



## Caryll Vicki Garfield

April 24, 1945 - December 22, 2025

Caryll Vicki Garfield, 80, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Caryll was born on April 24, 1945, in London, England, to the late Isaac and Lee Hart. Her middle name was a celebration of the victory over the Nazis because she was born the night the blackout was lifted at the end of World War II.

Caryll graduated from Pittman's Secretarial College and worked as a secretary in London, England where she met her husband, Leigh Garfield. After a brief engagement, they were married on December 26, 1966, and remained married until his death in 2002. In 1979, they moved from London to Houston, and Caryll became a naturalized US citizen in 1988.

Caryll loved her grandchildren more than anything else in the world. She enjoyed an active lifestyle, traveling around the country and the world with her friends and family. She loved going to the opera and theater and was a longtime member of Congregation Or Ami. She enjoyed staying busy as an usher and English dialect coach for Theatre Suburbia and was a longtime docent at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, leading weekly tours of 3rd and 4th graders. She had a love of British mysteries, especially the Sherlock Holmes stories, and was a member of the Houston Sherlock Holmes society

for many years.

Caryll was preceded in death by her husband, Leigh Garfield; her parents, Isaac "Alf" Hart and Lee Yentis, nee Hart; her stepfather, Sam "Uncle Sam" Yentis; and her brothers, Alan and Sammy Hart. She is survived by her brother, Michael Hart; her two children, Simon Garfield and his wife, Rebecca Garfield, and Samantha Gaw and her husband, Alex Gaw; and her three grandchildren, Oliver Garfield, Ezra Gaw, and Lily Gaw; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service took place on Friday, December 26, 2025, at 2:30 pm at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Lane, Houston, Texas 77055.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Caryll's favorite charities: The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston ([www.mfah.org](http://www.mfah.org)), Theatre Suburbia ([www.theatresuburbia.org](http://www.theatresuburbia.org)), or Congregation Or Ami ([www.oramihouston.org](http://www.oramihouston.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.  
Houston, TX 77055

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC **26**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery  
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Houston, TX 77055

*The service will also be livestreamed at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/590602978?pwd=Vkn2WwtWK0RXL3AwU0J3Uk9jeXJoZz09>*

# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Although we were apart I will miss you so much and I am so grateful we had our time in London recently. You will always be in my heart and thoughts and am truly thankful you are at peace with Leigh and Alan who we miss so much but we know you will keep an eye on him! Love you, Ann

Ann Hart - December 27, 2025 at 08:25 AM

NN

“ Our Beautiful Auntie Caryll. The world has lost the kindest sweetest soul and we will miss you so much. You were the last connection to our dad which is really bitter sweet. You spoke of how much you missed Uncle Lee and my dad so that gives us peace that you are now reunited. I'm so sad that there will be no more teary London goodbyes. RiP Auntie Caryll.  
Lots of love Nicola, Darren & Aaron - Natalie & Ann xxxx



Nicola Norton - December 27, 2025 at 07:49 AM

CR

“ There are so many sweet, nice, beautiful, caring, and amazing things I can say about you, the Love I felt from you, cups of coffee(tea), our conversation about everything, especially the Love of Family and the Love of your Life. You taught me what the pantomime really is (fun times), opera concert to be continued. I will forever treasure our time together. Till we meet again mi Beautiful sweet friend

Cristabel - December 26, 2025 at 11:18 AM

DS

“ Diana and Steve purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Caryll Vicki Garfield.



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**Diana and Steve** - December 26, 2025 at 09:02 AM

DW

“ Caryll was a woman of quiet strength, expressing more through her actions than her words. In her kitchen—her sanctuary—she carried the wisdom of her tradition, creating Kosher meals with skill, grace, and unmistakable authority.

*A devoted volunteer of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, she poured the same care into her community as she did into her family. Her children reflect the depth of her love and the enduring bond she shared with her late husband.*

*Her eyes held resilience; her presence offered calm. I am grateful for the brief moments I shared with her at family gatherings. Those memories, like her spirit, will remain with me always.*

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**Diana Warner** - December 25, 2025 at 10:52 PM

WG

*Thank you for including us from afar in the beautiful tribute to your mom, Simon, your mother-in-law, Rebecca, and your grandmother, Oliver. Wendy & Steve*

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**Wendy S Gordon** - December 26, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Caryll Vicki Garfield.*



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December 25, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Hiro, Owen, Naomi, and Eric planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Caryll Vicki Garfield.*

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**Hiro, Owen, Naomi, and Eric** - December 25, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ *Caryll became part of our lives when our children met, fell in love and married. We are so fortunate to have gained this wonderful person and extended family along with our daughter in law. We loved being with Caryll and we have had so many great times together in so many places. She was a good friend. Funny smart, kind and beautiful. I will miss her so much. My heart is with her immediate family. May her memory be for a blessing.*

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**Beth Gaw** - December 25, 2025 at 04:21 PM