



## Mrs. Harriet E. Gaige

January 29, 1924 - June 30, 2022

Harriet Elizabeth Oken Gaige

On Thursday, June 30, 2022, Harriet Elizabeth Oken Gaige passed away at her home at the age of 98, a few years short of her goal of 103.

Harriet was born in New York City on January 29, 1924, to Florence and Morris Oken. Harriet married Jeremy Gaige at City Hall in New York City in February 1959. As Harriet said, she was on her lunch break and went back to work; Jeremy had the afternoon off. Jeremy and Harriet moved to Philadelphia soon after their marriage, where Harriet embarked on a career in Real Estate. Harriet was a well-known realtor and community activist in Philadelphia and is credited with naming the area she lived in and loved the “Art Museum Area.” Harriet owned several buildings in the area and has lived in her home for more than sixty years, which she shared with her husband, their daughter, Monica, and countless pets that she spoiled. Harriet had an indomitable, generous spirit, and will be deeply missed.

Harriet is survived by her daughter, Monica, her granddaughter, Zoe, her nephew, Stephen Kelly, her cat Molly, and countless friends, including Frederick Thomas, Kenneth Oberry, Nancy and Mick Houston, Betty McGuire, Michael, and Mary Ann Kushner, and Laura and Anil Nanda, all of whom she considered family.

Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Philadelphia, PA

# Cemetery Details

**Interment Private**

# Tribute Wall

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“ *A force! I would have never owned my favorite home without her wisdom and council. Someone who never knew the word it can't be done. She must be knocking on doors in heaven looking for the next deal. The best memories! My condolences.*

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**Steve Tucker** - March 18, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ *Mrs. Harriet E. Gaige*

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February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM

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“ *We are sorry for posting so late. We moved back to our home in Connecticut in 1998. Harriet was one of the most unforgettable people we met while living in Philadelphia for 10 years and perhaps ever. To this day, we talk about the times we spent together. Harriet drove a Buick Park Avenue, with opera music playing, and the "parking gods" always blessed her with a well-located space. Once, when searching for a home, we walked into a place that was such an unbelievable mess (the door fell down when Harriet went to open it) that we all started laughing hysterically. Harriet insisted we stop before something embarrassing might happen. She liked to have a good time and enjoyed living it up. We're certain she said she was a hat-check girl at the Kit Kat Club in New York. She lived in Philadelphia, but she had the heart and spirit of a New Yorker. We loved her.*

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**Bruce and Lee** - September 25, 2022 at 04:51 PM

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“ *My condolences are with the family at this time. I am sorry for your loss.*

*Maiya S. - Bayada*



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**Maiya Sturdivant** - July 07, 2022 at 11:45 AM