



LEONA MILDRED COHN

November 20, 1929 - December 4, 2016

Leona Mildred Cohn, daughter of Michael and Sarah Parness, passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2016. She was born on November 20, 1929, in Minneapolis, MN. As the youngest of five children, she took great delight in being doted upon. An avid artist, she aspired to be a fashion designer, but circumstances prevented her from pursuing her ambition. She was married in 1960 to Bernard Fine, who was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force, and after his passing, to Martin Cohn, who passed away in 2014. Leona and Martin were active members at Ohev Shalom, where she was very involved with B'nai B'rith and Club 100. Leona was an administrator at several agencies, including Blue Cross, Jewish National Fund, and the Jewish Community Center where she retired at the age of 72. She was very strong at shorthand and could type at blazing speed.

During her retirement, she thrived in her art class at the Heritage Center, with a focus on family portraits and floral landscapes. She truly enjoyed the social aspect of the art class, and she was also blessed with a wonderful group of friends at the Atriums where she resided the last several years.

Family was her priority. She was renowned for her hosting of holiday dinners and preparing for tenfold the number of guests. She also lovingly baked chocolate chip cookies weekly for her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons, Michael and Steven; daughters in law, Nancy and Beatrice (who she bragged she selected for Steven); grandchildren, Jamie, Jacob, Benjamin, Eric, Stacy, and Peter; and countless nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Tuesday, December 6, 2016, at Louis Memorial Chapel, 6830 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO. Interment will be at Sheffield Cemetery, 6200 Wilson Rd, Kansas City, MO 64123. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Ohev Shalom, 5311 W 75th Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208; Jewish Family Services Jet Express Program, 5801 W 115th Street, #103, Overland Park, KS 66211; the Jewish Community Center's art program, 5801 W 115th Street, #101, Overland Park, KS 66211; or the charity of your choice.

Comments



“ Michael and family, so sorry for your loss.

- David Single & Darran Wee

Darran Wee - December 09, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ Dear family members I am so sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May you all find comfort in our creators promise of a paradise earth in which sickness, death and all causes of sorrow will be no more.

Sherri Bryant - December 07, 2016 at 01:25 PM



“ Steve , Beatrice, Eric and family--we are sorry for your loss. She sounds like she was quite a remarkable woman. May her memory be a blessing.
Francie, Tim and granddaughter Leah Kelly

Francie Bernstein Kelly - December 06, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ Beautiful sweet spirit, I always enjoyed her. RIP sweet lady.

Janice Malin - December 05, 2016 at 04:11 PM



“ She was lovely and artistically talented. She loved her family so much and was so happy about them.

sharon cohen - December 05, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss, many prayers for your family.
Paul, Lisa and Roman



lisa katz - December 05, 2016 at 02:26 PM



“ Leona was a beautiful person inside and out. Always enjoyed seeing her. May her memory be for a true blessing for the days, weeks and years to come.
Much love to her family.
Debra & Stu Goldstein and Family

Debra Goldstein - December 05, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Family,
We are presently in Mexico and are so sorrowed to learn of Leona's passing. I believe we first met through ORT, even a bowling league. We would visit occasionally through the years, and more recently I drove her through the Jet Express program of Jewish Family Services. I always enjoyed her company and warm smile. What a lovely lady who will surely be missed. May her memory always be for a blessing.
Most sincerely, Joyce Zeldin

Joyce Zeldin - December 05, 2016 at 01:24 PM