



LILLIAN FENSTER

April 20, 1926 - April 24, 2024

CHAPEL SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024, AT 12:00 P.M. AT HEBREW MEMORIAL CHAPEL

THE CHAPEL SERVICE WILL BE WEBCAST AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WATCH AT THE START OF THE SERVICE

Lillian Fenster, age 98, of Southfield died on April 24, 2024.

Beloved wife of the late David Fenster. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1990.

Dear mother of Bernard "Buddy" (Rose) Fenster, the late Richard "Rick" (Susie) Fenster, and Sonya (Raymond) Kurzweil.

Loving grandmother of Bryan (Cara) Fenster, Danny (Julianna Bizarria) Fenster, Ethan (Rebecca) Kurzweil, Amy (Jacob) Kurzweil, Matt (Maggie) Fenster, Dana (Sam) Robinson.

Proud great-grandmother of Isla Fenster, Van Fenster, Leo Kurzweil, Quincy Kurzweil, Naomi Kurzweil, and Parker Robinson.

Lillian is also survived by many loving family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her four sisters.

INTERMENT:

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(no procession)

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Matthew Zerwekh

GATHERING HOURS:

The family will gather on Sunday between the hours of 3 P.M. until 8 P.M. with Religious Services at 6:30 P.M. at

Temple Emanuel
14450 W. Ten Mile Road
Oak Park, MI 48237

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you wish to honor the memory of MRS. LILLIAN FENSTER, you may do so by donating to:

Holocaust Memorial Center
28123 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248.553.2400
www.holocaustcenter.org

Program for Holocaust Survivors and Family
6710 W. Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248.661.1836
www.jslmi.org

St. Anne's Mead
c/o Angel Fund
16106 W. 12 Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48076
248.557.1221
www.mead.org

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 Main Street
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

FUNERAL

APR **28**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Gathering

APR **28**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Temple Emanu-El
14450 West 10 Mile Road
Oak Park, MI 48237

Religious Services at 6:30 P.M.

Tribute Wall



“ Hebrew Memorial Chapel created a Webcast in memory of LILLIAN FENSTER



Hebrew Memorial Chapel - April 27, 2024 at 10:13 AM

CC

To Buddy and Rose.. For Sonya and Ray.. I have met you all and some of your children.. my true and heartfelt sympathy to all the Fenster family..

I truly believe it was God above that brought me to meet Dear Lily when I was just visiting Naples for the first time.. It was not by chance that I met her. I am certain God placed her in my path- quite literally- on the beach in Naples..

It is a few days now since Lily has passed from this lifetime. My heart is heavy knowing I wanted to speak to her many times. The last time I FaceTimed her I was so heartbroken. I could not contain my emotion.. I cannot even completely explain why other than her life was so difficult in her childhood beyond words - But at the time of our less speaking, she was Elderly and so many memories of speaking with her in her home in Naples had come back to me in this conversation.. now she has left us, and I am certain, even though she lived a full life.. That you will miss her so greatly .. I pray that you are all fulfilled and knowing she was such a good mother to you.

I watched the ceremony Through live stream and heard each one of you speak.. each one of you gave a wonderful mix of laughter and tears to everyone. I am sure. I loved your words filled with kindness and remembrance.

May God bless you all and may The God of Abraham shine a light on your path ..

May God bless each and everyone of you. Always.

*With kind thoughts-
Christine Coventry*

Christine Coventry - May 01, 2024 at 08:48 AM

LE

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your mom was a lovely lady.
Lori Ellis and family.

lori ellis - April 28, 2024 at 01:03 PM

JG

“ *In the end, Lil and Helen G. became the last of the Church Road moms to survive, serving as wonderful reminders of those traditional and good-hearted 1950s women who who saw us off to school each morning, tended to their housework, and waited for us to come home each afternoon. I thank them all for their guidance and labors. I will miss you, Lil Fenster. I hope you are celebrating above with your own childhood family, classmates, and friends.*

Jody Greenberg

Jody Greenberg - April 28, 2024 at 09:57 AM

JH

“ We are very sorry to hear of Lily's passing. A friend of our family for the past 15 years, Lily was a fellow owner/resident at our condo association, Barefoot Pelican in Naples.

It is an understatement to say that Lily was unique. Most of us never have, and never will meet another personality like Lily Fenster. Opinionated, smart, brash, kind, bold, sentimental..... she was all of these and so much more. Three generations of our family have enjoyed her friendship. We miss her high pitched voice calling out to friends and strangers alike from her balcony chair. She had more friends in the North Naples area than all of the rest of us combined.

Thank God we fulfilled a promise to ourselves to sit down with her one day a few years ago and ask her to retell the story of her life. She was so animated that day and it was hard to keep her on track, but we persevered and over an hour or two, we heard the most amazing life history we've ever known. Horatio Alger characters, Cinderella, and Oliver Twist have nothing on Lily Fenster.

Lily lived a phenomenal life. She was one of the strongest women we've ever known and a real inspiration to all of us. We've missed her in Naples for the past few years and we will most definitely miss her now that she is no longer with us. Very few people will ever make such an impression on so many lives. In a few words, Lily Fenster was an incredible woman and we are so very glad that we got the opportunity to know her.

Jeff and Debbie Hiltbrand

Jeff Hiltbrand - April 28, 2024 at 09:07 AM

SW

“ *Buddy,*

So Sorry to learn of your mother's passing. May her memory be for a blessing.

Steve Weiss

STEVE WEISS - April 26, 2024 at 03:26 PM

RS

“ *Sincerest condolences to Buddy, Rose, and the entire family. What a blessing it is to have a parent for such an extended lifetime. May Lillian's family be consoled by the Al-mighty amongst the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

Rabbi Avie & Shelly Shapiro

Rabbi Avie Shapiro - April 26, 2024 at 09:31 AM