

DATZ, PHYLLIS B. 86, died Thursday, July 21 after a battle with cancer.



Born in Providence, she was the daughter of the late Herman and Minnie (Goldenberg) Bergel Pokras. A graduate of

Hope High School, Phyllis leaves the love of her life, her husband, Irving Datz who she met at a party after Irv spilled a cocktail on her dress. They were married for 65 years.

Residing for many years in Providence, and then Brookline, Phyllis was known for her latest retail venture, "The Pink Giraffe," the gift cart she started at 100 Centre Street and for her apple squares; but was best known for the love she shared with her family and friends, which was unsurpassed. She never forgot a birthday, an anniversary or any other occasion that was special to her family or to her many friends.

Her career and community involvement centered around people, working with those who became her lifelong friends.

She was proud to have been a President of the Jewish War veterans, a member of the sisterhood of Temple Emanu-El, and a volunteer teacher to those who were both deaf and could not speak.

Loving mother to David Datz and his fiancé, Jim Mauro, and the late Stevan Datz. Devoted sister to Martin Bergel and his wife, Charlotte, the late Jordan Bergel and his surviving wife, Joan, and sister-in-law of Byron Datz. Adoring grandmother of Melissa Frye and her husband, Scott and great grandmother to her newest love, Noah Frye.

Graveside services will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in LINCOLN PARK CEMETERY, 1469 Post Rd., Warwick. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Hebrew Senior Life, One Centre St., Roslindale, MA 02131. Shiva will be observed at the Home of Melissa and Scott Frye, 10 Farrier Way, Plainville, MA, Monday 1-3 and from 5-7 p.m. A celebration of her life will be held at 100 Centre St., on Thursday at 2 p.m. All are invited. Arrangements by SHALOM MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 1100 New London Ave., Cranston.