



Ian Lawrence Bijou

June 20, 1956 - September 16, 2022

Ian Lawrence Bijou was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado on June 20, 1956. His journey to Houston, Texas came soon thereafter, when he was less than a year old. Ian was the youngest child of the family. His brother and two sisters were born in Houston, as was his mother. So he was really a Texan.

Ian passed away at home on September 16, 2022 after a long battle with Myelofibrosis. His fight with this rare bone marrow cancer was admirable. He participated in several clinical trials at MD Anderson in the hopes of defeating this ugly disease and contributing to research in the field to find a cure. Sadly, that cure never came for him. However he did live with the disease for 11.5 years, over double the originally predicted five year survival.

Ian was preceded in death by his parents Isaac Joseph Bijou and Norma Silverstein Bijou and by his brother, Joseph Bijou. He is survived by his sisters Jeanne Rose Bijou and Hedy Lee Bijou of Houston as well as many cousins in Houston, New York and other parts of the world.

Ian graduated from Lamar High School in Houston and the University of Houston. His degree was in business. After graduation he started working in finance and payroll at Baylor College of Medicine. He spent 37.5 years with BCM. Ian was tenacious and had a keen eye for details which helped him excel in his work.

Ian had a good heart and sense of duty to his family, friends, job and coworkers. He was generous with his time to help others. He was smart and inquisitive. He always wanted to know how and why. Ian loved to travel near and far. For many years he would make an annual journey to the Texas Hill Country to see the bluebonnets and other wild flowers. Other favorite Texas destinations included Washington-on-the-Brazos, Lost Maples, Big Bend, and the like. He enjoyed seeing southwest national sites like the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and so many more. Cruising gave him the opportunity to explore the Caribbean, Mexico and the Panama Canal. He also traveled to Europe and toured several countries there. He planned to make many more trips until Myelofibrosis struck.

A graveside service for Ian was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Adath Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.