



## Ilene Hodesh

September 4, 1949 - March 24, 2022

Hodesh, Ilene, age 72, passed away March 24, 2022. Predeceased by her parents Irwin and Dorothy (Greenberg) Hodesh. Ilene was the beloved sister of Stuart (Rica) Hodesh and Michael (Regina) Hodesh, niece of Sylvia (Greenberg) Shor, loving aunt of Rachel Hodesh (Joe Frederick) and Jake (Miriam) Hodesh, great aunt of Noah and Aaron Festenstein, Naomi and Pearl Hodesh. Ilene was a dog whisperer, a vegan, naturalist, a lover of all things that had to do with nature. Ilene loved her family and had a wide range and long list of friends. Many of them from Roselawn days. She will be missed. Special thanks to Dr. Basil and the Hospice of Cincinnati team. Services Friday, April 1 at 12:00 pm at Weil Kahn Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249. No Visitation. Masks are suggested for all those in attendance. The service will also be live streamed on the Weil Kahn website and at <https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/71405>. A Celebration of Life immediately following the burial. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to WCET, WXXU or SPCA would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Adath Israel Cemetery

1661 Sunset Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45238

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

APR 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Weil Kahn Funeral Home  
8350 Cornell Rd  
Cincinnati, OH 45249

# Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ilene Hodesh



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - March 24, 2022 at 04:29 PM

BG

“ Ilene was a wonderful neighbor of ours in Ridgewood. When our kids were young, they would see Ilene walking by with her dog Madison and say hello. Our son Cal took a liking to Ilene, and at the age of 4 or 5, he would have 20 minute chats with Ilene every time he saw her walk by. She was so sweet to him and to all the people and animals in our neighborhood. She will be missed. Our condolences to her family.  
Beth and Eric Gunderson

Beth Gunderson - April 06, 2022 at 02:29 PM

JH

“ julie H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ilene Hodesh.



julie H. - April 03, 2022 at 04:51 PM

DR

“ It was a privilege being Ilene's friend and receiving all the benefits of her kindness. I will hold on to those memories and the sound of her laughter....as unique as she was! Stuart and Michael, know how much your entire family shaped my childhood memories. I am so sorry for your loss.

Donna Friedman Robertson - March 31, 2022 at 01:25 PM

SK

“ What a beautiful soul who touched so many lives in such meaningful ways. Your utmost love and devotion to animals, along with a dedication to living an ethical lifestyle to exclude all forms of animal exploitation and cruelty are godly traits. My heartfelt condolences to your family and to all who loved you; your death is a huge loss to many. I am so glad to have known you. Love, Sherie Koshover

Sherie Koshover - March 26, 2022 at 02:48 PM

CB

I'm so sorry to hear about Ilene's passing. She was a wonderful dog sitter to Max, my daughter's yellow lab, different times, and took such good care of all the dogs she dogsat for many years. I remember her fondly for her frequent visits to the Pleasant Ridge Library where I worked, and she was an active participant in our knitting circle for years. Ilene was one of those rare souls who helped make the world a better place. She will be missed!

Charlene Bandurraga - March 28, 2022 at 08:08 PM

SC

“ Steve Cummins lit a candle in memory of Ilene Hodesh



Steve Cummins - March 26, 2022 at 11:17 AM

SC

“ To all of my cousins in the Hodesh family. My heartfelt condolences. Although I've lived away for more than 30 years and I didn't see Ilene for many years we grew up together. Such a kind soul.

Steve Cummins - March 26, 2022 at 11:16 AM

NF

“ Ilene. While I didn't know you well, I know you were so loved by my mom (Barbara Koshover Forbus) - one of your longtime friends. You were always so kind when you'd come over to our house back in the day to play mahj. It was cool talking about our mutual adoration for dogs. Thinking of the entire Hodesh-Festenstein family; Ilene, may your memory always be for a blessing! ❤️, Nikki Forbus

Nicole Rose Forbus - March 25, 2022 at 06:41 PM

JL

“ Prayers to all her knew and loved her. Michael, I am so sorry. 💔🙏  
❤️

judith Lamb - March 25, 2022 at 06:27 PM

RF

“ Ilene-you certainly will be missed by all those who knew you. I hope you took your recipe for trail mix to the next world. Your memory will always be for a blessing! -Rob

Rob Festenstein - March 25, 2022 at 07:39 AM

MA

“ Remembering our special friend, neighbor and loving cousin... the lovely Ilene...

*We're moved by waves of great joy and mournful sadnesses!  
Sweet Ilene brought her generous displays of a genuine interest in folks from every walk of life... truly wise, truly quietly bolstering those who were privileged to have dwelled near Ilene's heart!  
Insightful Ilene, knocked down walls... truly bringing a profound "Open Concept" to all...*

*becoming deeply impactful to her Roselawn, Belvedere, Rose Hill and*

*Ridgewood neighbors...*

*Remembering Ilene Hodesh is a remembrance of a rear and caring lady!*

*Cousins Mark Kallick & David Moore*

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**mark** - March 25, 2022 at 07:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sad today to hear of Ilene's passing . We were wonderful friends in High School and Sorority Sisters. I don't know how or when we lost contact. When I think of Ilene I think of her nails always being done and her Villager outfits with socks to match. We could never forget the Weejuns. I am so sorry Ilene for you and your brothers and all of your family. Rest in Peace my dear friend. Until we meet again sweet Ilene. Love you, Cindy Rapp Hoeffel

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**Cindy Rapp Hoeffel** - March 24, 2022 at 08:40 PM

BF

“ *Leenie, our friendship goes back a long way. I'm so grateful we had that last FaceTime call a few days ago. I predicted you'd notice my new glasses and you did. I will remember your special smile, your great sense of humor always making me laugh, your love of all things purple and your devotion to caring for animals. My condolences to Stuart, Michael, Rachel, and the entire family. I so admired your bravery and positivity throughout your illness. Rest In Peace my dear friend. I will miss you, our long phone chats, and having you in my life. May your memory always be a blessing to all who knew and loved you.*

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**Barbara Koshover Forbus** - March 24, 2022 at 05:07 PM

LL

*Every Ridgewood pet and every neighbor, in that order, knew Ilene. She walked dogs in the neighborhood daily, and along the way she greeted everyone she met with her broad smile and genuine interest in how they were doing. Ilene was one of the matriarchs of Ridgewood's long-standing reputation as a neighborhood where everyone looks out for everyone else.*

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**Linnea Lose** - March 27, 2022 at 10:45 PM

MH

*Ilene: When I grow up I want to be like you !*

*Michael*

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**Michael Hodesh** - March 28, 2022 at 12:38 AM