



Sylvia Spiner Mintzer

August 3, 1926 - May 19, 2026

Sylvia Spiner Mintzer passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, surrounded by her loving family and her dear friend and caregiver, Ada Jones. Just shy of reaching her 100th birthday, her lifetime was filled with a host of meaningful events and experiences.

Sylvia was a native Houstonian, born to Sam and Eva Schwartz on August 3, 1926. Upon graduating from San Jacinto High School, she worked in her father's business, Texberry Bottling Works, replacing the men called to serve during WWII.

She met her first true love, Jack Spiner, at 19, married him when she turned 20, and at 23 was tragically widowed and left with their two baby boys. Though young and inexperienced, she bravely assumed control of her late husband's business, Jaxon Furniture, and ran it successfully for many years. Exhibiting great strength of character and a steely determination, she worked long hours while raising her sons, Ronnie and Brent, and giving them every advantage to grow into manhood.

A few years later, she returned to work at her father's business, now Texberry Container Corporation, where she rose to Vice President, finally retiring in 1993.

After her retirement, she enjoyed volunteering for the Houston Film Festival, where she became a valued asset.

Her son, Ronnie, also joined the family business where he worked in sales and management positions. Sadly, he died of health complications at the young age of 49.

Her other son, Brent, pursued and went on to become a successful actor in TV, stage and film. One of Sylvia's greatest joys was watching his achievements and prominently displaying mementos of his many and diverse roles.

Love came into Sylvia's life again when she met and married Martin Mintzer, and for over 30 years they enjoyed life, traveling the world, dining out with friends, and spending time with their family. She also became the beloved "Mumsie" to Marty's children, Rand (Andrea), Joni (Bob), and Stacey (Roy).

Sylvia treasured her visits with Brent and his wife, Loree, at their home in California, where she was particularly delighted to spend time with her adored grandson, Jackson.

One of the greatest pleasures in Sylvia's life was the unique closeness she shared with her sister and best friend, Beverly Borden. It was a relationship of boundless love, honesty, and fun. There for each other through thick and thin, whether shopping, playing Mah Jongg, traveling, or just being together.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Sam and Eva Schwartz; her husbands, Jack Spiner and Martin Mintzer; son, Ronnie Mintz; and beloved nephew, Brad Borden.

She is survived by her son Brent Spiner, his wife Loree and grandson,

Jackson. Also, sister Beverly Borden, niece Valerie Burman (Darryl) with whom she shared a close relationship, and many other nieces and nephews and her stepchildren, whom she cared for so deeply.

The family would like to acknowledge with special thanks for the exceptional care provided by Ada Jones, Maricela Rodriguez, Hilda Angermeier, and Jennifer San Miguel.

A private family service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Congregation Beth Yeshurun (<https://www.bethyeshurun.org/giving>) or the charity of your choice