

Sophie Teener



Teener, Sophie age 101, of Golden Valley, passed away November 11, 2017. Sophie grew up in North Minneapolis in a Yiddish speaking home. She graduated from North High School and Beth Hamidrash of Minneapolis Talmud Torah. She was a soprano soloist of Beth El Synagogue choir for 35 years. Sophie auditioned and was accepted as a member of the Solo Choir under the direction of Professor Donald

Aird of the U o M, where she also learned to sing in Latin. Sophie served as the youngest president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Oak Park Home, formerly the Jewish Sheltering Home for Children. Sophie loved the Yiddish language and joined the first Yiddish speaking group at the Jewish Community Center called "Lomir Redden Yiddish", which later evolved into the Yiddish Vinkl. She was an active member of the Tuesday Shmoozday Yiddish group, which also was at the Jewish Community Center. Sophie taught herself to read Yiddish at age 90. Her mother, Batyah, lived with Sophie's family until age 94. Sophie joined her husband, Jerry, in the family business, Teener's Theatrical Department Store, where she was active for 30 years, until it was sold, and she retired at age 86. Sophie is preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Jerome "Jerry" Teener; parents, Batyah and Julius Gerb; daughter, Susan Calof; and brother, Louis Gerb. She is survived by son, Steven Teener; daughters and sons-in-law, Judith (Stephen) Kahn, Elissa (Ray) Getsug; son-in-law, Alan Calof; grandchildren, Andrew (Amanda) Calof, Melissa Calof, Benjamin (Dr. Erica Weiss) Getsug, Deborah (John) Taillon, Michael Teener, Stacy McKee, Mathew Kahn; great-grandchildren, Sylvie and Estella Calof, Luna Sophia Taillon; step-grandchildren, Aiden and Parker McKee; nephew, Mark (Amy) Lorberbaum; nieces, Sally Lorberbaum, and Jane Shriver; great-nephews, Michael (Melissa Cohen) Lorberbaum; great-niece, Mollie Lorberbaum; great-great- nephew, Spencer Lorberbaum; and great-great-niece, Rachel Lorberbaum; cousins, Taxer family of Cleveland, OH, San Francisco, CA, and Naveh family of Israel. Funeral service TUESDAY 10:30 AM, BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, 5225 Barry St. W., St. Louis Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to The Sophie & Jerome Teener Music Fund at Beth El Synagogue, The Talmud Torah of Minneapolis, or donor's favorite charity. SHIVA at Beth El Synagogue, Tues. & Wed. evening at 7 pm. Hodroff-Epstein 612-871-1234 [hodroffepstein.com](http://www.hodroffepstein.com) (<http://www.hodroffepstein.com>)

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Courtney Monson

5 years ago

I will miss Sophie dearly - She was a GREAT cook and always had wonderful stories to tell. Melissa's Best Friend!

Howard and Morissa Hamburger

5 years ago

So sad to say goodbye to your Sophie. She was certainly one of a kind. We know she will be missed. She and Jerry were such a wonderful couple. How lucky we are yo have known them. Our live yo the Teener family.

Touching Hearts at home, Jul

5 years ago

My condolences to the family. Sophie was a wonderful person ,and will be missed. Thank you Sophie for sharing your day.

Mary Hammond

5 years ago

Thank you Sophie and all because Teener's was a great place to visit. I would often wander in there just to look at hats.

Melissa Huppert

5 years ago

So sorry,one of my favorite places to go for costumes.

Mariann Beard-Goss

5 years ago

My deepest condolences to your family during this time of bereavement. May you find comfort in the richness of her memory.

Ileene Dolgoff Sheeley

5 years ago

I grew up knowing Sophie and Jerry and Lisa and Steve. I knew them from the costume shop and

through socializing with the kids. My dad and mom Ruth and Oscar Dolgoff knew them too loved going to get costumes. Loved feeling special to them. I actually flew on. The same plane with Sophie to NYC. Got to see Lisa and her Mom. Several years back. How wonderful to have your mom for 101 years. Treasure the memories. My thoughts and love are with you at this time

Terry Gertz Graning
5 years ago

My condolences Steve and Elisa Teenet, from an old friend.

Rc Richards
5 years ago

Dear Teener Family, sending heartfelt condolences to you in memory of "Mrs T", I have so many wonderful and fun recollections of Teener's, from getting my costumes as a youngster, majorette boots as a teen in band, to later working in store, I will never forget your kindness & sense of humor.

Scott Yamauchi
5 years ago

I was a customer for many years at Teeners. I was treated with respect and was never dissapointed in the service, which I was provided. This is a testament to the charecter and integrity of the proprietors and will always remain with me a positive reminder of what customer service should be.

Arlene Gallegos
5 years ago

I remember my mother taking us downtown and we would stop at Teeners. My sisters and I loved looking around. In later years I would go in with my daughter and buy ballet shoes and leotard's.

Phyllis Elliott
5 years ago

Growing up on the North side I remember going into Teener's and what a treat it was !

Jody Taillon
5 years ago

Love and Prayers to the Family

Cynthia Prince
5 years ago

Forever the teeter family will be in my heart , I lived across the street from the Teener family , playing in the basement with a trunk full o dress up clothes . My first tap shoes were given to me from the Teener family . a gift I ill never forget . To this day I love to dance .Teeners forever a great name in Minneapolis Mn . And many other places I' sure .

Thoughts and prayers for the Teener family
Cindy Prince

Leslee Lane Hoyum
5 years ago

May she Rest In Peace. My father went to North with Sophie and Jerry. Loved looking at all the beautiful fabrics and choosing them for my dance costumes. Lovely memories of the Teeners. Thank you.
