



Hedio Jan Blech

February 25, 1946 - November 19, 2022

Hedio Jan Blech passed away on November 19 at age 76 after a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. She was born in Flint, Michigan to Irv and Margaret Hirsch. Hedio attended public schools in Flint and then attended the University of Michigan where she met Scott Blech, her husband of 55 years. Hedio has a BA degree in art education from the University of Missouri.

Hedio has two daughters Lisa Cable (Tzadok) and Wendy Wilbanks; 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The grandchildren are Mason Wilbanks; and Chaim (Tzipporah), Yitzhak (Yocheved), Aharon, Yehoshua, Malka, Rachel, Yael, Bracha and Leah Cable. Her great grandchildren are Yonatan, Tamar and Nava. She also is survived by her sisters Harriet Stein and Sheryl Munson.

Art was Hedio's passion. She was a pioneer in making art an important part of Austin. As owner of the Art Connection, an art consulting business, she helped local artists by making art important to businesses and healthcare facilities. In her later years she painted and made jewelry. Hedio also co-founded Vacation Vagabonds, a children's art and music summer camp. Her volunteer work included chairing the KLRU (PBS) art auction; member of the Austin Chamber of Commerce Arts Committee; CASA volunteer; city director of B'nai B'rith BBYO; and committee leader at Temple Beth Shalom and Congregation Agudas Achim.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, November 22 at Temple Beth Shalom section of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, 2800 Hancock Drive, Austin, TX 78731. A shiva minyon will be that evening.

A live stream of the graveside service will appear on the Austin Natural Funerals Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AustinNaturalFunerals> a few minutes before 2 pm on Tuesday, November 22nd. A Facebook account is not required 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.

The family requests donations to the Lewy Body Dementia Association or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Austin Memorial Park

2800 Hancock Dr
Austin, TX 78731

Previous Events

Computer Accessible Graveside Service

NOV 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ I met Hedio when I was four years old - she was our neighbor on Willow Pond Lane in Potomac, MD, and I grew up with Lisa and Wendy before they moved to Austin. I loved Hedio's laugh - she was always so much fun to be around. I so admired her unbelievable creativity (the chairs in the Austin home that were painted with sayings about daughters were so, so clever). Whenever I went to stay at her house in Austin, I would come home to MD and my mom would tell me that she could tell I had gained weight - my face looked fuller - from Hedio's phenomenal cooking. Her noodle kugel and meringue cookies were among my favorites. The last time I saw her was when she attended my wedding in D.C. in 2004. She was as lively and fun to be around as ever. I'm sending love to Scott, Wendy, and Lisa.

Madeleine Burka Hill - November 23, 2022 at 01:48 PM

LK

“ Scott spoke about Hedio's Shadow Box business so I will tell you one of many memories and what Hedio did for She & I. The wedding dress Hedio wore was stunning. Both Hedio and Aunt Maggie told me I would be more than welcome to wear it for my wedding. Well in the year 2000 Hedio & Scott lived in CA as did I. I was getting married and I happened to ask Hedio IF by any chance she still had her dress - She did. I came down to her house, tried it on and it fit perfect. All those years later I wore it. What a privilege. Of course Hedio stood up with me in my wedding as well, She and Scott held one the Chuppa poles. Hedio made a Shadow Box with both our pictures and items from both our wedding and the Dress! It was beautiful and meaningful. Hedio has always been a special friend sister to me. I will miss Hedio immensely. As will Scott. Scott and Hedio were so lucky to have each other. Lindy Voight Keiser

Lindy Keiser - November 22, 2022 at 08:40 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Hedie Blech Service*



Austin Natural Funerals - November 22, 2022 at 05:42 PM

SK

“ *Our families shared some wonderful memories and we treasure all! Please know we share in your loss of a lovely, talented woman!*

Susie Krumholz - November 22, 2022 at 04:09 PM

 Shirley Schwartz

“ *Scott and Family, Hedie was such a wonderful friend to me while we were teenagers in BBYO and through U of M. We reconnected in Florida when she came to care for her mother. So many laughs to remember. May her memory be for a blessing and may G-d give you strength.*

Shirley Freid Schwartz

Shirley Schwartz - November 22, 2022 at 02:56 PM

JK

“ *Scott, Lisa, and Wendy, so sorry for your loss. May Hedie's memory be for a blessing to you all. She will be missed and was a wonderful BBYO advisor (along other things) for all of us those many years.*

Jon Kasman - November 22, 2022 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Scott and Family,*

I'm so sorry to learn of Hedio's passing, Lewy Body Dementia is such a sad disease..

I am glad that I got to meet you and she in person when MaryAnn and I visited Austin those many years ago.

I also remember that she stopped at the hospital when my nephew Peter was born back in 2002.

She was a sweet lady and I am honored that I got to be her relative.

Love you all.

Bobbi



Bobbi Rutherford - November 21, 2022 at 06:21 PM