



Ivor Anthony Karpas

July 8, 1938 - January 6, 2019

Ivor Anthony Karpas, born July 8th, 1938 in Kimberley South Africa, passed away Sunday the 6th of January. Survived by the love of his life Rene Joss Karpas, his children Neville, Hedley & wife Leslie, Steven. Grand children Brian, Alyssa, Eli. Preceded in death by his parents Ann & Nathan Karpas, brother Wally Karpas and sister Deborah Gien. Ivor was the consummate, entrepreneurial business-man who matriculated from high school, shortly after his father's death and started his first business "Amsterdam Furnitures" at age 18 with his uncle Leslie Karpas & his brother Wally. Together they grew the business into a publicly traded company "Afcot". Next was house paint & Luxury home gift store. In 1981 Ivor moved his family to Houston, where he purchased "City hardware" and finally "The Daisy Hallmark", where he, Rene & Neville, became the neighborhood destination spot, not only for cards & gifts, but a hug & a good dose of advice only if needed. Family & Judaism defined Ivor, he never missed an event that included his children or grandchildren, Ivor enjoyed Friday night dinners & looked forward to celebrating the Jewish holidays. A natural when it came to sports excelling in squash & cricket, he loved his Astros & Rockets & got heart-burn from the Texans. The love of his life and soul mate was Rene Joss, seldomly spending a night apart, over their 57 years of marriage. Together they travelled the world, worked together and built a loving family. Neville always had a very special place for Ivor, he was his son, best friend & confidant. Sitting on a beach, with the sand under his toes & blue skies, would be dad's happy place,

rest in peace. Donations in honor of Ivor Karpas may be made to
Congregation Shma Kileinu or Jewish Family Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Karpas Family. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy, with the passing of dear Ivor.
Wishing you long life. Sincerely Nettie Barris.*

Nettie Barris. - January 12, 2019 at 05:55 AM