



Toni Lee Rosen

May 6, 1937 - May 12, 2021

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Obituary for Toni Lee Rosen

Toni Lee Rosen (néé Goldish) died on May 12, 2021 at age 84, of heart failure. Toni was the daughter of Elka Goldish and Sidney Goldish, the long-time director of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune's Minnesota Poll. Toni was born on May 6, 1937 in Minot, North Dakota, and moved to Minneapolis when she was 8 years old. She grew up in South Minneapolis and attended Washburn High School. She spent two years at the University of Michigan and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1959 with a degree in bacteriology. She married Michael Rosen of St. Paul in 1959. She worked for many years as a medical technician at Mt. Sinai Hospital and North Memorial Hospital before earning a master's degree in counseling psychology and becoming a marriage and family therapist, the field in which she worked until she retired. Toni had a lifelong love of animals and of traveling and spent much of her time on both. She served for 20 years on the board of the Animal Humane Society of Hennepin County and was known for her classy standard poodles Florrie, Angie, and Missi. She lived in Florence and Paris and adventured in Asia, Africa, and South America. She also volunteered as a docent at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for 12 years. She had a large group of loyal friends and neighbors throughout her life. She leaves behind her husband of 62 years, Michael; her three children, Ellen (60), Sydney (57), and Andrew (53); her son-in-law Michael McGill and daughter-in-law Michelle Sullivan; six grandchildren, Franny, Daniel, Gabriel, Quinn, Charlotte, and Davan; and her beloved junkyard dog, Pepi. Toni will be remembered for her sense of humor, love of reading and deep devotion to The New Yorker, and impatience with anything that didn't work. Toni loved efficiency in all things; we trust that wherever she is now, there are no lines to wait in. Donations in her honor preferred to: The Animal Humane Society, animalhumanesociety.org. GRAVESIDE SERVICE on Sunday, May 16 at 11:00 am at ADATH YESHURUN CEMETERY, 5605 France Ave. S., Edina, also available on zoom. Shivah on May 16 at 6:00 pm., zoom only. Email: zoom5@hodroffepstein.com for Zoom link.

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