



Joyce Altman

March 29, 1941 - December 16, 2023

Joyce Altman,

December 16, 2023, age 82, of Mequon. Dear wife of the late Alfred Altman. Adoring mother of Michael (Kari) Altman and Marjorie (Brian Link) Altman. Cherished grandmother of Jack, Justin, Lulu and Daisy Altman. Loving sister of Bonnie (James) Schwid and the late Joan (the late Marvin) Heifetz. Loving sister-in-law of the late Melvin (the late Barbara) Altman. Further survived by many cousins, nephews, nieces and many relatives and dear friends.

Joyce loved the adventure of life. Whether it was getting a pilot's license at age 16, jumping out of an airplane, traveling around the world or just enjoying time with her children and grandchildren, she always made the most out of her life. She was an accomplished musician from an early age, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance. She could have been a concert pianist, but thought that would be too lonely. She played piano throughout her life, for hundreds of weddings, accompanying cantors and other singers and continued playing until the last days of her life.

She became an expert in nonprofit management, as Development Director of Childrens Service Society, Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy, and then at her dream job, as President of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. She excelled at joining charities in financial peril and turning them around to

success. Joyce was extremely proud of leading the Conservatory's long overdue capital campaign to restore its 100-year-old home.

She also enjoyed leading other charities, including Mequon's Gathering on the Green and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Most of all, she was a loving member of her family. She helped Al at his store and with his collections and loved to attend musical performances and sports competitions for her children and grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

Memorial services 11 AM Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Congregation Shalom, 7630 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Fox Point. Memorials to the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Congregation Shalom, or a charity of your choice.

If you are unable to join in person, Live Streaming - hosted by Congregation Shalom (cong-shalom.org) <https://www.cong-shalom.org/live-streaming.html>

The family will see friends from 4-7 PM on Wednesday at 2609 W Lake Isle Drive, Mequon.

Previous Events

Service

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Congregation Shalom
7630 N Santa Monica Blvd
Fox Point, WI 53217

Shiva

DEC **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Altman Residence
2609 W Lake Isle Drive
Mequon, WI 53092

Tribute Wall

TL

“Joyce played piano at my daughter’s wedding on Sept 5, 1999. She and her husband will celebrate their 25th wedding Anniversary in Sept 2024.

I had just moved to Milwaukee. I went to see “I Never Saw Another Butterfly” at the Conservative synagogue. The students were singing under the direction of Joyce. She gave every student a butterfly pin to remember their production. The production was breathtaking. I was very impressed. I was very happy we moved to Milwaukee. May Joyce’s memory be for a blessing. Toby Lukoff

Toby Lukoff - January 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM

AW

“Who could not be drawn to Aunt Joyce’s fun and easygoing personality? She exemplified vitality. My kids still fondly remember going to Aunt Joyce and Uncle Al’s Fourth of July parties. We will miss her. May her memory be for a blessing. יהי זכרה ברוך
Ahuva Wolf

Ahuva Wolf - December 21, 2023 at 03:53 PM

DB

“Deborah B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Altman.

Deborah B. - December 20, 2023 at 03:16 PM

DB

“ Our hearts are heavy with the loss of your dear mother. I was proud to be her niece. Her name JOYce is so fitting, because she defined joy. She was always loving and joyful to be around. We so much appreciated her playing piano at our wedding and again at our daughter Rachel's wedding. I remember her own wedding when I must have been around ten years old at Temple Beth El. It was a very happy occasion. Our kids and their spouses (Jeremy & Jason, Rachel and IB) join us in sending our sincere sympathy. Deb and Dennis Beiler

Deborah Beiler - December 20, 2023 at 02:55 PM

WG

“ Deanna joins me in our sympathy to Michael and Margie and their families. Without a doubt, the world is in a better place for Joyce having lived in it. Deanna and Bill Goeldner

William Goeldner - December 20, 2023 at 11:49 AM

SF

“ Joyce had a wonderful positive attitude, and enriched the lives of everyone, who had the privilege of knowing her. She truly was an amazing person, who will be missed by all. I will always cherish and treasure our lifelong friendship. Last night, while paging through her book again, all I could think of was, thank you Joyce, for all the memories that I continue to love, reminisce, and laugh about. My deepest sympathy to her family



sherry friebert - December 19, 2023 at 11:06 PM

SM

“Joyce (and AL) were wonderful neighbors/roof mates. When we first moved in they sent a meal over because we were still unpacking (and starved) at 8:30pm. When Norm and I went on vacation, they came over and watered plants, later comparing travels with us. I loved being at Joyce's 70 birthday party and at some of the private Conservatory concert/fundraisers at her place. We loved and laughed while reading her book, and just enjoyed talking with her on her patio. She will be sorely missed. Sherry Malmon

Sherry Malmon - December 19, 2023 at 05:40 PM

ME

“There are many aspects to my relationship with Joyce. I will share two: Joyce learned that I retired from teaching Hebrew. We ran into each other at a concert at the Pabst, and she greeted me, congratulated me, and asked me to teach her privately. I smiled and told her that retirement meant no working, and I thanked her for confidence in me. She did not stop. I kept refusing, mainly on the phone. Finally I told her what my terms and conditions would be, figuring that she would not like at least one of them. I was wrong. We began our lessons shortly after our agreement. We worked together for probably 10 years, and she was a great student. Then instead of lessons, we had occasional lunch dates in which we spoke Hebrew. We talked about many things but mainly our grandkids. A few years ago, I received another bakasha (request) from Joyce. She is going to write a book; will I please be her proof reader/editor. I didn't even try to refuse because I was so happy to do that. She honored me in the book and thanked me in person. I bought many of her books and gifted many people who were Joyce's fans. So a touchable memory of Joyce is her REFLECTIONS OF A SPOILED BRAT. For Joyce, zichrona livracha.

Merzy Eisenberg - December 18, 2023 at 12:34 PM

DG

“ Everyone will miss Joyce.. such a brilliant woman. she and Rick Aaron played at our wedding in 1980. She will be remembered by all. May her memory be for a blessing. Denny and Gary Geller

denny Geller - December 18, 2023 at 12:12 PM

DM

“ We enjoyed reading cousin Joyce’s book and especially liked going out to dinner with her. We had plans to go out which never took place because of her being ill, we kept changing plans but it sadly was never to be. I’ll sure miss talking and being with her! She was an amazing person! Dorothy and Al Meyers ❤️😊

dorothy meyers - December 18, 2023 at 10:58 AM

ML

“ Joyce and I were members of the Washington High School Band together where we both played clarinet and I was also Band Librarian. We always exchanged happy smiling greetings when we saw each other. I chose a green candle for Joyce as a symbol of life — she lived her life so full of enthusiasm for everything she was involved with and was a true example of positivity in every respect. She’s gone too soon. My sympathies to her family.



Marilyn Lane
Delray Beach, Florida

Marilyn Lane - December 18, 2023 at 09:44 AM



This is probably too late for anyone to see it, but I wanted to send my sincere condolences. i just found out today about Joyce's death. We knew each other at UW Madison where she was my TA with Harry Peters for theory. She was also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. When I moved to Waukesha in 1966, she was already active in the Milwaukee Alum Chapter so i got to see her once a month. Lately we had been in contact through emails and, after discussing maybe getting together for lunch, the emails stopped. I figured she was busy. How sad I am that she passed away before we could enjoy that lunch.

JimSue Machan - November 16, 2024 at 06:37 PM