



RONALD STOCKER

June 20, 1943 - August 21, 2009

FORT WORTH -- Ronald Paul Stocker, 66, beloved husband, father, grandfather, teacher, community organizer and friend, died peacefully Friday morning, Aug. 21, 2009, at his home from complications due to cancer. Service: 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the Barnett Sanctuary at Congregation Ahavath Sholom, 4050 S. Hulen St. Rabbi Alberto "Baruch" Zeilicovich and Dr. Javier Smolarz, ritual director, will officiate. Following committal prayers, Ron will be laid to rest in Ahavath Sholom Cemetery. Minyan service will be held at the residence, beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, consideration of contributions to Congregation Ahavath Sholom, the American Cancer Society or a charity of choice is suggested. A native of Detroit, Mich., Ronald Paul Stocker, Ph.D., was born June 20, 1943, the son of Harold and Elaine Stocker. He was inspired to become a teacher following a semester abroad in Europe as an undergraduate at Michigan State University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in humanities from Wayne State University and a doctorate in European history from Texas Christian University. Ron taught history and government classes for more than 40 years at Tarrant County College where he developed close relationships with students and fellow teachers. He was active in the Jewish community as a former district and local president of B'nai B'rith and a member of Congregation Ahavath Sholom and a former member of the congregation's board. He also helped establish the Fort Worth Hebrew Day School. A nurturing and generous soul, Ron encouraged those in his life to pursue their goals and dreams. His father, Harold Sydney Stocker, preceded him in death.

Survivors: In addition to his wife, Sheila, Ron is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Randy Kramen; granddaughter, Sydney; mother, Elaine Finkelstein Stocker; sisters, Patty Joyce and her husband, Roger, and Linda Rothenburg and her husband, Arthur; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families.

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