



Gerald "Jerry" Kissner

March 7, 1937 - May 9, 2025

Gerald "Jerry" Kissner was born on March 7, 1937, to Abe and Mollie Kissner in The Bronx, New York City. He passed away peacefully on Friday, May 9, 2025, at the age of 88.

Born in the shadow of the Great Depression and just before World War II, Jerry grew up near Yankee Stadium and remained a devoted Yankees fan throughout his life. After completing high school, he joined the U.S. Navy, where he discovered a love of travel and had the opportunity to see the world.

One of Jerry's most cherished memories from his naval service was his involvement in the Hungarian Refugee Lift during the mid 1950s. His ship transported refugees to the United States, and true to Jerry's nature, he befriended one family with young children. He stayed in touch with them, helped them get settled, and supported them as they began their new lives. Decades later, one of the children visited him in Houston, a moment of immense pride and joy for Jerry.

After leaving the Navy, Jerry explored the U.S. before eventually settling in Houston, Texas. With only a few dollars in his pocket, he took a job at a department store and quickly found his footing. He soon turned his focus to the stock market, which became a lifelong passion. In the early 1960s, he became a financial advisor, dedicating nearly 60 years to helping families

achieve their financial goals.

Jerry spent 29 years at EF Hutton, followed by 12 years at Prudential Securities, and later worked as an independent advisor. Known for his professionalism, integrity, and ability to build lasting relationships, Jerry brought warmth and charisma wherever he went. He was always sharply dressed and never without a smile.

Above all, Jerry was a family man. He loved deeply and gave generously to those he cared about. He took immense pride in his children and grandchildren, and his home was always filled with laughter, conversation, and a sense of belonging. Whether it was through a heartfelt phone call, a shared holiday meal, or a quiet word of encouragement, Jerry's love and devotion to his family never wavered. He built a legacy rooted in kindness, strength, and connection that will continue through the generations.

Jerry began a family in Houston and raised three children—Rob, Jeff, and Doug. Later in life, after a long courtship, he married Pam Kelley in 1999. They shared 26 years of marriage and over four decades together.

Jerry is survived by his beloved wife, Pam; his children with his first wife, Arlene Nathan—Rob, Jeff (and his spouse Sheila), and Doug; his cherished grandchildren, Zoe and Mia; and his niece and nephew, Amriel and Eliana, and their four children.

A private family burial was held on May 12, 2025, at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the charity or organization of your choice in Jerry's honor.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Oaks Cemetery

13001 Katy Frwy.
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall

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“ We always love remembering the Astros games we attended with Jerry and Pam. Especially the great food at the new ballpark in downtown Houston. Have never had a catfish sandwich as good as that one!!

Jim and Kathy Clayworth

Kathleen Clayworth - September 04, 2025 at 08:34 PM

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“ I met Jerry when he first arrived in Houston. Jerry was fun to be with and always had a smile on his face.

He was good natured and always saw the bright side of things. I remember when he first went into the financial service business. It didn't take him long to become adept at his new job. He developed a great deal of financial acumen and was always willing to help anyone who needed it.

At the end of the day, the best way to describe Jerry, was to say;” Jerry Kissner was a mensch”.

Lenny Friedman - May 15, 2025 at 12:40 AM

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Jerry was a LONGTIME close friend of The Proler family! A real mensch whose word was his bond! He will be missed and the treasured story's of his life will always be a blessing. May his soul rest in peace. The Proler Family!

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