



Harriet Lou Chez

January 30, 1922 - February 22, 2023

Harriet Lou Chez of Minnetonka, Minnesota passed away peacefully on February 22nd in Scottsdale, Arizona. She lived a long and full life to the age of 100.

Harriet was born in New York City, NY on January 2, 1922. Her parents Moses and Ida Sapero brought her back to Chisholm, Minnesota where Harriet eventually attended Chisholm High School followed by the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she met Bertram Lionel Chez, the love her life, on a blind date. Chez, from Chicago, was playing in the Northwestern University band at a football game that weekend.

Harriet and Bert raised a family of five children in Hibbing and owned Sapero's Style Shop in downtown Hibbing for many years before selling it to Maurice's. Harriet was outgoing and charismatic. She easily made friends with all who met her. She played a role in the Hibbing play, "Growing Pains". Bert and Harriet resided in Hibbing until 1984, before moving to Minnetonka.

Harriet loved to travel--followed her passion, and learned the travel agent trade. She loved organizing trips for others and enjoying the adventures and perks which came with the job. She developed many travel industry friendships over the years including many in Las Vegas. She could always call in her chips for all the business she brought to Vegas phone by making a phone call and getting you a comped show ticket at one of the many casino shows in "Sin City".

During the winter months, Harriet's "happy place" was her residence in Scottsdale, Arizona where she relished the warm weather, growing citrus trees, and visiting her many friends. She was a passionate antique collector, loved shopping (where she never could pass up a great bargain), entertaining, and making homemade fudge for friends while at her Sturgeon lake cabin, eating street food, kibitzing with her longtime Hibbing cronies like Irene, Tessie and Beatty.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bert and her eldest son Dr. Dennis Chez. She is survived by her remaining four children Bonnie Ziskin (Alan) of Edina , Minnesota and Naples, Florida, Vicki Kahn (Roger) of Tahoe City, California, Michelle Chez Shaw (Peter) of Minneapolis and Scottsdale, and Mel Chez (Jean Anne) of Minnetonka, ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral service 11:00 am WEDNESDAY, March 1st at HODROFF EPSTEIN MEMORIAL

CHAPEL, 126 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404. Also on zoom, access here: www.tinyurl.com/HarrietLouChez SHIVA, 5:00 pm at Sharei Chesed Congregation, 1712 Hopkins Crossroad, Minnetonka.

Cemetery Details

Beth El Memorial Park

3726 Winnetka Ave. N.,
Crystal, MN

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hodroff-Epstein Memorial Chapel - Minneapolis
126 E. Franklin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN

Zoom Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Zoom Service

Shiva

MAR 1. 5:00 PM (CT)

Sharei Chesed Congregation
1712 Hopkins Crossroad
Minnetonka, MN 55305

Tribute Wall



“ *I was her neighbor for 17 years. What a great story and life she had. Less than 1% of the population makes it to be a centennial. That’s a life to be celebrated. She was a fighter and I’m grateful to have known her.*

Brian Ackerman - March 04 at 12:08 AM

GS

“ *To the Family of Harriet Chez,
Jeff and I want to express our condolences on the loss of your mom. We have fond memories of her and your dad throughout the years given the association of our parents with the accounting firm. I remember one year our family drove up to Hibbing for an event, and Harriet, the ever-loving matchmaker tried to fix me up on a date. My parents quickly declined her numerous attempts given I was around 12 years old at the time! May her memory be a blessing.*

Geri & Jeff Sweet - March 01 at 09:45 PM

MH

“ *As an Iron Ranger, I know that Harriet played her part in the community of wonderful and fascinating people. Through Mel, I have heard many of the stories and only wish I could have been there for more of them. At the service today, there were many recollections of “boundless energy” and I now know more about Harriet’s influence on Mel. The apple has not fallen far from the tree...*

Michael Hall - March 01 at 04:38 PM

EL

“ *Our sincere condolences to the family of this incredible woman, Eloise and Elliot Kaplan*

Elliot - March 01 at 02:06 PM

DG

“ *What a pistol Harriet was. First met her when I started at a travel agency. Her energy was amazing. So many memories with her is Vegas. RIP and may all of the memories be a bless to her family.*

Diane Goldman - March 01 at 01:09 PM

SG

“ *Harriet rest in peace. I will always remember your hugs and smilingly face. Shirley Feldman Goldman*

Shirley Feldman Goldman - February 28 at 07:02 PM

BW

“ *I have fond memories of Harriet and Bert and the Chez family, having worked with Bert for many years in the accounting firm. My wife Janice and I attended a meeting with Harriet and Bert many years ago on Hilton Head Island. We were at dinner one evening at a very busy seafood restaurant and the staff was having difficulty getting the food out. Harriet got up, went into the kitchen, and helped them serve. She had boundless energy. We'll miss them.*

Bruce Waller

Bruce Waller - February 28 at 05:12 PM