



Solomon Stopnicki

June 23, 1923 - August 4, 2021

Solomon Stopnicki, a Holocaust survivor, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at the age of 98. He was born in Krakow, Poland where his entire large family, except his sister and one cousin, was killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust. He was just 16 when he was sent to the Ghetto. He worked in a military factory, then he was sent to camp Plaszow for a month, from there he was transferred to Emalia, the factory which was owned by Oscar Schindler. He was later sent to other concentration camps before he was liberated on May 8, 1945 in Theresienstadt, Czechoslovakia. After liberation, his sister found him there and they were both transferred to Landsberg, Germany. He stayed at the DP camp for 5 years. In January of 1950, Solomon came to Houston through the port of Galveston where he began to rebuild his life with his sister, brother-in-law and their family. In July of 1962, he met the love of his life, Ahuva Osenholtz in Israel, while he was visiting his cousin. His death came one week before their 59th wedding anniversary. He worked for The Phil Rich Fan Company. He then worked as a salesman, with a route for Mandel-Kahn Dry Goods. After a few years working there, he acquired the route and became a successful salesman selling ladies apparel on credit, renaming the business to Keystone Sales. He was known for his honesty, generosity, and kindness. Solomon was devoted to his family and Judaism. He was a long-time member of Beth Yeshurun, where he would regularly attend Shabbat services in the Greenfield Chapel. He enjoyed all the Jewish holidays and traditions with his family where he would lead the seders

and all the holiday blessings even for his favorite Schnapps. He enjoyed his morning exercise, playing card games such as Gin Rummy, Bridge and Chess. He was an avid bowler well into his nineties. Solomon was preceded in death by his parents Pesel and Jakob Stopnicki, his brother-in-law Rubin Joskowitz. He is survived by his devoted wife Ahuva, daughter Shelley Davidoff (Steven), son Jack Stopnicki (Karen). He was a loving grandfather to Jeffrey Davidoff, Brett Davidoff (fiancé Brooklyn Carleston), and Ben Stopnicki. He is also survived by his dear sister Lusia Joskowitz and his nieces Pepi Nichols (Steve) and Geri Joskowitz and their families. The funeral service will be held on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 3:30 PM at the Bender Chapel at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak, 1037 Post Oak Rd. Houston, TX 77055 with a graveside service immediately following. The family would like to thank Leah Mueller from the JFS for her dedication and friendship. His caregivers Elizabeth, Milicent, Remi, Emma and Elizabeth who he called "Honeybiala" which means sweet helpers. They each cared for him as if he was their own father. Donations can be made to Holocaust Museum Houston or visit <https://hmh.org/give/> or to the Alzheimer's Association or visit <https://www.alz.org/>