



## Dr. Marvin Jacob Abrams

June 19, 1937 - January 6, 2024

Dr. Marvin Jacob Abrams, 86, passed away peacefully and comfortably in his sleep on Saturday, January 6, 2024, in Houston, Texas. Marvin was born on June 19, 1937, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada to the late Abie and Manya Abramovitz. His Hebrew name is Moshe Yaakov Abrams

Marvin attended Harbord Collegiate High School, then went on to study medicine at the University of Toronto Medical School. He graduated in 1962. He was a General Practitioner in Toronto (Richmond Hill) for 16 years with Dr. Harvey Socol. It was a full practice where he delivered many babies and made many house calls to his patients.

In 1978, Marv and his family moved to Houston, Texas, along with many of his medical friends. He firmly established himself in the community with his friends, family, and his patients. Marvin had a very special, dedicated staff, even working with his son, David. Marvin spent a lot of time with his patients, getting to know them, and treating everyone as an equal. He loved to build, tinker and fix things, from computers to electronics, and everything around the home. He would repair things for his friends and give his special 'lifetime guarantee'.

In Houston, Marv could indulge in his favorite sports all year round: fishing, squash, and his favorite, Tennis, anywhere, any time. He loved classical

music, opera, jazz, and country. And he would take any opportunity to dine out with family and friends. He loved to travel, by car, cruising the seas, and by air. Marvin loved meeting new friends. He would encourage people to pursue their interests and he always loved to learn new things himself.

When Marvin retired, he still liked to practice medicine part-time and especially loved his time working as a doctor for the FBI. He was a kind, gentle, spiritual, and loving man, with his signature dry sense of humor and a warm smile.

Marvin was preceded in death by his sister, Lily Abrams and brother-in-law, Jack Federman. He is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Bayla; his three children, David, Abbe-Sue and her spouse Katie Rowen, Lesley and husband Gavin Abrams-Schwartz, his beautiful grandchildren, Aidan and Grey Abrams-Schwartz, and Mira Abrams-Rowen. Sister-in-law Sharon and Jerry Roebuck, niece, Catherine and husband Peter; Sister-in-law, Barbara Francis, nephews, Brendan and wife Munyung, Matthew and wife Andrea; and Dylan and Ray. And many other loving family and friends in Toronto and Houston, Israel and Brazil.

The family would like to express a deep appreciation to Healing Source and Marvin's loving caregivers for their efforts in our home to enhance Marvin's life during his final years and months. Jo Marshall, Jason Parker, Debbie Ayers, Steven Rodriguez, Mariah Parker, Bola Arigbabowo. And thank you to Elite Hospice in his last few days, Leigh-Ann, Ashley, and Alyssa.

Contributions in Marvin's memory may be made to American Friends of Magen David Adom (<https://afmda.org/>), Friends of the Israeli Defense Force (<https://www.fidf.org/>), Baycrest Foundation (<https://www.baycrestfoundation.org/>), or to the organization of your choice.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln., Houston, TX 77055. Shiva following at Bayla and Marvin's house at 4:00 PM.

A livestream of the funeral is available at the following link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

May Marvin's memory be a blessing.

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.  
Houston, TX 77055

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery  
7445 Awty School Ln.  
Houston, TX 77055

*The Bender Memorial Chapel*

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Our family loved Dr. Abrams. We were his patients at his jersey Village office. He was always kind and we were thinking about him today. I looked up to find that he had passed. My parents and grandparents were his patients as well as myself and my children. We all knew he was a special doctor and person . We pray the family finds joy in his memory and knows that many people loved and appreciated him.

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**Sharon Lieder Atwood** - January 13, 2025 at 11:04 PM

MR

“ Dear Bayla, Abbe-Sue, David, Lesley and Family,  
We are very sorry to hear of Marv's passing. He was a lovely man; intelligent, talented and caring.  
May all the good memories you all shared be a comfort to you and we are very sorry for your loss.  
Marilyn Rosen and Fred Shuster

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**Marilyn Rosen** - January 12, 2024 at 10:17 AM

RR

“ Dear Bayla, Abbe-Sue, David and Lesley,  
David and I are so sorry to hear of Marv's passing. He was truly a one-of-a-kind, unique, talented and generous man, and the ultimate mensch. It was always a pleasure to talk with him even though our contacts over the last 40 years were infrequent. Somehow, during his own challenges he continued to be a huge support to my brother and sister-in-law Jerry and Sharon. Most of my conversations with them had the phrase, "well, Marv said..." in there somewhere - an offering expert advice of some sort. And I won't even mention the fishing stories!

We are so sorry for your loss and will remember him with great fondness.

