



Rena Kay M.D.

August 25, 1943 - December 28, 2018

RENA KAY M.D.

CINCINNATI- Kay, Rena M.D., age 75, passed away December 28, 2018. Married to Dr. Jerald Kay for more than 50 years, she was a devoted mother of Sarah Kay (Joshua Lewis), Rachel Kay (James Brennan) & Jonathan Kay (Mary Spadoni), dear sister of Yona Victor & Phil Victor, loving grandmother of Mira & Talia Lewis, Miles Martin Brennan & Naomi Kayla Brennan. Dr. Kay was born in Chevy Chase, Maryland to Selma and Samuel Victor and graduated from Brandeis University and the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She completed her general psychiatry residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at the former Cincinnati General Hospital. Dr. Kay was a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Wright State University and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cincinnati. Early in her career, she directed the adolescent psychiatry hospital unit at the General Hospital and was the recipient of a Robert Wood Johnson grant to improve mental health care for adolescents. As a Training and Supervising Psychoanalyst, she was a beloved teacher and mentor to psychiatric residents and psychoanalytic students. Dr. Kay, a Distinguished Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, also coauthored a number of book chapters and received a special commendation from Wright State University for her exceptional contributions to the education of residents. Dr. Kay was known for her expertise in the treatment of those who experienced significant psychological trauma. In addition to her life-long interest in music

and theatre, she began to paint during the last months of her life and her paintings of still life and landscapes were vibrant in their colors and remarkable for their attention to detail.

Services Weil Funeral Home, 8350 Cornell Rd., Monday, Dec. 31, 1:00 P.M. Friends may call on the family following the interment at the Kay residence, 4192 Rose Hill Avenue (North Avondale) Cincinnati, Ohio 45229. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Doctors without Borders (1-888-392-0392 or www.doctorswithoutborders.org) would be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will always fondly remember all the work we did together on the Adolescent Psychiatry Unit. Rena was a very supportive and empathic team member and the care we provided for the children was all the better for her efforts. She was a class act in every way and will be missed by us as well as the many others who had the privilege of knowing her.

Barbara Bird and Susan Franer - December 30, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ Jonathan/Mary;
My condolences to you and your family on the loss of Rena. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Remember the love she brought to your lives. She will be in your hearts forever.
Helen

Helen Garby - December 29, 2018 at 06:17 PM