



Celine Hanan Lurey

October 26, 1948 - December 7, 2023

Celine Hanan Lurey, born October 26, 1948, transitioned to a lighter plane of consciousness on Thursday, December 7th.

She passed from complications associated with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy that was diagnosed almost 5 years ago.

The Jewish immigrant was born in Cairo, Egypt, and exiled in the mid-1960s. She arrived in the USA in 1966 and was accepted to attend Warren Wilson College where she eventually was introduced to her lifetime partner and Asheville native, Bernard Michael Lurey.

She lived in Asheville for over 50 years and is survived by her husband as well as her daughter Nicole who lives in Tucson, AZ, and son David who lives in Mallorca, Spain.

She was a pioneer in many areas including being the first woman President of Beth Israel Synagogue, the first Jewish President of the Junior League of Asheville, and a longtime community leader and trendsetter with her namesake catering company: Celine and Company / On Broadway.

She was featured on Carolina Kitchen, one of the first local cooking programs, and was well respected in all of her personal and business ventures.

She leaves behind a legacy of standing up for herself, women, and the Jewish community in Asheville.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

Lou Pollock Cemetery
North Louisiana Avenue
Asheville, NC 28806

Tribute Wall

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“ I am Celine's older brother Victor. We were estranged for a few years but that ended when I found out about her illness. I regret the time we wasted my ot talking to each other, it is the safest thing and the worst feeling now. But I will always have the memories of our childhood. I do miss her.

Victor Hanan - December 07, 2025 at 05:52 PM

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“ This is indeed a surprise! Asheville has lost a treasure as she was so giving of her time and talents. I am privileged to have been able to call her friend.

Annette Coleman
UNC-A Leadership Asheville 7

Annette Coleman - December 11, 2023 at 09:55 AM

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“ Although I first met Celine when my mom was in Junior League (the two immigrants!), I came to know her well when I started in the wedding planning business. There were not many women who ran small businesses back then, and her example encouraged me. She was poised and professional, quick to recover when things went wrong (think MacGyver), and always maintained a sense of humor. People who jump into the wedding business now with not much thought would do well to follow her example of slow and smart growth, pivoting quickly when necessary, and giving back by volunteering in the community. I was blessed by her informal mentorship and I know many others were as well.

Eleanor Ivey Campbell - December 11, 2023 at 08:43 AM

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“ 17 files added to the album *Celine through the years*



David - December 09, 2023 at 04:08 PM