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Marcia S. Riesman



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Marcia Stone Riesman, age 98, of Providence, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at her residence. She was the wife of the late Robert A. Riesman, Sr., to whom she was married for 58 years.

Daughter of the late S. Robert Stone, Sr., and Clara (Shapiro) Stone, she was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts and grew up in Newton. She was a proud 1946 graduate of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. She moved to Providence with her husband in 1947. She also lived in Middletown, Rhode Island. and Palm Beach, Florida.

When she arrived in Providence, Mrs. Riesman became an active volunteer with the League of Women Voters and other organizations. She was a dedicated volunteer, board member, and board president of Jewish Family Services (now part of Jewish Collaborative Services) as well as a staunch volunteer and board member of Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island for many years. She and her husband together supported many other causes and organizations in the Jewish community and beyond. She also was a member of Temple Emanu-El in Providence.

Survivors include her children, Jean A. Riesman of Middletown and Robert A. Riesman, Jr.; and his spouse Rachel Kaplan of Chicago, Illinois; three grandchildren, Abraham Josephine Riesman and her spouse Sara I. Rosenbaum of Providence, Clare Riesman of Sebastopol, California, and Julia Riesman of Chicago; sister-in-law Betty Stone of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and brother-in-law Eugene Riesman of Montreal, Canada; and multiple beloved nieces and nephews and their offspring. She was the sister of the late Richard D. Stone and the late S. Robert Stone, Jr.

Relatives and friends are invited to a graveside service on Monday, October 30 at 9:45 a.m. at Sharon Memorial Park in Sharon, Massachusetts, followed by an 11:30 a.m. gathering in the Great Room downstairs at Laurelmead, 355 Blackstone Blvd., in Providence.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her honor may be made to the Marcia Riesman Program for Staff Development Endowment at the Jewish Collaborative Services, 1165 N. Main St., Providence, Rhode Island, 02904, or Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, 175 Broad St., Providence, Rhode Island, 02903.

Arrangements are in the care of Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. For condolences, please visit www.sugarmansinai.com.

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