



## Pearl Kaplan

March 23, 1948 - July 3, 2022

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of Pearl Kaplan (a”h); loving wife of Robert (Bob) for 51 years; cherished mother of David and Hillery Kaplan, Melissa Kaplan and Kariem Ali, and Danielle Kaplan and Clint Bishop; adored grandmother of Ellie, Maya, Zephram, and Ayelet.

Pearl aka “Bubbie” was born in Queens, New York in 1948, and grew up in Brooklyn. As a young woman Pearl moved to California, where her new roommate invited her enlisted sailor cousin, Bob, to the house. Some love beads were exchanged along with letters to and from Vietnam, and after six months, Pearl (a”h) and Bob were married. In El Paso, Texas, they raised their three children as active members of Congregation B’nai Zion and helped establish the El Paso Hebrew Day School.

In 2006, Pearl (a”h) and Bob moved to Austin to be active and involved grandparents and found a new home at Congregation Agudas Achim. Pearl (a”h) delighted in her work at the Shalom Austin Early Childhood Program and became known as the “ECP Bubbie,” greeting the kids and their families with big smiles and kindness. Pearl (a”h) knew that the essence of a community is a personal touch. After retiring, she was known for sending heart-felt, handwritten cards to CAA members and their families, wishing sympathy in times of sadness and mazel tov in times of simcha. Her greatest loves in life were working the daily crossword with Bob, being a full-time Bubbie, making Shabbat dinner and celebrating holidays, and singing zemirot. Pearl’s (a”h) greatest love of all was basking in the joy of being around her family. She was 74.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made in Pearl’s (a”h) loving memory to CAA, Hadassah, or the cancer research organization of your choice.

A live stream of her funeral service will appear on the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals>, shortly before 1pm on Wednesday, July 6th, 2022. A Facebook account is not required in order to watch. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in click "not now" and the live stream will be

available for you to watch. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for you to select.

# Cemetery Details

## Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr.  
Austin, TX 78731

# Previous Events

## Graveside Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CG

“ *It is just now sinking in that Pearl is no longer with us. Though it's been a about three years since we last saw you guys, there are so many cherished memories over so many years, that it doesn't seem distant at all. It was a wonderful blessing that the Kaplans were in our lives for such a long time: sharing simchas, school events, Israeli contacts, everyday interactions and random overlaps, even after our respective geographies shifted.*

*One memory that is forever etched in my mind is when I went to Sierra Med Center to visit her right after Danielle's birth. I think she had a private room and David and Melissa were jumping on the bed like a trampoline. Pearl was unrattled, even with the baby in her arms and we savored the joyous chaos of that moment.*

*Pearl was caring, smart and a bastion of traditional values. She and Bob were a dynamic duo. They were and will continue to be seen as an iconic and loving couple who shared their decency and kindness with so many strangers. They always made us feel welcome and wanted with all their hearts. We pray that you, Bob, in particular, will soon be able to heal enough to smile at all those pleasant shared memories and experiences. And that, for each one of you, you find joy in remembering good times and lessons learned from Pearl.*

*It is said that a person dies twice: once when their heart stops beating, and the second time when their name is spoken for the last time. It is fitting that we continue to remember and speak about Pearl and we are honored to do so—— Pearl Kaplan, z"l". From her example, may we go from strength to strength.  
Cheryl and Norm Gordon*

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**Cheryl Gordon** - July 08 at 11:57 AM

RB

“ *BDE. Our deepest condolences to Bob and the rest of the Kaplan family and extended family. Pearl (a"h) will be much missed by all who were lucky enough to know her. Her warmth, kindness, bright smile, generous spirit and welcoming personality brightened our day every time we saw her. Her kind, thoughtful notes at good and bad times were much appreciated. We can only imagine how much more of a loss this is for her beloved family. Our thoughts, prayer and love are with you all. The Bar-Adons*

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**Rama Bar-Adon** - July 06 at 08:01 PM

SM

“ Great memories. At the Kaplan's house on Chanukah watching Pearl cook her delicious latkes and helping, some. Going to ECP to pick up mail and staying to visit. Our first visit to Country Line - thank you Bob and Pearl. And so many more. Even though we didn't know you long, we feel as if we did. You will always be in our hearts. We know that G-D has welcomed you with open arms.



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**Sharon Miller** - July 05 at 04:01 PM

BB

“ Dave and I send our heartfelt condolences to Bob, Melissa and Kariem, David and Hillery, Danielle and Clint, the four grandchildren and the rest of the family for the loss of our beloved Pearl. She was such a warm and loving presence in the world...always ready for a big dinner to share, the latest movie, a trip to a restaurant or entertaining the grandchildren she adored with all of her heart

*She and Bob opened their home so often, greeting everyone with a big hug, laughter and interesting conversation and always ending the evening with a generous slice of Babka or another delectable dessert. We have been so grateful that the Kaplan's lived close to Clint, Danielle and the grandkids since we knew they would be surrounded by love and support. Her zest for life was something to behold.*

*We are sorry that she and Bob didn't get the chance to visit our Idaho home so we could share some of our beautiful sights with them. May her memory be a blessing always.*

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**Barbara Bishop** - July 05 at 08:33 AM