



Pearl J. Finkelstein

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Pearl J. Finkelstein, a long-time resident of Miami Shores, who had moved in 2018 to Riddle Village a LifeCare retirement community in Media, Pennsylvania, died on December 23, 2020 at the age of 96.

Pearl is survived by her children Dr. Mark Finkelstein-Zeik, Cherie Cannon, and Norman Finkelstein; her grandchildren Megan Cannon-Seccareccio, Matthew Cannon, and Sarah Finkelstein; her great-grandchildren Lily and Shyann; her sister, Lydia Shifman; and her children and granddaughter's spouses Michael Zeik, Debbie Finkelstein and Andrew Seccareccio. She was predeceased by her husband Dr. Daniel M. Finkelstein (2009) and her parents.

Pearl was born in Hartford, CT in 1924. She received her nursing degree (RN) from King's College, NYC. In 1950, she married Daniel M. Finkelstein, DO in Miami, Florida. Together, Pearl and Daniel lived an exceptionally giving life for 59 years. They were co-founders in the establishment of the now defunct Osteopathic General Hospital in North Miami Beach and were one of the original founders of the first Florida osteopathic medical school, Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine (SECOM) which evolved into the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine. During their lifetime, she and her husband acted as foster parents to over 200 children. After retiring from nursing, she owned and operated, Heirlooms of Tomorrow, a gift and collectible shop in North Miami Beach.

Pearl was a vibrant, life-loving and people-loving person. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and was a great storyteller. She would make friends wherever she went and loved socializing with people. She loved growing orchids, painting, was an avid reader, created hook rugs, and loved spending time with her family and friends. Her ability to make quick life-long friends was extraordinary. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her internment will be on December 30 at 11 AM at Mount Nebo Miami Memorial Gardens in West Miami. Rabbi Amy Morrison of Temple Israel will officiate. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Pearl's name to Temple Israel of Greater Miami (www.templeisrael.net).



Obituary

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Arrangements by Levitt-Weinstein Blasberg-Rubin-Zilbert Memorial Chapel (305) 932-2700




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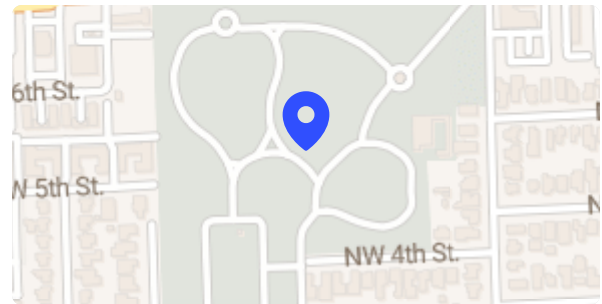
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graveside service

 **Wednesday**, December 30, 2020

 11:00 AM ET

 **Mount Nebo Miami Memorial Gardens**
5505 NW 3rd Street, Miami FL 33126





Tribute Wall

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SM

Sally Di Marco posted:

Dear Mark, Our deepest sympathy to you, Mike, and your family on the passing of your beloved Mother, Mrs. Finkelstein. She will always live on in your hearts and through those that she inspired. A life well lived! Fondly, Sally Di Marco and Frank Monteferrante

December 27 at 12:46 PM



Michael Zeik December 28 at 9:50 AM

Thank you Sally and Frank for your kindness and friendship. Love you.

RS

Rich Shifman posted:

My Aunt Pearl was dear to me. She was my only aunt growing up, and I used to kid her that I was her favorite nephew. Growing up, she and my Uncle Danny opened their house in Miami to us, and it did indeed feel like a second home. They hosted Passover, and I sometimes spent the day there when I was sick. Aunt Pearl was always looking out for me and making sure I was okay. As I got older, I came to appreciate her even more and understand just how much she had done for us. I found her so easy to talk to—she was kind and had a sharp wit. She told some great stories. I may have ‘borrowed’ a term from one of her funny stories to write a scene in one of my books. I’ll miss her, but I know my cousins and my mom will miss her more. I am a better person for having grown up with and having known my Aunt Pearl. I’m lucky to have had her presence in my life, and I know that’s true for many people. God bless you, Aunt Pearl. I know you’re in a good place. Amen.

December 27 at 10:20 AM



Michael Zeik December 28 at 9:52 AM

Rich, thank you for your love and these beautiful sentiments. She will be missed dearly.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Pearl by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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