Ben Halpern (February 5, 1921 – January 16, 2021)

Ben Halpern was born in New York City in 1921. He and his wife, Lois, raised their four children in New York City, and moved to Los Angeles with their two youngest children in 1972. The two eldest children, including Nancy Halpern Ibrahim, joined the family over the next two years. Film and photography were lifelong passions, and he spent his career in publicity and advertising for film and television. He was an adoring husband and father, and grandfather of six. Ben consistently supported the work of Esperanza Community Housing since meeting Sister Diane Donoghue in 1996. He was a great dancer, and most often the first person on the dance floor at Esperanza’s Dancing Under the Stars, especially when joined by his "bride" Lois. In addition to his admirable dance moves, Ben was a deeply good and kind man with a strong sense of social justice, and a sweet and loving Papa.