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Berenice F. Kay

BALA CYNWYD, Pa. Berenice Feinstein Kay, 75, a former Providence resident, died recently. She was the wife of Robert B. Kay.

Born in Providence, she was a daughter of Isaac and Dora Feinstein.

A graduate of Hope High School, she studied voice in Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. She was well-known locally as a singer, appearing at Roger Williams Park during the summer months in the 1940's.

Using the stage name of "Berenice Fontayne," she appeared with the Philadelphia La Scala Opera Company, as well as with the Philadelphia Opera, and the NYC Opera Company.

After her marriage, she lived in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. An active member of Har Zion Temple, Berenice was the first woman to read from the Torah there. She and her husband, also a musician, established the Music Fund at the Temple, and she was an organizer of the Temple's Kosher Meals on Wheels program.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son Lawrence J. Kay, and a sister, Harriet, of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Burial was in Bensalem, Pa.