



Rena Glaser

January 17, 1942 - October 3, 2024

Rena Victoria Glaser, 82, of Dallas, Texas, died October 3, 2024, from complications of Alzheimer's disease and cancer. Born on January 17, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York, to Rabbi Arie Ofseyer and Olga Ofseyer, Rena graduated from Midwood High School in Brooklyn, earned her M.A. in education from NYU, and taught at Brooklyn's Yeshiva of Flatbush. She moved to Dallas, Texas, in the early 1980s, married Ken Glaser in 1985, and taught at Solomon Schechter Academy. A member of Temple Shalom in Dallas, Rena lived her life true to her guiding values of Judaism's traditions and her love of family. As the nurturing matriarch of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and their extended families, Rena spread her blanket of care over each person, whether enjoying family trips, celebrating High Holy Days, or, most often, gathering around her sumptuous, ample table. She was the thread that generously and graciously pulled it all together, keeping that blanket seamless no matter the obstacles. To paraphrase poet William Stafford, "Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding, but you never let go of the thread." So powerful was her abiding love, that Rena's physical absence will not diminish the impact of her soul on those who remain. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth and her brother Rabbi Jordan Ofseyer. Rena is survived by daughter Elisa Gansell (David Brown) and son Jonathan Gansell (Michelle); stepsons Garret Glaser (Lulu), Mitchell Glaser (Suzie), and Brian Glaser; grandchildren Amanda Brown (Aaron), Emily Wisniewski (Scott), Daniel Zidell (Quyen Tran), Lauren Gansell, and Brandon Gansell; step-

grandchildren Nina Glaser, Ramsey Glaser, Sophie Glaser, Owen Glaser, and Harper Glaser; and great-grandchildren Nolan Brown, Marcus Brown, Evelyn Brown, Blair Wisniewski, and Pierce Wisniewski. Funeral arrangements will be held graveside at Hillcrest Memorial Park Sunday, October 6, 2024, at 3:30 PM, with shiva to follow.

Cemetery Details

Sparkman Hillcrest Memorial Park

7405 W. NW Hwy
Dallas, TX 75225

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 6. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Officiating Rabbi Paley