



Lila Rochelle Marks Katz

July 5, 1940 - July 15, 2025

Lila Rochelle Marks Katz, beloved mother, Bubbie, sister, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on July 15, 2025, in Austin, Texas, surrounded by the love of her daughters and grandchildren. She was 85 years old.

Born on July 5, 1940, in Wichita Falls, Texas, Lila later moved with her family to Dallas, where she graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School. A proud Dallasite, Lila was a lifelong fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

Lila's greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her four daughters and her adoring grandchildren. She loved cheering on her beloved Cowboys, playing Rummikub, enjoying a good movie or TV show, soaking in the sunshine, and tending to and appreciating flowers. Lila never met a stranger, and her infectious presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lila is survived by her devoted daughters: Sheila (Mark) Cohen, Paula Katz (Sheila Bailey), Hilary Katz (Ted Roan), and Brenda (Jeff) Cohen. She leaves behind a legacy of love in her grandchildren: Elliot Cohen, Eden Cohen, Regan Cohen, Evan Katz-Gathercole, Stuart Cohen, Haylen Cohen, Tessa Katz-Gathercole, and Taryn Cohen. She is also survived by her sister Rose Marcus, brother Michel Marks, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral and burial services will be held, Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 10:30 AM at Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park -- 115 Northside Lane Cedar Creek, TX 78612. Rabbi Neil Blumofe from Congregation Agudas Achim will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Lila's memory to The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden or Alzheimer's Association, two organizations that were meaningful to her and her family.

Shiva will be held at the home of Brenda and Jeff Cohen, 10906 Sierra Colorado, Austin, Texas 78759 from Wednesday (7/16) through Friday (7/18). Visitors are welcome at 6:30 PM each night with a minyan on Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and Friday night at 6:30 PM.

Cemetery Details

Eloise Woods Natural Burial Park

115 Northside Lane
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 16. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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Alice Clauss - July 17, 2025 at 11:42 PM

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Lila's favorite holiday was the 4th of July

Alice Clauss - July 18, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ *The world has lost a bright light when Lila passed from this life. Lila was a dear friend and my movie-going buddy when she lived in Dallas. Always generous and lively, she never knew a stranger. Her pride and joy was her family...she was so proud of her girls and grandchildren. Although she hated leaving Dallas, after she moved closer to Brenda and Hilary in Austin she said she was glad to be closer to her family and share in their lives. She loved her "baby" Tux, swimming and sunning in the pool, and spending the 4th of July watching fireworks shows. They were her favorite holiday as she would celebrate her birthday and Hilary's! Rest in peace, Lila. – Alice*

Alice Clauss - July 17, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ Cont...fireworks in a way you had to experience to believe. She loved her girls and delighted in their success and that of her “grandbabies.” She loved all people...almost as much as the sun and pool. She will be missed!!!!

Wendy Marks Steinbeck - July 16, 2025 at 10:44 AM

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“ Aunt Lila was the happiest, most exuberantly joyful person I’ve ever known. When I ran away from home, she let me her couch. When I had surgery, she cared for my son. When I married, she fell in love with my husband and called him her boyfriend. She took us to the openings of movies and LOVED her Cowboys and Dallas. She shared her love of fireworks.

Wendy Marks Steinbeck - July 16, 2025 at 10:39 AM