

### **About the Late Martin Zeitlin**

Mr. Martin Zeitlin was a noted Middle Tennessee real estate developer and home builder who started his homebuilding career at the early age of 17 and matured into real estate development. Ahead of his time, Mr. Zeitlin had an admiration and respect for the land he developed. His business philosophy centered around how to make the land a better community which led him throughout his career and served as an influence for his children. As he developed new residential communities, he would take into account being environmentally conscious as well as the aesthetics of the land for future homeowners.

Mr. Zeitlin developed many residential communities during his lifetime, with his most noted being Cottonwood Estates in Franklin; Town Park on Murfreesboro Road; Kennelworth Estates; Tree Tops of Harpeth Trace; Sunset View in Hendersonville, and Valley West in Bellevue, the first residential community in the area that sparked future development. Mr. Zeitlin also built a low-cost housing development in Springfield, Tenn. where he developed a first homebuyers program focusing on how to take care of the house.

Even though his work appeared to be his life, his family was his first love. He married his high school sweetheart, Shirley (Averbuch), and they had three sons, Manuel, Bruce and Jeff and five grandchildren. Mr. Zeitlin passed away in September 2005.