



Teena Goldstein

January 11, 1940 - August 31, 2024

Teena Goldstein passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2024, at the age of 84 at home surrounded by her family.

Teena is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dave Goldstein, parents Adolph and Eleanor Goldstein, brother Harold Palmer, and sister Annette Polay.

Teena is survived by her daughter Stephanie (Steve) Kroll, son Terry (Jeanne) Goldstein, daughter Jennifer (Kevin) Krueger and grandkids Amanda (Tal) Hutcheson, Alex (Sarah) Kroll, Lilah Krueger and Holden Krueger.

Teena was a talented artist. She attended the Art Institute of Chicago and continued taking classes and workshops at Glassell School of Art and with private instructors throughout her life. She was prolific, painting in watercolor, acrylics and on pottery and often had a hard time parting with her work. She taught art at the JCC, Hobby Lobby and the Houston Public Library. She had a small business called "Let's Get Personal" personalizing anything she could paint on.

Teena was an active member of the Watercolor Art Society of Houston in the '80s. She Volunteered for ORT, National Association of Jewish Women and Casa Esperanza.

Born in Chicago, Illinois, Teena moved to Carrizo Springs, Texas when she was 10 years old. She quickly learned to affect a Texas accent to fit in.

It was on a family vacation to Chicago when she was introduced to Dave Goldstein (Yes, they had the same last name!) The two fell madly in love. Teena returned to Texas. Dave drove from Chicago to Carrizo without sleeping to propose to Teena. She accepted and the two were married October 12, 1958.

Teena loved scary movies. Halloween was her favorite holiday, though she decorated extensively for every holiday and special occasion.

She was an avid reader and particularly loved British mysteries. Ruth Rendell was her favorite author.

Teena loved to shop and took a lot of pride in her appearance. She had her hair and nails done regularly. We still don't know what her natural hair color is. She was a QVC VIP. The entire staff is probably in mourning and may have to declare bankruptcy.

Teena loved to travel. Although she stayed closer to home in her golden years, she spent decades documenting beloved trips in scrap books, travel journals, and photo albums. Several adventures inspired Teena's watercolors – including the canals of Venice and markets in the Caribbean.

Like the rest of her family, Teena loved to eat and cook. She was a "foodie" before there were foodies, and she instilled this love in her children and grandchildren. Her potato salad, baked beans, pecan pie and eggplant relish are legendary.

Her artist spirit continued through her home and yard. Both were filled with curated vignettes. But one would be hard pressed to find a clear spot to put down a glass of iced tea.

Teena asked for no service and wished instead to be remembered through her paintings and pottery, and through the colorful memories we all share of her.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to one of Teena's favorite charities: The Dachshund Rescue (<https://www.droh.org>) and Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (https://secure.pancan.org/site/Donation2?i_db=461915126&df_id=6861&FR_ID=2950&mfc_pref=T&PROXY_ID=1164104&PROXY_TYPE=20&6861.donation=form1) on behalf of her beloved husband, Dave.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I treasure the dollhouse that your precious mom once owned, and the time we spent looking over all the miniature furniture and accessories that she had so lovingly collected. She was a very special lady.

JJ Smith - October 27, 2024 at 02:59 PM

RE

“ I remember how gracious your mom was whenever we came to visit from Chicago. Trying to be helpful during one trip about 45 years ago (Keith was a baby), I decide to surprise her by making eggplant parmigiana in her kitchen while she was out and made a terrible mess. She came back early and without saying anything we could see she wasn't too thrilled. But she was such a good sport. We ended up cleaning up together and having a good laugh. (Never was sure if she liked my eggplant dish.)

Renee - September 06, 2024 at 09:10 PM

SK

Aunt Renee, your eggplant parmesan is the best! Thanks for sharing. This is a new story for me. :)

Stephanie Kroll - September 25, 2024 at 11:43 PM

SP

Hello It's Susan Polay from Chicago. I'm so sorry! I just found your mom's obituary. She was a loving sister to Annette and I know Annette appreciated her very much. She also loved her nieces and nephew with all her heart.

Your mom was a great lady and will be sorely missed! Again sorry. May God comfort and bring peace to your hearts.

Susan Polay - March 09, 2025 at 10:41 AM