



GRACE NAFTALY

March 5, 2015

Age 101, died March 3, 2015.

Born Gittel Bas Miriam, was the daughter of Mary and Emil Kahan, a Kohen. She came to the United States from Hungary as an infant and lived in Akron, Detroit and Oak Park.

She graduated from Northern High School January, 1931 where she was President of the House Council, Student Council, Viking Yearbook, Scribe Club, House Swimming and the Detroit Business University. They noted next to her picture in the graduation book, "A dear, sweet girl is she, A truer friend there couldn't be."

She worked at Beth Moses, Beth Abraham Hillel Moses and Beth Shalom.

She was very proud to be known as "The 1st Mother" of Oak Park, with the election of son Jerry as Mayor. She volunteered her time creating afghans and blankets by hand for veterans and Jewish War Veterans, knitting sweaters, baby clothes and crocheting angels for friends. She donated and brought yarn to the Oak Park community center for others to make items, as well. She was honored with other volunteers for her efforts.

Grace was known for her lemon bars and her brisket, which nobody has been able to duplicate.

Honored as a Centenarian in the 2013-4th of July parade in Oak Park. She enjoyed playing bingo, going to Greektown Casino, the poker slots and playing the lottery.

An avid sports fan, she loved watching the Tigers, Pistons and Red Wings, particularly Zetterberg and has his signed hockey puck. She loved watching golf, especially Phil Mickelson.

She celebrated her 100th birthday with family from across the country on March 25, 2013.

Grace suffered a stroke February 18, 2014 that would keep her hospitalized and at a nursing center, but she continued to play bingo, watch TV, and go out for rides to see

some of her favorite places. Grace was a fighter. Despite a broken leg and subsequent operation at 101 years of age, and fighting the flu over the New Year, she never gave up. She kept her wit and her courtesy, waving hello, winking and saying "thank you".

She was proud of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and all of their accomplishments.

The funeral service will be held at
HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A link will be provided for a webcast of the funeral service.

A link is provided for a photo tribute of Grace's life.

Family Info:

Beloved wife for over 40 years to the late William "Bill" Naftaly.

Devoted mother of Robert "Bob" (Anita) Naftaly, Janice (Dr. Raymond) Katz and Jerry Naftaly.

Loving grandmother of Lisa (Howard) Brown, Beth Kirshner, Steven (Jami) Katz, Susan Katz (Dr. Bruce Emiko) Millman, Dr. Alan (Lisa) Millman.

Proud great-grandmother of Zack Kirshner, Ben Kirshner, Sam Katz, Jacob Katz, David Katz, Emily Brown and Binyamin Millman.

Dear aunt of Marc (Theresa) Kahan, Cyndi Geller and Michelle (Jim) Geller.

Cherished sister of the late Jack (late Velma) Kahan.