



## Sigmund Jucker

February 23, 1922 - December 11, 2020

On Friday, December 11, 2020, Sigmund Jucker, one of the original brothers and founders of Three Brothers Bakery, passed away peacefully at the age of 98.

Sigmund was born on February 23, 1922, in a small Polish town called Chrzanow to Morris Jucker and Bertha Siegal Jucker. He was a twin and the second oldest of four children. From an early age, Sigmund along with his siblings, were the 4th generation to work in his family's small bakery which was established in 1825.

Although he always dreamed of being a scientist and was an excellent student, his dreams were dashed when the war broke out in Europe in 1939. At 17, he was sent to concentration camps and survived the horrors during the Holocaust until he was liberated on May 8th, 1945. Several years later he left Germany with his brothers and followed his sister to Houston to start a new life.

Upon arrival in Houston, Sigmund, his twin brother Sol and younger brother, Max, worked at Hanke Pilot's bakery. Shortly thereafter, the three brothers purchased the old Meshkat bakery at Holman and LaBranch, across from Temple Beth Israel, and renamed it Three Brothers Bakery.

He worked 6 days a week, 16 hour days for more than 50 years with his brothers by his side to build a business which would become Houston's premier kosher-style bakery and a place where memories have been made for 4-5 generations of Houstonians. Three Brothers Bakery introduced the city of Houston to bagels, challahs and many other Jewish and European foods which didn't exist before they opened their first store. People would come from all over the state to buy the pastries, breads and cakes which they are famous for today. He passed the legacy on to his son who continues the tradition as the 5th generation of the family bakers.

In 1958, he met and married Edith Bannet while on vacation in Israel and returned to Houston where they made a life together for almost 40 years. He was proud of his three

children and always worked hard to provide for them and give them all the opportunities he never experienced because of the Holocaust.

Sigmund had a passion for health and exercise and knew at an early age that good food kept you healthy. He loved to eat, but had a strict diet of his famous rye bread and mostly vegetables so he always stayed fit. He also loved the outdoors and would kayak at Lake Conroe on his day off and snow skied until he was in his early 70s. His grandchildren would watch in amazement when he did 100 push ups at the age of 80 years-old.

His joy in life were his three children and five grandchildren. He was most proud of his family and their accomplishments and cherished spending time with them.

He also enjoyed spending time with his dear friends, Joe Robledo and Clyde Cannon, who was the very first customer of Three Brothers Bakery at Holman and LaBranch.

Sigmund was preceded in death by his parents, Morris Jucker and Bertha Siegel Jucker; his sister, Janie Rudy and his brothers, Solomon and Max Jucker. He is survived by Edith Jucker, sister-in-law, Estelle Jucker, son, Robert Jucker (Janice Jucker) daughter, Susan Goldberg (Jeff Goldberg) and daughter, Michelle Jucker; grandchildren, Jason and Joshua Jucker (Alyssa Jucker) and Stephanie, Jordan and Evan Goldberg and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Holocaust Museum Houston, Emergency Aid Coalition or your local Food Bank in Sigmund Jucker's memory.

# Previous Events

## Virtual Service

DEC 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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<http://facebook.com/austinnaturalfunerals/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Austin Natural Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Sigmund Jucker*



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**Austin Natural Funerals** - December 14, 2020 at 08:18 PM

BK

“ *Bobby, our hearts go out to you and Janice and your entire family on the loss of your beloved father. May his memory be a blessing.  
Barbara and Ron Knieper*

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**Barbara and Ron Knieper** - December 16, 2020 at 10:10 AM

 Barbara  
Levine

“ *May the memory of Sigmund always be for a blessing.*

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**Barbara Levine** - December 16, 2020 at 03:25 AM

DC

“ *I am so thankful for this amazing man and the bakery empire he created. You've touched my family in many ways over the years. Rest in peace!*

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**Donna Cropper** - December 15, 2020 at 02:26 PM

PL

“ *My family moved to Houston in 1960& discovered Three Brothers Bakery shortly thereafter. We visited often & I remember his presence well. I moved from Houston 35 years ago but continue to go to the bakery every time I visit family there. Soon I will be sharing the experience with my granddaughters. Thank you for such wonderful memories & your legacy.*

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**P K Lea** - December 15, 2020 at 02:26 PM

LR

“ *My thoughts are with his family and his children. My memories come from 30 or so years ago when in high school with his youngest daughter Michelle.*

laurence roy - December 15, 2020 at 12:57 PM

CS

“ *Used to go to their bakery early every morning when we lived in their neighborhood. I have wonderful memories from of all and each one of them... and dearly missed them (and their bagels and bakery) when we moved away from their neighborhood. C'est la vie! (Claude Salverredy)*

Claude Salverredy - December 15, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Uncle Sigmund was a blessing to us all and someone to be admired for his strength, attitude, and perseverance. He told me that no matter how bad things get in someone's life, it is always worth living. When I visited him at The Medallion, he would share and explain some information from his life in the concentration camps, but never complained about those years. He said that's what happened, and he was so happy he survived.*

*Uncle Sigmund was all business at the bakery, where I worked on and off for several years. He used to make me laugh a little when he'd bark at all of us "wait on customers and/or clean up or do some other chore," but I truly learned the value and pride in doing a good job—whatever and wherever the job is. I will always remember and appreciate Uncle Sigmund for his love and important life lessons.*

*Maurine Rothschild*

Maurine Rothschild - December 14, 2020 at 04:55 PM

RG

“ *Becki and I loved Sigmund and we will miss him, but we are thankful that we got to know him. He was such a kind, generous soul. We send our love, thoughts, and prayers to the family during this difficult time. May his memory be a blessing to you.*

*Randy & Becki Glover*

Randy & Becki Glover - December 14, 2020 at 03:04 PM



HB

“ All of my early childhood memories include my Uncle Sigmund, from “helping” him bake cookies in the back of the bakery and family gatherings. His and his siblings’ legacy reflect a resilience that needs to be shared for generations to come! Rest In Peace, and may your memory be for a blessing, Dear Uncle Sigmund.

*Helána Barry (Helen Wellner)*

Helana Barry - December 14, 2020 at 02:59 PM

DM

“ My deepest condolences to the Jucker family. What an amazing person Mr Jucker was and what a wonderful legacy. Praying for you all.

*Dana Mertz*

Dana Mertz - December 14, 2020 at 11:00 AM

AB

“ Our deepest sympathy with you all on the passing of your father/grandfather. Sincerely,

*Dana and Amy Bailey*

Amy Bailey - December 14, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MW

“ I grew up with my mom and dad taking me to Three Brothers on Braeswood. We knew the Juckers very well. You can now visit with my mom and dad Betty and Herman Wolf in heaven. Our world is crazy now. A lot of great memories. Mr Jucker also lived directly across from me in my townhouse on Fondren. He would always bring me pastries from the bakery. What a great man.

*Sorry for your loss.*

*Michael and Shari Wolf*

MICHAEL WOLF - December 12, 2020 at 04:19 PM

AG

*May He Rest In Peace. AMEN*

ADDIE GUIDRY - December 13, 2020 at 12:09 PM

IP

*So sorry for your loss of a strong patriarch. Sending love from Austin for Bobby, Janice and the rest of the family.*

Ilene and Wayne Pappert - January 01, 2021 at 10:37 AM