



## Florence Amdur

May 12, 1919 - September 22, 2020

Florence Teitlebaum Amdur passed away peacefully at her assisted living residence on Sept. 22, 2020, at age 101. The eighth of nine children, she was of Russian and Polish descent, born to Esther and Isaac Teitlebaum on May 12, 1919, in Philadelphia. Four siblings died before her birth, and one sibling died after, also in childhood.

Coming from such challenging circumstances made her stronger. She felt that she could accomplish anything, due to the encouragement and support of her three older siblings.

She met Paul Amdur when she was only 17. About six weeks after she turned 18, they married and started building a life together. At first they lived with her parents, and then moved out on their own after having Marsha and Rochelle. This was during the Second World War; money was hard to come by, and things were tough everywhere.

The young family decided to move from Philly to Texas in 1945, after Florence's older brother Sam convinced them it was an amazing opportunity for economic growth. The family settled in and welcomed their son Arthur several months later. While Florence loved her children, she was also independent, feisty, outspoken and very adventurous. She was known to play devil's advocate in individual or family discussions. She never minced words,

and one always knew exactly where she stood. Once Arthur started school, she took on numerous jobs over the years, mostly in sales, including working at Sakowitz in the Galleria area. In her fifties, she passed the real estate exam and sold houses until she retired.

Her primary focus was her children, grandchildren, and later on, great-grandchildren. She was an adventuresome woman who loved traveling, saw a fair amount of the world, and regularly sought out new challenges. Her favorite place to visit was Los Angeles, where her husband had family. She loved the weather, beaches and activities, and always came back raving, insisting that some day she would move there. In her later years, she loved giving guidance and advice to family members, and staunchly advocated for the benefits of positive thinking.

She took enormous pride in her family. Many of her grandchildren still remember the supportive and uplifting life lessons that she taught them. Through the years, she undertook several hobbies including knitting, crafting mosaic tile tables, and making stuffed animals to donate to the local children's hospital. Painting became her late-in-life passion, starting at age 80 and continuing until she went into assisted living in her mid-90s. She painted hundreds of canvases, some of which were sold, and many of which were proudly displayed in her home and those of friends and family. She felt that this creative outlet helped keep her mind active.

Florence was predeceased by husband Paul Amdur, siblings Rae, Eleanor, and Sam, daughter Marsha Malev, grandchildren Michael Malev and Leslie Robins. She leaves to mourn daughter Rochelle Robins, son Arthur Amdur (Dora), grandchildren Tanya Malev Strum (Mark), Dr. Eric Robins (Linda), David Malev (Orit), Elisa Robins Pacht (Yaron), Josh Amdur, Jonathan Amdur (Stacey), Dr. Shira Amdur, and 11 great grandchildren ranging from 29 years to 3 years. She will be missed. May her memory serve as a blessing, and may

she be in blissful peace as she is reunited with family who have gone before her.