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BRODSKY, NAOMI (RICHTMAN) died peacefully on April 12, 2006, at home, in Mt. Vernon, NY. Loving wife of the late Irving Brodsky, devoted mother of David M. (Stacey) Brodsky, of Scarsdale, NY and Richard E. (Peggy) Brodsky, of Miami, FL, adoring grandmother of the late Kate, and of Peter (Lael), Jane (Jesse), Benjamin, Isabel and Nell, and proud great-grandmother of Jacob, Katherine and Luke.

Born July 8, 1915 in Cincinnati, OH, Naomi moved to Hartford, CT as a young girl. She chose Pembroke College over Connecticut College, she said, because Pembroke offered her \$50 a year more in scholarship money. And we are so happy she did, because there she met Irving, who graduated a year ahead of her from Brown. They were married in 1939 and their marriage ended only with Irving's death in 2000. United by their love of classical music and traditional New England rectitude, they set a shining example of love and decency for their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Naomi was a pioneer, teaching English at her beloved Lincoln School in Providence when few women worked. Even after she retired, her love of learning did not end. She helped start a continuing education program at Brown for retirees. Naomi was a strong woman who had her own ideas and was never afraid to express them. We are proudest of her founding and running Operation Outreach, which provided scholarships to young African-Americans to attend independent schools in Providence.

Services will be at the Shalom Memorial Chapel, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston on Sunday, April 16, 2006 at 2:00 pm. Interment at the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick at 3:00 pm. Contributions in her name to Brown University would be welcome.