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JEWISH EXPONENT DEATH NOTICES  
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## DEATH NOTICES

**BADER**

Terry Bader, (nee Weisberg) of Philadelphia, formerly of Elkins Park, died on February 11, 2021 after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Samuel, she is survived by her loving children, Linda Taxin (Joel), Janis Bader (Michael) O'Connor, and Mark Bader, grandchildren Ellyn Burger (Shaun), Scott Taxin (Arielle) and great grandchildren, Maysen Taxin and Sloan Burger. Due to covid-19 precautions, services were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the SPCA or any animal organization.

**BAGELLE**

Carmela Bagelle (nee Ishayek). Beloved mother of Vivian (Gene) Satlas, Danny Bagelle and Lisa (Stuart) Mickelberg. Devoted sister of Haskel (Julia) Amit, Shaul (Nili) Amit, and Dalia (Shlomo) Slutzky. Also survived by five loving grandchildren, Jessica, Sophia, Joshua, Kayla, and Jordi. Due to Covid-19 services and interment will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.  
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**BARG**

Judith Barg (nee Naden), March 16, 2021 of Haverford, PA; beloved wife of the late Herbert; loving mother of Matthew Slepina (Diane) and Merritt Rollins (David Fuller); step-mother of Douglas Barg (Robin) and Robynn Barg; devoted sister of Naomi Rosborough; cherished grandmother of Michael, Molly, Alex, Cali, Lucy, Sarah and Ben. Funeral services were private. Contributions in Judith's memory may be made to the Jewish National Fund (jnf.org).  
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**BOARDMAN**

Dr. Steven Boardman on February 26, 2021. Beloved husband of Lynda (nee Kuzmarov); Loving father of Samuel Boardman and David Boardman; Devoted brother of Kenneth (Barbara) Boardman. Dr. Boardman was a musician, a rare book collector, and a life-long scholar. Contributions to his memory may be made to ZAKA and Congregation Melrose B'nai Israel Emanu-El.

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**BRANDMAN**

Sylvan ("Sye") Brandman passed away on March 2, 2021 at his home in Philadelphia. He is survived by his loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sye was a WWII veteran, serving as a captain in the Army. At 104, he was a role model for physical fitness, exercising daily until the day he died. Throughout his life, he was an avid photographer, bowler and golfer. He was cherished by his many friends, his wife, Ita, who passed away in 2017, and the rest of his family. He will be missed.

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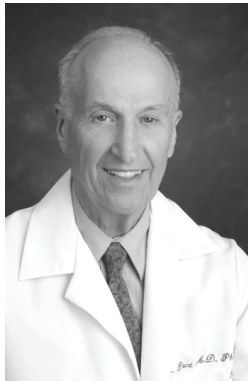
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**BRENT**

Robert L. Brent passed away at home on February 24, 2021 at the age of 93. He was born of Polish Jewish immigrant parents, Charles and Rose Brent, in Rochester, NY in October 1927. He attended school in Rochester and then obtained a Bachelor's degree, followed by a PhD, and then finally an MD. He married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Brent, during his education. His first two children, David and James, were born in Rochester. He then moved to Boston and then Washington, DC where Lawrence was born. His family finally settled in Philadelphia where Deborah was born. Robert was a man of incredible physical strength and stamina and unending energy until his final years. He was recruited by Thomas Jefferson University at the age 31. He built the Department of Pediatrics from 3 to over 90 faculty over the almost 30 years of his tenure. He was Professor of Pediatrics, Radiology, and Anatomy. He was the third Distinguished Professor in Jefferson's history. He received three teaching awards from national organizations. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the University of Rochester, Robley Evans Medal, Taylor Lectureship and Prize, and the John Scott Award. He was a member of the Institute of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences. He maintained funding for his laboratory for over 40 years from the NIH and other organizations and made many scientific discoveries publishing over 500 manuscripts, several books, and was the editor of "Teratology" for 17 years. He described several basic principles of embryology including hypothesizing the existence of embryonic stem cells in 1953. He trained many medical students, pediatric residents, and young scientists, many of whom became life-long friends. He established the Health Physics Society Pregnancy website through which he counseled thousands of pregnant women using the internet who had exposures giving the necessary information to make critical decisions. He was invited to give many presentations around the world. He was also an avid tennis player until the age of 82. Lillian was the saver and Robert was the investor. They were great benefactors to the causes that were close to their hearts. These included Thomas Jefferson University, University of Rochester, and Jewish charities. Robert and Lillian established several endowed positions at Jefferson, several scholarships for medical students, and an endowment for Alumni giving. The University of Rochester School of Medicine White Coat Ceremony is named in their honor. After the death of James, Robert and Lillian donated money to the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia including a scholarship in memory of their deceased son, Jimmy Brent. Robert never really retired. In his late 80's he continued to work writing papers, consulting, and lecturing until his health failed. In their later years, Robert and Lillian lived half the year in Sarasota only returning full-time to Philadelphia in the last few years. When Lillian, his bride of 71 years, passed away several months ago, he just said, "I loved her very much". In his final days, he rested in bed and was cared for by wonderful home health aids, Jeanette, Paula, and Ann. He is predeceased by his son, James, and survived by children: David (Nancy), Lawrence (Gina), and Deborah (Joseph); 11 grandchildren: Rebecca, Daniel, Alyssa, Jacob, Joshua, James, Julia, Rachel, Hannah, Jonathan, Michael; and 16 great grandchildren.

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**BURWASSER**

Ina Burwasser (nee Silikovitz), passed away peacefully on March 11, 2021. Loving mother of Faith Burwasser. Beloved wife of the late Marvin Burwasser. Sister of Dr. Ronald (Arlene) Silikovitz. Aunt to Andrew and Harvey Silikovitz. Proud grandmother to a trio of cats. Graveside services will be private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Broadway Cares/ Equity Fights Aids (<https://broadwaycares.org/>), The Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/>), or any other favorite charity.

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**CARSON**

Rose Merion Carson, 102, passed away on March 11, 2021, peacefully after a short illness. She was born and raised in Philadelphia, and was a long-time member of Adath Tikvah-Montefiore, and active in Sisterhood. She worked as an office manager for Lincoln National Life Insurance for many years. She is survived by her sons Larry (Yvonne), and Richard (Joann), grandchildren Matthew (Aarathi) and Ellen (Alex) and 2 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Herbert and daughter Julie. Special thanks to the kind and caring staff of the Village at Mariner's Point in East Haven, CT, where Rose lived for the past 5 years. Memorial donations may be made in Rose's name to a charity of her choice.

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**COHEN**

Gilbert S. Cohen, CPA, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2021. Husband of Rhoda (Block) for over 65 years. Loving father of Amy (Rabbi Barry Blum), Marian (Evjatar Cohen) and David (Mindy Saifer). Poppy to Ira Blum, Risa Waldoks, Shoshana Blum, Leonie Cohen, Rebecca Cohen, Julie Cohen, Emmy Cohen and Molly Cohen. He was born and raised in Phila. and Upper Darby. He was a Corporal in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, stationed in Louisville Kentucky. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He was a Certified Public Accountant and taught for many years first at Peirce Jr. College and then at Montgomery County Community College. Services are private due to Covid restrictions. Contributions in his memory can be made payable to Montgomery County Community College referencing The Gilbert S. Cohen, CPA Scholarship Fund at Montgomery County Community College, 340 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

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On Wednesday, March 10th, Dr. Paul Cohen, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at age 88. Paul was born June 5th, 1932 in Queens, New York to Frieda and Benjamin Cohen. On September, 4, 1955, he married Marilyn, his wife of 65-years. They raised two daughters Penny Rednor and Marcy Hockfield. Paul was a doctor of Optometry and practiced in Morrisville, Pennsylvania for over 40 years. Paul was a passionate Philadelphia sports fan and an avid reader. He was known for his kind and compassionate spirit and his unparalleled listening skills. Paul is survived by his wife Marilyn, his brother Allen, his two children, Penny and Marcy, four grandchildren Danielle, Avi, Jenifer and Sam, and 3 great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Isabelle and Oliver. He will be greatly missed. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Services were private.

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**COHEN**

Solomon Cohen died on March 7, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Shirley Cohen who died in 2001, loving partner to Joyce Schwartz. Loving father of Neil (Fiona) Cohen, Michele Cohen (Marc Prizer), and Robin Cohen (Ken Fischer). Devoted Grampsy to Julie Prizer, Lindsay Prizer, Alaina Cohen, Samantha Fischer and Scott Fischer. Devoted brother to Bess Leipziger and the late Sam Cohen and the late Albert Cohen. Sol spent his career as the Chief Financial Officer of Penske Corporation where he was devoted to the team as well as to his family. Sol was a wonderful loving man that was loved by everyone that met him. He was humble and unassuming. He will be missed terribly. Donations in his memory can be made to Legal Help Center, a non-profit 503(3) law firm that the family has created to help low-income families in Philadelphia with their housing needs. P.O. Box 136, Wynnewood, PA. 19096. Alternatively, you can Venmo @legal-help-center under "business."

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**CORNFIELD**

Barbara "Bobbi" Cornfield, Feb. 14, 2021. Beloved wife of Martin Strongin. Loving mother of Lori Zdanio and Denise Strongin. Devoted grandmother of Nicholas Zdanio. She was a beautiful woman that was loved by everyone she touched.

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**CUTLER**

Eric "Rick" Cutler, age 78, died peacefully at home on March 12, 2021; beloved husband of Esta "Essie" (nee Haimowitz) for 55 years; devoted and proud father of Howie and Emily Cutler, J.J. and Barb Cutler, and Stephanie and David Levin. Adored grandfather of Paxton, Lizzy, Izzy, Abby, Matthew, Max, and Jesse. Rick graduated from West Philadelphia High School, and earned his undergraduate degree at Penn State University, and his Master's degree from Temple University. He spent his career as an educator and administrator in the Philadelphia School District, and as principal and director of Hunter's Run Day Camp in Aston. An avid sports fan, Rick was always crunching stats in his head, and holding out for the next Philadelphia championship win. "You're a fine human being." Services were private. Donations can be made in Rick's memory to Redeemer Health or Phillies Charities.

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**DUFFINE**

June Duffine (nee Rose) Feb. 27, 2021 of Bala Cynwyd. Wife of the late Richard Duffine. Mother of Geoff Duffine (Ruth), Andrea Lee (David Richter), Robin Gootee, Missy Kossar and the late Mark Sapowith; also survived by 12 grandchildren and 10...great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to ALS Research, Ryan Wolfe Kossar Foundation and Sebastian Strong Foundation (SebastianStrong.org.)  
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**ENGELSBURG**

Beatrice N. Engelsberg (nee Ginsburg) on March 8, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Paul Novack and the late Allan Engelsberg; Loving mother of Ilene Novack and Janet Novack; Devoted grandmother of Paul Novack Golob and Dr. Stephanie Novack Golob. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to Covenant House PA, 31 E. Armat St., Phila. PA 19144, [www.covenanthousepa.org](http://www.covenanthousepa.org)  
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**ERNEST**

Karen M. Ernest (nee Bernstein) on March 16, 2021. Beloved wife of Dr. Brad Ernest. Loving mother of Hana Ernest Hudson (Andrew) and Rachel Ernest. Dear sister of Michael Bernstein. Daughter of Norma Wolf. Graveside services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to any Mispalleim School Funds at Ohev Shalom.

