



RUTH APPEL

December 23, 1922 - May 15, 2020

FAMILY GRAVESIDE SERVICE: 1:00 PM MONDAY 5/18/2020 at CLOVER HILL PARK CEMETERY.

TO WATCH A RECORDED VIDEO OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE, GO TO THE PHOTOS AND VIDEO SECTION OF THIS WEBPAGE AND CLICK ON VIDEOS, PART 1, PART 2 AND PART 3.

FOR A LIVE VIDEO LINK OF THE FUNERAL SERVICE GO TO:

<https://youtu.be/WimmK8QSNTw>

Age 97, of Novi, died May 15, 2020. Mrs. Appel lovedv swimming, dancing and visiting parks, zoos and museums.

Beloved wife to the late Dr. Max Appel.

Devoted mother of Gary (Mimi) Appel, Jeffrey (Judge Michelle) Appel, and Judy (Michael) Applesmith.

Loving grandmother of Andrew (Lauren) Appel, Gabriel Appel, Samuel Appel, Raffi (Emmy) Appel, Micah Appel, Matthew (fiancee, Emma) Applesmith, Jacob Applesmith and Elliot Applesmith. Proud great-grandmother of Rowan Appel.

Treasured daughter to the late Jenny and the late Abraham Davis.

Cherished sister to the late Nate (late Miriam) Davis.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Paul Yedwab

INTERMENT:

Clover Hill Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

ATTENTION:

The family has now requested a zoom Shiva service on Thursday 5/21/2020
at

7:00 pm. please click on the link:

<https://youtu.be/t19ory8msvc>

CONTRIBUTIONS:

If you would like to further honor the memory of

RUTH APPEL

you may do so by making a contribution to:

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JEWISH HOSPICE AND CHAPLAINCY NETWORK

6555 W. Maple Rd.

West Bloomfield, MI 48322,

248-592-2687

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Previous Events

Service

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Clover Hill Park Cemetery
2425 East 14 Mile Road
Birmingham, MI 48009

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Just watched your mom's funeral. I smiled at a lot of memories and loved hearing about her through each of you. She was a force to be reckoned with! My mom used to say, "she's meshugie!" She DID love life and that zest of life will live on in all of you! Jan Sarratore

Janet Sarratore - May 25, 2020 at 02:53 PM

MG

“ I always enjoyed bumping into Ruth and Mickey at the symphony or at the many family gatherings at my grandparents, Bluma and Sam Helfman's summer cottage, in the early years. I am Mildred and George Kollenberg's daughter Marcia. Ruth seemed to enjoy keeping track of the news of me and my family. She was always warm and friendly. She will be missed.

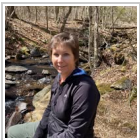
Marcia Gilroy - May 21, 2020 at 01:10 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss! I remember Mrs. Appel as being fun, vivacious, and very friendly. She will be sorely missed!

Janice (Rosenthal) Bonney

Janice Bonney - May 19, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ Mike and I send our condolences. Your mom/grandma was a colorful person with a zest for life! Mike has good memories of her as a caring neighbor and friend to Anne and Irving. May she rest in peace. Mike Pasick and Lora Weingarden

Lora Weingarden - May 18, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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Otto - May 18, 2020 at 04:37 PM

“ Beloved family and friends, it is with a full heart that I write to honor beautiful Ruth. I met and got to know her primarily when her grandsons Raffi and Micah became bar mitzvah here in Traverse City.

If you want to know what a radiant face overflowing with joy looked like, all you had to do was look at Ruth during those services! Along with Mickey, and their beautiful machatunim George (of blessed memory) and Althea Petritz, never was there a better grandparent cheering section!

One of the great things about Bubbeh Ruth was that she always spoke her mind! Very early in our dating relationship, my husband Karl and I were visiting with Ruth and Mickey, Gary, Mimi, Raffi and Micah at crystal mountain for a day of skiing. Ruth was of course immediately warm and kind to my then future husband. It did not matter it to her then he came from a different background, as long as he was a mensch.

Karl and I were then telling her that we had an upcoming trip planned to see friends in Aspen and do some skiing. She asked me if I enjoyed skiing, and I equivocated a bit. I explained that I liked skiing but I didn't love skiing, so Ruth came up with a perfect solution.

She looked at all of us and said, "Well, maybe Karl should take Mimi to Aspen."

An awkward pause followed.

None of us hastened to explain that that would be fairly awkward considering that Mimi was already married to Gary, and that I was Karl's girlfriend. Instead this became one of our favorite memories of Ruth, and it is a story we enjoyed telling over and over to this very day.

The last time I saw a Ruth was at Raffi and Emmy's wedding, and as always she was brimming over with joy and relishing the prospect of great grand children.

Micah and Raffi, as he adored and cherished you, and was so proud of the lives you have built.

We are sending our love to all of you, and we make a promise that

as part of your chosen family, we will think of her often. tell stories of her and cherish her memory. Much love to all of you.

Karl and Rabbi Chava Bahle

Rabbi Dr. Chava Bahle - May 18, 2020 at 02:39 PM

AS

“ *Ruthie Appel was my mother's first cousin. We saw her every summer at my grandparents, Sam and Bluma Helfman's cottage. She and her husband seemed to be a happy couple and were both interested in talking to everyone and listening to what the children were saying. She was easy going, friendly, and someone I always looked forward to talking with. She was definitely more "modern" than my grandparents, younger too. You all were lucky to have her for so many years. I will always think of her with a smile.*

Arlene Lupovitch Saidman

Oakland CA

arlene saidman - May 17, 2020 at 08:35 PM

WL

“ *My thoughts of prayer and healing are with you Jeff and your family.*

Bill Lansat

William Lansat - May 17, 2020 at 07:47 PM

SB

“ *Ruth Appel is a beautiful example of living life well. She was caring, giving, generous of her time and energy, loved family and friends and always happy. She is a wonderful model for us all. May her family find comfort and strength from their wonderful memories of her.*

Steven and Sara Behrmann

Sara Behrmann - May 17, 2020 at 01:56 PM

DE

I wish I made more time for her...I remember her and Uncle Mickey always taking us to Oak Park Park...

debbie - May 17, 2020 at 02:35 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mimi & Gary Appel - May 17, 2020 at 12:50 PM

FF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We send our condolences to you and your family. How wonderful that she lived almost 100 years!
<3 Fondly,
Faye Ellen & Jim Friedman

Faye E Friedman - May 17, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Ruth Appel. She has always had a zest for life and wanted everyone to go out and have fun. Her Recipe for Mandel bread Can't be beat. She loved her family always and she adored her Mickey. I have fond memories of visiting her And Mickey at their house on Sussex. Whether it was the Friday afternoon luncheons that everyone was invited to or they're packing up wonderful delicious Jewish foods to take up to visit up north. Ruth loved people and she loved visiting with others , Good food, and loving others. She was happiest when She was with people. Ruth always said what was on her mind. I will miss her very much!

Jan Weiss Dembs - May 17, 2020 at 11:59 AM

SG

“ *Ruth will be missed by so many. Her positive attitude, her love of people, warmth, and curiosity are what I will remember most. I always enjoyed visiting with Ruth whenever Judy was in town. Ruth always wanted to know about my family and my life. She loved looking at my family pictures as well as sharing hers. I also cherish the close friendship Ruth and Micky had with my parents. They had many adventures together, including square dancing, taking long walks, and concerts together. There will never be anyone else like Ruth.*

Sherri Gregory - May 17, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DH

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Diane Reis Harnisch - May 16, 2020 at 08:52 PM

B-

“ *Dear Judy,
I am so very sorry. Your mother was a wonderful person. Here at Fox Run she was the center of many people that loved her. When ever I felt lonely I knew where I could find her, sitting outside enjoying the sun, always welcoming, always smiling, loving.
My condolences to you and your family. She will be missed by all of us here.
Berta.*

Berta Gardon ----friend - May 16, 2020 at 12:39 PM

JL

“ *Ruth was a person who understood the value of increasing happiness in life. She was blessed in having many years to lead by example. 'Z"L'. Condolences from the Amber-Licht Family.*

Jonathan Michael Licht - May 16, 2020 at 12:18 PM

SA

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Stephanie Appel - May 16, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JG

“ *Dear Judy and family,
My heart goes out to you.
Ruth was a gatherer, a delightful collector of friends always inviting people over to her Fox Run apartment after the socializing in the Ascot living room dwindled. She loved being surrounded by friends and we in turn, loved hanging out with her. I personally enjoyed her sense of humor and the twinkle in her eyes. I'll miss seeing her around at Fox Run when I again can visit with my mother. A flame has gone out, but the warmth of Ruth's love and spirit will carry you forward.*

Sending love and heartfelt condolences,

Jessica

(Daughter of Berta Gardon)



Jessica Gardon-Rose - May 16, 2020 at 10:12 AM