

COEN, BARBARA

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East Greenwich

BARBARA J. COEN, 57, of 35 Fox Run, an advocate of special education, died Monday at Brigham & Women's Hospital, in Boston.

She was the wife of Cary Coen; they had been married for 35 years. Born in Rochester, N.Y., a daughter of Marcia (Jacobson) Solomon of Rochester and the late Theodore Solomon, she had lived in Providence for 17 years before moving to East Greenwich 14 years ago.

She was a 1968 graduate of Simmons College, in Boston.

Mrs. Coen was a docent for the Providence Preservation Society, where she also served on the board of directors.

A chairwoman of the East Greenwich Special Education Advisory Committee, she was honored by the Rhode Island Autism Project, with the 2004 Alice Oster Award.

Mrs. Coen was a member of Temple Beth-El, in Providence.

She was a past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, Rhode Island Chapter, and the Simmons College Club of Rhode Island; a founding member of the "Ladies that Lunch"; and a member of the Providence Handicraft Club.

Besides her mother and her husband, she leaves two sons, Matthew Coen of St. Louis, Mo., and Andrew Coen of Bethpage, N.Y.; a daughter, Sara Coen of Newton, Mass.; two brothers, Thomas Solomon of Rochester and Robert Solomon of San Diego, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held today at 1 p.m. in Temple Beth-El, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. Burial will be in the Sons of Israel and David Cemetery (the Beth-El Cemetery), in Providence.

COEN, Barbara J. (Solomon)

August 23, 2004. Residence: 35 Fox Run, East Greenwich. Beloved wife of Cary Coen. Devoted daughter of Marcia (Jacobson) Solomon of Rochester, N.Y. and the late Theodore Solomon. Loving mother of Matthew Coen and his wife Emily of St. Louis, Mo.; Andrew Coen of Bethpage, N.Y.; and Sara Coen and her husband Jeffrey Tarbox of Newton, Ma. Dear sister of Thomas Solomon of Rochester, N.Y. and Robert Solomon of San Diego, Ca. Cherished grandmother of William, Henry, Leah and Eli. Funeral service Wednesday 1:00 p.m. in TEMPLE BETH-EL, 70 Orchard Ave., Providence. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Barbara and Cary Coen Family Fund for Education of Autistic Individuals and Their Families, c/o The Rhode Island Foundation, 1 Union Station, Providence, R.I., 02903 or the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, Ma., 02445, Attn.: Contribution Services. Shiva will be observed at her late residence Wednesday 7-9, Thursday 2-4 and 7-9, Friday 2-4 p.m. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.