



Renee Alevas

August 1, 1929 - November 30, 2019

Renee Alevas, 90, a resident of Patchogue for over 70 years, passed away on Nov. 30 after a long illness. A Holocaust survivor, Mrs. Alevas was born in Berlin, Germany on Aug. 1, 1929 and escaped to France during World War II. She came to the United States at the age of 18 to live with her aunt and uncle in Patchogue and attended Patchogue High School for one year, where she met her future husband, Gus Alevas. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in education from Adelphi University and taught fifth and sixth grade in the Bayport-Blue Point School District, from which she retired in 1990. She traveled the world with a group of retired teachers, visiting places such as Senegal, the Amazon, the Nile and the Galapagos Islands, and spent summers at the family beach house in Davis Park.

Mrs. Alevas was a firm believer in giving back to the community that took her in after her escape from Germany. She got into politics by campaigning for fellow teacher Paul Harenberg for state Assembly and served as his administrative aide in Albany for one session in the early '80s. She served as a trustee in the Village of Patchogue from 1983-1995, the first woman to be elected to the board of trustees in the history of the village. She chaired many committees, including the Beautification Committee and the Bicentennial. She was also an executive board member of the Democratic Jeffersonian Club and a 35-year member of the Woman's Club of Patchogue. She was selfless and generous beyond measure.

Mrs. Alevas is survived by her daughter, Debbie Zampariello and husband, Frank; her son, Donald Alevas and wife, Cindy; her five grandchildren, Carly, Nick and Matthew Zampariello, Lauren Grella and husband, Tony, and Brandon Alevas; her two great-grandchildren, AJ and Owen Grella; her cousin, Ilse Toth, and her nieces and nephews and many friends. She was predeceased by Gus Alevas in 1995.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY, Attn: Clara Iacopelli, and would be appreciated by the family.

Visitation for Ms. Alevas will be on Tuesday, December 3rd from 3 to 7 pm at the Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc. in Patchogue, NY. Family and friends are welcome to gather at the funeral home on Wednesday, December 4th, between the hours of 9 am and

10 am. A Closing prayer will be held at 10 am followed by interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Patchogue, NY.

Cemetery

Cedar Grove Cemetery

80 Jennings Avenue
Patchogue, NY, 11772

Events

DEC **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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DEC **Closing Prayers** 10:00AM

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Comments



“ Mrs. Alevas was my 6th grade English teacher. Years later, I became Deb and Frank's friend. It was then that I learned of her incredible life.

Karl - December 01, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ Aunt Renee was an inspiration of kindness and strength without fail when I was young - she will remain in my hear, loved always. So many Cherished memories of Fire Island and Vanguards I wish Debbie, Donald and their families find peace soon as she would have wished.

Dale Staub - December 01, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ As I was returning to the world after surgery at the then Brookhaven Memorial Hospital, Renee was standing there smiling down at me asking, can I get you anything? It tasted like the best cup of tea in the world!! Just sharing this memory to recognize one of Renee's many "VOLUNTEER" tasks in and about her beloved Patchogue Village and always with a smile!!
Lorice Fiala

Lorice Fiala - December 01, 2019 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Renee Alevas.



December 01, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Renee Alevas.



November 30, 2019 at 05:46 PM