind these last few
days with the sad news
of Sy's death last week. He
was a good man, and I know
you will miss him a great
deal. The world will, too.
He gave us much to be thankful
for. All best to you - David Tower

MARVIN TRAUB ASSOCIATES, INC.

November 18, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
Syms Corporation
One Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Marcy,

I was so saddened to learn of Sy's passing yesterday. He was a pioneer and legend in our industry and a wonderful man.

I know he will be sorely missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

Please know you are in my thoughts at this difficult time.

Warmest regards,



Abby S. Tucker

Vice President, Marketing and Donor Relations

Dear Marcy,

Please accept my sincere
condolences on the passing of your
beloved father. I am so sorry for
your loss.

Although I never met your
father, I know how much he
meant to you and how highly
regarded he was in the community.
May his memory be as a
blessing.

With deep sympathy,

Abby

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HAROLD M. UNGER

November 24, 2009

Dear Marcy,

I was saddened to hear of your dad's passing. I know that you worked closely with him for decades. Perhaps there is comfort in knowing that you will continue his legacy and, in doing so, make him proud.

Fondly,

Harold



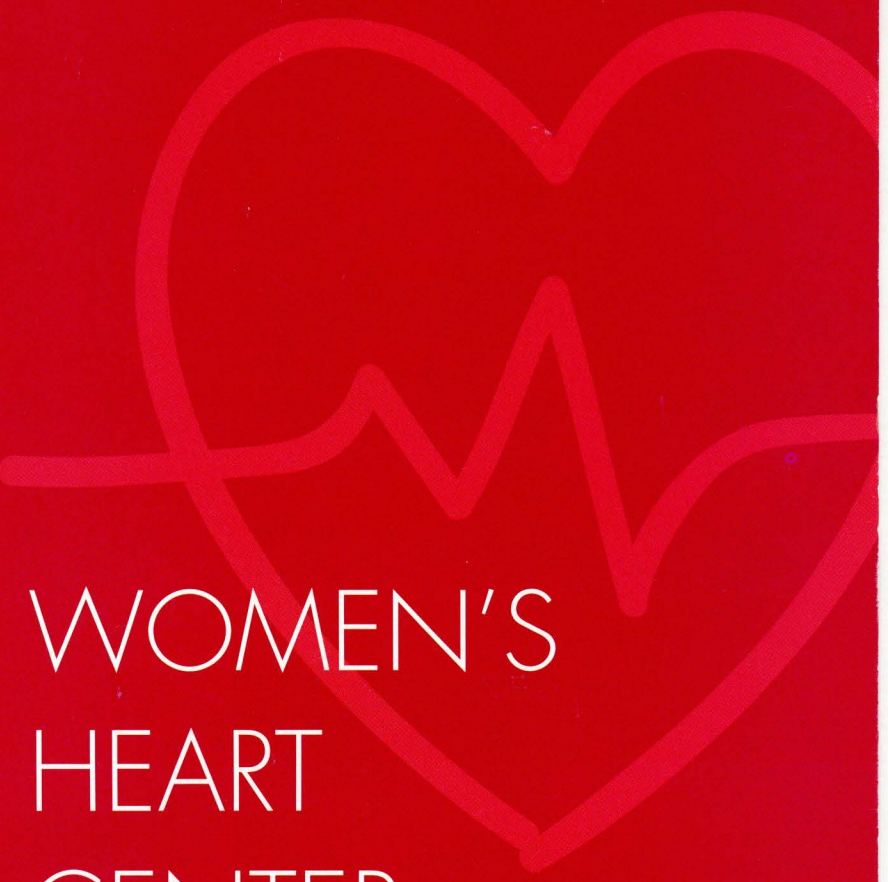
with sympathy

Mary, Bob and Miles

May each passing day bring you peace

*I'm so sorry for
your loss.*

Tom Verclat



WOMEN'S HEART CENTER

 **NYU** Langone Medical Center

December 4, 2009

Dear Mrs. Symr,

Ken Hud⁴ I would like
to add our sincere condolences to
those expressed by our colleague
Nica Goldberg on the death of
your father, Sy Symr.

