



Shirley Berke

April 11, 2011 - July 1, 2011

SHIRLEY (MILGRAM) BERKE

Shirley Berke, age 91, of Schererville, passed away on Friday, July 1, 2011 at St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point, IN. She was born on April 11, 1920 in Cleveland, OH to Samuel and Rose Milgram.

Shirley attended Horace Mann School and recently celebrated her 70th wedding anniversary with her surviving husband Harry Berke, a marriage documented in The Times as recently as May 31 this year. She and her husband owned and operated the Coronet and Bee Hive Ladies' apparel shops in Gary, Merrillville, and Valparaiso for many years.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband, Harry, daughter, Nancy Burge of Culver City, CA, a grandson, Michael Burge of Culver City, a sister, Eleanor Lipzig of Munster, brother-in-law and sister in law Seymour and Eve Berke of Munster. Sister-in-law, Elsie Mintz of Highland, IN, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by daughter, Toni Berke.

Shirley was a lifetime member of Temple Israel in Miller and a lifelong volunteer to the many activities of its Sisterhood.

Funeral services will be held at Temple Israel located at Forest and Montgomery St. in Miller at 2 pm on Tuesday, July 5, conducted by Rabbi Stanley Halpern under the direction of Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point. Interment at the Temple Israel Cemetery, Portage, IN, will follow. No flowers, please. Donations in her memory may be made to the Toni Berke Memorial Fund at Temple Israel or the Temple Israel Continuity Fund

Tribute Wall



“ Harry! We were so sorry to hear of Shirley\'s passing! Did not read the paper until last night (Tues) and services were already over. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers! What a loss. What a great woman! Just loved her sense of humor and her laugh. That deep raspy voice. She certainly will be missed. Please call or email if you feel like it. Would love to see you. Ruth Mavronicles 219-614-2842
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