



Mitchell Sudolsky

October 3, 1951 - March 31, 2021

Mitchell Sudolsky, a Brooklyn-born Texan known for his quick mind, devotion to social justice, and disarming sense of humor, died March 31 in Austin after a short illness. A devoted husband, father, social worker, and teacher, he will be missed by many whose lives he touched from Texas to New York.

Born in Brooklyn on October 3, 1951, Mitch was drawn to the helping professions as an undergraduate at Cornell University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. After graduation, he worked in a residential treatment center in Niagara Falls and at a camp for children with disabilities; evaluated teen pregnancy prevention and delinquency diversion programs for a New Mexico youth agency; and worked as a volunteer firefighter. In 1978 he earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Texas at Austin. He chose Austin, he often joked, as much for the food and music as for the educational opportunity.

While in graduate school Mitch met nursing student and Austin resident Adrienne Nolen. They were married in 1979 and raised their two children, Claire and Aaron, in Colorado and Austin. Throughout his decades as a Southwesterner, Mitch remained proud of his Brooklyn roots, and he relished the specialness of being a "New Yawker" in Texas. A lifelong fan of classical and jazz music, he also acquired a taste for salsa music, which he shared with his daughter Claire. He played a mean ragtime piano but also loved visiting

Austin's honky tonks with Adrienne.

A Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Mitch served for many years as the director of Jewish Family Service of Austin. His tenure there capped a distinguished professional career that included thirteen years in rural mental health centers in Colorado and New Mexico and seven years in a Colorado health sciences center, where he taught physicians in a hospital training program. An enthusiastic teacher, Mitch took special pleasure in recent years in serving as clinical professor at his alma mater, the UT Graduate School of Social Work, where he lectured on social justice and crisis intervention and was sought out by many of his students as a mentor and supervisor.

Mitch was a voracious reader of histories and of the New York Times, a barbecue lover turned vegan, a hiker who enjoyed backpacking with his son Aaron, and a cyclist who had once biked into the wind from New York to California. As a social science professional, he combined a passionate commitment to social justice with an extraordinary work ethic, a razor-keen mind, and a gift for brightening conversation with wordplay and wit. He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph Sudolsky and Beatrice Ringel. He is survived by Adrienne, his wife of 42 years; their children Claire and Aaron; his brother David and sister Amy; several close cousins; and numerous colleagues and former students who remember him as an energetic, exacting, and inspiring teacher.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mitch's memory to Jewish Family Service of Austin: <https://www.shalomaustin.org/tributes>.

Previous Events

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Tribute Wall



“ *Austin Natural Funerals created a Mitchell Sudolsky Funeral Service in memory of Mitchell Sudolsky*



Austin Natural Funerals - April 05, 2021 at 04:58 PM



“ *Mitchell Sudolsky*

October 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Mitch had a sharp wit and a good sense of humor that I sincerely appreciated. I also enjoyed the relationship he had with my husband as they were both sports buddies who relished Longhorn baseball games together. There was a youthful enthusiasm they shared going to these games together.*

Lynda Baker - September 27, 2021 at 08:06 PM

DD

“ *What stands out most about my time in the classroom with Professor Sudolsky is the high standard he maintained for critical thought. You always had to be on your toes in his class because he did not have patience for lazy answers or poor writing.*

I have been a field instructor with UT for 10 years and I often still find myself thinking, "What would Professor Sudolsky think about this situation? Would he be satisfied with the supportive services being provided?" I hope that this thinking continues to be a guiding lens as I offer feedback and support for new social workers in the field.

Dane DeCiero - April 13, 2021 at 04:23 PM

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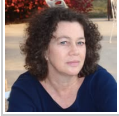
“ *Mitch and I became friends in Trinidad Colorado where we work together. Mitch was an avid runner and got me running in the morning before work and somehow tolerated my slow pace because I wasn't an athlete like he was. We played on city League basketball teams together among other activities while he was in Trinidad. When I moved to Pueblo Colorado I asked Mitch to come and work for me to teach behavioral science to family practice residence at Southern Colorado family medicine residency. He was so smart and so well read that he did a great job teaching until he finally decided to move back to Austin.*

I regret that I lost track of Mitch because he was such a good friend full of life, smart, and a great sense of humor. My daughter found his obituary and called to tell me. My condolences to his family and I hope Adriane is doing well. What a great loss.

