

## Ava *Lustig* Norman



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**BIRTH** 1 Jul 1928

Košice, Košice I, Košický, Slovakia

**DEATH** 11 Nov 2022 (aged 94)

Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California, USA

**BURIAL** Eternal Home Cemetery

Colma, San Mateo County, California, USA

**MEMORIAL ID** 247081498

Our beloved mother and nana Ava Norman died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at home in Palo Alto surrounded by her loving family. She was 94.

Ava was born July 1, 1928 to Eugen and Elisabeth Lustig (née Glucksman, later Loew) in Košice (then Czechoslovakia). She grew up in a Hungarian- and German-speaking family. She shared an especially close relationship with her older brother, Egon (born 1924). Košice was ceded to Hungary in 1938. Ava attended gymnasium until being expelled for being Jewish in 1943.

In March 1944, Ava and her family were deported to Auschwitz. Separated from her father and brother, she never saw them again — they died in the concentration camps. Ava and her mother survived and were liberated in May 1945. They began their journey to freedom and to America and never looked back.

Ava arrived in the United States in 1948 and made her way to San Francisco, where she met David Norman at a dance at the Jewish Community Center. It was love at first sight and they were married on Jan. 21, 1951. They moved to Palo Alto, where they raised their four children. After 54 years of marriage, her beloved husband David died in 2005.

Ava was a classical music devotee who never missed a season at the San Francisco Opera. She was an active volunteer at the Junior League of Palo Alto and at the Palo Alto Senior Center. In her later years, she took up bridge and made many lasting friendships at the Palo Alto Bridge Club.

Ava loved coffee and all things Hungarian. She was a marvelous cook and baker, known for her chicken paprika, linzer and sachertorte.

Ava was most proud of her family and her role as nana. She was beloved by her children Jennifer (Harold Friedman), Ronald (Andrea), Robert (Harla) and Russell; adored by her grandchildren Andrew (Linda), Lisa (Praveen), Rebecca (Stephanie), Anna, Sarah, Alex and Noah; and her great grandchildren Gaia and Dev; and loved by nephews, nieces and wonderful friends. She was the matriarch, always bringing the family together to celebrate birthdays and holidays in her home.

Ava was buried at Eternal Home Cemetery, Colma. Donations in her memory may be made to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

Ava had a beautiful, elegant style that was all her own. The vibrant colors she wore reflected her warmth and outgoing spirit. She positively glowed, and her friends and family basked in her light.

Ava was grateful for every day and lived life to the fullest. She will live in our hearts forever. May her memory be a blessing.

## Family Members

### Spouse



David Samson Norman  
1925–2005

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