



Harriet Weiss

July 4, 1925 - October 30, 2016

Harriet Weiss, (nee Rugowitz) was born in Philadelphia on the 4th of July 1925, died peacefully at her new home in Chicago on October 30, 2016. Often ahead of her time, Harriet was admired for her artistic style in her dress, her homes and her work.

Widowed of Howard C. Weiss, last year after 68 years of marriage; beloved inspiring mother to Amy (Vincent) Narea, Cynthia (Nick Rabkin) Weiss, Daniel (Cheri) Weiss, and Richard (Kate Finn) Weiss; adored grandmother of Mickey (Michelle St. Jacques) Narea, Edward Narea, Francis and Claire Rabkin, Rose Finn and Izzy Unger-Weiss, and great-grandmother to Jackson and Auggie Narea.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, she attended the prestigious Settlement Music School, Girls High School, Bryn Mawr College and graduated from Temple University. She taught high school English and art in Pennsylvania, before moving with her husband and daughters to Mexico City, Mexico, where her two sons were born. In 1962, Harriet and her family returned to the U.S to Wheeling, West Virginia, where she taught school and assisted her husband in running the radio station they owned. In 1966, the family moved to Wilmette, IL, and in 1968 to Milwaukee, WI, where she taught junior high school science and worked as an interior designer.

In 1970 she inaugurated her design firm, Harriet Weiss Interiors, and she maintained her business for over 40 years. Harriet served two terms as president of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Society of Interior Design (ASID). She decorated homes and businesses of numerous Chicago and Milwaukee residents, and her work was periodically featured in both local and national publications. Harriet received the Wisconsin ASID 1st place award for kitchen and bath design in 2000 and in 2002 was again a medalist. In 2010, she was honored with Life Membership in ASID and received the Chapter Crystal Star Award.

After 48 years residing in Milwaukee, Harriet relocated to Chicago to be closer to part of her family and to enjoy her new home with beautiful views of Lincoln Park and Lake Michigan.

A memorial service will be held at Congregation Sinai, 8223 N. Port Washington Rd., Milwaukee, at 12 noon, Sunday, November 27, 2016. Memorials to Congregation Sinai, Jewish Food Pantry, Chicago Youth Centers, or Marwen Foundation.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Sinai
8223 N. Port Washington Rd.
Fox Point, WI 53217

Tribute Wall



“ *Harriet Weiss*

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