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**FEIGENBERG**

Evelyn Feigenberg (nee Beer) on February 18, 2021 at the age of 84. Wife of the late Dr. Marvin E. Feigenberg; mother of Andrew (Barbara) Feigenberg, Sheri (Gregg) Hensel and Dr. Steven (Khue) Feigenberg; grandmother of Jacob, Matthew and Isabelle Feigenberg, Bobby (Laurie) Feigenberg and Staci (fiancé David Steen) Feigenberg. Born in 1936 in Vienna, Austria to William and Lina Beer where they escaped to Switzerland in 1938 due to the Nazi's imminent invasion of Austria. The family lived in Schaffhausen until 1941 when they immigrated to the United States sailing from Portugal. Evelyn was a graduate of Girls High and Temple University and taught elementary school and special education for the Philadelphia School System until she retired in 1993. Contributions in her memory may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW, Washington DC 20024-2126.

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**FELS**

William Charles Fels, 79, passed away on March 5, 2021. Husband of Bernice (nee Bellevue) and the late Eileen (nee Stein). Father of Eric (Amy) Fels. Grandfather of Allyson and Brenna Fels. Graveside Services were held at Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Jewish Day School of the Lehigh Valley. [www.goldsteinsfuneral.com](http://www.goldsteinsfuneral.com)

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FREEMARK

Morton Freemark on February 23, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Molly (nee Blumberg); Loving father of Stuart (Terry) Freemark, Michael (Anne) Freemark and Wendy (Daniel) Criden; Devoted grandfather of Emanuel (Luzzi), Avi (Katherine), Matan (Jasmine), Galit (Alon), Yoni, Samara (Ben) and Yonnie (Daniel); Adoring great-grandfather of Lupo, Gaio, Maya, Gabriella, Joshua, Julien, Theo and Emma. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation, [www.clfoundation.org](http://www.clfoundation.org)  
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FRIEDMAN

Reba Friedman (nee Liebman) Feb. 23, 2021. Wife of the late Paul, mother of Dr. Alan (Patti) Friedman, sister of Sol Liebman, grandmother of Lee (Erica) Friedman, Scott Friedman and Jessica (Eric) Shoemaker, great grandmother of Dylan, Lexie, Jack and Tanner. Graveside Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to American Cancer Society, 1818 Market Street, Suite 2820, Philadelphia, PA 19103 [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)  
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GRAVES

Frieda Graves (nee Kimmelman) February 20, 2021. Mother of Laurie Bronstein, Jo Ann O'Donnell and the late Betsy Barth Bronstein. Also survived by three grandchildren Abbigayl (nee Bunnell) Flores, Sylvia Bunnell and Hannah Bunnell, two great grandchildren and many other loving family and friends. Frieda was a celebrated ceramic artist, floral artist and culinary master, where everything she touched was transformed by her love and unique perspective. Services and interment were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Cheltenham Center for the Arts.  
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GROSS

Helen R. Gross, March 13, 2021, of Rydal, PA. Adored wife of Harry S. Gross, z"; loving mom of Jeffrey (Janna) Gross and Betty Gross Eisenberg (fiancé Barry E. Bressler, z"); cherished GM of Benjamin, Andrea, Rachel (Stuart), and Joshua (Sana), and to Allison (Edward) and Michelle; and precious GG of Aaron and Danny, and to Gabrielle and Sophie. Funeral and interment were private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to Old York Road Temple - Beth Am, Abington, PA, or a charity of the donor's choice.  
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HAAS

Roslyn Haas (nee Blender), passed away on February 24, 2021. Wife of the late Irvin Haas for 45 years. Mother of Stuart (Susan) Haas and of the late Brett Haas and the late Gregory Haas. Longtime Companion of Norman Kravitz. Grandmother of Molly Haas, Allyson Haas, Brenna Haas and Cody Haas. Graveside Services were held February 28th at Shalom Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.  
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HARMAN

Ruth Janis Harman (nee Rothman), on March 1, 2021, of Phoenixville, PA, formerly of Audubon, PA. Wife of the late Solomon Leon Harman. Beloved mother of David Worth Harman (Marlene Keesler), Wendy Joan Garrett (Dale) and Bennett Marc Harman (Elisabeth Handley) also survived by five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Ruth was a School Librarian, Sculptor and a lifelong Vegetarian. Contributions in her memory may be made to Congregation Or Shalom, 835 Darby Paoli Road, Berwyn, PA 19312.  
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HECKLIN

It is with tremendous sadness and grief that we announce the passing of Lawrence "Larry" E. Hecklin of Buckingham, PA, at the age of 55, on February 17, 2021. Larry was a graduate of Cheltenham High School and Hartford University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He spent most of his career as VP of Sales in Live Events. Larry loved what he did for a living and was great at it. He is survived by his beloved wife Mindi Hecklin (nee Zavodnick). Loving father to Jacob and Joshua Hecklin. Cherished son of Shirley Hecklin (nee Goldberg) and the late Dr. Oscar B. "O.B." Hecklin. Dear brother of Brenda Hecklin. Larry also leaves behind close relatives and many loving devoted friends whom he cherished. If you wish to honor his memory contributions may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation 555 Croton Rd. Suite 111, King of Prussia PA 19406 [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) or to a charity of the donor's choice. Funeral Services are private due to Covid restrictions.  
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HOFFMAN

Arnold Jay Hoffman, born December 29, 1941, passed away in the early hours of March 11, 2021, after a hard fought battle with Alzheimer's disease. Arnie was born and raised in his beloved Philadelphia, graduating from the 211<sup>th</sup> Central High School Class. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Temple University and a Master's Degree from The University of Massachusetts. After moving to the Washington, D.C. metro area, he enjoyed a long and successful career as an economist with the federal government, first with the Department of Labor, and then with the Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration, where he performed complex economic analyses on aircraft safety regulations. He was an avid reader and historian, and enjoyed visits with his daughter and her family, jazz music, nature walks, connecting his extended family with one another, and following Jewish athletes. He loved attending his Central High reunions and cheering on the Temple Owls. He is preceded in death by his mother Pearl Moravinsky and his father Aaron Hoffman. He is survived by his loving younger brother, Howard Hoffman (Gail), devoted daughter, Amanda Manes (Russell), adoring grandchildren, Levi and Dena, former wife Barbara Hoberman, and many cousins, aunts and uncles. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org)) or to Magen David Adom in Israel ([mdais.org](http://mdais.org)).