Razelle Roebuck and David MacCoy

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**Razelle Roebuck** - January 11, 2024 at 10:40 AM

BF

“ Dear Bayla, Abbe-Sue and family:  
We are so saddened to hear of Marv's passing. May his memory be for a blessing.  
Bryna and Philip Fellen

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**Bryna and Philip Fellen** - January 10, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MB

“ I remember Friday nights at Bubby Chaya's with our cousins. Cousin Marvin & Uncle Harry were thick as thieves, as they had me peel their grapes. May Marvin's memory be a Blessing.

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**Martin Brockman** - January 10, 2024 at 05:00 PM

TL

“ Dr Marvin you are missed. I enjoyed you as my boss, friend, an great mentor. Your one of a kind. BUT I will never forget you an the office staff planned a prank on me when I was on the phone with a patient. I continously saw you walking toward me from your office an I glanced my head to the right an saw you putting a dead cockroach on my shoulder. I screamed so loud I hung up on the patient an everybody was laughing cause they knew my fear was cock roaches. You laughed so hard you was red an pink in the face an you said I never seen a black girl turn white from being scared. These are the days I really miss. I love you rest in heaven peacefully

TAWANNA LEWIS - January 10, 2024 at 10:04 AM

LB

“ Dearest Baila and family. So many memories growing up. Friday nights at aunty Chaia with all the cousins and aunts and uncles. Passovers, Brontë etc. I'm now the last cousin! Gerri and I share your sadness at this time. Lazer and Gerri Bromberg

Lazer and Gerri Bromberg - January 10, 2024 at 07:32 AM

EV

“ My condolences to Abbe-Sue and the Abrams family, much love Evadne

evadne - January 09, 2024 at 09:47 PM

MB

I have fond memories at Bubby Chaya's place with Marvin. He and uncle Harry were thick as thieves as they actually had me peel their grapes. May Marvin's memory be a Blessing.

Martin Brockman - January 10, 2024 at 04:50 PM

WH

“ So very sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all during this time.

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**Wendy Hart** - January 09, 2024 at 09:26 PM

CR

“ My uncle Marvin, a man that made me laugh and think. Memories of trips to Texas, visits in Toronto, and phone calls about new tricks he taught the cat, and of course fishing stories. He always had a way of making you feel loved and cared about. He had a playful side , he could always catch you off guard with a random joke, or interesting fact. He was a great uncle to me and made Peter feel like he always belonged. He had a bond with my father Jerry that stood the test of time. He was always there for my mother Sharon with love and medical advice when needed. The love Marvin shared with my aunt Bayla , a strong and dedicated relationship. You could tell just by the way they looked at each other. The simple way they interacted with one another made it clear they were soulmates. My cousins and their spouses Abbe-Sue and Katie, Lesley and Gavin and David I could see the individual bonds you each shared with your father and father in law , beautiful and special, he had such love for you each that was clear. Aidan , Grey and Mira the joy you gave Marvin was clear with that twinkle in his eyes when he spoke of you or when you were speaking to him or simply near by. May the memories and love hold you together and bring you strength. I believe we give a little of our heart to every one in our lives, I will be forever grateful and will hold it forever close, the little part of his heart my uncle Marvin gave to me.

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**Catherine Roebuck** - January 09, 2024 at 05:32 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to the families of Dr Marvin Abrams. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. May he forever rest in peace . Dr Abrams was so kind and welcoming beyond words . I am so fortunate to have met such a wonderful person. I first met the Abrams family many years ago when I went to live with them on Denham Drive . Thornhill . I immediately became part of the family and I have fond memories of him when living there. We would have chats for example after a long day when he would come home, turn on the t.v and sit back with his pipe, or at times when he would be on his short wave radio , or maybe on the way to the cottage. He was always complimentary , encouraging or supportive giving me advice when I needed it the most. He would make me smile when he would make comments about me having a “unique “ voice he always recognized! After they moved to Houston we would have a chat from time to time but lost touch when he became ill I did get to say a few words to him about a week ago when Bayla called which I am very thankful for. Dr Marvin Abrams, Bayla and family I will always hold you near and dear to my heart. Shelia and Bob

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**Shelia Partridge** - January 09, 2024 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ Uncle Marvin, you were always a wonderful person. You were gracious with your time and always willing to help. I will always remember my trips to Houston and your amazing wit. My sincerest condolences to Aunt Bayla, cousins Abbe, Leslie and David, and Gray, Aiden and Mira.

