



Joseph Martin Gerhardt

January 11, 1959 - January 5, 2022

Joe was born in Austin, Texas, the son of Louis and Freida Gerhardt. He was a brother to Alan and David. He grew up in Austin and attended Agudas Achim and was active in USY and Young Judea.

Joe excelled in academics and was acing math courses at the University of Texas while still a high school student at Austin High School. He attended MIT where he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. While at MIT he was a member of the Zamir Chorale Group and sang with them at concerts around the US.

After college he worked at IBM's Watson Research Center working on a number of projects including semiconductor testing, speech recognition, and computer system development. He later returned to Austin to continue working at IBM. Joe was passionate about music and continued to perform after moving back to Texas.

After retiring, he was very involved in caring for his parents, enabling them to stay in their home as they grew older. Throughout his life he maintained strong Jewish values, kept kosher and honored the Shabbat and Holidays. He was an avid explorer of Jewish philosophy.

Joe was smart, witty, insightful, multi-talented and caring. He was greatly loved by family and friends and especially his nieces and nephews with whom he spent many an hour singing, playing games and teaching them many things from math to juggling.

For those wishing to honor Joe's memory, donations can be made to Chabad of Austin or Charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Martin Gerhardt*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *We shared many Shabbos's with Joe and his dear family in the past. It was always a pleasure to see him and his wonderful family. We will miss him very much. BDE.*

Love,

Sandi, Brian & Brandon Balarsky

Sandra Balarsky - January 15, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *It's been many years since I had seen Joe. He was a sweet and brilliant man. He has left this earth to early. May his memory live on in those who loved and knew him.*

Deborah - January 14, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *I met Joe and the rest of his family during my first visit to Austin in 1989. I got to know Joe, his brothers and his parents well during that and subsequent visits. I'm very sad to hear of his passing, may his neshama have an aliya.*

Barry Graham - January 08, 2022 at 07:36 PM



“ *The Price family is deeply saddened by the news of Joe's passing. We treasure the happy times we had with the Gerhardt family and recall Joe's devotion to his community, family, and music. Linda Price*

Linda Price - January 08, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *To David & Lisa Gerhardt: I love you all so very much. I am shocked by Joe's passing. Fred Freedman*

FRED FREEDMAN - January 07, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Austin Natural Funerals - January 07, 2022 at 05:27 PM