



David Charles De Sola Morris

August 20, 1954 - December 13, 2025

David C. Morris of Houston, Texas passed away this Saturday, December 13th at the age of 71 following a battle with kidney cancer. He lived a life defined by intellectual curiosity, entrepreneurial spirit, deep devotion to family and friends, and an unwavering commitment to the Jewish community.

David Charles De Sola Morris was born on August 20, 1954, in Johannesburg, South Africa, to Jessel Morris and Rebecca “Bex” Morris. After his family’s move to Cape Town at the age of four, he spent much of his teenage years at the Sea Point beaches, enjoying a life with his friends and brothers, as well as in the halls of Herzlia High School. David earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Cape Town in 1978. In 1979, along with his family, he immigrated to Houston, Texas.

After arriving in Houston, he quickly established himself in the business world as a stockbroker at Bache & Co before moving on to Lehman Brothers. During his long and distinguished career, he earned a reputation for developing meaningful relationships -- whether it be with his clients or colleagues. He thrived at Lehman, where he transitioned into wealth management, harnessing his love of researching companies and following geopolitical and technological trends to help clients navigate the complex world of the markets. David continued his career at Barclays and in 2015 joined Stifel, where he worked until his death. Known for his insight, integrity, and enthusiasm, he

especially loved investing in technology start-ups.

In 1981, shortly after arriving in the U.S., David met native Houstonian Susan Farb, the love of his life. They married in 1984 and built a beautiful life together filled with humor, love, learning and culture until Susan's untimely passing last year. David was a devoted husband to Susan, cheerleading her "Farbulous" career, writing her love letters, and celebrating her leadership positions in the community.

A passionate and committed Jew, he was also a model mensch. He ensured that the family celebrated Shabbat every week together, gave his children a Jewish education, and supported Jewish causes. David gave generously of his time and leadership to the Jewish community and served on the boards of the Jewish Federation, Jewish Family Service, The Emery/Weiner School, Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care, and remained deeply engaged in communal life throughout his years.

In his later years, David developed a love for photography, finding particular joy in capturing images of plant and animal life during his travels with Susan. He approached life with vigor, curiosity, and an enduring sense of possibility.

David was a doting father, loving dog owner and will be remembered for his sharp mind, warm heart, boundless energy, and the love he gave so freely to his family and community. His legacy lives on through those he loved and the many lives he touched.

He is survived by his daughters, Hannah Morris and Shara Morris; his sons-in-law, Gabi Band and David Abelson; and his beloved grandchildren, Micah and Ayelet Band and Lior Abelson. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jonathan Morris and Elisabeth Morris and Henri and Ruth Morris, his mother-in-law, Sylvia Farb, and numerous nieces and nephews. His wife,

Susan Farb Morris, passed away in 2024.

A funeral service took place on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 1:30 pm at Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77005. Burial followed at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074.

In lieu of flowers, donations in David's memory may be made to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston (www.houstonjewish.org), Jewish Family Service (www.alexanderjfs.org), Emery/Weiner Jewish Secondary School (www.emeryweiner.org), or Seven Acres Jewish Senior Care Services (www.sevenacres.org).

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

Congregation Emanu El
1500 Sunset Blvd
Houston, TX 77005

Graveside Service

DEC 16. 3:00 PM (CT)

Emanu El Memorial Park
8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Tribute Wall

NL

“ We are saddened to hear of the loss of your beloved David. Susan, his wife, and I were friends from long ago, and I met David practically when Susan did, at the Jewish singles parties that took place at the time. Though we no longer lived in the same city, Susan and I kept in touch, and we saw them on a rare trip to Houston shortly before Susan's passing. My heart goes out to her girls, Mom, sisters, his family and all their many, many friends who will miss them terribly. This loss leaves a hole in many people's lives, and in the city of Houston, who was lucky to have them. May their memories be a blessing.

Nicole Lipson - December 22, 2025 at 10:03 AM

RM

“ My condolences to the family. David was a truly special person. I always enjoyed our conversations.

Randy McFadden - December 18, 2025 at 01:11 PM

MR

“ Mike Rogoff here, Jerusalem. My condolences to the family. יהי זכרו ברוך
David was a Herzlia School classmate of my younger brother, Walter Rogoff.
Please convey my personal greetings to David's older brother, Henri, a classmate of mine at the same school.
<rogoff@netvision.net.il>

Mike Rogoff - December 18, 2025 at 02:38 AM

AF

“ Abbe F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Abbe F. - December 16, 2025 at 06:19 PM

JF

“ Jonathan F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Jonathan F. - December 16, 2025 at 06:14 PM

RG

“ Rick G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Rick G. - December 16, 2025 at 01:52 PM

LT

“ Linda T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Linda T. - December 16, 2025 at 11:54 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of David Charles De Sola Morris.



December 16, 2025 at 11:05 AM

KK

“ Kati Killam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Kati Killam - December 16, 2025 at 11:05 AM

ET

“ eliane thweatt purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of David Charles De Sola Morris.



eliane thweatt - December 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM

ET

“ eliane thweatt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

eliane thweatt - December 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of David Charles De Sola Morris.



December 15, 2025 at 03:59 PM

MW

“ *Melissa W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.*

Melissa W. - December 15, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Charles De Sola Morris.*



December 15, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JF

“ *Jeff Markham Bob Johnson & Stifel family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of David Charles De Sola Morris.*



Jeff Markham Bob Johnson & Stifel family - December 15, 2025 at 11:52 AM

SA

“ *I met David when we were both around 14 years old and on memorable subsequent meetings his warmth and later Susan's rekindled our sincere and special relationship. Just chatting on the phone as we did recently enriched my life. What special memories! David will always be remembered for a blessing. I wish all his family long life. Simon*

Simon Arcus - December 15, 2025 at 02:56 AM

JA

“ I helped a man whose vehicle broke down in 2015 and his name was David Morris and he helped change my life to what it is now I am forever grateful to David and his wife Susan rest in peace

Jimmy Adams - December 14, 2025 at 06:45 PM

RA

“ Robert A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Charles De Sola Morris.

Robert A. - December 14, 2025 at 06:42 PM