



Sophie Manfield Berlin

June 21, 1924 - October 10, 2012

Sophie Manfield Berlin passed away on October 10, 2012 at the age of 88 at her home in Los Angeles where she had resided for the past 6 ½ years. She was surrounded by her family and many who loved her. Services will be held in the Yukon Chapel at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. Sophie was born in Poland, came to the United States at the age of 4, graduated from Manual High School and soon thereafter, married Eugene Manfield. She and her older sister, Helen Loeffler, started selling furniture out of their garage which ultimately grew into the successful Kansas City Furniture Mart. They were affectionately called “the Dolly Sisters” by the sales reps who called on them. She was also an entrepreneur in many other areas. After retiring from her business she married Paul Berlin and moved to Century Village in Pembroke Pines, Florida where she spent many happy years. She then moved to California to be close to her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her daughter, Deanne Gilbert and her husband, Dr. Harvey Gilbert, her son, Mark Manfield and his wife, Karen Manfield, her grandchildren Jill Gilbert, Jason Gilbert, Alexandra Manfield, Tyler Goetz and her great grandchild, Naomi Gilbert. She is also survived by her sister Maurine Agron and her brother Edward Zigler. Sophie was generous, charitable, compassionate, and “carried the weight of the world on her shoulders”. Her devotion to all of her family was paramount in her life. She will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers please send donations in her memory to: Neve Michael Children Village, PO Box 260067, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33026. This is an orphanage in Israel that Sophie has helped support for many years. Donations can be made online at www.nevemichael.net.

Comments



“ Mark, Maurine and family,
Very sorry to hear about Sophie. She was such a great lady, with a wonderful personality and a great business mind. We enjoyed shopping at the furniture store with Sophie and Helen. My daughter is using the bedroom set I bought from them in about 1983! Unfortunately, with dad's passing four days after Sophie, we are going through the same thing. Take care.

Cindy Steinzeig Cohen and family - October 17, 2012 at 12:11 AM



“ Maurine,
So sorry for your loss. May your sister's memory be for a blessing.
Love,
Annette

Annette (Goldenberg) Haynes - October 16, 2012 at 10:34 AM



“ Mark and family, I have wonderful memories from when we were kids and families were families, especially during the holidays. May she rest in peace.

Michael Myer

Michael Myer - October 14, 2012 at 07:46 PM