



BETH STERN

BANGOR and ORONO - Beth Stern died Feb. 4, 2008, at Dirigo Pines, Orono. She was born in Germany in 1920.

Beth fled to England at age 18, to escape Nazi persecution. One year later, she was reunited with her brother, Anton; and her parents, Frederick and Jettchen Bauml, in New York City. In 1942 she married Kurt Stern, who was also a German Jewish refugee. Although they loved to travel, they never set foot in Germany again. Kurt died in 1993, during their 50th year of marriage. Beth was involved in many charitable activities and organizations during her years in northern New Jersey, including a leadership role in Women's American ORT. In 2002 she moved to Bangor to be with her daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. Although she missed family and friends in New York and

New Jersey, she loved Bangor and often said it reminded her of her years growing up in a small town. Beth lived at Boyd Place for five years and made wonderful friends there. She was also especially close to her daughter's friends, Astri and Phil, Ingrid, Maxine and Linda. When she became ill this fall, Beth moved to Dirigo Pines and appreciated the attention of the staff there, as well as the excellent care she received from CancerCare of Maine and Eastern Maine Hospice. The family also thanks Beth's doctors, Phil Brooks, Penny Lamhut and Allan Currie. Beth will be remembered for her love of storytelling, her incredible memory and her wonderful smile.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Evelyn and Warren Silver of Bangor; her grandsons, Dan and his fiancée, Maya, of New York City and Andy and his friend, Margie, of Washington, D.C.; loving sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces and nephews in New York, New Jersey and London.

A service will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Jewish Funeral Chapel, Center Street, Bangor, with Rabbi Darah R. Lerner officiating. After interment at Beth Israel Cemetery, friends may visit the family until 8 p.m. at the home of Evelyn and Warren Silver in Bangor. Gifts in memory of Beth may be sent to Alex and Edith Silver Scholarship Fund, University of Maine Foundation, Two Alumni Place, Orono, ME 04469. A service of Brookings-Smith, 133 Center St., Bangor.