



Harris M. Miller

March 15, 1940 - February 17, 2026

Harris M. Miller, age 85, of Houston, Texas, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Harris was born in New York City on March 15, 1940, to Ruth and Samuel Miller. The oldest of four children, Harris was known for his unwavering love of and commitment to his family and friends.

Harris spent his childhood playing hockey, attending camp at Racquet Lake, and body surfing in the Atlantic Ocean. He left New York in 1958 for The University of Oklahoma where he met the love of his life, Linda Lesky. He pledged Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity and became lifelong friends with many of his pledge brothers. Harris graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration, and he and Linda married and moved to Houston where he began his career as an assistant buyer at Foley's Department Store. Harris was ultimately promoted to store manager and retired as vice president after 38 years with the same company. He was ushered out of his retirement party with Frank Sinatra's "My Way", which described him perfectly.

Harris lived life to the fullest. He enjoyed the symphony, river rafting, fine dining, good scotch, rare steak, and a cold beer. He adored dogs and always had one wedged at his side in his favorite recliner. He loved sports of all kinds, and his television was often tuned to an Astros, Rockets, Texans, or Sooners

game. He followed the weather avidly, often calling his children to report the forecast in their respective cities. He was known for his amazing sense of humor and dry wit. He tried not to laugh at his own jokes but often couldn't help himself. Virtually everyone who knew Harris described him as one of the kindest and most generous men they had ever met. He was one of a kind and larger than life and will be greatly missed.

Harris was a member of Congregation Emanu El for 61 years and was active in temple leadership, serving on the Board of Trustees, the Farb Fund, and numerous other committees. He volunteered for the Juvenile Diabetes Association, performing site management for their annual fundraising walks. He also served on the board of Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Harris was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Samuel Miller, and siblings, Robert Miller, Steven Miller, and Susan Miller. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Lesky Miller, children, Shelli Miller (Michael Kline), Dr. Jeffrey Miller (Arden Miller), Gary Miller (Dr. Neda Zafarian), Dr. Julie Miller (Dr. Bruce Mann), and the lights of his life, his grandchildren, Emma, Lili, Morgan, Jake, Henry, Douglas, and Stephanie.

The family wishes to give special thanks to his caregivers at Home Instead, Brookdale, and Belmont.

Harris's funeral will be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 19, 2026, in the Kagan-Rudy Cemetery Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas, 77074. The funeral service can be viewed at <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/x930angoqey4yyzjyyqd/Harris-Miller-Funeral.mp4?rlkey=ua5xhpywych7km8kd1ujp51xf&st=2x14u7x3&dl=0>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Breakthrough T1D: Type 1 Diabetes (<https://www.breakthrough1d.org/>) or the Humane Society of

Houston (<https://www.houstonhumane.org/?form=GeneralDonation>).

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

FEB 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda,

Please accept my deeply felt condolences, as the recent loss of Harris is extremely sad news. Harris was one of my husband's Mike Epstein's favorite buddies and I knew Harris as a most kind, considerate, charming and dashing gentleman. Together you were an amazing couple! Please know I'm thinking of you and your family as you face the challenges of Harris' absence. I hope your grief is soon tempered by many, many wonderful memories. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the service this afternoon, but please know I hold you and your family in heart and mind.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Janice Poplack (Epstein)*

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