



Mildred Amarnick

June 11, 1917 - August 14, 2013

Mildred Amarnick, a devoted wife, mother and bubbi with an unparalleled zest for life, passed away peacefully Wednesday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Hillsdale. She was 96.

Mildred was social person who would strike up a conversation with any stranger. She was active and loved to dance, play tennis, and win at cards. She was a striking beauty, always dressed in coordinated and colorful outfits. And she prized her health, staying fit and clear of mind until the end.

“Health is wealth,” she liked to say.

She was born in Philadelphia on June 11, 1917, to Russian-Jewish immigrants Harry and Dora Watz, the third of five children. She worked for the U.S. Mint for a decade before marrying the love her life Irvin Amarnick. They were married for 36 years and raised two children, Cecelia and Richard.

Mildred liked to go to synagogue and led the local chapter of Hadassah, a women’s volunteer organization. She volunteered regularly around Philadelphia. She liked to travel on far-away cruises and on the train to upstate New York to see her children and grandchildren whom she adored and who knew her as bubbi.

For the last nine years of her life, she moved into the country home of her daughter and son-in-law, Cecelia and Robert Elinson, who take care of her. She would often visit the senior center and library in Philmont. Until the very end, she kept her positive attitude, never complaining about herself, talking with everyone she met, and never hesitating to tell those people exactly what she thought.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband Irvin and her son Richard. She is survived by her daughter Cecelia, her son-in-law Robert, and her daughter-in-law Batsheva Fenster. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Zusha Elinson, and Sarah and Robert Blum.

You are warmly welcomed to a service at our home at 190 Harlemville Road in Hillsdale at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 17, followed by internment at the Harlemville Rural Cemetery. Everyone is welcome to come back to the residence at 1 pm to break bread and share stories. Donations in Mildred's name can be made to the Philmont public library or Hadassah.