



# Marlyne "Marzi" Kaplan

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**M**arlyne "Marzi" Weiss Kaplan passed away on Saturday, August 15, 2015. She was born in 1936 in New Jersey to Gertrude Weiss Vendeland and William Weiss (predeceased). Moving to Miami in 1946, she graduated Miami Senior High School (1954), University of Miami (UM) summa cum laude (B.Ed.1958), Florida Atlantic University (M.A. 1975), and UM School of Law (J.D. 1981). As a life-long student and teacher of language, literature, and the law, Marzi inspired many: first, as an elementary school teacher; later, as a professor at St.Thomas and UM law schools. In between, Marzi founded the S. Fla. Poetry Institute, wrote and published poetry and non-fiction, sat on the editorial board of the FL Bar Journal, and was the Poet Laureate of the City of Hollywood. She also served as Placement Director of UM School of Law. Marzi's passions included literature, theater, music and film, manifested in her roles as founder, leader or contributor to book and poetry groups, film festivals, and book fairs. In later years, she served on the Carbonell Theater Awards Committee. Marzi loved engaging with people from all walks of life. Her greatest love, however, was family, and she was its beloved matriarch. She is survived by her devoted husband of 57 years, Douglas Kaplan, their children Russell (Lisa), Hilary Gitlitz (Daniel), Karen Siegel (William), and grandchildren Lilly, Kate, Conrad, Carley, Charlie and Henry, as well as sisters Judith Ford and Tobi Kaiser (Michael). Services will take place on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Levitt-Weinstein Memorial Chapel, 18840 W. Dixie Hwy., N. Miami Beach.



## Events


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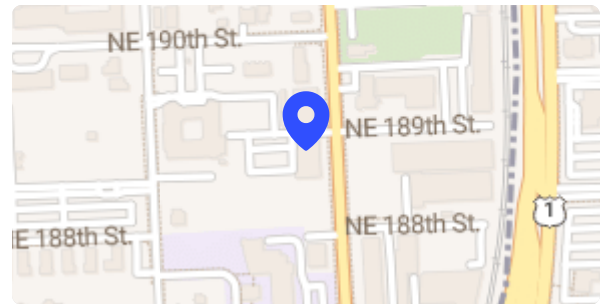
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### Chapel Service


 **Tuesday**, August 18, 2015

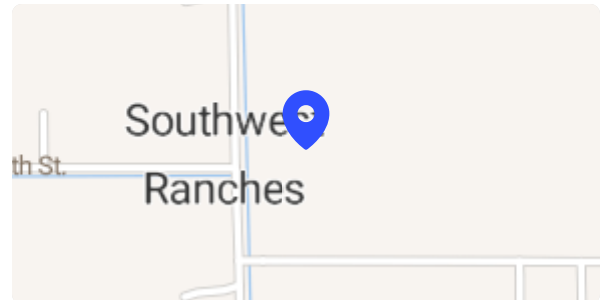
 1:00 PM ET

 **Levitt-Weinstein Memorial Chapel**  
18840 W. Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach FL  
33180



### Cemetery Details

 **Menorah Gardens**  
Southwest Ranches FL





## Tribute Wall

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**John Childrey** posted:

Marzi's elegance, kindness and consideration, attention to detail and compassion are but five of the extraordinary attributes she possessed. She and Doug entered a session on Mark Twain and charged the literary lions of that author. She and Doug sponsored literary events at their house which enriched those attending; I was blessed to attend a few and to present one. Her interests were varied and she honestly generated enthusiasm in whatever the subject or the presenter. It was my great pleasure to nominate both Marzi and Magi as Poet Laureate of Hollywood, so I was genuinely thrilled when Mayor Mara and the commission appointed both of them. It is with great sadness that they both should end their earthly journey in the same summer. Their words sing after them. Marzi's encouragement still bolsters souls she touched.

August 18 at 5:47 PM



**Lisa Liotta** posted:

Dear Mr. Kaplan, I am so very sorry to hear this sad news. While I never met Marzi in person, I could not help but notice the spark in your eyes every time you spoke of her during our meetings. My prayers are with you and family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Lisa Liotta, City of Hollywood CRA

August 18 at 7:04 AM



**Carolyn Drum** August 19 at 6:47 AM

Hilary introduced me to Mrs. Kaplan about a year ago. The wonderful words expressed about Mrs. Kaplan by all the commenters here certainly echoed brilliantly through her delightful eyes, joyful smile, and sincere interest in meeting one of Hilary's new friends. I am now so deeply humbled to know that such an extraordinary and accomplished woman would want to make a new acquaintance feel special. I feel honored to have met her in person if but just once and will never forget her most beautiful and kind face. My husband, Tom, and I share our condolences to all the family and pray that you find peace and comfort soon. Sincerely, Carolyn Drum



**Jayne Christensen** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Kaplan family.



August 17 at 12:44 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Kaplan family.



August 17 at 9:38 AM



**H Kirson** posted:

BHMarzi returned to Hashem on Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Elul the month of return. Rosh Chodesh Elul marks the day when Moses ascended the mountain with the new tablets. The sign of Elul symbolizes modesty, purity, understanding and insight. All attributes of Marzi. May her memory serve as a blessing for the entire family. Hiram Kirson

August 17 at 6:18 AM



**Susie Markowitz-Lewis** posted:

Dear Kaplan Family, No words can say how sorry I am for your loss! Marzi was one of the most wonderful kind hearted person I can say I have ever met. I remember the first time I met her so many years ago when I was a young adult and had such admiration and respect for her as a wife, mother, teacher and an all around awesome woman! As the years went on and we shared so many wonderful memories, both she and Doug were such an important part of my family's life. Watching my family grow and being such great friends to my Mom and being there for us after my Dad had passed. She will be missed so very much! Thoughts and prayers are with you all today and always! Love, Susie and Steven Lewis

August 16 at 3:32 PM



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