



Doris Gendelman

July 24, 1927 - June 17, 2023

Doris Gendelman,

June 17, 2023, age 95, of Milwaukee. Survived by children: Nina Edelman (Richard), Beth Rattner (Gary), Bruce Gendelman (Lori) and grandchildren: David Taus (Katie), Sarah Taus, Arielle Edelman McHenry (Adam), Jessie Edelman (Mike Puretz), Benji Rattner (Ginny), Dina Cadavid (Mauricio), Joseph Gendelman (Tara), Jordan Gendelman (Jeanna), Daniel Gendelman, Juliana Gendelman (Chris Goldberg), and eleven great-grandchildren.

Doris grew up in Montclair, New Jersey, daughter of David and Anna Neubauer, both originally from Poland, who met and married in Palestine. As a teen she was active in raising funds in support of US troops as well as working on a farm in the Women's Land Army. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison where she met her husband, Max Gendelman, a returning WWII GI. Their meeting and romance is chronicled in a book Max wrote at the end of his life, *A Tale of Two Soldiers*. They married in 1947 and made their life in Milwaukee.

Doris was active in many organizations. She presided as president of The Guten Women's Auxillary of the Jewish War Veterans, became a Girl Scout leader, and at home set examples for her children to be creative with paint, fabric, and the written word. She was a board member of the National

Association of Poetry Therapy and taught poetry at the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital. In the 1970s she returned to college and earned her master's degree in social work. As Director of Social Services at The Milwaukee Jewish Home in the 1980s she worked in close association with her mentor and friend Nita Corre.

Doris may well be remembered by her friends and community for her creative endeavors. She wrote hundreds of poems and was an active member of several poetry writing groups. At the Audubon Court Bookstore café she organized poetry readings and booked presentations with authors on book tours. She wrote to politicians and authors, and often write editorial opinions for newspapers.

Doris was also a painter. She gravitated to nature subjects, but also Israel. The family who remained after the Holocaust lived near Tel Aviv, which included aunts, uncles, and 23 first cousins she met as an adult. It gave Doris and Max great pleasure to make many trips there.

The family is grateful to dedicated caregivers Olive Dar, Susan Kaburu, Carmen Lines and Peony Vardi.

Graveside services 12:30 PM Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Second Home Cemetery, 3705 S. 43rd St., Milwaukee, WI 53220. Memorials to Milwaukee Jewish Day School, <https://www.mjds.org/giving/tribute-gift>, Emily's Entourage, <https://www.emilysentourage.org/donate/> or Children's Holocaust Memorial and Holocaust Education Center, www.Morselifefoundation.org

To join virtually:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87036549208?pwd=dWNQSZk4aWJZeEI0RVITWmFBczJuQT09>

Cemetery Details

Second Home Cemetery

3705 S. 43 St.
Milwaukee, WI 53220

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 21. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Gendelman*

October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *Doris was a beautiful, intelligent and lovely woman. I loved to listen to the stories of her past and her travels. She was a wonderful storyteller, artist and human. And, I will never forget her. She will be very missed. Doris and Max were ALWAYS so kind, generous and welcoming to me. They were legends!!! Forever grateful and blessed that I knew them both. Elaine Halladay*

Elaine Halladay - June 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family on the loss of your mother, a remarkable women. I highly admired her and was happy when we worked on projects together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Fondly, Suzy Ettinger*

Suzy Buchbinder Ettinger - June 19, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *May her memory be a blessing. ❤️*

Elizabeth Crawford - June 19, 2023 at 11:29 AM