



Ruth Ethel King-Smith

April 6, 2018

Ruth Ethel King-Smith, age 89, Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on April 6, 2018. Preceded in death by her parents Adolph and Kate Lustig, and brother, Bernard Lustig. Survived by her brother Lewis (Eve) Lustig, Melbourne, Australia, and children: Judith (George) Uridge, Bernard (Lisa) King-Smith, and Naomi (Todd Werner) King-Smith. Grandchildren: Shawn Uridge and Laura Uridge Gordon, Ted and Ben King-Smith, and David, Arielle and Jonathan Werner. Nieces and nephews: Danny (Vicki) Lustig, Anne (Matt) Picus, and Richard (Sharlene) Lustig and their children. Many cousins in Israel, Australia and the US.

Ruth was born in Munich, Germany in 1928, and fled with her family from Nazi Germany in 1938, after her father was imprisoned at Dachau for several months. They were fortunate to have family in Australia to sponsor them out of Germany in spring of 1938 after his release. She grew up in Melbourne, Australia, and emigrated to the United States in 1965. She began her studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and completed her Bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts. After completing her degree she continued on to studies in computer programming and worked for many years as a computer programmer until retirement. She loved to travel and went with her many friends and family all over the world. Advanced education was of paramount importance to her and she was an active member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Minneapolis until late in life. She was an active member of their scholarship

committee, raising donations to sponsor young, promising immigrant women at the University of Minnesota. As much of her family fled the Nazis in the 1930's, she was deeply devoted to Israel and raised funds for Hadassah, JNF, and many other causes.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Ruth King-Smith Family Israel Education Fund at Aath Jeshurun Synagogue, 10500 Hillside Lane, Minnetonka, MN 55305, or the Bernard Lustig Scholarship Fund, 32 Langdon Road, Caulfield, Victoria, 3161, Australia.

Private services. Arrangments with Aath Jeshurun Chevra Kavod Hamet and www.Washburn-McReavy.com

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