



David Jonas

September 19, 1920 - May 26, 2017

David Jonas, 96 beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather died Friday, May 26, 2017.

He was born September 19, 1920 to Martin (Mordechai) and Rose (Raizel) in the small farming town of Chermounia in Transylvania, Romania. He joined the Hungarian army when he was 17 and captured by the Russians shortly after. He was in a Russian labor camp for many years until the liberation. He was one of ten children, but only four survived the Holocaust. David and his brother Yonah, and two sisters, Miriam and Hana, immigrated to Israel together after the war.

David met his wife of 49 years, Hana, in Israel where they had Helena and Ester and a few years later moved to Queens, New York in 1962. David worked incredibly hard as a machinist and mechanic to provide a better life for his family. David also loved his siblings and always looked forward to his frequent trips to Israel.

He lived in New York for 43 years until his wife passed away to cancer. He and daughter Helena then moved to Houston to be close to their family in Houston. He became a great cook and was well known on his block, Birdwood Drive, for his great soups and stuffed cabbage.

He enjoyed an active, fully independent lifestyle for the majority of his life. He

loved going to Saturday morning services and was an avid attendee at Beth Yeshurun. You could find him climbing ladders to clear the gutters, doing his morning and evening stretching routines, and growing vegetables in his garden well into his 90s!

David is survived by his daughters, Helena, and Esther, his son in law, Sherman, and four grandchildren, Ronny, Lauren, Abby, and Lenni, and great grandson Leo who was affectionately known as "Julio" to Papa.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.