

DR. JOSEPH SEGEL

Dr. Segel was known to his friends as Joe. He was born July 23, 1930, in Johannesburg, South Africa, son of the late Rachel and Israel Segel. He is preceded in death by two older brothers and a younger sister. He attended Athlone Boys High School and University of Witwatersrand Medical School, where he was an excellent student, graduating at the top of his class.

Dr. Segel practiced as a physician for 50 years; beginning in Johannesburg, and continuing in Houston, after his relocation in 1977, with his longtime friend and partner, Dr. Leslie Nowitz. Their practice specialized in family medicine, and Dr. Segel was a licensed sex therapist. He was a people person, who cared deeply about his patients and was passionate about their care. He stood out as a mentor to medical students who did rotations in his office, learning from him how to frame questions and, more importantly, learning to listen to the answers. He never limited his time with patients, even as medical practice became more controlled. He ran a family practice in the true sense of the word, caring for multiple generations of many families who adored him and missed him when he retired. Dr. Segel continued to share his knowledge and passion for patient care while he was a resident at Seven Acres. Many of the staff commented on how much they learned how to treat and speak to people from Dr. Segel.

Personally, Dr. Segel was passionate about learning and art. He was a docent at Holocaust Museum Houston. He enjoyed attending lectures about art and world affairs and, in his retirement, enjoyed painting.

Of all of his accomplishments, Dr. Segel was most proud of his family. He was a loving husband, a caring sibling, a compassionate father, stepfather, father-in-law, an attentive uncle and a proud grandfather. He is survived by Adele, his loving wife of 30 years; his daughter, Beverley and husband, Dave Roe; and their daughters, Brielle and Emily; daughter, Jennifer Segel; son, Martin Segel and wife, Amy, and their children, Danielle and Jake; stepdaughter, Elise and husband, Marc Passy, and Avi, Adina and Yael; and stepson, Ed and wife, Cimin Cohen. He also is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Nathan and Esme Segel; and sister-in-law, Mary Segel; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff at Seven Acres and his personal caregivers – Vivian, Martha, Alicia and Doug, whose love and care were priceless. Donations

in Joe's memory can be made to Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St., Houston, TX 77004; Seven Acres, 6200 N. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77074, or the Jewish Community Center Senior Adult Programs, 5601 S. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77096.

A funeral service was held to honor and remember Dr. Segel at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 19, in the chapel at Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd., followed by a graveside service at Congregation Emanu El Memorial Park, 8341 Bissonnet St.