 *for his family.*

Charlie Raye

Charles Raye - April 12, 2021 at 11:21 AM



Charlie, it was so nice to read your comments about Mitch. He often said that he wanted to contact you. He was sorry that he had lost touch with you. My email is asudolsky@gmail.com. I'd like talk to you.
Adrienne

Adrienne Sudolsky - June 21, 2021 at 10:09 PM

Dianne
Marshall

“ Mitch was a friend of 53 years I first met at Cornell University. We were in a Spanish immersion class together. Our instructor was Alice Michtom. Alice had only one rule...we could talk about anything we wanted, but it had to be in Spanish. One day Alice came into the classroom and Mitch was reciting “Casey at the Bat” in English. In a split second he switched and finished reciting the poem in Spanish. That was the beginning of a most wonderful friendship for the two of us.

Years later we happened to see “The Sting” together. While visiting Mitch in Brooklyn, I bought his *The Complete Works of Scott Joplin*. That simple act gave new purpose to years of learning how to play classical piano.

While working at a school for special needs children in Niagara, NY, Mitch met Mike and Mary Patton from Beeville, TX. Through them, Mitch found Texas to be the alternative to New York City’s bricks and mortar. He loved the music, the food and much more that he found after he moved to Austin.

That love included Adrienne. When Mitch first told me about Adrienne, I knew she was the one for him...except there was one catch...religion. Like Mitch, my father (another New York City boy) had married a Gentile at a time when doing so was considered an interracial marriage. Father and Mitch talked about his love for Adrienne and his wanting to marry her. Father asked, “What is more important, the institutions of your two religions, or your love for Adrienne?” Mitch knew his answer.

Mitch’s mom, Bea, a third grade teacher in the New York City school system, helped me be a better mother with her guidance to be sure that, at the end of the day, my son knew I loved him. She said, “As a kid in school, others will be trying to “fix” him all day. Your job is to love him.”

Mitch was/is family to me. He translated all the Yiddish in *Blazing*

Saddles for me. Because of the length of our friendship, we knew each other's families, our hopes, accomplishments, struggles, challenges, and humor. We were able to ask each other the tough questions that help one get back on track when feeling derailed.

Mitch loved his wife, and he loved his children, Claire and Aaron.

Mitch loved his work for Jewish Family Services and for the University of Texas, School of Social Work. He was so deeply appreciative of all the support he received during the onset of Adrienne's illness and thereafter.

Now is a time of loss balanced by the end of suffering. What a joy it was having Mitch for a friend.

Thank you, Dianne Marshall



Dianne Marshall - April 08, 2021 at 04:44 PM



Dianne, you were a great friend to Mitch and our family. I look forward to seeing you and Lawren. What a beautiful tribute.

Adrienne Sudolsky - June 21, 2021 at 10:47 PM

TB

“ *Mr Sudolsky was my Social Justice teacher at UT Austin School of Social Work in 2009. His was one of my first social justice classes and by far my favorite. His courage to speak up for those without voices and confront difficult topics in class helped me find my voice in social work. I reflect on his teachings often and still have all the class readings in my bookshelf. Though I moved away from Austin, we stayed in touch and I considered him a mentor. I will miss him dearly but am grateful for his teachings and all the wisdom he so openly shared with others. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Tiffany Burd - April 07, 2021 at 11:55 AM

SG

“ *Holiday party 2019❤️ So happy Adrienne and Mitch were able to attend. The impact Mitch had on my life cannot be put into words. I am forever grateful. My condolences to his family. -The Galindos, Sara, Carlos and baby Micah.*



Sara Galindo - April 06, 2021 at 05:41 PM

KR

“ I just learned today that Mitch Sudolsky passed away. What a tremendous loss! I am heartbroken. Endlessly grateful I was able to meet him and learn from him. The things I learned in his class continue to guide my decision-making every day. He taught me and many other social workers how to think critically about the work we do. And he did that with his special brand of humor, wit, and kindness - what a legacy!

My deepest condolences to his family and friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, Mitch! May you rest in peace.

