



Nancy Helen Klein

August 20, 1939 - November 8, 2025

Klein, Nancy Helen Cohen Hahn, 20 August 1939-8 November 2025. Loving wife of Jerry E. Klein and of the late Rabbi Harold D. Hahn of Rockdale Temple; daughter of the late Dr. Abraham L. Cohen and the late Barbara Zebrack Cohen Mellen of Detroit, Michigan; devoted mother of the late Melanie Hahn Roche (James) of the Hague, Netherlands, and of Barbara M. Hahn of Lubbock, Texas; sister of the late I. William “Bill” Cohen and Recia “Ricki” Herbstman Cohen of Novi, Michigan; stepmother of Amy Klein of Cincinnati and Bradley Klein (Danielle Gustafson) of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and of the late Margy Klein; sister-in-law of Lois Klein Polasky of Cincinnati; also survived by cousin Susan Katz and numerous other cousins, nieces and nephews.

Graduate of Brandeis University and the University of Chicago; co-author (with Jonathan Sarna) of *The Jews of Cincinnati*, and director emeritus of the American Jewish Committee of Cincinnati and the Melton Mini-School in Adult Jewish Learning. She loved poetry. She was famous for her smile, and for remembering everybody’s name—and everybody’s pet.

Memorial service at Rockdale Temple, 8501 Ridge Road, on Thursday 13 November at 11am. <https://www.rockdaletemple.org/live-streaming> to view. Memorials to Rockdale Temple or charity of choice. Weil’s Funeral Home serving the family.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Rockdale Temple
8501 Ridge Rd.
Amberley, OH 45236

Tribute Wall



“ Weil Kahn Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Nancy Helen Klein



Weil Kahn Funeral Home - November 11, 2025 at 09:02 AM

KZ

I won't ever forget Nancy Klein, her smile, her voice. I believe I met her soon after we joined Rockdale in the late 1980's. "The Jews of Cincinnati" was and still is my precious history book, as I left this city for college a non-Jew and returned a Jew 20 years later. Her curiosity, delight in learning, and friendliness are models for living. So blessed to have known her.

Karen Zanger - November 13, 2025 at 11:59 AM

JM

“ *Mrs. Klein was one of my favorite postal customers for many years. She ALWAYS had a laugh and a smile. I could hear her laugh amidst a crowd and knew immediately who it was. She always wanted to hear the joke of the day. She will be missed by many.*

John the mailman - November 12, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JS

“ *My sincere condolences.*

Jewel Schaen - November 12, 2025 at 06:50 AM

HC

“ My exceptional Aunt Nancy always made me feel special and loved. She embodied the intellectual and literary gifts of Ayn Rand, the physical comedic genius of Carol Burnett, and the unrelenting resilience of Golda Meir. My wonderful father, Bill, admired and looked up to his big sister until the day he died. Our extended family was blessed to have Nancy in our lives. The Cohens’ deepest condolences go out to Jerry, his children, and our awesome and beloved cousin Barbara Hahn. Nancy will be deeply missed.

H. Adam Cohen - November 11, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LG

“ I've known nancy all my life and her brother Bill was my oldest friend. Our fathers graduated from high school together. She was the most wonderful woman and will be sorely missed. I was at her wedding to harold, and she was a blessing to jerry.
.May she rest in peace
Rabbi Les Gutterman

Leslie Gutterman - November 10, 2025 at 03:00 PM

RI

I was privileged to know Nancy with all the hats which she wore since my arrival in Cincinnati five decades ago. What an absolute compassionate soul she was and how I recall with such joy working together with her in our amateur history sleuthing. Everything Nancy touched was infused with her beautiful gentle wisdom and everyone she met was touched by her beautiful smile and caring heart. May all her family be comforted. Her life has indeed been a blessing.
Rabbi Abie Ingber

Rabbi Abie Ingber - November 10, 2025 at 05:18 PM