

Selma Berger

Florida and BANGOR - Selma (Abrams) Berger, 87, with a heavy heart we announce her passing Aug. 22, 2009, in Lantana, Fla., surrounded by family and friends who loved her so very much. She was born April 28, 1922, in Mount Vernon, N.Y., the daughter of Louis and Rose Abrams. Selma enjoyed a full life of the happiness that comes from close family, dear friends and a life well lived. Graduating from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts in education and speech pathology, Selma continued her master's degree in education at Columbia University. With her love of education Selma became a third grade teacher in Bronx, N.Y., before moving to Bangor in 1951, where she met and married her cherished husband of 25 years, Manuel Berger. Being survived by her two children, Andrew Berger and Robyn Perry, together they weathered the passing of Manuel Berger in 1976, due to an extended illness. Moving to Florida in 2002 to better enjoy her children and grandchildren, Selma was able to expand her love of singing and performing in local plays. Beginning first in Bangor with several charity organizations such as the Eastern Maine Medical Center Follies and then growing and continuing as an avid supporter in education to all youth, most of all to her family. Selma is also survived by her two granddaughters, Kristi Marie Berger and Chelsi Brooke Berger, in addition to her daughter-in-law, Bernice Berger; and son-in-law, Linwood Perry. A funeral service will be held in celebration of her life 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, 118 Center St., Bangor. Interment will be at Beth Israel Cemetery, Bangor. The family invites relatives and friends to share conversation and refreshments at Congregation Beth Israel, 144 York St., Bangor, after the services. Gifts in Selma Berger's name may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407, for their wonderful support in a time of great need. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com. To plant a tree in memory of Selma Berger, please visit [Tribute Store](#).
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