



Elayne Kalberman (nee Blumenthal)

March 28, 2024

Elayne Kalberman, née Blumenthal, after an exceptionally long and admirable life, passed away peacefully on March 28, 2024, at the age of ninety nine. Born and raised in Canada, she lived for many decades in New York City, where she met and married the love of her life, Harry Kalberman, with whom she had their beloved daughter Kira. In 1993 they moved to Sarasota.

As a young woman Elayne spent almost ten years working as an operating room nurse, a profession requiring the practical skills and emotional realism that were hallmarks of her character. Subsequently, she devoted twenty years to the management of a small philosophical journal. Her greatest passion was for opera, so much so that she worked for years as a volunteer guide at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC , and later on as an active supporter of the Sarasota Opera. Never very retiring, she pursued several crafts with singular energy, while also studying Italian and French in order to enhance her understanding of the music she loved.

Elayne leaves her daughter, Kira Sterling and her husband Tim, as well as her niece Karen, nephews Jonathan and Leonard Hirschfeld, nephews Richard Fox and Alan Grunwald, niece Elaine Moskowitz, and her dear friend Dale Barrett, a most loyal and loving presence in her later years.

Services will be private.

Those who wish to honor her memory may kindly make a donation in Elayne's name to:

The Sarasota Opera

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