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Beloved mother, Nana, great grandmother, and devoted wife to Seymour Panzer and Larry Zadanowsky, 98 1/2 years young, passed away at home July 25, surrounded by the family she so loved.

Shirley Marion Gray enjoyed a happy and wonderful childhood in the Bronx with her two older sisters, Vita and Pearl. She adored her father Dr. Louis Gray, a general practitioner in NYC and her mother, Mae, who she looked up to always.

Shirley graduated from the all girls Walton High School and was proud to attend the Murray and Leonie Guggenheim School for Dental Hygienists and to work in dental clinics on the West Side of Manhattan. It was then that she met her future husband, Dr. Seymour Panzer, a recent graduate of NYU Dental School.

Shirley eventually helped “Sy” establish his dental practice in the suburbs of Massapequa, NY, where they raised their four children, Martin, Arnold, Chester, and Bonnie. She put dental hygiene on hold, except for filling in as Sy’s hygienist for several years. Shirley went back to school to teach dental hygiene, but she was disappointed when budget cuts did away with her job. With the kids grown, Shirley became a travel agent and built up quite a clientele. Along with entertaining and many social activities, boating was a big part of life on Long Island.

After Sy retired, they moved to Florida where the lifestyle infused youth. Sy passed away in 1989, but Shirley was happy to have a second chance at happiness when she met and married Larry Zadanowsky in 1994. Larry and Shirley learned to play golf while in their 80’s and traveled the world on cruises. They had a lovely life golfing, dining, dancing, and playing Bridge with friends at their beautiful home in Aberdeen, and in 2018, they moved to Sinai Residences in Boca Raton to continue their love story.

Everyone who met Shirley was always taken with her bubbly personality, flare for fashion, and brilliant smile. She was immensely proud of her children and grandchildren and loved that she



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got to be a great grandmother too. Shirley relished being together with her family, enjoyed a good Scotch or dry martini, and was the life of the party. Shirley will be deeply missed, but she leaves a legacy of love and a zest for life which she found so precious and beautiful.

Shirley is predeceased by her son Martin Bruce Panzer, and by her sisters Vita Berzak and Pearl Poretz. She is survived by her husband Lawrence Zadanowsky, her daughter Bonnie (Andrew) Cowdery, her sons Arnold (Jeanette) Panzer and Chester (Mindy) Panzer. Also surviving are her grandchildren Dana (Amy Wicker) Panzer, Alexandra (Jeff) Beaver, William Santa Maria III, Seth (Deborah) Panzer, Marissa (Jeff) Piper, Diana, Sye, and Perry Cowdery, and her great-grandchildren, Eden, Lehava, Lavi, Yehoyada Panzer, Zoie Beaver, and Cameron Ward.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made to copdfoundation.org.



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BG

Barbara Gold posted:

Shirley always called me her baby cousin as she was 9 years older than I. There are so many memories we shared. Growing up we spent most Friday nights together and all of the holidays. Shirley sometimes baby sat for me and I loved those times. When we grew up, married and had children Arthur and I would visit Shirley and Sy on a Sunday afternoon. Whenever we visited Florida we would always get together but then it was with Larry. Over our lifetime we spent many happy family occasions as well as the sad ones. These fond memories stay with me forever. I will miss her.

July 29 at 10:46 AM

RD

Ruby Dillon posted:

I met Shirley in 1975 when she dropped her beautiful and loving 16 year old daughter off at college for us to be roommates for the next 3 years. It was immediately obvious the most amazing relationship that she and Bonnie had, and a love for a daughter that I had never seen or known. I was in awe of the times they spent on the phone, the letters, the care packages and the visits that would follow. Shirley was always so upbeat, kind, and generous and the "mom" every child would be blessed to have. Throughout the last 46 years I was lucky enough to be part of many family celebrations and watch the love and respect her entire family had for her. Thank you, Panzer family for those memories of your beautiful mom.

July 29 at 3:18 AM

PC

Patti & Steve Conte lit a candle in honor of Shirley.



July 28 at 5:36 PM

PC

Patti & Steve Conte posted:

A beautiful lady, inside and out, with the most welcoming heart. May she Rest In Peace. Love, Patti & Steve Conte

July 28 at 5:29 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Shirley by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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