



## Eli Boroda

February 23, 1944 - August 21, 2020

Graveside service for Eli Boroda, 76, of Lubbock will be held 11:30 a.m., Monday, August 24, 2020 in the City of Lubbock Cemetery with Rabbi Deborah Goldmann officiating.

Eli passed away August 21, 2020 at the West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring, Texas. He was born February 23, 1944 in Egypt to David and Esther Boroda: His family relocated to the United States in the fifties.

Education was instilled in Eli at an early age through family values. Then Eli graduated from Brookline High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from North Eastern University. Eli enlisted in the U.S. Army as an officer during the Vietnam War and served as a Medic in the 82nd Airborne. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and One Overseas Service Bar.

After returning from war, Eli received his Master's Degree in Microbiology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. On May 10, 1979 Eli was granted a patent for the first TENS device for home use. Eli worked for many years for Beth Israel Hospital and Lemuel Shattick Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1988, Eli moved to San Diego, CA where he would later work for the Balboa Naval Hospital and as a business manager for the local AFGE.

In 1998, he moved to Lubbock where he would later receive his Ph.D. in Plant and Soil Science from Texas Tech University. When Hurricane Katrina hit, he served in the Texas State Medical Rangers. In 2002, he became the Ag Anti-Bioterrorism Coordinator for West Texas. When he retired, he stayed active in the community receiving the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Volunteer work with the local Veteran's Administration. In addition, he was a member of the local chapter of the Kiwanis Club and the Lubbock Lion's Club.

Loved ones include daughter, Allison Boroda and son, Garrett Boroda; numerous uncles and cousins.

# Cemetery Details

## City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street  
Lubbock, TX 79404

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

AUG **24**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ I was not aware of your Father passing and I will surely miss him. He was my friend and we had a great time together and I loved you and your brother and the times we did things together. I am so sorry.

James Fetters - February 23, 2023 at 03:27 PM

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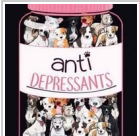
“ It was a pleasure and honor having met Eli who was my Lab Instructor when I was an undergraduate. He was an excellent teacher and an amazing story teller. He was a really funny guy too. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Anthony Esquivel - October 04, 2021 at 11:47 PM

GL

“ We loved Eli volunteering with us at the VA. I could sit and talk with him all day. Mainly listen to all the amazing stories he had to share. A man full of knowledge and eager to help. He always made us laugh about something. He loved my kiddos and was always so excited to see their pictures. His face would light up. We have missed you so much and will continue to miss you. To Allison and Garrett. ( sorry if I misspelled the names) Big hugs to both of you and I am very honored to have known your father.

Gloria - August 26, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Maggie Durham - August 24, 2020 at 03:25 PM



*Thank you Maggie.*

**Allison Boroda** - August 25, 2020 at 10:09 PM

JF

“ *There are not enough good things that can be said about Eli. I work at the VA where Eli volunteered, and that is how we got to know each other a little. Eli was an amazing human being, such a great sense of humor, and love for people. His loss will be greatly felt by the folks that know him, and he is going to be greatly missed.. God Bless you, and my deepest sympathies for such a tremendous loss to your family.*

*John Flores*

**John Flores** - August 24, 2020 at 12:29 PM



*Thank you John. I know he loved his Veteran family. Every one of you was a brother or sister to him.*

**Allison Boroda** - August 25, 2020 at 10:09 PM

MA

“ *Baruch dayan emet. My condolences to the family.*

**Michael R. Akins** - August 24, 2020 at 11:52 AM

KP

“ *Eli was a true Renaissance man with a tremendous breadth of knowledge. His love of knowledge was surpassed only by his love for his son, Garrett, and his daughter, Allison. He dedicated much of his life to the defense and protection of his adopted country. A truly bright candle has been extinguished on earth. We will miss him.*

**Kathleen A. Ellis, Ph.D.** - August 23, 2020 at 07:05 PM



*Thank you, Kathleen. Very well put and so true!*

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**Allison Boroda** - August 25, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Eli Boroda.*



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August 23, 2020 at 04:40 PM

EH

“ I want to offer my deepest condolences on the passing of your dear father. As my brother had mentioned in an earlier tribute, we first met Eli back in 1963 - when we first arrived to this country. I was only 4. Eli was more than just a family friend - to me, he was like an older brother / parent. My brother and I spent so much of our free time with him. He taught me about the American way of life, we talked about school, life and our futures. Eli was an honorable and upstanding individual - and a person I owe so much to especially during my teen years.

*I remember how nervous I felt when he told our family that he was shipping off to Vietnam. It was a long two years, but I'm sure it felt even longer for him and his parents.*

*And then he returned - driving a beautiful (1972? I believe) white Ford Mustang. And amazingly, we were able to pick up exactly where we had left off two years prior. But we could all tell that Vietnam took a toll on him.*

*Honorable and upstanding men like Eli are so hard to find these days. I share your pain. I will never forget him and will always recall the many wonderful and special moments are families shared.*

*"Zichrono Livracha" - may his memory serve as a blessing to all those that had the fortunate pleasure of knowing him and may you be comforted among all the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.*

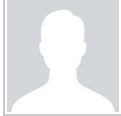
*I would love to speak to you in the future.*

*My deepest condolences,*

*Ezra Habif*

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**Ezra Habif** - August 23, 2020 at 11:50 AM



*Thank you, Ezra, for sharing this story and for your kind words. We would love to speak with you as well.*

**Allison Boroda** - August 23, 2020 at 02:30 PM

NH

*“ I knew Eli since 1963 when we were both living in Brookline Ma. He was a Mentor and a GREAT friend. He was loved by everyone in our Sepharadic Community. He always made us laugh and he could imitate Jerry Lewis to Perfection  
RIP my good Friend  
Nessim*

**Nessim Habif** - August 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM



*Thank you, Nessim, for sharing this story. My father loves helping others and seeing them smile.*

**Allison Boroda** - August 23, 2020 at 02:33 PM

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*“ Clarke and Sarah Young purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Eli Boroda.*



**Clarke and Sarah Young** - August 23, 2020 at 01:04 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories



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**Sanders Funeral Home** - August 22, 2020 at 03:50 PM

MM

“ *Dearest Allison and family*

*We are so very sorry to hear about your loss our prayers and deepest condolences are with all of you during this difficult time! Sorry we lost touch from 8th grade when you are up to it I would love to reconnect ❤️*

*Miriam Mendez/Twersky Family*

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**Miriam Mendez** - August 22, 2020 at 03:15 PM



*Thank you, Miriam. My father would be glad to know that we reconnected.*

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**Allison Boroda** - August 23, 2020 at 02:35 PM