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**Matthew Sack** - January 09, 2024 at 02:34 PM

BG

“ Dear Bayla and family,  
We are very sadden by the loss of your dear Marvin. May you find peace and comfort in his memories.  
Bob and Bunny Greenbaum

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**Bonita Greenbaum** - January 09, 2024 at 11:34 AM

BR

“ I will always remember my Uncle Marvin as a true mensch. He was always there for my Mother, his sister-in-law, when she needed advice, medical or other. Further proof of what kind of man he was: even though my parents were divorced many years ago, he always continued to ask for my father. Although I haven't visited Texas since I was a child, I vividly remember some of the experiences we had together when I was there; visiting NASA, eating at a big Texas truck stop, and even catching a Rockets game against Jordan and the Bulls. My heart goes out to my Aunt Bayla, cousins David, Abbe, and Lesley, and the rest of the family. We'll miss you, Uncle Marvin. Say hi to my Dad.

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**Brendan** - January 09, 2024 at 10:57 AM

BO

“ Accept my sincere condolence. Dr Marvin J Abrams will surely be missed for being funny,gentle, kind etc. He was a loving caring person. He deserves the kind of care he received in the last days of his life because I believe he has sown good care in to people's lives in the past no wonder he died peacefully in his sleep to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. We love you but God loves you more.

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**Bola** - January 08, 2024 at 10:53 PM

CW

“ I really will miss pop . He was the father I never had always positive and funny.I want have anyone to take fishing now but God has his angle.May all family members be blessed. I will miss his stories and jokes.

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**Callie williams** - January 08, 2024 at 08:57 PM

BF

“ *Dr. Marvin J. Abrams: A Few Words* by Barbara Frances Tuesday January 10

*There are not nearly enough positive words to describe my brother-in-law Marv Abrams. Marv was exceptional. He was very clever yet humble. He was kind, caring and capable. And he was the epitome of D I Y*

*Everyone agrees that he was a loving husband and family man and a most loyal friend. But I want to touch on a couple of examples. Marvin was a great doctor, always patient, and willing to take the time to provide even ‘out of the office’ diagnoses. Even his nurses and other doctors consulted him. He often could diagnose baffling symptoms where other professionals were stymied. I was the recipient of an enormous amount of research he did to find answers when several doctors in Toronto were baffled.*

*Marvin was a not so amateur engineer. He could fix anything from clocks to computers and everything in between. When friends & family were frustrated and ready to throw something out, he would say, “Here, let me take a look at it.” He loved a challenge. Then, often with much perseverance, items were mended and working again. But his extension folding table built for Bubi Federman was a marvel. It was cut out in a reverse oval to fit perfectly to the oval dining table. It was used for many years for Shabbat and Holy Day dinners*

*Matthew and Brendan particularly reminded me of one trip we took to Houston. Marv organized every day with power packed trips to the likes of Mission Control and a model quarter-size train set that one of his patients built. And of course one of our very favorites was a truck stop visit for ‘homemade’ apple pie complemented with a tour of a truck.*

*The Abrams kids complained they never had it so good.*

*Most of all Marvin had the biggest heart for each and every person. He was always happy to see you asking after each and everyone in your circle including their health. In summary, Marv was the epitome of a ‘mensch’*

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Barbara Frances - January 08, 2024 at 07:13 PM

RB

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

Ruby Bell - January 08, 2024 at 12:00 PM

MS

“ Marvin we will miss you on the tennis courts but most as a friend for so many years.

morty stein - January 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM

CO

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. Marvin was an adorable person who we will never forget. We will always remember the trips he and Bayla made to visit the family in Brazil. I spent a wonderful Passover week with him, Bayla and Leslie in Houston. We will truly miss him. Baruch Dayan Haemet.  
Regards from the Oksenberg family in Brazil.  
Claudio Oksenberg

Claudio Oksenberg - January 08, 2024 at 09:23 AM

TJ

“ My deepest condolences to the family. May his soul rest in peace.

Trevor John - January 08, 2024 at 09:00 AM

SR

“ I had the pleasure of being one of Doc's nurses. He would always grade me after each visit. Surprisingly he gave me an A plus each time. I enjoyed getting to him and his wife Bayla. Thank you for allowing me to be apart of his care. Doc will definitely be missed.

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**Stephen Sommers Rodriguez** - January 07, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ I've been a nurse for over 25 years. I've never been asked to use a vintage mercurial sphygmomanometer (Blood pressure machine). Dr Abrams asked if I carry one. I happened to be given one by my uncle who had a medical office in California. It was such a special request by Dr. Abrams, the one and only, that I use it to take his blood pressure very time I visited him. I will never forget you, Dr. Abrams!

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**Jo Marshall** - January 06, 2024 at 11:34 PM