



Laurie Rosenau Boniuk

April 29, 1933 - March 22, 2026

Laurie Rosenau Boniuk, 92, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away peacefully in her home in Houston, Texas on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

She leaves behind her beloved husband of 67 years, Milton Boniuk; her son, David (Kelli) and daughter, Debbie; her cherished grandchildren, Justin, Ryan, and Aron Sable (Amanda Michalk), and Ethan and Mitchell Boniuk; and her great-grandchildren, Emmett and Lilah Sable.

Laurie is reunited with her daughter, Ellen Boniuk; her parents, Ferdinand Rosenau and Pauline Sklaroff Rosenau of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and her sisters, Leonore Kessler and Janet Waas.

Laurie spent most of her life in Houston, where she proudly raised her family and built a life rooted in faith, education, and service. Before marrying and moving to Houston, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of Pennsylvania and taught second grade for several years, an early reflection of her lifelong commitment to learning and nurturing others.

In 1985, following the loss of her daughter, Ellen, Laurie embraced a new chapter as librarian at Congregation Emanu El. She served in this role with dedication and warmth for close to thirty years, finding great joy in supporting

the congregation and its religious school students. She also found deep meaning in her many years of volunteer work with Celebration Company through Alexander Jewish Family Service.

Together, Laurie and Milton were generous supporters of numerous organizations close to their hearts, including Holocaust Museum Houston, The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, Alexander Jewish Family Service, the Boniuk Institute at Rice University, and the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston. Their philanthropy helped establish the Ellen Boniuk Early Childhood Center at the ERJCC West Campus as well as the Boniuk Tennis Center and the Laurie and Milton Boniuk Wellness Center at the ERJCC Main Campus, honoring both their daughter's memory and their shared love of tennis.

Above all, Laurie found her greatest joy in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She treasured time spent together, especially family gatherings and visits to the ranch in Sealy, Texas, where generations came together to relax, laugh, and create lasting memories. She took immense pride in each of their lives and delighted in watching her family grow.

Our family is profoundly grateful for the exceptional care Laurie received in her later years. We thank the Fidus Healthcare team, led by Antonio Chan and Homer Alarcon, for their kindness and professionalism, and we extend our deepest appreciation to Janice Fusilier, whose loving presence and devoted care over the past five years meant so much to our parents and to all of us.

A funeral service will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 3:00 pm in the Kagan-Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Laurie's memory to Congregation

Emanu El, <https://members.emanuelhouston.org/form/donation>, Jewish Family Service, <https://www.alexanderjfs.org/donate>, the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC, <https://www.erjcchouston.org/donate/>, or Holocaust Museum Houston, <https://hmh.org/give>.

Laurie Boniuk will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew her.

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

MAR 25. 3:00 PM (CT)

Kagan-Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park
8341 Bissonnet Street
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Tribute Wall

HB

“ Dear Debbie, David, Tiny and family,
I am saddened to learn about Laurie’s passing. I have fond memories of her when the Boniuk and Brown families came together to mark family events. May her memory be a blessing. Thinking of you all and sending all my love at this difficult time. Hoping our paths will cross soon for a happy occasion. Love, Heidi

Heidi Brown - April 01 at 06:37 AM

FS

“ May your fond memories and support from friends bring you comfort as you celebrate a life well-lived. With sincere condolences.

Frank Stowell - March 30 at 12:24 PM

PS

“ Laurie was one of the loveliest and most gracious people I’ve known. I saw her at Boniuk Institute events, where she always greeted everyone warmly—and was always beautifully dressed. A special memory is watching Milton and Laurie dance at the luncheon for their grandson’s bar mitzvah while being serenaded by one of the guests. May her mwmory be a blessing for us all.

Paula Sanders - March 25 at 02:56 PM

CB

“ I will always remember Aunt Laurie as a kind and gracious lady for whom family was everything. Andrea and I have very fond memories of our annual visits to Houston every August. Laurie would take us shopping and always arranged fun activities for us cousins! She had a wonderful fun spirit, a great laugh and was always the epitome of kindness and class. May her memory be a blessing.

Carol Boniuk - March 25 at 01:50 PM

WF

“ WhirlyBall Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.



WhirlyBall Family - March 25 at 11:36 AM

VO

“ Vicki Ocampo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.

Vicki Ocampo - March 25 at 08:17 AM

VO

“ Vicki Ocampo purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.



Vicki Ocampo - March 25 at 08:17 AM

NF

“ *Noralisa Martinez and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.*



Noralisa Martinez and family - March 24 at 10:52 AM

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DG

“ *Our family has many fond memories of Laurie's and Milton's generosity and hospitality when my children and her grandchild, Justin, would play together at their ranch in Sealy. She truly did love children and was so gentle and kind to them all. We are so sorry for your loss of such a great woman. Kindest regards, The Golden Family*

Deanna Golden - March 24 at 09:45 AM

RG

“ I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Boniuk family during this difficult time. It was truly an honor and a blessing to have been part of Mrs. Laurie Rosenau Boniuk’s care and to have known such a special soul.

Mrs. Boniuk meant so much to me. She was more than a patient, she was someone who touched my heart deeply. Her strength, her kindness, and the grace she carried with her each day will always stay with me.

Caring for her was a true privilege, and I will forever cherish the moments we shared.

May her memory always be a blessing, and may her family find comfort, strength, and peace during this time.

*I remember when we would take drives to Sealy ranch she had beautiful memories of family gatherings and how she would end up driving when she would go with Dr Boniuk, because Dr Boniuk would fall asleep behind the wheel ..
Mrs Laurie lived for her family she loved them*

*With love and heartfelt sympathy,
Liz ☐*

Ruth Elizabeth Gonzalez - March 23 at 04:30 PM

NY

“ Naresh Yadav planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.

Naresh Yadav - March 23 at 04:22 PM

NY

“ Naresh Yadav purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.



Naresh Yadav - March 23 at 04:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.

March 23 at 04:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laurie Rosenau Boniuk.



March 23 at 04:14 PM