



Shirley Mae Vitoff

March 31, 1930 - February 12, 2024

Shirley M. Vitoff (Gransberg), age 93 passed away peacefully on February 12, 2024. Beloved wife of the late Ephriam Vitoff, daughter of the late Louis & Fanny Gransberg and sister of the late Rita Girven. Survived by sister, Lee Litman; cousin/sister Cheryl Granzberg; sons, Kenneth (partner Rita), Steven (partner Randi), David (Lisa) and Gary (Andrea); grandchildren, Michael (Amber), Eric, Joshua (Taylor), Seana (Andrew) Murray, Eden and Juliana; great-grandchildren, Ethan, Dakota and Lydia. Shirley was born March 31, 1930 on the West Side of St. Paul. She grew up during the depression, but thrived with the support of a loving extended Jewish family and community. However the effects of poverty stayed with her throughout her life. At the age of 16 Shirley began her acting career as a member of the Grotto Players, located within and funded by the Jewish Community Center of St. Paul. In 1958 Shirley and Eph moved the family to Long Island, NY. Soon after arriving in NY she joined Lantern Theater, a local community group where she acted in or directed over 60 plays over many decades. Shirley earned a BA in social work from Adelphi University at age 57, followed by an 18 year career as a social worker with Catholic Charities. Throughout her adult life she valued fine books and loved reading, travel, music and art. Her artistic talents included sculptures, oil and watercolor paintings, which were beautifully displayed within her homes. Shirley was a warm, kind, loving, caring woman and treasured the relationships she had with her family and dear friends. Donations in Shirley's name can be made to the Jewish Historical Society of Upper Midwest, 4330 Cedar Lake Rd., St. Louis Park, MN 55416. Services were held February 18th in Woodbury, New York.