



## Joan B. Koulish

June 2, 1931 - February 14, 2024

Joan B. Koulish, 92, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on February 14, 2024 after a long illness.

Joan was born on June 2, 1931, in Brooklyn New York. She was the oldest child of Harry and Alma Barbash, the loving wife of Sasha Koulish, loving mother to David and Robert, loving mother-in-law to Jana and Stephanie, and loving grandmother to Adam, Julian, Leo, and Valentina. She is predeceased by her brother William Barbash.

A product of Lafayette High School and Brooklyn College, Joan went on to earn a Master's degree in Special Education at Kean College in New Jersey and became a dedicated school teacher. She taught second grade, and at the start of her career as she liked to recount, her classroom was right across the hall from her mother's second grade class. She later became a learning disabilities specialist for the school district of Bound Brook, New Jersey, and in more recent years enjoyed retirement with Sasha in Sarasota, Florida. Joan loved to travel, read, play mahjong and bridge, and spend time with her loving grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please give a donation to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America <https://alzfdn.org/> (<https://alzfdn.org/>)