



## Harry Elliott Simon

December 4, 1936 - August 13, 2025

Harry Elliott Simon, 88 years old, passed away on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in Houston, Texas, surrounded by family. Harry was born on December 4, 1936, in Houston to the late Manny and May Belle Simon.

Harry graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1955 and the University of Houston in Business in 1959. While at UH, he was in ROTC and went on to serve as a Quarter Master, Second Lieutenant in the US Army at Fort Lee, Virginia. He retired from the Army with the rank of Captain in the United States Army Reserve. Harry's long career and passion was in retail. Starting out at Leopold, Price and Rolle, he began his 50-year career with Federated stores in 1961 when he joined the Foley's Executive Program. He traveled frequently to Asia for position as buyer. He went on to run the family business, M. Simon's Menswear, inherited from his father via his grandfather and founded in 1928. He ran the store with his son-in-law, Enrique Espino.

A devoted father to his daughters, he was known for his generosity, sense of humor, and ability to dance. He was a member of United Orthodox Synagogue and then Congregation Beth Israel.

He is survived by his sister, Janice Lapine; daughters, Sara and Debbie Simon; sons-in-law, Olivier van Beneden and Enrique Espino; his beautiful grandchildren, Mathieu, Raphael, and Aurora Belle; and his ex-wife and dear

friend, Betty Rose Simon.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Adath Israel Cemetery, 4714 Airline Drive, Houston, TX 77022. The family requests that any donations in his name be made to the Shlenker School at Congregation Beth Israel (<https://www.theshlenkerschool.org/giving>).

# Cemetery Details

## Adath Israel Cemetery

4714 Airline Dr,  
Houston, TX 77022

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harry Elliott Simon.*



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August 18, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harry Elliott Simon.

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August 18, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family Debbie. Praying for your strength to get through this difficult time.  
Love, Mary Durand*

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**Mary Durand** - August 15, 2025 at 10:47 PM



*I will always remember Harry as being the nicest, friendliest, warmest human being I have ever met. Ever the gentleman, funny, kind and sweet. You will be missed every day. Your memories are a blessing.*

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**Ruth Arnoni** - August 16, 2025 at 08:33 PM