



## Elaine S. Leben

June 16, 1943 - January 17, 2021

Elaine Sara Leben, beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, and friend passed away on January 17, 2021. Elaine, daughter of Max and Bess, was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. She married Sidney in 1964 and moved to Smithtown, New York in 1968, eventually relocating to Houston, Texas in the early 1980s. Elaine spent over 40 years teaching, focusing on special education students, in New York and in the Klein Independent School District before retiring in 2005, when her first grandson was born. Elaine loved being a grandma, spending time and celebrating holidays and Jewish traditions with her family, talking on the phone, and playing Words with Friends and Mah Jongg with her cherished friends near and far.

Elaine will be greatly missed by incredibly devoted husband of 56 years, Sidney Leben, her son Mitchell and wife Michelle Leben, daughter Erica and husband Jason Frankel, and her grandchildren Scott and Brett Leben, who were her pride and joy, all of Houston, Texas. She also leaves behind her wonderfully loving brother Edward Sands, formerly of Maryland, her especially close cousins, her niece and nephews, and their children, all of whom she adored. Treasured friends will miss her beautiful smile and positive attitude.

The family would like to thank Dr. Donna Weber and her Multiple Myeloma team at MD Anderson for all of their wonderful care and support of Elaine over

the past 11 years since her diagnosis. We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful years and memories that her treatment gave our family.

A private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers, please donate in Elaine's memory to MD Anderson Cancer Center at <https://gifts.mdanderson.org/>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine S. Leben*

---

**Rick Seymour** - January 26, 2021 at 05:43 PM