



Phoebe S. Wechsler

April 20, 1935 - May 11, 2019

Phoebe S. Wechsler (nee Rosenfeld), born April 20, 1935, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, May 11, 2019. She was a native of New York City who moved to Milwaukee from Princeton, N.J. in 1991, after the deaths of her beloved husband and mother. She was a graduate of Brooklyn College and a retired Nicolet High School staff member. Her career as an administrator was spent at the Boy Scouts of America, Glencoe, IL, Educom and the Institute for Advanced Study, both at Princeton, N.J. While at IAS, Phoebe served on the National Research Council Survey Committee. She was tasked with compiling advisory studies from 300 astronomers and consulting with distinguished foreign scientists on future directions in astronomy. This work resulted in the publication of the book ""A Decade of Discovery in Astronomy and Astrophysics"" in 1991. Phoebe was past Membership Chair of B'nai B'rith Women, Princeton, N.J. and past Program Chair of Hadassah Milwaukee. She was a longtime Milwaukee Art Museum volunteer, a yoga student, lifelong New York Times reader and crossword puzzle solver. She was proud of being able to solve the Times puzzle daily, using only RED ink. Her hobbies included jewelry making, traveling; especially with her daughter Linda, reading, attending the theater, ballet and movies, needlework, knitting for needy Milwaukee children and spending time with her family. Most of Phoebe's family time was spent in a multi-generational home with her daughter's family. It was a unique and wonderful experience for everyone, that lasted 26 years. She celebrated her

Bat Mitzvah at age 67 at Congregation Shalom. Preceded in death by her husband Ronald and parents Fanny V. ""Honey"" (nee Rubinger) and Irving Louis ""Lou"" Rosenfeld. Survived by her baby brother Walter (Carole) of Plainview, N.Y., daughter Linda (Craig) Settler of Fox Point and son Bruce (Jackie) of Denver, CO. Further survived by grandchildren Meredith and Cameron Settler, Ari and Kaila Wechsler and Jennifer and Jessica (Greg Gerlach) Nguyen. Loving great-grandmother to Ava Wechsler and Trice Gerlach. Aunt to Jane (Andy) Goldberg and James (Beth) Rosenfeld. The family extends many thanks to the staff at Ovation Jewish Home; with special thanks to Tim Nelson, Concierge, Drs. Nancy Reeder and Anthony Kehr and CSM Hospital Milwaukee for the loving and compassionate care Phoebe received over the past two years. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Phoebe's life TODAY (Tuesday, May 14) at 11:00 AM at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point. A Shiva luncheon will follow. If you are able to attend, please select bright, vibrant colors to wear; as Phoebe liked to break with tradition. Memorial donations to Planned Parenthood, Congregation Shalom or the charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ We are so sorry to hear the news about your mother. Linda when I saw you together you looked like twins. I'm sorry we aren't there for you and the family.. Love Aunt Shelly and Uncle Buddy

Aunt Shelley& Uncle Buddy - May 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Blessings to all of Phoebe's friends and family. She was a delight to know and will be missed.

Maureen Beaman - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

EU

“ Dear Family, so sad to hear of Phoebe s passing. She was your rock your guardian angel and a devoted mom and grandma to you all. You were blessed to have shared so many years together and may all the sweet memories be comforting at this time/ We will all miss her. Love and our deepest sympathy.

elaine udell - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ I have happy memories of times spent together in Miami

Elizabeth M Salston - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Linda, I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing. What an amazing woman and mother she was. You must have been so proud of her. Thinking of you. Janice

Janice Liten - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My prayers and much love to you as you go through this sad time.*

Debra Campbell - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My sympathy to all of you. I knew Phoebe was actively engaged with life, and family, but I didn't know more than half of her achievements until I read this obit. Truly a life to celebrate and a loss for all who knew her.*

Lois Spatz - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *No words...I'm so very, very sorry. She was a very special woman when I knew her (ummm...1970's!!!). My heart is with all of you. She rocked it! Hugs.*

Kim Strachan Hennes - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ *Phoebe was an amazing woman with an amazing family. It is my honor to get to know them. She will truly be missed at Ovation Jewish Home. I will miss our talks and her sassy quips. To her Family, I will always be here for you all, just call. Love you all*

Timothy Nelson - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ *Very sorry to hear about Pheobe's death. I know she'll be missed*

Harold Settler and Jean Allen - May 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM