



Herbert Sacks Jacobson

November 28, 1922 - August 20, 2022

Herbert Sacks Jacobson died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, August 20, 2022. He was our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Our sadness is tempered by great joy and memories for his life well lived. His funeral was held on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at Beth Israel Memorial Garden. Herbert, known as Honey, Dad, Pa, Popi, and Dr. J., was born November 28, 1922, in San Antonio, Texas. He was raised with strong ties to his religion and was particularly proud that a branch of his family moved from the U.S. to Israel, in 1906. His family belonged to Temple Beth El, but he fulfilled his grandfather's wishes and became a Bar Mitzvah at Agudas Achim. He was the first in his family to attend college, and matriculated at Texas A&M College in 1940 (now known as Texas A&M University), where he committed to military training and chemical engineering. In 1943, he marched with the entire Junior class to the train and on to serve in WWII. He served as a First Lieutenant in the US Army, Chemical Warfare Service as a mortar platoon commander in France, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Germany. He fought for his country in the Battle of the Bulge. He remained on active duty stateside until the fall of 1946 when he was allowed to return to college to complete his degree. He excelled in his studies and was inducted into Tau Beta Pi engineering honor Society. Immediately following graduation, he worked for a year as a chemical engineer for Shell Oil in Deer Park, Texas, and then realized he wanted to study medicine. He gained entrance to the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, where he

studied from 1948-1952 and was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. After a rotating internship in Galveston from 1952 to 1953, and a general surgery residency at Indiana University from 1953 to 1956, he specialized in plastic surgery with a residency in Galveston from 1956 to 1959. Well into his academic career, he lost his heart to Adrienne Rosenbaum and they married in 1950 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Growing up as only children, they shared the dream of having a large family, and started it with Philip, Larry and Cindy before he finished his training, and Stuart arrived two years into his professional career. Herbert and Adrienne moved their family to Detroit, Michigan in 1959 where he began working at Henry Ford Hospital, specializing in burns and reconstructive hand surgery. After working at Henry Ford Hospital for nine years, he developed a thriving private practice in the greater Detroit area. In 1977, the family returned to Texas, and within a few years, Herbert built a very successful cosmetic and reconstructive surgery practice in Houston. He was loved by his patients and colleagues. He never advertised, insisting that his practice should stand alone on the merits of his work. He retired in 2001, at the age of 78, and devoted himself to his grandchildren, his wife, and took up exercise for the first time. He always loved spending time with family, traveling, trying exotic new foods (always spicier than the rest of us could tolerate), and keeping up with current events. He was known never to speak a harsh word of anyone, save a few scoundrel politicians. Herbert was a man of infinite talent and intellect, but was never boastful unless he was talking about a member of his family. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Adrienne; his children Philip & Elise, Larry & Rita, Cindy, and Stuart & Sheila. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Brad Jacobson & Randy Murry, Daniel & Kelsey Jacobson, Melissa & Blake Wilson, Jason Sax & Lauren Nevitt, David Sax & Kasey Josephs, Aimee Sax & Drew Dorenfest, Rebecca Jacobson, David Jacobson, Alexis & Jimmy Taylor, Claire Jacobson and Sarah Jacobson, and 10 great-grandchildren. The family is grateful for the care given by Zenovea (Peaches) & Kenneth Clark, and Sharon & David Bailey. Herbert will remain an inspiration to all members of his

family who strive to follow in his footsteps and live with kindness, integrity, humility, and compassion. We will miss him always. Memorial contributions can be made in Herbert's memory by planting trees in Israel through Jewish National Fund--by check to 78 Randall Ave., Rockville Center, NY 11570 or on their website <https://shop.jnf.org/collections/plant-trees>. Please specify the purpose of your donation. Feel free to give to the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ With heartfelt condolences on the loss of Herbert Jacobson. May his memory be a blessing. Love, Lauren, Wendy & Marc (and families)

Lauren Sturisky - September 28, 2022 at 10:49 AM

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“ In celebration of a great life and great man. Ed & Jane Rensimer

Ed Rensimer - September 10, 2022 at 07:22 PM

GZ

“ You are in my thoughts.

Gaye Lynn Zarrow - September 06, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ Many moons ago I had the honor to be Dr. Jacobson hairstylist. I retired long ago. Today my husband and I were discussing people in our lives that went beyond the normal of just being nice. Dr. Jacobson was mine. He made having an expensive procedure affordable and giving a young lady an opportunity to be more confident with the way she looked. Forever grateful. Rest In Peace dear friend.
Gaye Lynn



GI@gayelynn.com - September 06, 2022 at 05:35 PM

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“ Dr J was by far one of the kindest and greatest plastic surgeons I worked with in my 42 yr nursing career. Working beside him in surgery was always a pleasure. Dr J was one that talked to the staff in the operating room as coworkers and friends. We knew about his family and he ours. He was always teaching his surgical "art" (his plastic surgery WAS beautiful art, so meticulous)! He was like a father doling out advice as we talked about young family issues. Nothing made him prouder than talking about his family, Jewish faith and being a grad of Texas A&M. Dr J will always hold a special place in my heart. He was exceptional in all aspects of his life. ❤️

Becky Copeland, RN - September 05, 2022 at 11:23 AM

TJ

“ I will always have a special place in my heart for Dr J. He taught us all (nurses and staff) kindness, humility and to laugh!!

Trudy Johnson - September 04, 2022 at 01:51 PM