



DOROTHY LEIBICK BRODER

October 2, 1925 - June 19, 2018

SERVICES: 11:00 AM THURSDAY 6/21/2018 at HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

A LINK WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A WEBCAST OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE

Age 92, of Southfield, died June 19, 2018.

Dorothy Leibick Broder was an American watercolorist, draughtsman and sculptor. Born in 1925 in Manhattan to Eastern European Jewish émigrés, she was raised in Brooklyn. The family relocated to Detroit when Dorothy was 12 years old. She began drawing at that time and later prevailed upon her parents to send her to Cass Technical High School in Detroit where she studied art. She focused on charcoal figures and still life watercolor.

While at Cass Tech, she worked in her father's photography studio, hand-painting black and white portraits in heavy oils, simulating color photography. After high school, Dorothy worked for Army Ordinance at the General Motors plant, drafting submarines during World War II.

Though a full-time wife and mother from the late-1940s, Dorothy continued to draw and paint. She held art classes in her suburban basement and began developing her passion and skill in fluid watercolor.

In 1959, Dorothy entered Wayne State University's College of Art, studying

part-time while raising her family. She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and obtained her teaching certificate in 1966, going on to get a Masters degree in 1970.

For 22 years, Dorothy taught drawing, painting, sculpture, photography and art history at Oak Park High School in Oak Park, Michigan.

A popular and much-loved teacher, she encouraged individual artistic expression. Many of her students became close personal friends...as well as notable artists, photographers and collectors.

Throughout the years, Dorothy Broder produced hundreds of paintings and drawings in her Farmington Hills studio overlooking the Rouge River ravine. Passionate and excited by visual beauty and visual drama, Dorothy lived her life as an artist and loving mother, surrounded by her art, the art work of her friends and the art books she cherished.

Beloved mother of Ron (Marsha) Weinstein, Dr. Shelly (Morrey Weiner) Broder and Dr. Sidney (Fran Bayer) Broder.

Loving grandmother of Sarah (Colin McKenzie) Weinstein, Zac Broder and Molly Weinstein.

Dear sister of Art (late Erika) Lavi.

Proud aunt of Sefi (Shirlee) Lavi and Michali (Yair) Humash.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Y. Rabin

INTERMENT:

Machpelah Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Thursday evening till 9:00 pm at the residence of Dr. Shelly Broder and Morrey Weiner

10515 Lincoln Drive

Huntington Woods, MI 48070
(248) 399-7356

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:
6:30 PM Thursday evening

ON FRIDAY FROM 4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM THE FAMILY OF DR. SID BRODER
and FRAN BAYER BRODER AND WILL GATHER INFORMALLY AT THEIR
HOME

1414 Lakeside Drive
Birmingham, MI 48009

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

DOROTHY BRODER

you may do so by making a contribution to:

MEL BORNSTEIN CLINIC FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS AND
PSYCHOTHERAPY

32841 Middlebelt Road, Ste 403

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

248.851.7739

or

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ART

5200 Woodward

Detroit, MI 48202

or

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION

25200 Telegraph Road, Ste 100

Southfield, MI 48033

248-351-0280 www.alz.org

or

JEWISH HOSPICE AND CHAPLAINCY NETWORK

6555 W. Maple Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48322,

248-592-2687

www.jewishhospice.com

or

ASPCA

www.aspca.org

Cemetery Details

Machpelah Cemetery

21701 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, MI 48220

Previous Events

Service

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Shiva

JUN 21 (ET)

Shelley Broder and Morrey Weiner
10515 Lincoln Drive
Huntington Woods, MI 48070

Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of
DOROTHY LEIBICK BRODER



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - June 20, 2018 at 03:12 PM

RR

Shelly. Beautiful stories from you and your Family. We know she will always be at your side!! Ray and Chris

Ray and Chris Renaud - June 27, 2018 at 10:05 PM



still miss u a lot... "kid"

Zac Broder - October 28, 2024 at 05:39 AM

JW

“ *My absolute favorite human being in the world and I havent had contact with her since I graduated 40 years ago. She was such a true sense of what a teacher should be and motivated me to want to draw and develop film. Her dark brown eye shadow, eyeliner and hairdo, along with those twinkling eyes will always be such a fond memory. May God bless you all.*

Julie Weiss - July 14, 2018 at 07:44 PM

AR

“ I just today heard of Dorothy's passing
Most sincere condolences to her adored family,whom she spoke of
with such love.
Dorothy began as a customer in my shop , thru the years & thru
many shared conversations, we became friends.
Dorothy always her authentic self, charming,engaging,her spirit so
vibrant and vital .
A truly beautiful soul, the living breathing embodiment of a true
artist.

