



## Glen A. Rosenbaum

August 26, 1948 - February 28, 2024

Glen A. Rosenbaum passed away in Houston on February 28, 2024. He died peacefully at home in his sleep. Glen was born in Houston on August 26, 1948, attended public schools, and graduated from Bellaire High School in 1966. He then attended the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with a degree in accounting in 1970, and immediately entered the University of Texas School of Law, where he excelled. He was elected to Law Review, graduating in 1973. He then joined Vinson & Elkins where he worked tirelessly, joined the Firm's partnership in 1980, and remained for 50 years working on tax and corporate matters until his passing.

Glen distinguished himself with many charitable organizations and endeavors. An avid train enthusiast and impetus for the Houston Museum of Natural Science's "Trains Over Texas" annual exhibit, his cherished organizations included the Houston Grand Opera where he served as board chairman and continued to generously support; Congregation Beth Yeshurun, a conservative synagogue in Houston, where he was a lifelong member and also served as general counsel; he was a longtime board member of the Houston Food Bank, contributing significantly to their efforts with service as chairman of its Endowment.

He was recognized with numerous awards for his service to others, including especially the Leon Jaworski Award from the Houston Bar Association.

Glen served as Southwest Regional Board Chair for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) where under his leadership, the organization achieved a then-record year for fundraising and expanded programming that laid the groundwork for the establishment of a permanent ADL office in Austin, which opened in 2003. In recognition of these and other efforts, Glen received the ADL Torch of Liberty Award.

Family was most important to Glen. He is survived by his brother Steve and wife Adriana; Rita Leader, his longtime companion who has been a source of love and support; nephew Sean Rosenbaum and wife Juli; nephew Alec Rosenbaum and wife Sara; great nephew, Morgan Rosenbaum and great nieces Anna Rosenbaum and Hettie Rosenbaum.

Glen's spirit and dedication to our community was given to him by his parents, Max and Helen Rosenbaum, who instilled in him the value of hard work, service to others, and perfection in all endeavors undertaken. The family is grateful to Graylin Simpson who was a most important part of the family for the past four decades.

Glen was a pillar of our community, a born leader, a generous philanthropist, and a great model for many. He will never be forgotten. A private graveside service was held. A memorial service honoring Glen's life and work was held at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut, on March 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions may be made to the Houston Grand Opera, Houston Food Bank, Holocaust Museum Houston, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, or a charity of choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.  
Houston, TX 77055

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth Yeshurun  
4525 Beechnut St.  
Houston, TX 77096

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Rutherford B. H. Yates Museum gratefully acknowledges and will always remember the late Glen Rosenbaum, an attorney with Vinson & Elkins, for his generous pro bono legal support. Mr. Rosenbaum was a man of action. He guided our archaeologist, attended protest hearings, and was instrumental in securing charitable property tax exemptions for the Museum’s J V Lewis house museum and Simms historic cottage, as well as three archaeology sites in Freedmen’s Town. He also helped prevent an elderly, low-income woman from losing their family home after HCAD mistakenly classified it as a vacant commercial lot and billed her \$8,000 in taxes. The house—a lived-in 800 square foot historic cottage built by her family in 1911—was her only residence, and she earned just \$12,000 per year. Without his intervention, she would have faced homelessness. In gratitude, we will feature a memorial exhibit in the restored J. V. Lewis Museum of Legal Professions and in the Simms Cottage honoring Mr. Rosenbaum’s vital contributions to preservation and social justice.*

*Catherine Roberts, Co-founder & Board of Directors of RBHYates Museum, Inc. rbhyates@gmail.com*

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**Catherine Roberts** - February 15 at 11:44 PM

JA

“ *We looked up to Glen as a hard-working, sincere, and caring person. He set a good example for all lawyers. We also appreciate all that he did for the Houston community. He will be missed. God bless you, Glen.*

*John and Cynthia Adkins*

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**John Adkins** - March 11, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AS

*“ I worked directly with Glen on a project for the past few years and we became good friends. He often shared fascinating stories about Houston and particularly the Meyerland area. His museum quality railroad display was also often the topic of discussion. I will miss Glen's wit and humor the most. I am glad our paths crossed and I got to know him.*

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**Ash** - March 07, 2024 at 08:18 PM

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*“ I am so saddened to hear of Glen's passing. He was a mentor, a client, and a friend who was generous, kind hearted and witty. Glen made an impact on everyone. He was a man of integrity and I will miss him greatly.  
Paula Thoreen*

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**Paula Thoreen** - March 07, 2024 at 06:12 PM

JS

*“ I first met Glen when we were Cub Scouts together, age 7; we exchanged emails 4 days prior to his passing, age 75. His life work as an attorney and benefactor; his passion for trains; his romance with opera; his innate kindness and generosity; truly, a man for all seasons. Jon Schwartz*

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**Jon Schwartz** - March 07, 2024 at 02:20 AM

