



Shirley J. Werthaiser

June 19, 1932 - September 26, 2022

WERTHAISER, Shirley J., neé Hamilton-Rowan, age 90, passed away September 26, 2022, beloved wife of the late Joe Werthaiser, devoted mother of Marc Werthaiser and Gail (Gary) Schottenstein, loving grandmother of Samuel, Melinda, and Allison Schottenstein, and Adam, Chase, and Julia Werthaiser. Graveside service Friday, September 30 at 10:00 AM at United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery, 7885 Ivygate Ln., Montgomery, Ohio 45242. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to any charity involving animal welfare, food insecurity, or the Jewish community would be greatly appreciated.

Shirley was born in London, England. She was considered the "Shirley Temple" of England, as she performed on stage, singing, dancing. In fact, she was an expert tap dancer. Postcards were even made of her. Shirley's career ended with the onset of World War II. She was originally sent to the countryside with other British children for safety, but was returned to London with other Jewish children because families would not take in a Jewish child. She stayed with her mother through Blitzkrieg. After the war, Shirley went to America, where she went to Business School and eventually worked as a Bookkeeper for the Warwick Hotel in Manhattan. At a dance for young Hebrew singles, she met Joe Werthaiser. They lived briefly in New York and then moved to Cincinnati.

Shirley was a lifetime member of Adath Israel Synagogue. She served Adath since 1965, both as a synagogue member and past president of sisterhood. Shirley was past chairman of the Judaica Shop, the Torah Fund, and Hanukkah and book fairs. For 14 years she served as either producer or cast member for the Torah Fund Luncheons. Shirley was also past president of Yavneh Day School, lifetime member of Hadassah and past board member of the Bureau of Jewish Education. Shirley also served the Jewish Community Center first in the Bookkeeping Department then as a volunteer for the senior adult services. She also received The Woman Achievement award for her service to Meals on Wheels. Lastly, Shirley was a past Chairman of B'nai B'rith youth organization.

Cemetery Details

United Jewish Cemetery - Montgomery

7885 Ivygate Lane
Montgomery, OH 45242

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Desiree lit a candle in memory of Shirley Werthaiser*



Desiree - October 06, 2022 at 07:50 AM

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“ *Carrie Seidman lit a candle in memory of Shirley J. Werthaiser*



Carrie Seidman - October 01, 2022 at 05:47 PM

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“ *SHIRLEY was a kind, giving & to the point lady. When I had asked her how she met Joe, she replied "at a dance & we were the 2 shortest people there." W/her English Accent & often 'advice,' she truly was a joy to be with.
Long ago, she helped me through the darkest part of my life--in her own quiet way. This is the type of woman she was.*

My sincere Sympathy to her entire family.

Lois Askin

Lois R. Askin - September 30, 2022 at 10:02 PM

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“ *BDH - Mrs. Werthaiser was my neighbor throughout my childhood and young adult life. I have many fond memories of her with her hair done, her charming accent, wearing beautiful clothing; she would always ask how I was doing and kept abreast of my progress in life. She made me feel so special as I graduated from college, buying me a suit holder and then in medical school buying me my first business card holder with my name on it, which I have to this day! Thank you for believing in me and showing me those small but very meaningful kindnesses, Mrs. Werthaiser.*

Miriam Hakim - September 28, 2022 at 11:06 PM