HILL, HELENE

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HILL, HELENE ALPER, 93, born in 1916 to Benjamin Alper and Rachel (Abelson) Alper of Providence, RI died Oct, 21, 2009.

Overcoming a handicap as a child and a later paralyzing brain tumor, Helene became am accomplished harpist attending the U. of Alabama and, later, the N. E. Conservatory of Music.

Married to the late Henry Hill, Helene devoted herself to her family and community. She was active in Temple Beth-El and, in the 1950's, co-founded the Jewish Parents Council. In the 1960's, she wrote The Ambisinister Cookbook for people with physical difficulties the proceeds of which went to The Meeting St. School.

Helene spent her last year in a nursing home in Concord, MA, where she maintained her dignity and graciousness in the form a smile for all. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Joroff. son-in-law Michael, granddaughters Aladdine and Jaimee Joroff., sister Janet Berry, brother Myles Alper , and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a gravesite service on Friday, October 30 followed by a reception at the Brown University Faculty Club from 11-12:30.