SB

“ I am very saddened to learn of Glen Rosenbaum's passing. I have known Glenn for more than 45 years as a friend and in business. He was of the highest integrity and honesty. Glen cared for people and gave his time helping many community organizations. He was a true example of how one should live life. In business Glen was an outstanding negotiator for his clients, but he never 'cut corners' because he believed strongly in doing what was right and in a proper manner. He will be greatly missed. ---Stevan N. Bach---

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**Stevan N. Bach** - March 07, 2024 at 12:24 AM

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“Glen will always occupy a very special place in my memories of being a young lawyer at V&E. Having never taken a tax course in law school (and, honestly, no math courses after Fifth Form), I somehow landed in Tax, in an office next door to Glen’s. And over the next few years, I came to realize how truly fortuitous that was.

*Glen cared about young lawyers. He was initially welcoming and continually supportive. I can still clearly see him sitting in his office or standing, papers in hand, at our shared secretary’s desk. He might have been knitting his brows intent on his work. Because he worked very hard. But sometimes he might have glanced up wearing a wry grin. Because Glen also had a wonderful and dry sense of humor. He was a complicated and lovely human being.*

*Mostly, though, he was unusually kind and thoughtful. And I will never forget that. Almost 35-years ago, shortly into my tenure at the firm, I had a scheduled surgery. When I awoke, I was greeted by the most beautiful and extravagant flower arrangement that I had ever seen. And —with apologies to my husband— it still is. Thank you, Glen, for being so kind and generous to a young and unskilled tax lawyer. I wish I had been able to say this to you, not just about you.*

*Lisa Beck*

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**lisa** - March 06, 2024 at 06:14 PM

KL

“I have admired Glen so very much, for his generosity to community and colleagues, his wisdom, and especially his awesome sense of humor. He stands out in my memory of my early career years at V&E for someone who took the time to connect and give meaningful opportunities to the junior lawyers to learn and have exposure. Thank you and you are very missed Glen.

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**Kim Lesniak** - March 06, 2024 at 05:48 PM



“ Glen was my mentor and friend for over 37 years. He recruited me out of law school to come to V&E, and was my biggest supporter and cheerleader both in life and in law. About an hour after my first child was born, the nurse came to my room and said "your cousin is here to see you." I was puzzled and then she gave me a business card. It was Glen! Here's to "Cousin Glen." I will miss you so much, but know that you are reunited with your beloved parents.

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**Sarah Duckers** - March 06, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ We remember Mr. Glen Rosenbaum coming down to the mailroom bring his mail, saying.....I'm not to late...we all just smile saying...no you not late, he just was that cheerful person with a smile on his face, always spoke when he see you, We are going to mess that!! Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family.



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**Louise** - March 06, 2024 at 03:05 PM

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“ I met Glen in 2001 while working for the Anti-Defamation League. He became my friend, mentor, advisor, and most of all, my biggest cheerleader! Glen was there for me during some of my biggest struggles - both personally and professionally. He was truly the most supportive, understanding man who was a fantastic listener! He was kind, caring, thoughtful, funny, unique, smart, and most of all, generous! He gave so much to so many! We were all lucky to know him, and he has left an extraordinary legacy in the world!

*Everyone knew how particular he was about most things in life, and it was that trait that made him so wonderful and unique. Some of my greatest memories of Glen include:*

*When my mom and I took a photo with Glen on opening night of the Houston Grand Opera season, she made a joke: “I want a 16x20 of that picture!” Most people just laugh when she says that, but Glen took her very seriously! A few weeks later, my mom received a tube in the mail with a rolled up print of that photo - 16x20, of course!*

*The many, many books (ie. Rackstraw Downes, Chinati, mid-century modern design, etc.), magazines (i.e. Classic Toy Trains, Atomic Ranch), and CDs of opera singers he gave me, all of which were accompanied by a formal letter on V&E letterhead.*

*The whole experience working with him on the 2006 ADL dinner when he was the honoree. Glen and I spoke every day for 11.5 months. He was the antithesis of an event honoree. He took the role VERY seriously! He was determined to make the event the most successful in history, and it was. The two biggest highlights and memories from that event were:*

*(1) He was adamant about serving banana cream pie to the 1,100 people in attendance. However, many of us advised against it because it's not the most widely-loved dessert. In true Glen fashion, we took a poll. In fact, I took quite a few polls of different groups of people (one poll just wasn't enough!). We ended up alternating his*

*beloved banana cream pie with a chocolate dessert so people could share or trade. I presented him with a poster commemorating the whole ordeal after the event titled, "The Great Banana Cream Pie Controversy of 2006".*

