



## James M. Berler, M.D.

December 31, 1925 - February 11, 2016

James Melvin Berler, M.D., passed away peacefully at the age of 90. He was born in Lawrence, New York, but became a Texan at age 13 when he moved to Austin, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin where he pledged Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity. It was also at UT where he met the love of his life, Arlene Belz Berler. They were happily married for 65 years. We know how happy they are to be together again.

Dr. Berler served in the United States Navy and in later years served as a physician in the United States National Guard.

Dr. Berler graduated from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 1954 and opened his medical practice in San Antonio. He was a caring OB/GYN physician and delivered thousands of babies during his career. He served as the Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Methodist Hospital in 1978. He was also a member of the Bexar County Medical Society.

His love for life made him an excellent physician, husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed dove hunting, traveling, reading, and watching his favorite sports teams, the Spurs, Longhorns, and Dallas Cowboys.

Dr. Berler is preceded in death by his parents Albert Berler, Sally Berler; his

wife, Arlene Belz Berler; brother Alvin Berler and sister-in-law Jeanette; brother-in-law Norman Belz; and daughter-in-law Missy Berler. Dr. Berler is survived by his children, Nancy Berler Polunsky, Dr. Michael Berler, Jeffrey Berler and Steven Berler; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Shirley and Jerry Wilde, numerous nieces and nephews; grandchildren Lauren and Benjamin, Andrew, Scott, Elizabeth and Jonathan, Caroline, Matthew, Amanda, Grace, and Sam; and great grandchildren, Maxwell, Charlotte, and Rose. A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, February 15th, at 10:00 am, at Temple Beth-El Memorial Park Austin Highway. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Jewish Family Service or a charity of your choice.