

# **JULES SPOKANE**

December 7, 1934 - March 19, 2024

Jules Spokane, 89, passed away peacefully on March 19, 2024, surrounded by his family. Born and raised in the east end of Pittsburgh, Jules was the oldest son of the late Eli and Freda Spokane who were the proud owners of Spokane's Bar. He graduated with high honors from Peabody High School and then continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with honors in business. While attending Pitt he was a brother and the financial chair of Sigma Alpha Mu along with being a dedicated member of the US Army Reserves for several years. Pitt was also where Jules met his late wife Bernice (Cohen) Spokane and they were married at Webster Hotel in '57.

Jules was well known in Pittsburgh for his accomplishments with Hamburg Brothers Inc. As President/CEO he led and expanded the company into one of the largest privately owned companies in Pittsburgh's history. He was proud to say that he knew and called each of his 200 employees by their first name. Jules was always a dedicated and devoted Pittsburgh sports fan and season ticket holder. He partook in handball, racquetball, tennis, and golf throughout his adult life. Also, Jules was an active member of the prestigious Duquesne Club of Pittsburgh and a member of the Tree of Life Synagogue. After his retirement, Jules and Bernice relocated to Boca Raton, FL, where they enjoyed worldwide travel.

Jules is remembered by his brother, Melvin Spokane (Bette); his children, Zachary Spokane, Laurie Hitrys (David), Kenneth Spokane; and his grandchildren, Courtney Brost (Kevin), Jared Hitrys, Lindsay Hitrys (Ryan) and Jordan Spokane (Sophia). Jules LOVED spending time with his family and thoroughly enjoyed being a Papa and was looking forward to becoming a Great Papa in April. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to AMVETS ([www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org)) or a Jewish organization of one's choice.

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