



Mariam Katzman

July 4, 1923 - September 15, 2025

Mariam Katzman was the youngest child of Albert and Pearl Goodstein. While her siblings – Ida, Sam and Ruth – were born in Sochocin, Poland, Mariam was born at home in Knoxville, Tennessee across the Old Grey Cemetery, on the 4th of July.

Her family of 6 lived along with their Aunt Clara , Uncle Ben and their son, JoJo, in a house with 11 bedrooms and one bathroom. She was surrounded by love. Her father died when she was 6. Her brother Sam, who was 12, was bar mitzvah-ed and he would be the father figure in her life. She worked in the family grocery store and went to college at University of Tennessee, majoring in Art Education.

She was a Southern Belle, attracting new Jewish boyfriends from all over the South. When Irwin Katzman, a brash Air Force cadet from Newport, Kentucky was sent to Knoxville for flight training during World War II, he targeted her as soon as she was on his radar.

They married during the war and afterwards, made it back to Newport where they lived with his parents while he finished law school. She taught art in various public schools until he started his law practice.

When her children were born, she became a stay-at-home mom, bringing her

art and love with her. She headed the PTA, did puppet shows, and started the Cincinnati Puppetry Guild with Larry Smith. She was a girl scout leader – even though she was uncomfortable with the outdoors – as we got our badges in art, drama, puppetry, and citizenship.

She taught Art Education to rabbinical students at Hebrew Union College. She devoted herself to Hadassah. She halted a master's degree she was pursuing to become president of the Hadassah chapter.

She maintained legions of close friends in many different circles. She adored her nieces and nephews and their children, treating them like her own.

She had a massive coronary in her early 40s and, unlike her father and brother, she survived. She lived another 60 years.

Her last years were sadly marked by dementia. She was kept alive and tenderly cared for by her caretakers – Klara, Amanda, Denise, Cory, Tyra, and Antwain.

May her memory be a blessing.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 17. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

United Jewish Cemetery Walnut Hills
3400 Montgomery Road
Cincinnati, OH 45207

Shiva Wednesday ONLY

SEP 17. 6:00 PM - 9:30 PM (ET)

The Regency
2444 Madison Road
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Dear Amy and Janie,
I am so very sorry to learn that your sweet and beautiful mother passed away. You have my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy. I cherish many vivid memories of growing up in Roselawn on Robinwood Ave. Your mother was always very friendly and hospitable whenever I came over to your house. I enjoyed looking at her artwork and her telling me what inspired her. May her memory be a blessing.



Karen (Gordon) Lerner

Karen Lerner - September 18, 2025 at 05:35 PM

MR

“ Dear Amy,
I just read about your mother's death and am sorry I could not deliver my condolences in person. Mariam was one of the first people I met when I moved to Cincinnati--I think it was at a Rosh Hashona or Yom Kippur open house. Our mutual friend Carolyn Cronstein brought me. I was immediately taken by the warm reception extended to me by your dear mother. I've watched your devotion to your mother, and I know you will feel her absence keenly.

Sincerely,
Monique

Monique Rothschild - September 18, 2025 at 06:45 AM

DR

“ dear amy and janie,so sorry to hear of your mother's passing(glenn sent me the newspaper obit);i loved her very much;i remember spending alot of time at your home the summer after hs graduation;as my family was falling apart,your mom sort of adopted me and supported me in my efforts to help my own mother;she was a true"woman of valor",and i was blessed to have known her,love,deanna rosen

DEANNA ROSEN - September 17, 2025 at 10:28 PM

AA

“ Amy and Janie, our condolences to your family. Mariam was a great, talented and gracious presence. May her memory always be for a blessing.
Annie and Rick

Anne Arenstein - September 17, 2025 at 02:53 PM

JC

“ Dear Janie and Amy,
We just wanted to send our condolences on to you. Your mom was always so fresh and positive. 102 spans an amazing life time. We hope you have lots of memories to share with each other! Love,
Julie and John Cohen

Julie Cohen - September 17, 2025 at 12:13 AM

FH

“ Amy and Jane, my condolences on the passing of your dear mother. You were blessed to have both parents live such long lives. I have many fond memories of your mother going back to our days in Roselawn and of course with your father Irv. I am sure they are both together and are looking down to the wonderful legacy that they have left to both of you and all those who knew them; Again, with my deepest sympathies from my family and myself;
Fred Hiudt

Fred Hiudt - September 16, 2025 at 07:57 PM

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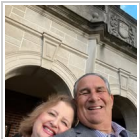
Jane and Amy, I will always have fond memories of your parents. They were always so nice when I ran into them. Your mother was such a lady and I know her memory will always be a blessing to you both.
Fondly, Andi Lerner Levenson

Andi Lerner Levenson Young - September 20, 2025 at 09:26 PM

SR

“ Will miss my Auntie M. Kindness, creativity & family were her anchors.

Susan Rosenberg - September 16, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ Amy and Jane: Our sympathy to both of you for the passing of your sweet mom. You both will carry on her legacy.

Mark Gordon - September 16, 2025 at 11:28 AM