NYU Langone Medical Center has
lost a true friend, and our
deepest sympathy is with you
and your family.

Sincerely,
Sarah Wadellton

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Nov. 2009

Dear Marcy,

I wanted to
extend my deepest
sympathy on the passing
of your father.

I wish you and
your family a warm
and peaceful Thanksgiving.

Best,

Meryl



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November 23, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
Syms Corp.
One Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Ms. Syms,

I am sorry to hear about the passing of your father and company founder.
Please accept my condolences.

Sincerely,

Brenda J. Walker
Vice President

BJW/aw

Laura R. Walker
President and CEO

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November 18, 2009

Ms. Marcy Syms
1 Syms Way
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Marcy,

On behalf of everyone at WNYC Radio, I am writing to express our sincere condolences for the passing of your father. We are so grateful for the commitment both you and he have shown to building strong and vibrant public media organizations in New York City. You have done so much to support the insightful dialogue, intellectual exploration, and rich cultural programming that bring enrichment and great enjoyment to so many people. During this time, please know that our thoughts are with you and your family.

With all best regards,



Joseph Weilgus
122 East 42nd Street, Suite 825
New York, New York 10168

November 23, 2009

Dear Mrs. Syms and Family,

Sy used to call me "Sunshine" or "Joe Sunshine." The truth is, it was him who brought tremendous sunshine to *my* life in many ways...

I met Sy Syms about 13 years ago. So, I guess you can say I had a Bar Mitzvah's worth of time getting to know him. It was not necessarily a close relationship, at least relative to the many who had the privilege to spend more than the two or three treasured moments a year with him, as I did, but it was certainly a warm relationship. I am extremely lucky not only to have known him as the figure who devoted so much of himself to the school I attended, but also to have been able to catch a glimpse of the "man" himself.

A year or so after I graduated, I was invited to an intimate dinner at Abigail's with Sy, a handful of other SSSB board members, such as Ira Kukin and Kurt Katz, and about a dozen alumni of SSSB. I remember walking into the restaurant with Sy and listening to the short question and answer period that was held during dinner. One alum asked what we all thought was a silly question, but I for one am grateful that it was posed to this day. He asked, "Mr. Syms, how is it that you managed being a religious person and so successful at business at the same time?" Mr. Syms replied, "You probably want to direct the question to some other board member as I'm not a religious man. I eat what I want, I worked holidays and on Shabbat, so, perhaps one of the other board members would like to answer." Another board member (who was wearing a yarmulke) protested right away and said, "My dear friend Sy, I could not disagree with you more. We all aspire to be as religious as you. Look how you spend your time, look how you spend your money, look how you treat all the people around you. You embody what a religious man is and we should all aspire to be as religious as you."

I must have repeated this story hundreds of times, though half of those times were probably in order to convince women that were not observant to go out with me despite my observance! In all seriousness, this is a lesson I think of everyday as I conduct my business and charity with people from all walks of life. So, I guess you can say that I learned the most important parts of our religion from Sy.

For the past five years or so, at the annual Israeli Philharmonic events, Sy would always have a big smile when he saw me and introduce me as a graduate of "our" school. He always used the word "our," really talking about it as being his family's school. While it gave him some pride, it gave me great joy and satisfaction to see how happy he was as it was *his* great gift which made that moment possible.

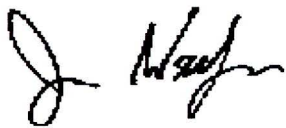
About 5 years ago, when I became President of a decent-sized business, the development team at Yeshiva and Syms reached out to me. I told them while I may have a fancy title and was doing modestly well for being 6 years out of college, I could only give so much, though I was happy to do it. I remembered back to the story of Sy's establishment of the business school, and his words to Dr. Lamm, saying that while we graduate great doctors and lawyers, it's the businessmen that will fund this great school.

