



Sophia Bender

August 20, 1927 - May 14, 2018

Sophia Wertheimer Bender was born on August 20th, 1927, died on May 14th, 2018. She was born and raised in Houston, Texas, where she lived most of her life. Sophia was a graduate of Newcombe College, where she met her soul mate and husband of 56 years, Jack Bender. Through her philanthropic efforts, Sophia was an extraordinary advocate for her community, where she served on many boards including, Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood, United Jewish Campaign, Jewish Family Service, and a Lifetime Member of Hadassah. Her great passion in life was the Anti - Defamation League, where she served as Board Chair and National Commissioner.

Sophia is survived by her children, Sherry and Ken Levy, Susan and Scott Bender and Lisa and Joel Bender, grandchildren Oliver Levy, Fl Lauren and Jason Bender, Liz and Steven Bender, Eric Bender, Geoffrey, Melissa and Brooke Bender, great grandchildren, Jack, Leo and Sally Bender, Max and Rose Bender, sister and brother in-law Ruth and Harold Kleinman, sister in-law Sharla Wertheimer and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Sophia's caregivers, Pat Coleman, Pat Pruitt, Edna (Annie) Mitchell, Gail, and Patrice Thompson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Anti - Defamation League in honor of Sophia Bender.