



Iris Bebe Soble Levy, 92, of Rockaway, NJ, formerly of Dallas and Kingston, died late Tuesday evening, May 26, 2020, with family by her side.

Born in Philadelphia, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Naomi Bohrer Soble. Iris was an active member of Temple Israel Synagogue, Wilkes-Barre, and its Sisterhood. She was a passionate and dedicated volunteer for many causes in the Wyoming Valley. She served as Women's Division Chair of the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. She was a "Pink Lady" at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and chaired its Starlight Ball. Iris was a life member of Hadassah.

Iris and her husband Richard owned and operated Percy Brown's in Wilkes-Barre. Iris loved running her shop, "Cookery and Things" in the back of the grocery store. She was a recognized celebrity cook and food journalist, spending 11 years hosting the local television segment, "Cooking Good with Iris" on WDAU-TV, later WYOU.

She authored *Iris Petals*, a book of poetry she wrote to celebrate her family, their achievements and their struggles, from infancy to maturity. She was honored as Back Mountain Poet Laureate by the Back Mountain Library. An avid tennis player, Iris was a member of the Valley Tennis and Swim Club since its inception. She was a member of the American Contract Bridge League, of which she was a Life Master. Noted for her musical talents, she acted in several local theatre productions, including her favorite, *Pajama Game*.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Richard Joel Levy and sisters, Vivian Soble Hoffman, and Sondra Soble Ginsberg.

Iris was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She is survived by her four children, Frederick (Barbara Ball) Levy, Kingston; Jonathan (Viviane) Levy, Ramstein, Germany; Dr. David (Dr. Janis Wiener) Levy, Oak Park, Illinois; Alison (Rabbi Charles) Popky, Rockaway, New Jersey; grandchildren, Rachel (Michael) Wexler, Reuben (Dr. Yulya Truskinovsky), Joshua, Julia, Samantha, Noa, Aliza; great grandchildren, Gabriel, Sonia and Eli; nieces, and nephews. She was loved and admired by many.

A graveside funeral service, attended by over 100 family members and friends via video link, was held Wednesday afternoon, May 27, 2020, at the Temple Israel Cemetery, Swoyersville. Due to the holiday of Shavuot, formal shiva ended at sundown on Thursday. Family will be holding a nightly minyan from Sunday, May 31, through Thursday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting <https://binghamton.zoom.us/j/6891122013>