



Frances Berman

January 7, 1926 - December 13, 2025

FRANCES "FEIGA" BERMAN, beloved wife of the late Mike "Meyer" Berman of University Heights, Ohio passed away on Saturday, December 13 at the age of 99. Frances was born January 7, 1926 in Solotvina, Czechoslovakia to Levi and Shindle (Shlomovitz) Nemeth. She was a Holocaust survivor. During the war, Frances lived in Budapest where she worked under difficult circumstances at a women's clothing manufacturer. In 1944, she was forced to move to Vienna (then a part of the German Reich) where she witnessed many atrocities by the Hungarian guards.

When she was transported again to the village of Hegyesholom, Hungary, Frances ran away and returned to the Budapest ghetto where she remained until the Russians liberated Budapest. After the war, she met her husband at the Displaced Persons (DP) camp in Germany. In 1946 they, along with their two sons, immigrated to Israel where Mike was drafted into the Israeli army during the 1948 war. In 1951 the family attempted to join Frances's sister in Toronto, Canada but was denied the request because she was diagnosed with a health issue. The family then spent 5 years in Rome, Italy waiting for Frances's health to improve and secure a sponsor in Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1956, Frances's health improved and the family secured a sponsor. They finally settled in Cleveland, where they raised their family and acquired U.S. citizenship.

Frances enjoyed being a homemaker, a seamstress at local dress shops, and an active member at Sinai Synagogue in Cleveland Heights. Her hobbies included gardening, sewing, cooking, and social events at the new Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue.

Frances is survived by three sons; Harry (Georgene), Louis (Kathleen), and Gary (Julie); three grandchildren; Suzanne Berman, Jason Berman (Nancy), and Mark Monroe (Tammy); and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at Cleveland Jewish Funerals 26801 Miles Rd Cleveland on Wednesday, December 17th at 1:30 pm. Burial will be held at Mount Olive Cemetery (27855 Aurora Rd., Solon) immediately after the service.

The family will receive visitors at B'nai Jeshurun Congregation 27501 Fairmount Boulevard Pepper Pike, during the following times: 3:30 to 6:30 pm Dec. 17th.

Donations are suggested to: Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue (<https://oh ebzedekcedarsinainsynagogue.shulcloud.com/payment.php>) or Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland (<https://www.jfsa-cleveland.org/get-involved/donate/donate-now/>) 29125 Chagrin Blvd. Pepper Pike, Ohio 44122.

May her memory be a blessing.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olive Cemetery

27855 Aurora Road
Solon, OH 44139

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 17. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Cleveland Jewish Funerals
26801 Miles Rd
Cleveland, OH 44128
(216) 340-1400
<http://www.clevelandjewishfunerals.com>

Burial

DEC 17. 2:30 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

Mt. Olive Cemetery
27855 Aurora Road
Solon, OH 44139

Tribute Wall

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“*My Aunty Feige was a woman of strength, and determination, who was truly ahead of her time. She lived life with confidence and quiet courage. She was strong in ways that didn't need to be announced, you simply felt it when you were near her. She carried herself with purpose, resilience, and an inner knowing of who she was.*

She was also incredibly gifted. Aunty Feige was an amazing seamstress, with hands of absolute perfection. Everything she touched was made with care, patience, and pride. Those hands told the story of her life, hands that worked hard, created beauty, and gave so much to the people she loved.

Some of my favorite memories with her are the simplest ones. When I would visit Cleveland, she would drive me shopping, always happy to go, always present, always making the time. This was a woman who could drive confidently alongside trucks on the way to Toronto, right beside my Uncle Mickey, without hesitation. That was Aunty Feige: capable, fearless, and steady.

Her love also showed itself through food. She could cook a brisket worthy of a Michelin rating, and her cabbage rolls were unforgettable. Those meals weren't just food, they were love and tradition. They are recipes I still cook today.

We all hoped to celebrate her 100th birthday together, a full century of a life well lived. But Aunty had her own plan. She was spending it next to the love of her life, my Uncle Mickey.

Aunt Feige's legacy lives on in the stories we tell.

Love Myrna and Arnie

Myrna and Arnie Abramowitz - December 15, 2025 at 05:38 PM