



## Rose Rabinowitz

April 15, 1921 - August 11, 2023

Rose Rabinowitz passed away on August 11, 2023 at the age of 102.

Rose Rabinowitz (nee Klein) was born in Packinova, a small farm village in the Carpathian Mountains of Czechoslovakia (now Ukraine) in 1921. The oldest of six children, Rose travelled to the United States by herself in 1937 aboard the USS Roosevelt, not knowing a word of English. After arriving in the US, she worked in New York sweatshops to make enough money to send back to her family. Her father and family were to follow, but were denied a Visa. Rose never saw her home again. Her parents, grandmother and siblings had been part of 116 Jewish village residents expelled forcibly by the Nazis in 1944. Most of her family was exterminated in concentration camps. Rose was reunited with 2 surviving brothers and one surviving sister in 1946, after their liberation from concentration camp in Poland and Germany. Rose met her husband, Sol, on a blind date and married in 1951. They were married for 61 years until Sol's passing in 2012.

Rose lived her life with enormous strength, generosity, and kindness. She was a fierce advocate for the mentally ill and the homeless; active in Hadassah, the Jewish Women's Sisterhood, her synagogue and numerous organizations. Highly modest, Rose was a talented artist, writer, and cook. Her cooking was featured in a 7-page layout in the Washington Post. She and Sol regularly opened their home to the community, hosting numerous dinners and holiday

celebrations. Rose's warmth, charm, grace, and good humor were present in every facet of her life. She will be dearly missed by her daughter Brenda and son-in-law Larry, son David, and numerous cousins and friends. Rose was predeceased by her husband, Sol in 2012, and her son, Joel, in 2002.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund-USA. Contributions will go towards planting trees in Israel.

# Cemetery Details

## Agudas Achim Cemetery

700 S. Payne St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 15. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Agudas Achim Congregation  
2908 Valley Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22302  
<https://agudasachim-va.org/>

## Graveside Service

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Agudas Achim Cemetery  
700 S. Payne St.  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to the family on the loss of your mother. I can see from the obituary that she was a great role model and will never be forgotten by those who knew here. I don't think we are related. However, my mother's family name was also Klein and she was also born in 1921 in the SubCarpathian Rus province of Czechoslovakia. Her town was Verjaca (one of several alternate spellings) in the far Southwestern portion of the province. It was also a poor farming village with a mix of Jews and Christians. She came to America with her family in 1927. The remaining Jews in the village suffered the same fate as your mother's town. My mother passed away in 1992. Stewart A. Block (sblock5@hotmail.com)

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