



Raymond Edward Sessel Jr.

July 27, 1927 - September 27, 2025

Raymond (Ray) Edward Sessel, Jr., passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 27, 2025. He was born on July 27, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri, to the late Selma and Raymond Sessel, Sr.

Ray graduated from San Jacinto High School, where he formed lifelong friendships, and later attended The University of Texas before proudly serving his country in the U.S. Navy.

On a blind date, Ray met the love of his life, Jackie Rose. They married in April 1953 and went on to share 72 wonderful years together. They traveled the world, built a beautiful family, and created countless memories on family adventures. Beyond family, Ray enjoyed a rich social life filled with laughter, poker games, fishing trips, and cherished time with dear friends who became like family.

Ray's natural warmth and gift for connecting with people led him to a successful career as Vice President of Sales for two women's clothing manufacturers based in New York. His work took him across the country, where he built lasting relationships with clients and colleagues alike. Later, he and his family opened two women's clothing boutiques in Houston, lovingly named James Place in honor of his son. The stores became a family venture, giving Ray the chance to work closely with Jackie, James, and Wendy. After

retirement, Ray enjoyed volunteering at the Houston Zoo and the Emergency Aid Coalition.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and his beautiful daughter, Wendy Sessel Schwartz. He is survived by his devoted wife, Jackie; his loving son, James Sessel, and partner Thomas Claffy; his grandson, Ryan Schwartz, and husband, David Green; and his son-in-law, Steven Schwartz.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 1:00 PM in the Proler Chapel at Congregation Beth Israel Memorial Garden, 1101 Antoine Dr., Houston, TX 77055.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Jewish Family Service (<https://www.alexanderjfs.org/donate>), the Emergency Aid Coalition (<https://eachouston.org/donations/>), or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Beth Israel Memorial Garden

1101 Antoine Dr.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Cemetery Chapel Service

SEP 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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The Proler Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Edward Sessel Jr..

October 10, 2025 at 03:21 AM



“ Jackie, always thinking of you and Ray----Sara (deceased) and irv levine

irv levine - September 30, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Heather Harvey purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Raymond Edward Sessel Jr..



Heather Harvey - September 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Heather Harvey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Edward Sessel Jr..

Heather Harvey - September 29, 2025 at 03:12 PM



“ Ray was such a wonderful kind man, was always so sweet to me. May his memory be a blessing to all.

Danny Pleason - September 29, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SK

“ Ray was a good friend to my brother in law, Raymond Kaufman and my husband , Livingston. May his memory be a blessing to his family.

Saranne

saranne Kosberg - September 29, 2025 at 08:37 AM

RJ

“ I will always be grateful to how kind and thoughtful you and Jackie were to my ex husband Steve Jacobs. When we felt the need to move him I really wanted you to move with him.

I could never get over how bright and quick you and Jackie were.

RIP,, dear man

Ruth Jacobs

Ruth Jacobs - September 28, 2025 at 02:54 PM

MS

“ You were a wonderful man and I'll miss you and all my love as always, Mark Speer

Mark Speer - September 28, 2025 at 12:54 PM