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POWELL, Jay Frank Jay Frank Powell was born on December 7th 1934 in Reynolds, Nebraska to Virlene Jay Powell and J. Frank Powell and passed away on March 6th 2018 in Austin, Texas. He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Powell Bowne and Husband Jon and Susan Powell Osborn, by his sister Beverly Ross Keith, a brother in law Robert Earl Penn and wife Melinda, niece and nephews Cinda Neal Ross and Alex, Jeffery Neal and his wife, Robert Mayes Penn and Rosanne as well as two grandchildren, Opal Electra Bowne and Mars Woodail. He is also survived by his wife of 58 years, Eleanor Penn Powell. Jay Graduated from UT Austin with an architectural degree in 1957. He designed and built hotels in Waco, Temple, Ruidosa and Hot Springs Arkansas, apartment houses and churches in 3 states and the first Jewish synagogue in West Texas. Jay Served on the Austin Planning Commision. He was a president of the Austin Neighborhood Association and the Windy Cove Neighborhood Association. Jay was also on the Board of Directors for Town Lake Park Alliance (now Butler Park) and the Friends of the Park Board for Mayfield Park, among many other appointments. After the devastating Missionary Ridge forest fire near Durango and Vallecito, Colorado Jay dedicated all of his energy to organizing over 4,000 volunteers from all over the United States to plant 25,000 trees to reforest the area. He later served as the Chairman of the Community Council of Vallecito, Colorado for many years. Jay was a pilot of both single and twin engine planes, a realtor and a proud member of the Austin Banjo Club but, the love of his life was fishing both in Lake Austin and Lake Vallecito. Jay will be greatly missed. A memorial for Jay is being planned for this summer at his home in Vallecito, Colorado.

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