Kelley Roberts - April 06, 2021 at 03:09 PM

TU

“ I was very fortunate to have Professor Sudolsky as my Social Justice instructor during my first semester of the Master's program. The high standards that he set for his students challenged me not only to perform my best academically, but later in my professional life as well. His tough-but-fair approach was great preparation for a career that demands a kind heart, but also a sharp mind and a thick skin, and I knew that any feedback I received from him was genuine and well considered. I greatly appreciated his weekly reading suggestions (like "Man's Search for Meaning") and his advice from many years in the field. He was not only an inspiring educator, but also truly interesting person, with many passions in his life. I'm very grateful that teaching future social workers was one of them.

Tom Umberger

Tom Umberger - April 06, 2021 at 01:49 PM

CA

“ Professor Sudolsky, Thank you for your mentorship, your courage, your humor and your devotion to the social profession and to your students. You will be so deeply missed by so many of us. I have so many fond memories of professors Sudolsky as his student and mentee. In and out of the classroom he dared us have difficult conversations about race and religion, he pushed us out of our comfort zone and encouraged us to dig deep within us, to be brave and honest. I am so happy that I was able to learn so much from you professor Sudolsky. You left a profound mark in so many of your students. We will take your legacy with us, in our work and in our character.

Candy - April 06, 2021 at 08:11 AM

EL

“ Professor Sudolsky will forever make a profound impression on me during my time as a graduate student at UT Austin. He was so genuine and honest, with a certain directness and thoughtfulness that pushed me to sit back and think more critically. While I only knew him from taking two of his classes and some post-grad conversations from time to time with him, he made a great impact on my time as a young social worker in Austin. I will miss him for all the guidance and wisdom he had given me.

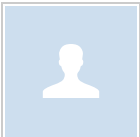
Elaine - April 05, 2021 at 09:41 PM

MB

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Mitchell brown - Yesterday at 09:39 PM

Mitchell Brown - April 05, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mitchell Sudolsky.



April 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM

JE

“ Mitch and I worked together for five years at the JCAA and I enjoyed our time as colleagues. His commitment to JFS was significant and evident in everything he did. We stayed in touch from time to time after I left and my most meaningful recollection was a lunch at Central Market, when I learned about his 'incident,' the China Study, and Forks Over Knives. Mitch was passionate about many things, but mostly about his family. Hearing from his dear friends and family at the beautiful ceremony brought back many fond memories. I love seeing his smile on this page, and hearing his voice in the stories shared today. Sending heartfelt condolences to Adrienne, Claire, and Aaron. May Mitch's memory forever be a blessing and may all of us who knew and loved him be comforted by our memories of the good times we shared. Janet S. Elam

Janet S. Elam - April 05, 2021 at 03:13 PM



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Leanna Wolfe - April 05, 2021 at 03:06 PM

RS

“ Mitch and I in our entering Grad School photo. He is third from the right, beginning with the back row.



Robert Seidel - April 05, 2021 at 03:05 PM

AB

“ I had the great honor being one of Mitch's students in multiple classes and one of his last LCSW supervisees. His uncompromising spirit and sharp mind made a lasting impression on me as a young social worker that will never fade. The standards he set for himself and his students pushed me to be a better student and better person. More than anything, I learned how to be courageous and to live and practice with integrity from his example. May myself and his other students pass down a passion for social justice, commitment to our profession, the ability to live with bravery to the future generations of social workers so Mitch's memory never dies.

Adam Benden - April 05, 2021 at 02:17 PM

SH

“ Professor Sudolsky was by far one of the best professors I had during my graduate education at SHSSW. His commitment to social justice and everlasting push of his students made his classroom full of ripe conversation and everlasting learning. I have been fortunate to also call his daughter, Claire, a colleague. I hope the rest of the Sudolsky family know how much of a significant impact Mitch made on generations of social workers. I am so sorry for your loss and hope you find moments of peace and comfort knowing his lessons will carry on.

Sarah Hilderbrand - April 05, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ Whenever I think of Mitch, the first memory that comes to mind is the first time we met. He walked into my office to introduce himself and schedule a meeting with Allan. He looked around my office and saw San Francisco Giants and Kansas City Chiefs memorabilia and immediately started quizzing me on the team's histories. Then every time after that he would stop by and we'd talk sports until one of us had to get going. He was a wonderful person that cared deeply. My sincerest condolences to his family.