The lives she touched,the students she influenced ,will continue her
legacy ,her esthetic
and her humanity .

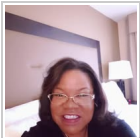
Adele ,Birmingham,Mi.

Adele Rubinstein - June 24, 2018 at 11:39 PM

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“ She had such a great influence on me. So many great memories in
her classroom. One of the reasons I became an artist and teacher
of art. I admired & respected her so much. My condolences to
Shelly & Sid & her entire family.

Carol Swanson (Schloner) - June 23, 2018 at 09:54 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. Mrs. Broder
was a wonderful encouraging teacher . I learned to love
photography and she inspired me to design my own clothes. I
cherish the fact that I was fortunate enough to have her 3 years in a
row.
-Ellen George OPHS C/O '86

Ellen George - June 21, 2018 at 11:58 PM



“ To my beloved grandmother,

It is surreal to be in this moment, because you are still so alive to me. You are an ever-present force; I see you in everything and everyone you came into contact with. I see you now, because you are so much a part of me - the best part - the part that defines who I am.

You mystified me with your command of the conceptual and the abstract. Your ability to communicate complex notions and ideas nonverbally led me to pursue my own art degree. You taught me how to sculpt confusion into truth, how to compose chaos into virtue, and how to cultivate purity from dysfunction. You also possessed the remarkably rare ability to make others truly feel special. Your radiance was such that anyone who even came close started to glow just as well.

Molly nailed it - I feel so lucky that you were mine. You will forever be a guiding light in my life, a voice in my head, and my greatest source of inspiration. You were often the only other kid I had to keep me company at holiday dinners – I could always rely on you to stick your tongue out at me when a seder became particularly dry. A gesture not unlike grade-school antics, but also not unlike the famous picture of Albert Einstein. It also helped that you were kid-sized.

You made life special, and with the most endearing sense of fun. You were and continue to be a gift.

I will have lived my best life if those who come after me feel as I do now.

I love you a lot kid.

Zac Broder - June 21, 2018 at 09:21 PM



well said

Zac Broder - April 03, 2025 at 01:27 AM

DL

“ *To Sid & Shelly*

I just heard about your wonderful colorful mothers passing. Just wanted to let you know that your mom influenced me and encouraged me to continue doing my art work no matter what any one thought about it. She told me to love what I create.. I have followed that wisdom and i'm passing it on to my 7 grandchildren who have a passion to create. This will carry on her legacy and her memory.

Thinking of you at this time.

Denise (Shpargel) Levenson

Denise Levenson - June 21, 2018 at 06:36 PM

MH

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Maxine Haron - June 21, 2018 at 10:38 AM

MH

“ Memories I have of growing up on our street, Avon, in the 50s and 60s was made special with having my closest friend Shelly and family next door. Dorothy was a “different kind of mom” at that time. Her eccentricity, her joy and love of art has had a strong influence on me to this day. I didn’t understand it at that time, but looking back, the joy and intensity of feeling she shared had an impact on me during a time of need to have a sense of well being and the feeling of being special. I am so happy that I maintained my connections to Dorothy over the years, that continues to this day. Her *Joi de vivre* and loving heart will forever be remembered as a blessing.

Maxine Haron - June 21, 2018 at 09:07 AM

AB

“ She was a wonderful woman, who taught with humor and love. I was fortunate to have her for many art classes. She was one of those special teachers that left their imprint on your life. May she Rest In Peace, and May her memory, and those of others, be a blessing to her family and friends.

andee barenholtz - June 21, 2018 at 07:22 AM

CY

“ Dorothy was one of the first to join an experimental t'ai chi class instituted by a professor of kinesiology from Wayne U. She and Helen Morof jumped in at the beginning, became t'ai chi buddies and were both still practicing 16 years later. I had the good fortune to be their teacher. (And even after it was no longer possible for them to go to class, we had fun eating good food and enjoying good movies together.) Both Dorothy and Helen, enjoyed and learned well the flowing t'ai chi movements. They both observed and participated when Chinese master teachers came to present workshops. Dorothy had two favorites: a famous martial arts master and a teacher/ translator who was also an award winning fine artist. Her keen eye helped her understand what was being presented in movement and her deep understanding of the visual arts made it possible for her to communicate about what she saw. She had a daring love of beauty and made beautiful art herself. Her spirit will continue to shine on.



Carol Yamasaki - June 21, 2018 at 12:44 AM

SM

“ Dorothy Broder instilled in me the confidence to follow my passion for art. I will be forever grateful to have had her as a teacher and role model.

