



Gertrude Klepper Kasle

December 2, 1917 - June 21, 2016

Gertrude Klepper Kasle of Sarasota, FL and Detroit, MI passed on June 21st at the age of 98.

Born in New York City on December 2nd, 1917, her father Julius Klepper was a well-known physician and head of the Poly Clinic Hospital. Her mother, Francis Klepper was the third woman to graduate from Columbia School of Pharmacy. She loved being brought up in NYC. The landscape and grounds of Central Park, the brownstone house where her father had his medical practice, the museums around the corner – those were her playground. At camp Wicosutain in New Hampshire she met her future husband, Leonard Kasle, who was from Detroit Michigan. It was love at first sight. When Leonard was ordained as Rabbi in NYC they moved to Charleston, SC where they were at the oldest synagogue in the United States; Congregation Beth Eloheim. After a few years, she moved with Leonard to Detroit, Michigan.

She was a well-known art dealer in Detroit, opening the Gertrude Kasle Gallery in the Fischer Building in the 1960's. She had a love with art and carried the art of Hans Hoffman, Larry Rivers, Phillip Guston, DeCooning, Robert Goodnough, Grace Hartigan, Ian Hornack, Robert Rauschenburg and many more.

They moved to Florida in the 1980's. Gertrude had given up the gallery and

they moved to Longboat Key. After Leonard passed in 1995, she moved into Sarasota.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Eichenblatt of Sarasota, FL, Roger (and Lisa) Kasle of Birmingham, MI, Stephen (and Mercy) Kasle of Ann Arbor, MI, and her brother David Klepper of Jerusalem, Israel. Gertrude left 9 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, her niece Carol Goldstein of Denver, Colorado, and her longtime caregiver Dorothe Carmiganini. She will be greatly missed and still very loved. She had a long involvement with the Democratic Party.

Donations may be made in her honor to the Democratic Party and The Ringling School of Art.

Tribute Wall



“ *My heart goes out to the entire Kasle family as well as Dorthie, her caregiver, for your loss. Gertrude was a grand lady, and she will be missed by everyone who knew her. She's finally at peace.*

Cheryl Olson - June 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM