



Alton Lipkin

April 15, 1914 - February 23, 2016

Alton Lipkin, 101, died peacefully Tuesday, February 23. He was a special man who everyone loved and admired. He was a true gentleman's gentleman. He proudly served in the Pacific front as a captain and was a decorated war hero who was awarded two purple hearts, a bronze star and a silver star. He married Bernice Gardner (of blessed memory) after the war and moved to Houston shortly thereafter where he founded Gardner Restaurant Supply. His charismatic personality and wit helped establish the company as the leading purveyor to the top restaurants and clubs in the Houston area. For 67 years Al and Bernice enjoyed dancing, traveling, and entertaining. They always did this with the ultimate style and grace. They took special joy in their children Mark Lipkin and Lynn Segal Kogen (Barney Kogen), and in later life reveled in their grandchildren, Lauren Lipkin Orton (of blessed memory), Scott Meyers, Allyson Lipkin, Meredith Meyers Sansbury (Norman), and Michael Lipkin (Kelly). Their great grandchildren - Gavin Sansbury, Olivia Meyers, Riley Sansbury, Lauren Lipkin, and Jack Lipkin - were the icing on the cake of life. Al's passions were poker, jogging, and any sporting event. His Jackie Conway stories were legendary. When asked his secret to longevity he replied "Exercise, laughter, and Neutrogena Soap." A Memorial service for Al will be Thursday, February 25 at 4P.M. at Temple Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd. Contributions to Temple Emanu El, where he proudly served as congregation president, or a charity of your choice.