Susan (Yenofsky) Metros - June 20, 2018 at 11:50 PM

DH

“ Check OPHS, Those Loved and Remembered (Oak Park, Michigan) on FB

debbie hitsky - June 20, 2018 at 10:42 PM



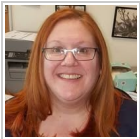
“ Dorothy Broder was a force! What an exuberant creative and exciting woman! And Art teacher! I knew her well as an art teacher in high school and I did my student teaching under her in 1974 at OPHS. She was an amazing role model! I went on to become a middle school Art teacher. Mrs B won't be forgotten. Sending my condolences to her family.

Gail Goldin - June 20, 2018 at 11:26 AM



Dorothy Broder, was a amazing women. She always had a sparkle in her eyes. She loved what she was doing and I will never forget her. She made a big impact in my life. I was lucky to have taken many art classes with her. She was a lady before her time. I will always remember her beautiful smile.. My condolences to her family. Love Lori Stein Selonke

Lori Stein Selonke - June 21, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ I loved Mrs Broder! Because of her, I ended up getting my batchelor degree in photography. She will be sorely missed!

Bahni Lin - June 19, 2018 at 09:48 PM

MG

“ I have fond memories of Mrs. B. She was an exceptional teacher and artist. She was my mentor. Had the opportunity to live with her in 1990-91. She called me "el Marko". Truly an awesome person which I am forever grateful. Mrs. B will truly be missed. Here is a picture of Mrs. B and David Mabry (circa 1984). You will never be forgotten.



Mark Goldstein - June 19, 2018 at 08:45 PM

MB

“ Though I never met Dorothy, I have been impacted by her everyday for the past 3 years. My husband and I were honored to have purchased her beautiful studio home for our own. We are both artists and musicians. I keep a photo of her that I found stuffed away in a drawer, on top of my piano. I have felt her presence in the home since the day we toured it. I can only imagine how magical of a woman she was. I learned of her health decline as my husband and I learned that we would be welcoming a baby into this world. Her memory in this home will live on as we share our story of her with our growing family. My heart will always have a place for Dorothy.

Michelle Boyle - June 19, 2018 at 07:55 PM

SG


“ I have great memories of Mrs. Broder. She showed me how to be a better photographer and by my senior year, I was helping teach her photo classes and her student aide. She called me her "Star Student ". She will be missed.

Steve Granitz - June 19, 2018 at 07:51 PM

NF

“ My deep condolences to the Broder family. My mom became friends with Dorothy when they were both students and young mothers attending Wayne State. She always carried with her an air of excitement, originality, and kindness, and made a very lasting impression on me both as a young child and then as a student in Oak Park. RIP Mrs. Broder.

Nancy Fagenson - June 19, 2018 at 06:58 PM

 Dee Kapanek

“ Dorothy was one of the big reasons why I was able to navigate through some tough stuff. She came to visit me when I was in the hospital years ago. She influenced me so much, both as a teacher and a mentor. She is always in my heart.

Dee Kapanek - June 19, 2018 at 06:29 PM

KA

“ I have so many wonderful memories of “Dort” Mrs. Broder. I learned so much from her and consider her my mentor. One of my favorite memories was when to referred to her students as salad (as in vegetables) because qaaludes were popular at the time. She made me laugh everyday I was in her classes. She was my inspiration to be who I am today. I will always love her. Sid and family, I am sorry for your loss. May your memories bring you a smile. Karen R. Katanick

karen - June 19, 2018 at 05:39 PM



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Hebrew Memorial Chapel - June 19, 2018 at 03:07 PM

TW

I just got the news about Dorothy passing. I was one of the lucky one to find myself in the OPHS Art Department back In the late 60's. I never had Dorothy as a teacher but her presence surrounded us. She was a major influence to all who spent time around her. It's a funny thing when the presents of a person give you a road map to realize your potential.

Todd Weinstein - June 20, 2018 at 10:37 AM

JF

I have so many wonderful memories of Dorothy. She was a best friend of Phyllis for over 50 and spoke at her funeral when she passed away. My fondest memory of Dorothy was when Dorothy would crack up at something Phyllis said. She would be rolling on the bench with people staring at the sunrise cafe. We have always called our home the "House of Broder" as we have so many of her paintings. I loved her dearly and will miss her terribly. Janet Fortney

Janet Fortney - June 21, 2018 at 03:49 PM



RIP grandma Dorothy..

Zac Broder - October 28, 2024 at 01:37 AM



still here recovering from my own accident, and still missing my grandma..miss u kid

Zac Broder - April 03, 2025 at 01:31 AM



STILL MISSING YOU A TONN

Zac Broder - November 24, 2025 at 02:12 PM