



## Mrs. Elinor S. "Lynne" Leavitt

June 27, 1932 - April 29, 2024

Elinor S. "Lynne" Leavitt, 92, died peacefully at her home in Lenox on Monday, April 29, 2024.

Lynne was born on June 27, 1932 in Springfield, MA., to the late Calvert and Lucille Weinstein Stein. She attended Classical High School and was a 1949 graduate. After high school, she attended Smith College and earned her Bachelor's degree in 1953. She began her career as a public-school teacher and was a big believer in the power of quality public education. She was head of the Longmeadow School Committee and in her later years, an interior designer. She was very passionate and fought hard for women, civil, and gay rights. One of her proudest achievements was introducing the A Better Chance Program into the Longmeadow public school system. She also started the Art Goes to School Program and presented famous art in both the Springfield and Longmeadow public schools. She was active at both Sinai Temple in Springfield and later in life at Hevreh in the Berkshires where she had a bat mitzvah at the age of 75.

Mrs. Leavitt married Dr. Aaron M. Leavitt in 1953 in Springfield, Ma. He predeceased her on May 22, 2020.

Elinor is survived by her children; Mark (Taryn) of New York, NY., Robert (Donna Fisher) of Longmeadow, MA., Joyce Leavitt (Grant Fine) of Orinda, CA., and Peter (Marie) of Falmouth, ME., thirteen grandchildren; Alec and Perry Leavitt, Samuel, Benjamin, and Lucille Leavitt, Breton Boudreaux (Samantha), Eric Boudreaux (Jennifer), Todd Boudreaux, Nicolette (Shaun

Willkenfield), Coleman and Isabel Fine, and Jacob and James Leavitt, and five great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 10:30a in Sinai Memorial Park in Springfield, MA. There will be no calling hours. Memorial donations in Lynne's memory may be made to either Jacob's Pillow or Hevrah, both in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240. To share memories and stories please visit [rochefuneralhome.com](http://rochefuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

### Sinai Memorial Park

Springfield, MA

## Previous Events

### Graveside Service

MAY 2. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

Sinai Memorial Park  
600-699 Cottage Street  
Springfield, MA 01109

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To Lynne's family*

*I extend sympathy with the loss of a wonderful woman. I had the privilege of meeting Lynne from her volunteer work at Hospice. I love how warm, down to earth and generous she was. Sending love and condolences to all of you and appreciation for knowing Lynne.*

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**Eleanor Derby** - May 07, 2024 at 08:38 AM