



Ellen Barocas

November 23, 1950 - February 26, 2020

Ellen Barocas, 69, of Overland Park KS, died peacefully, after a battle with lung cancer, on February 26, 2020. An intimate graveside service was held in Miami, FL, conducted by Rabbi Jonathan Fisch at Mt Sinai Memorial Cemetery.

Ellen was born November 23, 1950 to the late Phil & Ilene Barocas, in Miami, FL. She graduated from Southwest High School in Miami in 1968 and received her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, graduating with honors.

She moved to Kansas City, Missouri in the 1980's shortly after meeting the love of her life, Billy Gene Reneau. In 1986's she and Billy established Facets Jewelers, which served the Kansas City area for 34 years. They married in 1987 and had two sons, Zakary Barocas Rose-Reneau and Jordan Alexander Barocas Reneau "Alex".

Zak and Alex were Ellen's biggest joys in life. She devoted herself to raising her boys, making sure they got a good education and learned Jewish values and traditions. Beginning with pre-school Ellen drove the boys 20 miles each way, from Lee's Summit, MO to attend the Jewish Community Center and Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy in Overland Park, KS

While raising her boys, Ellen worked as a volunteer, helping in numerous events and activities to benefit various Community and Jewish organizations in the Kansas City area. She engaged Zak and Alex in various sports and became a devoted hockey-mom for many years, often traveling with the boys to nearby towns and other states around the country. Ellen was an avid runner for many years having participated in many 5 & 10 K Runs in the Kansas City Area, Miami, New Orleans and the Bay-to-Breakers Half-marathon in San Francisco.

In her later years, Ellen worked as a legal administrator, business development specialist & technology specialist. She enjoyed rock concerts, sporting events, parades, movies, reading and pampering her dog, Saki.

She is survived by her son & daughter-in-law Zakary and Jessica Rose-Reneau, her son Jordan “Alex” Reneau & his long-time, significant girlfriend, Abby Taylor, all of Kansas City, her beloved dog Saki, and the siblings and cousins she grew up with in Miami, FL & Cleveland Ohio.

Condolences may be shared at www.louismemorialchapel.com. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Phyllis Roskin Scholarship at the University of Syracuse College of Environmental Science and Forestry. (Phyllis Roskin was Ellen’s Beloved Aunt who passed away at age 36 in 1968.) Make checks payable to “ESF College Foundation”. Please indicate that your donation is for the “College Foundation, 1 Forestry Drive, 214 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Comments



“ I was so sorry to read that Ellen had passed away. We were both in the Adult B'nai Mitzvah class at Beth Shalom many years ago. I remember her warm smile and friendly manner very well. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her. Nancy Reichman

Nancy Reichman - March 25 at 04:23 PM



“ I was so sad to hear about Ellen. May her name always be a blessing. When she lived here in KC, and Zak and Alex were in HBHA. My Mike was there as well. Ellen and I spent many hours volunteering together and visiting. I am so sorry for your loss. Ellen Portnoy

Ellen Portnoy - March 09 at 07:03 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Ellen. She and I shared many a wonderful time working out at the JCC. I have only fond memories of her and her smile. Esther Megerman

Esther Megerman - March 09 at 06:16 PM



“ Thinking of you , Zack and Alex. Your mom was a great fun woman and loved the two of you immensely.. What a great loss in your lives.
Sandi and Ed Fried
Maggie and Gabbie

Sandi Fried - March 09 at 01:13 PM



“ While Ellen lived in Kansas City she was an active and devoted participant of PrayerWorks. We have missed her moving to Florida. We pray her soul will Rest In Peace.
Rickie Haith, PrayerWorks Facilitator

Rickie Haith - March 09 at 06:52 PM



“ Some people make an impression so much in your life that their passing makes you gasp. Then there is profound sadness. We were friends. I missed her when she moved to Miami. I miss her more now.

Cheryl Intrater

Cheryl Intrater - April 16 at 06:51 PM