



Geraldine "Gerry" Kraus

March 22, 1932 - February 23, 2026

KRAUS, Geraldine "Gerry", age 93, passed away February 23, 2026, beloved wife of the late Marvin Kraus, loving mother of Rabbi Jonathan (Maia) Brumberg-Kraus, Christopher (Bari) Kraus, and Rabbi Matthew (the late Rabbi Sissy Coran) Kraus, dear grandmother of Zoya (Louis Haling) Brumberg-Kraus, Max (Allison Jones) Brumberg-Kraus, Emilee (Jake) Maxwell, Cohen Kraus, Jacob (Kim) Kraus-Preminger, Rabbi Shirah Kraus, Micah Kraus, and Eden Kraus, great-grandmother of 5, sister of the late Graham Friedenn and Marvin Friedenn.

Gerry was born to Reuben and Anne Friedenn on March 22, 1932 in Lewiston, Maine. She was the middle child, with an older brother Graham and a younger brother Marvin. Gerry attended Boston Girls Latin School, Worcester Classical High School, and Smith College all in the New England area. She really valued her New England roots, and continued relationships with close friends from high school and college. Gerry had a profound love for Cincinnati, especially North Avondale. She served as the coordinator for the North Avondale Neighborhood Association. She sent out a regular newsletter and worked tirelessly to preserve the beauty, diversity, equity, and inclusiveness of the neighborhood. She also served the City of Cincinnati through her environmental activism, Board of Health, Parks and Zoning, and even ran for city council. She was awarded with a key to the city for all her hard work to make Cincinnati a better place. On a personal level, she was an active member of the Clinton Hills Swim Club and the PTA of the North

Avondale School. Gerry also loved the Cincinnati Reds along with the other Cincinnati teams. She was a big fan of Joe Burrow and rooted for the Bengals when they went to the Super Bowl, especially when she saw how it united the City of Cincinnati. A person of action, she was remarkably persistent. Every Thanksgiving, Gerry shared a JFK quote: "As we expressed our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them" (1963). Gerry leaves behind a beautiful legacy and will be truly missed by all.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 26th, 2026, at 2:00PM with visitation beginning at 1:00PM at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45249. Services will be LIVE STREAMED <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/120378>. Burial will follow at United Jewish Cemetery of Walnut Hills, 3400 Montgomery Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45207. Shiva will be observed on Thursday and Saturday night from 6:00-8:30PM with minyan beginning at 7:00PM at Rabbi Matthew Kraus' Residence. Shiva will also be observed Tuesday 3/3 and Wednesday 3/4 from 6-8 PM at The Brumberg-Kraus home on 19 Memorial Road Providence, RI 02906. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to North Avondale Neighborhood Association (NANA), Rockdale Temple, or the environmental or arts charity of one's choice would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery Walnut Hills

3400 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, OH 45207

Previous Events

Visitation Before Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Geraldine "Gerry" Kraus



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - February 24 at 03:34 PM

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My heartfelt condolences to the Kraus Family.

Roz Chaiken

Rosalind Chaiken - February 24 at 06:06 PM

SK

“Grandma Gerry was singular. A splash of pink in her hair and a contrarian chip on her shoulder, she marched into the world doing her best to make it better.

Moving back to Cincinnati two years ago allowed me to spend time with grandma most weeks. I would often drive her to Shabbat dinner at my dad's and once or twice we went to a show together.

I cherished our drives, a quiet time that allowed us to talk. She was supportive of my search for love (“You’ll find Mr. Right!), my work as a rabbi, and always encouraged taking a stand. It meant so much to me to make her proud and continue her legacy of pursuing justice, learning, and enjoying culture.

A few days before she died, I told her that her grandkids we were doing what we could to protest ICE and support immigrants. She responded, “That makes me feel less guilty that I can’t do much right now.”

“You made your mark. You taught us well. You can let us take the torch now.”

Shirah c kraus - March 01 at 01:42 AM

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“ *Grandma Gerry Kraus z'l.*

My Grandma Gerry died last night after a short stay in hospice, one year and a week after the death of the love of her life, my Saba, Marvin. It feels fitting that their yartzheit's should be so close, considering the huge, curious, colorful, socially conscious, and creative life and family they built together. She and my Saba were very encouraging of my...bohemian...life style, even occassionally quite thrilled by it: she enjoyed and supported the arts, loved learning, and shared her love of the natural world with me from as long as I can remember. While I wasn't able to visit her in her final days, being on the streets for our immigrant neighbors and fighting for our democracy, here in MN, is exactly where she would have wanted me to be.

Grandma--outrageous, inquisitive, and sharp to the end-- lived a long life surrounded by loved ones, always ready to learn something new, and in service to her community: may we all be blessed to live so.



Max Brumberg-Kraus - February 24 at 05:07 PM