



## Brenda Spira

March 16, 1939 - February 19, 2016

Brenda Makowsky Spira was born on March 16, 1939 to Mildred (Fortas) and Isaac Makowsky in Memphis, TN, where she grew up and graduated from Central High School. She attended the University of Texas, where she met her husband, Joel Spira. They were married in 1958 and raised their three daughters in Houston. Brenda created a nurturing home for her three adoring daughters: Marcy (Bennett) Midlo of Houston, Susan (Robert Jacobson) of Los Angeles, and Lynn (Brian) Daily of Austin. Brenda was the "mom of moms" and a loving and supportive wife; her greatest pride was her family. She loved her friends and her community, all of whom felt her warmth and devotion. In addition to her devoted husband of 57 years and her children, Brenda is survived by her seven grandchildren: Michelle and Charlie Midlo, Riley and Drew Jacobson, and Nicole, Danielle, and Kevin Daily; her brother and sister-in-law: Jerome and Evelyn Makowsky of Memphis; and her sister-in-law Ginger Kaplan.

A graveside funeral service will be held at Beth Jacob Cemetery, on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at Texas Children's Hospital - Cancer Research ([www.tch.org](http://www.tch.org)) or to the Alzheimer's Disease Center at Baylor College of Medicine ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)).