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Barbara Portnoy Marmorstein, 85, of Tampa, Florida passed away on April 9 in Fort Lauderdale. A native New Yorker known for her wit, she would joke that she spent the last 35 years as a “Tampon” in her adopted state of Florida. Barbara maintained her intellectual curiosity her whole life: she graduated University of Miami with honors at age 19, continued on through masters studies and participated in several Zoom classes over the pandemic.

Her community activities are too numerous to count: she was an usher for the Tampa Performing Arts Center for over two decades, filed tax returns for area seniors each year, taught adults to read, was an adopted grandmother to ‘orphan’ families in Tampa, and sang in a community choir where she visited nursing homes fondly singing “Let me call you Sweetheart” to lucky residents with her tender heart and warm smile. She brought homemade baked goods to the pharmacist, chocolates to her handyman and gifts for her tech guy’s grandkids. Friends and family will remember her as a warm and genuine lady with a sharp wit and a compassionate heart.

Barbara raised her four children Warren, Howard, Scot and Nancy and her home was always open to friends and family. She is survived by her four children and her grandchildren Eli, Caleb, Hannah and Ben.

To the end, Barbara’s humor shone through. When asked if she was comfortable, she replied “I did ok, I made a good living.”

A private funeral will be held in New York where she will be laid to rest with her beloved parents Sam and Eva Portnoy. An online shiva will be held Thursday April 15 in the evening (contact her daughter nmp2@yahoo.com if you would like to attend). In lieu of flowers, kindly consider a contribution to the Autism Society www.autism-society.org. Arrangements by Levitt Weinstein Blasberg Rubin Zilbert (305) 932-2700.



Tribute Wall

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Cathy E posted:

I loved Mrs. Marmorstein. Her son Scot was my closest friend from High School. I immediately felt like an extended family member and was always welcome in the Marmorsten home. Scot even hosted a surprise 18th birthday party for me there. She was vibrant, feisty, self-reliant and full of energy. She had a knack for keeping Scot in line. When Scot got married, I was not able to attend but my mother did and was gifted with sitting at a table with Scot's mom. One of my biggest regrets was not being able to be there. I will always cherish the special moments and send my love to all the family.

April 21 at 7:55 PM



Alyce Kushner posted:

Barbara touched our lives in the short 7 years we knew her as our neighbors. Her humor was contagious and her stories had us laughing all the time . She told my son Brett to hurry up and get married so she could dance at his wedding. We absolutely loved and cared so much about her. She will be missed as our friend and neighbor.The Kushner Family

April 12 at 11:19 AM



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