



Adrienne R. Mintz

September 17, 1945 - February 18, 2024

The world lost an amazing woman when Adrienne Barbara Rosenberg Mintz peacefully passed away on February 18, 2024 at the age of 78.

Adrienne was born on September 17, 1945 in Newark, New Jersey to Robert & Rae Rosenberg. She attended Hillside High School, Monmouth College, Newark State Teachers College, and earned her Master's in Education from IUPUI.

Adrienne first met Michael Mintz in 1961 at The Clinton Manor (formally the Dore Schary Manor); they began dating in 1963 and married in 1967.

Adrienne and Mike lived in Union, New Jersey, where they welcomed their daughter, Laura in 1970. They moved to Indianapolis in 1971 and had two sons, David in 1972 and Jason in 1975.

Adrienne was an active and proud member of the Indianapolis Jewish community. She taught religious school at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, participated in Congregation Beth-El Zedek's couples' bowling league, served as Executive Director of the Park Regency assisted living community, volunteered regularly at Hooverwood Senior Living, and was a consistent supporter of both the global Jewish educational network, ORT, and the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW).

Professionally, Adrienne was a dedicated Indianapolis Public School educator for over 30 years, teaching at Shortridge High School and School 84. In 1999, she earned the coveted "Golden Apple Award," which came with an educational grant that she used to retrace the journey of European Jews

during and after World War II, visiting Holocaust-related sites as well as Israel. When she returned, she created and implemented Holocaust education curricula that colleagues used throughout IPS to bring the lessons of the Holocaust into the classroom. Adrienne's students learned in no uncertain terms that they each had an obligation to stand up in the face of hate every time they saw it.

Adrienne was often stopped by former students, now adults, who thanked her for being the kind of teacher that provided the right balance of high expectations and strict rules, alongside fun, games, and empathy.

A highlight of her teaching career came when Adrienne was selected to attend a special taping of the Oprah Winfrey Show that was meant to honor educators, when in fact it was a surprise "Favorite Things" episode in which all the guests received Oprah's favorite items!

There was never a dull moment with Adrienne, whose enthusiasm and zest for life was truly infectious. She was sassy, fun, and always willing to say "Yes!" to having new experiences or going on an adventure. In this way, Adrienne was a vibrant role model for celebrating and living life to the fullest. Adrienne was creative in all aspects of her life, from unique art projects to meticulous decorating, bright fashion, and fun accessories. Special occasions and gatherings always came with a funny poem written by Adrienne. In retirement, she even started a business to help people with their creative writing endeavors called "Well Said!".

Adrienne found joy in making wonderful homemade meals for her family, driving her convertible (that she named "Miss Happy"), a day on the beach in the sun, thrift shopping (and sharing), and movies, plays, and songs that tugged on her heartstrings. Her late-night adventures included rearranging furniture, baking, or reading a good book (often cover-to-cover in one sitting!). Cherished by many lifelong friends as "Adry," she was loyal and generous, always thinking of others and able to find (or make) the perfect gift. She engaged in conversations honestly and fearlessly, always there to lend an ear, ready to offer advice that was wise, encouraging, and humorous, topped off

with a well-told story to drive home the message.

In 2018, Adrienne and Mike retired to Coconut Creek, Florida. An active Wynmoor resident, Adrienne's vivacious presence at weekly mahjong, canasta, and bingo games ensured everyone would have fun!

Adrienne will always be remembered as a devoted wife and loving, supportive mother. Her grandchildren have no doubt that she was the best banana bread baker, warmest hugger, and loudest cheerleader. She never missed an opportunity to organize a fun activity that was sure to create an indelible memory. Adrienne's unconditional love of family and friends knew no bounds. Adrienne is survived by her husband Michael Mintz, her children Laura (Joel) Cohen, David (Rochelle Warriner) Mintz, Jason (Lindsey) Mintz, grandchildren Jordan (Brooke), Dillon, Caroline, Rachel, Maxine, Story, and Bernard, older brother, Myron (Ruth) Rosenberg, and generations of cousins, nieces, and nephews with whom she built genuine and memorable relationships.

She will be dearly missed and forever cherished.

Her family will be holding a private memorial. Adrienne's family would be grateful for people to share their memories on the website of Sinai Memorial Chapels Funeral Home & Cremation Services (www.sinaimemorialchapelsinc.com).

Donations in memory of Adrienne Mintz can be made to the National Council of Jewish Women (www.ncjw.org), the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (www.ushmm.org), or to a non-profit organization of your choice.

