

Lilian R. Kirshbom passed away on March 19, 2020 at the age of 80, after battling leukemia for the past eight years.

She was born in Tucuman, Argentina in 1939. Preceded in death by her parents, Zus and Juana Roizman, and her beloved husband, Isaac. She is survived by their three children, Alan Kirshbom (Camela), Dr. Paul Kirshbom and Honorable Karen K Herman (Steve), as well as five grandchildren, Caitlin Ann and Kyle Hunter Kirshbom, William Isaac Kirshbom, Alexandra Rae and Harris Andrew Herman. She is also survived by her brother, Tito Roizman of Santiago, Chile. She moved to this country in 1965 with her husband and newborn son, Alan. She left behind her family and a prestigious job as the executive assistant to the Israeli Ambassador for Chile. She and Isaac began their journey in America in New York City. She worked her way up the ladder at Hertz Corporation while Isaac finished his residency at Mount Sinai Hospital. In 1979, they moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, and when Isaac opened his own practice, Lilian became the office manager. She loved to play and watch tennis. She was also an avid bridge player. She loved to garden, knit and crochet. She loved dogs and fondly remembered Kim, the German Shepherd she left behind in Chile. She was the quintessential social butterfly and made instant friends wherever she went. While she did not have a large family, she was quick to point out that family is made by those you are surrounded by, not by blood. She never met a stranger. She loved to tell and share all kinds of jokes and enjoyed a steady stream of emailed witticisms from her bridge friends. She was fiercely loyal and would hands down be the first one to pick to have in your corner: a tireless advocate for her interests and self-appointed "publicity manager" for her daughter's campaigns. She showed kindness and compassion for those in need and was the first one to send a card or bring food to those who were ill or homebound. She was a phenomenal cook and baker and never hesitated to try and convince you to have just one more bite. She and Isaac loved to hike in the mountains of Switzerland, Norway and Canada. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be truly missed by all those who were lucky enough to have known her. The family would like to express its thanks to all of the kind and considerate neighbors from her building and her close friends from the Louisiana Bridge Association. She's probably playing a hand of bridge with someone right now. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to honor Lilian's memory to the Jewish National Fund, [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or a [charity of your choice](#). A memorial celebrating her life will be announced as soon as it is possible to gather together. Jacob Schoen & Son in charge of the arrangements. To view and sign the family guestbook, please go to www.schoenf.com.