



Esther Diane Berger

February 19, 1946 - February 4, 2026

Esther Diane Berger, affectionately known to some as Gracie, was born on February 19, 1946, and passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, surrounded by loved ones in Sugar Land, Texas. Diane was a beloved wife, sister, aunt, and devoted friend whose warmth and kindness touched all who knew her.

Diane is survived by her loving husband, Irvin Berger; her sister, Debbie Schwartz (David); nephews, Daniel Schwartz and Jerry Berger (Kathy); numerous cherished great-nephews and great-nieces; and countless dear friends who became family over the years.

Diane proudly worked at Rice University for 51 years in the Controller's Office, where she built not only a remarkable career but also an extraordinary work family she deeply loved.

She had a passion for travel and a gift for making friends wherever she went. Diane also delighted in playing mahjong, a pastime that brought her great joy and connection with others.

Diane was a devoted member of Congregation Beth Israel in Houston, Texas.

A funeral service was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Sophia and

Jack Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln., Houston, Texas, 77055. The service can be watched at <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b> until May 9, 2026.

Donations in Diane's honor may be made toward Kids' Meals through Congregation Beth Israel (<http://www.beth-israel.org/giving>), helping provide food to children in need.

Say goodnight, Gracie.

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sophia and Jack Bender Memorial Chapel
7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Tribute Wall

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“ Don B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Esther Diane Berger.

Don B. - February 08 at 02:40 PM

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“ You were my dear friend and I will miss you.
Love,
Don Barnett

Don Barnett - February 08 at 02:36 PM