



ROSENTHAL, Leona

Leona "Lee" Farbstein Rosenthal, 88, died peacefully in Richmond, VA on September 26, 2013. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William P. Rosenthal and is survived by their four children, Lewis and his wife, Diana Rushing of Taos, NM; Deborah Williams and her husband Joe, of Austin, TX; Dan and his wife, Beth of Richmond; and Ruth and her husband, Lee Carmack of Castro Valley, CA.

Lee adored her grandchildren Evelyn, Lisa and Jacob Carmack in California and Lindsey and Monica Rosenthal in Virginia. She was proud of her Texas roots and extended family in Waco, Houston, Austin, New York as well as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in Israel. Lee was the last survivor of six siblings: Annie Ray Wizig, Ivan Cohen, Dorothy Scott, Olive Tocker and Jack Farbstein.

Lee graduated from Baylor University in Waco. She was a talented actress and public speaker. After a part-time career in radio and television and an active role in state politics in Texas and Idaho, she taught English both at Bonneville High School in Idaho Falls, ID and at Franklin Regional High School outside of Pittsburgh, PA. Her love of literature and music were expressed through her participation in local theatre in both Idaho and Pennsylvania as the faculty thespian sponsor at both schools where she directed school plays to wide acclaim and touched the lives of hundreds of students.

She traveled extensively and made friends easily wherever she went. She will be remembered for her radiant smile, her generosity, her open heart and her gracious gratitude for blessings great and small. Lee was loved and admired by everyone and her absence creates a void for those who loved her. She was a lifetime member and past president of Hadassah, a volunteer organization of women motivated to strengthen ties with Israel and support medical care and research for people worldwide.

A remembrance of her life will be held in Austin, TX on November 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Congregation Beth Israel, 3901 Shoal Creek Blvd. in Austin. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hadassah, your local [Alzheimer's Association](#) or a [charity of your choice](#) .

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