



Lorraine Blumenfeld Hertz

Hertz, Lorraine Blumenfeld passed away in St. Paul at age 100 on December 6, 2023. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Mark, who died in 2011. She was a devoted mother to her three children, Robert, Deborah and Fred; a grandmother to Jason, Tristan, Michael, Noah and Zola; and a great grandmother to Jonah, Nico, Noah, Marcus, Augusta, Felix and Shazia, all of whom admired and adored her. Lorraine was a dedicated educator all her life, and an accomplished woman professional from an early age. She was raised in South St Paul, worked first as a dietitian, and then obtained her second college degree in the 1960s and began teaching at the old Jefferson School and Edgumbe School in St. Paul. She was demanding but warm: even 70 years later, numerous students still send us letters that told how she inspired them to learn and thus to succeed in their professions. In 1967 she became the State of Minnesota Consultant for Gifted Education. She found that many teachers did not feel they had the tools to help their gifted students live up to their potential. Lorraine was a dynamo in promoting special workbooks, special textbooks, and independent study programs for the gifted. She crisscrossed the state doing workshops for teachers, and for parents of the gifted as well. Lorraine did not neglect her own education, either. Over the decades she obtained several Master's Degrees and an Educational Doctorate as well. She shared with her professors the same infectious love of learning that she always gave her students. She adored the University of Minnesota. She tried another local college, but complained that "They did not have enough classes." She even studied archaeology, in preparation for a volunteer dig in Israel. She served for three years as president of Hadassah, which raises money for schools and hospitals in Israel. She retired from state employment in 1988 and stayed active in Democrat politics, and gave special attention to gun control - appearing in front of legislative committees and funding reform efforts. Lorraine and her husband, Mark had an active social life in Highland Park in St. Paul. She was a founding member of two long-standing book clubs, and her only complaint was that "they want to

read too much fiction." Most recently, she collaborated with her children on a book called "I Love You So." It was a compilation of their wartime letters during World War II where her husband, Mark was a bombardier for the Army Air Force before being shot down over Germany in 1944. Lorraine always had a place in her heart for anyone in her family who needed help. She paid for their educations, helped with their debts and down payments, and was never judgemental to those she loved. Lorraine's health began to fail in recent years, and she moved into Sholom Home in St Paul. A special tribute is due to all the kind staff members there who made her last years well worth living. They always took care of their beloved "Miss Lorraine." Lorraine's funeral will be 11:00 am, SUNDAY,

December 10th, at BETH JACOB CONGREGATION, 1179 Victoria Curve, Mendota Heights, - a shul that was co-founded by her great-grandfather, Aaron Mark, in 1872. The funeral is also available via Live Stream at: beth-jacob.org Memorials are preferred to the Sholom Foundation or Beth Jacob Congregation. SHIVA is Sunday evening 7 pm at Sholom Home East, 730 Kay Ave., St. Paul. Hodroff-Epstein 612-871-1234 [hodroffepstein.com](http://www.hodroffepstein.com) (<http://www.hodroffepstein.com>)

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