



Betsy Kamins Atlas

July 10, 1935 - October 28, 2025

Betsy Kamins Atlas, 90, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her daughters on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, in Houston, Texas. Betsy was born on July 10, 1935, in Brooklyn, New York to the late Samuel and Ruth (Barsky) Kamins.

She and her family lived in New York, Virginia, Pennsylvania and circled back to Brooklyn where she graduated from James Madison High School.

Piano was Betsy's passion. She excelled at playing classical piano and as a young girl played at Carnegie Hall. She had her own residential real estate company for 50 + years in addition to owning a printing company for many years.

Betsy was a great Mahjong, Rummikub, and Bridge player and even painted some beautiful oil paintings in her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Kamins and Ruth Barsky Kamins, and her brother, George D. Kamins.

She is survived by her daughters, Julie Orlin Pickett (Dennis) and Cindy Orlin Ely; her grandchildren, Jennifer Pickett Hertz (Brian), Jared Pickett (Spencer), and Jacob Pickett; and her great-grandchildren, Barrett and Sullivan Hertz.

She is also survived by her nephews and nieces, Ricky Kamins, Janna Kamins Wiener (Marshall), Duane Kamins (Anna-Lee), Steven Kamins (Lori), Michael Kamins, and Anna Kamins.

Betsy lived life not only for herself but for her daughters and spending special times with her grandchildren and great grandchildren for birthdays, holidays, sleepovers, and so much more. Some great times for her were playing Mahjong at her granddaughter's home after every holiday meal. Our mother was a master at the game.

The family extends its heartfelt appreciation to the following groups and people: Brookdale Galleria assisted living team and Brookdale home healthcare team as well as the dining and kitchen crew from the director to the wait staff and also her private duty team, led by Carla Jackson. We want to acknowledge her financial advisor, Juan, for being available whenever his assistance was needed.

A graveside service will take place on Friday, October 31, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages you to make a memorial donation to a foundation or charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **31**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DH

“ Although we were not close, every time I saw her, she acted like we were. She was always effusively sweet. The last time we were together was at Ricky’s wedding in 2016. What a beautiful lady.

My thoughts and condolences go to her daughter, Cindy, and the rest of her family and friends.

David Hooks - October 31, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JP

Thank you for the kind comments her daughter Julie

Julie Pickett - November 02, 2025 at 01:21 AM

ZC

“ Mrs. Betzy I will always Love You forever Rest in Peace My Beautiful Soul.

Zuleyma Carcamo - October 31, 2025 at 11:19 AM

JP

Thank you Julie

Julie Pickett - November 02, 2025 at 01:23 AM

CE

*Zuleyma,
Thank you so much. I know my mother knew how you felt about her. When you were in her room and I was on the phone with her she would tell me. Thank you for sharing.*

Cindy Ely - November 02, 2025 at 07:01 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for the loss of your sweet mother, Cindy. She was absolutely beautiful inside and out and so very caring and kind. Your deep love for each other was never in doubt. My condolences to all of your family. May your memories sustain you forever and keep her alive in your hearts forever.

Jeff barab - October 31, 2025 at 12:59 AM

JP

Thank you Julie

Julie Pickett - November 02, 2025 at 01:23 AM

CE

Jeff,
Thank you so much for your kind and heartfelt message. Mother always liked you.

Cindy Ely - November 02, 2025 at 06:58 AM

DS

I am heartbroken over the loss of your precious mother. She and I became friends while living at 7655. We experienced floods and all the ongoings at 7655 before she sold her unit in June 2022. We stayed in touch for many, many years. I spoke with her in Feb 2025 before my wife and I moved to Austin into a senior living facility, and it was the last time I spoke with her. It's been a whirlwind since moving yet I kept thinking I needed to call Betsy, so finally today I made the attempt to call her and her phone number wasn't in service then I googled her name and saw the obituary and the lovely picture of her. We had fun together and shared many lunches together. Gosh, I so regret not reaching out sooner. I will forever keep her in my heart and memory and my prayer for her is that light may perpetually shine upon her. I lived in Unit 3 with my wife Linda and we've since sold our unit in July prior to moving to Austin in April 2025. Please accept our love and condolences. Sincerely, Dan and Linda Soliz 713-829-3570

Dan P Soliz - January 01 at 12:11 PM