



Michael Jonah Raff

April 16, 2026

Michael Jonah Raff passed away peacefully on April 16, 2026. Michael was a much beloved member of his family and community. He was a quiet, compassionate, and generous soul who loved simple things.

Michael was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 8, 1955 to Estelle and Marvin Raff. He graduated from Columbia University in New York City and Adelphi University for his Master of Science degree in Audiology. Shortly after that, he moved to McAllen TX, with his new bride, Nina, to begin their careers at Easter Seals in 1981.

As an audiologist, Michael opened Family Hearing Aid Center in 1984 and served infants, children, and adults, working to give his patients as much access to sound as he could. He often provided hearing aids to those who could not afford them, especially children. As he was born with a severe hearing loss, he understood the unique challenges people with hearing loss experienced. He loved relating to and counseling his patients and their families.

Michael enjoyed gardening, traveling, and tinkering around the house, but his greatest joy was spending time with his children and his grandson. He was so proud of each of them and was especially thrilled to be “Grandpa”.

Michael is survived by his wife of 44 years, Nina, his sister Carin Blejwas (David), his children, Ivy Raff, Aaron Raff, Jeremy Raff and Faby Molina and Grandson Ezra Molina Raff. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Abby Zahn (Carol) and brother-in-law Evan Zahn (Kris) as well as by 10 nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Funeral Services will be held at Temple Emanuel, 4300 Chai St. in McAllen on April 19, at 12pm. In addition, the family invites you to join them at the family home that evening at 7pm for an opportunity to visit with the family and honor Michael.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to Temple Emanuel of McAllen at temple-emanuel.com or Texas Hearing Institute at texashearing.org

May his memory be a blessing.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR **19**. 12:00 PM (CT)

Temple Emanuel
4300 N. Chai "C" Street
McAllen, TX 78504

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the family. Michael Raff was my daughter's audiologist for many years.*

Debbi Benson - April 18 at 09:48 PM