



Sylvia (Caplan) Ames

November 19, 1921 - August 19, 2022

Sylvia (Caplan) Ames was born in Rochester, NY on November 19, 1921. Her father, Hyman, died suddenly when she was a teenager and she moved from Rochester to Los Angeles after high school with her mother. She met Sidney Ames at a beach bonfire and they were married in Beverly Hills in January 1943 over the objections of her mother Sarah (he later became Sarah's favorite child). They were married for 62 years.

As newlyweds, they moved to Fresno where he opened an optometry practice on the Fulton Mall. They became active members of this community where they lovingly raised their three daughters: Donna (Cohen), Laurie (Leifer) and Carla (Kaufman).

Sylvia was a competitive golfer, bridge player, crossword aficionado and Jeopardy! watcher, who was committed to making the world a better and more just place for all. Even past her 100th birthday, she was the life of the party and loved to dance and entertain. She was loved by her wide network of friends, including those she met through Fort Washington Golf & Country Club and Temple Beth Israel (she was a member of each for over 75 years).

She was endlessly committed to her large extended family, which included sons-in-law Bill Leifer and Stephen Kaufman, grandchildren Tobi, Rhonda, Greg (Jacqui) and Stephanie, great-grandchildren Tyler, Sidney and Maya,

plus her nieces, nephews and generations of cousins. She was preceded in death by her adored older siblings, David and Hilda.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks you make a contribution to a cause of your choosing in support of civil, womens or animal rights (especially Dachshunds).

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia (Caplan) Ames*

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