Mia Vinton

Mia Vinton - April 05, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ I am proud to call myself a fellow social worker and colleague of Mitch's from the Steve Hicks School of Social Work. Mitch pushed his students and all of us as faculty and staff to stay keenly tuned in to social justice issues, ethics, evidence-based practice, and much more. He and I shared roots in New York and I have special memories of 'going New Yawk' on him. He was unique and beloved in our community. My deepest care and wishes for peace go to his family, who I know he loved above all.

Sarah Swords

Sarah Swords - April 05, 2021 at 01:45 PM

CD

“ Hands down my favorite professor at SHSSW, Professor Sudolsky introduced me to the rigors of a graduate education through his Social Justice class during my first semester. An 'A' or "strong work" from him meant so much more than it did from any other professor, because he made you work 10x harder for it. Despite it being at 8am on a Friday, I looked forward to his class every week and sought out opportunities to speak to him and get to know him during office hours. We bonded over both biking to school, but I had no idea he had once cycled from NY to CA until I read his obituary. I wish I would have known and could have shared with him that I, too, once biked into the wind, but from Baltimore to Seattle. He was the type of person you know is full of good stories and interesting experiences and I feel lucky to have had even a small glimpse of his life through his lectures and our brief conversations. I hope that his dear family and friends will find comfort in knowing that he touched the lives of so many of his students in a such a short time but such a big way.

Chelsea DeBernardis - April 05, 2021 at 12:15 PM

HL

“ I knew Mitch since 1978 while running with a group of runners in NM. Within a few yards of our run we hit it off. We have had that friendship since then. He was a gifted piano player, and even played at our wedding. His usual greeting to me was, "yo Hecta" and I would reply in kind. We both enjoyed a variety of music and food, Austin style.

Yo Mitch, we will miss such an intelligent and caring gentleman.

Mitch, mi amigo te voy a extrañar malamente!

Hector Leyba - April 05, 2021 at 11:47 AM

TO

“ We mark more than 20 years of friendship with Mitch and Adrienne, starting with a parking lot conversation between Eileen and Mitch after a meeting of Austin agency directors. The fact that the two talked for over an hour at that first casual meeting foreshadowed the future. To share Mitch’s company was to engage in the brightest, sharpest thinking and conversation on an impressive range of interests. Did he ever forget anything?

We’ll certainly never forget Mitch or a single moment we shared. From weddings to holidays to the Ozarks to the ‘Alps of Oregon,’ through hikes, tennis and illnesses, he made the moment memorable.

Throughout his life and our portion as his friend, Mitch was a sustaining force for truth, justice, care for all, rigorous education, humor, music and more music, obsessively made coffee and red chile sauce, and the New York Times (or, his Bahble). We hope to honor him by carrying these forward, always in his memory and with love.

To Adrienne, Claire and Aaron, our love continues and grows.

Tom & Eileen

(Tom Neale, Eileen Oldag)

Tom Neale & Eileen Oldag - April 05, 2021 at 11:45 AM

MS

“ Professor Sudolsky, it saddens me to learn about your passing. As your former student, I thank you for sharing so much with us and for all your hard work in the social work field. I will not lie, I was intimidated by you at first until I realized it was your Brooklyn roots showing and that I respected so much! So many pearls I will remember. My condolences to your family and friends. My best,
Martha Santillan

Martha Santillan - April 05, 2021 at 11:30 AM

NI

“ *The first time I heard about Mitch was at the UT School of Social Work’s open house. A student said that if we wanted to be challenged, to take one of Mitch’s classes. I ended up taking three of his classes. Not only was he an exceptional social worker, but he was also an incredible mentor and professor. This loss hurts, but I have a little comfort knowing that he lives on in all the lives he touched.*



Nico - April 05, 2021 at 10:39 AM

HE

“ *Adrienne and I were students when they met. And from the start, I knew it was love at first sight for Mitch and Adrienne. And through Adrienne I knew Mitch. I knew about the great love he had for her. About his love for Claire and Aaron; and his desire to get even closer to them as they matured by having long walks and conversations with each over the weekends. I knew about his passion for teaching that allowed him to pass on his understanding and the need to confront social injustice, a passion he shared with her and with Mr. and Mrs. Nolen. And I remember Mrs. Nolen and I once met one of Mitch's clients who on learning that Jeanne was Mitch's mother in law, could not help herself in telling us with enthusiasm and deep belief, how she respected him and how much he had helped her. We were touched by her sincere gratitude. And when Adrienne wrote about their trips and sent pictures of their beautiful, wild, fun and inspiring adventures in the wilderness, I knew of his deep loving enthusiasm of being with her in nature sharing with her his knowledge of the outdoors and enjoying their walks and hikes together.*

Our sincere love and condolences to my dear friend Adrienne and their children Claire and Aaron. May God keep and guard over them, protect them, guide them and lead them through...