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KATES

Allan Kates on March 11, 2021. Allan left the world as he lived, surrounded by love, punctual, with impeccably styled hair and the stock market up. He will be forever loved by his wife of 67 years, Joan Kates, (nee Mamolen); their two children Marcia (Stuart) Conston and Michael (Fran) Kates; his 6 grandchildren Dan (Kara Genderson) Conston, Adam (Rachelle) Conston, Jacqui (Zach) Agins and Jason Kates; and his 3 great grandchildren, Charley, Sam, and Spencer. Funeral services were private.  
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KESTELMAN

Selma Aida Kestelman (nee Shrager), 97, died February 20, 2021 in Fort Myers, Florida. Born at home in West Philadelphia to Lillian and Harry, married to Jack, mother to Bruce (Laurie), grammom to Josh and Amy (Keith Murphy), GGSelma to Eleanor and Sally. Sister to Jack (Gwen), Morton (Simone) and David (Pearlee). Daughter-in-law to Minnie and Boris, sister-in-law to Gladys and Maurice Brahin. Niece, aunt, great aunt and cousin to many. Business associate, friend and bridge partner. At 87 left Philadelphia and the snow.

KORNBERG

Fredric Kornberg on February 17, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Annise (nee Boles); Loving father of Eric Kornberg, Kevin (Lorelie) Greber, Steven Greber and the late Jason Kornberg; Adoring grandfather of Ian and Caroline; Devoted uncle of Dr. Bruce (Merle) Kornberg; Dear friend of Garth Weldon. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Jewish Federation of Greater Phila., 2100 Arch St., Phila., PA 19103.  
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LEAR

Marilyn Ann Cheskis Lear (nee Goldsmith) age 83, of Bensalem, PA., died peacefully on January 13, 2021. She was born on August 19, 1937 in Philadelphia, daughter of the late Norman and Rebecca Goldsmith, and sister to the late Arnette Sulman and Sidney Goldsmith. Marilyn graduated from Temple University in 1959 and worked as a teacher. Later, she became Director of the JCC Klein Branch nursery school program from 1985 until her retirement in 1992. Marilyn volunteered with many organizations and was known throughout Northeast Philadelphia for her kindness, compassion and her commitment to education and Jewish ideals. Wife of Robert Lear and the late Eugene Cheskis. Mother of David Cheskis, Neal (Heather) Cheskis and Joel (Mandy) Cheskis. Step mother of Joe (JC) Lear and Andrew (Deena) Lear. Grandmother of Etana, Hallel, Noah, Shay, Devorah, Rena, Chloe, Jacob, Ethan and Ryan. The family requests that contributions in her memory may be made to your favorite charity.  
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LESSACK

It is with tremendous sadness and grief that we announce the death of Amy Lessack of Blue Bell, PA, who passed on February 20, 2021, after a long battle with breast cancer at the age of 55. Amy was a graduate of Upper Dublin High School and Penn State University, where she earned both undergraduate and masters degrees. Her 30-year career was spent in the financial and health care sectors, during which she was a Vice President at First Union and a Senior Vice President at Wells Fargo. Most recently, at AmeriSourceBergen, she was a Director in its corporate university. Throughout her life, Amy was a passionate advocate, serving on the boards of Living Beyond Breast Cancer (LBBBC) and YMCA Camp Tockwogh. She was proud of the mission of LBBBC and the assistance it provided. She was, however, happiest at Camp Tockwogh. She looked forward to attending its family camp every August so that she could spend time with her fabulous friends — playing tennis, waterskiing and hanging out at the Tiki, laughing and telling stories along the way. Diagnosed with breast cancer at 36, Amy fought an inspiring 19-year battle while supporting — and finding support in — others refusing to be defined by the disease. Regardless of the obstacle, she fought with grace and dignity, even in her final moments. Not once did she bemoan the diagnosis; instead, it inspired her to live life to its fullest. Amy was predeceased by her beloved father, Jordan Lessack. She is survived by her mother, Arlene Lessack, and her sister, Abby Lessack (Michael Grendzynski). Amy also leaves behind many loving relatives and devoted friends, whom she cherished. The family is grateful for their unwavering support over the years. We feel lucky to have had Amy in our lives, and only wish we had more time with her. May her memory be a blessing. We will miss her dearly. If you would like to honor Amy, please consider contributing to Living Beyond Breast Cancer (<https://www.lbbc.org>) or Female Hebrew Benevolent Society of Philadelphia (<https://www.fhbs.org>).  
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LEVY

Stanley Levy (August 30, 1937 - March 12, 2021) of Philadelphia, PA. Husband of the late Linda (Day). Father of Heather Taylor, Jason Levy and the late Alicia Levy. Brother of Arlene Borow and the late Alan Levy. Grandfather of Kasey Taylor Porto. Graveside services were held Wednesday March 17, 2021 at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Cancer Society of America.  
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LISKER

Dr. Sheldon Alan Lisker of Lafayette Hill, PA, died peacefully in his home on February 21, 2021 at the age of 88. Born in Philadelphia, PA in 1933 to Dr. Samuel Lisker and Dorothy (nee Amsterdam) Lisker, he graduated from Central High School (Class of 1950), the University of Pennsylvania (Class of 1954) and the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (Class of 1958). After completing his one-year medical internship, he served as a physician in the U.S. Air Force from 1959-61 before returning to Philadelphia, where he completed his medical residency and fellowship in 1965. He was an attending physician in Internal Medicine with a specialty in Hematology and Oncology at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia from 1965-1997. He served as the long-time Chief of Hematology-Oncology and the Co-Director of the Graduate Hospital Cancer Center. In addition, he was a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine for over 25 years, where he received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching in 1990. At the end of his career, he served as a Medical Director of VITAS Hospice from 1995-2009. He was a wonderful and caring physician and mentor who made a lasting impact on his patients, colleagues and students. Sheldon was a lifelong learner who believed in the value of education and passed that on to his four children. He had a passion for classical literature, studying U.S. and European history and listening to classical music and opera. And he was a long-suffering Philadelphia sports fan who was thrilled to see the Eagles finally win the Super Bowl in 2018. In his retirement, he enjoyed reading, traveling and spending quality time with his family and lifelong friends. He is survived by his wife Karen (nee Knapp) of nearly 63 years; his brother Joel (Lena) Lisker of McLean, VA; his four children Gary (Mariam) Lisker of Alexandria, VA, Dr. Susan (Ken) Powell of Olympia, WA, Dr. Donna (Peter) Lisker of Tiverton, RI and Marc (Caroline) Lisker of Greenwich, CT; and his eight grandchildren Chandini, Manisha, Vitthal, Malati, Charlotte, Luke, Olivia and Ethan. Private family service. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to Doctors Without Borders, Partners In Health or the Lisker Family Scholarship Fund at William Penn Charter School.

MENKOWITZ

Dr. Elliot Menkowitz, March 5th, 2021 of Pottstown, PA. Husband of Sue Menkowitz (nee Rockower). Father of Michael Menkowitz (Amy), Marc Menkowitz (Debbie), Mindy Scheier (Greg) and the late Scott Menkowitz; Brother of Bruce Menkowitz (Shelley); Grandfather of Elizabeth, Olivia, Emma, Stella, Oliver, Max, Cooper, Beau and Harper. The family respectfully request that contributions in his memory be made to The Scotty Menkowitz Memorial Fund at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ([Give2.chop.edu](http://Give2.chop.edu)). "We will love you forever. There is and never will be anyone like you"  
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## MILLER

Janet Miller (née Conston), of Horsham PA, formally of Elkins Park, PA, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2021. Wife of the late Jack Miller and sister of the late Selma Conston Gummit. Beloved and best mom to her four children and their families; Michael Miller (Gail), Debbie Miller Boggs (Jerry), Becca Miller Keller (Don) and Barbara Miller Cohen (Marshall). "Gog's" 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren are so lucky to have had her in their lives. Janet, a devoted friend and teacher will be missed by all the lives she touched. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Philadelphia Education Fund or Old York Road Temple Beth Am. Graveside services were private.

## MITTIN

Toby Mittin (nee Silberman) on February 18, 2021. Wife of the late Arnie Mittin, devoted mother of Mark (Hannah Bar-Giora) Mittin and the late David Mittin. Service and interment private. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 30 S. 17th St., Suite 800, Phila., PA 19103.

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## MUCHNICK

Marilyn Muchnick (nee MARGOLIS) March 3, 2021, of North Wales, PA., formerly of Phila., PA. Mother of Hope Pomerantz and Roger W. Muchnick; grandmother of Alexander, Oliver, William, Avery, Grace and the late Roger Jr.; great grandmother of Jad and Keegan; former wife of the late Jerome B. Muchnick. Services were private. The family respectfully requests contributions in her memory be made to Congregation Rodeph Shalom or The Wounded Warrior Project.

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## NASON

Anita C. Nason (nee Cohen) passed away on March 19, 2021. Wife of the late Leonard Nason. Mother of Fredric Nason and Abby (Michael) Cohler. Grandmother of Max (Melissa) Cohler, Adam Cohler and Gregory Cohler. Private Graveside Services were held at Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Beth Tikvah-B'nai Jeshurun, www.tbj.org, or to Hedwig House, www.hedwighouse.org.

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## NEWMAN

Esther Newman (nee LEAR) Age 103, March 10, 2021. Wife of the late Louis. Sister of the late Sylvia Delfiner, Sydney Lear and Jules J. Lear. Aunt of Susan Lear Weisgrau (Richard), Robert (late Marilyn) Lear, Seymour (Judy) Delfiner and Marvin (Brenda) Delfiner and the late Sandra (Albert) Lear Taylor. Great aunt of Joseph J. (Jennifer) Lear, Andrew J. (Deena) Lear, Emily Weisgrau (Robert Elwood) and Joshua Weisgrau (Katie McFeely). Great great aunt of Evelyn and Eliana Weisgrau, Chloë and Jacob Lear. Graveside Services were private. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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## PICKER

Barbara Picker, January 22, 2021. Dear sister of Marlyn Diamond Rothstein. Loving mother of Jill (Jim) Greene and Glen (Debbie) Welsh. Devoted grandmother of Jimmy (Danielle), Danny (Sara), Matthew and Kayla. Great-grandmother to four beautiful children.

## PRESS

Eric Press on March 10, 2021 - 71 years. Beloved husband of April (nee Stiebel). Loving Poppy of Shoshanna (Joshua Shane), Melea, Johanna (Daniel White), and Elena Press. Dear brother of Cathy Shields (Chip). Joyful grandfather of Spinoza, Reyzl, and Isador. Devoted professor and colleague in Temple's Fox School of Business. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Eric Press Memorial Fund c/o Horsham Township Director of Public Works, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 \*\*Please make checks payable to Horsham Township - In Memo Line put "Eric Press Fund"\*\*\*

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## RAEFSKY

Manuel "Manny" Raefsky, born April 1934 in Philadelphia. Passed away February 22, 2021. Lover of music, travel, photography and airplanes. Husband, father and Zayde. Preceded in death by his wife Bobbe. Survived by daughters Jessica Raefsky and Lisa (Bill) Yates, sister Estelle Alexander and grandsons Noah and Oliver Yates. May his memory be a blessing for us all. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Chabad of the West Valley, 7942 W Bell Rd. C5, #101 Glendale AZ 85308.

