

**Cecia Ohringer Hess**

9/1/1946 - 8/28/2021



Cecia Ohringer Hess, of Santa Barbara, CA, passed away on Saturday, August 28th, 2021 at the age of 74. She is survived by her beloved husband, Milton Hess; sons, Frederick Hess (Joleen Okun) and Sanford (Elizabeth Belber) Hess; brothers, David Ohringer, Lee (Hedy Wertheim) Ohringer, and Jack Ohringer (Jamie Szabadi); grandchildren, Eli, Grayson, and Blake Hess; nieces, Carla Engle and Alison Ohringer; and nephew, Ron Ohringer. She was predeceased by her parents, Sara Rita and Alfred Ohringer; and former husband, Philip Laurence Cohen.

Cecia grew up in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA and attended Taylor Allderdice High School. She went on to receive a BA from Point Park University and a MEd from the University of Virginia. Cecia and Milton met at a Friday evening service at Agudas Achim synagogue in Alexandria, Virginia and were married in June of 1985. She loved working with children during her career as a teacher. Outside of work Cecia had many hobbies, including travel, reading, volunteering, bridge, and Mah Jongg. She served on the Women's Board of the Santa Barbara Museum of Art and volunteered with the Santa Barbara Jewish Federation. Cecia was known for her sense of humor and kindness to everyone, and she cherished her family and friends.

Although Cecia was diagnosed with lupus in her teens and lived with it for the rest of her life, she managed her health with care and dignity and lived each day to the fullest. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Lupus Research Alliance, 275 Madison Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10016, to help to find cures for this debilitating autoimmune disease.

Services at Sol Levinson's Chapel, 8900 Reisterstown

Road, Pikesville, MD 21208, on Friday, September 3rd, 2021 at 1:00 pm. Interment Baltimore Hebrew Belair Road Cemetery. Please see Levinson's website for the webcasting link. A reception will follow, then Mr. Hess will be receiving friends at home in Santa Barbara on Sunday and Monday.

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