Raymond (my husband) and I are keeping you and your family in our love, in our thought and in our prayers.

Your friend, always, Helena

Helena - April 05, 2021 at 10:22 AM

LB

“ While I knew and respected Mitch as a social services professional, a community leader and wise and progressive civic voice - my lasting memory of him right this moment is his sense of humor, his ability to raz me (as us New Yorkers can do with one another) and his kind heart. He made significant impressions on so many. All these memories are truly a blessing. My heart is reaching out to yours Adrienne.

Lynda Baker - April 05, 2021 at 02:24 AM

SG

“ My deepest condolences to Adrienne Claire and Aaron and to the family. I have fond memories of my first professional experiences in early care and learning as a babysitter for baby Claire in Trinidad and as a parent assistant watching Adrienne teach at the local community center- now I work at the state level at the Office of Early Childhood In the Division of Early Care and Learning and the gratitude for my beginnings in the files is not lost. Mitch and Adrienne were models of adults and parents and lovers of antiques and I was in awe at the dedication and passion for the work Mitch did and for Adrienne teaching me many things, including to make queso for Claire. Thank you for sharing your wonderful family and selves with the world. With respect and gratitude, SarahJane Gerald

sarahjane gerald - April 05, 2021 at 12:02 AM

LE

“ I was so lucky to work with Mitch as a member of the JFS cabinet. He was a teacher to the JFS staff, a patient advocate, and always guided the Cabinet in a thoughtful way. He is truly missed. My heart goes out to Adrienne and the family. Laura Eisenberg

Laura Eisenberg - April 04, 2021 at 11:36 PM

RE

“ Professor Sudolsky kept everyone engaged in the classroom. Though I admit I did get a little fidgety hoping he wouldn't call on me when I wasn't prepared. I took social justice with him and learned a tremendous amount. He challenged us and I think everybody left his class better prepared to be a social worker. He will be missed.

Rebecca Evans - April 04, 2021 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ Professor Suldolsky brought honesty, integrity, and humor to his classroom and served as a model for what a social worker (and human) should be. I can say without reservation that he had an impact on every student who was lucky enough to learn from him, and that I will never forget the things he taught us - that we were earning a Master of Science degree, which meant that we needed to be able to back up what we were doing with reason, research, and evidence; that we would find ourselves with very difficult questions at times and needed to know where to go for answers, and to always remember our Fiduciary Duty. He was a unique and wonderful person, and will be deeply missed.

Corie Martin - April 04, 2021 at 06:42 PM

MB

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Mitchell brown - April 04, 2021 at 10:39 PM

VI

“ I am so unbelievably fortunate to have been a student of Mitch's. He left an indelible mark on my professional self and I will remember him always. My love to the family and all those who suffer his loss. He was a truly wonderful, remarkable person.

Sincerely,

Victoria Rogers

Victoria - April 04, 2021 at 03:04 PM

“ My husband Chris and I have known the Sudolsky family for a long time, being neighbors just down the road. One great memory is being invited to a Thanksgiving dinner at their house, which included several family members, like his wonderful in-laws Claude and Jean. There was good food, good conversation, playing instruments, and singing "How much is that Doggie in the Window" (courtesy of Christa, of course).

Mitch was a great gardener, his veggie garden thriving year after year. Whenever he and Adrienne went away on vacation, I (Christa) was put on watering duty, the agreed arrangement being I should help myself to anything suitable for the dinner plate. I took great pride in making sure their vegetables and flowers looked as good, if not better when they returned.

Mitch, Adrienne, and I also shared our love for reading. While I did not discuss the books with Mitch so much, but rather with Adrienne on our neighborhood walks several times a week, she often told me what he was reading, and then we discussed that. He sure was an avid reader of many an interesting or educational book.

And, yes, he had wit and I've been at the receiving end of it a few times, much to my delight, for I admire the natural aptitude for using words in a quick and inventive way to create humor - just couldn't get anything past him without him having the last word. Not to mention the twinkle in his eye.

Rest in Peace, Mitch. It's been a pleasure knowing you. You are leaving behind so many good people, especially my dear friend Adrienne and your children, Claire and Aaron.

--Christa

Christa - April 04, 2021 at 02:01 PM

JS

“ Mitch was my supervisor at JFS, for 14 years. It was a period of expansion for JFS and I was lucky to have Mitch's support as many programs got started and grew. I learned much from Mitch's encouragement and guidance. I send wishes for peace to his beloved wife and children, the Jewish community, and all those who knew Mitch and mourn the loss of his insight, intelligence, hard work, expertise, and quick wit. May his memory be a blessing.

Judith Sokolow - April 04, 2021 at 11:42 AM

FH

“ I was chair of Jewish Family Service when we hired Mitch as director. From the first interview, Mitch's questions demonstrated the qualities we all saw in his years of dedicated service. They demonstrated his integrity and his concern that he would be able to meet the needs of the community. He challenged us to expand the breadth of JFS and reach out to address mental health issues that had not previously been acknowledged. He was eager and enthusiastic, intelligent, and committed. He was a friend and we will miss him. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and may his memory be a blessing.

Fran Hamermesh - April 04, 2021 at 11:12 AM

LP

“ This is such a loss for the SHSSW, the Jewish community and the broader Austin community. Mitch was one of my primary mentors during the master's program, invited me to guest lecture in his class as a social worker in the field and wrote one of my recommendation letters for the PhD program. He will be missed! May his memory be a blessing.

Liana Petruzzi - April 03, 2021 at 08:47 PM

AM

“ Mitch was the first counselor I ever saw after experiencing some severe panic and anxiety. He changed my life in a short amount of time. I will truly remember him always. He was a great man and it is a great loss.

Amanda - April 03, 2021 at 06:39 PM



“ Mitch was a true mentor to me as I was completing my clinical hours. I worked for JFS 2003-2004 in a dual role, working with the Senior Activities at the J and then as a volunteer Career Counselor at JFS. Mitch was a great teacher and coach, making sure I was knowledgeable in both clinical areas and diagnostic tools, such as the DSM. He will be fondly remembered throughout our community.

Debbie Roberson - April 03, 2021 at 02:04 PM

DS

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David Sudolsky - April 03, 2021 at 10:54 AM

CR

Mitch and I ran together in Trinidad Colorado before work. He somehow tolerated my slow pace. We had lots of fun together in Trinidad especially playing softball. I loved his quick mind and sense of humor even when it was directed at me.

He was a great teacher and I talked him into teaching behavioral medicine to family practice residents at Southern Colorado Family Medicine Residency until he and his family decided to return to Austin. He was a Great friend and I am so sad that I lost contact with him. I will always cherish the time we had together and am heartbroken to hear of his passage

Charlie Raye

Charles Raye - April 11, 2021 at 10:39 PM

ML

“*I worked closely with Mitch for about seven years. He was a great professional. He took his work and his mission as seriously as anyone I have ever known and his passing leaves the profession (and the world) a little bit less strong and a lot less caring.*

My prayers to Mitch's family- may his soul be bound up forever with all the good people who passed before him, and his memory live as a blessing for everyone he ever helped, and all the many who knew and loved and respected him.

Mark Lit

Mark Lit - April 03, 2021 at 10:28 AM

MR

Hi David: I'm so sorry for the loss of your late brother, Mitch. He and I were friends with similar interests - we both went out of our way to try to understand and assist people with disabilities. I'm back in NY State after having spent most of my life in Texas, where he and I first met, but will be attending virtually as best and for as long as I can on Sunday.

Mitchell J Rappaport - April 03, 2021 at 01:35 PM

HY

“ *In deepest sympathy with his friends and family.*



Hadassah bat Yakov - April 03, 2021 at 01:53 AM



“ *My husband and I met Mitch over 20 years ago when we joined his group at JFS for Interfaith couples. He was friendly, sweet and kind and we had a wonderful experience because of him. Your memory and legacy will live through all the many people you served, taught and helped throughout the years. You are very loved.*

Deborah Zallen - April 02, 2021 at 08:30 PM