



Laurie Ann Freeman Gidlow

March 16, 1947 - May 3, 2024

Laurie Ann Freeman Gidlow, 77, passed away Friday, May 3, 2024. Laurie was born on March 16, 1947, in Atlanta, Georgia. She went to Grady High School, graduated from Georgia State University and received a Masters in teaching from Webster College. Laurie was a devoted teacher until her final days. She mostly taught in Richardson ISD in various elementary schools. Later in her career she became an ESL teacher. She impacted so many students and their families inside and outside the classroom. Even after retirement she went back to the classroom at Temple Emanu-El preschool. Laurie was a loyal friend, including many dating back to her childhood. She always enjoyed going to lunch with her teacher friends and playing mah jong and canasta with her girlfriends. She always had a sense of adventure for travel and was willing to pack her bags at a moments notice. The beach in Destin, FL, was her favorite place to be. She was looking forward to her most recent planned adventure in Italy next month with her husband.

Laurie was predeceased by her parents Dr. Bernard and Shirley Freeman and her younger brother Paul Freeman, all of Atlanta, GA. Laurie is survived by her husband of 53 years, Robert (Bob) Gidlow. Her two daughters Hillary (Gidlow) and son in law Craig Levy of Atlanta, GA and their daughters Allison and Suzanne. Mindy (Gidlow) and Greg Rudisill of Frisco, TX and their children Sophia and Andon Chernow and Payton-Siena Rudisill. She is also

survived by her younger sister Melanie (Freeman) and Ricky Fine (Memphis, TN). Her Sisters in law Viki Freeman (Atlanta, GA) and Jane Gidlow LeMaster (St. Louis,MO) and her mother-in-law Sylvia Gidlow (St. Louis, MO) and many nieces and nephews of whom she adored.

In lieu of flowers it would be most meaningful for a donation to Temple Emanu-El Preschool of Dallas, Texas.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 6. 3:30 PM (CT)

Temple Shalom
6930 Alpha Road
Dallas, TX 75240

<https://venue.streamspot.com/event/NDcyMTQ0Mg==>

Shiva

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mindy Rudisill's House
6666 Arbor Cove Dr.
Frisco, TX 75034

Tribute Wall



“ I got to know Laurie when I worked for TSTA and she was President of our local association in Richardson. An engaging individual and passionate advocate for public education, it was easy to become friends with her and Bobby. This is a loss that leaves a hole in many hearts and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Laurie, you always wanted to help us decorate our Christmas tree. Tonight, the light of your friendship fills my heart.

Bryan Weatherford - May 06, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JW

I cannot believe you are no longer with us. I have so many wonderful memories. of fun times we had. Our parents sent us to Europe on a group tour together. What an experience we shared. I spent time with you in Destin and you with me in Sunny Isles. Shared the joy of Hillary's daughter Bar Mitzvah and fun times catching up when you came to Atlanta. Dear family, my love and prayers are with you at this sad time. I will miss you dear friend. All my prayer, Jennifer Walters

Jennifer Walters - May 06, 2024 at 07:07 PM

AL

“ I remember you let my sister and I sleep over your house. You let us pick the room we wanted to sleep in and one of the rooms had a bed that looked almost like a couch. It was my favorite room and you always had the beds made for us when we slept over. You would pick us up to go to your pool during the summer times and it was always just so much fun. I miss those times with you and Mr. Bob. Thank you for being a great teacher and never giving up on us. I'm sorry we didn't get to see you as often as you'd liked and regret it so much. I'll miss you so much Mrs Gidlow!



Ana Lopez - May 06, 2024 at 12:59 AM

JC

“ I met Laurie when we both were members of Starlight B'nai Brith Women.

Despite leaving Dallas we were able to maintain our friendship through the years... numerous visits, dinners, get togethers, lunches and phone calls and travel plans. Always fun and always happy to hear about family.

Sending love to Bobby, Mindy & Hillary and family at this very sad time.

May Laurie's memory be a blessing. Will miss you my dear & wonderful friend.

Judy Clifford

Judy Clifford - May 05, 2024 at 09:38 PM