Grossman, Beverly S.
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GROSSMAN, BEVERLY S. age 90, died peacefully in her sleep September 11, 2016 in Studio City, CA. Born in Providence, RI December 6, 1925 to Jack and Emily Stallman, she grew up in Providence attending Hope High School and Pembroke College, Brown University class of 1946.

From an early age, she showed great talent as an artist and would show her art professionally for many years. After graduating college, she worked as a social worker for the State of Rhode Island until she married.

Her older brother Milton H. Stallman introduced her to her first husband Sidney J. Smith and they were married for 37 years until his death in 1988. They raised their two children, Andrew and Jamie in West Hartford, CT. While raising her family, Beverly showed her artwork professionally, along with working as a substitute teacher and gift-buyer for her husband's small chain of businesses, Country Drug and Country Cards.

In 1974, she received her M.A. Ed from the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford and taught Painting and Drawing for an Adult Education Program in Newington, Connecticut. In 1976, she went to work for the Town of West Hartford as a social worker until her retirement.

Her many volunteer activities over the years included giving her time as an elementary school librarian, helping to register voters for the League of Women Voters and supporting other parents with handicapped children as a member of the Connecticut Society for Perceptually Handicapped Children.

In 1998, she married her former college sweetheart, widower Morton S. Grossman and moved with her son to Chestnut Hill, MA where she resided until Morton's death in 2005.

In 2006, Beverly and her son moved to Los Angeles to be closer to her daughter Jamie.

Beverly is survived by her daughter Jamie L. Smith of Los Angeles, CA; her brother Alvin (Sylvia) Stallman of Providence, RI Alvin's daughters Samra (Fred) Pease of Jamestown, RI and Jeanne (Donald III) Mell of Wilmington, DE; nephew James (Susan) Stallman of Barrington, RI; nephew Richard (Beverly) Ashworth of Dedham, MA; niece Phyllis (Michael) Basille of Framingham, MA.

She is also survived by Morton S. Grossman's four children: Louis (Patti) Grossman of Newton, MA, Ma'ayan (Rick) Sands of Chestnut Hill, MA; Linda (Ken) Polivy of Waban, MA and Rachel (Brian) Koplow of Newton Center, MA along with his sixteen grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service and interment was held on September 14th at Eden Memorial Park, Mission Hills, CA, where Beverly was buried next to her beloved son Andrew who predeceased her in 2010.