

# JOANNE D. BERMAN



It is with profound sadness that we are announcing the passing of our beloved mother, Joanne D. Berman. Mom passed painlessly and peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Originally from Youngstown, OH, she relocated with family to Pittsburgh around age 17. She completed her teaching degree from the University of Pittsburgh and taught for a year before getting married and giving birth and raising her family, interspersed with substitute teaching when possible.

Joanne was a former long-term member of Shaare Torah Congregation, active in the Sisterhood and active in numerous Jewish and Civic Organizations throughout her lifetime. She was never afraid to speak her mind on any issue, was willing to help all in need, and donated to many charitable organizations.

Mom loved her children, Celia Shapiro, Macey Aaron Berman, and Edye (Esther) Glausiusz, once risking wading through a crowd at Alderdice to retrieve her son from a lockdown announced after a bomb threat.

She made numerous visits to Israel to visit daughter Edye and family until her late 80's. She cherished frequent video visits via her Grandpad tablet with Edye and family, and loved the ability to Zoom, play bingo, and send and receive photos.

She loved her Yoga Stretch Classes and participating in the lunch program and committees at the JCC. Mom drove up until the pandemic. Even the smallest acts of kindness toward her were acknowledged and appreciated.

I was always amazed at her daily, lifetime phone calls with her sister, the late Eunice and Robert Dobkin. If they had words with one another, it was never was for very long before the calls resumed. She was a doting Bubbe to grandchildren: Shoshana (Shalom) Bloch, Chaim Noam (Efrat) Glausius, Dovid Hillel (Avital) Glausiusz, Tal Yisrael (Tsofia Geulah Sul), Nava Rachel Glausiusz, and her dear great-grandchildren. She cherished all family and time with her nieces and nephews.

We would like to give a special shout out to her kind and special friend and hairdresser Rose, who has known her for decades and has always been like family to us. Thank you so much Rose for being in mom's life up until the end.

Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at 11 AM. Visitation 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment Shaare Torah Cemetery. The family suggests donating to her favorite charity, The Wounded Warrior Project ([support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org)), or a charity of your choosing. Arrangements entrusted to Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., family owned and operated. [www.schugar.com](http://www.schugar.com).

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