



## Bernard Frank Skibell

May 20, 1933 - March 20, 2014

Bernard Skibell passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the age of 80. Services will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at Congregation Shaareth Israel with Rabbi Vicki Hollander officiating. Burial will follow at the Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Born May 20, 1933, Bernard grew up in Greenville, Texas the second of four sons in a large and loving family. In 1949 the family expanded their women's clothing business to Lubbock, TX where Bernard completed high school. On his 17th birthday he took his first college final, was an active member of Sigma Alpha Mu and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1954.

After college Bernard began a 60-year career in the jewelry business in Greenville, MS. As a registered jeweler in the American Gem Society and owner of Schloms Jewelers he offered knowledge, expertise and integrity to his customers. After returning to Lubbock he continued this legacy, operating Allison Skibell Jewelers with partner Rodney Allison for over seven years. Bernard was actively involved in many community organizations serving as a leader and volunteer: President of the Greenville, MS YMCA, President of the Mississippi Retail Jewelers Association, President of Hebrew Union Temple, and President of the Greenville Kiwanis. As well, he was a member of the Elks

Lodge, the Lubbock Country Club, and Lubbock Congregation Shaareth Israel.

His interest ranged far beyond his professional life and were as broad as his heart was deep. He played the French horn in the Greenville Symphony orchestra, had a deep love of opera and classical music, was an avid pilot and enjoyed skiing, golf, traveling the world. Bernard had a fine sense of humor, loved telling stories and trading jokes with his friends. He sky dived, jumping from a plane on his 75th birthday. All of this was enhanced and heightened by the happiness and love he shared for twenty one years with his beloved wife, Betty.

Bernard is survived by his wife Betty, son Charles Skibell and wife Lyn of Dallas; daughter Tracee Skibell and her partner Linda Stanton of Ashville, NC two brothers, Dr. Richard Skibell and wife Andrea of Dallas; Dr. David Skibell and wife Rochelle of Houston; brother-in-law David Young and wife Pat of Ft. Stockton, TX; cousins and friends each holding a place of honor in his heart. Like the gems he sold, he sparkled with life and drew nieces, nephews and children of lifelong friends close, becoming a dear Uncle and committed surrogate Grandpa to many.

The presence of love ones never failed to light him up from the inside, and in their marriage, Bernard and Betty set an example of devotion, warmth and tolerance that will continue to guide future generations.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be sent to Congregation Shaareth Israel, P.O. Box 93594. Lubbock, TX 79493 or South Plains College Foundation, Weldon Adams Scholarship, 1401 South College Avenue, Levelland, TX 79336 (a scholarship fund set up by Independent Agents of Lubbock).



# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 East 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 23. 2:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Shaareth Israel  
6928-83rd Street  
Lubbock, TX 79424

# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts are with the family.*

*Steve Willingham...*

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**Steve Willingham** - March 22, 2014 at 06:21 PM



“ *Deepest sympathies to the Skibell family. Peace be unto you...*

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**Joseph Dempsey** - March 22, 2014 at 11:48 AM



“ *Betty. Bernard always had a good joke or a good piece of advice or a wonderful piece of jewelry that was a real steal. We will miss him also. all our love Pai and Don Rector.*

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**Don Rector** - March 22, 2014 at 10:07 AM



“ *Family of Bernard Skibell  
Thinking of you and know your heavy hearts will be lightened with remembered joy.  
Will miss that great smile and twinkle in his eyes.  
Norma Carlson*

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**Norma Carlson** - March 21, 2014 at 01:13 PM