



Sandra Zipperstein

December 6, 1931 - September 8, 2025

Born in Cincinnati in 1931, Sandra Berman Zipperstein was the youngest child of Abe and Martha Berman. She was pre-deceased by her parents, brothers (Bertram and Lawrence), and husband (Irvin).

After graduating from Walnut Hills High School, she enrolled at the University of Cincinnati. However, her time there was interrupted when she married Irvin in 1950. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Dayton to start a family, where she raised three children (Debi, Jon, and Margie).

Sandy was active in the Jewish community, holding numerous leadership roles, including president of the sisterhood at Beth Abraham Synagogue and president of the local Jewish day school. A lifelong member of Hadassah and passionate supporter of Israel, she visited the country many times over many decades to visit her daughter, grandchildren, and other extended family members.

In her early 50s, Sandy returned to school, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1984 and a Master of Science in Education in 1986, both from the University of Dayton. She then spent several decades working with the geriatric community, leading exercise programs and extracurricular activities for senior citizens at the Shiloh House in Dayton.

Growing up, Sandy had a large extended family with many strong role models, but none influenced her more than her mother, an excellent cook who created a warm household that Sandy sought to emulate.

Sandy is survived by her three children: Debi (Shmuel) Lahav, Jon (Ellen)

Zipperstein, and Margie (Bob) Stayton, nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Sandy will be remembered for her vibrant personality, her gift for making every meal simultaneously delicious and meaningful, and her deep connection to music.

Her sunny disposition was infectious from the time she was young until her last days.

The best way to honor and remember Sandy is by singing along to one of her favorite tunes:

- “Hello, Dolly” from the musical
- “Hold Tight, Hold Tight” by The Andrew Sisters
- “Come Fly With Me” by Frank Sinatra
- “The Hut Sut Song” by Sammy Kaye
- “Go Down, Moses” by Nat King Cole

Sandy loved her family and was deeply loved by them. She will be missed dearly.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 11:00AM at Adath Israel Cemetery, 1661 Sunset Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Hadassah would be greatly appreciated.

Cemetery Details

Adath Israel Cemetery

1661 Sunset Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45238

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AF

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I remember when I was a a child, my mother, Carol Warshay Lowenberg and father, Martin Lowenberg loved visits with Sondra in Cincinnati. She was always smiling, upbeat and my mother's favorite cousin. May she rest in peace.
Anita Lowenberg Friedman

Anita Lowenberg Friedman - October 21, 2025 at 07:25 PM

IF

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. I spent a good part of this afternoon going through my mothers Bible and saved clippings. I remember as a child having some relations to the family. My grandmother was a Schaeffer Misrach. I remember the Bermans were somehow related. Maybe the Misrachs?
Thinking about all of you at this sad time. Irene and Mel Frieman

Irene Frieman - September 10, 2025 at 09:42 PM

LN

“ I was very blessed to have enjoyed some of her famous meals. I will miss her beautiful smile. I am sorry for your loss. -Lauren Newsome

lauren newsome - September 10, 2025 at 07:51 PM

SH

“ To Debi, Jon & Margie,
Sandy Berman was the first girl I ever had a crush on. One big problem. She was 11 years older than me and she was my baby sitter at Adath Israel Synagogue.
I reconnected with Sandy years later when I dated and married a girl from Dayton, Ohio. Sandy remembered me and we would always share Cincinnati stories. Sandy asked about Cincinnati families, Walnut Hills, Adath Israel and of course the Jewish community. Sandy was a people person and cared very much for people she grew up with.
Her trademark smile was the best smile of any person I ever met. When God made Sandy, God threw the mold away. Sandy and Irv were as close as 1 & 2. And their family is a tribute to them.
Rest in peace pretty lady and thanks for being a part of my life.

Stuart Hodesh

Stuart Hodesh - September 10, 2025 at 03:46 PM

MK

Dear Zipperstein family,
I remember your mom's beautiful smile and all the work she and your dad did in the Jewish community along with my
My parents. You have had to amazing role models. May her memory be a blessing.
Margie Wasserman Kessel

Margie W Kessel - September 17, 2025 at 04:13 PM

BS

“ My deepest sympathy. She was just a kind and thoughtful person.

Beverly. Saeks - September 10, 2025 at 08:52 AM

BL

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family....when I moved to Trotwood as a new mother Sandy served as role model....I have so many fond memories of her and her mother....she was a very special person.*

Beverly Louis - September 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM