



Janice Harris Berlin

March 28, 1941 - October 23, 2021

Janice Harris Berlin of Naples, Florida, formerly of Memphis, TN, passed away on October 23, 2021, after a long illness.

Janice was born on March 28, 1941, to Toba and Harry Harris in Albemarle, NC. She graduated from the Women's College of the University of North Carolina (known now as the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) with a degree in sociology. She was also a sweetheart of Tau Epsilon Phi fraternity at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she met her husband of 58 years, Ira Berlin.

Janice and Ira settled in Memphis in 1964 where they lived until retiring to Florida in 2019. They were active members of Beth Shalom Synagogue where they were part of a friendship Chavorat for nearly 40 years. Over the years, she served on the boards of Jewish Family Service and Plough Towers.

She was known by a whole generation of youth as "Aunt Janice" for the years she served as an advisor to multiple Memphis BBYO chapters. She also worked a volunteer for the Crisis Center of Memphis and as a surrogate parent for education plan conferences for special needs students in foster care.

Her most fulfilling work was with the Memphis office of Facing History and Ourselves. She worked as part of the development team and later joined their board of directors which she served on for many years.

She and Ira loved to travel, especially by cruise ship. They visited nearly 100 countries on six continents and made friends all over the world. She also loved playing mah jong and playing video poker and slot machines.

In addition to her husband Ira, Janice leaves two children, David Berlin of Charlotte, NC and Shellie (Andy) Bressler of Washington, DC along with four grandchildren, Harrison Berlin, Elizabeth Berlin, Adam Bressler, and Casey Bressler. In addition, she leaves her

two sisters Zalotta (Mike) Walter of Jacksonville, FL and Sheila (Steve) Ussach of Jacksonville, FL, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donations in her memory can be made to Facing History at www.facinghistory.org/give or Facing History, P.O. Box 40568, Memphis, TN 38174.

Cemetery

Beth Sholom Memorial Gardens

Appling Rd @ Pate Rd

Memphis, TN,

Events

OCT **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Appling Rd @ Pate Rd, Memphis, TN, US

Comments



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Canale Funeral Directors - November 03, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Dear Berlin family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Janice through work - I came to Memphis as part of the FHAO team. Janice was always so welcoming, heartfelt and sincere in her interest in my family. She was a treasure and I know will be sorely missed by all.

Howard Lurie
Brookline, Mass.

Howard Lurie - October 30, 2021 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Ira,

Allan and I are so sorry to learn of the passing of Janice. We became cruise buddies on a South American cruise and enjoyed being with you. You introduced us to "Trivia" and Janice and I played Mahjong. She was such a warm and sweet lady. Please extend our deepest sympathies to all of Janice's family.

We hope all the wonderful memories you shared with Janice will help you get through this most difficult time.

Love,
Myrna and Allan

Myrna Bramson - October 28, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ Ira,
We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Janice and her warm smile. Janice was always fun, happy and positive. We have fond memories of Chinese dinners, sharing stories of our world travels, and the wonderful cruise we all enjoyed together. You and your family are in our prayers.
Our deepest sympathy,
Leslie and Charlie Gallagher

Leslie Gallagher - October 26, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ So sad to hear of Janice passing - - was a long time friend - had many happy times together back in the day . Prayers for all the family

Max Morgan - October 26, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Janice Harris Berlin.



October 26, 2021 at 11:15 AM