



Cynthia Weiss Parr

August 4, 1959 - March 3, 2026

Cynthia Weiss Parr, age 66, died peacefully on March 3, 2026, after a long and courageous battle with metastatic breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, Rabbi Jordan Parr and their daughters, Rebecca Hannah Parr and Sarah Emily (Semyon) Starobin, along with two grandchildren, Reuven Caleb and Shira Liora Starobin. She is also survived by her mother, Joan Weiss and her sisters, Barbara (Henry) Kimmel and Dr. Susan (Dr. Raphael) Orenstein, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her father, Arnold Weiss, z”l.

Cynthia was a graduate of the Lausanne School in Memphis, Tennessee, where she excelled in mathematics. She earned both her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Industrial Engineering at the University of Michigan, specializing in ergonomics. Following graduation, Cynthia worked as a consultant, redesigning control rooms of nuclear power plants following the Three Mile Island meltdown.

Cynthia and Jordan married in 1985. The following year, they moved to Dallas, where Cynthia worked in the Defense Division of Texas Instruments. Shortly after leaving Texas Instruments, she opened a home-based calligraphy business and soon gave birth to Rebecca. After moving to Augusta, Georgia, in 1990, Cynthia worked as an AutoCAD instructor, teaching handicapped adults a marketable skill. In Augusta, she gave birth to

Sarah. After moving back to Dallas in 2002, Cynthia worked various jobs, such as being a personal assistant and an intake manager for The Nanny Agency.

But her true passion lay in volunteer work. In High School, Cynthia was President of MeFTY, the youth group of Temple Israel in Memphis. She also was a founding Board Member of The Vogel Alcove, helping to establish its teen summer camp program and a Board Member of the Women of Reform Judaism, recognized for her innovative work in designing and marketing synagogue gift shops.

In recent years, Cynthia traveled with Jordan to his various pulpits and has especially enjoyed traveling abroad to places such as Prague, Barcelona, the Cayman Islands, and Israel. They also went on a private heritage tour to Poland, where they visited Auschwitz and her great-grandparents' village in Poland.

A special note of gratitude goes to the Legacy at Home Hospice community of nurses, aids, and caregivers, including Rabbi Holly Cohen, Heather Rey, and Faith Retsky; they made Cynthia's final days peaceful and fulfilling. We also want to thank our dear friend Karen Mantel, who dedicated hours of her time to sit with Cynthia over the past months. A thank you also goes to Andrea and Robert McDaniel, dear friends who have accompanied Cynthia on her final journey.

Arrangements are entrusted to Dallas Jewish Funerals. A graveside service will be held at the Congregation Beth Torah Garden at Restland Memorial Park at 11:00 am on Sunday, March 8, 2026, Rabbi Sydni Rubenstein officiating. A Shiva Minyan will be held at Congregation Beth Torah at 7:00 PM that evening. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Legacy Senior Communities, Congregation Beth Torah, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Restland Memorial Park
13005 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75243

Tribute Wall

N.

“ Nathan . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cynthia Weiss Parr.

Nathan . - April 09 at 09:38 AM

LW

“ I'm so sorry to have just learned of Cindy's passing.. my heartfelt condolences to Rabbi Parr and family. I worked at Texas Instruments when Cindy was there . We would periodically have lunch together ... and , when Rabbi Parr would meet Cindy for lunch , they would ask me to join them / it was wonderful and so nice and thoughtful of them to invite me . I thought the world of Cindy ... she was so kind and had a special spark that I absolutely loved !! May her memory be a blessing ...
Linda Widman

Linda Widman - March 15 at 09:42 AM

SF

“ Jordan, we send our sincere condolences to you and your family. We were so lucky to have had you and Cynthia with us for many years at Congregation Children of Israel in Augusta. Cynthia was a blessing to all.
Sandra Freedman

Sandra Freedman - March 14 at 10:18 PM



“ Jack and I are thinking of you and your family during this time. We both have many fond memories of Cynthia when we were both members of the temple in Augusta. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.
Lisa and Jack Schoer

Lisa Schoer - March 13 at 08:58 AM

RD

“ May Cynthia's memory be a blessing. Love to Rabbi Jordan and Family from Congregation Children of Israel Synagogue in Augusta Georgia.



Robyn Wittenberg Dudley - March 12 at 11:32 PM

EP

“ We remember when the Parrs came to Augusta. Cynthia leaves memories of caring, deep religious values, can do attitude, and love family! Bonnie and I send our condolences and know the memories are blessings!

Elliot Price - March 10 at 08:58 PM

LR

“ Jordan, Mark and I send our sincere condolences to You and your family and we are keeping you all in our Prayers 🙏🙏🙏. May Cynthia Rest In Peace and may her memory be a blessing. Lynne & Mark Rossow

Lynne Rossow - March 07 at 09:15 AM

DC

“ *Jordan, Rebecca, Sarah, and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Cynthia's passing. May you hold onto treasured memories for many, many years to come. Love, Debbie & Dan Cohn*

Debbie Cohn - March 06 at 10:17 AM