



Alice Joyce Nauen

January 15, 1924 - August 26, 2021

Alice Joyce Phillips was born in Liverpool, England, the third child (of four) and only daughter of Charles John “Jack” and Alice Woodland Phillips. As a girl and young woman, she lived through the Depression and World War II (including the Blitz) and soon after the war married, briefly, an American GI and emigrated to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In 1949 she married Hans Nauen, a German Jewish refugee and the love of her life. She embraced his daughter, Edie, and his religion, becoming a lifelong, active Jew. Her survivors include their four children: Lindsay (Richard Weil, Noah and Ben Weil), Elinor (Johnny Stanton, Tara Lannen-Stanton), Charlie (PJ Pofahl, Rachel and Hannah Nauen), and Varda (Jeffrey Burton, Zoe and Henry Burton), Edie’s daughter Ilona Mettala (Marty Hindsley), uncountable cousins and other family members, great-grandchildren, friends, admirers, and “adopted” children.

Her accomplishments were many and varied. She was a bronze life master in bridge, only 14 points shy of silver. She was president of the NAACP in Sioux Falls and a Weight Watchers regional director, and she recorded books for the blind (they loved her English accent and perfect diction). A trained musician, she starred as Golde in a Sioux Valley Auxiliary production of Fiddler on the Roof, sang at many weddings, and played organ and sang for Mt. Zion (MtZionSF.com), her home synagogue in Sioux Falls, for 30 years. Visiting London in 1980, Joyce was impressed by the work of the Memorial Scrolls Trust in repairing Torah scrolls saved from the Nazis, and was the prime mover in bringing one of those scrolls to Mt. Zion. The fact that she wasn’t an American citizen didn’t stop her from taking a passionate and knowledgeable interest in politics, but in 2016, at age 92, she became a citizen in order to vote for a woman for president. In 1984, after several years as snowbirds, she and Hans moved permanently to Sun City West, Arizona, where he died in 1986. She lived there into her 90s, when she moved to St. Paul, Minnesota, to be closer to family. She survived Covid last year, and died peacefully and unexpectedly in her sleep in the early hours of August 26, 2021.

Her family invites you to honor her life by, most of all, embracing open-mindedly and with good humor everyone you meet, and by donating to causes that support justice, Judaism, art, and music. They only wish they could convey the extent of their gratitude to Sholom Home (sholom.com) and Joyce’s loving, skilled caretakers there. Private interment service

to be held Tuesday in Sun City, AZ. Memorial service to be held 1:30 pm THURSDAY September 2nd at MOUNT ZION TEMPLE, 1300 Summit Ave., St. Paul. The memorial service will not be available via zoom, only live streaming which can be accessed on www.mzion.org. SHIVA 7:00 pm Thursday evening at Mount Zion Temple. Shiva will also be available on zoom. Email zoom2@hodroffepstein.com for link. Masks are required when attending the memorial service and shiva at Mount Zion Temple.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 1:30 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Temple
1300 Summit Ave.
St. Paul, MN

Shiva

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Temple
1300 Summit Ave
St. Paul, MN 55105

Zoom Shiva

SEP 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Zoom Shiva

Tribute Wall

LT

“ Lindsay, I remember your mother and mine in Sioux Falls, SD taking us to and from Terrace Park Swimming Pool for swimming lessons. Good memories. You were blessed to have her for 97 years. May God comfort you during this time of sorrow.

Lois Tim - September 03, 2021 at 03:47 PM

BG

“ Joyce is one of the most memorable people I have ever met. My mother and Joyce were very close friends in Sioux Falls many years ago. Growing up there, we spent many holidays and special times together as families. Joyce's passion for Judaism, beautiful voice, and talented piano playing were striking to me as a child. Her intelligence and compassion for others was very clear, as well as her wit and mischievous spirit. It is clear Joyce will be remembered with love by all who knew her.

