



## Dorothy Wasserman

August 16, 1935 - February 17, 2025

Dorothy Wasserman, 89, passed away on February 17, 2025, in Round Rock, Texas, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Dorothy's life was one of resilience, intellect, and generosity. She married Merle Edmund Davis on June 24, 1954, in New York. They lived in California & Oregon, where their three children were born. They divorced and Dorothy returned to the East Coast to further her education. She later married Joseph Aronow and settled in Crompond, New York. Over the years, she also lived in Manhattan and Rhinebeck, before moving to Austin, Texas in 1996, to be closer to family.

Dorothy was a dedicated educator with a lifelong passion for learning and teaching. She graduated from Hunter College High School in 1952 before earning her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oregon in 1957. Committed to furthering her education, she obtained a Master of Arts from Teachers College, Columbia University, in 1966, along with teaching certifications in both English and Mathematics from the University of the State of New York. She spent many years teaching Mathematics and Computer Basics at Walter Panas High School, where she inspired generations of students. In 1989, she returned to her alma mater, Hunter College, to teach "Foreign Language: Computer," specializing in IBM Basic and IBM DOS. Her dedication to education left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of learning from her.

After retiring from teaching she built her own consulting business, working with Alpha 4 databases and developing websites. Even in retirement, she remained active; volunteering at Laurel Mountain Elementary School in Austin and teaching sustainable gardening. She practiced Tai Chi for many years and was a valued member of the Power for Parkinson's group.

Beyond her professional and volunteer work, Dorothy was deeply committed to her community. In the fall of 1977, she founded a food co-op to support families affected by the teachers' strike, an effort she documented in an unpublished book. She found joy in

dancing, playing the piano, and gardening.

Dorothy is survived by her three children, Miriam, Benjamin, and Elizabeth, and her three grandchildren, Stacy, Matthew, and Sean. She was preceded in death by her parents, Solomon and Rifka Wasserman, and her brother, Al Wasserman.

A celebration of Dorothy's life will be held on Saturday, March 29th. There will be a separate gathering in Vermont in August.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Saint Louise House ([saintlouiseshouse.org/give](https://saintlouiseshouse.org/give)) to support single women with children or to the Power for Parkinson's <https://www.powerforparkinsons.org/donate>.

Dorothy's kindness, intellect, and unwavering spirit will be remembered always. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

# Previous Events

## Celebration

MAR 29.

Location will be shared when plans are confirmed

*More information will be provided as plans are confirmed*

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ 5 files added to the album Rich and Yvonne Schrader with Dorothy



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**Rich & Yvonne Schrader** - March 11, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CJ

“ Ellie--

*I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She truly was a bright and shining light in this world.*

*Dorothy inspired me to follow my passion for a healthier, more equitable world. I will always treasure her generosity of spirit, her humor, and her amazing strength to stand for what is right in a way that was inclusive and loving, just like her.*

*I am sad for all of you, but grateful for her place in my life. Rest in peace, Dorothy.*

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**Christine Jovanovic** - March 10, 2025 at 04:38 PM

MA

“ Ellie

*I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing*

*I think of her often, not just for her teaching but, for me, the part I hold dear is that she was in my opinion a feminist and she was strong and yet she had a softness She was super intelligent but made you feel comfortable and reassured*

*We were so fortunate to live in Crompond and have the community we shared May she rest in peace and I will keep you all on my thoughts and prayers*

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**Maryellen** - March 09, 2025 at 08:23 PM

JD

“ Dorothy, you were a remarkable woman so full of strength and dignity. You passed that on to your children. You had an amazing sense of style + I will always treasure your presence in my life and at my wedding. XO

Johanna Rodriguez Douglass - March 09, 2025 at 10:19 AM

TW

“ Your mom turned me on to Chopin! I so enjoyed our brief time together after Parkinson's had grabbed her. But her spirit managed to shine through and it just made me admire her more. What a firecracker! I am so sorry for this nice family. The loss if your mother cuts deep 🙏❤️ Terese Walton

terese walton - March 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

MG

“ Dorothy inspired me to always stay curious. Whenever I saw her she'd ask many questions about me and my family. She thought me that the important things in life are not money or politics but human connection and nature. Forever grateful. So sorry for your loss.



Mireille Ghercioiu - March 01, 2025 at 12:08 AM