

Dearest Granny Razel

- Razel bat Binyamin V Taiba Reeve
- Mom & Dad, Mikey & E, Brian & Hana, and other family, and friends.

Ayshet Chayil mi Yimza ve-rachok mi-peninim michrah
Batach Bah leiv ba'alah ve-shelal lo yech'sar
Gemalas'hu Tov ve-lo ra kol Yemei chayeha
Dar'eshah Tremor u'Fishtim va-ta'as be-cheifetz kapeha

A woman of Valor, who can find? She is more precious than corals

- her husband places his trust in her, and profits only thereby
- She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life
- she seeks out wool and flax and cheerfully does the work of her hands

I am Jonathan, son of Barbara and Aubrey Abrams, and Rona Katz's eldest Grandson.

Despite knowing this day would eventually arrive - the sadness and void we all feel is palpable. Granny was the true matriarch of our family and her presence had a significant impact on us all. These past years had challenges but I am grateful I personally was able to share a very close bond with my dear Grandmother -

Granny was the ultimate spouse and partner - standing by Oompie's side for their entire lives together, and even beyond. Throughout their lives there was nothing she would not do for Oompie - she always expressed her support of him, and gratitude to him, for giving her the life she had. In her own quiet way she cared for him, and together they built a life both in South Africa and Canada.

I was fortunate to have spent many years around my grandmother and it is an honour to not only have known her throughout my life but to also have known her mother, my Great Grandmother, Granny Tillie - although different, both Granny and her mother possessed a sensitivity and gentleness that we are all so keenly aware of.

Granny had spoken about how hard life was for her mother, who was widowed at a young age, and how her Uncle Aaron Beare and his wife were such an important influence in her life.

Granny was the penultimate lady, gracious and elegant to her last breath. She was not putting on airs but carried herself with grace and dignity. In all my time with her I still recall the one time we had no glass and she needed to drink water from a bottle or can. This was something so foreign for her, & we all laughed..

Granny did not have a formal Jewish education but her spirituality and devotion to religious Jewish life was something she treasured.

Despite not knowing how to properly read Hebrew, she cherished her time in Shul and urged us to sing a Zemer at the table, and bench out loud, as she hummed along.

Granny was a wonderful homemaker but had also worked in a Pharmacy and went back to her University Degree as a mature student. She played tennis and learnt bolls and could knit, sew, bake, cook, & garden and knew how to fix things and run her home..... to this day her kitchen drawer has all her tools and screwdrivers.

- Granny baked Challah long before it was the thing to do, and her Scones and Milchika were so good - and she loved nothing more than to make me one of her special omelettes.

I think many of us have the gardening bug from Granny - and her love of plants and flowers and knowledge of all their names was astounding. She truly had a green thumb. She was always so

excited to come see what I had planted in my own garden and she longed for the summer, to see her Garden come to life.

The last 19yrs since Granny's beloved Oompie died were not easy for her. She longed to be with him and often wondered where he was and how she would eventually reunite w/ him. I truly hope they are together now.

Granny had few demands of us but, there was one thing she did insist on - and that was to remain in her own home, until the very end.

Although frail for many years, she was blessed to share many Family smachot, and died quietly and at peace.

- my Mom's devotion to Granny was endless. Arranging and coordinating things went far beyond what we could ever imagine, and every detail was managed. We are certain Granny appreciated your help, and Granny is lucky to have had a Daughter like you.
- It is hard to express, but, Granny also had a special bond with my Dad, her son in law
- - there was a kinship and similar demeanour of grace and equanimity that they share (and a love of a good bar of chocolate)
- Despite the distance, having Mikey and E, Brian and Hana always available, was also so supportive - Your visits brightened Granny's days and were so meaningful for us too
- Granny was just glad to have her family & those she loved around her - she did not like a fuss and enjoyed every call, visit, or interaction she had
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- her calendar of family birthdays & her digital picture frame was cherished and she was so grateful to all the family that made this possible -

- Her caregivers offered Granny the dignity she deserved, and both Granny and our family were truly blessed to have the help of Evelyn and Erlinda - who cared for Granny like their own loved one.

As one of her 7 Grandchildren, I think we all developed our own unique relationship w/ Granny

- & she so proudly wore her bracelet with all our names on it.

I may not have always shared everything w/ Granny but she was keenly aware of how I was doing - and asked about my life and work - I am not sure she always believed my answers either, and to this day I am not sure she thinks that what I do for work, is a good idea - and not too difficult and sad for me.

Lany and Jay and their kids had a special place in Granny's heart - Being blessed to live nearby allowed the Great Grandchildren to often visit and be there. Ariel, Elisha & Aliza, Atara & Noa, Rachel, Azaria and Elnatan had such an impact on Granny - and your visits enriched her life immeasurably - Spending Shabbat and Yom Tov together around your table with Granny, was filled with good food, warmth & graciousness, that we know she loved and appreciated

Although Tall and Jason, Temira Adir, Maayan and Mikaela lived farther away your calls and visits touched Granny - and she took pride in all that you did. I still recall Granny wrapping little Tally in a towel, as she snuggled us all after our baths, just a few short years ago.

It is hard to surmise all our memories of you as our cherished Grandmother but, you will be missed greatly.

We were all blessed to have had you as our Grandmother for so many years, and we hope you can look down upon us all and

shower us with love & concern, as you undoubtedly will be looking out for our well being.

- May I ask for forgiveness if I let you down.

- Granny relished in the closeness of her family, and may we all continue to be there for each other, despite the great distances of our lives. - and learn from her gracious personality and gentle dignified demeanour.

OZ VEHADAR LEVUSHA VA-TISCHAK le-Yom Acharon

She is robed in strength and dignity, and she smiles at the future.

With much love always - Johnny