



Milton Nathan Frankfort

July 17, 1945 - May 20, 2025

Milton Frankfort died at home on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, surrounded by his loving family, two months short of his 80th birthday. Born in Houston, Texas, on July 17, 1945, to devoted parents, Abraham and Tillie Winograd Frankfort, Milton lived a magnificent life.

Milton was educated in Houston Public Schools: Thomas Jefferson Elementary School and Mark Twain Elementary School, Johnston Middle School, and Bellaire High School. As a teenager, Milton was active in Houston's B'nai B'rith program as a member of Silverman AZA where he made many life-long friends. During those years Milton spent many weekends helping his father with various projects or fishing from a pier in Galveston which gave him a life-long love of fishing.

Milton received a BBA in Accounting from the University of Houston's Bauer College in 1967, and he received his Juris Doctorate degree from South Texas College of Law in 1971.

In 1970, Milton was hired by Seymour Mann, CPA, to join his small firm as a young associate. He was one of three staff members. One year later, having passed the CPA exam and the Texas Bar exam, Seymour offered Milton a partnership in the firm, which became known as Mann & Frankfort CPAs. They were later joined by Arnold Lipp, CPA, and Rick Stein, CPA. This team, Mann

Frankfort Stein & Lipp, plus many others contributed to the significant growth of the firm.

Milton specialized in federal income tax matters with concentrations in real estate, manufacturing and distribution, restaurants, and professional services. He was also recognized for his expertise in investigative accounting and business valuations, as well as general business consulting. He also enjoyed spending time with the firm's staff members to teach, coach and mentor the young professionals. The firm grew to be the fourth largest accounting firm in Houston.

When it was sold to BDO in 2015, Milton and Arnold Lipp retired from the firm and they formed Frankfort Lipp Capital Advisors, LLC, to continue providing consulting services to their clients.

Milton was very active in the Houston Jewish Community, having served as President of Congregation Beth Yeshurun, President of the Greater Houston Jewish Federation, Federation Campaign Chairmen, and as a Board Member of several other Houston Jewish organizations. Following educating his children at Beth Yeshurun Day School, Milton was among a group of parents who organized the I Weiner Middle School, known today as the Emery Weiner School.

Milton served on the Board of Trustees of the Bauer College of The University of Houston. He was honored to be asked to deliver the convocation address at the Bauer College of Business 2006 Commencement. He also received the Bauer College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007.

Milton was an active member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as several other professional associations.

At the age of 14, while visiting a neighbor, Milton met the “love of his life” Ricki Baum. They dated through high school and college and married in 1966. Ricki was his life partner in all endeavors.

Ricki and Milton had three children: Todd Maas Frankfort, Dana Maurine Frankfort, and Samuel David Frankfort. Home life was joyous, filled with school, homework, parties, carpools, sports, and trips to Colorado and Galveston. The family enjoyed travel, both foreign and domestic, including about six trips to Israel, and trips to France, Italy, China, Japan, and Hawaii. There were many fishing trips on Milton’s boat, called “The Defective” because they rarely caught fish.

Milton was blessed with seven perfect grandchildren. Ricki, the children, and grandchildren were the center of Milton’s life, and time spent with them was always “as good as it gets.” Milton was so proud of his children and grandchildren for the efforts they made toward their own endeavors. To his family and others, Milton exemplified the traits of compassion, humility, integrity, high energy, respect for others, and doing the right thing which he called “the good guy” rule.

Milton is survived by Ricki, his wife of 58+ years, his children, Todd Frankfort, Dana Frankfort, and David and Erika Frankfort. Milton is also survived by his seven magnificent grandchildren: Lucy, Claire, Alex, Olivia, Ruthie, Matteo, and Celine. He is also survived by his sister Roberta Harris, and his brother and sister-in-law, Sandy and Susan Baum, many beloved nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. And, of course, his devoted canine friend, Joey.

A funeral service will take place on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 11:30 AM in The Barg Sanctuary at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, 4525 Beechnut St., Houston,

Texas 77096. A reception at Congregation Beth Yeshurun is to follow.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to AIPAC (<https://donate.aipac.org/donate>), Congregation Beth Yeshurun (<https://www.bethyeshurun.org/giving>), or The Emery/Weiner School (<https://www.emeryweiner.org/support-ews/give-to-ews>).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY **23**. 11:30 AM (CT)

Congregation Beth Yeshurun
4525 Beechnut St.
Houston, TX 77096

The Barg Sanctuary.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Michael R. Newman, PhD lit a candle in memory of Milton Nathan Frankfort*



Michael R. Newman, PhD - July 23, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Christine Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Milton Nathan Frankfort*



Christine Rodriguez - May 22, 2025 at 11:23 PM

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Mr. Frankfort had a heart of gold. He loved life. A very nice and good man. I enjoyed working with him at Mann Frankfort Stein & Lipp. It was fun...we were all like family ❤️

Christine Rodriguez - May 22, 2025 at 11:30 PM

MP

Milton made this place a better place to live in and he will be sorely missed!!!! He was my friend, my mentor and so much more. He was defined by his love of family and others, his kindness to all, his generosity of spirit, and his success in life because he lifted people up rather than walked on them. He was AMAZING! I miss you my very dear friend!!!!!!

Michael R. Newman, PhD - July 23, 2025 at 01:00 PM

MM

“ *Maggie Manzano lit a candle in memory of Milton Nathan Frankfort*



Maggie Manzano - May 22, 2025 at 10:48 AM

MC

“ *Martha Camargo lit a candle in memory of Milton Nathan Frankfort*



Martha Camargo - May 22, 2025 at 09:25 AM

PM

“ *Paulina Medina-Barbosa lit a candle in memory of Milton Nathan Frankfort*



paulina Medina-Barbosa - May 21, 2025 at 10:34 PM