



Harold A. Chasen

May 30, 1929 - October 16, 2019

Harold "Hal" A. Chasen, 90, of Houston, TX passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019. A private graveside service took place Sunday, October 20th at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery.

Hal was born in Norwich, Connecticut to Hyman and Fannie Chasen. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Connecticut and his law degree from Boston University. Upon graduating, he proudly served in the US Army during the Korean War.

Hal spent the majority of his working career fundraising for non-profit organizations. First with United Jewish Appeal (UJA), then for Israel Bonds, and finally, for the City of Hope Cancer Research Hospital.

In fact, while traveling through Texas for UJA, Hal was set up on a blind date that would change his life forever. Three weeks later, he and Celene were engaged. Their marriage lasted 61 years at the time of his passing. The two were "teammates" that shared a very special love, a close bond, and immeasurable devotion. In later years, Celene became not just a wife but Hal's caregiver. He knew she would be there for him and she didn't disappoint. In the end, Hal passed away with Celene by his side holding his hand.

As a teenager, Hal learned he was a universal blood donor due to his "O

negative" blood type. From that point on, he donated blood every eight weeks regardless of his station in life. Much like his commitment to fundraising, Hal felt he had a responsibility to those in need. So much so that when given a cancer diagnosis, which he survived from, his first response was "Can I still give blood?"

Hal and Celene were blessed with four wonderful children and four grandchildren: son Larry and wife Lydia and their child Erin, daughter Sharon, daughter Julie and her husband Lawrence and their children Nathaniel and Zoe, son Alan and his wife Alissa and their daughter Sophie.

Hal is preceded in death by his parents and only sibling, Kenneth, who died at a very young age.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Beth Yeshurun Synagogue and M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital, Jewish Family Service, or charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ Omg, Celine, you both have been on my mind for months and I am so sorry to read this obituary for sweet Harold. Heaven has received the greatest angel of all! My love for the two of you never diminished. I just wish I had called you, you are in my heart as always.

Faith Lewis - October 29, 2019 at 08:31 AM