



Cecelia Schwartz

November 1, 1926 - August 3, 2015

Cecelia Esserick Schwartz, age 88, passed away on August 3, 2015 in Houston, Texas. Born in 1926, in San Antonio, Texas, Cecelia graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a major in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. In 1954 she married Maurice Gordon Schwartz, the love of her life. They had almost 60 wonderful years together and were partners in every aspect of their lives, including working together in their jewelry store, Diamonds Unlimited in Austin. After retiring Cecelia and Maurice moved to Houston to be closer to family.

Cecelia was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice, and by her parents, Sam and Leah Esserick. She is survived by her daughter, Amy Lynn Schwartz; daughter Laura Schwartz Hall and her husband, Bill Hall; and daughter Carolyn Schwartz Putterman and her husband, Leland Putterman. Her heart belonged to her grandchildren, Will and Matthew Hall, Lindsey and her husband Drew Karklin and Adam and Melissa Putterman.

The family extends a warm thank you to Madeline Goldsmith and her loving staff at the Forum on Post Oak and to Mary Hodge from Hodge's Helping Hands. Special thanks to Clementine Jackson and Connie Satler who showered her with love and care.

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Emanu El on August 4, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to

The Alzheimer's Association or to the charity of your choice.

Cecelia led a life of service. She was the consummate Mother and best friend. Over the years she served as President of her Temple Sisterhood, of her Hadassah Chapter, of her Garden Club, of the PTA, and participated in every committee that involved her children. She was also the Chapter Advisor of Delta Phi Epsilon at the University of Texas in Austin.

Cecelia enabled her daughter Amy to lead a dignified and fulfilling life. She worked to ensure that people with challenges would be able to live happy and productive lives. Cecelia leaves a proud legacy to her children, grandchildren and friends who will forever hold her memories in their hearts.