



BERTHA GREEN

December 15, 1918 - December 6, 2019

SERVICES: 10:00 AM MONDAY 12/9/2019 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE TRIBUTE PAGE FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL.

Age 100, of Oak Park, died December 6, 2019

Bertha (Waldman) Green passed away peacefully on December 6, 2019, just nine days before her 101st birthday.

Born in Pittsburgh during the Great Depression, she was the youngest of six children. As a girl, she never had a doll or a toy, and had to quit school at 16 because her family could not afford bus fare.

But that difficult start paved the way to the love of her life. As a teenager, Bertha worked at Kresge's Dime Store. Her work friend invited her to a Halloween party where she met and fell in love with Jack Green. The couple went on to raise four children in Southfield, Michigan: Joyce (Paul Thurman); Geraldine (Robert Saunders); Anita (David Helfman); and Ronald. Bertha loved spending time with her grandchildren Paul Thurman; Rebecca Thurman (Bill Kline); Stephanie (David Shaw); Richard Weiss; and Aaron Weiss. She was incredibly proud of her great-grandchildren Ashley Kline, Christopher and Patrick Shaw, and Evan Lowry.

Throughout her life, Bertha had a love of having fun. In her younger years she enjoyed travel and getting dressed up on Saturday nights. She learned how to drive when she was 32 (which was a big surprise to Jack at the time)!

As a senior citizen, she enjoyed playing cards and bingo and had an alter-ego, Bubbles the Clown, who entertained children and "old people" at the Jewish Community Center. Bertha loved arts and crafts and fashion magazines. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren could always count on her for a Faygo Red Pop, big red-lipsticked kisses, and if they asked nicely, she would peel an apple in one long, glorious ribbon.

Bertha passed away with a drawer full of M&Ms, a closet full of too many cute winter coats, and the abounding love of her family and friends.

Heartfelt thanks goes to the nursing staff at Beaumont/Royal Oak Hospital who provided exceptional and compassionate care during the last part of her life.

Beloved mother of Joyce (late Paul) Thurman, Geri (Robert) Saunders, Anita Weiss (late David) Helfman and Ronald Green.

Proud grandmother of Paul Thurman, Rebecca (Bill Kline) Thurman, Stephanie (David) Shaw, Richard Weiss, Aaron Weiss.

Loving great-grandmother of Ashley Kline, Christopher Shaw, Patrick Shaw and Evan Lowry.

Bertha was the youngest and last of six children and is survived by many dear nieces and nephews.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Aaron Bergman

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will gather informally Monday, starting at 1:00 pm
at the residence of Anita Weiss Helfman

7335 Simsbury Drive

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of
BERTHA GREEN

you may do so by making a contribution to:

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

20450 Civic Center Dr Southfield, MI 48076

248-557-5353 www.cancer.org

or

JEWISH SENIOR LIFE

15000 W 10 Mile Rd, PRENTIS BLDG.

Oak Park, MI 48237

248. 661.1836 www.jslmi.org

Cemetery Details

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Service

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Chapel
26640 Greenfield Rd
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 543-1622
info@hebrewmemorial.org
<https://www.hebrewmemorial.org/>

Shiva

DEC 9 (ET)

ANITA WEISS HELFMAN
7335 SIMSBURY DRIVE
WEST BLOOMFIELD, MI 48322

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Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of BERTHA GREEN



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - December 09, 2019 at 08:51 AM

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“ I was one of Bertha’s caregivers . She was such a joy to care for . I loved her like she was my own grandmother ❤️ When ever I would stay over at work if I would finish my work early I would go into berthas room and she would pat her bed and I would sit next to her and we would watch lifetime (usually the golden girls) and we would just laugh and laugh and talk ❤️ I miss her R.I.P

Ashleigh King - November 12, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JK

“ Beetha came to my senior enrichment classes at the oak park senior center. She was very smart and friendly to all. She will be missed. Judy kepes

judy kepes - December 06, 2019 at 09:15 PM