In re-telling Dan Forman and his team the above story, I said, along with my donation of a modest starter gift, "In the vein of Mr. Syms' founding of the school, we need more alumni donors, and if the business grads don't donate, who will?" I went on to say that as much as I hated dinners, they work. (Of course they turned the table on me to chair it.) While I had our large Project Sunshine gala within a few weeks of the Syms dinner, I said that I would be an anonymous chair. I invited 20 alumni of Syms to my office for lunch to serve as the backbone of the fundraising and givers to the dinner, and 20 alumni showed and donated. It was because of Sy that I cared about doing a dinner and it was in Sy and the Syms family honor that we did the event. There were many more dinners to follow and I hope to continue to contribute to Sy's legacy in this manner.

After the funeral on Friday, I went to the Syms store on 54th. I walked in my (pre-recession) Loro Piano cashmere suit and coat. I walked out with my first purchase from Syms since going for my Bar Mitzvah suit. Maureen, the manager of one of the suburban stores, helped me with my purchase. Visiting the store was like a shiva call. I mentioned that I was an alumnus of the Sy Syms School of Business and was coming from the funeral. There must have been 40 people from different stores and the Syms headquarters gathered on different floors remembering Sy. The random sales people on the floor were clearly saddened and one who had worked at Syms for 20 plus years and seemed extremely distracted and distraught, specifically said, "We should see you on better occasions."

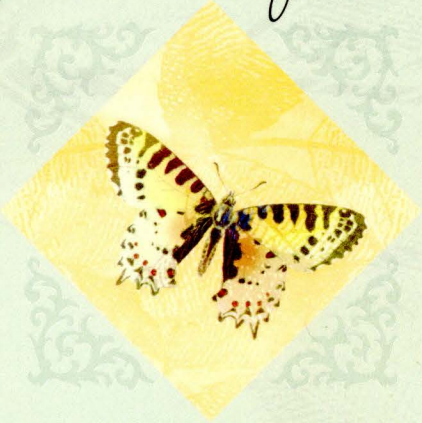
Indeed this is a loss for so many. At the same time it is hard to think about Sy Syms without smiling and celebrating our time with him. Personally, I will always reflect on how lucky I was to have been educated at his school and to have learned so much from the man himself.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Weilgus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being large and stylized.

Joseph Weilgus

*In Remembrance
Of a Beautiful Life*



MEMORY
NOURISHES THE HEART,
AND GRIEF ABATES.

MARCEL PROUST

*There are those whose lives
death cannot diminish.*

*Their love radiates
forever in the hearts
of friends and loved ones...*

*...and their light shines on
in the lives they've touched
for so many years.*

WITH
Sympathy
AND

Hope

*My deepest sympathy
Elaine Weinstein
(Store 79)*

With Sympathy
IN THIS TIME OF SORROW



Dear Marcy

I was so very sorry to
learn of your father's passing.
He was not only a great
runner but a trail blazer.
He also produced at least
one wonderful daughter &
probably a few more who
I don't know.

Please accept my most
sincere condolences

Kyrie Weiss

November, 2005

In the love that surrounds you,
may you find strength...
in the memories you cherish,
may you find peace.

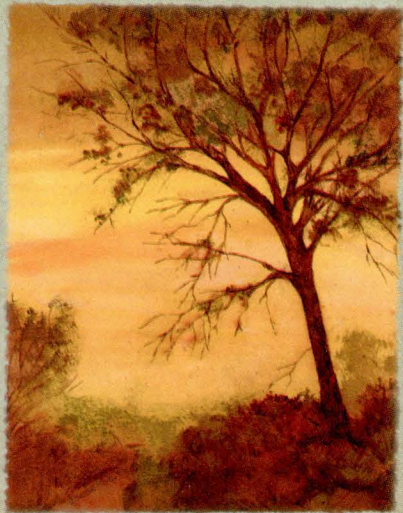


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*May Memories
of Your Dad
Comfort You*



*"To remember
is another way to love."*

Every time you recall
your dad's laughter,
every time you find yourself doing
something he taught you
or repeating something he used to say...
every time you think of him,
you bring your dad
closer to your heart.

With our deepest sympathy

Mary Wood

Nelson Salo



שבטך ומשענתך המה ינחמני

Thy Rod
And Thy Staff,
They Comfort Me.

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May you be comforted
in knowing
that Hadassah will continue
its life-giving work
in memory of

Sy Syme

*From Rhoda Yigdal
Barry Yigdal*

This card represents the sender's support of Hadassah.

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George Zimmer

Dear Marcy -

I was saddened to hear of your loss, as was the entire Jewish community. Everyone from Men's Wearhouse joins me in expressing our condolences on your loss.

As requested, we are making a contribution to Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Sincerely,



*In
Sympathy*



To Marcy + family

May this message serve
as an expression

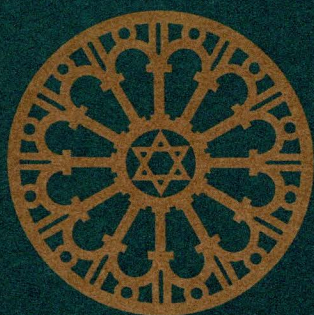
of deepest sympathy. on the
loss of your father
Sy Syms

We all feel your loss -

Baruch Dayan Emet

He set an example for
all of us

An educated consumer
is your best customer -
and so we are!



CONGREGATION EMANU-EL
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Director of Development
Congregation Emanu-El

Sincerely,

Cliffside Park, NJ 07010
Unit 7K North
100 Winston Drive
Unit 7K North
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Congregation Emanu-El

100 Winston Drive, Unit 7K North, Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

December 4, 2009

Dear Mr. Syme,

I wish to convey to you that a gift has been made to
Congregation Emanu-El

In Memory of Sy Syme

by:

Mr. Steven Weiner

100 Winston Drive

Unit 7K North

Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Sincerely,



Robyn Weinstein Cimbal
Director of Development

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Mary -

I never got to work directly
with him, but still felt like I
got to know him!

My sincere condolences to the
entire Syms family —

Stephen Wiley
WETA - Public Broadcasting



A Prayer In Sympathy



*Thinking of you
today with deep and sincere
Sympathy.*

*I was sorry to have heard
of the passing of Sy Syms. I have
been a customer for 35 years and my
son graduated from the business school
of Yeshiva University.
May his memory comfort you and the
Al-Mighty strengthen you. Arthur B. Wolfish*

