



## Martin Brian Levinson

February 27, 1965 - February 12, 2020

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Martin Brian Levinson after a year-long battle with cancer. He fought hard to the very end. He was the definition of “positivity” throughout this difficult time. Our hearts are forever broken and his absence from this world will be forever noticed.

Marty was born February 27, 1965, to Dr. Jerry Levinson and Florence Goldstein Levinson and was raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. He left us too soon at age 54 on February 12, 2020. He was a devoted husband, father, son, brother, grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and treasured friend to all. Marty graduated from King High School in Corpus Christi where he was in the National Honor Society, Royal Court of Honor and an All-District point guard for the Mustangs basketball team. Marty graduated from the University of Texas at Austin where he was an active member of the Silver Spurs service organization as well as an active member and advisor of Sigma Alpha Mu for over twenty years.

Marty worked for Sysco Food Service for the last 25 years as a sales representative and enjoyed servicing and interacting with the same group of loyal customers. Marty truly enjoyed working with the Sysco employees both inside and outside the warehouse and truly enjoyed the “close-knit” Sysco family. While employed with Sysco, Marty won several prestigious awards including the Ring of Excellence and the Torchbearer awards. We are extremely appreciative of their support during this past year.

Marty was a true blessing and would light up any room with his smile. People gravitated to him everywhere and he truly never met a stranger. He had amazingly close, supportive and loving friends and family. He excelled at everything he did and was always giving of himself to others. He was loved, admired and respected by so many in our community and everyone would say it was a privilege to know him and a joy to be in his presence.

Everyone knew that Marty’s true passion was coaching boys’ basketball. He taught teamwork, hard work and dedication to his boys both on and off the court. Marty coached through Town & Country Optimist Club and select basketball teams. He also coached and

traveled with the JCC Maccabi teams for several years. Marty volunteered on the JCC Board for several years.

Marty is preceded in death by his father Jerry Levinson with whom he had a special bond, and father in law, Richard Wells. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Laura Wells Levinson, his two children, Courtney Michelle Levinson, and Corey Richard Levinson. He is also survived by his mother Florence Levinson, mother-in-law Marion Wells, brother Barry Ronald Levinson, sister Ilene Rene Levinson, sister-in-laws Mindy Levinson and Shelley Rotko as well as nephews Brandon Levinson, Brett Levinson, Hayden Rotko and Hudson Rotko.

Memorial Services will be held on Sunday, February 16th, at 11:00 am at Temple Beth Shalom 7300 Hart Lane, Austin, TX 78731. In honor of Marty and his passion for the University of Texas, we encourage you to dress casual in your "burnt orange and white".

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice Austin or to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery

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## Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr.

Austin, TX, 78731

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Temple Beth Shalom

7300 Hart Ln., Austin, TX, US, 78731

# Comments

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“ What an Awesome service for Marty with a great gathering of so many friends and family in a sea of burnt orange . So many wonderful stories shared and made me smile thinking of Marty and his calls into me years ago when he had opportunities or just needed help with his great customers. Many years later after retiring we kept up with our kids sports and he always amazed me that he knew the stats on my sons playing HS basketball and College football before I did . For so many years he told me how much I would encourage him and “fire him up “ and over the last several months before he passed I reminded him in each visit how much he encouraged ALL OF US with his strength , his huge & positive will to fight and his deep Love for family and his Friends .  
So many Awesome memories of Marty and So Blessed to call him my friend !

**Bill Fisher** - March 06, 2020 at 02:40 PM

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“ The service was a perfect tribute to Marty. He was a hard and skilled worker, great family man, inspirational coach, and just a joy to be around. As the picture shows, Marty worked color commentary for all of the district basketball games during Corey's senior season at Westwood. Marty would come with scouting reports on both teams and would have listened to the previous broadcast to see what he could do to improve. That was Marty - he was always striving to improve. Many people do not realize Marty was also the football spotter for the past four years for the Westwood varsity games. We were always laughing in the booth. Fortunately, I could turn the mic on and off!!! Marty, you will be missed, but your inspiration will live forever.

I love you man!

Paul Solomon (Sara, Sean, and Daniel)



**Paul Solomon** - February 16, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“ Thank you to my second dad, my close friend, and my life coach. I will never stop looking to you for support, guidance, and inspiration. I wouldn't be who I am today without you.



**Karthik Shetty** - February 15, 2020 at 10:05 PM

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“ Marty was a formidable opponent in flag football, our Canyon Creekers had little chance against his Billicheck-like genius in the championship. Later I was thrilled when Marty invited our son Patrick to join his Fusion basketball program. We gave Patrick many options of programs and coaches, but Fusion was his favorite due to the right mix of superior basketball knowledge, intensity, and love of the game. However the most important aspect was building friendships which built character and taught to care about others - a true and enduring gift. Marty showed his passion for getting things right. A fond memory was when a referee disliked Marty's feedback he asked if Marty wanted do his job. So Marty did, He put on the referees shirt took his whistle and refereed the second half - and got the calls right. Marty served his community and encouraged others including me to announce at Westwood games. When I was out of town working I tuned in to Marty's broadcast and helped me feel connected to home. Marty you will always be in our hearts and your legacy continues in the many young men, and not so young men, you have inspired. Rest In Peace my friend. Ed Sladek

**Ed Sladek** - February 15, 2020 at 08:52 AM

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“ Like so many, I enjoyed getting to know Marty and having my youngest son play and travel with the Macabbi teams for several years. He was a kind, generous, and optimistic spirit who shared his love of basketball with the boys. Surely his memory will be for a perpetual blessing. We hold his family and friends close in our hearts.

Seth Winick

**Seth Winick** - February 14, 2020 at 03:38 PM

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“ Shelley Wells-Rotko

9 minutes ago

This picture truly says everything about Marty! He absolutely loved coaching & announcing the basketball games! I can't even put into words how much I'll miss you as well as all your friends & family! As you & I had several conversations, you know I'll definitely keep my promise & take care of Laura & make sure Court & Corey are always happy & taken care of!! They're all sooo loved as you are....



Shelley Wells-Rotko - February 14, 2020 at 12:14 AM

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Shelley Wells-Rotko - February 13, 2020 at 11:55 PM

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“ You all know I had to share this photo, his favorite pose at most basketball games. He was like a second dad to Patrick on and off the basketball court. If Patrick wasn't home, he was at Marty's house. Even though the kids went off to college, our friendship continued and we will always have Marty in our hearts. Love to you all.



Marisa - February 13, 2020 at 07:30 PM

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“ One can not say enough nice things about the Levinson family. To know them is to be blessed. To be with any member of this loving family means your day is brightened. God bless you all.

**Nancy Webster** - February 13, 2020 at 03:14 PM

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“ I have many memories of my childhood spent with Marty. We used to play basketball and ping-pong in the back room of their house. I can't remember how many games we played over the years when we were young. His family always welcome at their home. I remember coming to dinner attending Marty's bar mitzvah. I remember we were ballboy's at my brothers football games and that we went to practices all the time. Marty was always such a positive and giving soul. There are not many days of my childhood that I don't have a memory of Marty being involved in it. You will be missed greatly but I will always have my memories of a wonderful childhood and a wonderful friend.

**Dan Barnes** - February 13, 2020 at 11:50 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Marty



**Austin Natural Funerals** - February 12, 2020 at 05:49 PM



“ We love and miss you so much Bubba! - The Rotko's

**Josh, Shelley, Hayden & Hudson Rotko** - February 13, 2020 at 11:53 PM