



## Joyce Tarnapol

July 9, 1928 - January 25, 2025

Joyce Rosengarten Tarnapol was born in Miami, Florida, on July 9, 1928, to Charles and Lillian (Schiff) Rosengarten. She had an older sister, Marjorie.

Joyce attended the University of Alabama and graduated from Ohio State University. She worked for several years in Chicago as an assistant to a stockbroker, living with her college roommate.

In May 1953, she visited her cousins Audrey and Robert Kaplan in New London, Connecticut, and met Henry Tarnapol, the man who would be her husband for 47 years. She kept extending her visit through the summer. He proposed in July and they were married on October 4, 1953, at Beth El synagogue in New London.

In 1955, they moved to a new house they built and lived in until 1993. They had two daughters—Paula, born in 1955, and Debra, born in 1958. She made lifelong friends in New London.

Henry and his father owned Tarny's, a men's clothing store. Joyce did the books for the store for many years and worked during holiday seasons. She was active in Beth El Sisterhood, including serving on the committee that produced a cookbook still in print called *From Manna to Mousse*. She was a knitter, quilter, and needlework creator, as well as a golfer.

In 1993, Henry closed the store to retire and they moved to Palm Beach

County, settling at Wycliffe in Wellington in 1984. For a special few years, the community included her sister Marjorie and her husband Marvin, and her cousins Audrey and Robert Kaplan and Charlotte and Ed Freedman lived not far away. Again, she made good friends and was able to play golf year-round.

In 2000, Henry had a stroke while they were on vacation in Vermont and died on September 3, 2000. Joyce built a life without him, although missed him every day. She lived on her own until age 90, when she moved to Alexandria to live closer to her daughters and their families.

In 2018, Joyce moved to the View in Alexandria. Again starting anew, she developed friendships and created a community.

Joyce died peacefully on January 25, 2025, after suffering a stroke earlier that month. She is survived by daughters Paula (William) Whitacre, Debra (Robert) Ballen, grandsons Zachary (Rachel), Jacob, Peter, and Scott (Melissa), and one great-grandson.