



Dr. Joseph Shoss

July 26, 1927 - October 7, 2023

Dr. Joseph (Joe) Shoss, age 96, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2023, in Houston, TX, surrounded by his loved ones.

Born to Becky and Max Shoss on July 26, 1927, Joe grew up with his three brothers above his family's dry goods store on Canal Street in Houston. After graduating from San Jacinto High School at age 16, he attended Rice University year-round during the day and University of Houston at night, while also working at his parents' store. He graduated from Baylor Medical School with a medical degree at age 21.

In 1949, Joe married Ann Gelman and they traveled together across the United States during his medical training. Joe completed his internship in Detroit, followed by a pediatric residency in St. Louis, Missouri. They then moved to California where Joe worked in Los Angeles as a senior pediatric resident and in Victorville on the George Air Force Base as a pediatrician.

Upon returning to Houston in 1954, Joe practiced pediatrics for 52 years. During these years, he was Chief of Pediatrics at St. Joseph's Hospital, an initial member of the Texas Children's Hospital medical staff, Vice President of the Texas Children's Hospital general staff, and Chief of Pediatrics at Sharpstown General Hospital. He will always be remembered for his devotion to the care of his patients.

Joe played an active role in the Houston community. He enjoyed many years of racquetball, and was a dedicated fan of local sports teams. He was an active member at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, serving on the Board of Trustees and participating in many other synagogue activities.

Joe and Ann were happily married for 52 years until her passing in 2001. Together they raised three children: Connie, Stan and Jeanne. More than anything else, Joe loved his family and had immense pride in his three children, nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and, of course, his beloved dogs. Joe married Constance Koslin in 2004, and was blessed with another extended family. He and Constance spent eighteen happy years together. Joe was a warm, caring person and the ultimate caretaker, putting everyone else's needs ahead of his own.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Max and Becky Shoss, his brothers Isadore (Beverly) and Milton Shoss (Jane), and his sister-in-law Bess Wishnow (Harry). He is survived by his brother, Samuel Shoss (Karen). Joe is also survived by his three children: Connie Dotan (Douglas), Stanford Shoss (Jan), Jeanne Rubin (Jay); nine grandchildren: Greg Gerstenhaber (Courtney), Julie Wade (Reid), Lindsay Seruya (Daniel), Jeffrey Shoss (Hannah), Bradley Shoss (Mindy), Jessica Shoss, Brian Rubin (Elizabeth), Robyn Pecora (Austin), Robert Rubin (Katerina); and fifteen great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A very special thank you to Jackie Collier, his wonderful caretaker and companion, and to the facilities of Brookdale Galleria Senior Living and Brazos Towers at Bayou Manor for providing excellent care.

A service will be held at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, Bender Chapel (7445 Awty School Ln, Houston, TX 77055) on Wednesday, October 11th at 2PM CDT. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American

Diabetes Association or Jewish Family Services.

A livestream of the service will be available at the following link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

OCT 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery
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Houston, TX 77055

Bender Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“ Dr. Shoss was my doctor growing up. I had a hamburger in my stomach too! I grew up, joined the Marines & had a family. When I moved back to Houston, I found he was still in practice & I had him take care of my kids. One day, my daughter became ill & my wife called the office. He heard my wife talking on the phone & told the nurse to make room in the schedule & to come right now.

Alfredo Abrego - February 21, 2025 at 02:08 AM

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“ Dr. Shoss was a frequent visitor at our house growing up. He worked closely with other pediatricians in the area, including Stuart Cohan, Harold Joachim, Dick Frankel, and my father, Gerald George. They gathered regularly to listen to and discuss audio-recordings of recent pediatric articles. He was always a warm and friendly guest who showed an interest in everyone present. I know he will be greatly missed by friends and family, and that he continues to be well-remembered by his former patients.
Gerrod George

Gerrod George - October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM

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A wonderful, sweet, and kind man has left us! May his memory always be for a blessing! The Proler/Weinstein family's

Maureen Proler - October 09, 2023 at 02:05 PM

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*Dr. Shoss was our family pediatrician. He was such an amazing man! We all loved him so much. I called and talked with him a quite a few years back. I found out that he had been standing in for my childrens pediatrician when he went on vacation. Unfortunately, my children never got to meet him. He was the best doctor and a warm person who will be remembered by us all! I'm so thankful we had a chance to get to know him! We send our condolences to his family who he had told me about. He was very proud of all of his children and loved them with all his heart.
May god rest his soul!*

Dr. Anthony Zamany and Mrs. Karen Zamany - September 15, 2024 at 01:34 PM