



Ely Moses Zalta

February 24, 1925 - March 28, 2017

Ely Moses Zalta will long be remembered by his surviving children Edward & Susanne, Alan & Karen, Robbie, Michael & Carolyn, and Ted; his grandchildren Alyson & Stephen, Ashley, Leah, Dana, Amy, Zoe and Ethan; his great-grandchildren Griffin, Ella, and Rylee and by numerous other family members and friends. He lived his life with integrity and dignity.

As the oldest son of immigrant parents Nouri Zalta and Zahde Lizmi, he grew up with his eight siblings in Depression-era Houston and helped support his family by delivering newspapers and working in a shipyard. Responsibility to family became his defining trait.

After two years in the Navy, he went to night school at South Texas College of Law and Commerce and passed the C.P.A. exam.

He met and married Esther Rachel Sankary in 1950. Together, they raised five sons and supported them through college, a particular point of pride. Their marriage flourished for sixty-four years until Esther passed in December 2014.

He missed her beyond words.

As President of Globe Discount City, he successfully expanded the enterprise and sold it to the Walgreens Corporation. He served on Walgreen's Board of Directors as President of the Globe Stores. Subsequently, he served as President of the Gulf Coast Collection Agency, taking it from a small Texas

firm to a nationwide organization.

His Jewish identity left him with strong principles that he adhered to throughout his life. He reveled in the achievements of his children and grandchildren. The recent birth of his great-grandchildren brought him newfound joy. He relaxed by playing bridge at the master level, reading, and listening to classical music.

Until his death, he mourned the loss of his beloved Esther and his son Danny. For those of us who have lost a father, a grandfather and a great-grandfather, we will long remember his devotion to family, his unwavering ethical code, and his business acumen.

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