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LEVITEN, RIVA LITA



**LEVITEN**
**(SHAMRAY)**
**RIVA LITA**

passed away on January 6, leaving behind a rich trove of artwork, a loving family and many memorable adventures. Riva was born in Los Angeles, California on October 26, 1928. She studied apparel design at UCLA, where she met her husband Paul.

Riva gave birth to their daughter Priscilla in Los Angeles while Paul was in the Navy. Marcia and Peter were born when they moved to Cranston.

Riva enjoyed life with a colorful and diverse collection of artists, healers, mystics and sport fishermen. In 1964 she set the record for the largest fish ever landed by a woman in Rhode Island waters, a 702-pound Bluefin tuna.

A resident of Providence, Riva was deeply involved in the art community as an award-winning artist and member of the Providence Art Club. Her work was featured in dozens of solo and group shows and displayed throughout the world, in private collections, museums, galleries and US embassies.

Riva is survived by her daughter Priscilla Leviten Warner of Larchmont, NY, her husband Jim and sons Max and Jack; her daughter Marcia Leviten and husband Ken Bertang of San Francisco CA; and her son Peter Leviten and his wife Christina Gombar of Saunderstown, RI.

Riva's funeral service will be held at The Hoffman Jewish Memorial Chapel at 11 Fowler Avenue in Newport, RI at 1 pm on January 8. Burial will be at Beth Olam Cemetery in Middletown, RI. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Providence Art Club (11 Thomas St, Providence, RI 02903) or to Steere House (100 Borden Street, Providence, RI 02903) in her memory. For more information or online condolences, visit onhfh.com.