



Anne Fox Greenbaum

August 21, 1926 - November 13, 2018

Anne Fox Greenbaum passed away on November 13, 2018, at the age of 92. Funeral services will be on Friday, November 16, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., at The Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO, with burial to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Anne's memory can be made to the charity of your choice.

Anne was born in St. Louis, MO, in 1926, to her beloved parents, Clara Ida (Gorden) and Nathan Fox. She leaves behind her family, who adored her: Her sons, Frederick J. Greenbaum and wife Tina, Lawrence D. Greenbaum and partner Song Yang; her daughter, Susan G. Greenbaum and husband Chris Parker; her daughter-in-law, Laura Greenbaum; her grandchildren, Phil Greenbaum, Patti Greenbaum and husband Jordan Jurcyk, Jack Greenbaum, Katie Weiner and husband Joe, Joe Greenbaum, Aaron Greenbaum, and Gabe Greenbaum; great-granddaughter, Eloise "Lulu" Greenbaum, and great-grandson Winslow Jurcyk. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Louis; her son, Ronald S. Greenbaum; and her siblings, Rose Cohn and Phillip Fox. The two words that best describe Anne are, "tireless" and "loving"—which, in Anne's case, are synonyms. She showed her love hour after hour, day after day, year after year, by doing everything she could for her parents, her siblings, and her children, husband, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Her unconditional devotion and dedication are inspirations to every family member who survives her.

Anne's father, Nathan Fox, and his sister were orphans, living in then-Austro-Hungary. He was a soldier in the chaos of World War I and unexpectedly wound up in Ukraine, where he met the Gorden family and married their daughter, Clara Ida. Clara Ida and Nathan left Ukraine to join eldest Gorden brother, Harry, in Mississippi; daughter Rose was born there. They moved to St. Louis to join other family members. Anne, named Anna at birth, was born in St. Louis in 1926. The family soon moved to KC, MO, and eventually bought a stone-front bungalow with a shaded porch and swing on Benton Blvd. Anne's brother, Phillip, was born with Down Syndrome, and he and Anne would sit together contentedly on the porch swing as children. Phillip would rejoice excitedly on that porch swing when Anne would come home from college.

Anne was brilliant academically, multi-talented artistically, and humble uniformly. She had an excellent singing voice and was a very good pianist. Her surviving high school friends still marvel at how she was so smart, friendly, talented, and involved in so many school activities. She graduated from Paseo High School in 1943 and attended Kansas City Junior College before transferring to the University of Missouri and graduating with a degree in journalism. Anne's intelligence came directly from her parents, who recognized her gifts and supported her higher education goals at a time when college was not a given for most women. She was a loving and attentive daughter, especially helpful to her visually-impaired mother and caring tirelessly for her younger brother, Phillip; she and Phillip loved each other deeply. Anne met Louis at Mizzou, and they married shortly after she graduated; she worked in Columbia while Lou finished his degree. After Lou's graduation, they returned to Kansas City and started their family.

Anne later completed her Master's in education and taught in area schools as a substitute teacher; she also continued to write freelance pieces for the KC Star, the Overland Park Sun, the KC Jewish Chronicle, and other publications.

But for all of her many gifts, she considered her greatest accomplishment raising four loving, independent children. Anne dedicated her life to family, working tirelessly from morning til night to keep everyone well-fed, clothed (in the latest styles), and above all, supported and encouraged in their every pursuit. She was always an extraordinary and attentive caregiver any time the kids were sick. When their son, Ron, was diagnosed with a brain tumor, she and Lou were at his side, ready to attend to his every need. She was also an extraordinary caregiver to Lou. He and the family attributed his extraordinary longevity to her love and excellent care throughout his adult life.

Anne's father inspired her musical interests; he played violin, as did she, along with her piano-playing. She was also a capable athlete, which her daughter discovered one year on a hotel tennis court. She encouraged her children's love of music and sports, and she tirelessly schlepped them to baseball and basketball practices and games, rehearsals, shows, and concerts, and all manner of extracurricular activities. Her parenting was sensibly strict, and she and Lou gave their children an excellent foundation of discipline and respect. It was a given in the family that education was always a top priority, so much so that the kids never had to be told to study or work hard in school. That foundation allowed all four kids to become successful adults.

