



SUSAN COLBERT

September 29, 1945 - November 2, 2019

GRAVESIDE SERVICES: 1:00 pm MONDAY 11/4/2019 at HEBREW
MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY

Age 74, of Southfield, died November 2, 2019

Beloved life partner of Gerald R. Black.

Devoted mother of Allyn (Maureen) Colbert.

Cherished sister to the late Harvey (Carol) Brodsky.

Also survived by her nieces and nephews; the dear and loving Brodsky,
Dronzek and Shalom families.

OFFICIATING:

Rabbi Grossbart

Rabbi Greenfield

INTERMENT:

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery

SHIVA:

The family will observe Shiva through Monday evening
at the residence

26234 Summerdale Drive

Southfield, MI 48033

RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

7:00 PM Monday evening

CONTRIBUTIONS:

In lieu of Flowers,
the family has requested that contributions
may be made to:

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

2265 Livernois, Ste 410

Troy, MI 48083,

248-269-8759

www.cff.org

or

ST. JUDES

1461 E. 12 Mile Road

Madison Heights, MI 48071

(248) 546-8086

www.stjude.org

or

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

20450 Civic Center Dr

Southfield, MI 48076

248-557-5353

www.cancer.org

Previous Events

Service

NOV 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hebrew Memorial Park Cemetery
33230 Gratiot
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Shiva

NOV 4 (ET)

residence
26234 Summerdale Drive
Southfield, MI 48033

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ Dear Allyn, Maureen, and Gerry. My husband Barry and I send our deepest condolences to you on your loss. My memories of my dear friend Susan jgo back to 8th grade. Susan was always a bright light, full of compassion, intelligence, and fun. Although she moved far away from me we made sure to see each other for celebrations, fun trips, and in times of needed support. Her love of her family and friends was without reservation. She gave unconditionally and will always remain an inspiration to me for goodness and grace. Her memory will live on in our hearts.



Susan Gertsman - November 09, 2019 at 09:12 AM

AK

“ Dear Jerry, Allyn, Maureen, and Carol,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved partner, mother, mother-in-law and sister-in-law, Sue.
She was very dear, beloved, friend of mine for more than 30 years.
I will miss her indomitable spirit, sweet smile, and her generosity.
May God grant you the strength to bear this sorrow.
Allene Kideckel

Allene Kideckel - November 04, 2019 at 12:07 PM

SK

“ Mrs. Colbert was the English principal at the Yeshiva when my boys started school in 1987. Though there have been several changes in the Rosh HaYeshiva since then, she was a constant and she was always, without exception, a jewel in the Yeshiva crown. Her depth of understanding issues and her insight to and patience with the students (and their parents) was far and beyond the norm. I eventually came to know her not only as the English principal at my sons' school, but also as my 'boss' when I began subbing at the yeshiva, and will always remember how sweet and helpful she was to me in that capacity. She will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed by the thousands of lives she touched.

Shari Klein

shari klein - November 04, 2019 at 11:13 AM

IG

“ May God Bless all that knew her, with peace, strength, & comfort at this time.

iris graham - November 04, 2019 at 10:19 AM



“ I first knew Mrs. Colbert as my sons' English principal. Then I came to know her as my principal when I started to sub in the school. Once she brought me on board to be a sixth grade teacher of general studies, Sue became my friend, mentor, source of sage advice, and confidant. I respected her professionalism, admired her rapport with both staff and students, and was touched by how much she cared about and valued each one of her students as an integral member of our community - both present and future. I felt respected and valued by her as a member of the teaching staff as well as a parent. Our friendship spanned over twenty years and I feel privileged to have known her and worked with her. I will fondly remember Sue for her kindness, her caring, her soft spoken nature. She touched so many people's lives and made an impact on many boys' futures. Her students knew and felt that she cared for them while they were in Bais Yehudah and after they left. Sue, I will miss you and remember you. You hold a special place in my heart.

Mrs. Rena Tennenberg

Rena Tennenberg - November 03, 2019 at 10:31 PM

MC

This was so perfectly written.

marsha cohen - November 07, 2019 at 10:49 AM

EC

“ I've had the pleasure to have known Mrs. Colbert for more than 30 years.

She's always was so kind and I thought of her as a 2nd Mom. She will be truly missed, but never forgotten.

Eric Cheyne - November 03, 2019 at 05:51 PM

RS

“ Sue Colbert was the epitome of an Education Administrator. As has been stated by others here, she respected the teachers with whom she interacted, and she valued the students who were indeed fortunate to have known her. I (A.S.) had the opportunity to observe her relationship with members of the larger community outside of the parameters of the Yeshiva. Everyone who knew Sue Colbert respected her and felt blessed to have had the opportunity to meet her. She was a true Mensch!
- Shelly and Avie Shapiro

Rabbi Avie Shapiro - November 03, 2019 at 01:28 PM

RF

“ We will miss her leadership , Her guidance, her smile ,and her friendship .



Rebbi & Morah Esti Kranczer and family - November 03, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MH

“ Mrs. Colbert was an inspiration. She cared deeply for all of her students, and showed great respect to the educators that she worked with. Her wisdom and kindness pervaded every interaction she had, and benefited us as students, as a community, and as a society.

