



Jorge Guttin

February 9, 1945 - January 16, 2026

Jorge Guttin: a Life of Healing, Laughter, and Love

Our father, Jorge Guttin, a distinguished cardiologist, devoted family man, and founder of the Scouts Israelitas de Mexico, passed away at the age of 80, leaving behind a legacy of healing and unwavering love that touched three countries and countless lives.

Born with an adventurous spirit and a gift for laughter, our papi was a mischievous child who wreaked havoc in Mexico City alongside his two younger brothers, causing more than a few headaches for his parents, Sara Freidkes Guttin and Dr. Israel “Sosy” Guttin. After founding the Scouts Israelitas, our dad led excursions to Popocatépetl and hitchhiked through Mexico—adventures he would later regale us with, complete with tales of firecrackers and rattlesnakes.

Jorge built a distinguished career in cardiology, rising from Chief Fellow in his class to his term as President of the Cardiac Society at Texas Heart Institute, where he became renowned for his exceptional clinical judgment. His patients loved him deeply, and his colleagues admired his unwavering dedication to compassionate care delivered with warmth and humor. Throughout his career, he saved countless lives—whether treating patients in Houston or serving as a physician in Israel during the Six Day War.

Above all, our papi was a man who loved his family with his whole heart. He expressed this love through countless acts of devotion: supporting us while our mother, Selma, attended dental school; rising before dawn to prepare her bike before the MS150; and meticulously ensuring our cars were always safe. He nurtured our imaginations with bedtime stories of popcorn-eating whales, enchanted us with poems by Neruda and his own short stories, and filled us with laughter through his infectious humor. Papi lived for bringing joy to people: whether it was being the first on the dance floor at parties, telling jokes at dinner, or dressing up as Elijah on Pesach. We never got tired of his stories, even though we heard them endless times. Though he never quite passed on his passion for cars or classical music, we can still appreciate the elegance of his 1967 Cadillac DeVille, and we always hum along when we hear Vivaldi. Our dad was a true mensch. He gave us a Jewish education, brought us together for Jewish holidays (he had a joke about that, too), and always supported Jewish causes.

He is survived by his loving wife, Selma; adoring daughters, Andrea and Daphna; caring son-in-law, Danny Beaser; rambunctious grandchildren, Paloma and Leon Lev; younger brothers, Isaac and Enrique; and his devoted fur-baby, Luna the poodle. He is also survived by his in-laws: Fey Mintz-Guttin, Salo & Ann Bialostozky, Ricky & Judy Bialostozky, Susy & Abram Kajomovitz, Alex & Lilian Bialostozky, Becky Guttin, and Vicky & Michael Richker, as well as his many loving nieces and nephews. We will forever carry forward the legacy of compassion, laughter, and profound love he showed to everyone fortunate enough to meet him.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the Sophia & Jack Bender Memorial Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Lane, Houston, Texas 77055. Shiva will be held at the Guttin's residence, Sunday through Thursday, at 6:00 pm.

A livestream of the service is available at the following link: <https://venue.streamspot.com/f8d04b5b>

Our family would like to give special thanks to Angelina Cruz, who has loved and cared for the Guttins through five generations and 42 years. We also thank Josie Salmeron and Gabriela Torres for their devotion and gentle care during papi's illness.

In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, we request that memorial donations be made in honor of Jorge Guttin to MD Anderson (<https://www.mdanderson.org/donors-volunteers/donate.html>), the Magen David Adom (https://savinglivesinisrael.netviewshop.com/DDASA1?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=19683671441&gbraid=0AAAAAogOFQDVTAdRpZjeXtyY2eETtllnq&gclid=CjwKCAiA4KfLBhB0EiwAUY7GAcyk5HYWNFfGJxovOyw43suqx4YgOojPyf8Pewq84ee6fP-RTsVvoxocJclQAvD_BwE), or a Jewish charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Sophia & Jack Bender Memorial Chapel

Tribute Wall

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“*Dr. Guttin saved my life with a stent 20 years ago; after the procedure we got to know each other and our daughters connected in New York. He was a fine doctor and a wonderful person and will be sorely missed. I am honored to make a donation in his memory to MD Anderson Cancer Center.*

Bill Goldberg

William Goldberg - February 01 at 10:48 AM

MB

“*Jorge was one of the kindest, most compassionate and sensitive people we've ever met. We've only known him for 6 years when we met the weekend of their daughter, bridal shower to our son, Danny Beaser in October, 2019. The Guttins and their close friends hosted a dinner in honor of Daphna and Danny, and we immediately knew that we would become close friends with the Guttins and not just 'in-laws. After the beautiful wedding in Mexico, I remember Jorge saying to us with pride and love, "now we are family".*

We visited Jorge several times after the wedding and most recently in September, 2025. Even with his illness and difficult time, he still had a twinkle in his eyes.

He will be sorely missed and we send Selma, Daphna and Andrea our very deepest sympathies.

*With love,
Marguerite & Rich*

Marguerite M Beaser - January 21 at 05:34 PM

IA

“ I worked for Dr Guttin for 8 years straight out of college. In my job interview he asked: do you know the pegboard? No. Do you know how to call pharmacies? No. Do you know how to take vitals? No. Do you know what an EKG is, a stress test? No. Well, young lady, you are hired! LOL!!! He has been the best boss I've ever had. A true gentleman, fair and kind. Funny funny funny too. Got to have dinner at his home with his lovely wife Selma and the girls on some occasions. Was hurt for a while because he heard my advice and others' to join a group practice, but did not bring me along. 5 years later, don't know how he found me, he called to apologize. Did not have to do that; it was a business decision. A smart business decision. Yet, he knew my heart was broken. Talked for a good hour to catch up. I cried when we hung up. To Selma, Andrea and Daphna, he spoke of you all all the time. I remember one song he shared with me that he said you little girls liked was “that house, in the middle of the street, ... <https://youtu.be/MC5z-Pyg8ps> I am truly sorry for your loss and sincerely have you pinned to my heart and my prayers. One truth that binds us all believers Jewish an Christians, is that death is not the end. We have hope. May this give you consolation. Sincerely, Ivelisse Nadal Ammoune ❤️🙏

Ivelisse Nadal Ammoune - January 19 at 06:34 PM

TF

“ Turtlebox family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jorge Guttin.



Turtlebox family - January 17 at 11:25 AM

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“ Turtlebox family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jorge Guttin.

Turtlebox family - January 17 at 11:25 AM

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“ Scott and Jenn Tiras purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Jorge Guttin.



Scott and Jenn Tiras - January 17 at 10:35 AM

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“ Mi querido amigo Jorge, comienzo dándote mis más infinitas gracias por la dedicación y apoyo que brindaste a mi bella madre durante su enfermedad. Durante su estancia en el hospital Metodista para sus tratamientos.... Tu.... Caminabas los pasillos de St. Luke hasta llegar a su habitación en el Metodista. Cuando llegabas a su habitación, a ella le volvía la sonrisa, tú le dabas confianza y fortaleza con tu cuidado. No existen las palabras de agradecimiento en el diccionario que describen mi mayor eterno agradecimiento para ti. Se y estoy convencida que mientras escribo estas palabras tú te sonríes y me dices “ GRACIAS CHIQUITA.” Siempre que te daba las gracias en persona esas palabras las repetías con esa sonrisa de hombre y doctor sencillo y sincero. GRACIAS..Gracias querido amigo 🙏🙏🙏 Josie

Yosely TANENBAUM - January 16 at 09:51 PM