

DOLORES B. DAVIS



Dolores, A.K.A Dee, Dee Dee, mom, and bubbie, was many things; charming, warm, gracious, witty, a leader, and a true friend to many. She was born September 26, 1930, and died December 16, 2024. Her early years were spent in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, then Oakland and East End. At the University of Pittsburgh, where she studied to be a teacher, she met her husband-to-be, Saul Davis.

She worked as a secretary throughout her four years at Pitt, financing her education in that way. With a natural inclination for teaching, she formally became one in 1952. She taught for the Pittsburgh Public Schools at Lemington and Wightman Schools. During summer break, she was a unit head at Emma Kaufman Camp. Her formal career as a teacher ended when she commenced child rearing. While raising five children, she managed to remain active in communal affairs, including delivering Meals on Wheels, serving as president of the P.T.A at Colfax School, writing its newsletter, becoming a life member of Jewish Home and Hospital, B'Nai Brith, Na'Amat, and Hadassah. When the children were old enough, she went back to teaching, and taught for Community College at senior centers, Community Day School, and English as a Second Language, as well as bridge classes for Osher at C.M.U. Her career went on to include, first program planner for Forward Shady Housing, co-director of the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition, director of Senior Adult Services at the Jewish Community Center, and then Director of Trips and Tours for the J.C.C. Her friends were amused that, no matter what the situation, she had an appropriate quote from her mother. Her favorite was, "Don't kiss me, scrub the floor." Dee insisted that, even if the time line wasn't accurate, that Kahlil Gibran, the prophet, got his wisdom from her mother. Dee certainly subscribed to and lived the philosophy that when you give of yourself, you truly give. If there are any virtues not already mentioned, embellishment is acceptable. Foibles are permitted with humor.

Dolores is survived by her husband of 73 years, Saul; her sons, Bert/Jodi, William/Mindy (deceased)/Jane (partner), Laurence/Declan, Mitchell/Galina; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a special cousin, Leann Sherman, whom she helped to raise, who was more like a daughter than a cousin. Donations can be made to the charity of choice.

Family will receive friends at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, followed by Graveside Services and Interment at Homewood Cemetery, at 12 Noon. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date to be announced.

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