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## RIEGLER

Helyne Riegler (nee Gomer) passed away on February 20, 2021. Wife of the late Edward Riegler. Mother of Linda Riegler Weiss (Ritchie Weiss), Shelli Bromberg (the late Gregory) and Steven Riegler. Sister of Judie Wallis. Grandmother of Jarret Bromberg, Joy (Scott) Gardner, Zachary Weiss, Samantha (Marc) Zufolo and Chase (Jessica) Bromberg. Great Grandmother of Brandon and Brooke Gardner. Private Graveside Services were held at Montefiore Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Philabundance, www.philabundance.org, or MDS Foundation, www.mds-foundation.org, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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## ROSHKOFF

Ruth Ann Roshkoff (nee Shipon), passed away on March 12, 2021 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Wife of Raymond Roshkoff. Mother of Michelle Roshkoff, Kenneth (Marjorie) Roshkoff and Robert (Marla) Roshkoff. Sister of Alvin (Helene) Shipon and the late Jacob Shipon (Judith). Grandmother of Brett, Austin and Brooke, Madison, Samantha and Blake, and Saige and Grant. Ruth was 100% devoted to her family and that devotion to family will carry on through her children and grandchildren. We will always love and miss her with all our hearts. Private Graveside Services are being held at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org/delval.

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## ROTHKOPF

Celia Nires Rothkopf, age 73, died suddenly on February 18, 2021. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Brad Rothkopf. Beloved mother of Jay (Debbie) Rothkopf and Lauren (Daniel Rubin) Rothkopf. Wildly adored Bubby of Michael, Matthew, Maxwell and Emily Rothkopf and Benjamin and Spencer Rubin. Cherished friend of so many. Celia was born in Russia, moved to the United States as a teenager and graduated at the top of her class from Temple University. Her legacy is her family and incredible generosity towards both those close to her and strangers. She will be forever missed. Internment was private. A virtual memorial was held for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation or Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard.

## RYESKY

Helene Ann Ryesky (nee Silberman) of Manatwny Manor, formerly of Maple Glen, passed away on March 18, 2021. Widow of Aaron Ryesky; mother of Kenneth H. Ryesky, Esq (Dr. Tamara Weiss, MD), the late Matthew Ryesky (Linda), and the late Carol R. Ryesky; grandmother of Hayim Ryesky (Elisheva), Nathan Weinstock-Herman, and the late Adam Snyder; great grandmother of Shalom Meir Ryesky and Orah Menucha Ryesky; sister of Dr. Ronald Silberman PhD (Shirley) and the late Dr. Ellis Silberman MD (the late Annette). Also survived by nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Helene was an accomplished artist in various media, including ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, and most notably, photography. Donations in her memory may be made to Friends of Yad Sarah www.friendsofyadsarah.org; Susan G. Komen for the Cure www.komen.org, the Chai Lifeline www.chailifeline.org, or other appropriate charity.

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## SCHARF

Hilda N. Scharf passed away on Friday, March 12 at the age of 97. Daughter of the late Samuel and Rose Nitzky and beloved wife of the late Eugene Sharf. A true love story, they were separated in death by just one day. She is survived by her brother-in-law Irving Sharf, step-daughters Barbara Sharf and Andrea (Joseph) Gomez, grandchildren Sasha (Chris) Stapleton, Joel Gomez and great grandson Oliver Stapleton. Hilda spent her career working as a legal secretary at Dechert Price and Rhoads. She donated generously to many charities and will be sorely missed by all those who knew and loved her. Graveside services were held Sunday March 14, 2021.

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## SCHULMAN



With heavy hearts, we report that our dear Bernard (Bernie) L. Schulman, of Warwick, PA, passed away on February 7, 2021, age 86, due to complications from Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia and Kidney Disease. He is survived by his beloved wife and childhood sweetheart, Ruthie, of 64 wonderful years, his loving children, Rick Schulman and Michelle Schulman (Clifford Bolt), brother Steve Schulman (Gwendolyn Bye), and dear cousin, Sheila Seidman. He is predeceased by son, Jeffrey Scott Schuman. Bernie was a loving and devoted husband and father, who worked tirelessly to support his family and give them a wonderful life. He was the President of a successful business as a Manufacturer's Representative and Distributor serving the Kitchen and Bath Industry. Also, an avid boater, motorcycle enthusiast, and handyman extraordinaire, he loved life and always did everything in a big way. With his big personality and big heart, he touched the lives of everyone who has ever met him. He is greatly missed by all! Services and Interment were private. At his final ceremony, he was honored by the US Coast Guard for his service to our country. Contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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## SCOTT

Suzanne F. Scott (nee Fink), February 20th, 2021 of Lafayette Hill, PA. Wife of the late David Gerald Scott. Mother of Kathy Weaver (Scott), Craig Scott (Kim), Patricia Scott (Ralph Picard), and the late Pamela Scott. Grandmother of Travis Weaver, Luken Weaver (Daphne), Johanna Weaver (Ben Chen), Kyle Scott (Elizabeth) and Cara Scott. Step Grandmother of Julia Reusch (Jonathan) and Mattie Diveglia (Anthony). Great-Grandmother of Madelyn Scott and Step Great-Grandmother of Henry Reusch, Charlie Reusch, Jack Diveglia and Elliot Diveglia. Services were private. The family respectfully requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Philadelphia Foundation (Pamela Scott Fund), United Way, or Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia.

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## SELTZER



Evelyn Seltzer (nee Sherr) died January 13, 2021 at 91 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Beloved wife of the late Herman ("Cy") Seltzer, devoted mother to the late Susan Seltzer and Amy Perlman, and daughter of the late Morris Sherr and Mary B. Furman. Survived by son-in-law Scot Perlman of Cincinnati and granddaughters Sarah (Colin) Gerrety, Becca Perlman, and Mia Perlman. Evelyn was born and raised in Philadelphia, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, raised her family in New City, NY, and retired to Mahwah, NJ and Boca Raton, FL. Evelyn was devoted to family and friends, philanthropy, and to her jewelry store and art. A woman of strength, energy, elegance and determination, she always wore a smile that lit up the room. Private services were held in Valhalla, NY. Contributions in her memory can be made to Hadassah.

## SHARF

Eugene Barton Sharf, born July 18, 1920, died on March 11, 2021. Gene was a lifelong Philadelphian who graduated from West Philadelphia High and received a Pharmacy degree from Temple University. He served as a combat medic sergeant in the U.S. Army during WWII, receiving the Bronze Star. Over the next fifty years, he worked as a pharmacist including ownership of Sharf's Pharmacy in West Philadelphia and at the heroin addiction clinic at the VA Hospital, where he received a personal commendation from President George H.W. Bush. In his retirement years, he did several varied presentations for the Retired Educators and Professional group, and became a prolific artist of stained glass works. He is preceded in death by his first wife Sylvia Troppauer Sharf and his youngest brother Arthur Sharf. He is survived by and will be sorely missed by his devoted wife of 53 years Hilda Nitzky Sharf; his younger brother Irving Sharf; his daughters, Barbara and Andrea (Joseph Gomez); his grandchildren, Sasha Gomez and Joel Gomez; and his great-grandson, Oliver Stapleton.

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## SHLIFER

It is with the deepest sorrow that we share the news of the passing of Michael (Mickey) Shlifer on January 26, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Rhoda Pollon Shlifer for 63 years. Also, mourning their father, are sons, Gary and Daniel, along with granddaughters, Hallie and Nina. Born December 1, 1936, Michael was a West Philly guy, through and through. He attended West Philadelphia High School and Temple University School of Business. He spent the first year of his marriage in Lawton, Oklahoma, serving in the United States Army Dental Corps. After the years in the Army, with plenty of tales to tell, he embarked on a long career in the transportation industry. Michael owned several companies related to the industry and retired to Longboat Key Florida after having been president of an airport shuttle and limousine service for over eight years. A new life began in Florida with Michael Rhoda, and eventually both sons, playing lots of tennis and volunteering for many worthwhile organizations. These included mentoring and tutoring in elementary schools, working with Jewish Family and Children Services, and teaching English as a second language for the Literacy Council. A unique teaching group of retired teachers invited Michael to be the only male as part of their special method of teaching young students with reading difficulties. This wonderful man was loved and respected by all who knew him and the love of Rhoda's life. We will read his name in the Book of Life. Services will be private and a special celebration will take place in the future. Suggestions for charities are American Cancer Society or JFCS.



## SILVER

Sandra Silver (nee Pepper). February 24, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Herman. Loving mother of Bobbi Smith (Steve) and the late Joni, Marcia, and Sherry. Devoted grandmother of Michael, Beth, Joey, and Sean. Dear great-grandmother of Darren, Kaitlyn, Joey, Jake, and Brett. Contributions in her memory may be made to Jewish Federation, [www.jewishphilly.org](http://www.jewishphilly.org)  
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## SOKOL

Roberta E. Sokol (nee Englander) On Feb. 27, 2021. Wife of the late Howard Sokol. Mother of Barry (Beth) Sokol, Michael Sokol and Nancy Sokol. Grandmother of Grant and Blake. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 555 Croton Rd., Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406  
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## STEIN

Harriet Stein (nee Sursky) of Upper Gwynedd died peacefully at home on Friday, February 26, 2021 surrounded by family after a 5-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her loving husband, Edward; her son Jeffrey and his wife Jenn and their daughters Sophie and Sadie; her daughter Lauren Hill and her husband, Ed and their son Jared; and her sister Bernice (Nicey) and her husband Dr. Michael Walinsky. After graduating from college at 43, she worked principally in communications and fundraising for medical institutions. She was a pioneer in physician referral for Abington Memorial Hospital and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her most notable work included coordinating Harvest Balls for Einstein Hospital, the grand opening for the Rouse Organization's Liberty Place, and the Centennial Celebration for PCOM. In addition Harriet was a volunteer fundraiser for Deborah Hospital Foundation for over 50 years. She loved her family, friends, talking, entertaining, traveling, Mah Jongg, reading and solving cryptograms, in that order. She requested that donations in her memory go to either Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills, NJ or Hanjani Institute for Gynecologic Oncology at the Asplundh Cancer Pavilion, Willow Grove, PA or Beth Shalom Congregation, Elkins Park, PA where she was a lifelong member.

