



Harvey Katz

December 31, 1931 - May 8, 2025

Harvey Katz was born in Wilno, Poland. A survivor of the Holocaust, he came to this country without speaking a word of English. He learned, struggled, and lived in an orphanage and then with a foster family in Saint Louis, Missouri. Harvey served in the Army during the Korean War and then went to college at the University of Missouri, where he graduated with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering. A job opportunity brought him to Paris, France, where he founded a petrochemical engineering company and where his three children were born and raised. He moved back to the United States in 1982, settled in Houston, and was a founding member of Houston Holocaust Museum. Harvey raised himself entirely by his bootstraps and built a wonderful family that is left with a gaping hole in their heart and great gratitude for his kindness and accomplishments.

Left to cherish his memory are his adoring family. Wife, Mireille; children, Marcel Katz and wife, Patricia, René Katz and wife, Anne Marie, Audrey Wachsberg and husband, Simon. Harvey is also survived by his grandchildren, Samuel, Leah, Esther, Talia, Niki, David, and Daniel; Sister-in-law, Claudette Entenberg; as well as cousins and friends too numerous to name, who will all cherish his memory.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 10:30 AM in the Sophia & Jack Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak

Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Lane, Houston, TX 77055.

A livestream of the service will be available to view at the following link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

MAY 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Sophia & Jack Bender Memorial Chapel

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *DaddyKa I'll miss you so much. You were such a great man*

Springer Catherine - May 12, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DC

“ *Dennis Chastain lit a candle in memory of Harvey Katz*



Dennis Chastain - May 12, 2025 at 11:58 AM

RV

“ *Roger Villegas lit a candle in memory of Harvey Katz*



roger villegas - May 11, 2025 at 04:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Harvey Katz.*

May 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harvey Katz.*



May 11, 2025 at 09:40 AM



“ *I have such warm memories of Mr. Katz — his kindness, and the way he made everyone feel welcome. He truly was someone special.*

As a child, I remember sitting on his knees as he let me steer his incredible Jaguar. I had my hands on the steering wheel while he worked the pedals — I truly believed I was driving. It was an unforgettable moment, and I felt like the luckiest kid in the world.

I also remember his big desk at Litwin, and how the office felt like a playground to me — safe, exciting, and full of little adventures.

These moments are deeply etched in my heart, along with the warmth and generosity he shared so effortlessly.

*With love,
Raphael*

Raphael Flender - May 09, 2025 at 02:58 PM