



Annette Zolin Hirsh

October 20, 1921 - August 1, 2020

Annette Zolin Hirsh, lifelong resident of Milwaukee and a nationally known metalsmith, died peacefully on August 1, 2020 at age 98.

Annette Hirsh is survived by her sons, Jay (Wendy) and Robin (Deborah), three grandchildren, Sarah, Nora, and Isaac, and three beloved great-granddaughters, Abigail, Maya, and Madison. Her husband Jules died in 2004 after 59 years of marriage.

Annette was a nationally known artist and metalsmith, particularly known for her Judaica metalwork. Her metal jewelry, sculpture, and Judaica have been shown in solo and juried exhibitions in Wisconsin and nationally as well as being included in the permanent collections of the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Milwaukee Jewish Museum, Milwaukee's Mt. Mary College, the Israeli Embassy (Washington D.C.), Denver's Mizel Museum of Judaica, the Milwaukee Jewish Home for the Aged, Field Enterprises (N.Y.), the Milwaukee Jewish Community Center, and synagogues in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Connecticut, Virginia, and Arizona.

Her art training started at age 8 at the Jewish Center, then in downtown Milwaukee. She studied art at the Milwaukee State Teachers College, now part of UWM, with her training interrupted by World War II. She then did

newspaper advertising illustration at Gimbels and Boston Store.

After the war, she continued to develop her painting technique with watercolors, oil paintings and pen & ink drawings. She developed an interest in metalwork after taking a Shorewood Night school class in the middle 1950's and was largely self-taught after that. Her specialty was lost-wax casting, but she became expert in many metalworking techniques including etching and cloisonné.

Annette was curator of the Joseph Baron Museum at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun in Milwaukee for over 30 years and was the long time historian of the Wisconsin Designer Crafts Council. She taught watercolor painting at Milwaukee Area Technical College for several decades, and she is listed in "Who's Who in American Art".

Private services. Memorials to Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun or Ovation Communities.

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Cemetery

166 S. Hawley Ct.
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Tribute Wall



“ *Annette Zolin Hirsh*

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Robin Hirsh - August 02, 2020 at 06:55 PM



Robin, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. May you be have many memories to comfort you.
Barbara Miller Fisher

Barbara S Fisher - August 09, 2020 at 01:24 AM



Your mother left a legacy of beauty. My condolences, Robin, to you and your family.

Deborah Weisenburg Schmidt - August 16, 2020 at 05:12 PM



Lovely, vibrant picture of a lovely, vibrant lady..so sorry for your loss.

Danielle Robel - August 29, 2020 at 04:00 PM