



Ilse Menzel Friedlander

December 8, 1920 - May 6, 2024

Ilse Menzel Friedlander, born December 8, 1920, in Vienna, Austria to Emanuel and Olga Menzel passed away on May 6 2024.

In 1939 she, her brother Raoul and parents fled the Holocaust for Palestine, enduring a month aboard the cargo ship Noemijulia.

Ilse lived in Tel-Aviv, Beirut and Milan before reuniting with and marrying her high school sweetheart, Egon Friedlander in Asheville, NC where they raised their two children and lived for six decades.

Elegant and vibrant for her entire 103 years, Ilse was the beloved matriarch of a close extended family. Affectionately referred to as Omi, she is survived by son Rick Friedlander, daughter Myrna Smith (married to Gene Smith), grandchildren Jay and Alex Friedlander, Justin Wine and Lauren Grella (married to Jonathan Grella), great-grandchildren, Baker and Molly Grella.

Ilse's grace was matched only by her youthful joyous nature and positive outlook, qualities that left an indelible mark on her many loved ones and admirers.

A graveside service to honor Ilse will be held at 4:00 PM on May 19, 2024 at Lou Pollock Memorial Park. Rabbi Wolff Alterman will officiate. Friends and

family are warmly invited to join in celebrating her remarkable life.

Cemetery Details

Lou Pollock Cemetery

North Louisiana Avenue
Asheville, NC 28806

Previous Events

Graveside Burial

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (est)

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Rabbi Wolff Alterman will officiate.

Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Edeline and my cousin Emma we worked for Ms. Ilese through her last days. It was such an honor and privilege to be able to bathed her with love through her last breath We called her Grandma or mommy. Working for her was a delight at each little help, she blew a kiss and whispered thank you She was lovely, kind, respectful person after all she was a stylish woman, her hair, nails , lipstick and her perfume said it all. Grandma, today is your Memorial service, you're taken your final step. May the angels of the Lord carried you through the pearly gate of heaven. Rest in peace. As for you Mr. Ricky and Myrna, you're the best, you have done wonders, an excellent job. Because of you both, mommy passed away in style, you gave her the lifestyle she deserved through her last breath. May God granted you both peace that surpasses all understanding, and may you live long in the lands that's his promise. God bless you both. Love Edeline

Edeline Fils-Aime - May 19, 2024 at 06:34 PM

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“ Mrs.friedlander and her husband will call on me to babysit her grandchild Alex and as he got older we would play with his Star wars toys. She was such a beautiful person with a soul to match. When my mother passed away she helped my dad with anything he needed. We lost touch when she and her husband moved but I always thought about her family over the years and I'm so glad I was able to help her when she needed me to. Rest in peace my dear friend.

Marilyn b. Shipley - May 13, 2024 at 10:36 PM