



## Bernice Heiligman

*Oct. 14, 1925 ~ Jan. 08, 2025*

With profound sadness and love, the family of Bernice Heiligman announces her peaceful passing on January 8, 2025, at the age of 99. Bernice was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, whose warmth, humor, and zest for life left an indelible mark on everyone she met.

Preceded in death by her beloved husband, Froimy Heiligman; and her siblings, Mildred (Himie) Ingber, Gladys (Nate) Winerman, and Sam (Bess) Harris.

Bernice's legacy lives on in the hearts of her family. She is deeply cherished by her children, Joel (Shirley) Heiligman, Gail Pesis (Craig Zaligson), Mark (Susan) Heiligman, Randy (Bobbi) Heiligman, and Abby (Michael) Strauss.

Bernice took immense pride in her grandchildren, Heather (Stuart) Prudden, Scott Heiligman, Sarah (Robbie) Goldfarb, Rochelle Pesis, Jason Pesis, Jenny Zaligson, Zach Heiligman, Max (Athena) Heiligman, Alex Heiligman (Kierra Groscost), Frank Heiligman, Jamie (Kailey) Heiligman, Aliza (Mickey) Stein, Zoe Strauss, and Ben Strauss. Her great-grandchildren, Jack and Andrew Prudden, Ariel and Ruby Goldfarb, Lennon and Whelan Heiligman, Zella Heiligman, and soon, Baby Stein, were her greatest joys.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to her many cherished nieces and nephews for their love and support. They extend their deepest thanks to her dedicated caregivers—Maggie, Fatu, Martha, Julia, and Ralph—whose compassion and care brought comfort and dignity. Additionally, the family would like to acknowledge her dear friend Raleigh Schwartz for her remarkable generosity and kindness.

Bernice had a unique gift for making life brighter. Her humor, often self-described as being "Dr. Ruth," was as unforgettable as her kindness. She treasured nothing more than celebrating the achievements of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Though opinions were divided over her infamous Campbell's soup spaghetti, one thing everyone agreed on was that her brownies were unmatched.

Her love of life and laughter will be profoundly missed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to donor's favorite charity.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 PM on MONDAY, JANUARY 13th, 2025 at BETH EL SYNAGOGUE, 5225 Barry St. W., St.

Louis Park. Shiva will be at 7:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday at Beth El Synagogue. The funeral and Shiva services are also available via Zoom at: [hodroffs.com/BerniceHeiligman](https://hodroffs.com/BerniceHeiligman) (see link below)