



Robert Rothschild

April 28, 1922 - April 22, 2017

Beloved father and grandfather Robert G. Rothschild passed away in Houston, Texas April 22, 2017 at the age of 94, just one week shy of his 95th birthday. He was born in Dusseldorf, Germany April 28, 1922 to Jacob and Claire Rothschild and graduated from Ecole Superieure in Neuchatel, Switzerland. To escape Hitler, the family immigrated to Houston in 1938. Robert was drafted into the U.S. Army in January 1943 and served honorably in Gen. Patton's Third Army. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and was selected for the Counter Intelligence Corps, where he was trained to interrogate German civilians and prisoners.

Robert served in all 5 campaigns of the European theater: N. Ireland, France, Luxemburg, Germany, and Austria, including the Battle of the Bulge. He received five Bronze Stars, among other awards, and was promoted twice. He was also proud to be selected as a Counter Intelligence Corps Special Agent.

Upon returning from the Army in 1945, Robert went into the pipe and steel business with his father and brother, and in 1957 founded Rothschild Pipe and Supply. Robert was active in the steel pipe business for many years and operated his successful business until retirement.

In 1951, Robert met Anita Reis on a blind date and they were married in September 1952. They welcomed son Michael in 1954 and daughter Janet in

1957. Robert was a loving husband and father who worked 6 days a week to provide for his family. When Sundays arrived, he was "Daddy" and made each minute count.

Robert loved his adopted country and due to his experiences escaping Nazi Germany and then serving in the U.S. Army, he became a lifelong history buff with a particular interest in WWII. In later years, he and Anita enjoyed opera, concerts, museums and travel. He was a long-time member of Congregation Beth Israel.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother George Rothschild, and beloved son, Michael. He leaves behind his life's love, Anita, his wife of almost 65 years, cherished daughter Janet and husband Jeff Pozmantier, and treasured granddaughters Amy Eberly and her husband Joe, and Jenni Pozmantier, who he adored. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Barbara Wedel, and loving nephew and niece, Chip Rothschild and Debbie Rothschild.

Robert was the last of a generation of "old world gentlemen." He will always be remembered for his thoughtfulness, consideration, gracious manners, and kindness. May his sweet and gentle spirit live on in those he loved and those whose lives he touched.

For those desiring, donations can be made to The Holocaust Museum Houston (5401 Caroline, Houston, TX 77004) or Congregation Beth Israel (5600 N. Braeswood, Houston, TX 77096).