



Jacob (Jack) Sitser

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Jacob (Jack) Sitser died on January 28, 2018 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1927, the only child of Yetti Richter Sitser and Mauricio Sitser.

Showing a musical talent from an early age, he played violin and was assistant conductor at the University Orchestra in Sao Paulo. Jack received a scholarship to study at the Los Angeles Conservatory of Music and Arts where he met Dorothy Perlberg whom he later married. After acquiring permanent residency, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean War playing viola in the Air Force Orchestra.

Finding no jobs as a civilian musician, his responsibilities as a husband and father led him to pursue a new career path. He started as a teller at the Bank of America in Los Angeles, fell in love with the profession and quickly moved up the ladder, becoming vice-president at Bank of America, then Union Bank, Lloyds Bank and finally president-founder of Delta National Bank of New York. Jack's love of music never faded and during a business trip to Brazil, while visiting with musician friends, he met a young woman who closely resembled his sweetheart Helena Pimenta, a cellist and pianist, from his University Orchestra days. The young woman turned out to be Helena's daughter and this chance meeting led to the rekindling of Jack and Helena's romance. Both had been divorced for some time and decided to give love a second chance. This wonderful marriage lasted 43 happy years.

Jack is survived by his loving wife Helena, his children Sheryl Sitser, Tara

Sitser and husband Art Brickman, and Gerald Sitser, stepchildren Maria Lucia Machado and husband Thomas Martin, and Eduardo Machado and wife Maria Beatriz Hadler, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jack will be remembered for the love, kindness and support he brought to all who were lucky to know him.

Funeral arrangements by Toale Brothers. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice, Sarasota, Florida, or to the Sarasota Orchestra.