Menachem Hojda - November 03, 2019 at 10:35 AM

YR

“ Mrs. Colbert was much more than a friend to my family she was a true heart related family member. She helped us through some very tough times and was there for the good times she will truly be missed. Rest in peace, Sue

Yaakov Rosenberg - November 03, 2019 at 09:33 AM

MK

“ I tried to compose this many times last night. For someone who talks as much as I do I am at a complete loss for words. From the day I walked into YBY 29 years ago, Sue was more than a coworker. She became part of our family. After every child was born, at every milestone in life, she was with us, not as friend, but as family.

Sue you will forever be missed and never be forgotten. You touched the lives of thousands of students and parents that now globally are saddened by your passing. We will miss you at our future Simchos. We will miss your guidance. We will miss your friendship. most of all we will miss the light you brought into our lives.

May your family find comfort from the thousands of memories both written as well as unshared. May your soul be bound for eternal life.

Mordy and Chana Sarah Katz - November 03, 2019 at 09:31 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Colbert was a true teachers and did the job of principal coming in every day with a Herculean effort. She was a true hero and will be sorely missed.

chana sherizen - November 03, 2019 at 09:28 AM

MS

“*Mrs. Colbert will be forever missed. She was such an understanding principal. Even though I spent much time in her office as one of the high maintenance students, she saw past my behavior and knew that I just marched to the beat of a different drummer.*”

Moshe Sherizen - November 03, 2019 at 09:18 AM

MC

Hi Moshe, thank you so much for your kind words. I remember her talking about you. You may have been in her office often, but she spoke so fondly of you. She would laugh and share a little bit about your antics, as well as how much she cared about you.

Maureen Colbert - November 05, 2019 at 02:52 AM



“ *Today the world lost a special soul. Mrs. Colbert was far more than just my elementary and middle school principal; she was a mother to each and every one of her tens of thousands of students that had the privilege of being impacted by her on a daily basis for 8 years in school. Mrs. Colbert didn't stop being invested in her students' after grade 8, but always wanted to see what they have done since. This picture, taken April 2018, was when I graduated with my Journalism bachelor, and she was so genuinely happy to celebrate with me, as she was always proud of my writings and accomplishments. Mrs. Colbert, you will be missed by your immense family of several generations of Detroit Jews whom had a connection with your special soul. Baruch Dayan HaEmes - Blessed be the True Judge. Rest in peace.*



Dovid Roetter - November 03, 2019 at 04:59 AM

PB

*Dovid,
You wrote this tribute to beloved Mrs. Colbert so eloquently. Her dedication and love of her students is evidence in your wonderful appreciation and memories.*

Phyllis Bayer - November 03, 2019 at 05:21 AM

RW

Sue was a very special friend to me. We worked together for years at YBY. When I moved away, we still were in touch. Sue was a good listener and always had the right advice if asked for. I will miss her lovely smile and remember her beautiful neshama. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Ronna Widenbaum - November 03, 2019 at 02:08 PM

MC

Dovid, thank you again for your wonderful tribute to Sue here and leading the prayer tonight. I have no doubt that she was smiling ear to ear that you did that for her. I know she would've been honored. She loved her students so much, so that was an amazing tribute to her. Allyn and I wish you all the success in your career. You are so talented! I'm so glad she saw your potential and guided you. She's so proud of you!

Maureen Colbert - November 05, 2019 at 02:58 AM

PB

“ Sue Colbert was my best friend for at least 35 years. She was like my sister who I never had. She was kind, thoughtful, considerate, compassionate, generous, caring loving, and had a "heart of gold". Sue loved her profession and was one of the most dedicated, caring, sincere, enthusiastic teachers/administrators that I have known in my 40 year teaching career. In addition to being loved by all her family, friends, teaching staff, co-workers, students, Yeshiva community, Sue Colbert was an incredible wife, mother, daughter, significant other, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great aunt, cousin, and an awesome friend to all who knew her. Sue was the epitome of the saying , "To Teach, To Touch A Life".

I have lost my Forever Best Friend, but her memory will always be eternal in my heart and I will treasure our wonderful memories. May Sue Colbert rest in peace and her memory be a blessing. Sue will be greatly missed by her family, friends, all who knew her and whose life she touched. I am so deeply saddened by her loss and express my sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Allyn, Maureen, Jerry, Carol, Sue's family and extended family.



Phyllis Bayer - November 03, 2019 at 03:18 AM



“ I could never have taught for as long as I did at the Yeshiva if not for Mrs. Colbert. She was a mentor, and more importantly, a friend, and will forever be missed.

Kerry Silver - November 03, 2019 at 01:32 AM

MF

“ Sue was a wonderful person, who cared deeply for all the children in the Yeshiva Beth Yehudah. She was a teacher to my children and a friend to me. I will miss her.

Mara Friedman - November 02, 2019 at 11:52 PM

BH

It was an honor to be Sue's friend for the last 35 plus years. She was my mentor and always had me reach higher to be the best Teacher and person I could be. We are all better people because she was in our lives.

Bracha Hochheiser

Bracha Hochheiser - November 03, 2019 at 11:21 AM