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Our sincere condolences to Phil and Elizabeth Levinsky and their entire family on the loss of Phil's sister, Saralee Levinsky Harrisburg, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 11, 2021 in Portland, Maine.

A graduate of Deering High School in 1953, it was there that she began dating her high school sweetheart, future husband, Robert J. Harrisburg. They were married for 65 wonderful years. She attended Tufts University where she studied childhood education. Saralee Harrisburg was the daughter of Goldie Romanow and Jacob Levinsky, founders of Levinsky's.

Civic minded, her parents taught her the importance of education, charity and community. Saralee embraced these values, active in Jewish life in Portland and Israel. Full of life and boundless energy, Saralee was a gracious and caring woman. She was the co-founder of Bosal Foam, Fiber and Fabric and the co-owner of Gail Ann Fabrics in Scarborough where she worked for over 30 years. Known there with admiration as "Mrs. H" and "The General," she delivered great service and expertise. Her kind heart, intelligence, quick wit, wisdom, and warmth will be missed. While quiet by nature, she had an infectious, positive energy.

A voracious reader, well-known at her local Portland library, she found beauty in ideas and the written word. She played the piano, kept a meticulous home, prepared nutritious meals and baked, most notably, her famous oatmeal chocolate chip cookies. Mindful of her health, she enjoyed being outdoors, stretching and exercising daily. She enjoyed riding her bicycle, aerobics, gardening, and taking long walks, especially around Mackworth Island.

In keeping with her spirit, Saralee would tell her children, "You don't get everything in life, so count your blessings" and "I have lived a full life." She approached late-stage ovarian cancer like a fighter, gracefully surviving actively for a few years while maintaining her wicked sense of humor and dignity. More than anything, she enjoyed and deeply valued her family. She left this world peacefully and without regret. Saralee was a devoted wife, mother, Nana, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. She set a gold standard by her example.

Saralee Harrisburg is survived by her husband, Robert J. Harrisburg; daughter, Gail Danieli and son-in-law, Aryeh Danieli; daughter, Ann Oppenheim; daughter, Halley K. Harrisburg and son-in-law, Michael Rosenfeld; grandchildren, Tal Danieli, Ela Danieli and husband, Gal Moldevan, Chen Danieli and fiancée, Eliram Dror, Samuel Oppenheim, Gabrielle Oppenheim, Julius "Jules" Oppenheim, Ruby Rosenfeld and Bella Rosenfeld; and great-granddaughters, Bar Moldevan and Hadar Moldevan; brother, Phillip N. Levinsky and sister-in-law, Elizabeth

Levinsky, and sister, Faye Snider and brother-in-law Marvin Snider; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Portland on Monday, April 12, 2021.

Zichrona l'vracha - may Saralee's memory be for a blessing.



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