



## Shirley Haskovitz

*Jan. 31, 1931 ~ Mar. 13, 2025*

Shirley "Joyce" (Pomush) Haskovitz, 94, of St. Louis Park, passed away on March 13, surrounded by her loving family. She is survived by her ever-loving children, Becky, Julie, and Jack (Stephanie Paul); grandchildren, Mirit Avny (Shai), Jessica Paul, and Colin Paul; great-grandchildren, Gev, Tzuk, and Raviv; brother, Sam Pomush; sister-in-law, Janet Pomush; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 51 years, Harold; son, Barrie; grandson, Max; parents, Bess and Israel Pomush; Jacob and Rebecca Haskovitz; siblings, Aryln (Marcia), Butch, Darlene (Nathan) Schwartz, Sidney (Roselee) Haskovitz, and Delores (Mitzie) Chazin; niece, Diana Chazin Levitt; and many other family members and close friends.

Shirley, also lovingly called "Joyce" by friends and family, was born and raised in Superior, WI. Her life began during a time when the fear of polio was so great that she wasn't able to play with other children for four summers. From that tragedy, she formed incredibly close relationships with her siblings and cousins that lasted throughout her life. At 19, Shirley ventured to Minneapolis, where she met the love of her life, Harold "Butz" Haskovitz. They raised three children in the North Minneapolis community she cherished, later welcoming a fourth child, after they moved to St. Louis Park in 1967. Together, they enjoyed a life full of adventures, with their longest time apart being when Harold went to Russia to help his daughter adopt her grandson, Max.

Shirley was very involved in Tifereth B'nai Jacob Synagogue, later merging with B'nai Emet, where she developed a love for food and became close friends with many volunteers. She also served as president and later treasurer of the Conservative Women's League. She led the B'nai Emet Purim carnival for many years, which feels especially poetic, as she passed away on Purim. Later, Shirley joined Beth El Synagogue with her sister and family. Her dedication to her family and community coincided with working full-time as a small business owner of H & H TV. Her Shabbat and holiday dinners were legendary, especially her Rosh Hashanah feasts, which grew larger each year, as she made sure no one was left out. Shirley's values centered around family, community, Judaism, and compassion for others, instilling in us a lifelong lesson on the importance of 'gemilut hasadim' (acts of loving-kindness) and our Jewish faith. We will forever be grateful for her unconditional love.

We also extend our thanks to the many wonderful aides and friends Shirley had at the twilight of her life at Roitenberg and Shalom West, especially Mai.

Funeral service 11:00 AM Monday, March 17th at Beth El Synagogue, 5225 Barry St. W., St. Louis Park, with Rabbi Davis officiating. The service will also be available on Zoom (link can be found below). Burial will follow at United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery in Richfield. Shiva 7:00 pm Monday, March 17 and Tuesday, March 18 at Beth El Synagogue. Shirley would want memorials to go to Beth El Synagogue or to your favorite charity of choice.