



Richard Dryer

December 22, 1936 - January 12, 2026

Richard Dryer, 89, passed away on Monday, January 12, 2026, in Houston, Texas.

Richard was born on December 22, 1936, in the Bronx, New York to Jack and Gussie Dryer. In the late 1960's he moved to Texas with his wife and daughter, first settling in Dallas and later making Houston his home.

A graduate of DeWitt Clinton High School, Richard enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served for two years as a helicopter mechanic. Following the military service, he began a career in sales, traveling extensively throughout the Northeast and eventually across Texas and the southern United States.

Richard was an avid golf player, later transitioning to becoming an accomplished tennis player. He was not only an A-level competitor but also organized and planned tournaments, sharing his love of the sport with others. Later in life he took up pool, traveling to tournaments in Las Vegas with a league. Richard was a friendly presence at the New York Bagel Shop, where he loved kibitzing with the owners and long-time friends.

Richard is survived by his beautiful wife of 62 years, Barbara; his two daughters, Debi (Jeff) Sokoloff of Missouri City and Traci Sandler of Mansfield,

Texas; and his grandchildren, Kayla, Koby, Joelle and Asher, who affectionately called him “Papa”. He is also survived by his adorable great grandchild, Jack, who he was grateful to meet shortly before his passing.

Donations in Richard's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.