



## Amalia Abrams

August 10, 1923 - January 2, 2018

Amalia (Donath) Abrams, 1923-2018

Amalia “Milly” Abrams died on January 2, 2018, at her home in Huntington Station, NY, as was her wish, surrounded by family, in comfort and peace. She was 94.

Milly was born at Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital, Manhattan, on August 10, 1923. Her Hungarian-born parents, Rose and Soloman Donath, moved to the South Bronx, where they raised Milly, her older sister, Florence, and older brother, Theodore.

After graduating from James Monroe High School, she met Lewis “Tex” Abrams at their Bronx neighborhood settlement house, and they married on July 13, 1946, at Jewish Theological Seminary. They settled on West 15th Street in Manhattan, where their son, Donald Craig, was born, later moving back to the Bronx in 1952, where their daughter, Deborah Lynn, was born. In 1956, they bought a home in Huntington Station, Long Island, where they brought up their family and where Lewis still lives.

Milly worked in the Huntington supervisor’s office in Town Hall, as a legal secretary to a group of lawyers, and as an executive assistant at Beck Arnley Auto Parts. With her husband, she was active in Democratic Party politics,

volunteering for events, canvassing, and fundraising. She also worked on the 1980 U.S. Census.

An expert knitter, crocheter, seamstress, quilter, and needlepointer, Milly made clothing for her children and herself, knit sweaters for her family and friends, and crocheted blankets for AIDS babies. After retirement, she began a second career buying and restoring antique linens and hand-making her own crafts which she and Lew sold at shows throughout Long Island.

In 1961, Milly and Lew took a trip to Europe and that sparked a lifelong interest in traveling. Her passion for food and eating prompted her to take classes in Chinese cooking and to experiment with other international cuisines to the delight of family and friends. One of her favorite pastimes was watching the Food Network and all shows cooking. A film lover and opera fan—Carmen was a favorite—she attended many performances of the Metropolitan Opera and was a member of the Cinema Arts Centre in Huntington. Many mornings were spent solving the New York Times crossword puzzle.

Milly will be remembered for her vivacious spirit, her generous and loving nature, her Hungarian stubbornness, and her uncanny ability to learn the life story of everyone standing in the supermarket line by the time she checked out.

She leaves behind her husband of 71 years, Lewis, son Donald, daughter Debby, and grandchildren Cara and Grant Simonton and Ellie Abrams.

For many years, Milly was an active volunteer at a community thrift shop benefiting Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory. [www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-hudson-peconic/donate](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-hudson-peconic/donate)



# Previous Events

## Sunday Visitation

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

## Religious Service

JAN 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

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## Burial

JAN 7 (ET)

Mt. Judah Cemetery  
8114 Cypress Ave.  
Queens, NY 11385

# Tribute Wall



“ *Amalia Abrams*

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November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Aunt milly and uncle tex are a VERY large part of my happy childhood memories. they spent countless hours with my parents. and in later years they were loving neighbors to my son also. i'll never forget when my mom said YES lou i want red carpet in the house aunt milly and my dad laughed. but yes she got her red carpet. whenever they all got together there was love, and lots of laughter. Rest aunt milly. you were, are and will always be loved and remembered fondly.*

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**Hal Bleiweiss** - January 10, 2018 at 07:41 AM

AS

“ I am remembering. So many holidays and happy occasions at Vivian and Cala home in Fair Lawn. The long drive did not scare off Millie & Lew. They came. They always came. And Millie always arrived dressed to the nines; always with good cheer and her laugh; we were always sure to laugh. Her deep chuckle, which I can still hear in my head, stirs me to tears right now. And do you see how she sits forward in this picture? Even that pulls at my heart strings. She was a great conversationalist; making easy work of social situations. She discussed most topics with passion and conviction. I hear her agreeing with a deep, “Sure...” Or allowing for differences with an unconvinced “Well...” depending on her stand. She always made me feel how eager she was to see us. She had a congeniality that erased her status and our age difference. I will always admire that quality in Millie. The times we visited her in her own home are also treasured memories. Her home was an extension of her warmth; her welcoming spirit. May her children and grandchildren find comfort in all of the memories shared. May all the kind words and deeds done in her name merit her soul to rise ever higher in heaven. Sending my love to all of you.

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April Selditch - January 08, 2018 at 04:18 AM

CA

“ Oh how sad a time this is for our family. Milly was not only a sister-in-law but also my dear friend. Definitely never one to mince her words, her honesty will be forever missed... but more than that I will miss the love and concern she showed her family. When Harold ,my husband, her brother- in-law passed she was the one who called every week for a year to see how I was. I am sure that's a side of her that will be missed by all who loved her.Milly you were deeply loved and will be deeply missed !

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Carol Abrams - January 07, 2018 at 10:32 AM

JB

“ *Jacque Bowman lit a candle in memory of Amalia Abrams*



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**Jacque Bowman** - January 06, 2018 at 10:47 AM

DA

“ *Deborah Abrams-Simonton lit a candle in memory of Amalia Abrams*



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**Deborah Abrams-Simonton** - January 05, 2018 at 09:47 AM

WM

*Rest in Peace sweet lady Milie. I met you in 1952. Best regards to the Abrams family. Walda "Glass " Mantell Out condolences*

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**walda sue glass mantell** - January 07, 2018 at 09:48 AM

DA

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**Deborah Abrams-Simonton** - January 05, 2018 at 08:53 AM

SM

“ I remember how well Aunt Millie could sew and cook. She would look at something in the store and then be able to go home and make it herself. I still have a hat she made for me as a kid so many years ago. She was a spit fire with a strong Hungarian flare!!! She will be missed

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**Sharon (Abrams) Meinck** - January 03, 2018 at 08:06 PM