



Morris Rapoport

December 24, 1932 - June 7, 2026

Morris Rapoport, who started life in 1932 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, eventually became a Texan after getting his Ph.D. at Texas A&M in 1960. Married to his beloved Shirley Bard Rapoport from 1957 until her passing in 2004, Morris invented polymer intermediate processes for DuPont for his entire career, ending up with several patents under his name (and the company's name). A raconteur who had a gentle sense of humor and explored hobbies ranging from target shooting to tennis to folk dancing, he became a United States citizen in 1978 (not only to manage to cancel out his daughter's votes in almost every major election but also to ensure that he was a full participant in our democracy). In his last several years, he was cared for by angels on Earth, Adriana Blinstrubas, Shannon Espinoza, and Angie Braxton. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Rapoport, her husband, Jeff Van Niel, and his longtime companion, Sheila Schaffir.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas 77074.

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUN 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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