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Robert Gluckstein Obituary

January 14, 1933 - January 24, 2014 Robert Irving Gluckstein passed away Friday, January 24, 2014 in Beverly Hills, California surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born in Los Angeles on January 14, 1933 to Joseph and Betty Gluckstein, first generation immigrants from Poland and Germany. Bob was the youngest of three children and the only boy. Bob grew up in Los Feliz and attended Marshall High School where he was an honors student. Tall and slender, at 6'4", Bob was quite an athlete. He won All City in basketball and was on the tennis team. Subsequently, he played on Coach John Wooden's first basketball team at UCLA, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Economics and American History. Bob met his sweetheart Rochelle in [redacted], where he spent his summers. At the time, she was 14 attending Fairfax and he was a 17 year-old senior at Marshall. They married four years later in the first official, documented wedding at the famed Coconut Grove [redacted] Ambassador Hotel. Bob joined the Army in 1956 and was commissioned as a First Lieutenant, stationed at Fort Ord in Northern California. Following his honorable discharge, Bob joined his father Joe, one of the early pioneers of hotel and apartment ownership in Downtown Los Angeles and the Ambassador District since the 1930s. Together, at one time they owned over 3,000 units. After Joe's death, Bob and his son sold the apartment portfolio and successfully transitioned into shopping centers and commercial properties. During the Yorty Administration, Bob served on the City of Los Angeles Public Utilities Commission. He was one of the founding board members of Beit T'Shuvah, a substance abuse recovery house on Venice Blvd, and remained a dedicated board member throughout his life. He was also an active supporter of Stop Cancer, a founding patron of LACMA and MOCA, on the Board of Governors at Cedars Sinai and long time member of Sinai Temple, Hillcrest Country Club and Tamarisk Country Club. Above all, Bob was the devoted and gracious patriarch of a multigenerational family. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Rochelle, his daughter Dana and her husband Michael Dieden, son Bradley and his wife Yanka Burgos and five grandchildren, Colin and Marena Dieden, Sonya, Leila, and Jonah Gluckstein. He was predeceased by his beautiful sisters Jeanette and Dolly. The funeral will be held Monday January 27th at 2 pm at Hillside Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Beit T'Shuvah. We will miss you Papa Bob.



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