



Thomas Sonnenberg

October 26, 1938 - July 22, 2015

Thomas Carl Sonnenberg of Houston, Texas, passed away on July 22, 2015. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on October 26, 1938 and was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Hedy Halle Sonnenberg, and a son, Scott. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Marilyn; daughters Stacy (Bill) Schuler of Yorba Linda, California, and Erika Holly Sonnenberg of Austin, Texas; son Jay (Jessica) Sonnenberg of Boulder, Colorado; and four grandchildren, Evan Schuler, Owen Schuler, Julian Sonnenberg and Miles Sonnenberg. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Paul (Trina) Shiffman of McLean, Virginia; and beloved nephews and niece, and great nephews and nieces.

A graduate of Trinity University, Tom also attended the University of Texas and was an avid Longhorn, which accounts for his interest in all things "sports." He loved strategizing, advising, and Monday morning quarterbacking with his like-minded friends. He was also an expert at discovering hidden restaurant gems, a big fan of Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and Alison Krauss, and a collector of sports and political memorabilia. He worked in various sectors of the real estate industry for many years and later in life worked for Harris County.

He volunteered in his community and was especially proud of having served on the Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Israel and on the board of the Spina Bifida Association.

Tom will be remembered for his beautiful smile and positive attitude throughout the ups and downs of life's events. Always the loving husband, father, and grandfather, he felt blessed, proud, and grateful for his family. He will be dearly and achingly missed.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30pm, Sunday, July 26 at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 North Braeswood, Houston, 77096.

Donations in his memory may be sent to Houston Area Parkinson Society, 2700 S.W. Freeway, Suite 296, 77098, Shriners Hospitals for Children, 6977 Main Street, 77030, or the charity of one's choice.