Barbara Greene

Barbara Greene - September 02, 2021 at 06:58 PM

AR

“ Joyce was an important part of our families as a friend, teacher and mentor. She shared many of our life's journeys with us though life events and family get togethers at both religious and secular holidays, She had a special kind of grace about her and a unique type of perception especially of people and their philosophies. Joyce and our mothers were the best of friends

She sang at our wedding and we will remember her always.

"In remembrance there is life" - Yiddish proverb

Ann & Leo Rosenstein

Ann Rosenstein - September 02, 2021 at 10:27 AM

ML

“ Joyce was my Weightwatcher's leader back in the 1980s. She was an inspiration. I remember to this day some of the things she said; for instance: I'm allergic to chocolate. I break out in fat! Her sense of humor coupled with her wisdom gave energy to her leadership. I think of her fondly to this day. She was a remarkable woman.

Marianne Larsen, Sioux Falls

Marianne Larsen - August 31, 2021 at 10:18 AM

RD

“ On behalf of all the members of the Highlanders Chapter of BNI, we send Lindsay our sincerest sympathy. It's always hard to lose your mother. We wish you peace in this difficult time. And trust that you can take comfort in many happy memories.

Richard Dunn - August 30, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KC

“ Your mother was a lovely woman and blessed our world with so much grace, wisdom and character! She always was so interested in how I was doing and very supportive during some of the life challenges I went through. God bless her and all of her marvelous family, all of you have been such a great gift in our lives!

Kevin Collison - August 30, 2021 at 12:32 PM

HP

“ Here's a picture of Joyce becoming a citizen in October 2016. What a pleasure it was to assist her with that!



Heather Potteiger - August 30, 2021 at 12:18 PM

MD

“ To All the Nauens
I only met Joyce a few times, but she was so engaging and kind. And of course I've heard many stories about her. What a great life she had--I'm wishing you comfort in this sad time.
love from Maggie Dubris

Maggie Dubris - August 30, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SS

“ Varda - After reading about your Mom, she was a great Lady who touched many, and lived an amazing life! I will certainly pray for you and your family's strenght during this time. With sincere condolences and prayer!

Stanford Scott

Stan Scott - August 30, 2021 at 10:35 AM

SW

“ Varda- Without knowing your mom, and reading her obituary today, I can say without a doubt how proud she was of you and that you will carry on her legacy. Praying for peace for you and your family- and also celebrating her amazing life.

~ Steve Wistrill

Steve Wistrill - August 30, 2021 at 09:40 AM

GA

“ Dear Varda and Family:

You are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss.

Gretchen Artig-Swomley

Gretchen Artig-Swomley - August 30, 2021 at 01:47 AM

MO

“ I grew up in Sioux Falls and remember your mother and Hans. I am sorry for your loss.

Marcia Blumberg Oleisky

Marcia Oleisky - August 29, 2021 at 10:29 PM

BS

“ Joyce Nauen was aptly named because she was a joy to everyone who met her, encountered her, spent time with her, loved with her and enjoyed the world through her bright, enthusiastic eyes. She was an optimistic, supportive woman of culture, wit and wisdom who made everything and everyone around her feel brighter, cheerier, happier. She was insightful, sweet...perhaps just a tiny smidgeon cynical & witty...with a loving nature great enough for all of us. Everywhere she went, the world became a better, more nurturing and happy place. We dearly loved her. There are few like her. We will miss her smile, warmth and grace. We feel privileged to have been a part of Joyce's life.

Peter & Bernice Schotten

Sioux Falls SD

Bernice Schotten - August 29, 2021 at 01:55 PM

ES

“ I met Joyce while volunteering at Shalom. If I didn't see her at Happy Hour, I would make a detour to her room with a drink and potato chips. She was the most interesting, kindest, adorable and delightful person. I actually had planned on delivering her some of my gold raspberries this week. I know how much she loved her family and she was so beloved by those of us who got to know and spend time with her. My deepest condolences.

ellen sloane - August 28, 2021 at 03:04 PM