



## Zetta Feder

April 5, 1927 - March 7, 2021

Zetta Feder, 93, longtime resident of St. Paul, passed away on March 7, 2021 in Boulder, Colorado with her son, Rob, at her side. Born April 5, 1927 in St. Paul, she received degrees from the University of Chicago and University of Minnesota. Zetta was an active leader of the Twin Cities Jewish Community. She was instrumental in forming State of Minnesota policy for out-of-home care for adults and children, and co-wrote Minnesota's first Fair Housing Bill. Zetta was a champion for civil rights – a member of Minnesota's delegation to the 1963 March on Washington – and a fierce political progressive. She was an avid skier, a patron of music, an outdoorswoman, and a competitive bridge Life Master. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; their son, Scott; and sister, Beverly Smerling. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Stu Henry, Minneapolis; son and daughter-in-law, Rob and Andrea Feder, Boulder; grandchildren, Rachel Feder and husband Moshe Kornfeld, Jed Feder, Jake and David Henry; two great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Ellie Fisher; nieces and nephews, Jill Kushner, Tom Smerling, Jon Fisher, Laurie Tarkoff, David and Judy Federbush, and their families; and other relatives and dear friends. Zetta will be remembered for her generosity, exceptional strength, and enthusiasm for all she did. Zoom funeral 10:30 am on THURSDAY, March 11th. Donations in Zetta's memory can be made to Save the Children or charities of personal choice. Zoom SHIVA 7:00 pm on Thursday. Email [zoom2@hodroffepstein.com](mailto:zoom2@hodroffepstein.com) for link to services

# Events

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**MAR** **Zoom Service** 10:30AM

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**MAR** **Zoom Shiva** 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Zetta was my friend. We met at a Winter Concert through a mutual friend. We three all lost our husbands at nearly the same time and we soon began spending a lot of time together. We bonded almost immediately.

Zetta's voice was rich and passionate and her smile was bright and gorgeous. She had a beautiful heart that was compassionate, warm and loving and I always felt that she was in my cheering section. Zetta was well informed and was sure of what she thought and said. She was a reader and loved music--tirelessly, attending almost every concert every summer. I often included Zetta at student dinners at my home and Zetta was most engaging with my students. It seemed that she greatly admired them and could talk knowledgeably about their instruments and music.

My life was much richer because I met Zetta and I'm grateful for all the wonderful memories she helped to make for me. She made a huge difference in my life and I can't believe that she had to leave us.... I will miss dear Zetta terribly.

With my deepest sympathy to-all of her family  
Ruth Stone



**Ruth Stone** - March 11, 2021 at 05:52 PM

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**Rob Feder** - March 10, 2021 at 05:30 PM

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“ I am Don Mains.

I first met Zetta in the first grade at Ramsey School in St. Paul, We went on to Maria Sanford Junior High and Central High School. Zetta often reminded me that, although we were in the same grade, she was one year older. "Don't you forget that," she said. We produced a skit for a Drama class at Central which we thought was terrific. Sadly, no one else did.

But much more than that, we were good friends. Her parents, Sam and Sarah Fisher, and my parents, Al and Daisy Mains were also close friends, and our families were together often. After we both married, our friendship continued, now with Zetta's Harold and my Rhoda added to the mix.

Sadly, we didn't have much contact after Zetta moved to Colorado, but I thought of her often.

She was a wonderful person, a good friend, and I will miss her. Rhoda and I extend heart felt sympathy to the family.

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**Don Mains** - March 09, 2021 at 10:42 PM

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**Robert M Fisher** - March 09, 2021 at 09:59 PM

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“ To the extended family, but In particular to Wendy, Stu, Jake and David - condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother. Zetta and Harold were good friends of my parents (Miriam and Angelo Cohn). When young, I had the good fortune to meet them enjoying their fun and brilliance on several occasions. Unknown connections always fascinate me, and in later years, I've had the similar good fortune in getting to know Jake and David as students in classes I've taught at Shir Tikvah (and Wendy a bit through work). "Apples don't fall far from their trees" is often on the mark, and seeing Zetta's amazing influence "down the line" in real time brought me a smile. Very sorry to hear of her passing and your loss, and hoping you find comfort in her wonderful legacy. Z"L - Jim Cohn

**Jim Cohn** - March 09, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss you were very fortunate to have so many years with Zetta. She was a very fun lady as I remember. With warm thoughts Sue Levy and the boys

**sue levy** - March 13, 2021 at 11:14 AM

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“ So many wonderful memories of the Beechwood neighborhood. Your Mom was amazing and caring. Best wishes Wendy and Rob as you celebrate he life. Z"L Her memory will always be a blessing.

**richard bachrach** - March 09, 2021 at 03:41 PM



“ What a dynamic, fun, and smart woman—Zetta. My late wife, Pat, and I became her friends at summertime in Aspen and so enjoyed how direct and honest and insightful she was. Pat would say, “Zetta, you are such a kick.” After my wife died in 2017, in subsequent summers, Zetta put on her psychology hat and gave me powerful advice on how to go on living — drawing from her own loss of Harold and her insights into human nature. She lived life so fully, and wisely. My condolences to her family. I will miss her.

Walter Brayman, Kansas City, MO

**Walter Brayman** - March 12, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ My Mother, Evelyn Smith and Zetta were great friends through the years. Our families were close as well. We have lots of memories of our family getting together up at your lake home. Our sincere condolences to Rob and Wendy and their families.

Linda (Smith) Laden and Steve Laden

**Linda Laden** - March 19, 2021 at 01:09 PM