Anne's sense of humor was extremely clever, dry, and always at the ready. She had an irrepressible giggle. When the family would watch TV in the evenings, Anne would

sometimes retreat to the kitchen overlooking the family room, usually (and ostensibly) to clean up from dinner. On one such evening, Anne's secret was discovered: She was sitting at the table, enjoying a bowl of ice cream. When the clink of her spoon revealed the truth, she giggled for over an hour, and many times thereafter when the ice cream story was recounted. Anne loved ice cream.

Anne was always there for her family, and she was always all-in for her family. In her later years, though struggling with chronic pain, she still delighted in spending time with her kids and grandkids, and most recently, her two precious great-grandchildren. She was an archetypal mom, but she was also a trailblazer professionally and a role model for her children. Her sons grew up recognizing women as equals because of how she and Lou worked together as equal partners on everything, in an era when such equality was far from the norm. Her daughter never saw limitations for her own future, thanks to Anne's extraordinary example as a superwoman who really did it all and did it all beautifully and impressively. Anne always made her family her top priority. There was no limit to what she could have achieved professionally and personally, but she had no regrets about her lifelong focus of her energy: Being the best daughter, sister, mom, wife, and grandmother she could be.

Anne leaves a legacy of love, strength, and tireless hard work for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to admire and emulate. She instilled compassion, particularly for people with special needs, in all of us. She will always be in our hearts and heads in all we do, and we will tell her every day how much we love, appreciate, and miss her.

Events

NOV **Funeral** 01:30PM

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The Louis Memorial Chapel

6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO, US

NOV **Shiva** 06:00PM

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at the home of Fred and Tina Greenbaum. Please call the funeral home for further instruction.

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Comments



“ Hello Greenbaum family,
I wanted to write and express our sympathies to you on the loss of your extremely loving and talented mother. While we didn't know her personally, we certainly saw her amazing and bounteous talents in the two of you we know best, Ron and Susan. What a blessing your mother must have been to all of you and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you move forward in this life on earth. Hang tightly to one another and enjoy her spiritual presence in one another during this season.
Love to you,
Dan and Shelle Jensen

shelle jensen - November 18, 2018 at 12:38 PM



“ To Susan, Fred, Larry and Ronnie.....so very sorry to hear about your Mom. It was always a pleasure to be invited into your parents home and a real treat to see the two of them at the grocery store and elsewhere. Conversation came easy and I always left them thinking I'm really glad to know these two delightful people. I will not be able to attend the service so I wanted to send my love to your parents and to you and your brothers. Rest in peace Anne and as Susan said its' now time to join Lou and Ron without the fear of ever being separated again.

Rich Favreau

Rich Favreau - November 15, 2018 at 12:25 AM



“ I can't remember when i have read such truth and love for a parent as expressed in the tribute to Anne. We lived a block away from the Greenbaum's and knew the kids, each for their different strengths , talents and sense of humors, attributed to the sharing and guidance of both Ann and her beloved Lou. But Ann truly possessed all that was said of her. She was highly accomplished for her intellect and many artistic talents but most of all for those characteristics for which we cannot place a value. I had no idea of her childhood , parents and siblings . What a beautiful story and i thank the kids for sharing it with us . .Kids, i send my love and concern to you and your families for the loss of your dear Mother , Anne.

Doris Gilgus - November 14, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ Leah and Lenny extend our condolences to Larry and all the family. Please let us know if we may be of any assistance being your friends and neighbors.



“ Susan, reading about your mother and her many wonderful attributes, I am reminded of your generous and irrepressible spirit, your joy of music and tireless caring for others. She must have been so proud of you. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Jan, John and Indigo Williamson

Jan Williamson - November 15, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Dearest Susan and family
I read the obituary about you mom and truly wish I could have met her! What a Remarkable and beautiful life she led giving so many beautiful memories of how to truly lead your life... and now I understand how good genes are padded onto our beautiful and Loving Susan
Thinking of you!
Claudia and Steve

claudia Biegker - November 15, 2018 at 01:47 PM