



Gloria Novoa Brenner

March 15, 1935 - October 24, 2025

Gloria Novoa Brenner, 90, of Sugar Land, Texas, passed away peacefully on Friday, October 24, 2025.

Born in Bogota, Colombia, Gloria was the daughter of Maria and Alfonso Novoa Egas. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Marina Siabatto, Malena Kassner, Stella Novoa, and Alfonso Novoa Jr.

Gloria married her beloved husband, Dr. Larry Brenner, in 1980. Together, they shared 45 wonderful years filled with fun, travel, and devotion to family. She was a true multi-talent: homemaker, cosmetologist, seamstress, and competitive state-ranked tennis player. Those who knew her remember best her charismatic personality and untiring generosity. She loved entertaining, dancing, and being dressed to the nines with flawless makeup. Nor was she at ease unless her family was clothed and groomed perfectly. “Sassy and classy” is how many described this energetic, exuberant woman. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the light of her life; her face always lit up when they walked in the room or when she saw their photos. Her love for life – and for others – will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Dr. Larry Brenner; her sister, Anita Sullivan; her children, Patricia Smith (Bruce), Naomi Knowles (Terry Williamson), Marisa Olson, and Wesley Knowles; and her six grandchildren

and seventeen great-grandchildren. She was particularly devoted to her grandchildren, Matthew Smith (Jamie), Brandon Smith (Fiona), Sarah Smith Hess (Chris), Crystal Olson, Anna Olson, Caleb Olson (Ericka Basile), Jonathan Williamson (Taylor), and Josh Williamson (Jessica). Gloria is also survived by her stepchildren, David Brenner (Viviana Hernandez Chautagnat) and Lynn Brenner Segal (Scott), as well as their respective children, Raf Brenner (Gloria Gatchel) and Sky Segal.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://donorservices.alz.org/>). The family also wishes to thank all Gloria's devoted caregivers -- especially Linda Terrones, Julia Han, Maria Arron, Josephine Flores, Adriana Boccalon, and Georgina Alegria. from Highland Hospice -- for all their love and assistance.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Kagan-Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park
8341 Bissonnet Street
Houston, TX 77074

Tribute Wall

CL

“ Cherie L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Novoa Brenner.

Cherie L. - October 28, 2025 at 11:18 PM

DT

“ I knew Gloria for many years when I lived in Houston. I so enjoyed her and loved her style. She was very kind and always so considerate. She is for sure a bright spot in my long list of wonderful memories of the 45 years I lived at home. My thoughts are with Larry and all the family!!!
Darby Trovato

Darby Trovato - October 28, 2025 at 09:11 PM

LC

“ Gloria was such a sweet beautiful lady and always had a smile. Rest in peace special one.
Love and prayers to Patricia and Naomi.
Leah and Robert Clayton



Leah Clayton - October 28, 2025 at 04:01 PM

KE

“ Koil Energy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gloria Novoa Brenner.



Koil Energy - October 28, 2025 at 09:18 AM

LB

“ Lauren B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Novoa Brenner.

Lauren B. - October 27, 2025 at 07:36 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gloria Novoa Brenner.



October 27, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LF

“ Love The Babchick Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Novoa Brenner.

Love The Babchick Family - October 27, 2025 at 01:13 PM

DD

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a classy sophisticated lady. She had so much energy and such a beautiful accent. Rest in peace sweet lady.

Diane Diggle - October 27, 2025 at 11:13 AM

YT

“ *Your Devoted Tennis Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gloria Novoa Brenner.*



Your Devoted Tennis Team - October 26, 2025 at 01:19 PM

YT

“ *Your Devoted Tennis Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Novoa Brenner.*

Your Devoted Tennis Team - October 26, 2025 at 01:19 PM