



Leona Odensky

November 20, 1926 - August 2, 2023

Leona Odensky, affectionately known by her family and friends as Nonie, passed away peacefully on August 2, 2023, at Vosswood Nursing Center. She was born on November 20, 1926. A native Houstonian, she proudly graduated from San Jacinto High School and then attended Rice University. At the age of nineteen, she married Sam Odensky, and on April 7, 2001, they celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary a few months before Sam's passing in August of that year.

In the early years of marriage, Leona delighted in being a stay-at-home mother, enjoying her time with family and friends. She especially enjoyed playing mahjong and bowling with Sam in the B'nai Brith leagues. Once her boys were grown, she returned to the workforce as a bookkeeper. After she retired, she was happy being a grandmother and working in her garden. She was an avid sports fan, from her first date with Sam at a Houston Buffs game, to celebrating last year's Astros World Series. Her television always had whatever game was playing, be it baseball, tennis, basketball, or golf. In her last years, she relished being a great grandmother, which was one of her greatest joys.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Elizabeth Segal, her husband Sam, and her sisters, Rozelle Cohen and Adele Sandler. She is survived by her son, Larry and his wife Janis, her son Michael, and Todd

Braunfeld, a dear family friend, who she loved like a third son; her grown grandchildren, Evan and Angela Odensky, and Elizabeth and Neal Wizig; and her great grandchildren, Samantha Odensky and Andrew Wizig, as well as her brother-in-law, Bobby Sandler, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Silverado Hospice and Vosswood Nursing Center for their care of Leona, with compassion and dignity, in her final weeks. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her memory to the Houston SPCA, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

Adath Emeth Cemetery
1540 Sylvester Rd
Houston, TX 77009