



Marvin Hoffman

April 5, 1933 - December 13, 2025

HOFFMAN, Marvin born on April 5, 1933 in Hillsboro, Texas, died December 13, 2025. Marvin grew up in Dallas, graduating from Forest Ave. High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 serving on the USS Mount Olympus in active duty for three years followed by an additional six years in the Naval Reserve. Marvin met the love of his life, Shirley Spector, in 1955 when she saw him playing at an AZA baseball game. They were engaged after only three months and married six months later in St. Joseph, Missouri on October 2, 1955.

Marvin took engineering classes at UT Arlington, later working at Texas Instruments, Arrow Industries, and then starting his own company, Hoffman Controls Corp. Always active, when Marvin wasn't gardening, he was tinkering in the garage. He had a huge workbench with every kind of tool imaginable and was always fixing something. After he retired, he invented 'The Illuminator', a solar powered lighted address sign.

Marvin loved his grandsons, whether they were playing games at the house or at the beach in Galveston. He had a great sense of humor and was always trying to teach them something funny.

Marvin was a lifelong member of Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas, and served on the Shearith Israel Cemetery Committee. He took pride in making

sure the grounds looked as nice as his own yard, with manicured shrubs and flowering plants. He had the ritual Netilat Yadayim hand washing station built in memory of his parents and in-laws and was responsible for obtaining a Historic Texas Cemetery Designation for Shearith Israel Memorial Park.

A graveside funeral was held on December 15, 2025 at Shearith Israel Memorial Park, 4634 Dolphin Road with Rabbi Roffman officiating. A funeral video can be found on Facebook under: Congregation Shearith Israel Lifecycle

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents Pearl and Sam Hoffman, sisters-in-law Barbara Hoffman, Rowanne Spector, and Naomi Spector and brother-in-law Sheldon Spector. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Shirley Hoffman, daughter Julie (Gary) Rutenberg; grandsons Josh (Gloria Kubicki) Rutenberg and Shay Rutenberg, great granddaughter Ruth,

brother Ron (partner Linda Feldman) Hoffman, nephews Brian Hoffman and Jeffrey (Don) Hoffman, Brother-in-law Alan (Melanie) Spector, and many nieces, nephews and family by choice, the Shtreyzmans (Faina, Boris, Mark, Elina and Samuel).

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 15 (CT)

Shearith Israel Cemetery
4634 Dolphin Road
Dallas, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *Marvin is survived by his son, Jay Hoffman; daughter-in-law, Julie (Polunsky) Hoffman; granddaughters Samantha (Hoffman) Humphreys and Tori (Hoffman) Ayres; grandson Kameron Hoffman and husbands, David Humphreys and Chris Ayres; and Granddaughter Hannah Kate.*

Marvin was known for his practical wisdom and lived by two simple principles: always get three quotes, and never do anything halfway. He was a master at landscaping and quite the jokester.

Jay Hoffman - January 11 at 01:35 PM

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I am so sorry for the loss Marvin was the kindest person. We loved him.

cindy Evans - January 19 at 06:41 PM