



Bertha Jean Stein Ostrich

December 6, 1929 - March 4, 2019

Funeral services for Bertha Jean Stein Ostrich will be held on Wednesday March 6th at 3:00 PM at Temple Shalom, 603 Lee Avenue, in Lafayette. Interment will follow at Hebrew Rest Cemetery on Lee Avenue and University.

Mrs. Ostrich was born on December 6, 1929 to Harry Stein and Belle Alperin Stein of Greenville, Mississippi. She graduated from Greenville High School and attended Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans. In 1950, she married Nathan Ostrich of Lafayette, who was then a student at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. When he became Dr. Ostrich, Jeanie and Nathan moved to Crowley where she helped him to establish his optometry practice. In Crowley, their first two children were born, David Edward Ostrich and Mark Joseph Ostrich. In 1957, they moved to Lafayette where Jeanie helped Nathan begin The Vision Clinic. In Lafayette, their third child was born, Sarah Elizabeth Ostrich.

Jeanie was deeply devoted to Judaism and worked tirelessly for her congregation in Lafayette. She was Sisterhood President, Chair of the Sunday School Committee, Board Member, and faithful worker for many decades. She was a pious woman who cherished her heritage and faith, represented Judaism to her many friends, and welcomed newcomers into the Jewish community.

She worked in retail for most of her 89 years—beginning with her parents' store in Greenville, continuing at the Ostrich family's La Parisienne in downtown Lafayette, at a southside branch of The Vision Clinic, and, for the last 28 years, at Pieces of Eight in the Oil Center. She was indefatigable, knew her merchandise, and devoted to serving her customers.

She was a regular at Red Lerille's Health Club for many, many years and was particularly delighted when the staff made her a quilt with all of her many yearly Red's t-shirts.

She was charitable, volunteering her time for many local projects, including the Charity Hospital Guild and the Oncology Outpatient Treatment Center.

Mrs. Ostrich was surrounded by many close friends in Lafayette—loving individuals who embraced her and who brought much light into her life. She is survived by her children, Rabbi David Ostrich and his wife, Joni of State College, Pennsylvania, Mark Ostrich of Jefferson, Louisiana, and Sarah Ostrich Chark of Jerusalem, Israel; twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; her sister, Roslyn Goldstein of Dallas, Texas; and many adoring nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Temple Shalom, PO Box 53711, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70505.

View the obituary and guestbook online at www.mourning.com

Martin & Castille - DOWNTOWN, 330 St. Landry Street, Lafayette, LA 70506. 337-234-2311

Cemetery

Hebrew Rest Cemetery

W. University Ave.

Lafayette, LA, 70506

Events

MAR **Funeral Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Temple Shalom

603 Lee Avenue, Lafayette, LA, US

Comments



“ I met Ms Ostrich when I went to see her as one of our patients in the hospital. I had recently been in to Pieces of 8 and registered for the large Pink Ostrich as one of my gifts as Queen of my Mardi Gras Krewe. She told me she loved those big, pink, adorable ostriches that they carried. I received one as a gift in the 2nd week of March. Ms Bertha was so kind and such a lady of grace. That beautiful graceful ostrich sits in my bedroom on my dresser. I named her Bertha. She makes me smile as I think about the smile and kindness of this dear woman who was a stranger to me but impacted my heart immediately. I am sure I am not the only one that she touched with her heart in this way.

Stephanie - April 03, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ Please accept my family's sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mrs. Ostrich. May you find comfort in fond memories of her, and peace in God's assured promise to awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new Earthly government.

Greene Family - March 16, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ I first met Jeanie when I wandered into the Temple, a lonely Jewish guy knowing no one in Lafayette, just hired to teach at USL. She immediately became a friend, a mother-substitute, and along with her husband Nathan, acted toward me as if I were part of their family. In my 10 years in Lafayette, 1977-87, I never failed to appreciate the lovingkindness she showed to me. When I left Lafayette, we cried together, for I felt I was leaving family.Although it is Jewish custom to say the mourner's Kaddish only for close family members, this past Shabbat I rose in my synagogue to recite Kaddish in honor of her. She will live in my memory as long as I do. Bless you, Jeanie, for having been in my life.

Corey Mass - March 11, 2019 at 06:43 AM



“ Jeanne was a woman graced with kindness and intelligence to the full. She never expressed her opinions unkindly, and with those with whom she disagreed did she harbor unkind feelings or give voice to unkind remarks. Her whole person radiated with class. Her leaving us brings sadness, but sadness leavened by the joy of knowing her.

I shall miss her. Maurice duQuesnay

Maurice duQuesnay - March 07, 2019 at 03:20 AM



“ Jeanie always offered that familiar, contagious smile whenever we saw her! She was a passionate advocate and always so full of life! She will be missed! RIP. Fondly, Marilyn Jankower; Kenneth & Laurie Jankower James

Laurie Jankower James - March 06, 2019 at 11:19 AM



“ BARBARA SPENCER lit a candle in memory of Bertha Jean Stein Ostrich



BARBARA SPENCER - March 06, 2019 at 09:59 AM



“ My dear Sarah,
Everytime I pass the building that was once The Vision Clinic, I think about you and wonder where you are. You were such a delightful student! Your mother's obituary was so informative, so beautifully done! She was a wonderful lady who leaves behind a wonderful family!!

Take care, everyone!!

REST IN PEACE, MRS. BERTHA OSTRICH and DR. NATHAN OSTRICH...

--signed

BARBARA SPENCER--

BARBARA SPENCER - March 06, 2019 at 09:58 AM



“ I feel privileged to have spent many Friday morning with Jean as her Pilates Instructor. We shared a love of books and a positive outlook on life. Her favorite movement was Short Spine on the Reformer. I will dedicate my short spines to her. She was loved at the studio and we will miss her dearly.
Dottie Kostmayer

Dottie Kostmayer - March 05, 2019 at 09:06 AM



“ One of our favorite people. We were friends as wives of bridge playing husbands. Who won a lot as partners. She never did get into duplicate, but we had many fun couple times. I enjoyed visiting with her at the store & we kept up about our children. We are grieving her loss. Lois and Kenneth Boagni

Lois Boagni - March 06, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear the passing of Mrs. Ostrich. I met Mrs, Ostrich in recent years at Mah Jong tournaments. She was a very sweet person.

Sonya David - March 05, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ David, Mark, Sarah: I think of you often and would inquire about you whenever I saw your wonderful mother. How sad are we to learn of her passing. Sad also for only reading the obituary late Wednesday, to late to attend the services and express our condolences in person. May God Bless You All and grant her Eternal Peace.

John and Louise Kenney - March 07, 2019 at 09:29 AM



“ Dear David and Family; Just received notice of your beloved Mother's death. So sorry to hear this news. The whole Wittenbaum family sends their most sincere sympathy to you and the family. We remember Bertha Jean and her wonderful husband , Mother and Father from our many trips to Greenville, Mississippi. Jay has fond memories of eating at Doe's restaurant with your Dad and L.B. In fact, LB's birthday was in March and he would have been 104 this year ! A lot of fun memories from the past. Our hearts and prayers are with all of you. Lots of love.....Cousins Bobbie, Jay, Frederick and Bradley

Bobbie and Jay Wittenbaum - March 07, 2019 at 10:55 AM