



Abraham Schnitzer

August 18, 1923 - December 26, 2025

Abraham Schnitzer passed away at home on Friday, December 26, 2025, at the age of 102.

Abe was born in Port Arthur, Texas on August 18, 1923, to Morris and Anna Schnitzer. He was the second youngest of 7 children, 5 brothers and 1 sister.

After high school, and a short early career, he enrolled in the Air Force during World War II and became a navigator in the European Theatre, based in London. He flew 34 bombing missions over Germany and Poland, earning the rank of Second Lieutenant. Abe received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service and counted the actor Jimmy Stewart among his squadron.

Following the end of the war, Abe came back to Texas and married Edith Isenberg of Ardmore, Oklahoma, whom he met while in flight school. After a brief stint in retail in Laredo, Texas, Abe and Edith moved back to Houston so he could work for his brother-in-law, Sam Brateman, at Sanitary Mattress Company.

Abe later became president of Sanitary Mattress Company and continued working well into his 90's, only to be derailed by COVID. He treated all his employees like family, routinely taking them and his customers on vacation.

Abe was an avid golfer and poker player. He could be found winning big hands well into his 90's. He was also a huge Astros fan and was thrilled to finally win a couple of World Series. Abe also enjoyed fishing and hunting, although he was a horrible shot.

Abe and Edith had 3 children, Robert, Dinah, and Alan, and later 8 grandchildren, Jeffrey, Kimberly, Adam, Andrew, Nicholas, Allyson, Ashley, and Michael, and many great-grandchildren. They were married for over 65 years before Edith passed in 2013.

A funeral service was held at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 28, 2025 at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut St., Houston, Texas, 77096 followed by interment at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln., Houston, Texas 77055.

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 28. 1:30 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth Yeshurun
4525 Beechnut St.
Houston, TX 77096

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jim Griffiths purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Abraham Schnitzer.*



Jim Griffiths - December 27, 2025 at 09:45 AM

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“ *Jim Griffiths planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Abraham Schnitzer.*

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