



Grace Aitel

July 26, 1923 - January 2, 2012

On Monday, January 2, 2012 Grace Aitel of Herndon, VA. Beloved wife of 68 years of Moe Lawrence Aitel. Loving mother of Susan Janice Aitel and husband Jonathan Gale Goldman, Nancy Lea Aitel-Thompson, Spencer Douglas Aitel and wife Paige Tyson, Louise Joyce Koutavas and husband Jay Samuel Koutavas. Grandmother of David Antonio Zapata Aitel and wife Justine Marie Aitel, Talibah Esther Buchanan and husband John Fulton Buchanan, Zakiya Emmona Thompson and Rasheed Samuel Thompson. Great-grandmother of Max Aitel, Kayla Rebecca Buchanan, Harry Aitel and Valentino Aitel. In life she enjoyed reading, gardening, and feeding the birds in the back yard. She especially loved sunflowers and butterflies. She was part of that greatest generation of women who broke tradition and went to college and worked outside the home. She and her husband settled in Virginia after stops in New York, California, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. She was a librarian and one of the earliest users of on-line research databases. Funeral services will be held 10am Thursday at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St. Falls Church, VA 22043. In her memory please consider planting sunflowers this summer and reading a book to a child. In lieu of cut flowers please make memorial contributions to Temple Rodef Shalom.

Tribute Wall



“ *Grace Aitel*

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“ *When I arrived in 1976 in the United States, penniless and without knowing the English language, I was fortunate to be received by Moe and Grace Aitel. I remember her as a woman with a curious mind always looking for answers and asking hard question about life and reality in general. I will never forget her thoughtful way of looking, smiling briefly as if she had discover a new question, shade of meaning or simply a new mistery in the world. She was a very generous person, and I owe her a lot. God bless her.*

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