



Alice Aspen March

March 27, 1932 - November 25, 2022

It is with sadness that we mourn the passing on Shabbat in Austin, of Alice Aspen March (a"h); respected mother of CAA Family Member, Marc Winkelman, and also David and Doretta Winkelman, and Jonathan Seraphim; esteemed grandmother of CAA Family Members Eli, Jake, and Alex; great-grandmother of Asher.

Alice (a"h) was born in Detroit. She lived life on her own terms. She was passionate, a spark of energy, creative, optimistic, very independent, and strong. She was curious and spirited and devoted her life to valuing the attention that children and adults need, want, give, and receive. Alice (a"h) was an outspoken voice, lifting people's spirits, and she had a wonderful smile. She was a force of nature, connecting with anyone and never meeting a stranger. She was a champion for all to express their feelings and for feeling love. Alice (a"h) created a great environment for others and excelled in hospitality, good taste, and wonderful cooking.

She was a pioneer, starting a non-profit called Focusing Awareness on Children in Television (FACT) and she was responsible for keeping Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood on the air in the late 1970's. Alice (a"h) was also involved in the production of The Latchkey Children, an Emmy-award nominated television program. Alice (a"h) also served as a director on the Committee for Children's Television and was on the Board of Directors of KCET. She enjoyed weaving and at the age of 77, moved to New York City from Los Angeles, to fulfill her childhood dream of living in Manhattan. To her many soul sisters and soul daughters, she was the ultimate soul teacher, enjoying long, cherished friendships all over the world. Alice (a"h) will be missed. She was 90.

On Tuesday, 29 November @ 5:00 pm, there will be a Memorial Service at Congregation Agudas Achim (sanctuary). It will also be available on Zoom:

Memorial Service - Alice Aspen March (a"h)

Time: Nov 29, 2022 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88121718225?pwd=MTBLanc0L0M5L0VJeDIZMHNvWnFCZz09>

Meeting ID: 881 2171 8225

Passcode: 733163

Guidance in where to make a donation in Alice's (a"h) loving memory will be communicated when the information is finalized.

T'hi Nishmata Tzrurah Bitzror haChaim.

May Alice's (a"h) soul be bound up in the bond of life. We wish much comfort and condolence to her family in this mournful time.

Neil F. Blumofe

Senior Rabbi

Gail Swedroe

Associate Rabbi

Gary Susswein

President

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **29**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Congregation Agudas Achim

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<http://caa-austin.org>

“ I discovered the news of Alice’s passing at 4:40 AM this morning as I scrolled through messages — and discovered a text her son David Winkelman left me last night. David and I share the same birthday.

About a month ago in her apartment in NYC, Alice fell and broke her hip. Her oldest son Mark moved her to Austin so she could be with them as she recovered.

I guess she didn’t adjust very well to her new world. In a voice message to me about two weeks ago, she told me she didn’t really enjoy the water therapy.

"The water is too cold," Alice told her physical therapist. She laughed as she reported their response: "Maybe you need to heat up the water."

I last spoke to her on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 10:07 am. We had played phone tag, I was it, and so I stepped outside the building at the school where I teach during my planning period to call her.

We chatted for eight minutes — she ruefully referred again to the book on *The Attention Factor* she needed to write — and then I went back to my work.

It was the last time we spoke.

This morning, unable to focus, I pulled up and read through the piece I once published about her. I was comforted by the memories it evoked.

Her laughter still rings in my mind. Her ability to walk up to any stranger and make them a friend. Her wry insights on life and people. I will miss hearing her voice — only a phone call away. She inspired me.

Alice had a massive impact on my life. I'm glad I knew her.



Steven Denlinger - November 29, 2022 at 12:55 PM

EW

Hi, Steven. Thanks for sharing your writings about Alice.

Just so you know, family flew to NYC to be with her there when she was in the hospital. She made the decision together with her two older sons to move to Austin -- and they did everything possible to make it an easy and comfortable move for her. No one except Time forced anything onto her that she didn't consent to, and perhaps if she had been braver and come to Austin earlier, she could have made the adjustment to live in a city where she had family when she wasn't already in the midst of a terrible medical situation.

EW - December 19, 2022 at 07:14 PM

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Robin - November 28, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Alice Aspen March.

November 27, 2022 at 08:04 PM

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Austin Natural Funerals - November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM