



Rita Rice

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Rita Rice, nee Siegel, January 25, 1924 to February 22, 2021, age 97, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother.

Rita grew up in Brooklyn, NY. After graduating from Erasmus Hall High School, she moved with her parents, Bessie Fisher Siegel and Bernard Harold Siegel, to Bridgeport, Connecticut. There she met George L. Nissenson and four months later, at the age of 18, she married him. The marriage lasted 58 years until George's death in 2000. The couple moved to South Florida in 1964.

Some years after George's death, Rita married Albert Gellis who died five years later. Subsequently, at age 87, Rita married Albert Rice, who passed away in 2019.

Rita took great joy in life. She traveled the world, making friends wherever she went. She dressed elegantly, laughed loudly and loved deeply.

She is survived by her three daughters, Joyce Sugar (husband, Sheldon), Nola Firestone (husband, Billy Lacey) and Gail Zelko (husband, Bob); her grandchildren, Alyssa Simon, Marni Becker-Avin (husband, Role), Hollie Michaels (husband, Alan) and Michael Liebesking; and by her great-grandchildren, Adam Avin, Sabrina Avin, Zoie Michaels and Leo Michaels. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Edith Rome, her nieces, Adrienne Lowy, Eileen Rosenblum, (husband, Harvey), Phyllis Zuckerman (husband, Stanley) and her nephews Bruce Rome (wife, Vikki) and Gary Rome (wife, Claire) and by their children and grand-children and by a large extended family of cousins and adult step-children, Ron Gellis and Susan Frank. Rita was adored by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.

A private burial service was performed at Beth David Memorial Gardens.

Donations in her memory may be made to Wuf Shanti Children's Wellness Foundation, 5846 S. Flamingo Road, #116, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33330 (or online at www.wufshanti.com or through PayPal.com at thinkwell@wufshanti.com) or to



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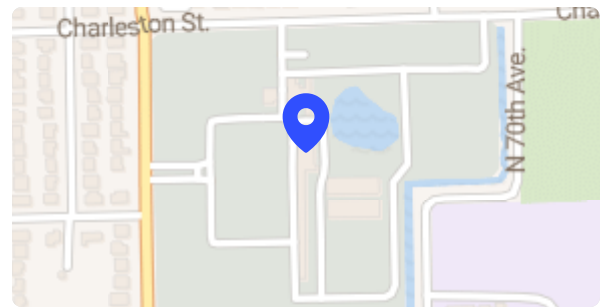
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Cemetery Details

-  **Beth David Memorial Gardens**
3201 North 72nd Avenue, Hollywood FL 33024
-  **(754) 201-4134**





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Joan Simpson posted:

To Joyce, Nola, and Gail, your mother lived an amazing long life and created memories to cherish and hold on to. Keeping you and Alyssa in my prayers.

February 25 at 5:42 PM



Joyce Sugar March 7 at 10:15 AM

Thank you, Joan. ❤️🙏



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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