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PHYLLIS WASSERMAN

1931 - 2020

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WASSERMAN, Phyllis Phyllis Wasserman, age 89, of Lincoln, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on the morning of March 22, 2020. Phyllis was born on January 17, 1931 in Duluth, Minnesota to Sarah and Morris Leibovitz, a watch-maker, and later moved to Chisholm, Minnesota, a part of the Iron Range. Phyllis graduated from University of Minnesota where she studied English and Music. After marrying Herbert Wasserman, she raised her two children in Lexington, spending summers on Lieutenant's Island on Cape Cod. For her whole life, she maintained a deep love for all things Minnesota, returning home for nearly every high school reunion. Phyllis' upbringing in a small, remote town nourished a vital sense of the importance of people helping people. It was no surprise,

then, that she was eventually hired by the former Deaconess Hospital as Director of Volunteers, a job she held for 17 years. One of her proudest achievements was establishing a Surgical Liaison program, a volunteer service that provides family members with up-to-date information on the status of loved ones undergoing surgery. Phyllis was also an accomplished and dedicated musician. For over 40 years, she played violin with the Concord Orchestra and was also a member of the Lexington Music Club. As much as she enjoyed hitting the right notes, she also cherished music's ability to bring people together and console or uplift them. Phyllis is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Herbert Wasserman; sister Rosalind Laskin; son Mark Wasserman; daughter Amy Wasserman; son-in-law Dave Steeves; and grandchildren Annabelle and Benjamin Dietz. A small graveside service was held at Westview Cemetery, 520 Bedford Street, Lexington, MA on Tuesday, March 24th. A memorial service will be held for Phyllis when public health conditions improve. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made in memory of Phyllis Wasserman to the Concord Orchestra, 51 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742. Levine Chapels, Brookline www.levinechapels.com

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March 26, 2020

Although I'd only had the pleasure of knowing Phyllis for the past year, she made me feel like we'd been friends for much longer. She was so friendly and kind and took such an interest in getting to know people (and our pets). Such a wonderful woman. My deepest sympathies

Judy Kaetzer

March 26, 2020

I have fond memories of Phyllis in the Concord Orchestra and Lexington Music Club. She was a beautifully friendly person.

Pamela Marshall

March 25, 2020

Dear Herb, Amy, and Mark, I'm so sorry for your loss. Phyllis was a lovely woman and a wonderful friend to my parents. I am thankful for her playing Simple Gifts at my wedding, and for all of the fun family times we had growing up. Thinking of you and wishing you all well. Peace and love,
Eliot

Eliot Levine

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