



Dorothy Anne Blatt

July 1, 1935 - October 4, 2022

DOROTHY ANNE BLATT

We mourn the loss and celebrate the life of our mother, Dorothy Anne (Dabby) Blatt.

Our mother filled her life with love of family, friends, books, music, travel, and a commitment to women's reproductive healthcare, philanthropy, and community engagement.

Dabby raised 6 children – David (Melinda), Dan, Deborah (Shmuel), Jon (Gina), Josh (Chrissie) and Rachel and was grandmother to 15 grandchildren, Nathan (Cynthia), Mitchell, Adam, Maya, Jason (Liz), Sarah, Ariel, Jillian, Leah, Oren, Ethan, Sam, Ella, Miles, and Ben. She was predeceased by her son-in-law Dave Hall.

She filled her 87 years. She proudly earned two Masters degrees – a Masters in Human Development from Harvard in 1984 and a Masters of Social Work from Smith College in 1989.

Dabby traveled the globe and witnessed Israel before and after the War of 1967, hiked Middle Teton and twice rafted the Grand Canyon, traversed the Sinai after the Peace Accords, visited Jewish Refuseniks in the Soviet Union, toured Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and attended operas

throughout Europe and the United States. Her favorite stop – Santa Fe. In her 80s, she made it to Hawaii and Alaska and her final trip was to California in December 2021 to share the joy of her grandson Miles' Bar Mitzvah.

She ran two marathons (both under 4 hours) and enjoyed 11 performances of Wagner's Ring Cycle – from Chicago, to San Francisco, New York, and Vienna. She served on the Board of the Cincinnati Opera, the Planned Parenthood Foundation of Cincinnati, and Lighthouse Youth Services. She graduated from Leadership Cincinnati, chaired the Women's Campaign for the Jewish Federation, served on Wyoming's School Board, and helped craft a Holocaust curriculum for Ohio's public schools.

She loved to send cards, books, or a gift. She rarely missed an occasion to send a card – usually one that popped up with elaborate designs – for a birthday, anniversary, holiday or just to say “I am thinking of you.” Her grandchildren had a collection of hard cover classics penned by authors including Maurice Sendak, Robert McCloskey, Virginia Lee Burton, and Leo Lionni. Each son and grandson owned an enviable stock of Lacoste shirts.

She read endlessly – the New York Times and The New Yorker were always within arm's reach, and she filled her bookshelves with fiction and nonfiction. She bought books for friends, family, and even casual acquaintances.

Her defining characteristics were her resilience, strength, and determination particularly in the face of illness. She lived with severe scoliosis, thyroid disease, diabetes for 42 years, and was diagnosed with breast cancer 25 years ago. She was in remission for nearly 19 years. The cancer returned almost 6 years ago but she defied the odds – living years beyond expectations.

Her life was a blessing and we are fortunate to have so many memories to share and cherish as we mourn her beautiful life.

Services Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2:15 PM. Visitation begins at 1:15 PM. The service will be Live Streamed on this website.https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/embed_viewer/79473 The family will hold a Celebration of Life at her residence Sunday 7:00 PM and Monday 12-3:00 PM. at

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her memory may be made to Planned Parenthood of SW Ohio Region, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 or Cincinnati Opera, 1243 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 9. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
8350 Cornell Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Dorothy Anne Blatt



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - October 06, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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Dabby seemed to be able to smile through so many life experiences, always with a warm greeting, sharing, with kindness emanating from her words.

We walked up Red Bud hill after taking the bus home from Walnut Hill H.S. for years. Later we would see each other through Opera Board and Opera experiences, plus hearing about her travels.

She was among the bravest and kindest people I have known. May her memory be for a blessing for all who knew her.

Edward B. (Ted) Silberstein. - October 08, 2022 at 12:12 PM

DL

John and family, Just wanted to let you all know how lucky I feel to have you as a friend. Without your mother, I certainly wouldn't have had that opportunity. I remember now when your Mom ran those marathons, that's where you got that cardio endurance, John. What a legacy she left. Dave Schutz and Cinda Schutz, née Freeman.

dlschutz@yahoo.com - October 09, 2022 at 03:40 PM

MD

“ I remember meeting Dabby for the first time in 2004 just before Josh and Chrissie were married. My first impression was her graciousness and her willingness to answer a multitude of questions I had about Judaism. Together we attended an opera in Cincinnati. It was quite obvious, this was one of her loves in life. Throughout the years, I learned of other loves...travel, reading, government, community involvement and so forth. She always remembered my birthday and religious holidays and would send the most beautiful 3 dimensional cards. I have saved all of them...they mean a lot to me. Not long ago I visited her at Kenwood not knowing it would be the last time I would see her alive. Not sure what to discuss since politics, the weather, Biden just didn't seem appropriate. Instead I went through my cell phone photos and found photos galore of her participating in family events. Ethan's bar mitzvah, Ella's bat mitzvah, the kids grandparent days in elementary school, Jewish celebrations and so forth. She smiled at many of them and I heard an occasional laughter with her saying "What was I thinking wearing that?" Mother's Day was always extra special being treated at the Kenwood Country Club surrounded by some of her family. It won't be the same anymore but I know she will be present in spirit continuing to watch over her love ones. I am privileged to have known such an inspiring person....rest in peace, Dabby.

Maureen J DERENZO - October 09, 2022 at 08:06 PM

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“ Maureen J DERENZO lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Anne Blatt



Maureen J DERENZO - October 09, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Sandy Sholl lit a candle in memory of Dorothy Blatt*



Sandy Sholl - October 08, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ *I'm so very lucky that Dabby was my friend for most of my life. She had grace, integrity, intellect, and a commitment to the greater good. We are all better people for having known Dabby. She will be missed. Maxine Berkman*

Maxine Berkman - October 07, 2022 at 07:20 PM