



Ruby Kohn

September 27, 1923 - February 5, 2023

Ruby Kohn (99) of Reston, Virginia, passed peacefully February 5, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Aaron Kohn; loving mother of Judith Kohn Brown and Jonathan Israel Kohn; Cherished grandmother of Ariel Brown (Katie), Eran Brown, Sophia Campbell (Shawn), Riva Kohn, Ellie Sipiorski (Josef), and Zachary Kohn; great-grandmother of Joshua and Isabella Brown.

Born in Toronto to immigrants Ben-Zion and Rose Garbath, Ruby was a lifelong Labor Zionist and an active member of the Woodstock Jewish Congregation. She had a passion for people, the arts, travel, and family, including the legacy of her parents' loved ones in Eastern Europe—where most of them perished in the Holocaust. A social worker who also earned a degree in library science, she carried a warm smile that left an impression wherever she went. Her memory will surely be for a blessing.

A graveside service will be held at King David Memorial Gardens, 2712 Hollywood Rd., Falls Church, on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 11AM. Contributions in Ruby's memory to YIVO Institute for Jewish Research at [www.yivo.org] are most welcome in lieu of flowers.

Cemetery Details

King David Memorial Gardens

7400 Lee Highway
Falls Church, VA 22046

Previous Events

Graveside

FEB 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

King David Memorial Gardens
Hollywood Road
Falls Church, VA 22043
(703) 560-4400

Tribute Wall

JL

“ There are not enough adjectives in the English language to describe Ruby Z"L's attributes. Those of us who connected with her at the Woodstock Jewish Congregation were truly blessed to have known her. She was a true Ashet Chayel. She will live on in the memories and hearts of many. May that comfort you in your time of sorrow.

Judy Lewis - February 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM

JB

Thank you so much, Judy. I remember you from those days and hope you are doing well. And thank you Neshama, Martha, and Susan, for your posts below. My Mom always talked about her time in Woodstock—so much of which revolved around the WJC—as among the best years of her life; so your words are indeed a comfort to my family.

Judith Brown - February 25, 2023 at 04:17 PM

NL

“ In 1950 as a young college graduate I moved to NYC to begin graduate studies. Needing to supplement income I accepted a job teaching religious school at Temple BethEl in Great Neck Long Island - a long shleppy trip for me each week but soon became a lovely trip as Ruby, a fellow faculty member offered to drive me for a good part of the journey. Our conversations are still memorable to me now. My good fortune in knowing Ruby did not end there. Many many years later I moved to Woodstock and joined the Woodstock Jewish Congregation. We almost immediately spotted each other - she welcomed me with such open arms - I knew I was home.

Neshama Lipari - February 11, 2023 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ My husband Howard and I were lucky to know Aaron and Ruby in Woodstock, when we were members of a chavurah studying with Rabbi Ira Eisenstein. I particularly remember Ruby as such a warm lively person and send my condolences to her whole big family.
Martha Lewis, Shady, N.Y.

Martha Lewis - February 10, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SB

“ I recall Ruby with love and fondness from our many experiences together at Woodstock Jewish Congregation. Her love of our Jewish community in Woodstock was demonstrated in her many leadership roles. May her memory be for a blessing. Susan Buckler

Susan Buckler - February 10, 2023 at 11:34 AM