



## Ernie Rudder

March 30, 1937 - June 23, 2016

Ernie Rudder passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 at the age of 79. He is preceded in death by his parents Jerome and Etta Rudder his step mother Ray Rudder and his in-laws Nathan and Shirley Ginsberg, as well as his brother Morty Orenstein. Ernie is survived by his sisters, Phyllis Schippell and Linda Abramowitz and brother Howard Mendelson. Ernie's loving wife Gail describes Ernie as a wonderful husband, father and a terrific grandfather.

Gail and Ernie often reminisced of how proud they were of their children Elisa, Ilene, and Julie. In addition to his wife Gail and his 3 daughters, Ernie is survived by his loving grandchildren Shannon Holbrook, Jordan Jamar, Josh Jamar, Dakota Metsger, Shelby Stewart, Michael Stewart, Ryan Stewart, Jacob Stewart, Noah Burstyn, Jesse Burstyn as well as his son in law's Mike Stewart, Len Burstyn, and Paul Metsger. The family will be eternally grateful for the care and love he was given by his caretaker and best friend Cassandra Green. Ernie left an incredible legacy as a patriarch with great grandchildren Ethan Halbrook and Kennedy Jamar as well as numerous nieces nephews and cousins. All of his surviving family will long remember Ernie's sense of humor and charitable spirit.

He was born and raised in the Bronx, NY and later moved to Jackson, Heights, NY. Ernie and Gail moved to Houston, Texas in 1961 to be closer to family. They were lifetime members of Congregation Beth Yeshurun.

Ernie was an avid sports fan who adored The Yankees and the Dallas Cowboys. Ernie proudly served in the US Army and was stationed at Ft Hood, Texas and Ft. Dix, NJ. Ernie spent years tirelessly working and traveling for work in the men's apparel business. His legacy is strong and his family and friends will carry him in their hearts forever.