



William Granek

August 7, 1938 - November 11, 2025

William (“Bill”) Stanley Granek, a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in Houston, Texas.

Born August 7, 1938, in Terre Haute, Indiana , and raised in Dallas, Texas, Bill later made Houston his home, where he built a beautiful life and raised his family. He was known by all who met him as the kindest of men — thoughtful, humble, and always ready to lend a hand or share a word of encouragement.

Bill was a proud SMU alumnus and subsequently got a masters degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas. He also got another masters in industrial engineering and business management from the University of Houston. An electrical engineer by training and a registered professional engineer, Bill’s professional accomplishments were numerous. Over the course of more than 30 years, he built an extraordinary career in operations consulting, specializing in integrated manufacturing and ERP systems. As president of Management Resource Associates (MRA) in Houston, Bill brought together deep expertise in computer systems, project management, and operations leadership. His career spanned roles as vice president and controller of a small electronics firm, operations manager for a Fortune 500 division, systems consultant, and educator at institutions of higher learning in Operations Management and Product Engineering.

Beyond his professional life, Bill was deeply committed to service. He volunteered passionately for over 2000 hours at the MD Anderson Learning Center, dedicating his time to helping patients and families access reliable information and comfort during challenging times.

Bill's life was defined by integrity, compassion, and intellect — and by the love he shared so freely with his family, friends, and community.

Bill was the beloved husband of Merle for 59 years and the proud father of Andra (Keith) Strudler, and he loved his two grandchildren, Sloan and Elliot. He was preceded in death by his cherished son, Stuart. Bill is also survived by his brother, Harold Granek, and sister, Roselyn Bauer.

He will be profoundly missed and forever remembered.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 14, 2025 at Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery, 7445 Awty School Ln., Houston, Texas 77055.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center (www.mdanderson.org).

Cemetery Details

Beth Yeshurun Post Oak Cemetery

7445 Awty School Ln.
Houston, TX 77055

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Merle, I was saddened to hear the news about the loss of your husband. Sending you my deepest condolences and prayers for you and your family.
Catherine DeStephano

Catherine DeStephano - November 25, 2025 at 10:31 AM

AS

“ Merle, I am so sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Please know of my thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this time. -Ashley L.

Ashley - November 14, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JS

“ Dear Meryl -- I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I have such great memories of our families together. May his memory forever be a blessing! Love JoEllen Schuleman-Rosenthal

JoEllen Schuleman - November 12, 2025 at 04:43 PM

TA

“ Please accept our condolences during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill was not just a volunteer to us, he truly felt like part of our family. We loved having him as part of The Learning Center at MD Anderson. We'll remember the countless ways he gave of himself, not only to those close to him but also to the many lives he touched through his volunteer work. His generosity and selflessness have left a lasting impact on our hearts and our community.

May you find comfort in the love and wonderful memories you shared with him. His legacy of kindness and service will always be remembered.

*With deepest sympathy and love,
The Learning Center Team at MD Anderson Cancer Center*

The Learning Center at MD Anderson - November 12, 2025 at 04:14 PM

JT

“ *Jila Tanha lit a candle in memory of William Granek*



Jila Tanha - November 12, 2025 at 03:24 PM

JT

“ *Jila Tanha sent a virtual gift in memory of William Granek*



Jila Tanha - November 12, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JT

“ I’m deeply saddened to hear of Bill’s passing. My heart goes out to all of you.

Bill has such a gentle, caring spirit and a way to connect with everyone. He was as a good friend that everyone could hope for. I’ll always remember his kindness, warmth and compassion that he brought to the Learning Center. His presence and our conversations on a wide range of topics always made my day, whether in person or over the phone.

Dear Merel, please know that I’m thinking of you and your family and sending love and comfort your way. He’ll always hold a special place in my heart.

*With love and sympathy,
Jila Tanha*

Jila Tanha - November 12, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ It was a honor to know you! You will be missed! Our talks and time together will be cherished. Bill, you were the kindest soul and brought joy to all.

Love- Amy and Preston Womack



Amy Womack - November 12, 2025 at 12:42 PM