



Arnold Kent Altsuler

December 4, 1942 - February 2, 2025

Arnold, known to his friends and family as “Arnie,” was born on December 4, 1942, in Omaha, Nebraska to the late Harry and Ruth Altsuler. Arnie passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 2, 2025, due to pneumonia, surrounded by his family. He was a happy, sweet, and fun-loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Arnie graduated from Central High School in Omaha. During the summers, he enjoyed spending free time at the Highland Country Club and racing cars with his friends.

After high school, Arnie entered the University of Texas at Austin. At UT, Arnie was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity, the UT Flying Club (and eventually attained his pilot’s license) and the UT varsity swim team. While in Austin, Arnie was introduced to the love of his life, Joan Levi. After UT, Arnie graduated from the South Texas College of Law. Arnie and Joan married in 1966, made their home in Houston, and stayed together until Joan passed away in February of 2023. Arnie will now be re-united with her.

Regarding his professional life, Arnie was an entrepreneur with a variety of ventures. In the 1960’s, he started his career in the entertainment business. In the 1970’s, he started a real estate company called Dial-A-Dwelling. In the 1980’s, he became a residential developer and formed a company called

Adam Kent Builders (named after his two boys), operated two fixed base operations (FBOs) at Hobby Airport, and was part owner in the Dominion Jaguar dealership in Houston. In the 1990's (and beyond), he led teams at Coldwell Banker and Yancey Hausman as a real estate broker and developer.

Although he always kept busy with his companies, his family was the primary source of his joy, and everyone who interacted with him knew it. He is survived by his sister, Carol Cohen, his brother-in-law, Gary Cohen, his sons, Kent and Adam, daughters-in-law, Kim and Jodi, and his grandchildren, Megan, Scott, Chase, and Reed. He will be sorely missed by his children, grandchildren, and friends.

The family would like to thank the medics and personnel at Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. In addition, a very special thank-you goes to DeDe, Marilyn, and Addie for taking care of Arnie during his declining years; they provided him with love, comfort, and peace.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 11:00 AM in the main sanctuary at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, Texas 77096. A Luncheon is to follow the service, at the Margolis Gallery, at Congregation Beth Israel.

A live stream of the Memorial Service will be available to view at the following link: <https://www.beth-israel.org/about-us/news-events-upcoming-events/livestreaming/>

Donations in Arnie's memory may be made to Congregation Beth Israel (<https://www.beth-israel.org/giving/>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Congregation Beth Israel
5600 N. Braeswood Blvd.
Houston, TX 77096

Main Sanctuary

Tribute Wall



“ I worked for Arnie in my very first job out of college. He was a lovely and kind boss, who tried to treat everyone as fairly as possible. This was in 2009 and the CRE market was really struggling and he had big plans for the future. I hope he enjoyed the rest of his career, retired and spent lots of time with his family. Very sorry for your loss!

Jill Nesloney - May 16, 2025 at 08:12 AM

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“ I met Arnie for the first time when I moved from Western Nebraska To Omaha and was enrolled in the 4th grade at Harrison Elementary School. Arnie lived across the street from the school and was a constant friend through high school. I treasure the memories we shared during our early years.

Roy Katskee - February 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM