



Estelle Solomon

November 30, 1927 - October 6, 2016

Estelle B. Solomon, 88, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Estelle was a proud citizen of her adopted hometown of Phoenixville, a proud member of B'nai Jacob Congregation - her synagogue community for six decades, and - most of all - a proud Bubby (grandmother) to her own family and to generations of children and grandchildren in the community.

Estelle was born in 1927 to Bernard A. and Rebecca Stoltz Bernard. A graduate with honors from Upper Darby High School and Dickinson College (class of 1949), Estelle lived a full and rich life, and was always occupied with pursuits that improved the world and her community. She covered the Phoenixville Area School Board as a reporter for the Daily Republican (later, the Evening Phoenix); she taught religious school at B'nai Jacob; and she mentored countless teens and young adults throughout her lifetime. Estelle came to Phoenixville with her husband and two of her three sons in 1955 (her third son arrived in 1959) and began her community involvement at the Schuylkill School PTA and organizing for the March of Dimes. She continued her volunteer activities for the next 60 years most recently helping to staff the medical records department at the Phoenixville Hospital each year on Christmas. She served as President of the synagogue's Sisterhood and as a decades-long member of its Board of Trustees. She also served on the boards of the Visiting Nurse Association and New Century Bank. In addition, Estelle was a very early activist on behalf of the civil rights movement, a passionate Zionist and supporter of the State of Israel, and a willing and eager supporter

of any cause or person she felt needed a helping hand. She shared her life, her devotion, and her love with her husband of 46 years, Dr. Macy B. Solomon, of blessed memory. Though he predeceased her in 1995, their love and their relationship never died, and the values, principles and life priorities they shared continued to inspire and guide her throughout the remainder of her life. Estelle became Macy's office manager in the latter part of his career, deepening relationships with the patients in his practice who still value that special connection.

"Bubby" was the matriarch of her family and her community, a fierce and formidable defender of those whose cause she embraced, and a loving and powerful presence in the lives of her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren. Estelle leaves behind three sons who loved her and who will miss her everyday: Dr. Dean Solomon (and Dr. Judith Katz), Jacob Solomon (and Dr. Mindy Hersh), and Dr. David Solomon (and Claudia Summer); grandchildren: Hannah (and Bill), Judah (and Taryn), Gretchen (and Joe), Martin (and Alana), Zachary, Sophie, Daniel, and Jesse; and great grandchildren: Macy, Toby, Ruthie and one on the way. Her memory will forever be as a blessing to them all.

Funeral services will take place on Sunday, October 9th, at 2:00 pm, at Congregation B'nai Jacob, Starr and Manavon Streets, Phoenixville, PA 19460. The family will be sitting shiva and receiving visitors at Estelle's house (The Barn) after the services on Sunday through Tuesday morning.

Contributions in Estelle's memory may be made to Congregation B'nai Jacob. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Main Street at Fifth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Congregation B'nai Jacob Cemetery

200 Lovers Lane
Mont Clare, PA 19453

Previous Events

Funeral Ceremony

OCT 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Congregation B'nai Jacob Synagogue
Starr and Manavon Streets
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Mrs. Solomon exposed me to multiple opportunities when I was in high school that I would not have had access to. For example, she talked to the PHS principal about David, me and a few others into letting us enroll in some local college courses. Oh, the freedom to leave school, go to the Barn for lunch, then head to classes like real college kids! The Barn was the place for many wonderful gatherings over the years, and a gathering place for other events, like the Philly Folk Fest. I always felt welcomed and included. A truly wonderful lady.

Dana Cooperson - November 09, 2016 at 07:34 PM

RF

“ Estelle (1949) and I (1982) are alumni of Dickinson College. We were both members of the senior women's honor society, the Blue Hats. In 2004, I drove Estelle to Dickinson for the day and we attended the 80th reunion of the Blue Hats. We both enjoyed each others company and the event.

Robin Frees



Robin Frees - October 11, 2016 at 11:39 AM

CR

“ *Claudia Reid lit a candle in memory of Estelle Solomon*



Claudia Reid - October 10, 2016 at 07:15 AM

LH

“ *I am sorry for your loss. She was a lovely lady. My Mom, Nellie S. Berger Braxton, considered her a good friend. She and her husband, Bill, always tried to visit her when they came back to Pa. My Mom passed away in May of this year. Theirs was a great generation. They will be missed.*
Linda B. Henry

LINDA HENRY - October 09, 2016 at 09:50 AM

BC

“ *Only had one personal experience w/Mrs. Solomon. I worked for Attorney Stephen Baer & Mrs. Solomon called. Not sure how the subject of my first solo plane trip to visit my son in Canada came up. I was very apprehensive & debating. Mrs. Solomon related a very positive travel experience & told me to go for it! Never forgot her kindness & made more than one trip!!!*

My sincere condolences to Mrs. Solomon's family. You were blessed to have her in your lives.

Barbara B. Connelly - October 09, 2016 at 09:46 AM

IS

“ Irena Struk lit a candle in memory of Estelle Solomon



Irena Struk - October 08, 2016 at 05:43 PM

MO

“ She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. I spent many hours working with her at the polls on election day. Very fond memories. My Deepest Sympathy to her family. Mary J. Osisek.

Mary J. Osisek - October 08, 2016 at 04:06 PM

TC

“ I am so deeply saddened by Estelle's passing...what an amazing lady! My staff and I are honored to have shared so much time with her over the past three years. Estelle was so full of life & she raised such wonderful sons. She will be forever in my memories. Tracey Carr - Senior Helpers of Pottstown

Tracey Carr - October 08, 2016 at 03:55 PM

RM

“ I had the pleasure to meet Estelle last year in our art class at the senior center. I thought she was cool and I loved her name and her own style of painting. She was a pleasure to sit next to. Very sorry for your loss. Regina Mosteller

regina mosteller - October 08, 2016 at 01:25 PM

HC

“ It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of our dear Estelle, a deeply loving and fiercely dedicated and supportive wife, mother, "bubby" and pillar of Phoenixville's Jewish and greater community. To the family and especially Dean, Jacob and David, I offer my condolences on behalf of my brother, Steve as well. I remember as a child when the Solomons purchased and renovated "The Barn" as their new home. What a beautiful job they did! They lived a five-minute walk from our house at Norris and Pennypacker, and my brother Steve and I would walk down the dirt road past the cows to hang out with the Solomon boys. Our parents of blessed memory, Ralph and Martha were the closest of friends with Estelle and Macy. Ralph and Macy were much respected and loved doctors in the community. In recent years, Estelle on more than one occasion offered a place to stay in her home for my daughter, Peri and me when we would make our annual visit to Phoenixville. Estelle possessed great knowledge on many subjects, and was especially learned in Judaism. We have lost a great lady who knew how to live life fully, and I am truly sorry that I cannot be there to comfort the family during Aninut and to perform the mitzvah of escorting Estelle to her final resting place. May her memory be a blessing now and for future generations.

Harold Cherashore
Stephen Cherashore

Harold Cherashore - October 08, 2016 at 12:57 PM

BB

“ Mrs. Solomon and my Mother Catherine Buttaro were close friends. She was a wonderful woman who could light up a room. Every time I saw her she always spoke of Macy and her sons. To the Solomon family you have my deepest condolences.

Bobby Buttaro

Bob Buttato - October 08, 2016 at 08:21 AM