



## Shirley Rumack

May 19, 1921 - November 23, 2018

Rumack, Shirley

(Nee Kazan) Passed away peacefully on November 23, 2018 at age 97. Beloved wife of the late Alvin Rumack. Preceded in death by son Stevan. Survived by sons Barry (Carol), James (Mary Brzostowicz) and Ronald (Jane); grandchildren Becky Allen (Will), Marc (Beth), Sam, Reid; and great-grandchildren Cody, Alex, Kimberly, Gavin, and Natalie. Special thanks to the caring staff at Ovation Sarah Chudnow.

Shirley was a vivacious woman, full of personality, with a smile that could light up a room and make others feel warm and filled with happiness. Shirley married Al in 1941. She loved being a mother to her four boys and provided a beautiful, nurturing, and wonderful life for them. She collaborated with him on a yearbook commemorating Al's service in WWII with the 1880th Engineer Aviation Battalion, commemorating their role in constructing the Ledo Road in Burma. She hand wrote the "GI Joe" letters home, which were an integral part of the book, in her trademark beautiful flowing script.

Always reading and learning, Shirley returned to UWM, and completed her college degree in 1975, graduating with a degree in Library Science. She became the head librarian at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun in Milwaukee and, under her guidance, the library grew to include one of the finest collections of Jewish literature in Wisconsin. She became the main

resource and sounding board for the rabbis' sermons and worked tirelessly to assist them. She loved to teach and read to religious school classes of all ages with an enthusiasm that endlessly inspired them. She was honored by having the library commemorated in her name. After Al passed away in 1984, she moved to San Mateo, CA, where she reinvented herself, first as a bank teller and then as a HICAP counselor, subsequently elevated to Program Director, in which capacity she guided hundreds of grateful seniors through the maze of Medicare. After retiring at age 87, she subsequently returned to the Milwaukee area, residing in Mequon in her final days. Shirley will be dearly missed by her family and many friends, whose life she so beautifully touched.

Graveside services 3 PM Monday, November 26, 2018 at Second Home Cemetery, 3705 S. 43rd St., Milwaukee. Donations in memory of Shirley can be sent to the Bernice Gratch Children's Library Fund at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, 2020 W Brown Deer Rd, River Hills, WI 53217, <http://www.ceebj.org>.

Monday only following burial, the family will receive friends at Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun.

# Cemetery Details

## Second Home Cemetery

3705 S. 43 St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53220

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Milwaukee, WI 53220

## Shiva

NOV **26** (CT)

Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun  
2020 W. Brown Deer Rd.  
River Hills, WI 53217

# Tribute Wall



“ *Shirley Rumack*

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October 06, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ *I'm so sorry I didn't hear about Shirley's passing until now. She was a good friend of my late Mother, Marcy Dannenberg. She was a sweet, funny person, and I have lots of good memories of Shirley.*  
*Jim Dannenberg*

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**jim Dannenberg** - March 25, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *We have several, special memories of our brother-in-law's mother Shirley Rumack.*  
*After the death of her husband Alvin, she joined our family with her son Jim Rumack and his wife, Conrad's sister Christine (Mary) Brzostowicz for a Christmas Eve dinner with our three young daughters in Muskego. (we have pics for Jim and Christine). She was a delightful presence at our table and a lot of fun for our children. Over 15 years later our entire family again enjoyed her company over a Thanksgiving dinner at Jim and Christine's home in California. She was indeed a vibrant person.*  
*Cynthia Crebbin and Conrad Brzostowicz*

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**Cynthia Crebbin** - November 26, 2018 at 10:44 AM

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“ *Conrad Brzostowicz lit a candle in memory of Shirley Rumack*



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**Conrad Brzostowicz** - November 26, 2018 at 10:37 AM