



Svetlana Alterman

January 5, 1939 - December 23, 2024

Svetlana Alterman passed away on December 23, 2024. She was 86 years old. Svetlana was born in Minsk, Belarus on January 5, 1939 to Velvel & Raya (Rosenberg) Alterman. The difficulties of the war years saw the family evacuated to the interior of the Soviet Union. Velvel and Raya had two daughters, Svetlana and her younger sister Laura who passed away in 2015.

Svetlana had a son, Mikhail. Svetlana had a fierce work ethic and a strong will. Throughout her life she remained an excellent judge of character. She strove to pass these values on to her son. Svetlana was a Refusenik. She first applied to leave the Soviet Union in 1979. After her application was denied, the family experienced economic privation and hardship due to Svetlana's open desire to leave the Soviet Union. This situation persisted until 1991, when they were Svetlana and Mikhail were able to emigrate to Cleveland, OH. She lead the way for the whole extended family to discover America and the free world.

Svetlana was a highly intelligent woman who enjoyed involvement in conservative, pro-capitalist politics. She loved spending time with her family, traveling the world (from Alaska to Israel) , hiking, and classical music. She always stressed the dignity of work and self-sufficiency.

In later years, Svetlana was diagnosed with an incurable disease. She took

charge of her condition and impressed the doctors with her fortitude and strength. As was typical of her, she never allowed herself to wallow in self-pity. She faced health problems with the same courage and determination that allowed her to transcend the many challenges that life had placed at her feet.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, December 26, 2024 at 1:00 PM. It will take place at Cleveland Jewish Funerals by Shapiro (26801 Miles Road). The burial will take place at Bet Olam Cemetery (25796 Chagrin Boulevard) immediately afterwards. Rabbi Moshe Gancz will be officiating.

The family will be receiving mourners during the week of Shiva on Sunday 12/29, Monday 12/30, Tuesday 12/31, and Wednesday 1/1 from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service will take place from 1:00 to 2:00 followed by burial at Bet Olam Cemetery

Burial

DEC **26**. 2:15 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Bet Olam
25796 Chagrin Boulevard
Beachwood, OH 44122
jghiandoni@gmail.com

Shiva

DEC **27** to JAN **1**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Home of Mikhail Alterman
3148 Richmond Road
Beachwood, OH 44122

Shiva will be held at the home of Michail Alternman on: Sunday (5-6pm) / Monday (5-6pm) / Tuesday (5-6pm) / Wednesday (5-6pm)

Tribute Wall



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Mikhail Alterman - December 24, 2024 at 11:34 PM



“ Donations can be made to Fromovitz Chabad, in memory of Svetlana 'Miriam' Alterman
https://www.clevelandjewishlearning.com/templates/fundraising/default_cdo/aid/6721086/teamdetail/4054/wallboard/false/jewish/Campaign.htm

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