Tribute Wall

DC

“*Laura, your mom will live in my memory as the most fun and exuberant of all moms! I remember her corralling us little squirts when she was our teacher at IHC, treating me with love when you and I played, and rocking her short hair and makeup like no other. She was born the same day as my dad, though a little more than a few years apart. If you believe, they may be together somewhere better now, their faith in the future of Israel in ours and our children’s hands. I wish I could hold yours now. Shalom v’ Shalom, my friend.*”

Dani Cohen - March 04, 2024 at 05:01 AM



“*Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Adrienne R. Mintz.*”



February 29, 2024 at 04:39 PM

BN

“*Bob and Pam Novack purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Adrienne R. Mintz.*”



Bob and Pam Novack - February 25, 2024 at 11:27 AM

AW

“ I can never forget Adrienne’s kindness when I lost my partner Barry two years ago. She saw me in the elevator and after I told her about his passing , she brought me some newly made chicken soup. I knew immediately that she was warmhearted and caring. God rest her soul. Her smile will be everlasting.
Anne Weidler

anne weidler - February 23, 2024 at 08:16 PM

AR

“ One of my earliest, favorite, and fondest of so many memories of Aunt Adrian is from the first time I visited Florida, the year after my dad's parent's moved down to Delray. As always, she was vivacious, curious, creative, eager to help, and treated us kids like real people. Games, songs, books, jokes were her usual kids mode. One morning she and I went out on a walk around the lake across the street to explore and find some seashells. She had the coolest seashell collection underway. As we strolled we were having a great conversation... she was interested to hear my thoughts and opinions on whatever came to mind. Then I spied it... just a glimpse of a shiny lump just visible through the sand. From the shape of it, I was hopeful it could be my goal: a huge conch shell! She was enjoying the stroll and conversation so much, and wanted to catch up with the others, that she downplayed it -- oh, it's probably nothing special. Let's go! But I was adamant. She kept encouraging me to move, but also gave me the space to follow this particular dream. It turned out to be a HUGE almost foot long conch shell! She was SO proud of my ability to see it, imagine it, and stick up for my vision. I always appreciated her ability to enable people to find and realize their vision, with charm, verve, love, and creativity. I love you Aunt A, and will miss you... until we meet again! xoxo Adam Rosenberg

Adam Rosenberg - February 23, 2024 at 07:38 PM

SS

“ Our deepest condolences from the SAPPER families. Our ties go back to 71 when she moved to Indianapolis. ORT was a new organization in Indy at the time and Adrienne joined immediately and our friendship began. We were very involved in ORT for many years. After that Mah Jongg and Canasta was the main event for years in Indy and FI. Our hearts are broken now that she is gone, so many things she did for us. I loved how she matched her jewelry to every outfit, she showed me tackle box with all the jewelry divided by colors. Her sense of humor, understanding, and care will be missed. Her creativity was the best, and so much fun to be around. Time does erase some of the sorrows, but she will be in your hearts forever.

sema Sapper - February 23, 2024 at 10:34 AM

AG

Orly and I (Amnon Gerberg) are deeply sorry about the passing of Adrienne Mintz, Laura's mother. In times like these, words often fall short, but please know that she will always be remembered for the love and warmth she brought into this world. May cherished memories of her comfort you during this difficult time, and may you find strength in the support of those who care about you. Our heartfelt condolences to the Cohen family, Laura, Joel, Dillon, Jorden and Caroline

Amnon Gerberg - February 23, 2024 at 11:30 AM

GR

Our hearts are broken. Adrienne was such a good friend and instigator of creativity and fun. Take care of yourselves, dear Mintz family. We love you all.

Gayle & Randy - February 24, 2024 at 12:11 PM

ML

My children attended IPS School #84. Mrs. Mintz was a teacher there at the time. Even though they did not have Mrs. Mintz as a teacher, they knew her. She was always kind, helpful & full of smiles. We send our deepest sympathies to her entire family..

Michele Lefkovitz

Michele Lefkovitz - February 26, 2024 at 05:05 PM

ES

In my early years of teaching Adrian provided mentorship and reassurance on my new career. She taught me a lot. Having a strong voice and commanding the classroom. She could have classroom management and still put kids first. We got along famously and, in her classroom, (84) and I soaked it all up.

Thank You Adrian and because of you I'm a better teacher today. May your Memory be for a Blessing.

....It already has.

Earl Smalbach - February 26, 2024 at 05:48 PM