*(2) During our daily check-ins about the fundraising total for the event, he would frequently joke (but was it really a joke?) that I will need to "get out the sandwich boards and go work the streets" [to raise more money]. When it came time for the event, I surprised him with a post-party for close friends and family where I proceeded to give him quite the roast. I entered the room wearing sandwich boards that read, "Get Your Torch of Liberty Tickets! For a Limited Time Only! One Night Show - November 16, 2006. Staring Glen Rosenbaum". Then, I read aloud some of the funniest emails he had sent me over the past year. The photos of him laughing while this was going on showed that he's a great sport and that he can laugh at his own quirkiness!*

*Glen's passion for trains was remarkable, and it was hard to comprehend how amazing his train room and layout was until you saw it. I feel so lucky to have seen the room so many times and to have seen others enjoy it so much. His dream truly did come to life!*

*Glen was one-of-a-kind! A truly great man who touched so many lives. May his memory be a blessing.*



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**Stefani Harris** - March 06, 2024 at 01:05 PM

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*My husband always spoke fondly of growing up with Steve and Glen. Every time we passed their house, he mentioned them and their mother. May Glen Rest In Peace.*

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**Fannie Sherman** - March 08, 2024 at 09:58 PM

MB

“*All of us at Texas Law are so sad to hear of Glen’s passing. He was a friend to so many here at UT and will be missed dearly. I was lucky to attend the Houston Opera with Glen recently and to see him in his element surrounded by so many people who loved him was special. It was a night I will never forget.*”

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**Michael Barasch** - March 05, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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“ the sudden death of glen took us by complete surprise. at least for us it was sudden. he was such a vibrant and life-loving person. he was an utterly good human being and a dear friend, interested in everything concerning our well-being and careers. he had a wonderful sense of humor, including laughing about himself. i got to know glen through a common friend, the late dr. weston fields who involved glen in the support of the publication efforts of the dead sea scrolls. through his generous gifts and his moral support glen helped our enterprise which was acknowledged in several volumes in the official publication series, Discoveries in the Judean Desert, until as recently as november 2023 when a volume of publications in the french language was translated into english with glen's help. i served as the editor-in-chief of the publication efforts. in our area everyone knew glen's name, but i know that he was active in so many other areas of culture as well.

*we mourn the loss of a dear friend*

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**emanuel tov** - March 05, 2024 at 11:07 AM

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“ I first talked to Glen when he called me to interview with Vinson Elkins in 1973. For the next 50 years I considered him a dear friend. While at Vinson Elkins we eat lunch together at least once a week on the average. He was probably one of the kindness most giving and well meaning men i have ever known. I will never forget when Marcus Jr was born Glen showed up at the house with a big red fire truck for him. Throughout the years Glen was always there to give advice and what a pleasure to be around. Everyone who knew Glen will miss him. I feel like a part of me died when I learned of Glen’s untimely death. Marcus F Schwartz

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**marcus f schwartz** - March 04, 2024 at 07:10 PM

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“ When I interviewed for a position at Houston Grand Opera, Glen was on the board and immediately invited me out to dinner. He was curious and anxious to learn about my experience. When I accepted the position and arrived in Houston, Glen made a point to introduce me to people --and synagogues. Despite his busy law practice and many other activities, he stayed in close touch with phone calls, lunches, and of course visits to his beloved train room. Glen could be a tough negotiator, but he was a softie when it came to his passions. I am so grateful to have known him and counted him as a friend. May his memory be for a blessing.

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**Judith Kurnick** - March 04, 2024 at 06:32 PM



“ I met Glen when I was about 10 years old and for decades I thought he was my uncle to Warren Moeller. Even after learning that he wasn't, I still felt like he was because of his brotherly love towards Warren. I am truly grateful to have known him in my life and he has taught me that being nice and caring towards will carry a legacy with him for many years. The world needs more people like Glen with a caring heart.

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**Matthew Dodds** - March 04, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ There are not adequate words to describe Glen and the huge vacuum his loss has left in our family. He was always available for advice and support when it was needed. Warren considered him a brother and they had lunch every few months. We spent so many holidays and other events through the years and brought so much joy into our lives just by being here. He was a special, special man.

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**Kathie Moeller** - March 03, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JR

I worked with Glen a long time ago. I had not heard of his passing. He was the absolute gentleman as a lawyer. We shared a love of opera and enjoyed many moments. He gave tickets to me to the Opera Gala. It was an honor. I held him in enormous respect as an attorney and human being. I have not and will not ever forget him. I am only sorry that I did not learn of his passing until tonight while fondly remembering him. There will never be a man like him. He was a rarity. Jane Fleck Romanov

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**jane Fleck romano** - January 03, 2025 at 06:39 AM

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“ Glen Rosenbaum, a man of integrity, someone I call a friend. Thank you Glen for all the years we worked together. I will miss you. Gary Hale

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**Gary Hale** - March 02, 2024 at 09:55 PM

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“ *I had the pleasure of working with Glen for over 20 years. He was a special man in so many ways. Tammy Gorr Hendrix*

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**Tammy Hendrix** - March 01, 2024 at 01:25 PM