*Arthur B. Wolfish
272 Oakwood Avenue
Cedarhurst, NY 11516*



Illustration by

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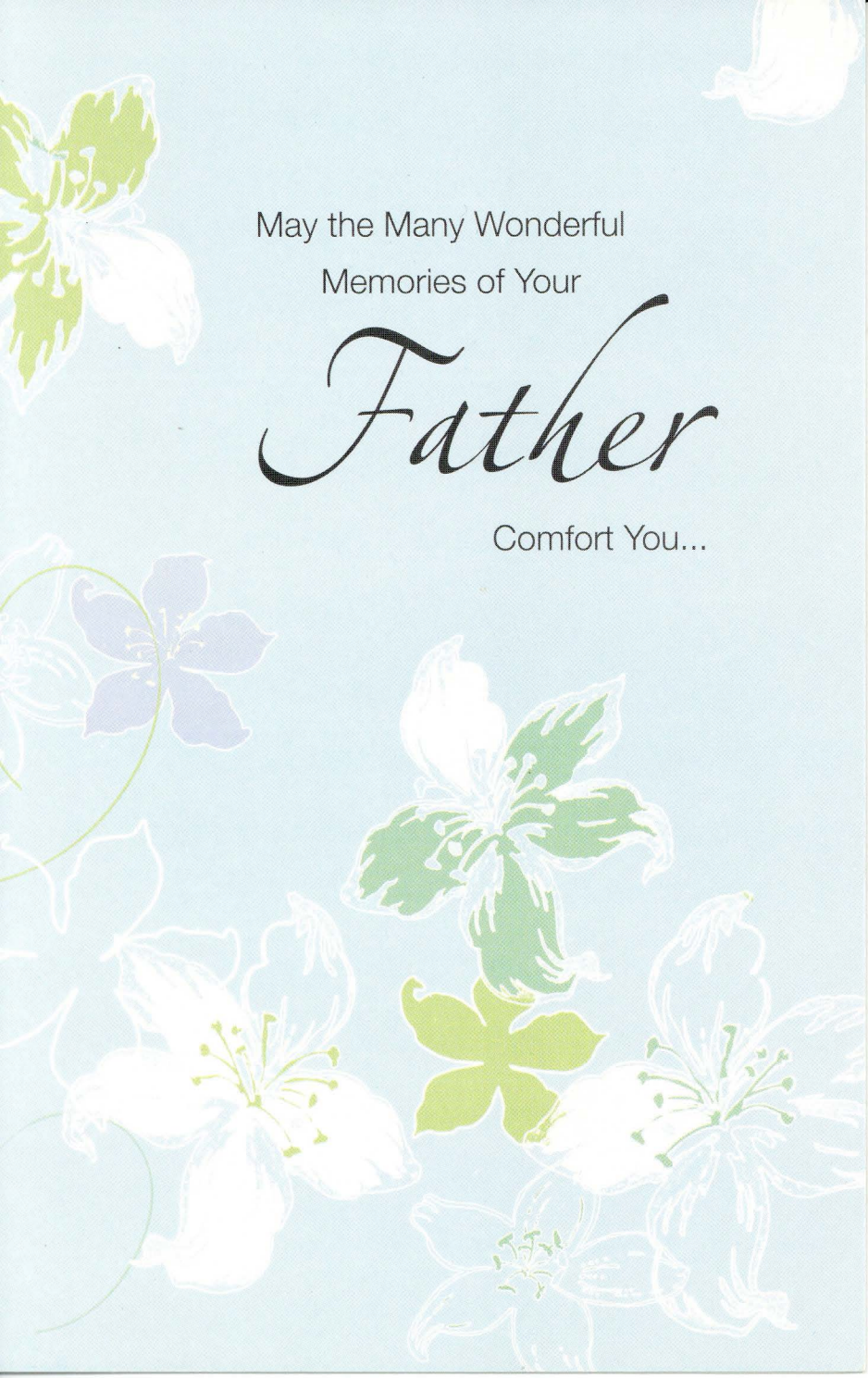


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May the Many Wonderful
Memories of Your

Father

Comfort You...

To
Marcy and the Symms Family

We here at Symms store #9 wish to
extend our deepest sympathy on
the loss of our beloved Sy. Words
will never express what he meant to
all of us, especially those who were
honored to know him both personally
and professionally. No matter what level
the employee was, he would speak to
us with dignity & respect always willing
to pass his great knowledge of business
to anyone who was interested in growing
within our company.

His smile, generosity, respect,
and the wonderful aroma of
Cherry tobacco coming from his pipe
as he would enter our stores will
be remembered & cherished always

...and may you find peace
with friends and loved ones.

With Sympathy,
From Your Staff at WoodBride

Bob Komar

Alan Blatt

Angel Sabido

Prayant Gardhi

Jae & Corti

Truly Remembered by All our
Educators

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



WITH *Sympathy*

*Your family has lost
someone very special,
somebody who touched many lives—
especially yours.
So this comes today
to honor your memories
and to let you know
you're kept very close
in thought and heart.*

The Zoppo Family

*With
Sympathy*

TO YOU
AND YOUR
FAMILY

Hoping your memories
bring you peace
at this sad time.

Marcy,
Sorry about the loss
of your father. My thoughts
are with you and your
family.

