



Mrs. Sonia F. (Skolnik) Morrison Kobrin

March 13, 1953 - October 22, 2021

Sonia Florence (Skolnik) Morrison Kobrin fulfilled many roles as mother, wife, grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, and friend to professional pioneer and civic leader. She passed away from natural causes on October 22, 2021.

Born on March 13, 1953 in New York City to the late Samuel and Esther (Kissen) Skolnik, she attended Valley Stream High School. After graduation, she attended Sarah Lawrence College and later received her Master's Degree in Accounting from Pace University.

With a diverse career spanning decades, she launched herself with grit and humor in the 1980s as one of the only female general contractors in New York City, working alongside her father Sam and brother Simon on such iconic projects as the South Street Seaport. She moved on to build homes in the Berkshires and beyond with her beloved husband Hal and to being an accountant and life coach to family and friends. More recently, she immersed herself in the Otis Community Days and the preservation efforts around St. Paul's Church, the East Otis School House, and Harmony Hall.

She took great joy in throwing the best parties, and you could feel that joy as she walked into a room with a huge smile and some stories to share. As a dear friend said, "Sonia has a heart as big as an ocean, and she always made me not only feel welcome but seen and heard, encouraging me to be me, us

to be we." She was generous, fierce, respectful and respected, pure rock-and-roll, a caring soul who opened her home and her heart to her community over and over again. She came alive through being intertwined in all of our lives.

Sonia has left us too suddenly as if she disappeared mid-sentence. Challenging as it is to understand the meaning of it all, Sonia's legacy is for each of us to impart meaning into all of the days we live. To move towards love and light and continue to weave together our stories.

Mrs. Kobrin married Harold Kobrin in 1995 in Otis, MA. In addition to her husband, Sonia is survived by her two sons: Alex Morrison along with his wife Amelia and their children Bodhi and Emryss, and Cody Morrison and his wife Daphne; her siblings: brother Simon Skolnik, and his wife Martha and their children: Max Skolnik and his wife Erica and their children Julian and Cleo and Michael Skolnik and his wife Paola and their son Mateo; sister Charlotte Leslie and her husband Donald and their children Jennifer, Amanda, and Josh; sister-in-law Leslie Faerstein and her husband Michael and her daughter Becky Morrison; as well as the extended Skolnik, Borock, Morrison, and Kobrin clans.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution in her honor to the Otis Preservation Trust to help her fulfill her commitment to raising the money and preserving St. Paul's Church, the East Otis School House, and Harmony Hall as containers into which her community can continue to share their lives and their love. If you wish to make a gift, you may do so at:

otispreservationtrust.com