



Ann Finkelstein Walters

January 4, 1934 - December 16, 2009

Ann F. Walters, 75, Overland Park, KS passed away Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at ManorCare of Overland Park. Funeral services were held Friday December 18 at the Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Avenue. Burial Mt. Carmel Cemetery. The family suggests contributions to Beth Shalom Synagogue, 14200 Lamar, Overland Park, KS 66223 or food for her family.

Mrs. Walters was born in Radzilow, Poland and as a child and teenager she suffered through the Holocaust. She and her immediate family survived but were separated and imprisoned in Cyprus. When she was released she immigrated to Rechovot just as Israel's independence was proclaimed in 1948. She completed High School and became a sergeant in the Israel Defense Forces in Israel where she lived until immigrating to Chicago in 1957. In 1959 she moved to Kansas City. She and her husband owned The Walters Jewelry Company, a wholesale jewelry distribution company, for 32 years. She retired in 1991.

She was a member of Beth Shalom Synagogue and its Sisterhood, life member of Hadassah, member of Brandeis University Women's Committee, Menorah Medical Center Auxiliary, Shalom Geriatric Center Auxiliary, National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Women International, The Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, she was a sergeant in The Israeli Defense Forces, Mercaz and lectured as a survivor of the Holocaust at many schools for The Midwest Center for Holocaust Education. The Book "We from Jedwabne" by Anna Bikont, which chronicled her family's experience, featured her on the cover as the very last witness of the massacre in the town. The website about Radzilow (www.radzilow.com) features the history, news articles, testimony and photos of Ann (Chana) and her family.

She was a truly beautiful and kind woman and a devoted loving mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Walters was preceded in death by her parents: Israel and Chaya Finkelstein; siblings: Menachem Finkelstein, Yaffa Finkelstein Rothstein and Shalom Finkelstein.

She is survived by daughter: Dr. Giselle Wildman, Blue Springs, MO and grandson: Alex Wildman, Boulder, CO. She is also survived by Nephews and Nieces in Israel.

Comments



“ Dear Gigi, I am so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of times spent together with you and your parents when we were growing up. She was such a wonderful person.

Lisa Sokoloff - December 30, 2009 at 06:04 AM



“ Crosby, Stephen Stills, Paul Kantner

Wooden Ships

Stills: If you smile at me, I will understand
'Cause that is something everybody everywhere does
in the same language.

Crosby: I can see by your coat, my friend,
you're from the other side,

There's just one thing I got to know,
Can you tell me please, who won?

Stills: Say, can I have some of your purple berries?

Crosby: Yes, I've been eating them for six or seven weeks now,
haven't got sick once.

Stills: Probably keep us both alive.

Wooden ships on the water, very free and easy,
Easy, you know the way it's supposed to be,
Silver people on the shoreline, let us be,
Talkin' 'bout very free and easy...

Horror grips us as we watch you die,
All we can do is echo your anguished cries,
Stare as all human feelings die,
We are leaving - you don't need us.

Go, take your sister then, by the hand,
lead her away from this foreign land,
Far away, where we might laugh again,
We are leaving - you don't need us.

And it's a fair wind, blowin' warm,
Out of the south over my shoulder,
Guess I'll set a course and go...

Anon - December 25, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Dear GiGi and family,
Stan and I are in Florida and just learned of your dear mother's passing. We are so
sorrowed and extend our sincere sympathy to you all. Ann was such a lovely lady,
and she will be missed. May her memory always be for a blessing.
Sincerely, Joyce and Stan Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - December 24, 2009 at 01:38 PM



“ Ann was truly a beautiful Lady. We worked together for Hadassah for many years
and I was very fond of her.

May She rest in Peace. Amen.

Marna Dolginoff - December 21, 2009 at 02:01 PM