



RAYA CZERKASSKI

May 20, 1921 - November 30, 2016

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 12:00 NOON THURSDAY 12/1/2016 at BETH TEFILO EMANUEL CEMETERY.

Age 95, of Dearborn Heights, died November 30, 2016.

Raya worked as a teacher till she was 80 and taught several languages.

She received many awards for teaching throughout her career.

Beloved wife for 73 years to the late Ilia Czerkasski.

Devoted mother of Barbara (Jon) Kaner.

Loving daughter to the late Fanya and the late Aaron Rubinczyk.

Raya had many cherished siblings and other family members murdered in the Sosenki Forest during the Holocaust.

INTERMENT

Beth Tefilo Emanuel Cemetery

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

RAYA CZERKASSKI

you may do so by making a contribution to

ANY CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND

Previous Events

Service

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

Beth Tefilo Emanuel Cemetery
21905 Woodward Avenue
Ferndale, MI

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Barbara, I don't know if you remember me. I have such strong memories of you mother being a classy, intelligent woman who was a wonderful friend and foil to my mother way back when. My sincere condolences.*

Marty Levinson

Martin Levinson - December 12, 2016 at 10:12 AM

BK

Of course I remember you and your family very fondly , especially a trip to Florida we took with your mom. She was such an energetic fun loving lady. Thank you for reaching out.

G-d bless you and your family.

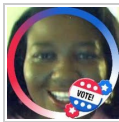
Jon and Barbara

Barbara Kaner - December 16, 2016 at 10:22 AM

MA

Frau was my most influential teacher and mentor. I never did get to tell her that I, too, had breast cancer. I still share the many things she taught me with my students. My son, Gordon, has learned so much from "Grandma Frau" - that no other could teach him. I love you Frau! Thank you for sharing your life with me. Mary Beth [Balog] Andrews

Mary Beth Andrews - January 17, 2017 at 01:02 PM



Frau was more than an influential teacher. She was well loved at Mercy and deservedly so. I just found out that she passed away. I am truly sorry for your family's loss. I am blessed to have known her when I went to Mercy. And even more blessed to hear her stories about WWII. Once again, I am sorry for your loss.

Cara Massey - February 09, 2017 at 02:22 PM

KM

“ Sincerest condolences to Barb & John on Raya's passing. I have the fondest memories of a mother/daughter love that truly made an impression on my work as a hospice nurse. I am thankful to have been able to work with/along-side of a great team (yes that is you too, Anya & John) ~ who cared for a wonderful woman! May God give her peace & rest now. With love & compassion - Kim McKenzie, RN CM (on the South Oakland team).

Kim McKenzie - December 03, 2016 at 12:32 PM

BK

Dear Kim ,
Jon and I will always remember your professionalism , tireless work and kind heart .I am grateful to you for the care you took of my mom . and our family. God bless you for your efforts , you made a very sad time easier to bear .
Barbara and Jon Kaner

Barbara Kaner - December 25, 2016 at 04:42 PM

JD

“ My husband and I have the fondest memories of Rya and Ilia from my Mercy teaching days and after. We were both in the language wing and shared many laughs and great times between classes and in monitoring the language lab. She was such a grand linguist and much loved by her students who would do anything for her. She loved to entertain in the grand and elegant manner of her heritage replicating the graciousness of old Europe and Eastern Europe. They both were surrounded by dear and loyal friends who shared similar escapes from the horrors of WW11. May they know they were dearly loved. Our 38 year old daughter was flower girl at Barbara's wedding.

JoAnn and Andy Dalziel - December 01, 2016 at 09:12 PM

JE

“ *Raya and I, and sometimes Barbara would carpool to school back in the day. The stories were nonstop. Barbara, know that your mom was the absolute best for the over 40 years I knew her. We are all better for having known her.*

John Eshleman - December 01, 2016 at 04:10 PM

AD

“ *I just had a dream last night, or was it a memory ?, of a conversation with Raya: she helped me and my choir students --- when I taught at Mercy --with the gorgeous Russian pronunciation of " A Cossack Lullaby". Her patience with us, her delight that we were singing in Russian and wanted authenticity, and her dismay at the "poetic" English translation were entertaining . She lovingly explained the true meaning. She was an inspiration.*

Abha Dearing - December 01, 2016 at 12:31 PM

AS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, Raya was one of my most favorite teacher at Mercy. Miss the Polish cakes she would give me when I helped her with computer problems.*

Tony Scalzi

Anthony Scalzi - December 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM