



Marla Johnson

December 27, 2024

Marla Johnson, born in Brooklyn, NY, was just learning to walk and talk when her beloved President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was first inaugurated. She was an only child with many close extended family members in New York and California. During her teenage years, she moved to Lancaster with her parents, who owned the linen shop on Queen Street in downtown Lancaster.

Marla graduated from McCaskey High School at the age of 16. She worked many years for Bell Telephone in Harrisburg and traveled the state training customer service representatives. Marla and her husband Robert W. Johnson, of Lancaster, married for 56 years (until his death in 2017), were proprietors of several linen and gift shops in Lancaster. Marla was a tireless worker at home, at her shops, and within her beloved Jewish community in Lancaster.

Marla was a member of both the former Lancaster Jewish Community Centers and Congregation Shaarai Shomayim for decades. She held several leadership roles in the community over the years. She was a wonderful mother and beloved grandmother. She was adventurous and loved to travel. She was fun and funny. She loved her family like no other.

Marla is survived by her son, Steven Johnson (Kate) of Fleetwood, and daughter, Deborah Johnson and her grandchild Milo.

Services will be held at Congregation Shaarai Shomayim on Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. with Rabbi Marc Kline officiating. Interment will be held in Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery following the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Marla's memory to Congregation Shaarai Shomayim or Serenity Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Shaarai Shomayim Cemetery

East Liberty Street
Lancaster, PA

Previous Events

Service

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Congregation Shaarai Shomayim
75 East James Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

Tribute Wall

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“ Sincere condolences. I learned so much from Mrs. Johnson. She gave me my first job and taught me not only to appreciate lovely linens, which I still collect today, but most everything I know about selling. I can hear her say, "Don't lower your price until they start to walk away." I'm thankful to have had her as a role model in my life.
Martha (Wilson) Berry

Martha Berry - January 06, 2025 at 08:49 AM

DJ

Hello dear Martha! Thank you for this post. I am very much wanting to be in touch with you and your mother. Might you please drop me a line at mydogmax1818@icloud.com?

Deborah Johnson - January 07, 2025 at 08:21 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to you. I have so many good memories of days in the shop and with the card club. We had a lot of laughs over the years. So sorry I cannot be with you in person, but you are in my thoughts and prayers

Elaine Wilson

Elaine Wilson - December 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM

DJ

*Thank you so much, dear Elaine. Mom loved you so. Please might you send me an email if possible so I know where to correspond? Love,
Deborah dfma@att.net*

Deborah Johnson - December 31, 2024 at 02:33 PM