

BERMAN, GERTRUDE

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GERTRUDE L. (STROUM) BERMAN, 85, of Delray Beach, Fla., and formerly of Woonsocket, a retired school librarian and lifelong scholar, died Monday at the Hospice by the Sea, in Boca Raton, Fla.



She was the wife of the late of Edward Berman. Born in Waltham, Mass., on Feb. 4, 1919, a daughter of the late Nathan and Ethel (Onigman) Stroum, she had lived in Burrillville, from 1942 to 1952, and Woonsocket from 1952 until 1981, when she moved to Delray Beach.

Mrs. Berman had worked for the City of Woonsocket, as a librarian at several elementary schools and the former Woonsocket Junior High School, from 1964 until she retired in 1981.

She previously had been a bookkeeper for several businesses in Pascoag and Woonsocket, before deciding to go to college and pursue a career as a school librarian.

By attending classes at night, Mrs. Berman earned an undergraduate degree in English from the University of Rhode Island, and later earned master's degrees in library science, from URI, and school administration, from Providence College.

Mrs. Berman was a former member of Congregation B'nai Israel in Woonsocket, its Sisterhood, and its Hadassah chapter. She was a member of Temple Sinai, in Delray Beach, where she had established and maintained a library of Jewish learning and sang in the temple choir.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, and studying.

Last year, she graduated from the Florence Melton Institute of Jewish Learning.

She is survived by a son, Larry Berman of Cumberland; two daughters, Margery Auerbach of Silver Spring, Md., and Nancy Rosenberg of Virginia Beach, Va.; two brothers, Herman Stroum of Boca Raton and Joseph Stroum of Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren; and a step-great-grandson. She was the sister of the late, Ruth Maloof, Rose Kenney and Myron and Samuel Stroum.

A graveside service will be held today at 1 p.m. in the Beth Israel Memorial Park, Waltham.

September 20, 2004, of Del-
ray Beach, FL, formerly of
Woonsocket. Wife of the late
Edward Berman. Mother of
Larry Berman of Cum-
berland, Margery Auerbach
of Silver Spring, Maryland
and Nancy Rosenberg of Vir-
ginia Beach, Virginia. Grand-
mother of four. Graveside
service on Wednesday, Sep-
tember 22 at 1 p.m. at Beth
Israel Memorial Park,
Waltham, MA. Shiva will be
observed at the home of
Larry and Beth Berman, 71
Roosevelt Rd., Cumberland
on Wednesday, September 23
and Thursday, September 23
at 4-8 p.m. Donations in her
memory may be made to the
Temple Sinai Library Fund,
2475 West Atlantic Ave., Del-
ray Beach, FL 33445.

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(Stroum)