



Joyce Shapiro

May 26, 2025

Joyce Shapiro passed away peacefully at home on May 26, 2025, at the age of 94. Joyce was predeceased by her beloved husband Marvin, and is survived by her sons Joshua and David, her Daughter-in-Law Heller Berman, and her Grandson Peter Shapiro.

Joyce met her future husband Marvin when both were young teachers in Port Washington. They married in 1955 and enjoyed close friendships with many fellow Port Washington educators. Joyce raised her family and lived for nearly 60 years in the house in Port Washington that she and Marvin bought in 1958 before she moved to The Amsterdam at Harborside in 2017.

Sadly, Marvin suffered from declining health for many years, and Joyce's life outside of work was constrained by the loving care she unwaveringly provided him in his later years. Helping to ease that burden were regular weekend visits from Peter, with whom Joyce had a very special bond.

After Marvin passed away in 1998, Joyce enlisted Peter as her traveling companion, and the two

journeyed to the American and Canadian West, and then branched further afield to Alaska, Costa Rica, the Galapagos Islands, and twice to Africa.

Joyce led a very full and active life. Professionally, she was an educator, the long-time Chair of the Business Education Department at Schreiber High School, and then, for the final eleven years of her career until her 2002 retirement, an Assistant Principal at Schreiber. In her lengthy career, almost all of which was spent in Port Washington, Joyce touched the lives of scores of people, including multiple generations of many families. She also served as a long-time Board Member of the Port Washington Federal Credit Union, a volunteer tutor at the Port Washington Public Library, and was involved in a myriad of organizations and events in the Port Washington public schools and the town at large. Joyce was also an avid golfer, with the Harbor Links Executive Course her preferred venue.

After moving to The Amsterdam at Harborside, Joyce served on the Board of its Residents Council and was recently its President during an exceptionally trying time as that senior living community was in the final throes of a lengthy bankruptcy proceeding. In her final months, Joyce lived happily amongst friends at The Atria in Roslyn Harbor.

Joyce's family plans to organize a celebration of her life sometime in the future. If you want to be notified of that event, send an email to joyce@shapiroberman.com. If you would like to share some thoughts about Joyce, submit them to this email address.

In the meantime, please honor her memory by doing something to improve someone else's circumstances or to make your community a better place, as

Joyce did countless times throughout her life.

Cremation is private.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. and Mrs. Shapiro were always nice neighbors to my family here on Essex Court from the 1960s through to when Mrs. Shapiro moved a few years back. We would always wave to them when passing their neat and modest home. I knew Mrs. Shapiro more as my neighbor, not having had the pleasure of being her student in Schreiber.*

I still appreciate the sympathy cards she sent when my father, mother then brother Glenn passed away through the past 20 plus years. I was sad to see her leave our West New Salem block, but am glad she enjoyed her last years with new adventures.

*With my sincere sympathy,
Carole McDonald*

Carole McDonald - June 02, 2025 at 07:00 PM

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“ *I had Mrs Shapiro for ‘Office Procedures’ (1985) as I took business courses in high school. She remains my favorite teacher of all time, and when I saw her several years ago at the grocery store I thanked her again for being such a wonderful teacher. Rest in Peace 🧡*

Jennifer Brew Paterson - June 01, 2025 at 10:07 PM

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“ *Mrs Shapiro was our HS typing teacher. Learned a lot. Yet To this day I STILL look at my fingers. RIP Mrs. s*



Sandi Nunzi - May 31, 2025 at 01:34 PM