Cindy Zimm

23 Nov '09

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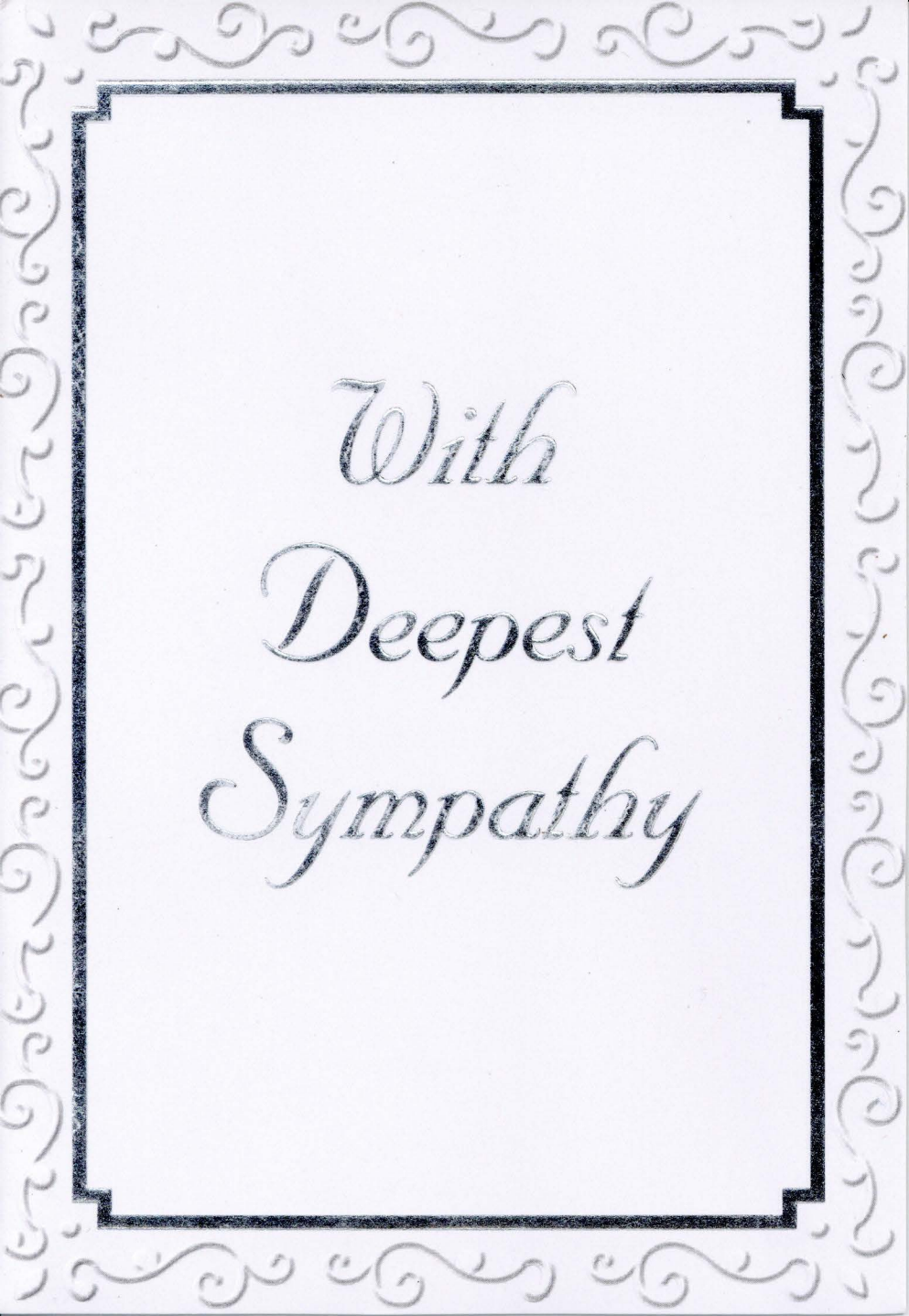
Dear Nancy,

Please accept my deepest
sympathies on your father's passing.
May you be comforted by the
memory of his kind soul.
My entire family joins me
✓

in expressing our condolences.

Warmest wishes,

Sydney



*With
Deepest
Sympathy*

Dear Marcy,

*A*lthough words cannot begin
to ease the sorrow
of your loss,
please know that
you are in the thoughts
of so many who care.

Franklin Zuhett
Marc Brust