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Mary Udell Bachrach was born in New York, NY in 1931. She grew up in Great Neck. Sadly, her mother, Alice Samuels Udell, died suddenly of a brain aneurysm at 27 when Mary was 5 years old. Thus her childhood and teenage years were difficult. However at age 16 she met Floyd Bachrach when he was enrolled at the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. She went off to college at the University of Chicago and graduated at age 19. Mary was an intellectual and this continued throughout her life. Her home was filled with a variety of books on many subjects and she continued learning throughout her life. Floyd followed her to Chicago and they were married in 1951. They moved to Roanoke, Virginia where Floyd had grown up. Their first child, Alan, was born in June of 1954. Six weeks later Mary boarded a train and moved to West Palm Beach. Her father, Daniel Udell, had moved to Palm Beach and Floyd came to work for him in South Florida. Two more children followed. A son Michael and a daughter, Julie. Mary lived in West Palm Beach for the rest of her life. Among other things, she was president of Hadassah in Palm Beach County, a post of which she was very proud. She was the sort of person who rolled up her sleeves and did the dirty work. She was not a person who showed up when the cameras were rolling and then disappeared. Like many women of the sixties and before, she was largely a home maker. However, she subsequently took a job as an assistant department manager at Jordan Marsh, again a position of which she was very proud.

Unfortunately in 1980 Mary suffered a brain aneurysm and a stroke. This left her with left sided weakness and some other significant changes. In spite of this she managed to learn Hebrew and took several trips to foreign countries accompanied by her children and grandchildren.

Mary was a strong and dedicated Zionist. When Israel became involved in the 6 day war of 1967 she stripped her bank account to support the Israeli war effort.



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Throughout her entire life Mary strongly identified as Jew (as did Floyd) and they raised their three children with Jewish identities as well.

Floyd was the love of her life and he died suddenly in 1993. She never stopped grieving for him, though there were certainly many happy family events, particularly births of grandchildren that brought her great pleasure.

She was a very kind person and none of her family ever remembers her saying or doing anything negative to another person throughout her life.

Mary Bachrach died at age 85 on March 31, 2017. She is survived by Alan Bachrach and his children Bart and Flo. She is also survived by her son Michael, his wife Jeanie and his three children, William, Rachel and Jacob. She is survived by her daughter Julie, her husband Daniel Hershman, and their three children Aaron, Noah and Amelia. Aaron is married and he and his wife Maria have one daughter, Nora. Donations may be made to Temple Beth El, West Palm Beach, FL



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FP

Fran Perry posted:

I was saddened to see the notice of Mary's passing. I met her in the 60's through Hadassah. She was a loving, caring friend. Sadly, we lost touch many years ago but I've always held her close to my heart.

April 7 at 8:47 AM

AB

Alan Bachrach posted:

Thank you Jane.

April 3 at 7:44 PM

JD

Jane E. Rosen, Ph.D. posted:

My sincerest condolences to the Bachrach family. Mary was a good friend to me after I lost my dad. I met Mary at the Beth El minyan where my dad would go every morning. My dad was very fond of his minyan companions and after he passed I would return there to visit with them as for me it was a connection to him. Mary insisted that we meet for dinner when I would visit Palm Beach from NYC. I always appreciated her company both at dinner and at the minyan. Mary was a kind person and she had a good heart. She saw the truth in people but would never say a negative word about anyone. I especially enjoyed her 80th birthday party. Her children were extremely devoted to her and she was blessed to have them in her life. She was ever so grateful to her son Micheal for all he did for her. She missed Floyd terribly but she carried on in spite of it. She had a strong will to live as she survived several life threatening experiences. I will miss her at minyan and at high holy day services and I will miss our dinners out in Palm Beach during my short visits. Mary was smart, caring and had a great big heart. She ill be sorely missed my me as well as by many others she touched in her years living in Palm Beach. One by one my minyan friends are either passing on or moving away....and I miss them all.....Harry, Ruben, Pierce and now Mary. I was blessed to know them.

April 2 at 8:21 PM



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Jane E. Rosen posted:

I met Mary at The Temple Beth El minyan in or around 1986. My dad was a regular at the minyan. He introduced me to his friends there.....some of whom were Harry and Ruben along with Pierce Weinstein and Mary Bachrach. My dad was very fond of Floyd who by then had passed away but I always heard wonderful things about him through my dad and Mary. I began a friendship with Mary and after my dad passed away in the year 2000 we would get together for dinner quite often....whenever I visited Palm Beach from NYC. Through Mary I met her children, her brother and her many grandchildren. It was always wonderful to see how caring and devoted they were to her. Mary was very kind and tried her best to do whatever she could for the temple and her children in spite of her physical limitations. She never had a bad word to say about anyone. She was a good friend and a kind good soul and she will be sorely missed by many. I certainly will miss my dinner partner on my next trip to Palm Beach. May she rest in peace....and may her spirit remain alive in all of our hearts forever.

April 2 at 11:34 AM



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