SCHIFF, CAROLYN

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SCHIFF, CAROLYN R. (SYDELL), daughter of the late Morris and Marion Sydell, died of natural causes on February 7, 2013 in Providence, RI where she was born 92 years ago.

A Manhattan resident for the past 70 years, she had been a buyer for the Belk Department Stores early on, and later a salesperson at Valentino on Madison Ave. She married the late Charles Schiff and theirs was a most exceptional and loving marriage. The loss of her beloved Charlie in 2007 was a stunning blow; it might be said that Carolyn died of a broken heart.

A talented sculptor and artist who studied at the New School for Social Research with Bruno Lucchessi and Chaim Gross, as well as the Art Students League, Carolyn loved New York, its nightlife, museums, art and culture.

She treasured her friends and her family. Her sister Phyllis Stambler, nieces Susan Tash, Barry Switzen, Roberta Greenberg (Robert Goldy) and Helen Greenberg (Michael Connor), nephews Peter Schildhause (Deon), Richard Schildhause (Stephanie), sister-in-law Doris Greenberg (Abraham), step-daughter Susannah Holiday, many grand nieces and nephews, and adored cousin Amy Rubin will treasure her memory. Friends will smile years from now as they recall her dry, sardonic humor and her loyal friendship. In August she returned to Providence to be near family.

Graveside services will be held **TODAY**, February 8th at 1:00 PM in the Lincoln Park Cemetery, Warwick. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Art Students League, 215 W. 57th Street, New York 10019. Shiva will be private. For information and condolences, www.SugarmanSinai.com.