

JEANNE NAUENBERG OBITUARY

Jeanne Nauenberg (née Derechinsky) passed peacefully on the 22nd of November, 2021 in Redwood City, California surrounded by her children, grandchildren and extended family. Jeanne was born and raised in New York City. Her parents, Ethel and Morris Derechinsky, who had immigrated from Poland, ran a small laundromat and grocery store. To entertain herself while her parents worked long hours, she immersed herself in books and discovered a lifelong passion for reading and learning. Her parents questioned the value of a college degree for young women, but Jeanne was determined to become a teacher and enrolled in Hunter College. She met her husband, Uriel at a mixer dance. Uriel, a shy physicist who had recently immigrated from Colombia, was drawn to her warm, caring personality. They enjoyed 62 years of happy marriage and shared many passions including hiking, traveling, and most of all, family. Although she worked full-time she always found time to go to her children's swim meets and other activities. As a grandmother, she loved to plan family vacations bringing her children, grandchildren and extended family together. Jeanne rarely had the opportunity to leave New York City until becoming an adult. When she and Uriel relocated to Boulder, Colorado in 1969, She embraced the outdoor life and developed deep roots in the community. She loved to climb in the foothills near her home or walk around Viele lake. Although she never quite mastered downhill skiing, she planned yearly ski trips because her family enjoyed it so much. She had a wide circle of friends in Boulder and was involved with a number of community organizations including the University of Colorado, a bridge club and several book clubs. She was always happy that Boulder kept its natural beauty even

while growing into a sophisticated high-tech hub. A counselor at Fairview High School for nearly 30 years, Jeanne was deeply committed to education and guidance. She began her career as a public school teacher in NYC, and after moving to Boulder, she obtained her Education Specialist degree and became a guidance counselor. She recognized the potential in each of her students and spent many evening hours on her manual typewriter crafting letters of recommendations for them. After living for nearly 50 years in Boulder, she and her husband moved to California in 2016 to be closer to their daughter and extended family. Losing her beloved husband Uriel just prior to the pandemic lockdowns made the past few years especially difficult for her but she remained grateful to be near family and greatly appreciated all the visits from her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law. Jeanne is survived by her brother Julius Deren, her two children and their spouses: Terri Nauenberg and Olav Solgaard of Stanford, California, and Eric and Michelle Nauenberg of Thornhill, Canada. She is also survived by her six beloved grandchildren, Nikolai, Jacob, Shimon, Hadassah, Jennifer and Asher. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Fairview High School (please write "Red Star Award" in memo line), 1515 Greenbriar Blvd. Boulder, CO 80305.