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## STRAUSS

Harold "Hank" J. Strauss, Feb. 24, 2021. He was born in Lewistown, PA on October 8, 1928, and had been residing in Palm Beach Gardens, FL since 1984. Devoted husband of the late Eleanor (nee Miller). Father of Michael Strauss and Debbie (David) Stern. Grandfather of Ariana Strauss, Cara (Eitan) Ovdia, Barrie (David Karpay) Stern and Melissa (Jordan Rosenbaum) Stern. Great grandfather of Evie, Micah and Sydney Ovdia. He was predeceased by two sisters and three brothers. Contributions in his memory may be made to Cong. Adath Jeshurun, 7763 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027, [www.adathjeshurun.info](http://www.adathjeshurun.info), Abramson Senior Care, 1425 Horsham Rd., North Wales, PA 19454, [www.abramsonseniorcare.org](http://www.abramsonseniorcare.org) or to Temple Beth David, 4657 Hood Rd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418, [www.templebeth-davidfl.org](http://www.templebeth-davidfl.org)

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## SUNDHEIM

Stephen Robert Sundheim of Blue Bell, PA. Dedicated father, devoted brother, cherished uncle, loyal & steadfast family member & endeared friend to many, Stephen Robert Sundheim, beloved husband of the late Pauline (nee Gramiak) Sundheim, succumbed to kidney failure & COVID-19, on March 9, 2021. The oldest of two sons, to parents, the late Mildred (nee Fried) & Jacob "Jack" Weil Sundheim. Stephen is survived by his daughter, Rebecca Leah Sundheim & fiancé John Patrick Kelly IV, brother Michael Sundheim & sister-in-law Shirley Zarley, nieces Tori Sundheim & Brittany Sundheim. Services were private. Contributions, in Stephen's memory, can be made to the National Kidney Foundation.

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## TABACK

Harry Benjamin Taback, 90 from Bucks County, formerly of Center City, Philadelphia. He enjoyed a career speculating in Center City real estate and being an accountant. Harry is survived by his loving wife Lois, his son Dr. Bret Taback and son Marc Taback and his partner Kevin. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

## TUCKER

Barbara Jane (nee Brown), February 23, 2021, age 79, of Oreland, PA. She was a retired executive and officer of The Millfin, McCambridge Company of Riverdale, MD, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company, and Domestic Distributors, a pharmaceutical brokerage firm of Feasterville, PA and Jupiter, FL, both owned by her father, Leonard Brown. Barb was an avid lover of the cat fancy and was herself an owner and breeder of Siamese show cats. She showed and championed her cats and supported many animal welfare organizations over the years. She was also active in The Final Exit Network (previously The Hemlock Society of Delaware Valley), for which she was the recording secretary, and a supporter of many national Right to Die organizations. Barb endured many years of Peripheral Neuropathy and, unfortunately, did not see a cure in her lifetime. She is survived by her niece Sara Montoya of Camp Hill, PA, nephew Ted Brown of Pennsville, NJ, and cousin Jerome Brown of Houston, TX. Contributions in her memory may be made to The Final Exit Network, PO Box 10071, Tallahassee, FL 32302 or The Neuropathy Association, 60 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 942, New York, NY 10165.

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## VOLUSHER

Ray Volusher, 92, of Philadelphia, PA died March 9, 2021 at her residence. She was the beloved wife of the late William Volusher, the loving mother of Sandra (Mark Levy) Kellerman, Beth (Steven) Glickman and the late Ellen Aumiller and adored Bubbie to 11 grandchildren and Super Bubbie to 23 great grandchildren. Graveside services were held on March 11th. Contributions in her memory can be made to the Jewish National Fund, [jnf.org](http://jnf.org)

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## WEINER

Samuel Henry Weiner of Yardley, PA, died at his home on February 20, 2021 at the age of 94 from complications of myelofibrosis, a type of blood cancer. Born in Philadelphia, PA, he graduated from West Philadelphia High School in 1944 despite being a terrible student. He then enlisted in the Army and served in the Pacific Theater in World War II, where he spent time as a Prisoner of War and earned a Bronze Star. After his discharge in 1946 he attended Penn State University with assistance from the GI Bill, graduating in 1950 with a B.S. in Physics. He then worked at ITE Circuit Breaker in Philadelphia while completing requirements and earning an M.S. in Physics from Penn State. He was discovered to have talent for writing patents and was hired by a New York based patent law firm, now known as Ostrolenk Faber LLP. He earned a J.D. from Temple University Law School in 1961, and stayed at Ostrolenk through his retirement as the firm's Senior Partner at the age of 84. During his remarkable 60-year career he wrote and litigated patents for solar batteries, rectifiers, microchips, light dimmers and MRI medical technology that revolutionized modern life. He enjoyed travel, great food, reading, the Saturday New York Times crossword puzzle, opera, sports, a good joke, a cold glass of gin and lousy cigars. Most of all, he cherished his family. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Bella (1929-1992) and is survived by his loving partner Alina Groblicka, sons, Louis (Harriet) Weiner and Stephen (Ryta) Weiner, grandchildren, Kenneth Weiner (Sarah), Elana Fertig (Benjamin), Marla Mindelle, Lisa Westermarck (Kai), David Weiner (Kelly), Olivia Weiner, and seven great-grandchildren. Even in death he remains his family's North Star, guiding us to our better selves. To celebrate his extraordinary life, please direct contributions to Fox Chase Cancer Center, the US Memorial Holocaust Museum, or the charity of your choice.

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## WEINER

Bernard Weiner, 88 yrs. old. Survived by Janice Squires, adoring wife of 26 yrs., son David, daughter Amy and sister Elaine Zinn. Bernie was a humble man who loved life and brightened the lives of everyone he knew. His charm, friendly greeting and positive attitude endeared him to all. He led a full rich life traveling the world for business and pleasure while enjoying good food, good wine and great experiences. He was an accomplished cook and loved to entertain. Bernie was in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Donations in his memory may be made to The American Kidney Foundation [www.kidneyfund.org](http://www.kidneyfund.org)

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## ZELLE

C. Kenneth Zelle on March 5, 2021. Beloved husband of Lois (nee Kimmel); Loving father of Susan (Barry) Yelowitz and Stacy Zelle; Devoted Papa Zee to Eric (Gabby) and Dustin (Brittney); Adoring great-grandfather of Rylee, Lydia, Charlotte, Madeline, Gianna and Evelyn. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. Services and interment were private. Contributions in his memory may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, Dr. Uzzo Fund, 333 Cottman Ave., Phila., PA 19111.

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