



Chana Freedman Robinowitz

January 3, 1934 - June 17, 2023

Chana Freedman Robinowitz, born January 3, 1934, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Predeceased in death by her son, Howard Robinowitz, parents, Hershel Zvi and Sara Bash Freedman, and sister and brother-in-law Mona and Stanley Rubenstein. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband of over 62 years, Ralph, their children Don (Nikki) Robinowitz, Jill (David) Clay, Kevin (Debbie) Robinowitz, grandchildren Carli and John Clay, Anna and Jake Robinowitz, Beau and Mila Robinowitz, and Tyler Tran as well as her brother, Avi (Shuli) Freedman and numerous nieces and nephews and whom she adored.

Born in British Mandate Palestine on a farm in a small town called Petah Tikvah, she spent her childhood witnessing a battle for independence from the British Empire. She grew up among orange groves and swam competitively, even earning an opportunity at the Olympic trial level. After serving in the Israeli army and working as a teacher in Israel, Chana came to the US in the fall of 1960 to visit relatives. It was in Houston in 1960 that she met the love of her life, Ralph Robinowitz on a blind date. With her tourist visa set to expire, they married just six weeks after their first date. Chana and Ralph lived in Waco and later Dallas, where they raised their family together, built their home of 60 years together, raised their children and enjoyed the company of their grandchildren and many friends.

Chana taught Hebrew school at Congregation Shearith Israel for over 40 years, taught elementary school Hebrew at the Solomon Schechter School, tutored countless people in Hebrew, and even served as an official Hebrew translator. Later in life, Chana returned to school to earn a master's degree in social work. She was a lifetime learner with boundless curiosity who loved taking classes, traveling the world, learning new skills, and volunteering. She was devoted to her husband Ralph of over 62 years, helping to care for him throughout his battle with PSP. She even wrote a cookbook donating proceeds to organizations that supported her and Ralph in their fight against PSP.

Funeral services to be held in the Beck Sanctuary at Congregation Shearith Israel at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2023. The family thanks Delia Corpuz as well as all those involved in her care and her medical team. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CurePSP, the Parkinson's Voice Project, or the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Shearith Israel
9401 Douglas Avenue
Dallas, TX 75225

Graveside Service

JUN 19. 4:00 PM (CT)

Shearith Israel Cemetery
4634 Dolphin Road
Dallas, TX