



## Larry Wadler

September 20, 1936 - November 28, 2025

Larry Ely Wadler of Wharton died on Friday, November 28, 2025, at Houston Hospice following a long illness. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul Wadler, his mother, Marjorie Schwartz Wadler, his wife of almost 59 years, Gerry Wadler, and his sister, Jo Capito. He leaves behind his sister, Cookie Mangine; son, Paul David Wadler; son, Michael Wadler and wife, Freda; and daughter, Donna Silverman; as well as his granddaughters, Ariel Wadler; Maya Kay and her husband, Raphael; and Meira Silverman. He also leaves behind his loving companion, Marsha Weiss, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family and friends.

Known as Laddie to loved ones, he was born in Wharton, Texas on September 20, 1936. He graduated from Wharton High School in 1954, attended Tulane University in New Orleans, and graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1960. He was an active member of Shearith Israel Synagogue in Wharton and served on many committees there including its Board of Trustees. Like his mother before him, he was born and raised in Wharton, Texas and actively involved in all aspects of its civic life. Among other duties, he led the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, the Wharton Little League, and the Caney Valley Hospital Board of Trustees. He also served on the board of Wharton County Junior College, which was founded in the 1940's by a group of Wharton businessmen that included his father. He practiced law for almost 60 years in an office on Wharton's courthouse square and

established the firm that is now Wadler, Perches and Kerlick, and which continues his legacy.

He loved playing golf and bridge. He also loved his weekly coffee chats with friends at the bank. He had a passionate sense of justice. He and Gerry particularly enjoyed the “Dinner Club,” the monthly outings with some of their closest friends, some friendships dating back to high school. He loved attending operas and movies. He especially enjoyed attending the New York Metropolitan Opera both in New York and at local movie theaters which simulcast performances. He was never happier than when spending time with his three granddaughters.

Larry had a wide circle of friends which he considered family, especially his very best friend and bridge partner, Bubby Frazier. Larry’s last year of life was enhanced by the care he received from Courtney Chandler, Mark Bateast, Freddie Brown, and Victoria Berry.

The family requests that instead of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's name to charities that were important to him: Hadassah (<https://www.hadassah.org/>), United Orthodox Synagogues (<https://www.uosh.org/payment.php>), Congregation Beth Yeshurun (<https://www.bethyeshurun.org/payment.php>), Houston Hospice (<https://www.houstonhospice.org/donate/>), or the charity of your choice.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at Shearith Israel Cemetery, 1000 Barfield Rd., Wharton, Texas, 77488

# Cemetery Details

## Shearith Israel Cemetery - Wharton, Texas

1000 Barfield Rd.  
Wharton, TX 77488

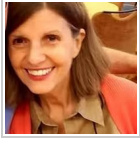
# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *I have an abundance of fond memories of this kind and generous man. Many thanks to you all for the honor of meeting and sharing the company of your dad. With love and condolences, Liz Meadows*

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**Elizabeth Meadows** - April 30 at 10:21 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Larry Wadler.*



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December 04, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ *Donna, loved your dad, working for him and enjoying all the fun times, especially on the dance floor as your dad and I loved to jitterbug. He was such a great boss!  
Kay Derrick (Heather Rugeley's mom).  
Your dad was such a good man!!!!!!!*

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**Kay Derrick** - November 30, 2025 at 02:56 PM



*Thank you Kay for your kind words. It's roller coaster of emotions for me still. Thank you for taking time to reach out.*

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**Donna Silverman** - January 14 at 04:30 PM

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“ *My deepest condolences to Larry’s family and friends. I had the honor to meet Larry Wadler when he taught at WCJC. He was my professor of Real Estate when I took the Legal Assisting Certification. He was very informative and you can tell that he had a genuine love of teaching. My prayers to all who loved him dearly.*

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**Erika Watson** - November 29, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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*Erika, we appreciate you sharing such a sweet memory of our Dad. Thank you.*

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**Donna Silverman** - January 14 at 04:33 PM

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“ *May his memory be blessed. So miss all this Wadler/Lerman family..*

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**Marion Holcomb Osborn** - November 29, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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*Thank you Marion for your thoughts.*

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**Donna Silverman** - January 14 at 04:33 PM