

ARLENE ISABEL MASON STROMBERG

Arlene Isabel Mason Stromberg, age 88, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 3, 2025. Born in Cleveland, OH, Arlene was a devoted daughter to Philip and Lillian Mason. Her life was a testament to the power of family, kindness, and community.

Arlene attended Heights High School and then went on to Ohio State University, graduating in the Dental Hygiene program. She moved to Pittsburgh with her family in 1968, and earned a Master of Public and International Affairs degree from the University of Pittsburgh. After working at the Pittsburgh Board of Education for many years, she led several nonprofits, including Women in Urban Crisis, The Squirrel Hill Coalition and The Funeral Consumers Alliance. These organizations all supported and enriched the community, directly reflecting her belief of helping others. She was also active in her Jewish faith as a member of congregation Dor Hadash, and Hadassah. Arlene was an avid gardener, writers' group member, music lover, enthusiastic traveler, school volunteer, and true friend to all who knew her.

Possessing a remarkable spirit, never meeting a stranger, Arlene's warmth and genuine interest in others touched countless lives. A simple contact often blossomed into a meaningful conversation, a testament to her kind and approachable nature. She will be dearly missed for her infectious smile, and the ability to make everyone feel welcome and valued.

Family was the most important thing to Arlene. She is survived by her beloved three children, Karen Stromberg of Boston, MA, Anne Jacobsen (Stephen) of Stafford, VA, Andrew Stromberg (Frances) of Richmond, VA; and six grandchildren, Michelle (Colby), Rachel (Nick), Corinne (Matt), Jason, Stephanie, and Emily.

While there will not be a formal service, friends and loved ones are encouraged to celebrate Arlene's life in their own personal way. For those wishing to donate in her memory:

University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center 3459 5th Ave., 4-West Montefiore Hospital, Ste. W-420/421, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, Attn: Kristen Harskowitch. ADRC.pitt.edu/volunteer/donate

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