

## WECHTER

Aaron Wechter, a native of El Paso, Texas, died July 19, 2012 in La Jolla, California with his family by his side. He was 84. Aaron was born August 11, 1927 in Galveston, TX to Isaac Wechter and Blanche Schacter Wechter and moved to El Paso when he was an infant. He attended Lamar elementary school and El Paso High School (class of 1945), then graduated with a B.A. in business from Texas Western College of The University of Texas, El Paso in 1949. After graduation, he served as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve, stationed in Bremerton, Washington, then returned to El Paso. Charismatic and a natural salesman, Aaron first worked selling cars for Lone Star Motors. He parlayed his sales skills, drive and street smarts into building and selling houses and founded his own business, Cavalier Construction in 1955. Since then, he has enjoyed a long and distinguished career as a real estate developer. He continued to work and remain involved in his business up until the last months of his battle with cancer. Aaron was a well-known and respected leader in the community in business, civic and philanthropic causes and has particularly devoted himself to the El Paso Jewish community. He was a recipient of UTEP's Honorary Gold Nugget Business award. He served as President of the El Paso Jewish Federation and as Campaign Chairman for United Jewish Appeal. The National Council of Jewish Women awarded Aaron with the Hannah G. Solomon Award as an individual who has changed the lives of others through his leadership efforts and service. He was proud to be a founding member of Chai Manor Jewish Home for the elderly. Aaron was married for

54 years to the love of his life, Sylvia, whom he met on a blind date when she visited El Paso by chance from her home in Los Angeles. Over the years, they've reveled in spending time with their children, grandchildren, extended family and dear friends from El Paso and San Diego. Whenever possible, they pursued their passion for travel. In his younger days, Aaron was an avid handball player and a regular fixture on the courts of the YMCA. He loved vacations with his family, fixing things around the house, a good book and life itself. Aaron will be remembered for his warmth and humor, integrity and philanthropy and, not least of all, his core belief that attitude is the key to life. He was a role model and source of inspiration to his family and friends. He will be forever loved and missed by his wife Sylvia, children, Dana of Los Angeles, Randy (Janet) of El Paso and Kevin (Jamie) of La Jolla, and grandchildren, Ryan and Megan Wechter, Shane, Jaden and Michaela Wechter Baxter and Cassidy and Cody Wechter. A Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at B'nai Zion Synagogue. Interment will follow at B'nai Zion Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to B'nai Zion Synagogue (805 Cherry Hill Lane, El Paso, TX 79912, (915)833-2222) or Seacrest Village (211 Saxony Road, Encinitas, CA (760) 632-0081). Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, Texas 79912. [www.MartinFuneralHomeWest.com](http://www.MartinFuneralHomeWest.com)

