

# Shirley Baratz

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Shirley passed away peacefully on January 3, 2026, at the age of 99, surrounded by her loving children. Earlier last week, she celebrated what would soon have been her 100th birthday with her entire family - a gift that meant so much to her and to those who shared it.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Zollie Baratz; parents, Gussie and Sam Bader; in-laws, Ida and Maurice Baratz; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lillian and Archie Burger; and brother and sister-in-law, Harry and Irene Bader. Survived by her children: Nancy and Steven Schachtman, Melanie and Victor Greenstein, and Stanford and Amy Baratz; her grandchildren: Amy and David Zaroff, Todd and Nicole Schachtman, Keri and Keith Greenwald, Ross Greenstein and Madison Miller, Blake and Sara Baratz, Justin and Rachel Baratz, and Courtney and Ryan Rosoff; seventeen cherished great-grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-law, Sid and Molly Bader. Shirley was married to the love of her life for 63 years, a partnership marked by devotion, respect, and enduring love. She was a compassionate and loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who always put others first. She exuded class and style, loved a great dessert, and had a rare ability to make every member of her family feel like the most important person in the room. She taught her family that all you have is your name and to stay honest, be generous and live with integrity. Her warmth and grace were gifts felt by all who knew her. Shirley was also cared for with extraordinary compassion and love by Paulette Douglas and Jadia Campbell, whose kindness and dedication meant so much to her and her family. Her memory will remain a blessing, and she will be deeply missed. Funeral Service 1:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, January 7th at Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry Street W., St. Louis Park and also available on zoom: [www.hodroffs.com/ShirleyBaratz](http://www.hodroffs.com/ShirleyBaratz) SHIVA 6:00 PM on Wednesday at Beth El Synagogue. Donations may be made in Shirley's memory to Jewish National Fund, Herzl Camp, The Israel Bridge, or a charity of the donor's choice.