METZGER, REVA

Reva Borenstein Metzger, 76

SONOMA, Calif. – Reva Borenstein Metzger died on July 16 in Sonoma, California. There will be an unveiling of her stone on July 13 at Lincoln Park Cemetery in Warwick, R.I., at 10 a.m.

She was the daughter of Dora (Gold) and Leo Borenstein. She grew up in Providence, then Pawtucket, and graduated from Classical High School. Through these years she worked at the extended family business – Miller's Delicatessen. There she learned many significant life lessons from her father, uncles, aunts and cousins, which she took with her to continue her education at Antioch College. In college, she met and married Sam Metzger, her partner for 50 years.

Trained as a teacher, Reva became involved in programs for developmentally disabled people and was a pioneer in creating a therapeutic environment as well as innovative educational interventions. In addition, she was active in community projects that improved the quality of life for many. She was often described as the "heart" of these projects.

While living in California she maintained consistent connections with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband Sam, her sisters Elinor Rosenberg and Ruth Maass, cousins Richard Resnick, Richard Bornstein, Stanley Bornstein Norma Kaufman, nieces and nephews Peter Rosenberg, Sarah Rosenberg, Annie Halpin Kern Maass, Lea Borenstein and Lou Borenstein as well as great nieces and nephews. Her parents and brother Bill Borenstein predeceased her. It was her wish to be remembered here in Rhode Island.