



Nechama Penina Dubrawsky

February 15, 1935 - January 6, 2022

Nechama (a"h) was both of and ahead of her time.

Born, Nechama Penina Bernstein (a"h), on February 15, 1935 in Jerusalem in what was then Palestine, the youngest of four children. She came from a very religious family.

Her own mother died of cancer when she was ten and that singular event shaped who she was for the rest of her life.

She watched the state of Israel be born, recalling many years later how, in 1947, she huddled around a neighbor's radio to listen to the UN vote to establish the state of Israel. Her deep love for that state prompted her to serve in the IDF even though girls from religious families usually deferred to National Service.

Having come from a religious background, she wasn't expected or even encouraged to pursue any kind of higher education, but she put herself through undergraduate studies at Hebrew University, earning a degree in Biology and eventually went on to earn a Masters and PhD in Radiation Biology. She worked for many years as a cancer researcher at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

She was also a passionate maker, always convinced that she could recreate (or frankly make better) any meal she ate or item she purchased.

She was a person of immense energy. So. Much. Energy. She filled, inhabited, molded every room she was in. She was a life force. She also deeply and unreservedly loved her children, wanting them to have security in her love and presence.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, Amos Dubrawsky (Z"L).

She is survived by Chagai Dubrawsky, her husband of 60 years, her daughter Malka Dubrawsky, and her son, Ido Dubrawsky as well as her six grandchildren: Sarah, Rachel, Avi, Isaac, Hadas, and Rinat.

A live stream of her funeral service will appear on the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals>, shortly before 3 pm on Monday, January 10th. A Facebook account is not required in order to watch. If a pop-up window appears asking you to log in click "not now" and the live stream will be available for you to watch. If the "not now" button does not appear, scroll down on the page and it will come up for you to select.

Cemetery Details

Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 10. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Austin Natural Funerals created a Webcast in memory of Nechama Penina Dubrawsky*



Austin Natural Funerals - January 10 at 06:04 PM

DH

“ *It was such an honor and pleasure to know Mrs. Nechama and help take care of her and your Dad. Her eyes and smile would light up the room and spoke volumes without saying a single word. She will be greatly missed by many! ❤️ This was a photo from our Mothers Day photo shoot. She loved getting dressed up that day!*
DeLynn Hughes



DeLynn Hughes - January 15 at 02:10 PM

JR

“ *When I was a young child, as a close family friend, I remember feeling very cared for by Nechama. There was always a sense that in Nechama's presence, things would be OK, and she would lead the way. Nechama was a force, pillar, and source of comfort of all things familiar from my childhood. She made things better. Betach.*

Jody Ritter - January 09 at 09:27 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Austin Natural Funerals - January 08 at 05:08 PM

JR

I never realized how much Malka looks like Nechama. Beautiful.

Jody Ritter - January 09 at 09:42 PM

DJ

Nechama was audacious and funny and kind. I loved listening in when she stopped by Breakwood for coffee.

Dalia Ritter Jacobowitz - January 10 at 08:30 AM

CE

I so remember how my parents were heartbroken over the decision that Chagai and Nechama made to move back to Israel when the kids were in elementary school at Hebrew Academy. Within a short time though much to my family's shock one night around 10 pm, there was a knock on the front door. There stood Chagai, Nechama, Amos, Malka and Ido in tow. They made the decision to move back to Houston and surprise us. Needless to say we were beyond thrilled. With no home of their own yet, they stayed with us for a few days. My brother was so happy to wake up and find his best friend Amos, sharing his bed.

*These are memories of longtime relationships that I cherish.
Rest in Peace Nechama. You will be missed always and all ways!*

Carol Ritter Elbaz

Carol Ritter Elbaz - January 11 at 09:26 AM