



## Fern Yudow Bekenstein

November 13, 1941 - January 20, 2024

Fern Yudow Bekenstein died peacefully on Saturday, January 20 surrounded by family at the age of 82. She is survived by her loving husband, Dr. William Bekenstein, her five children, Susan (David) Cahn, Andrew Koch, Jane (Jon) Blank, David (Michelle) Bekenstein, Jon (Lori) Bekenstein, her 11 grandchildren Naomi Blank, Daniel (Samantha) Blank, Jordan Bekenstein, Jeffrey Cahn, Spencer Koch, Sara Bekenstein, Douglas Cahn, Lauren Koch, Joseph Bekenstein, Allie Bekenstein, Marc Bekenstein, her beloved sister Leslie (Leonard) Foxson, countless cousins, nieces and nephews, and her incredible circle of friends. A beloved member of our community, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, passionate teacher, and an avid volunteer. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, January 24 at 10:15 AM at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St, Falls Church, VA 22043. Interment will follow at King David Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers please send donations to either the Inova Foundation: Bekenstein Lecture Series (<https://foundation.inova.org/>), Life with Cancer ( <https://www.lifewithcancer.org/get-involved/ways-to-donate>), or Temple Rodef Shalom (<https://templerodefshalom.shulcloud.com/payment.php>). May her memory be a blessing.

# Cemetery Details

## King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway  
Falls Church, VA 22046

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 24. 10:15 AM (ET)

Temple Rodef Shalom  
2100 Westmoreland St.  
Falls Church, VA 22043

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Dr B and family I'm so sorry to have just heard of Fern's passing. She was always the brightest light in my week. I will always remember our talks over M&Ms, her generous spirit and guiding wisdom.*

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**Elizabeth Rock** - March 05, 2024 at 06:06 PM

BM

“ *One of my memories of passing Fern in the halls of Flint Hill Elementary School when I was on the staff there, was that she always shared a beautiful smile with me. Her students were lucky to have her. I know that she will be deeply missed by her family and friends. I send my sympathy to you all. Barbara Meyer, Grand Lake, Colorado*

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**Barbara K Meyer** - January 26, 2024 at 09:59 PM

RB

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Fern at Flint Hill for many yrs. She was truly an amazing and very classy lady. Such a wonderful sence of humor. She will no doubt never be forgotten RIP. Rene Blevins*

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**RENE E BLEVINS** - January 26, 2024 at 09:57 PM

KW

“ *Karen and I offer our sympathies to Bill and all the children. Fern was a remarkable person and friend. We have lost a wonderful friend.*

*Tom and Karen Wise*

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**Karen and Tom Wise** - January 24, 2024 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ Dear Yudows, Beckensteins, Koch’s and Foxsons, my deepest condolences for the loss of our beloved Fern. I’m so thankful for all the time we spent together and all the great memories. My thoughts are with you. Cousin Joe Muroff

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**Joe Muroff** - January 23, 2024 at 08:53 PM

SL

*Dear Bill and Family, we are so sad to hear the news. I had the pleasure of working with Fern and the extra pleasure of being her friend. Fern was a very special human being. She will truly be missed.*  
Sandy and Benjy Levy

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**Sandy Levy** - January 26, 2024 at 09:36 PM

SL

*Warmest Aloha, Fern. You were an elegant woman and a gifted educator. Shirley Sakoda Long*

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**Shirley Sakoda Long** - January 27, 2024 at 10:38 AM

RM

*She was my first girl friend in High School. About a million years ago. So sorry to hear this sad news.*

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**Ronald J, Margolis** - February 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM