

# Henrietta Weiss

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Our precious mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend peacefully left us on June 25, 2018, in Austin Texas. We now celebrate her extraordinary 95 years of life.

Henrietta was born in Bisbee, Arizona in 1922. At an early age she moved to El Paso with her parents, Bill and Lena Silver and her sister, Jeanette. She attended Dudley School and El Paso High School.

She married Harold Weiss in 1948 and they parented her children from a prior marriage, Gerard and Jack Neumann. Janice and Michael were subsequently born and the family moved from their Hague Street home to their Las Vegas Drive home. Harold and Henrietta owned Ellis Brothers, one of El Paso's first office supply stores, located across from the State National Bank in downtown El Paso. After selling the store, Harold and Henrietta began a retirement consisting of overseas travel, from Mozambique to Australia and from Russia to Brazil.

Henrietta became a Bridge Life Master and played on-line tournaments well into her nineties. Also, well into her eighties, she worked for Gerard's recycling business. In addition to being an astute businesswoman and bridge player, Henrietta ruled in the kitchen. Rarely did she use recipes to achieve excellence in her cooking. Her instincts were unparalleled.

After the death of her husband, Henrietta moved to Austin to be close to Michael, Janice and granddaughter, Julia, and remained there until her death.

Henrietta weathered the Depression, World War II and the challenges that life often presents with an uncommon strength and intelligence. She battled cancer with the tenacity that guided her life. Henrietta was predeceased by her husband (Harold), her parents (Bill and Lena), her sister, (Jeanette Fenenbock), her son (Gerard) and her aunt (Necha Silver). She is survived by Janice, Michael, Jack (Benita), many grandchildren and great-grandchildren (including Canyon Gray to be born in late August/early September) and sister-in-law, Cecily Weiss. Her memory will be embodied in the lives of her family and friends. The Weiss family is eternally thankful for those who cared for their matriarch in the final chapter of her life: Will and Sana Henderson, Hospice Austin and Beth Flores. Charities that were close to Henrietta's heart include M.D. Anderson (Houston) and Marbridge Foundation Benevolent Fund (Manchaca Texas). Published in El Paso Times on June 29, 2018