



Ellene Fleishman

April 8, 1930 - September 21, 2022

On Wednesday, September 21 at 2:05 p.m., Ellene Fleishman (nee) Mondros (92) passed away from a long bout with Dementia. She was surrounded by her loving family, her caregivers, and nurses as well as her two adoring rescue dogs—Artie B. and Ruby. She lived with her daughter, Dava, and her late husband Terry Bivens, for the past six years in Maryland and Florida as her disease progressed.

She was born in West Philadelphia on Osage Avenue on April 8, 1930, until she moved with her parents to 5809 Hazel Avenue. After she was married, she moved to Northeast Philadelphia, then Rydal, PA and eventually Sarasota, Florida.

But Ellene Fleishman was so much more than a diagnosis. She was a trailblazer. An amazing mother and grandmother. A loyal daughter to her parents—Sadie and Maurice Mondros. A business owner, medical record librarian, bookkeeper, writer, and editor. Not to mention a dedicated volunteer all of her adult life.

As a trailblazer, she decided to become a travel agent, but not the average tour guide and booker. Her husband, Dr. Martin Fleishman, was a surgeon, and also a Ferrari owner and avid car buff. So, on a whim, she created what she called a “Ferrari Fantasy Tour,” where she coordinated all the logistics, including working her way into the Ferrari Factory, convincing them to host a

group of American Ferrari owners for an exclusive tour of the facility. Her travel business was preceded by her becoming a bookkeeper and business manager of Guerin & Kapnek Communications, as well as her son Richard's Engine repair business in New Jersey. She was always up for a challenge.

She was also an active volunteer for many non-profit organizations, raising money and working to further their missions by helping with marketing and communications. She also wrote scripts for fundraising performances and even performed in a show or two, but she would always say she had very little talent.

She was also a wonderful writer, penning a beautiful children's story about the circus for her loving granddaughter, Gabrielle. When her daughter, Dava, became a full-time author, Ellene became her most valuable editor. Never hesitating to correct a grammatical error, a context issue, or simply making her opinion known—she was always correct.

But Ellene Fleishman's lasting legacy is not all of her many accomplishments. It was her devotion to her family and the abundance of love and empathy for all those who were fortunate to know and love her. Even as her disease progressed her infectious smile and humor never abated. She was never concerned for her demise but the beginning of her children's love and happiness. There was no better mother in the world than Ellene Fleishman. She was our queen.

Ellene is survived by her loving children, Dava and Richard, her granddaughter, Gabrielle, a grandson, Avery, her nieces—Amy, Margie, Denise, Gail, and Stephanie, Artie B. and Ruby, and her many friends and admirers.

A memorial service will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery at a later date. Visitors are welcome to visit her family at their home in Sarasota and

donations can be made in her honor to the charity of your choice.