

Obituary for LOIS GARWIN, as submitted to the Scarsdale Inquirer

Lois Ellen Garwin, who lived in Scarsdale since 1955, died in her sleep at home at age 90 on February 4, 2018.

She is remembered as having truly mastered the art of friendship, and for always making people she met feel at ease and valued.

Lois Garwin was born on August 5, 1927 in Cleveland, OH, the elder child of Harry S. Levy and Bernice Levy.

Lois graduated from Cleveland Heights (Ohio) High School in 1945, and then attended Flora Stone Mather College (for women) of Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Lois married Richard L. (Dick) Garwin in Cleveland on April 20, 1947, and they supported each other as friends and lovers for more than 70 years.

After their wedding, Lois suspended her education after two years so that Dick could take up a graduate fellowship in Physics at the University of Chicago. In Chicago, Lois worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and then the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, riding the Illinois Central to work each day. At Illinois Bell, Lois answered the phone, as did all her co-workers, "Miss Allen speaking."

Lois and Dick moved to New York in 1952 and continued to spend many summers in Los Alamos, NM, where Dick consulted at the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory (now the Los Alamos National Laboratory).

Lois resumed her education at Columbia School of General Studies, receiving a Bachelor's Degree in French and then a Master's in Education from the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University.

Lois taught as a substitute teacher in the Scarsdale elementary schools. She also volunteered for years for Recording for the Blind in Manhattan, specializing in reading technical textbooks in chemistry and biology. For decades she volunteered in the office of the Alzheimer's Association in White Plains, entering detailed data into the computer there until her own Alzheimer's Disease rendered it difficult in early 2015.

For the past forty years, Lois has been a treasured presence at her husband's meetings in La Jolla, in Erice (Sicily), and in China. Her caring and discerning participation will be greatly missed.

Lois is survived by her husband of 70 years, her son Jeffrey and his wife Tabatha, her son Tom and his wife Sally Ericsson, her daughter Laura, five grandchildren, and by her brother Howard B. Levy and his wife Rochelle.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in memory of Lois Garwin to Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, https://www.alz.org/hudsonvalley/in_my_community_donate.asp

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